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Sabrina Green Book Launch

Local social activist Sabrina Green can now add author to her resume' having penned her memoir, "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. The following are photo highlights of the event.



Grand Turk Prison Packed With Talented Young Men - Governor

By Vivian Tyson Editor-in-Chief

From left (front row) Governor Dileeni Daniel Selvaratnam, Deputy Governor Her Excellency Anya Williams, Acting Commissioner of Police Christopher Ayre, Deputy Commissioner of Police Rodney Adams and Miquel Swann - Permanent Secretary in the Office of the Deputy Governor engage in a time of prayer during the interacting session with the boys at the Louise Garland Thomas High School in Providenciales.



Governor Dileeni Daniel Selvaratnam and Pastor Wilbert Jennings, President of the TCI Christian Council in discussion at the boys engagement session at the Louise Garland Thomas High School.



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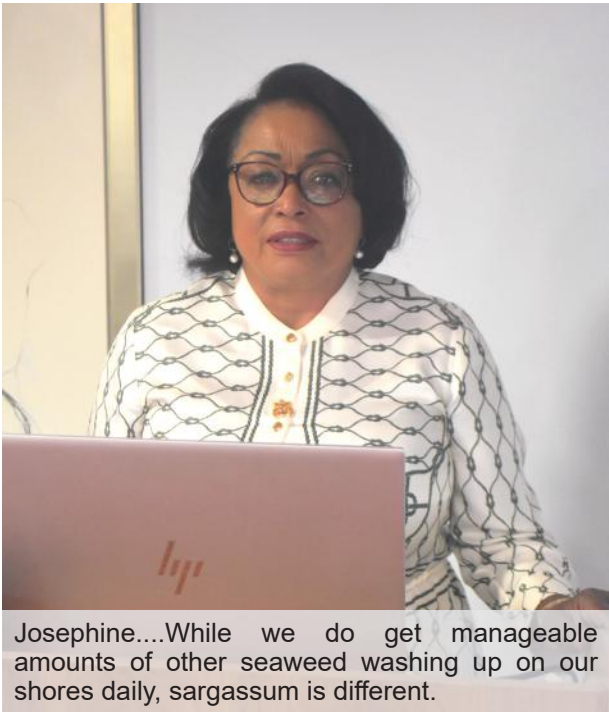
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By implementing these precautions, individuals can reduce their risk of adverse health effects associated with Saharan dust. For more information please visit the Turks and Caicos Islands Ministry of Health and Human Services Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/tciministryofhealth/>.

Sargassum A Threat To Tourism

By Vivian Tyson Editor-in-Chief



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The invasion of Sargassum in the Turks and Caicos Islands is potential threat to tourism, therefore, immediate measures should be taken to manage the seaweed, this according to Minister of Tourism and Environment Hon. Josephine Connolly.

Speaking at the Sargassum Mitigation Strategies and Adaptations Workshop at theConference Room, Connolly highlighted that in addition to environmental toll, sargassum poses a severe threat to the driver of the economy, which is tourism.

Sargassum has been described by NOAA as a genus of large brown seaweed (a type of algae) that floats in island-like masses and never attaches to the seafloor.

The workshop saw several persons making presentations, including Dr. Janice Cumberbatch of the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados, and Dr. Thierry Tonon of the University of York, United Kingdom.

The tourism minister declared that tackling Sargassum is of utmost importance, given that the Turks and Caicos Islands is predominantly marine-based.

“With more marine space than land and being entirely surrounded by water, it’s imperative that marine management challenges like sargassum are given top priority on our government’s agenda,” Connolly pointed out.

She added: “This led us to establish the Leroy Brooks Fisheries and Marine Laboratory in May 2023 at the DECR compound in the Lower Bight. Our vision in establishing this laboratory is to position ourselves as a leading center for marine research and management, emphasizing the importance of addressing issues such as the influx of sargassum.

“The environmental impact of sargassum cannot be overstated. These massive blooms disrupt delicate ecosystems, smothering coral reefs, and suffocating marine life. The excessive decomposition of sargassum depletes oxygen levels in coastal waters, leading to the formation of “dead zones” where aquatic life cannot thrive.

“Moreover, the sheer volume of seaweed washing ashore poses a significant challenge to



Dr. Janice Cumberbatch of the University of the West Indies



Dr. Judith Rosellon of the National Council for Science and Technology of Mexico

coastal ecosystems, disrupting nesting grounds for sea turtles and other vulnerable species.”

She added: “While we do get manageable amounts of other seaweed washing up on our shores daily, sargassum is different. The sheer amount of sargassum lining our beaches creates unsightly mats that deter tourists, tarnishing the image of our world-rated pristine beaches and, at times, creating a dilemma for our beachfront proprietors who promised white sandy beaches to customers when booking but are presented with a beach filled with sargassum upon arrival.”

Connolly noted that she was encouraged by the expertise that lent themselves to the Providenciales and Grand Turks workshops on the matter of managing Sargassum.

“We can all agree that we’re faced with a formidable challenge; however, I am encouraged by the presence of everyone in this room here today. Our collective presence underscores the importance of stakeholder engagement in devising effective strategies to manage sargassum

influx.

“I am a firm believer that only through collaborative efforts and shared expertise can we hope to find viable solutions to this complex issue. By bringing together government agencies, scientific institutions, industry representatives, and local communities, we can pool our resources, knowledge, and experiences to develop practical measures to mitigate the impact of sargassum.

“From innovative technologies for early detection and monitoring to sustainable management practices for seaweed removal and disposal, our collective ingenuity holds the key to overcoming this challenge.

“This spirit of collaboration and inclusivity will enable the voices of all stakeholders to be heard, and their concerns considered in the decision-making process. By working in partnership, we can turn the tide against sargassum and pave the way for a more sustainable and resilient future for generations to come,” Connolly said.

Local Principals Bemoan Losing At Least 50 Former Students to Violence

By Vivian Tyson Editor-in-Chief



"If you want to live a long and prosperous life, it is important that you make the right choices."

"The Turks and Caicos Islands is currently fighting a war against violent crime...a war that is attacking the youths of this country...in particular our young men," so said Deputy Governor Her Excellency Anya Williams.

Deputy Governor Williams made the statement while addressing the male population at the Louise Garland Thomas High School on Long Bay, Providenciales on Wednesday during a forum initiated by the Turks and Caicos Islands Christian Council, in the wake of a series of gun murders on Providenciales and Grand Turk.

A similar session also organized by the Christian Council took place simultaneously at the HJ Robinson High School on Grand Turk.

Deputy Governor Williams made the statement against the backdrop of murder stats obtained from the heads of the Clement Howell High School in Providenciales and the HJ Robinson High School in Grand Turk. "Earlier this week I visited the HJ Robinson High School in Grand Turk, where the principal spoke of having lost 17 former students over the last few years due to violence crimes. I visited Clement Howell (High School) before that, and the principal there has lost 37 (former students) to violence crimes," Williams revealed.

She implored the Louise Garland Thomas students to track the right path because that could save their lives.



When the students were asked to raise their hands if any of them had lost a loved one, friend or someone they knew, approximately half of them raised their hands.

"What I want to say to you is that we don't want to lose any more lives," Deputy Governor Williams asserted. "The choices you make are very, very important, it will determine your future. And you are indeed the future of the Turks and Caicos Islands." When Deputy Governor Williams asked the students to raise their hands if any of them had ever heard a gunshot, majority of them raised their hands. When she asked the students to raise their hands if any of them had lost a loved one, friend or someone they knew, approximately half of them raised their hands. All the students raised their hands when she asked if they wanted to live a long and prosperous life. "If you want to live a long and prosperous life, it is important that you make the right choices. It is important that you do not associate with persons that would bring you danger or bring you harm. It is important that you listen to the advice of your parents, your family, your principals, or those you know that can provide guidance to you."

"I know that many of you feel sometimes that you don't have options...you don't have persons who can provide support to you; you may not have the family life that you desire at home. You may not trust some of your teachers or your peers. But at the end of the day there are persons who care about you...they are there to support you," Deputy Governor Williams implored.

Deputy Governor Williams revealed to the students that it is difficult for someone to extricate himself from a gang after joining, and to that end, the advice is not to get entangled with such group.

"I don't want any of you here today to feel that there is no way out. But I want to say to you, if you get into gang, it's easier to enter a life of violent crime than it is to get out. So, the easiest thing is to make the decision not to. But if you found yourself entangled in a gang or any other situation, know that there are ways to get out."

"A lot of us are able to help, provide the support to you that is necessary. You are the future of the Turks and Caicos Islands. You, as young men, have to make the right choices that would allow you to take your rightful place in society. We are here to provide support for you, we care about you, and we want to make this a bright, beautiful, and safe Turks and Caicos Islands," Deputy Governor pleaded.

Members of the TCI Christian Council, including its President Wilbert Jennings, who organized the meeting, were in attendance. Also in attendance were Governor Her Excellency Dileeni Daniel Selvaratnam, Acting Commissioner of Police Christopher Eyre, and Deputy Commissioner of Police Rodny Adams.

In the meantime, Deputy Governor Williams applauded Jennings for initiating the talk with the male student body, saying that the initiative underscored his commitment for change in the country's young people.

"I want to comment pastor Jennings, who was someone that I knew from his younger years growing up on the island of Grand Turk. And he really has an amazing story. But he is someone who cares, and he is here today, and he has brought us all here, because he wants to make a change in these Turks and Caicos Islands."

The toxic nature of older colleagues in the workplace

One of the most daunting phenomena for young people in the workplace is the bitterness displayed towards them by their older colleagues.

Firstly, a history of disagreement, animosity, disdain, and victimisation pervades the world of work. The strength of these types of conflicts often filters into new decades and new work eras. Who could be the possible carriers of this history of conflicts? It is certainly not the newly employed; therefore, it has to be the older employees in the workplace.

Typically, when a colleague is newly employed he or she is usually furnished with information about former times in his or her new workplace. That person may get this information from people who choose to tell him or her directly or he or she may make inferences based on interactions among the older people in the workspace. Having ascertained that this is how the world of work operates, many young people decide to either resign, adopt similar traits, or become isolated.

For many people the psychosocial atmosphere of the workplace is fraught with toxicity. Consequently, they become withdrawn, self-serving, or misanthropic. This is a response that is natural, as even Abraham Maslow in defining the third level of his hierarchy of needs –

sense of belonging – asserted that individuals engage in hobby and profession to feel a sense of belonging. Maslow also posited that when this sense of belonging is sapped or is not felt people resort to ostracism. When individuals ostracise themselves or other people, the toxicity in the workplace is perpetuated.

This resentment can become overbearing. Why do people think many of our nurses, teachers, and corporate personnel are migrating solely for better remuneration? This is not always the reality. Many professionals, especially our talented young people, migrate to countries like the United Kingdom and the United States of America not because there will not be miserable, sad, and bitter people in those work environments but because they believe that if they are going to experience these unfortunate circumstances it is better to experience them while earning competitive remuneration. Can we blame them?

Secondly, several of these older workers are clearly jealous of the skills and enthusiasm that many young people bring to the table. Many of the older employees have not achieved half the accolades that many young people are achieving in the workplace now. Many of them wait until they are 40 to do a master's degree, for example. In fact, many did

not even complete a bachelor's degree until age 40.

If one conducts an empirical assessment of the number of young people with graduate degrees these days, one will find that, compared to 10 years ago, far more young people pocket these degrees by age 30. This is a laudatory phenomenon that provides said young people with skills that cause them to sometimes enter the workplace and surpass the older folks in a short period of time. This results in some older employees clapping their hands for the young people but with bitterness in their hearts. That is even if they care enough to at least feign the applause. Not only that, but sometimes young people come into the workplace with so much enthusiasm that they contribute more to achieving the mission of the organisation than those who have been there for 10 or 20 years. This usually lands them warranted recognitions and promotions, which is like a dagger in the hearts of many older employees.

I invite young people and new employees to continue to be trailblazers, trendsetters, and models of excellence despite all the nays and toxicity they experience in the workplace. After all, they have higher heights to climb and a future that they need to create and sustain.



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Man Found Guilty For Gun Possession



Cadet was charged with sexual assault of a 51-year-old woman

A South Dock Man was found guilty of gun possession charges when he appeared in the Supreme Court on Tuesday, February 13. He is identified Jacquilin Cadet 44, of South Dock Road, Providenciales. Cadet was found guilty of possession of firearm and ammunition following the guilty verdict. Cadet is expected to be sentenced on March 21. The charges against Cadet stemmed from a December 20, 2022, incident. The police reported that at about 4 a.m. Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force Officers executed what they deemed an Authority to Search for a firearm at Cadet’s home.



Cadet was found guilty of possession of firearm and ammunition following the guilty verdict

According to the police, during the search, a black 45 calibre handgun and ammunition were found inside a closet in his bedroom. He was then arrested and charged with the offences. Dean Holden, Superintendent in charge of the Serious Crimes Unit, responding to the conviction, declared: “Officers in the Serious Crime Unit should be proud of the hard work and professionalism executed that resulted in this conviction. “As a police officer, it’s disheartening to see yet another individual found guilty of firearm possession. Firearms in the wrong hands pose

a serious threat to public safety, and we have to ensure that those who choose to illegally possess them face consequences. “The ramifications of firearm-related crimes extend far beyond the immediate incident, impacting communities and perpetuating a cycle of violence. Our work does not end with this conviction; we will continue our efforts to prevent illegal firearms from circulating. “I urge anyone with information on illegal activities to call the nearest Police Station, 911, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-8477 or the Serious Crime Unit at 231-1842”. 60-YEAR-OLD MAN CHARGED WITH SEX CRIME A 60-year-old man, James Codet of Grand Turk is to face the courts after being charged with sexual assault against a 51-year-old woman in North Caicos. The alleged incident took place on November 30, 2023. Charges were officially filed after an investigation conducted by the Safeguarding and Public Protection Unit, leading to Codet being charged on Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

Acting Commissioner Engages with Young Minds



Interim Acting Commissioner of Police Christopher Eyre interacts with Pastor Andrew Stone and a student of the Louise Garland Thomas High School



Interim Acting Commissioner of Police Christopher Eyre (left) interacts with Pastor Wilbert Jennings, Head of the TCI Christian Council

Acting Commissioner of Police Christopher Eyre today (February 14th) visited the Louise Garland Thomas High School as part of the Turks and Caicos Christian Council outreach initiative. The Christian Council, led by Pastor Wilbert Jennings, invited stakeholders to commit and mentor young men under the Student Support Services of the Ministry of Education. In delivering remarks, Commissioner Eyre urged the young male students to embrace their future, which is filled with opportunities and welcomed the initiative of the Christian Council. Deputy Commissioner of Police Rodney Adams noted that prevention and intervention were key to de-escalating crime. Mr Adams reinforced that officers remain committed to assisting the young males and making a difference in their lives. Also in attendance were Her Excellency The Governor Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam, Her Excellency The Deputy Governor Mrs Anya Williams, Assistant Commissioner Darron Williams, and Superintendent of Police Dwight Gardiner.

Warning of Sahara Dust Entering our Region, Threatens Lung Complications



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Ministry of Finance, Investment and Trade To Host Consultations on Proposed HRTT Amendment Ordinance



Minister of Finance and Trade
Hon. E. Jay Saunders

The Ministry of Finance, Investment and Trade in collaboration with the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) is embarking on a series of Public Advisories geared at creating awareness among the general population on the proposed amendments to the Hotel, Restaurant & Tourism Taxation (HRTT) Ordinance.

To this end, the general public is invited to attend the following scheduled meetings:

- Wednesday 21st February at 5:00pm – Dillon Hall, Grand Turk;
- Tuesday 27th February at 5:00pm- Virtual Consultation streaming live on all IRD Social Media

Platforms; and

- Thursday 29th February at 5:00pm- Salvation Army Conference Room, Providenciales.

The IRD encourages all stakeholders and the general public to take advantage of this opportunity to participate in the public advisory sessions.

The Proposal and the Legislation can be found on www.gov.tc Responses or queries can be provided by email to irdpr@gov.tc

For additional information, questions and concerns, please feel free to log onto www.gov.tc or visit anyone of our offices in Grand Turk and Providenciales.

Crime Stoppers TCI Launches P3 App to Enhance Community Safety and Reporting



Crime Stoppers Turks and Caicos Islands is happy to announce the official launch of the P3 Tips mobile application, aimed at empowering the community to play an active role in promoting safety and combatting crime.

The P3 app was launched on February 14th, 2024, is an innovative and user-friendly platform, serving as an efficient tool for the public to securely submit tips, information, and crime-related concerns to law enforcement authorities while maintaining complete anonymity. Through this app, individuals can provide crucial details that aid in ongoing investigations, thus bolstering community collaboration in safeguarding our neighborhoods.

Mr. Lewis Smith, the President of Crime Stoppers TCI, expressed his enthusiasm for the P3 app and its potential impact on community safety, stating, "The launch of the P3 app marks a significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to

engage the public in the fight against crime. This cutting-edge tool will enable citizens to play an active role in keeping our communities safe, all while ensuring their anonymity, allowing them to come forward with vital information without fear of retribution."

The P3 app provides a seamless and secure method for the public to share vital information, including images and videos, regarding criminal activities, suspicious behavior, and wanted individuals. By promoting a culture of collaboration and information-sharing, Crime Stoppers TCI seeks to enhance crime prevention measures and support law enforcement agencies in their mission to uphold public safety.

Crime Stoppers TCI encourages all members of the community to download the P3 Tips app from their respective app stores and join hands in proactively supporting the efforts to combat crime and uphold public safety.

Police Investigate Gun Discharge in Over Back



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officers at the Grand Turk Police Station that while driving in Over Back, Grand Turk, someone pointed a firearm and fired a shot in his direction. The victim escaped injury.

At 7:55 pm on Monday, 12th February, the Police Control Room received a call of gunshots in Over Back Grand Turk. Officers were dispatched to the location where the scene was processed.

Based on investigations, no injuries were reported.

Commenting on both incidents, acting Commissioner of Police Christopher Eyre said: "Acts of violence have no place in our society. The RTCIPF are fully committed to bringing those responsible to justice. We are increasing patrols and implementing measures to augment the strength of officers in Grand Turk to prevent further acts of lawlessness.

"We are actively working to investigate these matters thoroughly and swiftly, and our officers are diligently following all leads and utilising all available resources to apprehend the perpetrators.

"I urge anyone with information about these incidents to come forward and assist us in our investigation. Your cooperation is crucial in helping us hold accountable those who seek to harm others."

In the meantime, the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force is asking the public to notify the closest police station, contact 911, the Serious Crime Unit at 231-1842, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-8477, and anonymously give any information.

The Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force is actively investigating two reports in-

volving the discharging of firearms. At 9:25 am today, a male victim reported to

Interim Acting Commissioner of Police Sworn in

Newly appointed Interim Acting Commissioner of Police Christopher Ayre (fifth from left) and Governor Her Excellency Dileeni Daniel Selvaratnam (fourth from left) are photographed with the hierarchy of the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force shortly after Eyre's swearing-in ceremony. From left are: Superintendent of Police Dwight Gardiner; Assistant Commissioners of Police Kendall Grant; Deputy Commissioner of Police Rodney Adams; Assistant Commissioner of Police Darron Williams; Assistant Commissioner of Police Mat Newton; and Superintendents of Police Willet Harvey.



Christopher Eyre officially took the Oath of Affirmation of Office as the acting Commissioner of Police of the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force (RTCIPF).



Governor for the Turks and Caicos Islands Her Excellency Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam on Monday, February 12, sworn in Christopher Eyre as Interim Acting Commissioner of Police.

Eyre has taken over the post from Deputy Commissioner of Police Rodney Adams, who assumed the role in the twilight of 2023, when former Commissioner of Police Trevor Botting demitted office.

A commissioner of police for these islands has already been appointed in the person of e Edvin Martin, former commissioner of police for Grenada. Martin was scheduled to take up the reins of the local police force in February, but he will now assume the role in May.

The oath of Eyre's swearing-in ceremony was administered by Governor Daniel-Selvaratnam at the Police Headquarters, Airport Road, Providenciales, and witnessed by the Deputy Commissioner of Police Rodney Adams, Assistant Commissioners of Police Kendall Grant, Darron Williams and Mat Newton.

Superintendents of Police Dwight Gardiner and Willet Harvey were also present. Following the brief ceremony, acting Commissioner Eyre met with the officers of Division B at the Ethel Ingham Centre.

Acting Commissioner Eyre expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to lead the Force temporarily and vowed to work tirelessly to ensure the well-being and safety of all within the TCI.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to lead and serve," he was quoted as saying. "I look forward to collaborating with the Force Executive and community stakeholders to address emerging challenges and uphold the principles of justice."

"I am deeply committed to serving our community with integrity, transparency, accountability and dedication while upholding the rule of law and fostering trust between law enforcement and the community."

According to a release from the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force, Eyre has 37 years of experience as a police officer, including 18 years as Assistant Chief Constable Rank and above. His final role in UK policing was as Chief Constable (Commissioner equivalent) of Nottinghamshire Police.

During his career, Eyre led the operational response to terrorist attacks, riots, major demonstrations, international criminal investigations and sensitive covert operations. In his last post, Eyre led the British Overseas Territory Police Force in the Sovereign Base Area of Cyprus.

RTCIPF Observes 'World Read Aloud Day' With Schools on Provo



Acting Commissioner of Police Rodney Adams shares with the students at the SNAP Centre.

Acting Sergeant Crystal Stubbs reads to the students of the Charles Hubert James Primary School in Kew North Caicos.



Inspector Winston Diamond engages students at the Charles Hubert James Primary School in Kew North Caicos.



Officers share photo moment with students at the Oseta Jolly Primary School

In commemoration of World Read Aloud Day, the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force visited three schools within the TCI and engaged students in fun-filled reading activities.

World Read Aloud Day was celebrated on February 07th and holds immense importance as it celebrates the transformative power of reading aloud.

This year's theme, "Discovering a Social-Emotional Lifeline Through Reading", refers to find-

ing support, connection and resilience through educational experiences. The annual event promotes literacy and fosters community, empathy, and understanding by encouraging students of all ages to read aloud and share stories.

Reading is the gateway to transforming lives. Moreover, reading aloud strengthens communication skills, boosts confidence, and cultivates a lifelong love. Sharing such passion with students was a pleasure, and I look forward to next

year.

Acting Commissioner of Police Rodney Adams visited the SNAP Center (Special Needs Association of Providenciales) and spent time reading, interacting and singing with students.

Other officers participating in Wednesday's World Read Aloud initiative were Inspector Winston Diamond and Ag Sgt. Crystal Stubbs visited the Charles Hubert James Primary School in Kew North Caicos.

Constables Teran Spence, Krishanah Williams, and Estefani Diaz represented the RTCIPF at the Oseta Jolly Primary School in Blue Hills.



I CAN'T COME OUT TONIGHT!

SNOWED IN?

SNOWED UNDER!

MISS GRUNDY'S CLASS IS A KILLER!

SHE PILES ON THE HOMEWORK WITH A SHOVEL!

SOUNDS LIKE SHE BURIES THEM IN WORK!

STUDENTS ALWAYS COMPLAIN ABOUT HOMEWORK!

I NEED SOMEONE TO MOVE THESE OLD BOOKS TO THE STOREROOM!

WE'LL DO IT!

MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE MADE TWO TRIPS!

JUG! WATCH IT!

DO YOU BURY THE STUDENTS IN SCHOOLWORK?

THEY EXAGGERATE!

HENRY SCARPELLI
CRAIG BOLDMAN

NEWSLINE COMICS



"WERE YOU A GOOD BOY TODAY?"

"WELL, YEAH, IF YOU'RE NOT LOOKIN' FOR PERFECTION."

WE FOUND THE GIANT MONSTER'S WEAKNESS!

HEE! HEE! HO! HO! HOO! HOO!

HE'S TICKLISH!

THAT'S ONE HUGE FEATHER

Ever feel like your entire life is just going around in circles?



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HÄGAR THE HORRIBLE by DIK BROWNE

HOW CAN YOU TELL HOW OLD A HORSE IS?

LOOK AT ITS TEETH!

DON'T TAKE YOUR EYES OFF ITS TEETH!



I CAN HARDLY KEEP MY EYES OPEN!

WE'RE STILL TWO HOURS FROM HOME!



THERE'S AN ALTERNATE ROUTE JUST AHEAD!



SO, IS THIS ROAD FASTER?

CLIP CLOP

NO, BUT IT WILL KEEP ME AWAKE!

BAM BUMP

JOLT



Conch (pronounced 'konk') is a large type of marine snail popular throughout the Caribbean and especially in the Turks and Caicos Islands. The Queen Conch, or *strombus giga*, is found naturally in the Atlantic, from the coast of Brazil, the Bahamas, up until the Florida Keys. Queen Conch are herbivores, unlike other conch species such as the horse conch.

Conch is becoming endangered in the Turks and Caicos due to extreme overfishing. Some conservation efforts have been implemented, but overall the rate of fishing is not sustainable for these mollusks. The Caicos Conch Farm on Providenciales was the world's only conch farm, which used to supply conch for the entire country and also for export.

Credit: VisitTCI

Enid Capron Stages Ninth Annual Career Expo



Dane Richie, Technical Director for the Turks and Caicos Islands Football Association interacts with Enid Capron Students about the basics of football



Enid Capron Students listen attentively as a Fortis TCI Professional enlightens them on how electricity works



Enid Capron students having fun with a member of the Turks and Caicos Domestic Fire and Rescue

Enid Capron Primary School organized 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, TC-SPCA, Department of Environmental Health, DECR, The TCIFA, and a mason demonstrating the art of construction.

Zoe Barnett-Butler, one of the school's guidance counselors, highlighted the importance of exposing children to diverse career paths at a young age. She emphasized that waiting until high school might limit students' choices, as the current job market emphasizes a skills-based economy. The aim of the expo is to broaden students' perspectives beyond traditional careers like lawyers, doctors, and nurses, encouraging exploration and experimentation with various options from an early age.

She said the ultimate goal of the Career Expo is to ensure that students understand the multitude of career possibilities available to them.

By exposing them to different professions early on, the organizers hope to give students the time and opportunity to explore, experiment, and expand their horizons before making career choices in the future. The event seeks to empower students with the knowledge and awareness needed to make informed decisions about their future paths. "The takeaway is for the students to realize that career is not limited. I think for a long time they are mostly drawn to the more traditional careers such as lawyers, doctors and nurses. But we are in a skills-based economy, and so, we try to get a lot of the skills-based persons to come. But most importantly, our kids are young, and we believe that they should be exposed to careers like these from an early basis, so they have a chance to explore...we don't want to wait until they get to high school," Butler said.

Butler added: "We want them to be able to explore from now. So, they have options... they can choose, they can dabble, they can dabble, they can experiment. And so, when it is time to make that one or two choice they would have had enough time to expand their horizon."

Life Line

FEATURED CHURCH

This week on Lifeline, we feature Harvest Bible Chapel TCI, Leeward Highway, Long Bay, Providenciales. Harvest Bible Chapel conducts two 90-minute services on Sundays, the first beginning at 9:00 am and the other 11:15 am. Children ages 0-10 have their own worship experience, which happens simultaneously as the adult worship. Harvest Bible Chapel is pastored by Kenyatta Lewis – Lead Pastor and Caldon Charles – Pastor responsible for Discipleship, The ‘First Impressions Team’ will be the first people you see on Sunday. They find you a place to park, greet you warmly, and then help you find a seat. Harvest Bible Chapel also has a rich list of weekly activities, which can be obtained from the church website at:<https://www.harvesttci.tc/>; you can call 1649.333.2009 or email: hbctciinfo@gmail.com.



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.

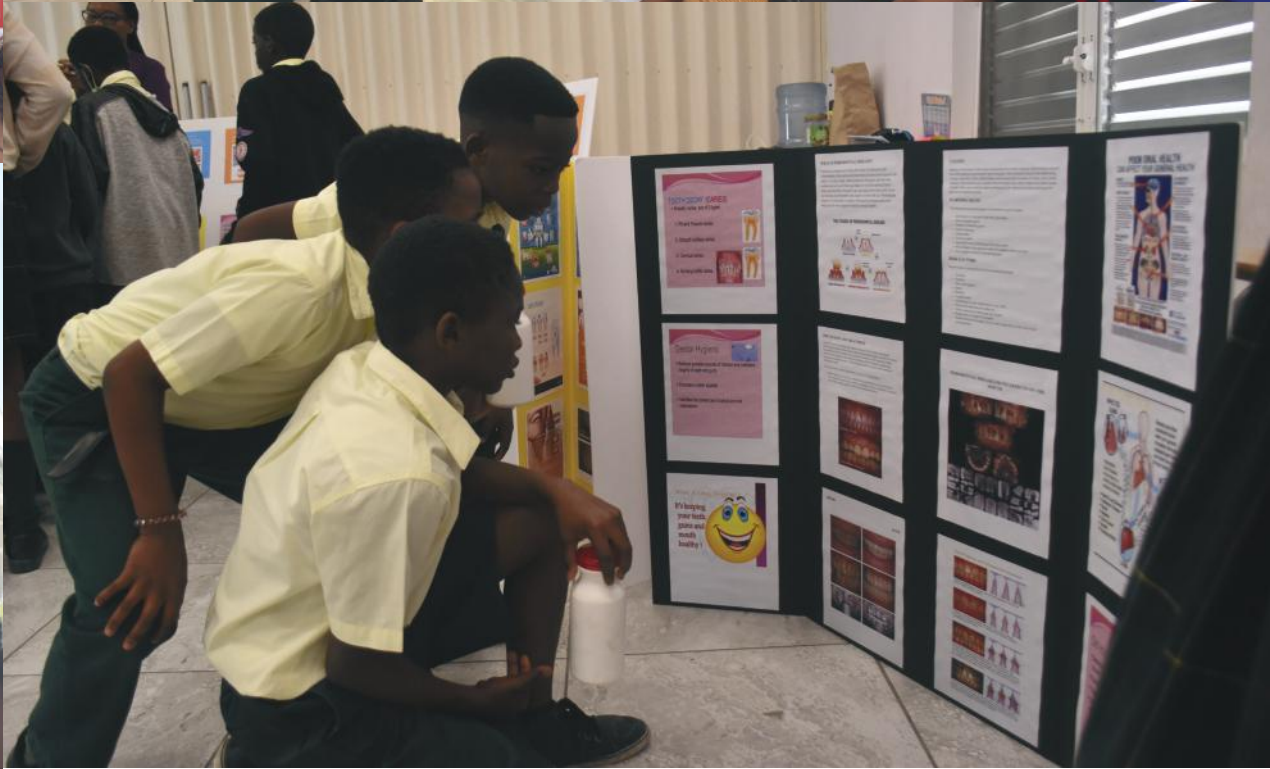
- Christ is the Answer Ministry,**
George Alley Off Aviation Drive, Providenciales
Tel: 241-8030
- One Nation Empowerment Center**
Church Ministry, Suite #12 Alliance
Business Center, Princess Drive, Grace Bay, Providenciales.
Tel: (649) 244-6194. Email: apostleyoung1952@yahoo.com.
- Touch of Love Ministries 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
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Enid Capron Primary Stages Ninth Annual Expo

On Thursday, February 8, the Enid Capron Primary School in Five Cays, Providenciales staged its Ninth Annual Career Exposition on the school grounds. The aim of the expo was to expose the children, from an early age, to the various skills-based careers that are available in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Among the agencies that were invited to the event were: 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, the Domestic Fire and Rescue, Fortis TCI, The TCI Community College, Inter-Health Canada, TCI Government Dental Services, Provo Water Company, TCSPCA, The Department of Environmental Health, DECR, and The TCIFA. A mason was also invited to demonstrate the art of construction to the students. The following are photo highlights of the event.







3 Tik Tok Fashion Trends to Look

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

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.



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 oversize button-up shirts. The world is your Barbie-tinted oyster.

Turks & Caicos Hotel and Tourism Association Unveils a Robust Plan for 2024



Some members of the current TCHTA Board share lens

With an exceptional close to 2023 illuminated by a showstopping Maskanoo™ and notable participation in regional industry events SOTIC and CHTA CHIEF, the Turks & Caicos Hotel and Tourism Association (TCHTA) has ushered in the new year with a bold plan rooted in partnership development, strengthened advocacy efforts, people development, and heightened member engagement.

The association has etched a 3-year Strategic Plan, set to be distributed to members at its upcoming Annual General Meeting in April. “Inheriting the legacy of our previous 5-year plan, the arrival of the new Board of Directors in 2023 marked a pivotal moment to redefine our journey.

It’s a time of renewal and ambition, where we set forth with fresh Mission and Vision Statements for the organization,” expressed President James McAnally, “This not only reflects our commitment to growth and excellence but also signifies a new chapter of innovation and leadership within the organization.”

The organization’s mission is pointed and impactful: ‘To amplify the voice of the country’s diverse stakeholders through collaboration and education, encouraging members to forge meaningful relationships for the advancement of the tourism industry.’ With this as the ethos to its plans, the TCHTA’s vision is supported by its commitment to advocacy, member-centric growth, and the fostering of a resilient, innovative tourism sector.

In January, the association released a 2024 calendar brimming with events that not only honour the stellar service of industry professionals through its 15th annual Star Awards ceremony but adds a nod to the stalwarts of the organization with its newest event, The President’s Ball, set for its inauguration in November.

TCHTA Members, residents, and the travel community are urged to engage in important events like the bi-annual cleanup campaign, TCI Shines, the eagerly anticipated Hospitality Adventure summer camps, and this year’s return of the TCHTA Destination Escape FAM Trip for travel advisors and travel media.

While the organization’s signature events are

ever popular and a boon to the destination’s calendar, the day-to-day business of the Turks & Caicos Hotel and Tourism Association is rooted in its mandate to advocate on behalf of the industry. This undertaking is carried out through the association’s committees, each chaired by members of its Board of Directors.

“With many of them sitting for the first time, this current Board has brought with it a fresh energy that is timely as the organization moves ahead with its new Strategic Plan,” said Stacy Cox, CEO of the organization.

Building upon the momentum of past successes, the TCHTA is committed to elevating its impact and reach through a multitude of initiatives designed to foster growth, collaboration, and resilience within the tourism and hospitality sector. The 2024 strategic outlook encompasses a comprehensive suite of activities and focus areas:

Advocacy for Industry Excellence

The TCHTA will intensify its advocacy work by strengthening relationships with government agencies, facilitating industry stakeholder collaboration, developing white papers for policy advocacy, and engaging in lobbying efforts focused on crime alleviation, crisis management, destination management, and legislative consultations.

The organization is working closely with the TCIAA as that body works diligently to make strides in its congestion alleviation plans for the Howard Hamilton Airport.

The association has engaged the services of Yvette Marcelin-Seymour, partner at Twa Marcelin Wolf, as its official legal counsel to navigate the proper drafting of consultative responses and submissions to Cabinet.

Membership Engagement

Efforts to deepen connections with members will include personalized outreach, quarterly sessions aimed at maximizing membership benefits, monthly webinars on industry trends and challenges, and regular surveys to gauge member needs and feedback. The association also aims to strengthen its network by connecting small business members with its larger member entities, fostering a symbiotic ecosystem within the tourism sector.

Sustainability Initiatives

Continuation of the TCI Shines cleanup program exemplifies the association’s commitment to environmental stewardship, aiming to inspire both the tourism industry and the community at large to maintain the pristine beauty of the islands. The organization will build closer connections to CAST and will align with the regional goals set forward by the CHTA to address the systematic approach needed to build sustainability in Caribbean destinations.

Communications Strategy

A revamped communications approach includes a monthly local educational campaign via radio and print, newsletters tailored to different audiences (TCI Insider for members and TCI Style for the travelling public), and new social media channels @thisistchta designed to showcase community efforts and people-centric industry stories.

People Development

The TCHTA plans to redevelop the high school Tourism Clubs and build the TCHTA Young Leaders group, providing crucial support for hospitality workers at the supervisory and middle management levels. Additionally, access to educational opportunities will be expanded, underlining the association’s commitment to professional development.

Marketing and Events

A rich calendar of events for 2024 has been announced, featuring the Star Awards, TCI Shines, Taste of Tapas, Hospitality Adventure summer camps, Destination Escape FAM Experience, the inaugural TCHTA President’s Ball, Hello Tourist, and the traditional Maskanoo™ celebration.

These events not only showcase the association’s dynamic approach to member engagement and public outreach but also serve as pivotal platforms for industry recognition and cultural celebration.

The organization is excited to support the progressive plans laid by the Ministry of Tourism and Experience Turks & Caicos, continuing its partnership in the strategic marketing of the destination.

Annual Charitable/Community Cause

The focus for this year is Mental Health, highlighting the importance of well-being within the community. In May, the TCHTA will partner with local agencies to amplify Mental Health Awareness, hosting educational and fundraising events to support mental health initiatives.

The association’s aims for 2024 are defined by member-centric growth, advocacy for sustainable development, and a focus on the pillars of economic, social, and environmental sustainability. The organization is excited for the year of work ahead and congratulates the destination and its members for the remarkable wins achieved in the USA Today 10 Best Awards announced in January.

For more details on the TCHTA’s vision for 2024 and membership opportunities, please reach out to: info@turksandcaicoshta.com or call 649 339-5787.

Visit the TCHTA’s website at www.turksandcaicoshta.com and follow them on social media at @officialtchta and @thisistchta.



OPEN JOB OPENINGS

Pool and Beach Department:

- **Pool and Beach Manager**
- **Pool and Beach Attendant**

The Pool & Beach Manager directs and organizes the activities of the Pool & Beach departments to maintain the high standards of the service offered

Job Specification:

- 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

Qualifications:

- 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

Reports: Director of Food and Beverage
Salary: \$54,000- per annum

Laundry Department:

- **Laundry Manager**

Job Specification:

To successfully operate a full-service laundry efficiently within the parameters of the organization.

- 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

Qualifications:

- A minimum 3 years of Laundry leadership and Laundry operations experience
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Strong supervisory and organizational skills

Reports: Director of Housekeeping
Salary: \$36,000 per annual

Kitchen Department:

- **Sous Chef**
- **Junior Sous Chef**
- **Senior Chef de Partie**
- **Chef De Partie**

Responsible for all food storing, preparation, production, cooking and service to the fine dining restaurant.

Job Specification:

- 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.

Qualifications:

- 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

Reports: Assistant Executive Sous Chef
Salary: \$27,600- \$39,000 - per annum

- **Head Baker/Baker**
- **Pastry Chef 1**

Job Specification:

- 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.

Qualifications:

- 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.

Reports: Pastry Sous Chef
Salary: \$24,000 per annum

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

Summer Word Scramble

- ECHBA
- AMLFYI
- UNF
- OHT
- CIE RCEMA
- OPOL
- TOSHSR
- SRUMME
- NUYSN
- WMIS

1. beach 2. family 3. fun 4. hot 5. ice cream 6. pool 7. shorts 8. summer 9. sunny 10. swim

Brain Teaser

There is a word in the English language in which the first two letters signify a male, the first three letters signify a female, the first four signify a great man, and the whole word, a great woman. What is the word?

Answer: Heroine

Restaurants Around TCI

- Indigo
- Seven
- Sui Ren
- Mango Reef
- Beach Club
- Infiniti
- Da Conch Shack
- BLT Steak
- Casa Nonna
- Coco Bistro

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C N C D I I S Y N B V J

Precedents

ACROSS

1. Emulates a bonfire
6. iPhone offering
10. Years in Brasil
14. Map detail
15. One may be dropped in a stable
16. Make manifest
17. Ex-governor host of TruTV's "Conspiracy Theory"
19. Art Deco designer
20. Emphatic refusal
21. Thin and rugged
23. Letters on a New Year's invite
25. Vegas naturals
26. Back-alley merchant's call
29. Paragon of pomposity
31. Subject of a "60 Minutes" spray expose
32. What you might put down once you've found a place to stay
34. "Centipede" company
36. Word with rat or report
39. Frequent part of a New Year's toast
42. Famously flamboyant pig puppet's favorite pronoun
43. Training locale for "Underwear Bomber" Abdulmutallab
44. "Monsters vs. Aliens" actor Zellweger
45. Dumbstruck
47. Short short time
49. Contents of many software boxes
50. Project Mercury missile

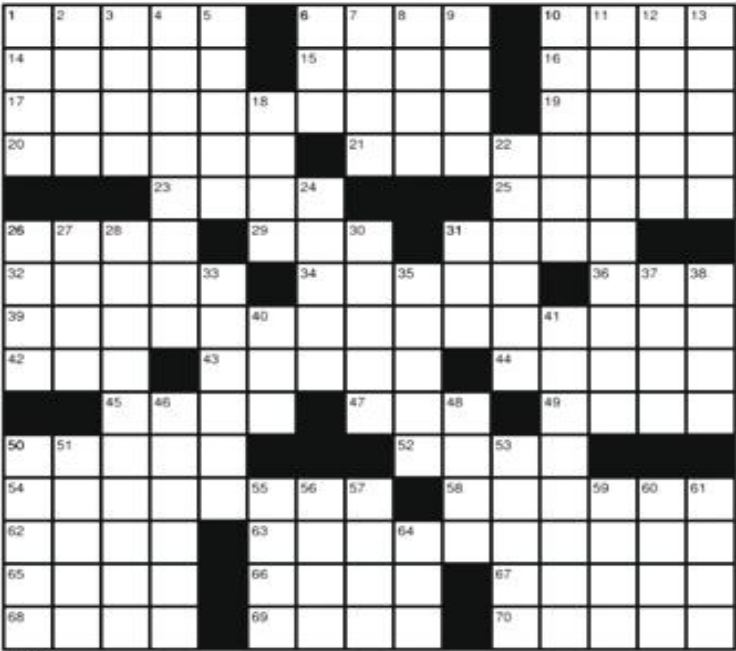
52. Mr. Jones of the Monkees
54. Deterrence
58. Jam or kettle of fish
62. It's propelled by a pole
63. Melody frequently played in late December
65. Riga resident
66. Kind of box on a car
67. Principle
68. Canadian gas brand
69. Days we'll never see again?
70. ___ of one's own medicine

DOWN

1. Rembrandt van ___
2. Count Basie's "___'Clock Jump"
3. Org.
4. Fall back on
5. Cat who is now named Yusuf Islam

This puzzle was created using CrossFire (<http://beekeeperlabs.com/crossfire>)

Robert Stockton



6. Back on board
7. Dispense from a teapot
8. Medic's start
9. Potluck perennial
10. Ring of color
11. Place for Pan
12. Like some horse feed
13. Iditarod equipment
18. Bygone Chevy with a much maligned name
22. The Monkees' Micky Dolenz, according to song
24. "Selah" site
26. Brit's buggy
27. One way to fly
28. New Year's parties, e.g.
30. Dirty dwellings
31. Wall St. worker
33. Least forward
35. Pimply
37. Antiquing device
38. Ulee's miners?
40. Sesquipedalian treasure trove: abbr.
41. Like Kalamazoo's New Year's ball
46. "Shall we?"
48. Crunch, for one
50. iPhone offerer
51. Levels
53. OS recently (and thankfully) replaced by Windows 7
55. Pop of rock
56. Dunkable delight
57. Approach
59. Bingo relative at Vegas
60. Canadian New Years parties
61. Sunrise direction, in Sonora
64. "I heard him exclaim, ___ he drove out of sight...."

of the
JOKE WEEK

Why did the Clydesdale give the pony a glass of water?
Because he was a little horse.

SUDOKU

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10 hacks to sustainable wellness



MAINTAINING A healthy lifestyle in today's fast-paced world can often feel like an overwhelming challenge. However, there are some easy-to-implement hacks that you can gradually adopt that will lead to a more balanced and fulfilling life.

Embracing a healthy lifestyle is not just about strict diets and intense workout regimens; it is about making sustainable changes that promote physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing.

According to Dr Rivane Chybar Virgo, medical doctor and health and wellness coach, set three reasonable goals for each day, things that are achievable, and they will help to build a feeling of momentum.

"Make sure you tick your achievements off, you will be surprised how satisfying that feels. It stops a feeling of getting nowhere, strengthening a belief of making progress; developing your self-belief and empowers you to push on," she said.

When we are busy, it feels as if things are coming at us from every direction. Having to switch your attention quickly and continuously from one topic or issue to another quickly drains our brain. Multi-tasking has become what we are expected to do, but our brains are not necessarily geared to do that on a regular basis.

"Our resources help us to complete a task or job. Our energy is a renewable resource; time is not. Taking frequent breaks during the day is not a sign that you are slacking; and when working from home those breaks are even more important. Move away from your home desk, get air and break your mind's loop," Dr Chybar Virgo said.

Practising gratitude, she said, can be a game changer that has far-reaching effects, from improving our mental health to boosting our relationships with others. Living your life with gratitude helps you notice the little wins – like the bus showing up right on time, a stranger holding the door for you, or the sun shining through your window when you wake up in the morning.

"Each of these small moments strings together to create a web of well-being that, over time, strengthens your ability to notice the good. Building your capacity for gratitude is not difficult. It just takes practice. The more you can bring your attention to that which you feel grateful for, the more you will notice to feel grateful for," Dr Chybar Virgo said.

Healing, she said, is a process that requires time, patience, and most importantly, kindness to oneself. Whether it is physical, emotional, or mental healing, it can be a challenging journey, and often, the hardest part is being patient and understanding with ourselves.

"We can be our harshest critic, and the pressure to heal quickly can lead to disappointment, frustration, and even self-doubt. However, it is essential to recognise that healing is a unique journey for everyone,

and it is crucial to be kind to ourselves and show compassion while we are healing," Dr Chybar Virgo said.

Self-compassion, she explained, is the act of treating ourselves with the same kindness, care, and understanding that we would offer to a friend. It involves recognising our humanness, accepting our flaws and limitations, and treating ourselves with compassion and dignity.

"Research has shown that self-compassion has a positive impact on our emotional well-being and can enhance our ability to cope with stress and adversity. When we are kind to ourselves, we create a supportive environment that promotes healing, self-care, and growth," she said.

Dr Chybar Virgo said you should also think of food as fuel for your body, as it helps you do the things you love. Fruits and vegetables, she said, are essential for your body.

"Try to eat at least five servings a day. They have vitamins and minerals that keep you strong and healthy. You can still enjoy your favourite foods, just be mindful of how much. Use smaller plates and measuring tools to help control how much you eat," she said.

Planning your meals ahead of time, she said, can be a big help. "Make your meals for the week on a day like Sunday. It saves time, money, and even calories. Plus, you will have tasty home-made meals ready when you are hungry," Dr Chybar Virgo added.

We are social creatures, and so connection with other like-minded people makes a huge difference to our well-being. "Surround yourself with supportive and positive individuals who uplift and inspire you. Strong social connections can have a profound impact on your well-being," Dr Chybar Virgo said.

In addition, find healthy ways to manage stress, such as meditation, deep-breathing exercises, yoga, or spending time in nature. Chronic stress can negatively impact both your physical and mental health.

Lifestyle changes for better memory



IN MANY ways, our memories shape who we are. They make up our internal biographies, the stories we tell ourselves about what we have done with our lives. They tell us who we are connected to, who we have touched during our lives, and who have touched us. In short, our memories are crucial to the essence of who we are as human beings.

That means age-related memory loss can represent a loss of self. It also affects the practical side of life, like getting around the neighbourhood or remembering how to contact a loved one. It is not surprising, then, that concerns about declining thinking and memory skills rank among the top fears people have as they age.

What causes some people to lose their memory while others stay sharp? Genes play a role, but so do choices. Proven ways to protect memory include following a healthy diet, exercising regularly, not smoking, and keeping blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar in check.

Living a mentally active life is important, too; just as muscles grow stronger with use, mental exercise helps keep mental skills and memory in tone.

According to Dr Cheks Emmanuel, nutritionist and wellness coach, the good news is that although with age you should expect to experience some forgetfulness, there are many things you can do to minimise memory loss, and even improve and enhance your memory as you get older.

"Among the best ways to improve memory are the same lifestyle changes that reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke. For example, quit smoking, drink alcohol in moderation or avoid drinking completely, and limit intake of sugary and processed foods," Dr Emmanuel said.

According to Dr Emmanuel, when it comes to how to improve memory, eliminating factors is just part of the puzzle; the other piece is adding in new habits. "For example, eating foods that help memory, such as leafy green vegetables, nuts, berries, tea, coffee and oily fish, is a

great way to promote your overall health while strengthening your brain," she said.

Regular exercise boosts the growth of brain cells and the production of neurotransmitters, enhancing memory. A mix of aerobic (cardio) and strength exercises is best. If you are not getting enough sleep, you might be harming your cognition and memory – aim for seven to nine hours each night.

Meditation, stress reduction and keeping up a good network of social relationships have all been shown to stave off the effects of ageing on the brain.

"One key to keeping your mind young is to keep it busy and challenged through lifelong learning and stimulation. Travelling, learning new languages, picking up a musical instrument, taking art or cooking classes, doing puzzles, playing board games, all these things promote the growth of new brain cells and help the brain forge new pathways," Dr Emmanuel said.

Memory enhancement can also come from properly managing your physical and mental health. Checking your hearing, vision, blood pressure and blood levels of thyroid function and cholesterol may find abnormalities which could easily be addressed and result in improved memory.

Sabrina Green Releases Memoir – Raising Royalty: Cracking the Code



Sabrina Green (centre) is flanked by Deputy Governor Her Excellency Deputy Anya Williams



February 3rd, 2024 was a night arrayed with celebration, marking the grand unveiling of Sabrina Green's literary masterpiece, "Cracking The Code - Raising Royalty: A New Legacy."

Transporting her audience on a nostalgic journey, Green's memoir delves deep into the vibrant textile of Turks and Caicos Islands' culture, woven tortuously with the threads of familial bonds, adversities weathered, and triumphs savored.

Yet, at its beating heart lies a Journey of resilience and fortitude, as Green illuminates her path as a single mother, circumnavigating the labyrinthine challenges with unwavering grace.

But this soirée was more than just a book launch; it was an immersive experience that enveloped attendees in an aura of majesty and grandeur. Brayton Hall, bedecked in opulent splendor, became the hallowed ground where family, well-wishers, and supporters gathered in a jubilant symphony padded with unity and hope.

Amidst the jubilation, anticipation hung thick in the air, as attendees vied for a chance to claim coveted prizes in the raffle draw that ranged from iPhones and iPads giveaways to laptops, scholarships, food vouchers, uniforms and textbooks.

It was an evidence to the generosity of spirit that

permeated the evening—a spirit encapsulated by Green's steadfast commitment to paying forward the kindness bestowed upon her by Almighty God and so many members of her community.

In a touching tribute, she acknowledged the late Honorable Rosita Butterfield and other benevolent souls who had lent their support during her down-time.

But Green's gratitude transcended above mere words, as she revealed the guiding light of hope that is Project - Raising Royalty. A noble initiative born from the depths of her precious life's journey, it stands as a testament to her staunch belief in the power of compassion and community.

With heartfelt thanks, she lauded the generosity of donors who had heeded the call by providing the raffled items whose contributions breathe life into a cause dedicated to providing vital support to struggling households.

Among the esteemed benefactors stood titans of industry and pillars of the community, their names etched in the annals of goodwill: Provo Water Company, Computers Plus, Flow TCI, Ora Shoes, The Flower Girl, Global Capital, Air and Sea Ltd., Grace Bay Club Foundation, Caproni's, and The New Age Bookstore. Their collective benevolence illuminated the path forward, a beacon of hope for those in need.

In the midst of the evening's splendor, Sabrina Green and her beloved daughter, steadfast companions in the journey of life, were graciously interviewed by the amazingly talented Eleanor Krazanowski.

Their presence added a poignant layer to the already enchanting tapestry of the event. As they shared their heartfelt emotions about the masterpiece unveiled, it became evident that this was a moment meant to be cherished for eternity.

In a touching display of unity and affection, Green and her precious daughter brought to life some of the cherished elements from the pages of the book. Their bond, forged through trials and triumphs, stood as a proof to the resilience of the human spirit and the enduring power of love.

As the night unfolded, it was clear that the union between Greene and her daughter was a beacon of hope, an indication to the unwavering strength found in familial bonds. Their presence added depth and meaning to the evening, reinforcing the message of resilience and fortitude that permeated every aspect of "Cracking The Code- Raising Royalty: A New Legacy."

With each heartfelt exchange and tender moment shared between mother and daughter, it became apparent that their journey together was far from over. As they embraced the legacy they had created, it was clear that their union would continue to stand the test of time, forever intertwined in the tapestry of life.

The event was hosted by the talented Loren Hall and entertainment was provided by Moe'ments of Sax, ZG Acoustics, and Janardo Laporte and the Heat Wave Band along with Tess performed at the after party.

Green expressed heartfelt gratitude to the events volunteers which included Jessica Corvil, Jewel Ewing, Jamesh Clare, Sid and Glynese Robinson and Gessie Herilien.

Profound thank yous are extended to all that took the time out join in the celebrations.

Bye-Bye Airports Authority

By Edwin Astwood



Opposition Leader Hon. Edwin Astwood

What is going on at the Airports Authority? Why are so many of our people who are in key positions saying “sayonara” to this Self-funded Statutory Body? We are seeing a mass exodus of people from their office at the Airports Authority, and many are questioning why.

In the House of Assembly on January 31, 2024, I stated to the Premier, Deputy Premier, and their Cabinet members that this phenomenon must be looked into and investigated. I went on to list the titles of persons who had recently resigned from their posts at the Airport Authority.

These included; the Deputy CEO of Administration, Fleet Manager, Assistant HR Manager, Airport Manager for Grand Turk, Project Officer (x2), Media Officer, Accounting Officer, and other job titles, including security officers.

Now you reading this, tell me, does that not raise a red flag, is that no reason for concern? Is something wrong with pay? Or maybe the working conditions and the office environment. From sources across the web, the ten most common reasons why people quit their jobs are; Poor Pay, Lack of Career advancement opportuni-

ties, feeling disrespected at work, work-life balance, bad bosses, corporate culture no longer fit, lack of recognition, toxic culture, lack of recognition, and company restructuring.

Could the exodus we are seeing from the AA be caused by one of the above, a combination of some of the above, or maybe something not listed here?

Whatever the factor or factors may be, at all falls back on the actions or in actions of the Executive arm of the government, that is the Premier and his Cabinet Ministers. From the moment they took office and became intimately involved with the affairs of the Airports Authority, things have gotten bad and worsened.

I am not insulating that there were never any issues with the Airports Authority, but we have never seen it like this. Too much interference on behalf of the Premier and others into the activities of the Authority, in particular with the Privatization of one of our country’s last remaining Cash Cows.

What we are seeing is a reverse “Midas Touch”, every institution in this country that this Premier and his Cabinet touches does not turn to Gold, it turns to, well I’ll let you fill that part in.

We see many institutions also having serious issues. Radio Turks and Caicos since going under the Premier’s Office is on life support, having no office to operate from in Providenciales for months, NHIP and NIB since they touched them, both experiencing major issues, Informal Settlement Unit disappeared, e-governance on pause, Housing nothing being built, Traffic Struggling, Immigration Department struggling, Ministry of Health in need of Health Care, Agriculture abandoned, fisheries gone fishing, the environment neglected, green budgeting inexistent, connectivity and internet the worse it has ever been.

That is to name a few. I have not touched on the Big-Ticket Items of Crime, Illegal Immigration, Cost of Living, Health Care, Job Placement, and Scholarships, Lack of Affordable housing, because as we know, these require addressing individually.

The Premiere and his government are not fixing anything but are messing up everything.

I will never say that the current PDM has the answers to All of our problems, but we have many answers for many of our problems. It is our mission to Build this country for You.

NYPD, JCF challenge US State Department's Travel Advisory

Deputy Commissioner Tarik Sheppard of the New York Police Department (NYPD) is moving to cast a new light on the US State Department's travel advisory for Jamaica, offering a counter-narrative that underscores the island's safety for tourists.

According to a news release on Friday, this comes in light of concerns raised in the advisory issued late last month. The latter cautioned tourists against visiting the island due to 'crime and medical services.'

The release stated that Sheppard's observations, 'grounded in both statistical evidence and personal experiences, affirm the efforts of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) in main-

taining law and order, and ensuring the safety of visitors.'

"The statistics I've seen do not justify the concerns outlined in the travel advisory," Sheppard noted.

Sheppard was speaking during a joint-interview with a group of US-based journalists. The JCF's Commissioner of Police, Major General Antony Anderson also sought to reassure travelers and international partners that the island remains a safe and vibrant destination. Also drawing on statistics, the top cop said recent data shows a marked decrease in major crimes, with murders down by 7.8 per cent and shootings by approximately 6 per cent, marking Jamaica's

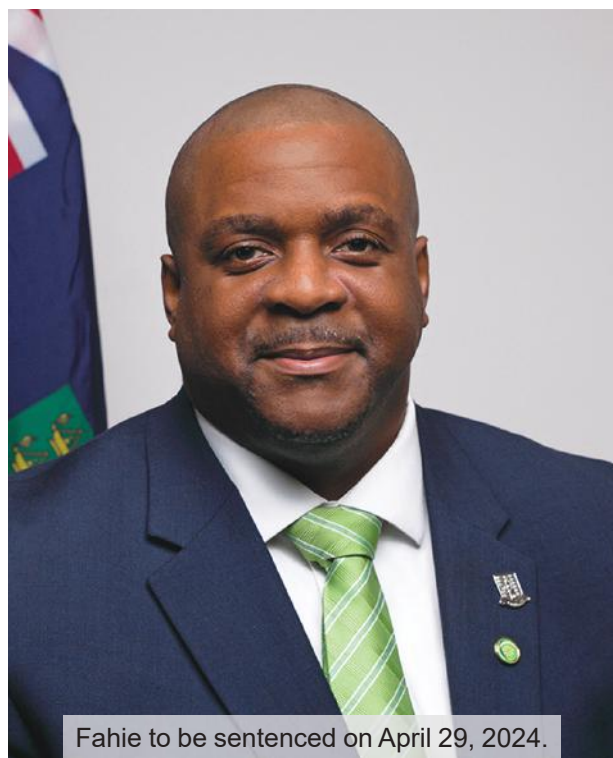
lowest level of crime in more than 22 years.

Anderson further highlighted that the downward trend in crime is as a result of the JCF's strategies in combatting violence and ensuring public safety.

"Our numbers are going down, which reflects the effectiveness of our efforts to tackle crime across the island," Anderson stated, highlighting the disconnect between the advisory and the actual situation.

According to the release, the collaboration between the NYPD and the JCF further exemplifies the shared commitment to public safety and crime prevention.

Former BVI premier found guilty on drugs related charges



Fahie to be sentenced on April 29, 2024.

MIAMI, CMC-Former British Virgin Islands (BVI) premier, Andrew Fahie, faces the possibility of life imprisonment after he was found guilty late Thursday evening on drug and racketeering related charges.

The sentencing is scheduled for April 29, 2024.

Fahie was convicted after a trial that lasted eight days, with the 12 member jury returning guilty verdicts of conspiracy to import a controlled substance, conspiracy to engage in money laundering, attempted money laundering, and interstate and for-

eign travel in aid of racketeering.

The jury deliberated for just over four hours returning unanimous decisions in the case that was brought by United States prosecutors, who during their opening arguments, described the matter as a straightforward case.

The prosecution relied on the information provided by a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) informant, who had initially made contact with Fahie's co-conspirators, Ole-anvine and Kadeem Maynard – the British Virgin Islands' former head of ports and her son.

The conspiracy's objective was to bribe BVI authorities to ignore the movement of cocaine-laden ships using the Tortola coastline as a transient haven en route to US ports.

The prosecution alleged that for his involvement, Fahie was to receive a share from each cocaine sale, part for personal gain and part to ensure the complicity of key public officials.

The court heard that while in Miami, Fahie and Maynard, inspected what they believed to be their initial shipment of cash, US\$700,000, to be divided between them, aboard a private jet at Miami-Opa Locka Executive Airport.

Fahie, who pleaded not guilty, was arrested in April 2022 by officers posing as cartel members and the Maynards, who had pre-

viously entered guilty pleas to their charges were granted lighter sentences.

Kadeem Maynard received a prison sentence of nearly five years, while his mother's sentencing has been deferred until after her testimony against Fahie.

During the trial, her testimony, aligned closely with the prosecution's case, detailed her role in introducing the scheme to Fahie and confirmed his willingness to participate.

She recounted Fahie's direct negotiations with the DEA informant, including his agreement to a 12 per cent profit share from the cocaine shipments and his acceptance of a US\$20,000 "good faith" cash gift, while she admitted receiving US\$10,000 from the same source.

She will be sentenced on February 22.

During the trial, Fahie maintained his innocence and court observers say that the resulting full jury trial means he is ineligible for any leniency typically afforded by a plea deal.

The charges carry severe penalties, with the money laundering counts each warranting up to 20 years in prison and the racketeering charge up to five years. The conspiracy to traffic cocaine, could lead to a life sentence and a fine of up to US\$10 million.

Fahie, who had been on bail and residing at his daughter's Miami apartment, was taken into custody late Thursday evening.

Gov't seizes Boeing 747 that Iran illegally sold to Venezuelan firm



A Venezuelan-owned Boeing 747, operated by Venezuela's state-owned Emtrasur cargo line, taxis on the runway after landing in Cordoba, Argentina, June 6, 2022.

The US government has seized a Boeing 747 cargo plane that officials say was previously sold by a sanctioned Iranian airline to a state-owned Venezuelan firm in violation of American export control laws.

The Justice Department said on Monday that the American-built plane had arrived in Florida and would be disposed of.

The plane had earlier been transferred from Iranian airline Mahan Air – which officials have alleged provides support for Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps-Quds Force – to Emtrasur, a Venezuelan cargo airline and subsidiary of a state-owned firm that had previously been sanctioned by the United State. Officials said the sale, done without US government authorisation, violated export control laws and also

improperly benefited Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard.

Mahan Air has for years been subject to US government restrictions on its business.

"The Justice Department is committed to ensuring that the full force of US laws deny hostile state actors the means to engage in malign activities that threaten our national security," Assistant Attorney General Matthew Olsen, the head of the department's national security division, said in a statement.

The plane was detained in June 2022 by Argentine law enforcement, and US officials moved several weeks later to take possession of it. Argentina officially transferred custody of the plane to the US on Sunday, officials said.

The Justice Department said the plane would now be "prepared for disposition", though it did not elaborate.

The Justice Department has identified the registered captain of the plane as an ex-commander for the Revolutionary Guard. Officials also cited a flight log which they say was recovered that shows additional flights after the transfer to Emtrasur to locations including Moscow, Caracas and Tehran – all without US government approval.

Mahan Air has denied any ties to the aircraft, and Venezuela has demanded that Argentine authorities release the plane.

On Sunday, members of a Venezuelan-led, left-leaning alliance condemned Argentina for its role in the plane being seized by the US, characterising the actions as "theft". The Bolivarian Alliance of the Peoples of Our America – Peoples' Trade Treaty argued that the actions violate international law.

"This aggression is another consequence of the unilateral coercive measures imposed by the government of the United States that threaten the sovereignty of Venezuela and violate the fundamental principles of the United Nations Charter and international law," the group, commonly known as the Alba Alliance, said in a statement.

The alliance was created in 2004 by Venezuela and Cuba in a bid to counter US influence in the region. Nicaragua, Bolivia and some Caribbean nations are among its current members.

Spain seizes eight-tonne cocaine shipment



MADRID, Spain (AFP)— Spanish customs agents said Monday they had seized eight tonnes of cocaine inside a container from the tiny Latin American country of Suriname in one of the

largest such shipments to date.

The container arrived at the southern port of Algeciras and inside it was a metal structure made with a special alloy that was designed to con-

fuse the customs agents' scanning equipment, the Agencia Tributaria tax and customs authority said in a statement.

Even so, the scanner managed to detect that the structure contained "a large quantity of merchandise" which turned out to be eight tonnes of "very high purity cocaine".

Police arrested three suspects, including the person who received the shipment.

Spain is one of the main entry points for drugs into Europe given its close ties with Latin America, which is the main source of cocaine, and its proximity to Morocco, a key source of cannabis resin.

On Friday night, two police were killed when their patrol boat was rammed by a speedboat driven by drug traffickers off the southern port of Barbate, 70 kilometres (40 miles) west of Algeciras.

Eight people were arrested over the incident, which also left another two police injured.

Interior Minister Fernando Grande-Marlaska said Monday the government would "continue investing whatever necessary" to work against drug smuggling in the Gibraltar Strait, where trafficking is rife.

But he ruled out resigning as demanded by Spain's right-wing opposition and local police unions who have repeatedly asked for more resources to fight trafficking.

Former Antigua and Barbuda Olympian found guilty of molesting young boys



MASSACHUSETTS, CMC – A former Antigua and Barbuda Olympian and longtime track coach, who used his status to abuse young boys, will spend what a judge said would be “probably a life sentence” after he pleaded guilty to 12 counts of indecent assault and battery on a child over 14 years.

In addition, Conrad Mainwaring, who was a hurdler for Antigua and Barbuda in the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal, also pleaded guilty to four counts of indecent assault and battery on a child under 14. The charges involved nine male victims.

The Berkshire Superior Court was told that Mainwaring, a 72-year-old Los Angeles resident and United Kingdom national, sexually molested young boys at a sports camp in western Massachusetts in the 1970s. He faces up to 11 years in jail.

Judge John Agostini said it was “probably a life sentence” given Mainwaring’s age.

“He used his Olympic status to abuse young boys. He chose young, attractive, athletic boys, young men because he knew, at least he thought he knew, they would not speak up. This was his opportunity for self-gratification, a fraud at the

expense of many, many lives,” District Attorney Timothy Shugrue told the court.”

Shugrue detailed case after case in which Mainwaring leveraged his Olympic credentials as part of a grooming technique used on boys attending Camp Greylock, making the youngsters believe that the sexual assault would make them better athletes. The abuse took place in the woods around the camp, in a van and near a tennis court among other places.

Mainwaring, who appeared on court in a wheelchair and wearing a mask, said “yes” when asked by the judge if he committed the offenses laid out in court. He then said “guilty” after each of the charges was read out. The court heard he molested campers from 1975 to 1979 while working as a counsellor at Camp Greylock in Becket.

Authorities have said they believe there are “many other victims” in several states and outside the United States.

Some of the camp victims, who were as young as 13 and as old as 19, testified at last Thursday’s hearing, and calling Mainwaring a danger to young men. They demanded a long jail sentence, arguing that he be kept away from boys

or young men and barred from coaching.

“It’s beyond diabolical, the pain and suffering of so many. It’s why he must be put behind bars and be prevented from ever harming anyone again,” said John Shapiro, an entrepreneur and father of three, who told the court how he was abused at the Massachusetts camp and Syracuse University.

Attorney Michael Waxman detailed how he met Mainwaring 40 years ago at the camp and was “overjoyed” that Mainwaring had picked him and would have followed him to “the ends of the earth” to see the dream of becoming a top athlete.

Massachusetts authorities started investigating Mainwaring following a 2019 ESPN report in which more than 50 men alleged they were abused by him, some of them at Camp Greylock. He was arrested in 2021 on a fugitive warrant as he left a Los Angeles County courthouse after a plea in a separate case from 2019.

Mainwaring also is accused in several lawsuits of abusing dozens of young men when he was a doctoral student, a deputy residency hall director and track and field coach at Syracuse University in the 1980s.

Joseph signs with Lucknow in IPL



Shamar Joseph of the West Indies celebrates dismissing Josh Hazlewood of Australia, which sealed a win for the West Indies during day four of the second Test cricket match at Gabba in Brisbane, Australia, on January 28, 2024.

Fast bowling sensation Shamar Joseph is set to feature in the Indian Premier League (IPL) after signing a US\$362,000 deal with Lucknow Super

Giants.

The 24-year-old will replace England speedster Mark Wood who media reports say has been re-

called by England and Wales Cricket Board to prepare for upcoming assignments.

At Super Giants, Joseph will join fellow West Indies player Kyle Mayers and will be part of a fast bowling contingent that includes Afghan Naveen-ul-Haq and Englishman David Willey.

Super Giants were good enough to make the play-offs of last season's IPL before being knocked out by Mumbai Indians.

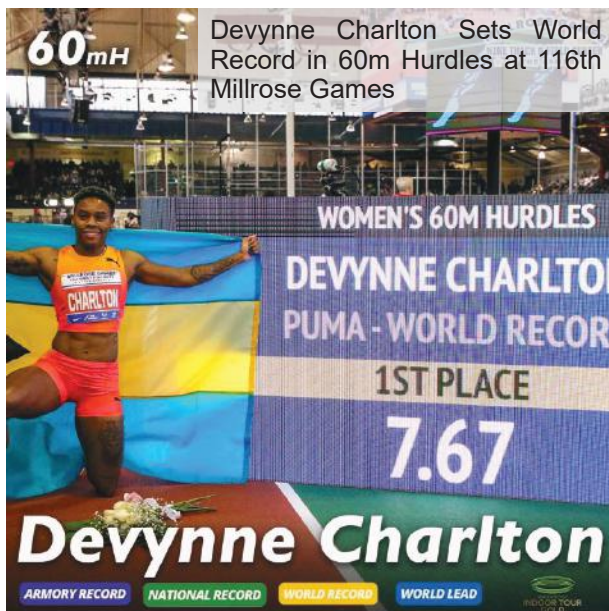
The Twenty20 franchise deal is the second to emerge for Joseph after he was signed by Daren Sammy's Peshawar Zalmi in the Pakistan Super League which bowls off later this month.

Joseph shot to prominence on the recent drawn two-Test tour of Australia when he produced a Man of the Series performance to earn West Indies their first Test win down under in nearly three decades.

The right-armer snatched a five-wicket haul on debut in Adelaide as West Indies went down by 10 wickets, and returned with figures of seven for 68 in the second innings in Brisbane to bowl West Indies to an eight-run victory on the fourth day.

Joseph finished the series with 13 wickets at 17 runs apiece.

Devyne Charlton Shatters 60m Hurdles World Record at Millrose Games



Devyne Charlton Sets World Record in 60m Hurdles at 116th Millrose Games

The Bahamian achieved the best start in a field that included several Olympic and World Championship hurdle finalists (both indoor and outdoor), among them the reigning 100m hurdles World Champion, Danielle Williams of Jamaica. Williams ran a season's best of 7.79 to narrowly beat Tia Jones (7.79), the athlete who had taken the WL from Charlton in Boston on February 4th, for second place. Ackera Nugent, who finished sixth in Budapest, came in fourth on Sunday with a season-best of 7.80.

"So many of these ladies have the capability to do it; it's all in executing the race," Charlton remarked.

This season, Charlton has competed in seven 60m hurdles races, finishing under 8 seconds in each. Her performances included two sub-7.80 runs: a 7.75 that earned her a win at the Corky Classic with a new national record (NR) for the Bahamas and WL, and a 7.76 effort that surprisingly only secured third place behind Jones' 7.72 and Nigerian Tobi Amusan's 7.75.

Charlton, who was fourth outdoors last season in Budapest and runner-up in Belgrade in 2022, appears to be in prime position to improve her championship finishes

in Glasgow.

Following closely after the Women's 60m hurdles was the flat Women's 60m, where Julien Alfred raced to a new personal best (PB) and WL of 6.99.

Julien Alfred Breaks the 7-Second Barrier in Women's 60m at Millrose Games

Like Charlton in the hurdles, Julien Alfred had a strong start, leading the field by mid-race and decisively pulling ahead by the 50m mark. Jamaican Shashalee Forbes finished second in 7.14, while American Destiny-Smith Barnett took third in 7.16.

The St. Lucian sprinter became the first woman to break 7.00 seconds in 2024, surpassing Ewa Swoboda's 7.01.

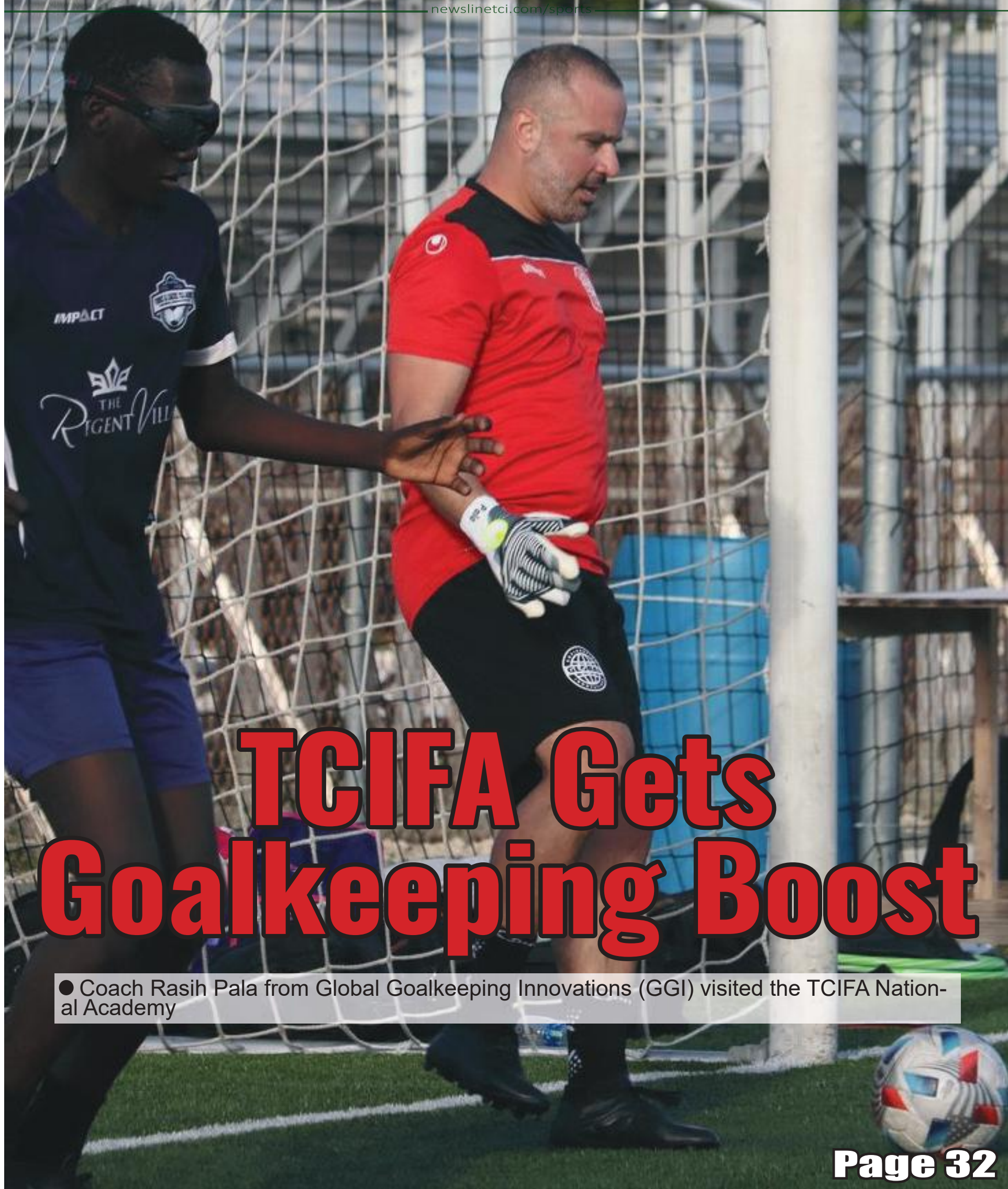
"It means I'm on the right track," Alfred told NBC Sports. "It just means I have to keep going and keep training hard."

Alfred, who graduated from the University of Texas and signed with Puma in 2023, is navigating her first full professional season with careful consideration, even with the Paris World Championships on the horizon.

"I'm taking it race by race; I'm not thinking about down the line right now," she stated. "Now that I'm done with Millrose, I'm focusing on the World Indoors."

The 116th Millrose Games kicked off with an incredibly dynamic start as Devynne Charlton continued her standout season in the 60m hurdles, reclaiming her former world lead (WL) with a world record of 7.67 on Sunday (11 Feb).

"It's all about crossing the line first," Devynne Charlton said in a post-race interview with NBC Sports. "I feel I got the start I needed; I just held it," she added. ALSO READ: Terrence Jones Teases Noah Lyles on X: A Friendly Rivalry for the 60m World Lead



TCIFA Gets Goalkeeping Boost

● Coach Rasih Pala from Global Goalkeeping Innovations (GGI) visited the TCIFA National Academy

Rita Gardiner Takes WIS Reins



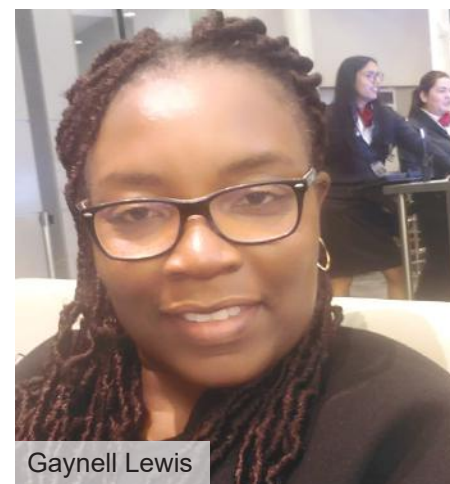
Rita Gardiner



Sharon Simons



Edith Cox



Gaynell Lewis



Aldora Robinson



Lee-Anna Sutton



Damona Taylor



Dixie Smith

Turks and Caicos Ombudsman Hon. Rita Gardiner has been ushered to the helm of the Women In Sports (WIS) body following a recently held election, regaining the reins from Immediate Past President Sharon Simons.

The new body comprised Gardiner as the President, Edith Cox – Vice President, Sharon Simons – Vice President, Aldora Robinson - Public Relations Officer, Gaynell Lewis – Public Relations, Damona Taylor - Public Relations Officer, Matrisa Lowe- Secretary, Captain Dixie Smith – Assistant Secretary, Lee-Anna Sutton – Treasurer.

A veteran sports administrator and a Hall of Fame Inductee, Gardiner credits herself for many firsts in sports and community development in the TCI, having been in sports for the past five decades. She started out as an athlete, then serving 48 years in sports administration.

Gardiner is a founding member of many sporting institutions, including co-founder of Women in Sports. Gardiner stated in her acceptance speech that she is committed to the ideals as set out in Women In Sports' goals and objectives to promote and advance the talents of women and girls, and to bring about gender equality in sports by ensuring women and girls equal opportunities.

She pointed out that under her stewardship deserving women would be recognized for their achievements in the community.

Simons, Manager for Morris, Cottingham Corporate Services Limited, co-host for Sports Watch Programme on Radio Turks and Caicos. A Sports Enthusiast, working towards the advancement of women in Sports.

Cox is a founding member of TCI Women In Sports. She was reelected as the Vice President serving the island of Providenciales. Cox is a CPA and heads one of the largest corporations in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Her Accounting skills and experience landed her the position of Treasurer of the Caribbean National Olympic Committee (CANOC), also serving on the Commonwealth Games Association since 2014, as well as on many other organizations in the

Turks and Caicos Islands.

The philanthropist is well known for her mentoring of youth and involvement in all areas of sports and community development.

Robinson was until recently the Director of the Health Promotion and Advocacy Unit within the Ministry of Health and Human Services. She is a Registered Nurse by profession who has held various positions within the Ministry of Health.

In 2006, Robinson earned a Master of Science Degree in Sexually Transmitted Infections and in 2007, earned a Master of Business Administration degree specializing in the field of Human Resource Management.

She led the COVID-19 communications for the Ministry of Health and Human Services. Robinson brings with her communication, community advocate and interpersonal relationship skills to the Women in sports Organization.

Lowe has been described as a dedicated educator and advocate for women's health and fitness. As the newly appointed secretary for Women In Sports, she brings a wealth of experience and passion to her role. She currently serves as a teacher at Ona Glington Primary School, where she is committed to empowering young girls.

Lewis is a primary education teacher on the island of Grand Turk. She is a sports enthusiast and assistant coach and house coordinator of Ona Glington Primary School. Lewis is also a health education specialist, who blends sports and health to lead her teams to success. As a public relations officer for Women In Sports, she hopes to continue to merge these two, while promoting sports in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Taylor, a teacher at the Clement Howell High School on Providenciales, for over 15 years. She has been an active and passionate advocate for sports and youth development within the islands. However, dear to her heart is football, and track and field.

Such passion has led her to undertake numerous certifications in these areas. She is presently a CONCACAF certified Match Commissioner and

venue coordinator, which has allowed her to travel to various countries in CONCACAF, to officiate games.

As a newly elected Public Relations Officer for Providenciales, Taylor endeavors to actively promote women and girls in sports, and help to create activities that will break barriers, while helping others to see themselves as valuable and not just an athlete.

Smith is currently employed with the Turks and Caicos Islands Regiment, having trained as an Officer at the Royal Military Academy of Sandhurst. She holds the office of Adjutant and Secretary to the Defense Board.

Even with her many responsibilities, because of her passion for fitness and sports, Captain Smith works very closely within the Training Department for the TCI Regiment.

She recently completed her Physical Training Leader course within the TCI Regiment. Captain Smith is no stranger to sports as she comes from a family of athletes. In 2011, she represented the Turks and Caicos Islands at the Commonwealth Youth Games in the Isle of Mann.

She is an active member of her Church Softball League and an Official for sporting events. As the newly elected Assistant Secretary for the WIS, Providenciales, Smith plans to continue to encourage and motivate young ladies to take part in fitness and all sporting activities throughout the islands.

Sutton is currently a high school teacher at the H.J. Robinson High school, where she once attended. She is the current Minister for Education in the National Youth Parliament, a member of the Girl Guide, Assistant Coach to the Panthers Track Club, and a Cadet Instructor for the Turks and Caicos Islands Cadet. Born and raised on Grand Turk, Sutton has been active in Sports since Primary school, until she went to study abroad. Sutton is also a trained official. As Assistant Treasurer for Women in Sport, she hopes to continue assisting to maintain the financial soundness of Women in Sports, by tracking their income and expenditures, and to ensure effective financial procedures are in place and proper records are kept.

GGI's Rasih Pala Enhances TCIFA's Goalkeeping Expertise



Rasih Pala, Executive Vice President and co-founder of Global Goalkeeping Innovations (third left) provides instructions to local goalkeepers during the session. Fifth from left is Aaron Lawrence, National Goalkeeper for the Turks and Caicos Islands.

The Turks and Caicos Islands Football Association (TCIFA) welcomed Rasih Pala, Executive Vice President and co-founder of Global Goalkeeping Innovations (GGI), for an enriching coaching session on Monday, February 12.

The event, hosted at the TCIFA National Academy, saw Coach Pala collaborating with TCIFA's National Goalkeeping Coach, Aaron Lawrence.

Coach Pala, renowned for his extensive background in goalkeeping and coaching, engaged with goalkeepers across diverse age groups, ranging from U11 to senior levels. The tailored training sessions aimed to enhance the participants' goalkeeping skills, providing them with valuable insights and techniques.

Global Goalkeeping Innovations, under Coach Rasih Pala's leadership, specializes in coach education, elite

training, and university identification programs, primarily in the United States and Canada. The executive is also the head goalkeeper coach at York University, a prestigious Canadian program. Alongside his university commitments, Coach Rasih manages goalkeeping at North Toronto Soccer, the largest community club in Toronto, and serves as the lead goalkeeper coach for the Guyana Women's Senior National Team.

Coach Pala's rich background as a former professional goalkeeper, NCAA Division 1 athlete, and representative of the Canadian U17 Men's National Team during World Cup qualifying matches brings invaluable experience to his coaching role. Holding a Canadian Youth National Goalkeeper license and actively pursuing his Canadian National B License, Coach Rasih is deeply committed to raising goalkeeping standards.

Expressing his enthusiasm about the visit, Coach Rasih Pala stated, "I am very excited to re-visit and work with the Turks and Caicos Islands Football Association. This is a great opportunity to work closely with local goalkeepers and provide a great experience for all players & coaches involved. Goalkeeping is a passion, and being able to share knowledge and experiences is a great gift."

The TCIFA expressed gratitude to Dane (Technical Director) and the Turks and Caicos Islands Football Association for facilitating Coach Pala's visit, reinforcing their commitment to fostering excellence in goalkeeping and player development.

Sports Director Labels Murder Near Parade Ground As Brazen



Sports Director Jarrett Forbes

"It is a travesty, the brazen act of violence that occurred in the vicinity of the Grand Turk Parade Grounds, during the HJ Robinson High School's Sports Day yesterday, February 8th," said Jarrett Forbes Director of Sports.

"Such an act resulted in the loss of life and a traumatic experience for those present and loved ones connected to both the victim and attendees. This is an abhorrent and vicious attack on our social fabric," Forbes said.

While extending the Sports Commission's sympathy towards the family of the victim, who was

killed in a hail of bullets, Forbes described the act might have a rippling effect on students and teachers at the Parade Ground, who were staging their sports day at the time of incident.

"The Turks and Caicos Islands Sports Commission (TCISC) offers its condolences to the family of the deceased and is sensitive to the trauma experienced by the students, teachers, and other community members.

"While the School Sports Day occurred at a facility managed by the TCISC, the event was hosted by the HJ Robinson High School. We can confirm, however, that a reasonable security strategy was implemented by the school's administration, based on the nature and timing of the event.

Crowd control measures were in place, school security was on site and police officers were conducting periodic stops throughout the day. The TCISC gives credit to the school's administration for their rapid response to the incident.

"The Commission has an aggressive security risk strategy to safeguard athletes, officials, and spectators at 'major' sports events. This security strategy includes a strong continuous presence of the Royal TCI Police Force (RTCIPF), both on the inside of the venue and patrolling the sur-

rounding area; professional security services; screening of all persons entering the premises; crowd control strategies; strictly enforced venue rules; and lock down or evacuation plans.

"We must however be judicious as to what is the risk assessment at a smaller sports event such as a School Sports Day, and we must determine what reasonable level of security is required to safeguard the students and visiting spectators. We are prepared to meet with the various school administrators and the RTCIPF to conduct a risk assessment of school or community sports events," Forbes said.

Forbes said the school community was still in shock from the incident, pointing out that his department was committed to throw its weight behind the safeguarding of its stakeholders.

"We cannot overstate the shock experienced by the school, community, attendees, and event hosts that such a violent act could take place not just in the surrounding area of the school but also in the middle of the day, while a school event is taking place.

"The TCISC is committed to working with all parties to safeguard our stakeholders and we encourage everyone to assist in the investigation of this crime," Forbes said.