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More Photos From Raising Royalty

Local social activist Sabrina Green recently staged the launch of her maiden book – a memoir entitled “Cracking The Code - Raising Royalty: A New Legacy.” The event was held at Brayton Hall at British West Indies Collegiate, and was attended by the who’s who of the TCI society. This week again we feature more photos on our exclusive PAGE2 page.



Governor, Top Cop debrief Home Affairs Minister After Grand Turk Town Hall



From left – Her Excellency Governor Dileeni Daniel Selvaratnam, Minister of Home Affairs Hon. Otis Morris, and Acting Commissioner of Police Christopher Eyre

Acting Commissioner of Police Christopher Eyre held a meeting with Her Excellency the Governor Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam and Minister of Home Affairs and Member of Parliament for Grand Turk North, the Hon. Otis Morris, on Wednesday, February 21, at Police Headquarters, Airport Road, Providenciales.

The debriefing was to discuss concerns raised by residents during the previous evening’s Anti-Crime Town Hall meeting at the H.J Robinson High School, Grand Turk.

Commissioner Eyre expressed his deep appreciation to Her Excellency and Hon Morris for their attendance, saying that work was already underway to address the community concerns.

Commissioner Eyre said: “I acknowledge the challenges raised and wish to assure you that the Executive of the RT-CIPF remains steadfast in ensuring the TCI is safe. We listened to your concerns, and I assure you that rebuilding trust and strengthening community-policing relations are top priorities.

“The RTCIPF has taken a holistic approach in the fight against crime. Increased visibility, greater stakeholder collaborations and ongoing dialogue forums to appraise you will occur. We are accountable to you.”



The Grand Turk Town Hall Meeting. From left - Supt of Prisons Michael Woodbine; Governor Dileeni Daniel Selvaratnam; Deputy Commissioner of Police Rodney Adams; Head of the Serious Crime and Public Protection Unit Superintendent Dean Holden; Acting Commissioner of Police Christopher Eyre.



Many members of the audience had questions for law enforcement

Two Over Back Men Slapped With Gun Charges



Jerreal Missick



Shaquaze Forbes

Jerreal Missick, 22, and Shaquaze Forbes, 21, both residents of Over Back, Grand Turk, are set to appear before a Magistrate to face charges related to firearm offences.

The two are charged with gang membership, possession of a firearm, possession of ammunition and discharging a firearm.

The charges stem from an investigation into a

firearm discharge incident that occurred on February 13th, 2024, in the Over Back area. Both individuals were charged under the Anti-Gang Ordinance (2022) following collaboration between law enforcement and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Superintendent Dean Holden, Head of Crime,

Safeguarding, and Public Protection, emphasized the police force's commitment to tackling gang-related crimes and the illicit use of firearms.

He stated, "This is another example of the Police Force's relentless pursuit of those suspected to be involved in gang-related crime, specifically the criminal use of illegal firearms. This latest charge also demonstrates our continued use of the Anti-Gang legislation to target individuals who cause harm to our communities."

In the meantime, the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force (RTCIPF) is urging the public to report any information related to illegal activities. People are encouraged to contact the nearest police station, call 911, reach out to the Serious Crime Unit at 231-1842, or utilize Crime Stoppers at 1-800-8477 to provide information anonymously.

Additionally, individuals can use the CrimeStoppers P3 app, available on the Google Play store or Apple Apps, to share information confidentially. The police are relying on community support to ensure the safety and well-being of the residents.

What is Maladministration?

A situation where a public officer, government department or authority

- Makes a wrong Decision
- Acts outside its statutory authority and
- fail to take required action
- Unreasonable delay in dealing with any request or application
- Abuse of power or Authority
- Flawed procedures
- Failing to give reasons for decisions
- Discourtesy, rudeness
- Lack of consideration for a person affected by any action
- Acting with bias, unfairness, neglect
- Incompetence
- Arbitrariness
- Failing to follow through on commitments made
- Making decisions based wholly or partly on a mistake of law or fact

Opposition Leader IDs 16 RTICPF officer he believes could serve as Acting Commissioner

By Vivian Tyson Editor-in-Chief



ASTWOOD: And if I was a part of any meeting, any cabinet meeting or any meeting concerning this acting post, and bringing in someone from the outside to act in this post of commissioner for three months, I would say no. In fact, I would say 'hell no'."



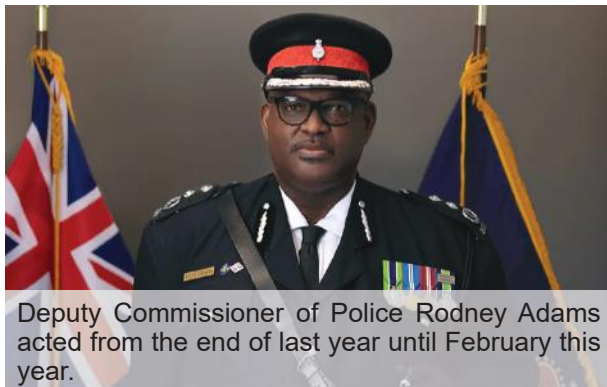
Governor Dileeni Selvaratnam...whose office is responsible for security for the Turks and Caicos Islands.



Christopher Eyre is the new Acting Governor for the TCI



Edvin Martin, the new Commissioner of Police who was scheduled to arrive in February will now come in May.



Deputy Commissioner of Police Rodney Adams acted from the end of last year until February this year.

The Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Edwin Astwood, has expressed disappointment in the decision to appoint an expatriate, Christopher Eyre, as Acting Commissioner of Police for the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force (RTICPF), stating that he has identified 16 high-ranking officers within that body, who he believes could seamlessly assume that role and even go on to becoming the next commissioner of police.

While the opposition leader did not divulge any of the names he has on his list, it is speculated that aside from Deputy Commissioner Rodney Adams, other persons on the list could be Assistant Commissioners Darron Williams and Kendall Grant, and Superintendent Willet Harvey.

Astwood contends that among the 16 officers that he has identified within the police force, there are qualified individuals who could have been entrusted with the responsibility for the interim period until the appointed Commissioner, Edvin Martin arrives. Martin, a former police commissioner for the Grenada Police Force was confirmed as the next police commissioner for the Turks and Caicos in late 2023, to succeed Trevor Botting, who demitted office at the end of October that year. Martin was to have taken up the reins in February 2024.

Deputy Commissioner of Police Rodney Adams, who has served in that position under at least two commissioners of police was appointed Acting Commissioner of until Martin arrived in February. Howev-

er, it was announced by the Governor's Office this month that the new police commissioner would now arrive in May.

The Governor's Office is responsible for security for the Turks and Caicos Islands.

A few days later it was announced that Christopher Eyre has been given the nod as the new Acting Commissioner of Police.

That decision, however, has not digested well with the opposition leader, who blasted especially the Washington Misick Administration for that fighting such decision, stopping short of calling the move an error on the part of the elected government.

Astwood, while was quick to point out that was not endorsing a specific individual from his slate, emphasized that he was promoting the entire group of high-ranking officers within the police force. He believes that from the pool of 16 officers, including inspectors, superintendents, and assistant commissioners, a capable acting commissioner could have been selected for the three-month period.

I am looking at the names, I am looking at the positions, and I have told myself that surely, there are a few inside of here who can do the job. You cannot tell me, looking at these 16 names of the top brass of the police force, all at the level of inspectors and up, that none from these 16 can at least act as acting commissioner for three months until the commissioner comes in? I say 'yes, they can,'" Astwood charged.

He expresses a strong conviction that with the right tools, resources, and support, a local officer could have effectively managed the role.

"Let us get from amongst our people, I am sure they can do it if given the right tool, given the right resources, given the right support, they can achieve what we want them to achieve," Astwood asserted. The opposition leader criticizes the decision to bring in an outsider for the position, stating that he would have vehemently opposed such a move in any cabinet or House of Assembly meeting.

"...And if I was a part of any meeting, any cabinet meeting or any meeting concerning this acting post, and bringing in someone from the outside to act in this post of commissioner for three months, I would say no. In fact, I would say 'hell no,'" Astwood stated. He underscores the importance of promoting officers from within the police department to maintain organizational cohesion and ensure that leadership understands the unique challenges of law enforcement in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Astwood argues that the police department should be given the space to identify, build, and utilize skills within its ranks. He advocates for providing necessary resources and technical support while allowing local officers to lead. Additionally, he stresses the significance of focusing on training methods and techniques to enhance the combat and leadership skills of officers, contributing to the overall effectiveness and integrity of the police force.

"So, I am disappointed in the premier and the ministers in whatever meeting they had, even the House of Assembly, for not standing up for our people. I surely would have, and I still will. Again, (I have) nothing against the individual (Eyre). I don't know him; I don't know anything about him...nothing against him.

"But what I am saying is, we have 16 top ranking Turks and Caicos Islanders...inspectors, superintendents assistant commissioners... I strongly believe we could have selected one from this group to act as commissioner for three months, and possibly (if) doing such a good job that we confirm them in that position, or be the next candidate surely locked in for that position for the future, once the person who is in office now in that position leaves.

"Promoting officers from within to the post of commissioner and acting commissioner in the police department is essential for maintaining the organization, cohesion and ensuring that leadership understands the nuances of law enforcement in the Turks and Caicos Islands," the opposition leader stated.

France and the US broke Haiti; they should be the first to mend it

By Sir Ronald Sanders

When the Foreign Ministers of the world's wealthiest nations gathered in Brazil from February 21, 2024, Haiti's dire situation found a brief moment of attention—not in the main agenda but on the sidelines of the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Rio de Janeiro. This sidelining is emblematic of the low priority assigned to Haiti by these global powerhouses. U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken took the initiative to put Haiti on the agenda, highlighting U.S. concerns over the country's instability and the continuous arrival of Haitian refugees to U.S. shores, which has been a contentious issue. Yet, as of February 23, 2024, major G20 nations have not shown an enthusiastic response.

This lack of enthusiasm reflects the acute rivalry of other major G20 countries, particularly Russia and China, with the U.S., as they have differing interests concerning Haiti. In the case of China, it has argued for a multifaceted approach that includes political stability and security support to create a sustainable path forward for Haiti. For its part, Russia has expressed scepticism towards international military interventions without a clear national consensus and detailed operational plans. Russia abstained from voting on the UN Security Council Resolution, which authorized the deployment of a Multinational Security Support (MSS) mission to Haiti by like-minded countries, led by Kenya.

Nonetheless, Secretary Blinken has continued to encourage G20 and other nations, from both developed and developing regions, to join the MSS mission. To date, the U.S. has not managed to secure troop commitments except from Kenya and a few countries of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). The particularly notable absence of troop commitments from European nations, especially France—a former imperial power in Haiti and a major beneficiary of its slave-produced wealth—underscores this point.

The U.S. itself has committed no troops. Instead, it has concentrated on trying to get African and Caribbean nations to send their military personnel. The Biden administration's reluctance to commit troops

to Haiti may be influenced by the stance of Donald Trump, Biden's presidential rival, known for his reluctance to deploy U.S. troops abroad. Nonetheless, it irks some nations that the U.S. is calling on them to provide troops who would be endangered in Haiti, while choosing to keep its soldiers at home.

Further, while the U.S. government is touting its willingness to pay \$200 million to finance an intervention in Haiti, it says half will come from the Department of Defence, but the other half must come from the U.S. Congress. To date, the Congress has not voted to allocate any money. Therefore, the full amount of the U.S. government pledge is not available and is \$100 million short of the Kenyan demand.

Jake Johnson, in his insightful book "Aid State: Elite Panic, Disaster Capitalism, and the battle to control Haiti," suggests that Western perceptions of Haiti are marred by a history of colonialism and racism. While I share Johnson's view and commend his work for its depth, I argue that the issue is primarily one of passive racism—a disregard for Haiti that likely wouldn't exist if its population were white.

That passive, almost unthinking, reflexive racial attitude is also mixed with the view that Haiti is a corrupt country where billions of dollars of aid has either been mismanaged or stolen. The two elements have been a toxic brew for western policy makers to swallow.

A further unofficial consideration in the minds of many governments, and one that is whispered in the margins of international gatherings, is that tens of billions of dollars have been spent on peacekeeping efforts in Haiti in the past by the United Nations and participating governments. Yet, as soon as peacekeeping forces leave, Haiti returns to instability resulting from conflicts between rival political forces in the country.

It is noteworthy that while Caribbean Community (CARICOM) has generally agreed to support a humanitarian intervention in Haiti, less than five of its 15 members have actually offered troops. In the event, CARICOM lacks the capacity to make any sig-

nificant military contribution to any intervention in Haiti. The grouping has done so because Haiti is a member state, and, more importantly, because the Haitians were the first nation to rise up against slavery and create a black independent nation in 1804. But, in any analysis of the Haitian situation, France and the U.S. have a particular responsibility, having significantly profited from and subsequently destabilized the country. Neither country, whatever internal political issues they face, cannot be excused from their responsibility for impoverishing Haiti. The heavy debt imposed by France following Haiti's independence and the U.S.'s prolonged financial and political interference have left deep scars on Haiti's ability to self-govern and prosper.

In light of this, the primary onus for aiding Haiti lies with France and the U.S. They should be at the forefront of efforts to restore order and rebuild the nation, contributing not just through police presence now but also by investing in Haiti's infrastructure and social systems, rectifying the historical injustices that continue to impede its progress.

Haiti's relegation to the sidelines of international discourse is a stark reminder of the need for a renewed, committed global effort to address its crises. It is time for those nations most implicated in its historical exploitation, to fulfil their moral and ethical obligations to Haiti.

There is need for an intervention in Haiti to end the current lawlessness, but the support for such an intervention should come from the broadest representation of the Haitian people. It should also include a timetable and a comprehensive plan, with resources, to build Haiti's much needed physical, social, political and governance infrastructure at the intervention's conclusion.

Only then can we hope to see Haiti as a stable, sovereign, and thriving nation, rather than perpetually labelled as a "failed" state or an "aid" state."

(The writer is Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the US and the OAS. The views expressed are entirely his own. For comments and previous commentaries, see: www.sirronaldsanders.com)



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Authorities Nab Seven Suspected Illegal Haitian Migrants in Providenciales



The boat that authorities say shipped 40 to 50 illegal migrants from Haiti in the Turks and Caicos Islands on Monday.

In a swift operation on Monday, 19th February 2024, authorities apprehended seven suspected illegal Haitian migrants believed to be part of a group of around 50 individuals who landed undetected in the Venetian Road area.

Promptly responding to reports of suspicious activity and an illegal migrant vessel making landfall, the Task Force within Border Force, in collaboration with law enforcement agencies, discovered a 28-foot blue vessel anchored near the shore.

Preliminary estimates suggest that the vessel, a single outboard engine craft, could have potentially accommodated between 40 to 50 migrants even under tightly packed conditions. Following additional reports from residents in the Bristol Hill area, the Task Force, in coordination with various law enforcement agencies, including the Regiment and RTCIPF Air Support and Tactical units, mobilized to the scene. As a result, seven migrants at-

tempting to evade capture were apprehended.

During the operation, one of the illegal migrants sustained injuries, prompting the need for medical attention. It remains unclear whether the individual became aggressive and had to be subdued or sustained injuries while attempting to escape.

The injured migrant received treatment at Cheshire Medical Center and was subsequently transferred to the Immigration Department's detention center along with the other detainees.

Border Force emphasizes its commitment to safeguarding borders and ensuring community safety. Heightened vigilance and operational presence in the Venetian Road area will be maintained to swiftly apprehend any additional migrants.

The public is urged to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity immediately to the authorities by calling 911.

TCI To Celebrate International Women's Day 2024 With a Bunch of Activities

The Department of Gender Affairs has announced its celebration of International Women's Day on March 8th, 2024, with the theme "The Empowered Woman Powers The Nation."

International Women's Day is a global celebration that recognizes the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women worldwide, while also advocating for gender equality and women's rights.

This year's theme, "The Empowered Woman Powers The Nation," highlights the indispensable role that women play in shaping and driving the progress of these islands. Women's empowerment is not just a matter of equality; it is an essential catalyst for sustainable development and societal well-being.

The Department of Gender Affairs firmly believes in the power of women to effect change, and this International Women's Day, we are committed to celebrating and promoting the accomplishments of women throughout these islands, the region, and around the world.

The TCI International Women's Day celebration will

include:

Let's Talk Women to Women Panel Discussion - (March 8, 2024 -Providenciales) – This event will highlight thought-provoking discussions featuring prominent women leaders, activists, and influencers who will share their experiences, insights, and visions for a more gender-equal future.

International Women's Day Women's Symposium - (March 9, 2024- Grand Turk- This event aims to celebrate Women and everything that makes them extraordinary in various fields of community development. It also will provide a platform to share lived experiences, insights, and success stories, thereby inspiring others and fostering a supportive network.

Tea Party: (March 11, 2024- Salt Cay) – This community event aims to offer a relaxed and friendly environment for women to connect, network, and build meaningful relationships.

Self-Care Day: (March 16, 2024- North Caicos)- This event will highlight the significance of self-care as a fundamental aspect of women's well-being. Women often play multiple roles in their lives, including as

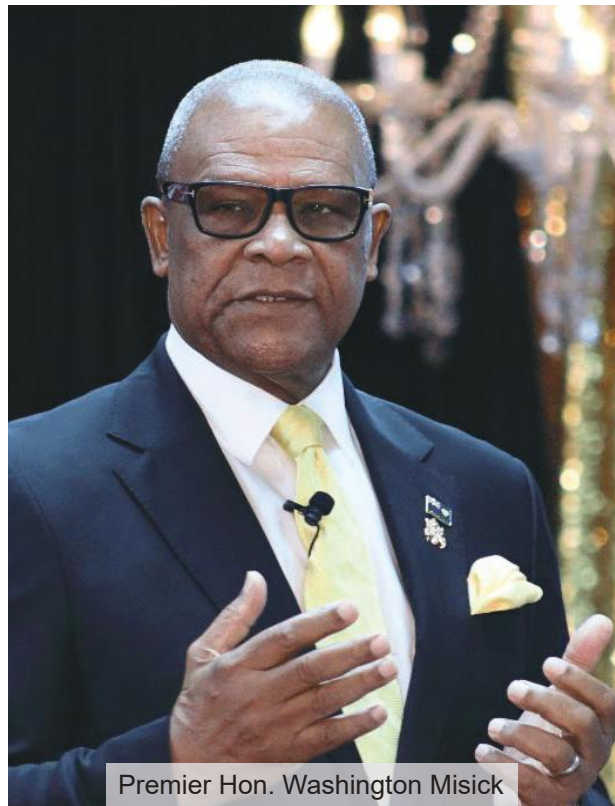
caregivers and professionals, and may neglect their own self-care. This day aims to encourage women to prioritize their physical, mental, and emotional health.

Social Media Campaign: The Department of Gender Affairs will be launching a social media campaign to raise awareness about the importance of women's empowerment and gender equality. Join the conversation using #ShelsEmpowered.

The Gender Affairs Department invites individuals, organizations, and the wider community to join us in celebrating International Women's Day on March 8th and promoting the theme of "The Empowered Woman Powers The Nation". Together, we can create a more inclusive and equitable world where the contributions of women are recognized, celebrated, and valued.

For more information about our International Women's Day celebration and to get involved, please contact the Department of Gender Affairs at genderaffairs@gov.tc, visit our Facebook page or call 649-338-2681/2686.

Premier Misick Unveils Major Investments and Development Plans for Grand Turk



Premier Hon. Washington Misick

In his State of the State address on Monday, Premier Hon. Washington Misick revealed ambitious plans for the capital island of Grand

Turk, emphasizing a significant boost in investments and development.

One of the standout announcements included plans for the construction of a new luxury boutique hotel, with progress reported in securing beachfront land for the project. Premier Misick mentioned that an initial architectural concept is in place, teasing further details to be disclosed during the upcoming budget address.

“Grand Turk the seat of our government will see more in 24. Plans for the development of a new luxury boutique hotel have progressed significantly. Beachfront land has been secured for the hotel development and an initial architectural concept is in place. You will hear more about this in the budget address,” the premier said.

In addition to the hotel development, advanced negotiations are underway with a local banking institution to provide limited services at JAGS McCartney International Airport, signaling a potential enhancement of facilities and services for both residents and visitors.

These developments are seen as crucial steps towards the revitalization of Grand Turk and the creation of a more robust tourism infrastructure for the entire Turks and Caicos Is-

lands.

Premier Misick also highlighted the Grand Turk Enhancement and Sustainability Agency (GTE-SA), which commenced its mission on September 1, 2023. Among its accomplishments is the initiation of the Community Enhancement Program, with numerous projects being rolled out to prospective contractors. Notably, the first two projects for painting and repairs of perimeter walls in Middle Street are set to close soon.

Looking towards the future, Premier Misick announced the imminent launch of Vision 2040, the national development plan that will guide the islands’ development over the next fifteen years and beyond. The plan’s goals, dreams, and broad strategies have been collaboratively agreed upon by stakeholders, including the two major political parties, showcasing a unified vision for the future of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

“In a few days, we will launch the national development plan which will take us up to 2040 and beyond. Vision 2040 will guide our development over the next fifteen years. Stakeholders, including the two major political parties,” Premier Misick said.

Turks and Caicos Islands Cops 8 Nominations At World Travel Awards



Minister of Tourism Hon. Josephine Connolly

The Turks and Caicos Islands has secured eight nominations at the World Travel Awards (WTA) 2024, according to Experience Turks and Caicos in a news release.

The categories are: Caribbean’s Leading Beach Destination; Caribbean’s Leading Cruise Destination; Caribbean’s Leading Destination; Caribbean’s Leading Dive Destination; Caribbean’s Leading Honeymoon Destination; Caribbean’s Leading Luxury Island Destination; Caribbean’s Leading Tourist Board; and Caribbean’s Most Romantic Destination.

Minister of Tourism, the Honourable Josephine Connolly said she is very pleased that the Turks and Caicos Islands have once again been nominated for several World Travel Awards.

“The Turks and Caicos Islands stand as an unparalleled jewel in the Caribbean and these eight nominations testify to that. We won the Caribbean’s Leading Beach

Destination and the Most Romantic Destination Awards in 2023 and I am certain we can not only retain those accolades but also emerge as winners in the other categories. I urge everyone to spread the word about our nominations and vote, vote, vote,” she said.

The Turks and Caicos Islands has won the Caribbean’s Leading Beach Destination every single year since 2015 and its world-renowned Grace Bay Beach captured the Best Beach Award from 2012 to 2014. The destination has celebrated wins as the Caribbean’s Most Romantic Destination for five consecutive years.

Voting is now open and runs until April 7th, 2024. To vote, please register at <https://www.worldtravelawards.com/vote>. Please note that a standard vote carries a weighting of one while votes cast by verified travel professionals carry a weighting of two.

TCI Hospital Staff Achieves ICRA 2.0 Certification, Exceeding Professional Service Expectations

L-R (Jolly Kurien-Nurse Manager, Isha Honore- Quality Risk and Patient Safety Manager, Surbrena Forbes-Pedican- Infection Control Nurse, Eleanor Hall- Chief of Allied Services, Pheona Brown -Operating Theatre & Biomedical Manager, Dr Denise Braithwaite-Tennant – Chief Executive Officer, Shantell Gardiner- Nurse Manager, Dr Sani Amatti- Deputy Chief of Medical Services and Mikette Been- Chief Of Clinical Services.



Turks and Caicos Islands Hospital has lauded the outstanding achievement of 16 staff members who received the prestigious Infection Control and Risk Assessment (ICRA 2.0) diploma.

The certified group comprises clinical and medical leadership from diverse clinical units and front-line staff in high-risk areas.

The ICRA 2.0 certification equips the team members with valuable knowledge and expertise to work with our facilities management partner to ensure a safe and secure environment for patients and employees. Topics covered in this training include the PCRA/ICRA process, Interim Life Safety Measures (ILSM), noise and vibration, understanding the ICRA five-step process, ICRA activity types, identifying patients at risk, defining patient groups, defining the class of precautions, the concept of standing orders, environmental testing, ICRA infection prevention measures, developing and the ICRA plan.

An elated Dr Denise Braithwaite Tennant, Chief Executive Officer of InterHealth Canada -TCI Hospital, said the latest achievement bears testament to the hospital's commitment to developing its staff so they will be better equipped to serve the public.

"The early context of the ICRA (infection con-

trol risk assessment) processes resulted in the ICRA becoming a part of prevention planning solely for construction activity. More recently, the ASHE (American Society for Health Care Engineering) Guidelines have described the ICRA as a proactive and integrated process for planning, design, construction, and commissioning activities to identify and plan safe design elements, including consideration of long-range infection prevention.

"The ICRA process is also used to identify and plan for internal and external building areas and sites that will be affected during construction/renovation; identify potential risk of transmission of airborne and waterborne biological contaminants during construction and/or renovation and commissioning; and develop infection control risk mitigation recommendations to be considered. The new ICRA 2.0 updated process includes a better understanding of the ICRA process, expanded definitions of work activities and areas, and a greater explanation of controls.

"This achievement is a testament to our unwavering commitment to creating a learning environment, empowering the team with the necessary professional development as we work together to keep our patients and team members safe at

the TCI Hospital," Braithwaite Tennant stated.

She added: "Our certified staff members are now more equipped to identify and address the unique challenges of renovations, construction, maintenance, and repairs in healthcare settings." The ICRA 2.0 course was facilitated by Jose Carlos Espino, PE, MBA, M.Ed., an independent consultant in environmental health who provides services for different organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean. His clients include international organizations such as PAHO/WHO, IDB, UNDP, UNEP, Ministries of Health in several countries, and private companies in the region. Mr. Espino is a seasoned professional with more than 25 years of experience who has participated in hundreds of environmental and occupational health assessments in industries, commercial and residential buildings, and various hospitals all over Latin America.

The meticulous training and application of the ICRA 2.0 five-step process have further empowered our staff to work closely with the InterHealth Canada Construction and Services Facilities Management company team in construction and renovation projects. This certification is pivotal in our service excellence and professional development journey.

BORDER FORCE FRONT-LINE LEADS COMPLETE UWI SUPERVISORY MANAGEMENT COURSE



Minister of Immigration and Border Services Hon. Arlington Musgrove (extreme left) share lens with senior members of the Border Force team, who after the certification ceremony



Minister of Immigration and Border Services presents the certification to Joylyn Handfield during the ceremony



Minister of Immigration and Border Services Hon. Arlington Musgrove presents the certification to Glodeeka Moultrie.

On February 14th 2024, ten dedicated employees from Border Force proudly received their certificates, marking the successful conclusion of the Supervisory Management course offered by the University of the West Indies (Global Campus).

The recipients are: Assistant Director Throy Forbes; Senior Officers Sandra Hall; Brandy Garland; Glodeeka Moultrie; Marie-Belle Williams; Deardrea Dames; Cerise Pierre; and Officers Kathia Rock; Joylene Handfield; and Marylee Wilson.

These individuals, who hold senior positions or play vital roles in supporting unit leads, have demonstrated commendable commitment to professional development.

This transformative three-month program has equipped these employees with indispensable skills and knowledge essential for excelling in supervisory roles within the organization.

The Supervisory Management course, designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the management functions that supervisors must undertake, emphasises solid theoretical foundations and practical applications. During the course, participants received a thorough introduction to the techniques and skills fundamental to project planning and management, decision-making, ethics, collaboration, and effective leadership.

Commenting on this achievement, Hon. Arlington Musgrove; Minister of Immigration and Border Services states "I am immensely proud to congratulate the officers who have completed the Supervisory Management course. Equipped with enhanced supervisory skills, they are now better positioned to lead, collaborate, and make informed decisions crucial to the security of the Turks and Caicos Islands. Investing in our employees is an investment in the success and resilience of Border Force and the Turks and Caicos Islands."

Border Force takes pride in this accomplishment as it reinforces its commitment to enhancing the capabilities of its workforce and professionalism.

Health Regulations Authority to Host Townhall Meetings Across TCI



Minister of Health Hon. Shaun Malcolm

The Health Regulation Authority (HRA) has announced a series of Town Hall meetings across the Turks and Caicos Islands.

These meetings aim to foster a deeper understanding of the Health Regulatory Authority's Mission, provide essential information, and enhance awareness of the Authority's crucial

role within the local health community. Established under the Health Regulation Ordinance (2016), the HRA serves as a vital regulatory body dedicated to safeguarding healthcare consumers, ensuring a safe working environment for healthcare professionals, and promoting public health and welfare. By standardising and supervising healthcare

practices, the HRA ensures compliance with public policies and maintains the delivery of safe care to all patients and visitors who access our healthcare system.

Town Hall Schedule:

- Salt Cay: Thursday, 7th March 2024, at the Salt Shed at 11 am
- Grand Turk: Thursday, 7th March 2024, the Anglican Church Dillion Hall at 6 pm
- South Caicos: Monday, 12th March 2024, South Caicos Community Center at 11 am
- Middle Caicos: Wednesday, 14th March 2024, at the Community Centre at 11 am
- North Caicos: Wednesday, 14th March 2024, at the Horse Stable Beach at 6 pm
- Providenciales: Monday, 19th March 2024, Jericho Baptist Church Youth Center, Lower Bight at 6 pm

The Health Regulation Authority recognizes the importance of engaging with stakeholders in the Turks and Caicos Islands and values the feedback received during these meetings. These meetings provide an opportunity for dialogue, collaboration, and mutual understanding that ultimately contributes to the enhancement of healthcare services. We convey sincere gratitude for our stakeholders' participation and support.

For further inquiries, contact the Health Regulation Authority, 2nd Floor, Town Centre Hall, Downtown, Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands Telephone: (649) 338 4924

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CDB Announces Partnership Push for Regional Development

The Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) is stepping up its partnerships with international financing institutions to unlock resources to propel sustainable social and economic development in its Borrowing Member Countries (BMCs).

Acting President, Mr. Isaac Solomon outlined a slate of initiatives the Bank is implementing in conjunction with international development organisations while delivering a presentation on "Partnerships for Resilient Prosperity" during CDB's Annual News Conference, on February 20, 2024.

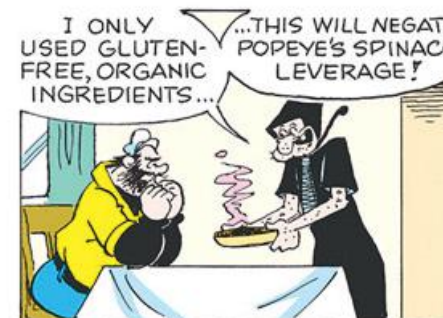
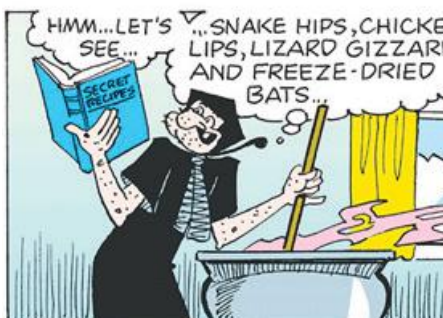
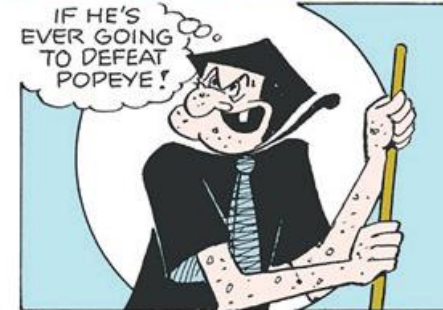
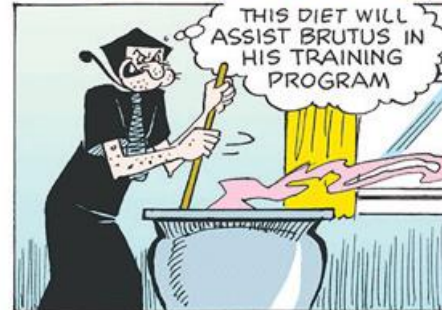
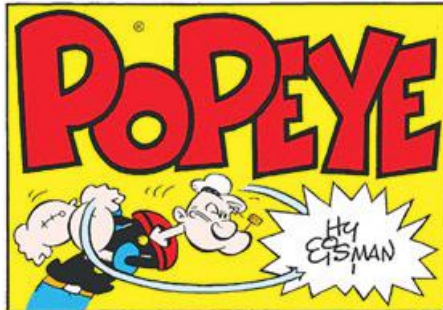
A major development is the Government of Canada's CAD 58 million 'Supporting Resilient and Green Energy' (SURGE) initiative for the Caribbean which will provide financing to accelerate the Region's sustainable energy transition. Another collaborator is the Global Partnership for Education, (GPE) the world's largest education fund for lower-income countries. Since CDB's designation as a GPE Grant Agency in 2023, the Bank has secured \$5 million in grants to support education projects in Grenada and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The Bank Executive also cited an enhanced cooperation agreement with the Inter-American Development Bank and IDB Invest for a new action plan for regional development focused on digital transformation, climate adaptation, disaster risk management, citizen and business security, food security, and private sector engagement. Similarly, BMCs will also benefit from CDB's accreditation as a technical partner of the Global Infrastructure Facility, a platform that attracts private investment for sustainable infrastructure projects in developing countries. Recognizing the scale of the challenges, confronting the Region, while "the window for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, the SDGs, is narrowing rapidly", Mr. Solomon said, "No institution on its own can achieve the mammoth task ahead. Consequently, we must intensify our pursuit of partnerships that facilitate improved productivity, knowledge sharing, technology transfer, and the mobilisation of finance."

CDB is also pursuing multiple initiatives with

the Green Climate Fund (GCF). The Bank is managing the development of the GCF-funded Blue Co Caribbean Umbrella Coordination Programme devised to scale up financing and investment for transitioning to a low-emission, climate-resilient, blue economy across the region. The GCF has also financed the development of a Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification system for regional climate finance, another innovation being driven by CDB. The end product will improve tracking, management, and accountability for climate finance allocated for the Region.

"Ultimately, development is about creating the right conditions for the people of the Caribbean to achieve their full potential, enjoy the highest quality of life, and have a secure future," Mr. Solomon explained. "The Bank will leverage its leadership role in the Caribbean, and expand its affiliations – with governments, International Financial Institutions, donors, civil society, and the private sector – to enable our BMCs to surmount the barriers to sustainable development."

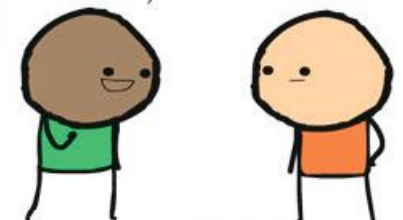


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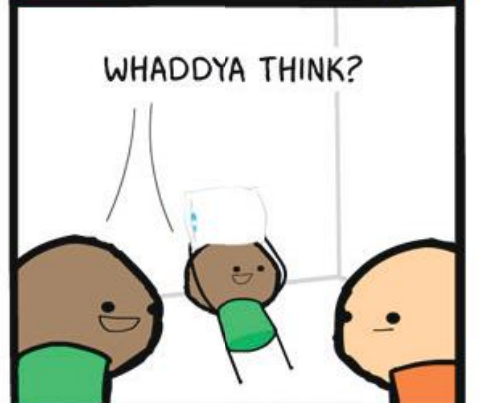
WE HAVE AN OFFICER DOWN WITH SEVERAL SHOTS TO THE BODY!



COME CHECK OUT THE NEW TWIN BED I GOT!



WHADDYA THINK?



TURKS head Cactus

NEWSLINE
The Quality of Accuracy, Balance & Courage

TURKS
HEAD
CACTUS

The Turks head cacti (*Melocactus intortus*) is a variety of small barrel cactus. A reddish cap tops the cacti, and it's easy to see where the cacti got its name as this cap resembles a Turkish fez hat. The Turks head cacti appears on both the Turks and Caicos flag and coat of arms. Due to the lack of competition, the Turks head cacti is typically found in exposed and dry regions. In the Turks and Caicos, these areas are usually natural eroded limestone bedding landscapes, or in some cases, hard sandy dunes. Unfortunately, the cacti has largely disappeared from the main populated islands. The majority of existing plants are located on East Caicos and Big Ambergris Cay, with small clusters on Middle Caicos and a select few other cays.

Ms. Camilla Lightbourne joins Experience Turks and Caicos team



Camilla Lightbourne

Experience Turks and Caicos is pleased to welcome Ms. Camilla Lightbourne to the post of Executive Assistant to the CEO effective February 06th, 2024.

Ms. Lightbourne is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree at DeVry University in Florida and previously worked as an Import Logistics Associate at Graceway Trading Ltd. Where she supported department goals and initiatives through the generation of reports and a Business Account Executive at Digicel where she managed daily and monthly reports and helped resolve customer issues.

In welcoming Ms. Lightbourne to the team, Ms. Racquel Brown, Change Manager and Interim CEO of Experience Turks and Caicos said Ms. Lightbourne's appointment underscores the growth of the organisation.

"Experience Turks and Caicos is growing as an organisation to meet its mission

and goal. The Executive Assistant to the CEO is critical to support the CEO Office for the effective and efficient day-to-day administration to assist the CEO manage the scheduling and timely completion of Strategic Projects and Programmes. I look forward to working with Ms. Lightbourne as the Change Manager/Interim CEO of Experience Turks and Caicos in this regard," she said.

Ms. Lightbourne said she is pleased to be part of the Experience Turks and Caicos team.

"I am elated to join such a dynamic organisation and working with the CEO's office where I will have an opportunity to implement many of the project management and organisational skills I have learned over the years. I am looking forward to making my mark on the future development of our country's tourism product," she said.

Aniquia Musgrove Appointed Medical Records Manager



The Office of the Deputy Governor is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Aniquia Musgrove as the Medical Records Manager within the Ministry of Health and Human Services.

In 2018, Ms. Musgrove seized the opportunity to pursue higher education at Florida Technical College, where she successfully graduated with a Medical Assistant Associate degree. Undeterred in her quest for knowledge, she continued her educational journey at the same esteemed institution, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Allied Health Management in 2019.

Armed with these qualifications, Ms. Musgrove gained comprehensive insights into various aspects of the health field, preparing her to perform proficiently in diverse departments. Her dedication led her to Holy Cross Medical Group in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where she assumed the role of Supervisor for medical assistants in 2019. During her four-year tenure, she actively engaged in all facets of clinic operations, ranging from front office duties to back office responsibilities and direct patient assistance.

Grateful for the enriching experience at Holy Cross, Ms. Musgrove's skills and expertise were further honed, preparing her for her current role as the Medical Records Manager. In her new capacity, Ms. Musgrove brings a wealth of knowledge and practical experience, promising to contribute significantly to the Ministry's health initiatives. Her commitment to health-

care excellence and her diverse skill set make her a valuable addition to the Ministry of Health and Human Services.

Ms. Aniquia Musgrove expressed her gratitude and enthusiasm, stating: "Accepting this appointment to return home and work in the medical field is indeed a privilege. It is an opportunity that allows me to give back to the country that helped mold me into the individual I am today. Lastly, I am sure that my late grandmother, Marjorie Clare, would be proud of me, knowing that I am walking in the path that she has laid." Ms. Musgrove's heartfelt sentiments reflect her commitment to making a meaningful impact on her community and honoring the legacy of those who have influenced her journey.

Commenting on the appointment of Ms. Aniquia Musgrove as the Medical Records Manager, Deputy Governor and Head of the Public Service expressed her congratulations, stating: "We are delighted to announce the appointment of Ms. Aniquia Musgrove to the role of Medical Records Manager within the Ministry of Health and Human Services and welcome her to the Turks and Caicos Islands Public Service.

Her experience and dedication to the medical field make her a valuable addition to our team. We look forward to her contributions in enhancing healthcare services for our community and wish her a most productive and rewarding public service career.

Life Line FEATURED CHURCH

This week we feature one of the Turks and Caicos Islands' longest serving churches – the Paradise Baptist Church located in Five Cays, Providenciales. The Paradise Baptist Church has been serving that community and its environs for decades. Pastored by Rev. Goldstone Williams, the Paradise Baptist Church, a few years ago underwent a major redevelopment exercise, to better serve the community. It is now one of the largest halls in the Turks and Caicos, thus making it a magnet for large church-related events, such as valedictory service and graduations. In addition to its regular Sunday service, Paradise Baptist Church conducts Prayer meeting and bible study on Wednesday; Every 2nd and 4th Friday of each month Daughters of The King meetings; Thursday & Saturday at 7pm Praise team practice; and Friday evening at 7pm Youth Fellowship. Its contact number is 941-4349.



PARADISE BAPTIST CHURCH

LIFE LINE CHURCH DIRECTORY

Looking for a worshipping house to praise God and fellowship with members of the body of Christ, here is a list of some of the available sanctuaries you can attend throughout the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Christ is the Answer Ministry,
George Alley Off Aviation Drive, Providenciales
Tel: 241-8030

One Nation Empowerment Center
Church Ministry, Suite #12 Alliance
Business Center, Princess Drive, Grace Bay, Providenciales.
Tel: (649) 244-6194. Email: apostleyoung1952@yahoo.com.

Touch of Love Ministries International Center
Industrial Park, Five Cays, Providenciales
Tel: 941-4903 Fax: 941-7731

Abundant Life Ministries International
P.O. Box 696 Christian City, Leeward
Highway, Providenciales
Tel:941-941-4750 Fax: 941-4755

Anglican Church Rectory Grant Turk,
Front Street, Grand Turk. Tel:946-2289

Bethany Baptist Church,
Blue Hills, Providenciales
Tel:941-4803 / 941-5632 / 941-5118

Church of God of Prophecy,
Lower Bight, Providenciales
Tel: 941-8854

Bible Study Ministries, Grand Turk
Tel:946-1866

Calvary Baptist Church,
South Caicos. Tel:946-3212

Harvest Bible Chapel TCI,
Leeward Highway, Long Bay, Providenciales.
Tel: 1649 333-2009
Email: hbctciinfo@gmail.com.
<https://www.harvesttci.tc>.

Church of God of Prophecy,
Providenciales Tel:941-3438

Roman Catholic Church,
Providenciales, Tel: 941-5136

Faith Tabernacle Church of God,
Providenciales, Tel:946-4073

New Testament Church of God,
Orea Alley, Grand Turk Tel:946-2175

New Testament Church of God,
South Caicos Tel:946-3631

Methodist Church,
Grand Turk Tel:946-2352

Healing Waters Ministries,
Blue Hills Providenciales Tel: 941-5867

House of Prayer Church of God,
Long Bay Road Providenciales Tel: 941-8309

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses,
Darrell Road, Grand Turk Tel:946-2727

Mount Mariah Baptist Church,
Conch Bar Middle Caicos Tel:946-6205

New Beginning Harvest Ministry,
Pond Street, Grand Turk Tel:946-1759

New Testament Church of God
Orea Alley
P.O. Box 495 Blue Hills, Providenciales
Tel: 946-1255
Airport Road, South Caicos
Tel:231-2402

Paradise Baptist Church,
Five Cays, Providenciale
Tel:941-4349

Revival Faith Center,
North Backsalina, Grand Turk
Tel:946-2349

Salem Baptist Church,
Mission Folly, Grand Turk
Tel:946-2565

Solid Rock Apostolic Ministries
International,
Discovery Bay Providenciales
Tel: 946-5181

St. Monica's Anglican Church
P.O. Box 866 Cheshire Hall Providenciales
Tel: 946-4046
Fax:946-4046;941-8499

Turks and Caicos Mission of Seventh
Day Adventists,
P.O. Box 803, Providenciales

United Pentecostal Church,
Brown's Plaza, Leeward Highway,
Providenciales Tel: 956-5852

Wesleyan Methodist Church,
Blue Hills, Providenciales
Tel: 946-4075; 941-4223; 941-3596

Editor's Note: If your Ministry is not listed and/or you would like for it to be part of the NEWSLINETCI Church Diary, contact us at: contact@newslinetci.com

More Photo Highlights Of The Enid Capron's 9th Annual Career Expo

Enid Capron Primary School held its Ninth Annual Career Expo on February 8, showcasing a diverse range of career opportunities to its students. The event featured approximately 13 government and private enterprises, providing children with insights into various professions. Participating entities included the Emergency Medical Service, the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force Support Services, Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force Community Policing, the Turks and Caicos Library Services, Sun Oil, Domestic Fire and Rescue, Fortis TCI, The TCI Community College, Inter-Health Canada, TCI Government Dental Services, Provo Water Company, TCSPCA, Department of Environmental Health, DECR, The TCIFA, and a mason demonstrating the art of construction.







3 Tik Tok Fashion Trends to Look

out for this Fall 
(Even though we have summer year 'round)



Barbiecore

The best thing about Barbiecore is that it really just comes down to color. So long as the pieces you're wearing are a brilliant shade of hot pink, the silhouette or style doesn't much matter—platform heels and bodycon minidresses are just as trendy as wide-leg silk pants and oversized button-up shirts. The world is your Barbie-tinted oyster.

BADDIE

The Baddie aesthetic is all about combining strong beauty looks with sexy, sporty clothing. The aesthetic has been around since at least the early '90s, with deep roots in hip hop, and was popularized by BIPOC artists like TLC, Missy Elliot, Destiny's Child and more.



Coastal Grandma

"It's Hamptons, it's 'my garden is bigger than your first apartment,' it's a light white sweater even though it's the middle of summer and it's [a] five-carat diamond ring passed down from your great-great grandmother." Think breezy linen pants, wide-brim bucket hats, fisherman sweaters, star market totes and garden clogs all in a color palette of pale blues, beige and shades of white.



Tourist Minister Leads Delegation to CTO Business Meeting in Saint Martin



From left: Leandrea Missick - Executive Administrator for the Ministry of Tourism, Trina Adams - Chief Marketing Officer for Experience Turks and Caicos, Hon. Josephine Connolly – Minister of Tourism, and Alvin Hegner - Co-Chairman of Experience Turks and Caicos.



Minister of Tourism Hon. Josephine Connolly and Alvin Hegner – Co-Chair for Experience Turks and Caicos are photographed at one of the sessions

Honourable Josephine Connolly, Minister of Tourism, along with a distinguished team, including Alvin Hegner, Co-Chairman of Experience Turks and Caicos, Trina Adams, Chief Marketing Officer for Experience Turks and Caicos, and Leandrea Missick, Executive Administrator for the Ministry of Tourism, recently attended the first round of the Caribbean Tourism Organisation's (CTO's) 2024 Business

Meetings, which were held in Saint Martin from February 4th – 7th, 2024. The discussions at the CTO Business Meetings were marked by their productivity and collaborative spirit. In sharing her insights on the event, Hon. Connolly stated, "The CTO Business Meetings galvanized a spirit of cooperation and forward-thinking among Caribbean leaders, reinforcing our commitment to propel

the region's tourism industry. We have proactively defined a shared path for innovation that promises to elevate our competitive stance in the global arena. The role of aviation emerged as a central theme, recognized for its integral part in enhancing Caribbean tourism. We will be actively forging stronger alliances with airlines to transform the Turks and Caicos Islands into a nexus of connectivity. These efforts are crucial as we continue to improve access and allure to our shores, affirming our islands' reputation as an exceptional destination for travellers worldwide."

Alvin Hegner, reflecting on the strategic discussions at the CTO Business Meeting stated, "The insights and collaborative efforts underscored at the CTO Business Meetings emphasize the crucial role of sustainable tourism practices and regional cooperation for the future prosperity of the Caribbean. At Experience Turks and Caicos, we are committed to a holistic approach in tourism development that carefully balances innovation with the stewardship of our ecological and cultural treasures.

"Our initiatives aim not just to elevate the Turks and Caicos Islands as a leading destination through state-of-the-art technologies, but also to ensure our growth has a positive impact on the economic health and environmental sustainability of the region. Working alongside our Caribbean neighbours, we strive to promote a unified and resilient tourism industry."

The delegation from the Turks and Caicos Islands extends its heartfelt appreciation to the Caribbean Tourism Organisation and the host country of Saint Martin for facilitating an event that was both productive and inspiring.

With the insights and collaborative spirit garnered from the meetings, the delegation is poised to implement strategies that will enhance the national tourism industry. The Turks and Caicos Islands stands as an active participant in a regional effort to foster growth across the Caribbean.

Through a shared commitment to innovation and sustainability, the Turks and Caicos Islands aims to contribute significantly to the advancement and resilience of Caribbean tourism, ensuring its appeal continues to grow on the international stage.



OPEN JOB OPENINGS

<p>Pool and Beach Department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pool and Beach Manager • Pool and Beach Attendant <p>The Pool & Beach Manager directs and organizes the activities of the Pool & Beach departments to maintain the high standards of the service offered</p> <p>Job Specification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and Organizing - To plan all operational procedures, to plan and organize all recruitment of the Pool & Beach areas to improve service and quality. • Manage and oversee Pool & Beach Supervisors and Attendants • Ensure that all equipment and tools are available and to give the guests the best vacation possible • Must be detailed oriented with an ability to handle multiple priorities • Ensure guest satisfaction within the Pool & Beach department <p>Qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor’s Degree or equivalent certification in Food & Beverage Management. • A minimum of 5 years’ experience operating a luxury a la carte restaurant • Must be able to work with different types of people, meet challenges with a positive attitude and live the standards of our organization • POS Administrative Knowledge Required • Extensive knowledge of wines from around the world (Sommelier educational training would be an added advantage) preferred • maintain and upkeep the beach, pool, and lounge areas, enforce safety rules, ensure children's areas are kept clean, and regularly check that equipment is functioning properly <p>Reports: Director of Food and Beverage Salary: \$54,000- per annum</p> <p>Laundry Department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laundry Manager <p>Job Specification:</p> <p>To successfully operate a full-service laundry efficiently within the parameters of the organization.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will be responsible for the efficient running of the department in line with the strategies and brand standards of the hotel, whilst meeting employee, guest and owner expectations • Ability to plan and anticipate business needs by reading and interpreting daily/ weekly occupancy report. • Maintenance and upkeep of all laundry equipment • Co-ordinating with the Engineering Department about routine maintenance of the equipment • Training and coordination with supporting Departments <p>Qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum 3 years of Laundry leadership and Laundry operations experience • Strong verbal and written communication skills • Strong supervisory and organizational skills <p>Reports: Director of Housekeeping Salary: \$36,000 per annual</p>	<p>Kitchen Department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sous Chef - Junior Sous Chef - Senior Chef de Partie - Chef De Partie <p>Responsible for all food storing, preparation, production, cooking and service to the fine dining restaurant.</p> <p>Job Specification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In conjunction with the Executive Head Chef, to ensure the consistent smooth running of food production areas within the designated areas. • To ensure effective control of stock purchasing, receipt, storage, preparation and service with regard to quality, quantity and safety in accordance with the Executive Chef. • Assisting the Executive Chef in ensuring that the food operations are controlled in a manner which reaches the desired cost of sales and in liaison with the Food and Beverage Manager maximizing potential and optimizing resources. • Ensuring the security of all foods, chemicals and equipment by maintaining procedures laid down by the Executive Chef. • To ensure that at all times cleanliness, food safety and all other Health and Safety matters are adhered to. <p>Qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have at least 3 to 5 years’ experience in a Luxury Resort Scenario. • Cuisine requirements: Japanese, Italian, Grill & Contemporary European. Banqueting & Sit down dinners for up to 100 pax is a plus. • Previous culinary experience in all aspects of operating a kitchen – prep cook, line cook, Jr. Sous or equivalent <p>Reports: Assistant Executive Sous Chef Salary: \$27,600- \$39,000 - per annum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Head Baker/Baker - Pastry Chef 1 <p>Job Specification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in the production of all pastry items. • Create centerpieces in a timely manner, utilizing chocolate, pastillage, sugar, and dead dough. • Plate desserts. • Ensure that all ingredients, supplies, and equipment are properly stored. • Maintain production records. <p>Qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 3 years of hands-on pastry shop experience in a fast-paced, hotel environment. • Excellent communication skills. • Ability to convert formulas and follow production lists. • Strong time management skills and ability to work effectively in a fast-paced environment. • Ability to lift and move materials of various weights and sizes. <p>Reports: Pastry Sous Chef Salary: \$24,000 per annum</p>
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Kitchen Department:

- **Sushi Chef**
- **Wok Chef**

Job Specification:

- Prepare all types of sushi, including maki, nigiri and sashimi;
- Prepare appetizers, soups and salads that are close to the philosophy of Japanese cuisine;
- Add additional flavors to sushi rolls with ginger, rice vinegar, wasabi and soy sauce, when appropriate.
- Must be knowledgeable with handling the Wok.

Qualifications:

- Must have at least 3 to 5 years' experience with making sushi and Wok skills
- Must be experienced in Asian cuisine, particularly in Wok skills

Reports: Sous Chef

Salary: \$24,000 – \$27,600- per annum

- **Steward**

Job Specification:

- Ensure the kitchen is clean, well maintained and organized at all times.
- Ensure floors are dry and clean at all times.
- Operate pot-washing machinery and maintain a hygienic working environment in accordance with hygiene regulations and company standards.
- Adhere to all sanitation guidelines.

Reports: Stewarding supervisor

Salary: \$19,448 per annum

Guest Services Department:

- Spa Supervisor
- Spa Therapist
- Spa Attendant

Job Specification:

- Responsible for Opening/Closing procedures when on duty
- Continuously improves service levels through spa reception team training in consultative booking of services and experiences, company standards and service protocols, phone etiquette and service, spa booking software efficiency and spa protocols.
- Performing massage and body treatments including, but not limited to, deep tissue, Swedish, relaxation, and hot rock (stones)
- Cleaning and replenishing the treatment rooms
- Upselling spa products
- Light cleaning duties

Qualifications:

- Minimum 3 years' experience preferably in a premium hotel/resort
- A positive, outgoing, and buoyant attitude and a radiant smile! You understand attentive guest engagement in addition to being a team-player
- Exceptional organizational and time-management skills

Reports: Guest Service Director

Salary: \$18,304- \$30,000 per annum

Housekeeping Department:

- **Room Stylist Attendants (room, public area, laundry Attendants)**
- **Houseman**

Job Specification:

- Reports to work on time, with a clean uniform, neatly groomed and in accordance with company guidelines.
- Follows hotel grooming and position dress standards, including name tag and proper shoes.
- Proceeds to Housekeeping Office immediately and follows procedures for signing/clocking in.
- Following department guidelines, collects assignment worksheets and keys as required. Take careful note of special requests including, early make ups, checkouts and arrival, late departure and arrivals.
- Take due note of announcements on Notice Board and actively seek out information relevant to daily departmental and hotel operations.
- Attend pre-shift briefings as directed.
- Remove cart, equipment and work supplies from storage area.
- Inventory all supplies on cart before proceeding to work station. Report discrepancies to Supervisor or Section leader immediately.

Qualifications:

- High School diploma is a must but an Associate's degree in Hospitality, Tourism or Business Administration is preferred
- Experience working at luxury hotel standards
- Good organizational and time management skills with the ability to work under pressure and to multiple deadlines.
- Ability to work independently as well as on a team
- Ability to read and write English proficiently and perform basic arithmetic
- Must possess and demonstrate excellent time management skills and ability to manage resources and prioritize and organize work efficiently and effectively.
- Possess and demonstrate a keen eye for details
- Must be an extremely honest person with high levels of integrity

Reports: Housekeeping Supervisor

Salary: \$18,304 per annum

Food and Beverage Department:

- Mixologist
- Bartenders
- Servers

Job Specification:

- Consistently offer professional, friendly and engaging service
- Maintain a professional but engaging interaction with Resort's guests and colleagues.
- Mix drinks and control the beverage stock as per guidelines
- Extensive knowledge of beer, wine and spirits
- Have full knowledge of beverage lists and promotions
- Have full knowledge of all menu items, garnishes, contents and preparation methods
- Follow outlet policies, procedures and service standards

Qualifications:

- Previous International Mixologist experience in leading hotels/resorts.
- Certified in Flair Bartending from reputed institution.
- Excellent knowledge of all beverage products, beer, wine and spirits
- Previous point of sale system experiences an asset
- Excellent communication and organizational skills

These positions are currently held by an expatriate worker. Qualified Islanders need only to apply copying applications to the Commissioner of Labour & Work Permit Board Zone 2.

Interested qualified candidates may submit their resume by March 9th, 2024 to Director of Human Resources South Bank, Long Bay Marina.

Email address: stbhr@gracebayresorts.com

NEWSLINE & Chill

Watersports Word Scramble

- UGFRINS _____
- NAIGSIL _____
- WIMGNISM _____
- NEITIGKSURF _____
- NGEKSIJIT _____
- SIUBNVDACGI _____
- SILKRONEGNI _____
- RAIPAAGSLNI _____
- IVGDIN _____

1. Surfing 2. Sailing 3. Swimming 4. Kitesurfing 5. Jet skiing 6. Scuba diving 7. Snorkeling 8. Parasailing 9. Diving

Brain Teaser

What can be stolen, mistaken, or altered, yet never leaves you your entire life?

Answer: Your identity

TCI's neighbours

- Bahamas
- Cuba
- Haiti
- Dominican Republic
- Jamaica
- Cayman Islands
- Puerto Rico
- United States
- Anguilla
- Antigua
- Montserrat
- Guadeloupe
- US Virgin Islands
- British Virgin Islands

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Take Care

ACROSS

1. Operator of a "2001" space plane
6. Feature of sportscasts and TiVos
11. Short sleepwear?
14. NAACP locale
15. Historically popular food fowl
16. The safe side
17. Flavorful name for an East coast city
19. Dedicated work
20. 1962 "Space Age" hit for The Tornados
21. Kind of neat?
23. Discovered, in Derbyshire
26. Classical tune featured in "Ordinary People"
33. "Fooled ya!"
34. Mad Cow Disease, initially
35. Ending with centi- or milli-
36. She was seduced by Zeus
37. Changes shade after seeing one?
39. Believe, old style
40. Let go
41. GP's grp.
42. Variety show
43. Four before "Hi-ho, the derry-o"
47. Without leadership
48. Tired-out trotter
51. Son of Cedric, per Scott
56. Critter compound
57. The part you point, and a hint to 17, 26, and 43 across
60. Messenger maker
61. Former White House Bush
62. Not so hot
63. Had, at the table
64. Oglers

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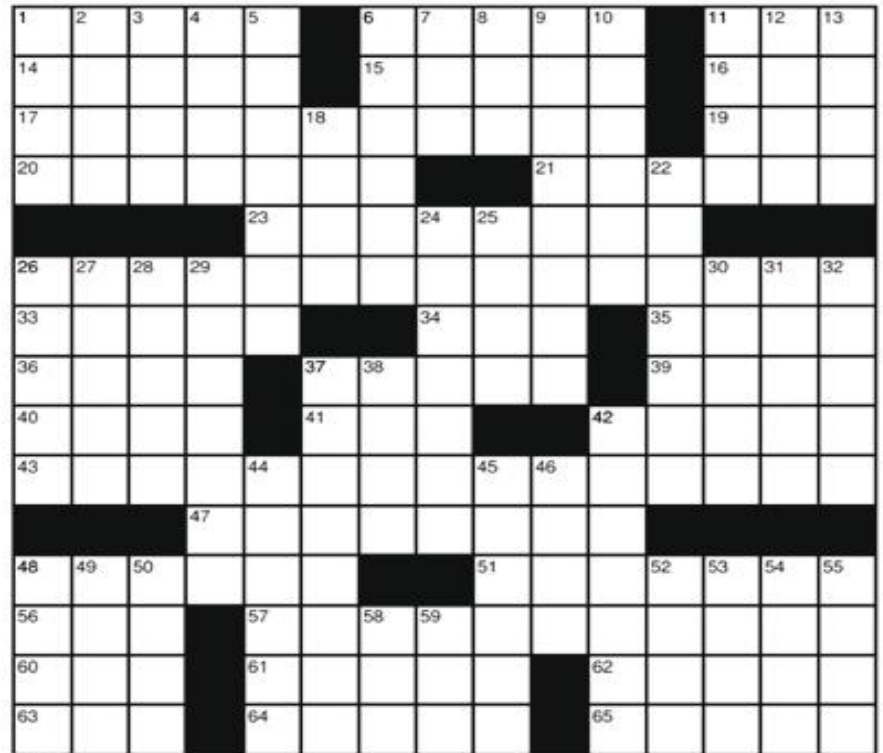
1. Short shot in the U.S. Open
2. 1968 winner of the US Open
3. Coward on stage
4. B1 landing spots
5. Restaurant VIP
6. Egyptian beetle or brooch
7. Luxury spot?
8. The other side: abbr.
9. Blackstrap, e.g.
10. "Be right there!"
11. Two fourths of an antacid sound
12. Force user
13. Spotted

18. Manx man, e.g.
22. Adjusted
24. He played opposite Schwimmer and Perry
25. Dutch diva Delange
26. Rice dish
27. Billy Joel's singing daughter
28. It may be hard or mulled
29. Chief
30. Chutzpah
31. Two-time batting champ Lefty
32. Stairway support
37. Country called "The Heart of America"
38. Arab chief
42. Moulds a statue anew

44. Make possible
45. ___ a rail
46. Where you might find your honey
48. Emerald City princess
49. Word with art or heart
50. Accomplished
52. 11 in. of wire, as distributed by Grace Hopper
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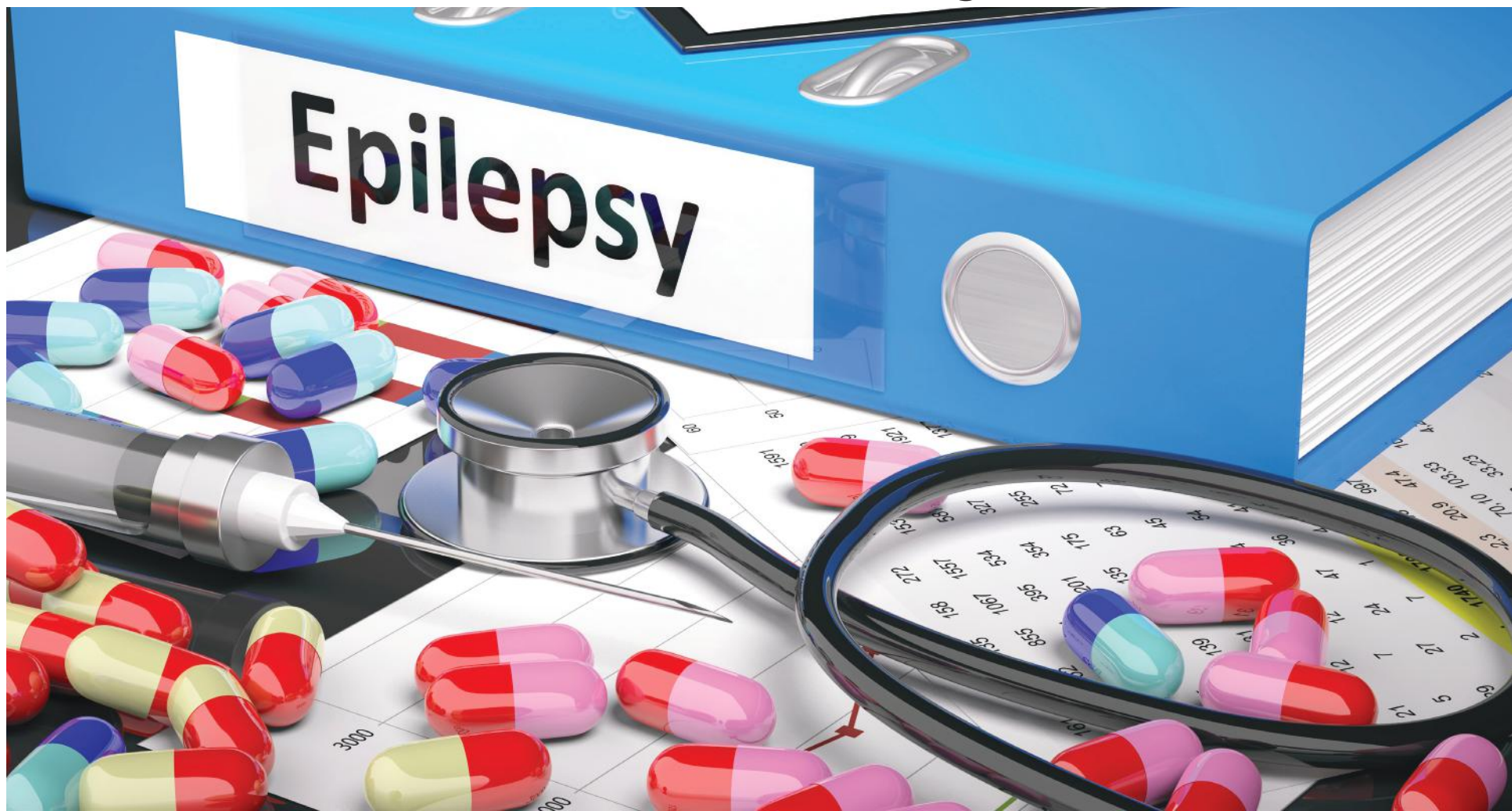
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Advances in epilepsy treatment



EPILEPSY MAY be treated with antiepileptic medications (AEDs), diet therapy and surgery. Medications are the initial treatment choice for almost all patients with multiple seizures. Some patients who only have a single seizure, and whose tests do not indicate a high likelihood of seizure recurrence, may not need medications.

The medications treat the symptoms of epilepsy (the seizures), rather than curing the underlying condition. They are highly effective and completely control seizures in the majority of patients. The drugs prevent seizures from starting by reducing the tendency of brain cells to send excessive and confused electrical signals.

With many different antiepileptic drugs currently available, choosing the right medication for an individual patient has become complicated. The choice of medication depends on a variety of factors, some of which include the type of seizure and type of epilepsy, the likely side effects of the medication, other medical conditions the patient may have, potential interactions with the patient's other medications, age, gender, and cost of the medication. Before any drug is prescribed, patients should discuss potential benefits, side effects and risks with their doctors.

According to Dr Luis Tornes, director of epilepsy at Miami Neuroscience Institute, today's treatments involve highly personalised strategies that target the specific cause of seizures in an effort to lessen or eliminate them. Technological advances include not only tiny elec-

trodes and lasers, but MRI machines that provide high-resolution images during surgery, and implanted devices that can stop a seizure in its tracks.

"Advances in medication and other treatment options have made it possible for many people with epilepsy to control their seizures effectively. This can lead to a marked improvement in quality of life, allowing individuals to participate in most of the activities that those without epilepsy can," Dr Tornes said.

"Treating epilepsy effectively requires a team approach involving various specialties. Our institutes bring together experts in neurology, neurosurgery, neuroradiology and neuropsychology to provide well-rounded care for our patients. This multidisciplinary collaboration ensures that we can conduct all the necessary tests and studies under one roof, helping us identify the best possible treatment for each individual," he added.

New antiepileptic medications, he said, provide us with the ability to tailor drug regimens according to an individual's unique needs. "These certainly hold significance, but even more compelling are the developments in the field of surgical treatments, specifically neuromodulation. Minimally invasive therapies are expanding the landscape, offering promising alternatives," Dr Tornes said.

There are advanced techniques that can modulate brain activity with electrical stimulation, interrupting, lessening or preventing seizures. These minimally invasive options include responsive neurostimulation, which sends elec-

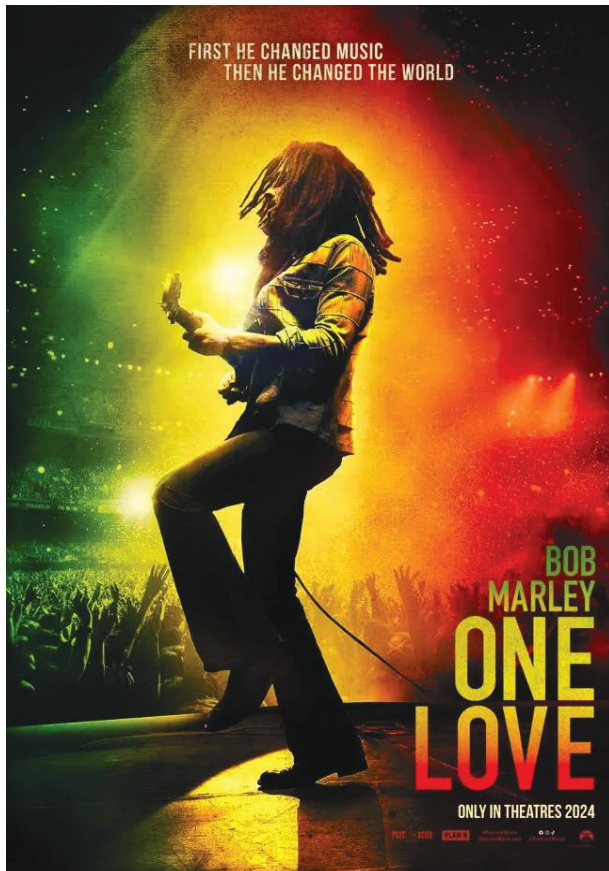
trical stimulation to the brain during a seizure to abort it in real-time; deep brain stimulation, which involves implanting a device to send electrical signals to the thalamus; and vagus nerve stimulation, where a device is implanted and then a lead is attached to the vagus nerve to control seizures. Each of these options offers its own benefits and risks, providing a range of choices for individualised treatment.

"There are several brain surgery options for patients who require them. These include callosotomy, which involves cutting connections in the brain to prevent seizures; hemispherectomy, the removal of one side of the brain; and lobectomy, the removal of a specific lobe of the brain. Another option is targeted resection or lesionectomy, where only the part of the brain causing seizures is removed. Laser ablation is a less invasive method that uses lasers to remove problematic areas," Dr Tornes said.

Dr Tornes said his hope is that the public can become more understanding, educated and supportive about epilepsy.

"There should always be an opportunity to shed light on a condition that affects millions of people worldwide, impacting not just those who experience seizures, but also their families and communities. This is a condition that can affect anyone, regardless of age, race, or social standing. With greater awareness and understanding, we can make strides in improving the quality of life for those affected by epilepsy," he said.

Marley biopic albums hit Billboard Reggae chart



Both the Bob Marley: One Love (soundtrack) and Bob Marley: One Love (music inspired by the film — various artistes projects) have entered the Billboard Reggae chart.

The soundtrack features 17 tracks performed by Bob Marley and the Wailers and were culled from the albums Catch a Fire, Burnin, Rastaman Vibration, Exodus, and Kaya.

The set entered the chart at #9.

Meanwhile, the music inspired by the film album has seven tracks, and features songs by Skip Marley, Kacey Mulgraves, Daniel Caesar, Bloody Civillian, Jesse Reyes, Leon Bridges, and Wizkid.

It debuts at #8.

The other trending Bob Marley and the Wailers project, Legend, spends 214 non-consecutive weeks in the #1 spot.

And still on the Billboard Reggae Albums chart, Best of Shaggy: The Boombastic Collection remains at #2, Dutty Classics Collection by Sean Paul is #3, and World on Fire by Stick Figure is #4.

Greatest Hits by UB40 slips to #5, while Dutty Rock by Sean Paul, Set in Stone and Wisdom by Stick Figure are #6, #7 and #8, respectively.

Find Me Here (Blessings Find Me) by Trinidadian gospel reggae singer Sherwin Gardner falls from #7

to #10 on the World Digital Song Sales chart, while over on the US Afrobeats Songs chart it slips from #22 to #23.

On Hot Gospel Songs, Gardner backtracks from #23 to #24, while on Gospel Digital Song Sales chart it improves moving up from #5 to #4.

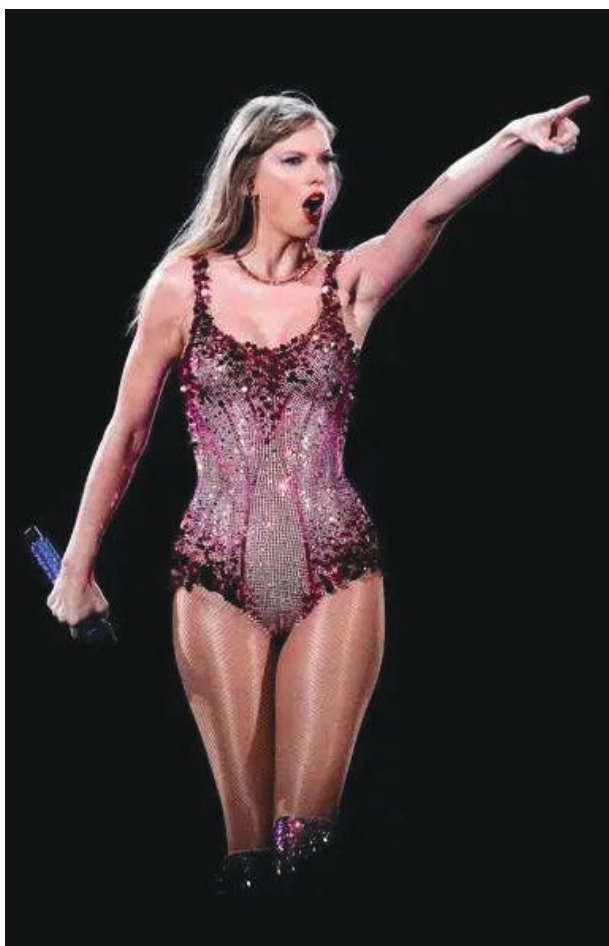
Teejay's I am Chippy EP has disappeared from the Billboard Reggae Albums chart after entering and peaking at #9 last week. However, lead single Drift continues to make its presence felt on the rhythmic airplay charts.

On Billboard's R&B/Hip-Hop Airplay chart, Drift regains strength moving up from #39 to #34, while taking a backward step on Mainstream R&B/Hip-Hop Airplay slipping from #30 to #36.

On the Billboard Hot 100, YG Marley's Praise Jah in the Moonlight takes a backward step as it is down from #60 to #63. The song fares better on the UK Singles chart darting from #9 to #5.

Praise Jah in the Moonlight continues to dominate charts in several countries. It is #21 on the Canadian Hot 100, while debuting at #68 in Brazil. In Australia, the song is #21, #20 in Austria, #18 in Belgium, #19 in Denmark, #4 in Ireland, #8 in Luxembourg, #17 in Iceland, #8 in the Netherlands, #1 in New Zealand, #6 in Norway, #5 in Portugal, #12 in Sweden, and #6 in Switzerland.

Singapore provided grant for upcoming Taylor Swift show



Singapore (AFP) — Singapore on Tuesday said it had provided a grant to help bring Taylor Swift's record-breaking Eras Tour to the city-state, the solo Southeast Asian stop for the pop-icon.

In a joint statement, the culture ministry and the Singapore Tourism Board said authorities had worked directly with the concert organisers.

The statement follows reports that Thai Premier Srettha Thavisin last week alleged the city-state had made an exclusive deal for Swift to perform only in Singapore and not in any other Southeast Asian countries. Singapore declined to reveal the grant amount and did not say if an exclusive deal had been reached, citing business confidentiality.

It did not make direct reference to the allegations but said Swift's shows

were "likely to generate significant benefits to the Singapore economy". A veteran in the entertainment business who did not want to be named told AFP that exclusive deals "are not unusual to request but not so usual for artistes to accede to the request".

"Some of the bigger organisers could have more sway."

Since culling pandemic curbs, Singapore has attracted many international artistes, including Blackpink, Harry Styles, Ed Sheeran, and Coldplay.

Swift will perform six sold-out shows at the National Stadium in Singapore in early March with more than 300,000 fans expected to attend.

After Singapore, Swift will head to Europe on her tour that is predicted to make a staggering estimated US\$2 billion.

TESHARNA WILLIAMS APPOINTED AS CROWN COUNSEL

Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands, 2nd February 2024- The Office of the Deputy Governor is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Tesharna Williams as Crown Counsel effective December 1, 2023. On Thursday day 4th January 2024, at the Opening of the Legal Year, Hon. Attorney General Rhondalee Braithwaite-Knowles OBE KC also announced the appointment.

Ms. Williams obtained her undergraduate degree with honours in Law from the University of Leicester in July 2018 and in March 2023 she was awarded a postgraduate Diploma in Professional Legal Practice at the University of Law.

In graciously accepting the appointment, Ms. Williams said, "First I would like to thank God for bringing me thus far. I am extremely grateful and humble for this

opportunity to serve in this new role as Crown Counsel and I look forward to a prosperous future. I would also like to say a special thank you to the Hon Attorney General and the entire Chambers family for their warm welcome."

Deputy Governor and Head of the Turks and Caicos Islands Public Service Her Excellency Anya Williams in extending congratulatory remarks to Ms. Williams stated: "Congratulations to Ms. Tesharna Williams on the successful completion of her legal studies and on her official appointment as a Crown Counsel in the Turks and Caicos Islands Attorney Generals Chambers.

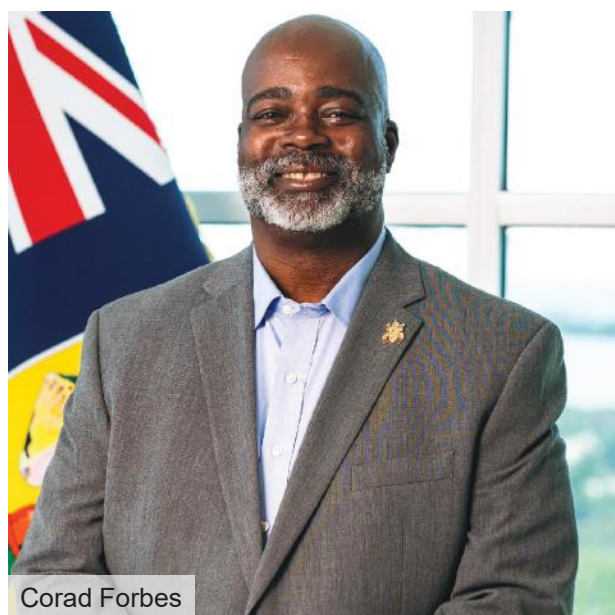
We are committed to strengthening our legal capacity and on improving service delivery across all areas of the public service through the successful recruitment and

retention of qualified, competent staff.

We are happy to have Ms. Williams join our team and wish her a most successful, productive and awarding public service career."

The Hon. Attorney General KC said; "It is a pleasure to welcome Tesharna Williams into the Chambers. Her journey to this point exemplifies one of perseverance and commitment. The employment and development of bright young Turks and Caicos Islander attorneys is a core goal of our succession planning. Tesharna comes to the post with a stellar academic record and has made an impressive start. She will add value to the work being done by the international, and civil and commercial divisions generally, of the Chambers. We are very pleased that she has chosen to start her legal career with us."

CONRAD FORBES APPOINTED AS PRINCIPAL OF A. LOUISE GARLAND-THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL



Conrad Forbes

The Office of the Deputy Governor is delighted to announce the appointment of Mr. Conrad Forbes as the new Principal of A. Louise Garland-Thomas High School within the Ministry of Education, Youth, Sport, and Social Services.

Mr. Forbes is a forward-thinking educational leader with a proven record of success. His journey in education began at Florida Atlantic University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education in 2000 and a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership in 2003. Additionally, Mr. Forbes is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Christian Ministry at Liberty University.

Mr. Forbes possesses a diverse skill set that includes instructional plan implementation, faculty development, school management, professional and ethical leadership. With over two decades of experience in education, Mr. Forbes has demonstrated his commitment to providing quality education and fostering positive learning environments. Throughout a notable tenure at Broward County Public Schools from 2006 to 2019, Mr. Forbes excelled as an Assistant Principal. He supervised educational programs for a Magnet Montessori Pre-K-8 school, initiated teacher mentor programs, and played a crucial role in curriculum alignment, faculty development, and fostering a cohesive school culture.

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2022 to 2023. Here, he successfully managed school operations, student discipline, and provided training to faculty on classroom management strategies.

Reflecting on his appointment, Mr. Forbes expressed, "It is with great humility and honor that I undertake the position of Principal at A. Louise Garland Thomas High School. With over twenty-three years of experience as an educator and administrator, I hold a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in educational leadership. I have worked in both primary and secondary levels and in culturally diverse communities.

As an educator, I have always been committed to promoting a conducive environment that encourages student achievement. My family's native land is the Turks and Caicos Islands, and I am eager to make a positive impact on my community. In my experience, building robust relationships with the school's stakeholders such as staff, students, parents, and partners is a critical component of high-performing schools. Therefore, I intend to continue the proud traditions of A. Louise Garland Thomas High School by upholding established relationships and creating new ones."

Deputy Governor and Head of the Public Service, Her Excellency Anya Williams, congratulated Mr. Conrad Forbes on his appointment, stating: "It is a pleasure to welcome Mr. Conrad Forbes to the Turks and Caicos Islands Public Service as the new Principal of the A. Louise Garland-Thomas High School within the Ministry of Education, Youth, Sport, and Social Services.

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Widow, ex-prime minister, former police chief indicted in 2021 assassination of Haiti's president



Assassinated Haitian Prime Minister Jovenel Moïse and wife Martine in happier times

A judge in Haiti responsible for investigating the July 2021 assassination of President Jovenel Moïse has indicted his widow, Martine Moïse, ex-prime minister Claude Joseph and the former chief of Haiti's National Police, Léon Charles, among others, according to a report obtained Monday.

The indictments are expected to further destabilize Haiti as it struggles with a surge in gang violence and recovers from a spate of violent protests demanding the resignation of current Prime Minister Ariel Henry.

Dozens of suspects were indicted in the 122-page report issued by Walther Wesser Voltaire, who is the fifth judge to lead the investigation after previous ones stepped down for various reasons, including fear of being killed.

Charles, who was police chief when Moïse was killed and now serves as Haiti's permanent representative to the Organization of the American States, faces the most serious charges: murder; attempted murder; possession and illegal carrying of weapons; conspiracy against the internal security of the state; and criminal association.

Meanwhile, Joseph and Martine Moïse, who was injured in the attack, are accused of complicity and criminal association.

Charles could not be immediately reached for comment, and Martine Moïse's attorney did not return a message for comment. Meanwhile, Joseph, the former prime minister, shared a statement with The Associated Press accusing Henry of "undermining" the investigation and benefitting from the president's death.

"Henry ... is weaponizing the Haitian justice system, prosecuting political opponents like me. It's a classic coup d'état," Joseph said. "They failed to kill me and Martine Moïse on July 7th 2021, now they are using the Haitian justice system to advance their Machiavellian agenda."

Joseph again called on Henry to resign and noted that while he was still prime minister, he invited the FBI to help local authorities investigate the killing and wrote the U.N. and OAS for help.

"I won't stop my fight. Justice must be served," he said.

In his report, the judge noted that the former

secretary general of the National Palace, Lyonel Valbrun, told authorities that he received "strong pressure" from Martine Moïse to put the president's office at the disposal of Joseph because he needed it to "organize a council of ministers."

Valbrun also said that two days before her husband was killed, Martine Moïse visited the National Palace and spent nearly five hours, from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., removing "a bunch of things."

He said that two days after Jovenel Moïse was slain, Martine Moïse called to tell him that, "Jovenel didn't do anything for us. You have to open the office. The president told Ti Klod to create a council of ministers; he will hold elections in three months so I can become president, now we will have power." While the document did not identify Ti Klod, the former prime minister, Claude Joseph, is known by that name.

The judge also stated in his report that Martine Moïse "suggested" she took refuge under the marital bed to protect herself from the attackers, but he noted that authorities at the scene found that not "even a giant rat...whose size measures between 35 and 45 centimeters" could fit under the bed.

The judge said the former first lady's statements were "so tainted with contradictions that they leave something to be desired and discredit her."

Others who face charges including murder are Christian Emmanuel Sanon, a Haitian-American pastor who visualized himself as Haiti's next president and said he thought Moïse was only going to be arrested; Joseph Vincent, a Haitian-American and former informant for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration; Dimitri Hérard, presidential security chief; John Joël Joseph, a former Haitian senator; and Windelle Coq, a Haitian judge whom authorities say is a fugitive.

Sanon, Vincent and Joseph were extradited to the U.S., where a total of 11 suspects face federal charges in the slaying of Haiti's president. At least three of them already have been sentenced.

Meanwhile, more than 40 suspects are languishing in prison in Haiti awaiting trial, although it was not immediately clear how quickly one would be held following Monday's indictments. Among them are 20 former Colombian soldiers.

Milena Carmona, wife of Jheyner Alberto Carmona Flórez, told The Associated Press that he is innocent.

"What's happening is that this crime is a conspiracy of great magnitudes in which powerful people are behind the scenes running everything, and that's why they're not given freedom," she said of the former soldiers.

U.S. prosecutors have described it as a plot hatched in both Haiti and Florida to hire mercenaries to kidnap or kill Moïse, who was 53 when he was slain at his private home near

the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince.

The attack began late July 6 and ended July 7, according to witnesses.

Martine Moïse and others who were interrogated said they heard heavy gunfire starting around 1 a.m. that lasted between 30 to 45 minutes before armed men burst into the bedroom of the presidential couple.

Moïse said she was lying on the ground when she heard the attackers yell, "That's not it! That's not it! That's not it!"

She said the suspects made a video call to identify the exact location of what they were searching as they killed the president. She added that she was face down when the suspects tilted her head and tugged on one of her toes "to ensure that she wasn't alive." Once they left, Moïse said she dragged herself on the ground and whispered to her husband that she was going to try and go to the hospital.

"That's when she noticed that the president was dead and that his left eye had been removed from the socket," the report stated.

Moïse said a group of about 30 to 50 police officers were supposed to guard the presidential residence, but the judge noted that only a handful of officers were present that night. One officer told the judge that he heard explosions and a voice through a megaphone saying, "Do not shoot! It's a DEA operation! US Army! We know how many officers are inside. Exit with two hands lowered."

Another officer said the head of security of the first lady found her "in critical condition" surrounded by her two children. He said he also saw an undetermined number of people coming out of the president's residence "with briefcases and several envelopes in their possession."

The report quotes Inspector General André Vladimir Paraison saying that the president called him at 1:46 a.m. and told him, "Paraison! Man, hurry up! I'm in trouble! Come quickly and save my life." He said he encountered heavily armed men and couldn't access the residence immediately.

Officers at the scene said they found cars, windows and doors at the president's private home riddled with bullet holes, along with surveillance cameras cut off and a broken lock on the double-wooden door leading to the presidential bedroom.

The judge said some police officers at the residence were disarmed and handcuffed, while others "had time to throw themselves down a ravine" for safety. In addition, the police officer overseeing presidential security was accused of receiving \$80,000 to bribe certain officers "to remain inactive" during the assassination, according to the report.

The judge noted how "none of the police providing security to the head of state was in danger. Unfortunately, the head of state was assassinated with ease."

Gaza Health Ministry says over 29,000 Palestinians have been killed in Israel-Hamas war



Already, the war has driven around 80% of the Palestinians in Gaza from their homes and has left a quarter of the population starving, according to U.N. officials.

RAFAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel's assault in Gaza has killed more than 29,000 Palestinians since Oct. 7, the territory's Health Ministry said Monday, marking another grim milestone in one of the deadliest and most destructive military campaigns in recent history.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to continue the offensive until "total victory" against Hamas after the militants' Oct. 7 attack on Israeli communities. He and the military have said troops will move soon into the southernmost town of Rafah on the Egyptian border, where over half of Gaza's 2.3 million people have sought refuge from fighting elsewhere.

The United States, Israel's top ally, says it is still working with mediators Egypt and Qatar to try to broker another cease-fire and hostage release agreement. But those efforts appear to have stalled in recent days, and Netanyahu angered Qatar by calling on it to pressure Hamas and suggesting it funds the militant group.

The conflict has also brought near daily exchanges of fire between Israel and Lebanon's Hezbollah militant group that frequently threaten to escalate.

Israeli warplanes on Monday carried out at least two strikes near the southern port city of Sidon in one of the largest attacks near a major city, Lebanese state media said. There was no immediate word on casualties. The Israeli military said it attacked Hezbollah arms depots near Sidon in retaliation for a drone that exploded in an open field near the northern Israeli city of Tiberias earlier Monday.

In Gaza, the Health Ministry said the death toll had risen to 29,092 since the start of the war, around two-thirds of them women and children. More than 69,000 Palestinians have been wounded, overwhelming the territory's hospitals, less than half of which are even partially functioning. The ministry does not distinguish between civilians and combatants in its count. The Health Ministry is part of the Hamas-run government in Gaza but maintains detailed records of casualties. Its figures from previous wars in Gaza have largely matched those of U.N. agencies, independent ex-

perts and Israel's own tallies.

The war began when Hamas-led militants stormed into southern Israel from Gaza on Oct. 7, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and taking around 250 men, women and children hostage. After a round of exchanges for Palestinians imprisoned by Israel in November, around 130 remain captive, a fourth of them believed to be dead.

The Israeli military released a video on Monday showing what is believed to be the youngest hostage, his brother and mother being led through the streets of the southern Gaza city of Khan Younis soon after their kidnapping on Oct. 7.

The video provides evidence that Shiri Bibas and her two young boys, Ariel, 4, and Kfir, who was 9 months old at the time, survived the initial kidnapping. The boys are the only children who remain in captivity, along with their mother.

Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari, the military's chief spokesman, said the army is "very concerned" about the family's wellbeing. He said the army found the videos in security cameras seized during its offensive in Khan Younis.

The video appears to show Bibas, wrapped in a blanket, being led through a dirt street by her captors as she carries Ariel. The military said it believed that Kfir was in a baby sling and could not be seen under the blanket.

The infant with red hair and a toothless smile has become a symbol across Israel for the helplessness and anger over the hostages still held in Gaza. Their father, Yarden Bibas, is also still in captivity. In a statement, the extended Bibas family said the videos "tear our hearts out." They made a desperate plea for negotiations to release all of the hostages. In January, the family and hundreds of activists marked Kfir's first birthday in what his family called "the saddest birthday party in the world."

With thousands of Palestinians detained by Israel since the war began, an Israeli human rights group reported that Palestinians inside Israeli prisons face daily violence from guards, who enter cells and beat inmates with batons, kicks and fists without provocation in abuse it said could amount to torture. Physicians for Human Rights—Israel

said in a report Monday that detainees reported guards urinating on them and forcing them to kiss the Israeli flag and to strip. Prisoners are also held in overcrowded cells and deprived of water for long periods, it said.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights expressed concern about hundreds of Palestinian women and girls in Israeli detention. It said there were credible reports that at least two were raped, and others "subjected to multiple forms of sexual assault," including being stripped naked and searched by male officers and being photographed "in degrading circumstances."

Israel says it has killed over 10,000 Palestinian militants but has provided no evidence for its count. The military says it tries to avoid harming civilians and blames the high death toll on Hamas because the militant group fights in dense residential neighborhoods. The military says 236 of its soldiers have been killed since the start of the ground offensive in late October.

On Sunday, Benny Gantz, a member of Netanyahu's three-man War Cabinet, warned that the offensive would expand to Rafah if the hostages are not freed by the start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, expected around March 10.

Israel has said it is developing plans to evacuate civilians from Rafah, but it's not clear where they would go in the devastated territory, large areas of which have been flattened. Egypt has sealed the border and warned that any mass influx of Palestinians could threaten its decades-old peace treaty with Israel.

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The United States says it is still pushing for a truce and hostage-release, and that it would veto a U.N. Security Council resolution calling for an immediate cease-fire because it conflicts with those efforts.

Hamas has said it won't release all of the remaining hostages until Israel ends the war and withdraws from Gaza. It is also demanding the release of hundreds of Palestinian prisoners, including top militants.

Netanyahu has rejected those demands. In a speech before American Jewish leaders on Sunday, he said pressure should be applied on Qatar, which played a key role in mediating last year's cease-fire and hostage release deal.

"Qatar can press Hamas as no one else can. They host Hamas leaders, Hamas is dependent on them financially," Netanyahu said. "I urge you to press Qatar to press Hamas because we want our hostages released."

Majed al-Ansari, Qatar's foreign ministry spokesperson, dismissed Netanyahu's remarks as "a new attempt to stall and prolong the war for reasons that have become obvious to everyone," alluding to the Israeli leader's domestic political troubles. Qatar denies funding Hamas and says its provision of aid to Gaza in recent years was carried out in full coordination with Israel, the U.S. and other parties.

"The Israeli prime minister knows very well that Qatar has been committed from day one to mediation efforts, ending the crisis and freeing the hostages," al-Ansari said.

JAAA readies for busy start of the year



With a number of events, including two major global championships to come in the first half of the year, the Jamaica Athletics Administrative Association (JAAA) is well into its preparations to ensure that Jamaica will be well represented, says President Garth Gayle. Jamaica are set to compete at the World Athletics Indoor Championships to be held in Glasgow, Scotland, in early March and the World Athletics Relays in The Bahamas in early May, a week after the Penn Relays.

The qualifying period for the World Indoors that started in January 2023 ended February 18, two weeks before that event, which is set to be held March 1-3 at the Emirates Arena, and Gayle said they were expecting a team of over 30 athletes to represent Jamaica.

He also said the JAAA has decided to have local-based camps for the athletes who will represent Jamaica at the World Relays that will be held in Nassau, Bahamas.

"We have been doing some work," Gayle told the Jamaica Observer at Saturday's Milo Western Relays at GC Foster Sports College of Physical Education and Sport.

"We have had meetings with the management team and we are confident, based on what we have seen so far, that we'll have a strong contingent to Glasgow, Scotland, for

the World Athletics Indoor Championships this year."

He said former JAAA president, Dr Warren Blake, will be the team leader, while Maurice Wilson has been named as technical leader. The JAAA boss added that the championships present another opportunity for some of the island's high-achieving and up-and-coming talent to gain valuable experience on the global stage.

"Our athletes have continued to do well, and while we may not see some of the more familiar faces, one thing we are sure of is that we will see some of the youngsters who have started to show their worth from [the World Championships] in Budapest, that they will continue their pursuit of glory," said Gayle.

Gayle said it was doubtful if any of the US-based college athletes, who have been doing well so far this season, will be included on the team as they might have obligations for their schools around the same time.

Of note, there will be a one week break between the Penn Relays and the World Relays; however, Gayle said it was unlikely that the same set of athletes will represent the island at both events.

This year the Penn Relays, set for April, will see the inclusion of 'Global Relays' that will

be held in association with World Athletics and will award points towards qualification to the World Relays as well as the Olympic Games and will take on greater importance.

"We are already in discussions with coaches and we are going to be moving steadfast and quickly to have some local camps here in Jamaica. There is no need to go far away for this camp, and this is something we had done two, three years ago, and so we are going to continue in that same vein," Gayle stated.

"We have to work with the coaches of these athletes, but we are confident that all the teams we select for all the events will be strong teams."

Jamaica has won 19 medals (5 gold, 8 silver, 6 bronze) over the previous four World Athletics Relays to date and ranks as the second most successful nation behind the United States (31 medals) in the event's overall medal table.

At the World Athletics Indoor Championships, only the United States (268 medals), Russia (145), Great Britain (87), Ethiopia (59), and Germany (57) have won more medals than Jamaica's 54. However, Jamaica has won more gold and silver medals than Germany and ranks higher than the European nation on the all-time table.

LeBron hopes to remain a Laker as his career twilights



James showcased his signature dunk at the All-Star Game.

Los Angeles Lakers superstar LeBron James, who set a new NBA record by making his 20th All-Star appearance at the weekend, told reporters ahead of the history-setting night in Indianapolis that he wants to finish his career as a Laker.

The four-time NBA champion added that although he hasn't "mapped out" how many seasons he has left, he admitted that "it's not that many" and is still weighing up the idea of having a farewell tour in his final season.

"I also don't know if I will – I was asked this question a couple days ago - will you kind of take the farewell tour, or will you kind of just Tim Duncan it?" James said, referencing the

understated San Antonio Spurs legend. "I'm 50-50, I'm going to be honest because there's times when I feel like I guess I owe it to my fans that have been along this journey with me for two decades plus, to be able to give them that moment where it's every city and whatever the case may be and they give you your flowers or whatever the case may be. That seems cool.

"But the other side of I've never been that great with accepting, like, praise. It's a weird feeling for me. I never really talked about it much, but it's just a weird feeling for me. So to go in each city, if that's the case – I don't know.

"I've seen [Michael Jordan]'s, I've seen Kobe

[Bryant]'s. I've seen a lot of guys. I just don't know how I'd feel. I don't know if I'd feel great about it. Maybe the only child in me – maybe." James said he's been "very happy" as a Laker over the last six seasons, adding that "hopefully, it stays that way."

James has a player option for \$51.4 million next season, according to Spotrac, but can decline it and become an unrestricted free agent. "But I don't have the answer to how long it is or which uniform I'll be in," he said. "Hopefully, it is with the Lakers. It's a great organization and so many greats. But we'll see. I don't know how it's going to end, but it's coming. It's coming, for sure."

James, 39, now stands alone as the player with most All Star appearances, surpassing the previous record of 19 he held jointly with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

James, the NBA's all-time leading points scorer, said playing in an All-Star Game was always a dream of his - but surely 20 would have been beyond his wildest imagination.

"I think as a kid growing up and loving the game of basketball and watching the NBA All-Star Weekend and seeing the Sunday game, I always had dreams and visions if I was able to play the game at a high level and give everything to the game, hopefully, I could be a part of that game someday," James said on what the All-Star Game has meant to him in his career.

"It's just been an absolute honor to be able to grace the floor throughout my career and be out there with the greatest players in the world year in and year out. This is very humbling, very blessed, and it's something I will never forget, obviously. It's part of my journey."

James has helped the US men's basketball team capture two gold medals and a bronze medal in his international Olympic career.

Bol sets new indoor 400m world record



Femke Bol

Femke Bol broke her 400-metre indoor world record on Sunday, February 18, at the Netherlands' national championships, finishing in 49.24 seconds to shave two-hundredths of a second off the record she set a year ago.

Bol, the 400m hurdles world champion, set the new record less than two weeks before the World Indoor Athletic Championships open in the

Scottish city of Glasgow.

"It's a dream come true to run another world record and it's wonderful to have all these Dutch fans enjoying the most beautiful sport in the world," Bol said in her trackside interview.

She bettered her own record from a year ago that itself broke a 40-year-old record of 49.59 set by Jarmila Kratochvilova on March 7, 1982.

Undaunted!



● TCI U20 Men Maintains Focus Despite 7-0 Loss

Inter-High, Inter-Primary Track and Field Championships to Bring Exciting Climax to TCI 2023/24 School Sports Season

One of the TCI's rising star athletes Love Joseph



The Turks and Caicos Islands School Sports (TCISS) Track and Field season is in full effect and post the completion of the Track and Field Development meets, the tension has intensified. On February 10 and 17, the TCAAA alongside the TCI Sports Commission hosted Track and Field Development Meets, to allow athletes to compete and see where they fare up against their peers before the ultimate Nationals. The Distance and Jumps meet took place first with Sprints and Jumps following the following Saturday.

Athletes to Watch

CARIFTA Medalist Love Joseph did not compete in the Distance and Jumps meet, however, he

has competed in a few regional meets this year. Joseph won the 800m and 1500m at the Diana Lynn Thompson Invitational on February 10 in Nassau, Bahamas. In the 1500m, he ran 4:22:17 which is a season's best but not his personal best. In the 800m, he achieved a personal best time of 2:05:86. He now attends the Clement Howell High School, last year competing for the A. Louise Garland Thomas High School. He also achieved a personal best time of 4:15:37 in the 1500m at the Youngsters Goldsmith Track and Field meet at the National Stadium in Kingston, Jamaica on February 3, 2024.

Inter-High School Track and Field Championships (Nationals) | February 29 - March 2

The three-day event will take place at the National Stadium on Venetian Road from Thursday to Saturday, slated to be a showstopping weekend. Junior athletes will not just be competing for a place on the podium, they will also be vying for a spot on the National Team to compete in the CARIFTA Games. This year's CARIFTA is set to take place in Grenada from March 30- April 1. Following on from last year, the medal count determines the Champions of the competition, with gold holding the most weight. Last year, the A. Louise Garland Thomas High School came out on top with 18 Gold, 22 Silver and 13 Bronze medals. Clement Howell High School followed with 16 Gold 6 Silver and 10 Bronze medals with Marjorie Basden High School in third with 12 Gold 9 Silver and 8 Bronze medals.

The full event schedule will be released closer to the competition's date.

How to Watch

Entry tickets will be sold at the booth, \$10 for adults and \$5 for children per day. The event will be livestreamed from the TCI Sports Commission and FLOW our streaming partner's Facebook page and YouTube channel. It will also be broadcast via radio on RTC 89.1 FM.

Inter-Primary School Track and Field Championships | March 19- 21

This year, primary school students will once again get their chance to show what they are made of. The Primary School Championships bring in a high number of schools participating with 18 schools partaking last year. Likewise, following on from last year, the medal count determines the Champions of the competition, with gold holding the most weight.

The two-time champions Ona Ginton Primary School clinched the win in 2022/23 with 19 medals total- 8 Gold 6 Silver and 5 Bronze. Second Place Ianthe Pratt Primary School took home 20 medals- 7 Gold, 7 Silver and 6 Bronze while Richmond Hill Primary School placed third with 12 medals- 7 Gold, 2 Silver and 3 Bronze.

The full event schedule will be released closer to the competition's date.

Upcoming events in the Turks and Caicos Islands School Sports (TCISS) 2023/24 Sport Schedule
TCISS Inter-High School Track and Field Championships- February 29- March 2, 2024 (National Stadium, Providenciales)

TCISS Inter-Primary School Track and Field Championships - March 19-21, 2024 (National Stadium, Providenciales)

The full TCISS event schedule, standings and further updates can be found on the TCI Sports Commission's website <https://www.gov.tc/sports/our-events/tci-school-sports>.

For the latest news on the TCISS, fans can follow on Instagram (@tcissportscommission) and Facebook (Turks and Caicos Islands Sports Commission). To share your experience with TCISS on social, use the hashtags #TCISS and #more-thanjustsports.

- **Sports Commission**

TCI U20 Men Maintains Focus Despite 7-0 Loss

Despite losing 7-0 in their opening encounter, the 37th rank Turks and Caicos Islands are still undaunted in their Concacaf Under 20 Male Championships and Qualifiers from February 23 to March 2 in home and away games.

The Aaron Lawrence coached TCI battled the number 8th ranked El Salvador on Friday, February 23, 2024 in Antigua and Barbuda, and despite dominated by their more estab-

lished counterparts, showed good promise. The scorers for El Salvador were Christopher Argueta26', Daniel Espana37', Walter Menjivar41', Wilber Diaz67', 80', Darwin Lopez90'+1 and Nelson Diaz90'+3.

The TCI will no doubt quickly put this disappointment behind them, and will now focus on the three games ahead, starting with home team Antigua and Barbuda, which is ranked 16th. That game is scheduled for

2p.m.

On Thursday, February 29 at 9:30a.m., Turks and Caicos Islands will do battle with Guyana, who area ranked 27th in Concacaf. They will then round off the group stage game with a match-up on Saturday, February 2 against Suriname, beginning at 9:30a.m.

The Turks and Caicos are pooled in Group B with El Salvador, Antigua and Barbuda, Guyana and Suriname.

Carlisle Supplies Invest in TCIFA Grassroots Programme

Pierre Magnier, Managing Director of Carlisle Supplies and Candia Ewing Office Manager and Marketing & Communications Coordinator for the TCIFA take time for a photo during the mutual partnership commitment between the TCIFA and Carlisle Supplies.



The Turks and Caicos Islands Football Association has expressed delight after forging a partnership with Carlisle Supplies.

According to the TCIFA in a release, as a proud member of the community, Carlisle Supplies recognizes the importance of investing in initiatives that contribute to the growth and well-being of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

The TCIFA said its grassroots football development program plays a pivotal role in nurturing young talent, fostering sportsmanship, and instilling valuable life skills in the youth of Turks and Caicos, stating also that Carlisle Supplies was thrilled to be associated with the grassroots program of Providenciales and believes in the power of sports to bring communities together.

"We are incredibly proud to support the TCIFA grassroots football development program," said Pierre Magnier, Managing Director of Carlisle Supplies. "As a dedicated member of the community, we understand the significance of empowering the younger generation through sports. The TCIFA is an integral part of the local community, and we are honored to contribute to its mission of promoting football at the grassroots level."

This TCIFA further noted that the collaboration with Carlisle Supplies underscores a mutual commitment to fostering youth sports, developing talented young athletes, and promoting healthy lifestyles among youth in our community. By supporting the TCIFA grassroots football development program, Carlisle Supplies aims to inspire the next generation of athletes and contribute to the overall well-being of the Turks and Caicos community.

TCIFA General Secretary Oliver Smith also shared his thoughts on the support from Carlisle Supplies.

"I want to express my gratitude for the sponsorship provided by Carlisle Supplies. This sponsorship not only helps our association purchase player kits and equipment for developing players but also sends a message to the players that the community believes in them and their talents and is willing to invest in them. Therefore, I thank Carlisle Supplies for their generous support and belief in our youth," Smith said.