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The Grace Bay Club hosted the kick-off party of the Caribbean Food and Wine Festival on Thursday, with a cocktail reception. The event featured the best in a variety of foods and wines and good musical entertainment. The event also featured fireworks.



Human Traffickers Prosecuted as Part of Major Anti-Smuggling Effort



Minister of Immigration and Border Services
Hon. Arlington Musgrove

In a decisive move against human trafficking, the Turks and Caicos Islands Border Force, in collaboration with the U.S. Coast Guard, has successfully prosecuted two individuals involved in a significant human smuggling operation.

This milestone underscores the Border Force's commitment to combatting illegal migration and reinforces the country's stance on border security. The case originated from a September 23, 2024, incident in which a vessel carrying 44 migrants, including two minors, was intercepted within Turks and Caicos territorial waters near Ambergris Cay and South Caicos. Following a detailed investigation, authorities identified two individuals from the vessel as key facilitators in the smuggling operation. They were arrested, charged under the Turks and Caicos Immigra-

tion Ordinance, and appeared before the Magistrate Court on October 7, 2024.

Ronel Norvil, one of the defendants, was found to have a history of repeated illegal entries into the Turks and Caicos Islands, totaling 11 instances since 2005. During his hearing, he pleaded guilty to multiple charges, including unlawful entry, entering the islands while on the stop list, and returning despite a deportation order.

Norvil received a cumulative 32-month sentence in His Majesty's Prison. His sentence includes 20 months for unlawful entry, six months for entering while on the stop list, and an additional six months for re-entering in violation of a deportation order. Norvil, considered a primary facilitator of smuggling operations, is set for deportation upon the completion of his prison term.

The second individual, Guitho Joseph, entered the Turks and Caicos Islands unlawfully in 2023. He also pleaded guilty to unlawful entry and was sentenced to six months in prison, with deportation recommended following his release. Joseph's involvement highlights the wider challenge of deterring repeat offenders from exploiting migration routes to the islands.

This successful prosecution has drawn attention to the Turks and Caicos Islands' stance on illegal immigration and human trafficking. Hon. Arlington Musgrove, Minister of Immigration and Border Services, praised the Border Force and the Department of Public Prosecutions for their rigorous efforts in the case.

"This case highlights the serious consequences of repeated immigration offenses and the Border Force's commitment to safeguarding our borders," Musgrove stated. "We are sending a clear message that illegal entry will not be tolerated, and those who repeatedly violate our laws will face the brunt of the legal system. The sentences handed down in this case reflect the gravity of the crimes committed, and I commend all those involved in bringing these individuals to justice."

To further emphasize the government's zero-tolerance policy, Musgrove reminded the public that aiding or harboring illegal migrants is a severe offense under the Immigration Ordinance. Violations carry penalties of up to \$20,000 in fines and four years in prison. Authorities will continue to pursue and prosecute those involved in facilitating illegal entry to the fullest extent of the law.

This high-profile case serves as a warning and a deterrent to traffickers who target the Turks and Caicos Islands. By upholding strict enforcement of immigration laws, the Border Force and its partners are committed to maintaining national security and protecting the country's borders. The prosecution of Norvil and Joseph represents a significant step in this ongoing effort, underscoring the islands' resolve to combat human smuggling and safeguard the rights of those affected by illegal immigration.

With this prosecution, the Turks and Caicos Islands reaffirm their dedication to law enforcement and international partnerships, setting a precedent for the future of border security in the region.



Available Positions

Reservations Manager

Job Specification:

- Team leadership
- Provide leadership, guidance, and direction to the reservation team, including recruitment, training, performance management, and professional development, to foster a high-performing and motivated workforce.
- Reservation management
- Oversee all aspects of the reservation process, including handling inquiries, managing bookings, confirming reservations, and resolving issues or discrepancies, ensuring accuracy, efficiency, and compliance with hotel policies and procedures.
- Revenue optimization
- Develop and implement strategies to maximize room revenue and occupancy levels, including setting pricing strategies, managing inventory, and implementing upselling and cross-selling initiatives to achieve revenue targets.
- Distribution channel management
- Manage relationships with distribution partners, online travel agencies (OTAs), and global distribution systems (GDS), negotiating contracts, optimizing distribution channels, and monitoring performance to increase market share and revenue.
- Forecasting and analysis
- Analyze reservation trends, booking patterns, and market demand data to forecast occupancy levels, identify opportunities for revenue growth, and make data-driven decisions to optimize pricing and inventory management strategies.
- Guest experience enhancement
- Collaborate with other hotel departments, including front office, sales, and marketing, to ensure a seamless and personalized guest experience from booking to check-out, implementing initiatives to enhance guest satisfaction and loyalty.
- Technology integration
- Evaluate and implement reservation management systems, booking engines, and revenue management tools to streamline processes, enhance efficiency, and improve the guest booking experience.
- Reporting and analytics
- Generate reports and analytics related to reservation performance, revenue metrics, and market trends, providing insights and recommendations to senior management for strategic planning and decision-making.
- Quality assurance

Job Requirements:

- Must be able to speak English
- Must have 3-5 years as a Reservations Manager + management certifications
- Must have a good experience in sales and revenue management.
- Must be articulate, professional and able to meet targets set for revenue generation.

Salary expectations - \$50,000 - \$65,000 per annum

Rooms Division Manager

Job Specification:

- Lead and manage the front office and housekeeping teams ensuring these departments are provided with support as needed.
- Assist the reservation department, ensuring accurate and efficient handling of room reservations, group bookings, and guest inquiries, and implementing strategies to optimize room revenue and occupancy levels.
- Guest services enhancement
- Develop and implement guest service initiatives and standards to enhance the overall guest experience, including personalized service, VIP amenities, and special touches that exceed guest expectations.
- Housekeeping management
- Manage the housekeeping department, including room attendants, supervisors, and laundry staff, to ensure cleanliness, hygiene, and maintenance of guest rooms, public areas, and back-of-house facilities.
- Quality assurance
- Implement and maintain quality assurance standards for guest accommodations, including room cleanliness, maintenance, and amenities, conducting regular inspections and audits to ensure compliance with brand standards and guest satisfaction.
- Revenue optimization
- Develop and implement strategies to maximize room revenue and occupancy levels, including pricing strategies, distribution channel management, and upselling initiatives, to achieve revenue targets and profitability goals.
- Provide training, coaching, and professional development opportunities to front office and housekeeping staff, ensuring they have the necessary skills, knowledge, and resources to deliver exceptional service and meet performance standards.
- Budget management
- Prepare and manage departmental budgets, including staffing, operating expenses, and capital expenditures, to achieve financial targets and control costs while maintaining service quality and standards.

Job Requirements:

- Must have 3-5 years experience as an Rooms Division Manager/Executive Housekeeper/Rooms Operator
- Certificates and advancement qualifications within the Rooms remit
- Must be able to meet deadlines and work under pressure

Salary expectation - \$60,000- \$70,000 per annum

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Rooms Operations Specialist/Supervisor

Job Specification:

- Assist management in hiring, training, scheduling, evaluating, counseling, disciplining, and motivating and coaching employees; and serve as a role model and first point of contact of the Guarantee of Fair Treatment/Open Door Policy process.
- Follow all company and safety and security policies and procedures; report accidents, injuries, and unsafe work conditions to manager; and complete safety training and certifications.
- Welcome and acknowledge all guests according to company standards, anticipate and address guests' service needs, assist individuals with disabilities, and thank guests with genuine appreciation.
- Speak with others using clear and professional language.
- Develop and maintain positive working relationships with others, support team to reach common goals, and listen and respond appropriately to the concerns of other employees.
- Ensure adherence to quality expectations and standards; and identify, recommend, develop, and implement new ways to increase organizational efficiency, productivity, quality, safety, and/or cost-savings.
- Enter and locate work-related information using computers and/or point of sale systems.
- Stand, sit, or walk for an extended period of time or for an entire work shift. Move, lift, carry, push, pull, and place objects weighing less than or equal to 25 pounds without assistance.

Job Requirements:

- Must have 2- 3 years experience in related field
- Must be able to move over sloping, uneven, or slippery surfaces. Reach overhead and below the knees, including bending, twisting, pulling, and stooping. Perform other reasonable job duties as requested.

Salary expectation - \$20,596 - \$25,167 per annum

UK To Strengthen Local Law Enforcement

Premier Hon. Washing Misick (right) and UK Minister responsible for Overseas Territories Stephen Doughty



UK Minister Stephen Doughty met with Premier Hon.

Charles Washington Misick on Thursday for what has been described as a productive bilateral meeting focused on enhancing security measures in the territory.

This high-level discussion addressed critical challenges, including serious crime and illicit maritime activity, with both governments working together to devise immediate and longer-term solutions.

A major highlight of the meeting was the announcement of increased UK support to strengthen TCI's law enforcement capacity. Minister Doughty revealed that the UK government is funding two new marine vessels for the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Marine Unit. Additionally, the Royal Navy warship HMS Medway will be deployed to TCI waters within the coming weeks to assist with patrolling territorial waters, signaling the UK's commitment to bolstering TCI's maritime security.

This deployment of HMS Medway comes in response to pressing security needs, and the Royal Navy ship will conduct territorial patrols to counteract illegal activities such as human trafficking and drug smuggling. Minister Doughty, alongside UK Minister for Armed Forces Luke Pollard, emphasized in a joint statement the importance of this mission in supporting TCI's local authorities. "We are delighted to announce that HMS Medway, a Royal Navy warship, will visit TCI in the coming weeks to undertake patrols of TCI's territorial waters. This forms part of wider enhanced measures of support from the UK to the Islands to build local capability in response to ongoing security challenges," said Ministers Doughty and Pollard.

The discussions also covered investments in TCI's social infrastructure, with a particular focus on critical projects like airport redevelopment. This project is anticipated to

strengthen TCI's capacity to support tourism and other industries vital to the territory's economic prosperity.

The meeting took place against the backdrop of significant constitutional reforms that have recently been submitted to the Privy Council for final approval. These reforms represent a major step forward in the modern partnership between TCI and the UK, according to Premier Misick. The Premier expressed optimism that this constitutional progress will bolster TCI's governance framework, enabling more responsive and efficient local governance.

Premier Misick praised the productive nature of the meeting, highlighting the collaborative approach between the UK and TCI. "The discussions conducted today underscore our collective commitment to ensuring the safety and security of the Turks and Caicos Islands. It is vital that the United Kingdom Government works with my Government to strengthen our law enforcement capability and fortify our borders," said Premier Misick.

The Premier further underscored the importance of these developments, viewing the deployment of HMS Medway and additional resources for the police force as essential steps to safeguard TCI's security and prosperity. The Premier also noted his eagerness to continue collaborating with Minister Doughty at the Joint Ministerial Council later this month, an annual gathering aimed at strengthening partnerships and addressing shared challenges among UK Overseas Territories.

With additional resources, increased security measures, and structural reforms on the horizon, this meeting reflects a significant milestone in TCI's ongoing efforts to protect its borders, enhance public safety, and deepen ties with the UK.



Available Positions

Concierge/Butler

Job Specification:

- Perform Duties as a Butler as needed; ironing, organizing guest items, cooking prep meals etc.
- Greeting new guests or residents and acquainting them with the facility's amenities
- Anticipating guests' needs and solving their problems
- Researching dining and entertainment recommendations and making reservations
- Providing directions and information about local points of interest
- Hiring and supervising staff, including scheduling
- Ensuring rooms and common areas meet guest standards
- Assisting hotel, resort, and spa guests.
- Serving the needs of upscale apartment dwellers.
- Supporting the needs of residents of exclusive senior communities.
- Coordinating services for full-service office building tenants.

Job Requirements:

- Must be efficient multitasking and organizational skills
- Must have strong interpersonal communication skills
- Must have attention to detail
- Must be discrete and confidential with guest information
- Must have good research skills
- Must be able to solve problems as needed
- Must be able to speak English
- Must have 3-5 years as a Concierge or Butler
- Must have a good experience in sales and revenue management.
- Must be articulate, professional and able to meet targets set for revenue generation.

Salary expectations - \$23,100 - \$26,000 per annum

Maintenance Technician

Job Specification:

- Inspecting machinery, equipment, buildings and systems, including heating, ventilation and air conditioning
- Performing routine cleaning and sanitising, including specialist cleaning of delicate or high-value items such as entry systems, security equipment, lifts and escalators
- Completing small repairs such as fixing locks, leaky taps and broken windows
- Checking and maintaining safety equipment such as fire alarms, fire extinguishers and carbon monoxide detectors
- Performing grounds maintenance such as mowing lawns, trimming bushes and replacing exterior light bulbs
- Inspecting and troubleshooting problems and issues reported by clients or colleagues
- Maintaining vehicles, tools and equipment required to perform the role effectively
- Following a maintenance schedule to ensure that all routine tasks are completed

Job Requirements:

- Must have 2-3 years working in the Maintenance or Mechanical departments
- Must have a good experience in problem solving and fixing issues as required within the hotel environment, water waste, carpentry, mechanical issues, maintenance and fixtures.

Salary expectations - \$22,000 - \$35,000 per annum

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Restaurant Supervisor

Job Specification:

- Assist in the hiring and training of new employees as well as the continuous training of existing staff
- Oversee both front and back of house operations, including wait staff, kitchen crew, and bussing staff
- Maintain high-quality food standards
- Oversee our kitchen staff's compliance with all health code and sanitation requirements
- Provide exceptional customer service and lead staff to do the same
- Respond to customer complaints quickly and resolve them effectively
- Develop strategies for improving our customers' dining experience
- Work with staff to project future needs for kitchen supplies, goods, and cleaning products.
- Maintain inventory of all needed supplies
- Identify methods our restaurant can use to cut waste, decrease costs, and improve profits
- Manage the work schedules of our restaurant's staff

Job Requirements:

- Must have 2-3 years experience in related field
- Must be able to move over sloping, uneven, or slippery surfaces. Reach overhead and below the knees, including bending, twisting, pulling, and stooping. Perform other reasonable job duties as requested.

Salary expectation - \$34,320- \$38,000 per annum

RTCIPF Launches Fully-Equipped Mobile Police Station to Strengthen Community Safety

By Vivian Tyson, Editor-in-Chief



Government Members and those of the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force share a photo moment in front of the newly commissioned Mobile Police Vehicle

In a significant step toward enhancing community policing and public safety, the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force (RTCIPF) commissioned a state-of-the-art Mobile Police Station.

This fully operational unit was officially unveiled at an event at the Kew Town Farmers Market on November 6. With the ability to provide a full range of police services directly within high-priority areas, the mobile unit is part of the RTCIPF's strategy to foster stronger relationships with the communi-

ty, enhance accessibility to law enforcement, and respond more swiftly to residents' concerns.

Acting Police Commissioner of Police Kendall Grant, emphasized the importance of bringing the police directly to the community, especially in areas that may be underserved by traditional, fixed police stations.

"This mobile unit gives us the flexibility to move around Providenciales, with a particular focus on high-priority communities such as Kewtown, Blue Hills, and Five Keys," he stat-

ed. "We're prioritizing these areas due to community challenges we need to address collaboratively. This unit allows us to bridge the gap by bringing critical police services directly to residents."

The Mobile Police Station, which is equipped with the latest in policing technology, is intended to increase public confidence and trust in law enforcement. The Acting Commissioner explained that the mobile unit would allow officers to engage with residents in ways that were previously challenging, due to both limited accessibility and logistical constraints.

"Not everyone can come to us, so we are going to our communities," he said, highlighting that the unit's mobility aligns with a "sustainable service approach" to meet the unique needs of each neighborhood.

Equipped to Serve in Difficult Terrains

Built to withstand challenging terrains, the mobile station can access even the most remote parts of Providenciales, thanks to its specialized stabilizing jacks and other features that lock it securely in position, providing a safe environment for both officers and the public.

The unit is more than just a patrol vehicle; it is designed to function as a fully-equipped police station on wheels. It includes everything necessary for standard police operations, such as taking reports, recording statements, and conducting on-site searches based on information from the community. Additional features include an elevated lighting system and a surveillance camera mounted on a retractable pole, enhancing both security and visibility in darker areas. According to Acting Commissioner Grant, these features help officers maintain situational awareness, protecting them and enabling a secure environment for community members seeking assistance. "This mobile station can serve all policing needs, creating a more immediate and robust response for residents," he said.

Government's Support for Community Safety

Premier Hon. Washington Misick attended the unveiling and commended the RTCIPF's commitment to reinforcing community policing efforts.

"The government is committed to providing the necessary tools and resources for our police force to operate effectively within our communities," Premier Misick said. "This mobile unit reflects our dedication to improving public safety and supports our officers in building stronger, more trusting relationships with the people they serve."

Premier Misick also indicated that plans are in place to potentially acquire additional mobile units, given the community's demand for a heightened law enforcement presence.

"We understand that physical police stations cannot cover every corner of our islands at once, so this mobile solution allows us to maintain a visible and responsive presence in areas that need it most," he added, encouraging residents to view the unit as a symbol of the government's ongoing commitment to their safety.

A Symbol of Commitment and Trust

For her part, Governor Dileeni Daniel Selvaratnam echoed the Premier's sentiments, describing the Mobile Police Station as a powerful facilitator for community trust. She emphasized that the RTCIPF's presence in neighborhoods is crucial to tackling the root causes of crime collaboratively.

"This vehicle provides more than just accessibility; it fosters day-to-day relationships between police officers and the community," she said. "These relationships are essential for building trust and enabling law enforcement to be effective in preventative efforts."

The governor noted that today's law enforcement challenges require an evolving approach that involves collaboration across government sectors, community organizations, and social services. The Mobile Police Station, she highlighted, is a tangible example of how the RTCIPF is adjusting its strategies to meet these needs. "For our police force, being actively present is key to understanding community issues from the ground up, and this unit brings us closer to that goal," she added.

A Long-Term Commitment to Safety

In the meantime, Acting Commissioner Grant pointed out that the unveiling of the Mobile Police Station marks the RTCIPF's commitment to modernizing its approach to community safety and ensuring law enforcement presence is not only seen but felt in every neighborhood. With an investment estimated between \$350,000 and \$500,000, the government and the RTCIPF are focused on equipping the force with the tools needed to serve more effectively.

NOTICE

Regulation 8 of the Physical Planning (Development Permission)

Regulations, 2021

An Application, REGISTERED GT 5347, by AARON ST PIERRE for A DWELLING HOUSE WITH A BUILDING SYSTEM THAT IS NOT CONSISTING WITH THE TCI BUILDING CODE ON BLOCK AND PARCEL 10306/17.

This application has been submitted to the Department of Planning for consideration of Development Permission on Block & Parcels 10306/17 which is 0.12 acres of land located at Front Street, Grand Turk.

Anyone wishing to make representation(s) may do so in writing to the Director of Planning, South Base, Grand Turk or through the Department of Planning, Emily House, Leeward Highway, Providenciales, within twenty-eight (28) days of publication of this Notice. You may also make representation(s) via video conferencing at the sitting of the Physical Planning Board when this application would be considered. If you are desirous so to do via video conferencing, contact the Secretary of Physical Planning Board.

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A genocide in plain sight?

Before delving into an assessment of both the Hamas and Israeli atrocities I must first debunk the massive propaganda that has been espoused to convince people that this all started when Hamas attacked Israel on October 7 last year.

The facts are that Hamas was only formed in 1987 and Israel's atrocities have been perpetrated from its very formation in 1948, and even before, by Zionist gangs seeking to drive Palestinians from their land to create the state of Israel. Over 3/4 million Palestinians were driven from their homes, and thousands were slaughtered. Many of those refugees ironically ended up in Gaza where they and their children have been attacked and slaughtered for years.

Ironically, the first terrorists who were a part of this conflict included people who later became Israeli prime ministers, these include Menachem Begin, who was wanted as a terrorist by the British for the infamous bombing of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem; Yitzak Shamir, a member of the Stern Gang, was also wanted by the British for being a terrorist; and Ariel Sharon, while not personally labelled by the British as a terrorist, was an active member of the Haganah — another terrorist gang.

Israel's first prime minister, David Ben Gurion, "was known to use intimidatory tactics such as extorting money from wealthy Jews at gunpoint to raise funds for Jewish Worker", according to Wikipedia. Indeed, it seems that one of, if not the only qualification needed to be an Israeli prime minister was that of being a terrorist or violent mobster.

Interestingly, the first Israeli prime minister to take concrete steps towards peace, with the signing of the Oslo Accord, was gunned down by a right-wing Israeli fanatic for attempting to make peace. He was never labelled a terrorist and his brother, who was an accomplice, was recently pardoned and released from prison. So much for the lauded Israeli justice system in which innocent Palestinians, both men and women, are raped by Israeli soldiers.

The present Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu seems intent on outdoing all his predecessors in terms of war crimes and atrocities. His Likud party, in its charter, calls for a "Greater Israel", which includes parts of Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and Iraq, and he has had the audacity to show a map of Israel — at the UN no less — disregarding any recognition of Palestinian land. He himself faces multiple corruption charges in the Israeli courts and potentially massive jail terms once he vacates the office of prime minister. That is, in my opinion, probably a

major motivation to escalate the war, along with drawing attention away from the failure to stop or minimise the Hamas attack on October 7.

At this point it is important to distinguish between Jews and Zionist and Zionism. The fanatical right-wing Zionists love to label any criticism as "anti-Semitic" and keep projecting that they are speaking on behalf of Jews. Some of them don't even attend the synagogue and aren't even practising Jews. In fact, millions of Jews around the world do not support the atrocities committed by Netanyahu, and a very high percentage of the protesters in the US are Jews.

I liken it to a mafioso responding to criminal charges by saying he is being targeted because he is Italian. Those who believe in Zionism are also very diverse in what they believe its aims and intentions are, a subject that is rarely explored but definitely should be.

Now let's examine some facts related to the conflict. Palestinians, especially in Gaza, are projected as somewhat backward and terrorist-leaning, and nothing could be further from the truth. Look at the Palestinians who migrated to all parts of the world over the last century, and look at their role in their new homeland and that of their children. For the most part, the picture is of a successful and peaceful people who contribute to society.

The Palestinians in Gaza are highly educated and industrious despite decades of occupation. Their literacy level is 98.7 per cent. Ironically, it is higher than that of Israel at 97.8 per cent.

With regard to the recent atrocities perpetrated by Hamas, 1,179 people were reported killed, but many of those were soldiers attacked in their barracks. Claims by Israel that babies were burnt and beheaded have since been debunked by international investigative journalist as well as Israeli sources. Hamas, undoubtedly, would be guilty of war crimes for killing innocent civilians; however, it would have been possible to investigate this and hold those accountable for these crimes with the help of the international community, as was done in the Balkans conflict. That's the civilised way of doing things, it's called the rule of law. What is happening now is depleting all our humanity — labelling people, then massacring them.

Those who are not yet convinced that Israel is committing genocide must be totally unaware of the facts or have buried their heads very deep in the sand.

According to reports, since this latest onslaught by Israel, over 85 per cent of homes in Gaza have been totally destroyed or se-

verely damaged, and 850 schools have been attacked, many totally demolished or severely damaged. Most of these attacks on schools have resulted in the deaths of children and families sheltering in these schools. And many of those schools are run by UNWRA and other international aid organisations. Additionally, 15 universities have been demolished or severely damaged and no school is functioning.

Reports further state that 177 journalists and media workers have been murdered. This figure exceeds all the journalist killed in world wars one and two as well as the Vietnam and Korean wars combined.

Israel has blocked off food, water, electricity, and medical supplies, causing starvation. It has destroyed roads and infrastructure. The official death toll (based on bodies recovered and identified) is over 43,000, but the esteemed British journal

Lancet estimates that it is really over 200,000 based on people buried under the rubble and those that have disappeared.

In the last 22 days Israel has laid siege to northern Gaza, driving the people out, including storming a hospital.

In light of all this evidence, anyone who doesn't see this as a genocide clearly has no moral compass, an affliction that, sadly, is affecting more and more people. The Palestinians deserve their freedom and their homeland. Judaism and Jews do not need to be smeared by the Israeli Government.

The world does not need to be exposed to this televised atrocity. The world needs an end to this genocide which demeans our humanity and only serves to escalate decades of suffering.

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Wheeland MP 'Alarmed' at Murder of Female



Energy Minister and Member of Parliament for the Wheeland Constituency Hon. Kyle Knowles expressed alarm at the murder of a woman in Wheeland earlier Monday night – November 4. Up until post time, crime sleuths were at the scene combing the area for clues. The police

stated that were called to a scene in the area where they discovered the lifeless body of the female.

The police said they would offer a more detailed report of the incident later.

“To the residents of Wheeland and the Turks

and Caicos at large, it is with a heavy heart I come to you as we confront the tragic and senseless murder that has taken place within our constituency,” Minister Knowles stated. “This is such a shocking and alarming event which took place in our quiet community.”

He further noted: “The loss of life is always tragic, and my deepest condolences go out to the family and friends of the victim during this incredibly difficult time. This is not the time for us to be spreading negativity, bashing one another or casting blame as the life of a female resident was lost.”

He pointed out that violence has no place in the Turks and Caicos Islands, calling on the community to work in tandem to ensure that neighborhoods remain safe for all residents.

“As your Member of Parliament my priority is to work tirelessly with law enforcement to ensure that justice is served swiftly. I urge anyone with information regarding this incident to come forward and assist in the investigation.

“Please remember you can contact the local police station, call 911, the Serious Crime Unit at 649-231-1842 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-8477. Persons are also encouraged to download the crimestoppers P3 app to share information anonymously,” he said.

Former Minister Vaden Williams Vows PDM's Support in Crime Crisis



Former Minister and PDM Candidate for Wheeland Hon. Vaden Delroy Williams

In the wake of recent violence in Wheeland, the latest was that of a woman who was brutally gunned down, former Minister and People's Democratic Movement (PDM) member Vaden Delroy Williams extended heartfelt condolences to families affected by the tragic losses.

As the Turks and Caicos Islands grapple with an alarming crime wave, Williams promised that the PDM would stand firmly by the community's side, offering a clear plan for strengthened security and social support.

Addressing the gravity of the situation, Williams acknowledged the pain reverberating throughout the small, tightly-knit community. “No family, no parent, no child should ever have to live in fear,” he stated. The former minister emphasized that it is a collective responsibility to restore peace and protect the people of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

To tackle the crisis, Williams outlined a PDM plan focused on bolstering the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force (RTCIPF). Key proposals include expanding resources, recruiting new officers, and offering enhanced benefits to retain skilled personnel. The PDM aims to provide additional armored vehicles and high-speed boats to enable swift and effective responses on both land and sea.

Recognizing that enforcement alone cannot address the complex challenges fueling violence, Williams proposed community initiatives to address socio-economic drivers of crime. Poverty, limited job opportunities, and a lack of youth resources, he explained, have contributed to the cycle of violence. The PDM plans to launch crime prevention programs for at-risk youth that focus on job training, mentorship, and education, offering young people real alternatives to a life of crime.

“By empowering our youth, we can help them envision a brighter future,” said Williams, explaining that crime reduction requires both law enforcement and proactive social investment.

In addition to these community initiatives, the PDM also envisions major improvements to the justice system, including the establishment of a forensic science laboratory and an integrated forensic intelligence unit. Williams highlighted plans for DNA databases, mobile forensic units,

and advanced crime-solving technologies, aimed at ensuring faster investigations, justice for victims, and accountability for offenders. This is not merely about punishment, Williams stressed, but about restoring faith in the legal system.

Modern technology will also play a role in the PDM's crime-fighting strategy. Plans include expanding CCTV coverage, upgrading 911 services, and developing a user-friendly mobile app for real-time surveillance and faster emergency responses. These upgrades are designed to enhance public safety and give communities a sense of security.

Equally important is the support the PDM intends to offer victims and their families. Williams promised that under PDM leadership, victims would receive financial aid, counseling, and legal assistance to help them navigate the emotional and legal aftermath of violence.

Williams also addressed the need for a long-term solution to poverty and economic hardship, key factors driving crime. Economic development, job creation, and social inclusion initiatives are essential to breaking the cycles of hardship that perpetuate crime, he noted.

To the residents of Wheeland and the wider TCI community, Williams extended his commitment: “Your frustration, your fear, and your grief are all valid, and they are shared. This is not just a policy commitment; it's a moral one,” he said, calling for unity in the effort to create a safer, more prosperous TCI.

Williams concluded with a vow to work tirelessly to restore safety to the islands: “I will not rest until our community is safe once again. For those we have lost and for the future we are building, I am with you every step of the way.”

Experience Turks and Caicos Partners with Isaac Farms to Boost Local Tourism in North Caicos



Product Development Manager Mrs Candesha Mills presents Mr. Courtney Missick with a souvenir cup bearing the new logo

Experience Turks and Caicos has strengthened its commitment to fostering local tourism by launching a collaborative partnership with Isaac Farms, an eco-friendly agricultural destination in North Caicos. As part of its mission to ensure all islands benefit from tourism, the Experience Turks and Caicos Product Development Team designed a custom logo for Isaac Farms and presented owner Courtney Missick

with 500 souvenir tumblers bearing the new branding.

This partnership aims to enhance Isaac Farms' appeal as a distinctive visitor destination, showcasing the island's natural beauty and agricultural heritage. The collaboration reflects Experience Turks and Caicos' ongoing efforts to support local businesses and promote North Caicos as a vibrant tourism destination.

Nestled in the heart of North Caicos, Isaac Farms offers guests an immersive experience in sustainable farming practices, allowing them to connect with the island's culture and ecology. With its new logo, the farm will be able to establish a stronger brand presence, positioning itself as a trusted source of authentic local experiences and products.

Beyond branding, Experience Turks and Caicos also worked with Isaac Farms to optimize its tour offerings. The collaboration aims to create high-quality, engaging experiences that maximize visitor satisfaction. The 500 souvenir tumblers, given as keepsakes, provide guests with a meaningful memento to remember their time on the farm and in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

"This initiative highlights our commitment to inclusive growth in tourism," said the Hon. Josephine Connolly, Minister of Tourism. "We want all of our islands and people to benefit from tourism. Enhancing Isaac Farms' brand helps create lasting value for visitors while also supporting local enterprise. I encourage other small businesses to consider partner-

ships with Experience Turks and Caicos to replicate this success across the islands."

Candesha Mills, Product Development Manager at Experience Turks and Caicos, echoed this sentiment. "Working with Mr. Missick to bring Isaac Farms' brand to life has been incredibly rewarding. This partnership is a testament to our dedication to empowering local entrepreneurs within our tourism economy," she said.

Mr. Missick, owner of Isaac Farms, expressed his enthusiasm for the collaboration. "When you come to Isaac Farm, you're coming to an experience. This partnership marks a milestone in turning dreams into action. Soon, we'll be launching the Isaac Experience here in North Caicos, and this collaboration is just the beginning of a new chapter for us," he said.

Under Mr. Missick's leadership, Isaac Farms has become a sought-after attraction for tourists and locals seeking a deeper connection to the islands' agricultural heritage. This partnership with Experience Turks and Caicos reinforces a shared commitment to sustainable tourism practices and celebrates the cultural richness of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

The collaboration with Isaac Farms is part of Experience Turks and Caicos' broader strategy to support and uplift small businesses, promoting local products and experiences that embody the islands' unique character. Through initiatives like these, the agency is dedicated to sustainable tourism that provides enduring economic and cultural benefits for the entire community.



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Food & Beverage Positions

Jnr. Cook

Job Specification:

- Assists with preparing, cooking, and serving soups, sauces, meats, eggs, dairy products, hot foods, sandwiches, vegetables, salads, salad dressing, fruits, pastries, desserts, breads and beverages.
- Relieves the Cook II of routine operations including watching, turning, and stirring food etc.
- Performs grill work, as needed.
- Preparing beverages by adding dry mixes, syrups, carbonation, water, and restocking milk and other beverage machines;
- Cleans and maintains culinary utensils and equipment and the working area with the assistance of helpers.
- Washes dishes and eating utensils; cleans tables; and maintains the cleanliness and stocking of food and other items in preparation areas, guest areas and workstations, as needed.
- May supervise the work of Foodservices Assistants/Cashiers as required.
- Follows and re-enforces policies and procedures regarding the proper handling, sanitation, and dispensing of food and beverage products.
- Responsible for other duties as assigned

Job Requirements:

- Must be able to speak English
- Must have experience working in a restaurant kitchen
- Must have 2+ years as a Cook 1
- Certifications
- Must be able to work in a kitchen environment; stand for long hours and work efficiently under pressure

Salary expectations - \$9.00 - 12.00 per hour

Guest Service Expert/Server

Job Specification:

- Take food and drink orders from customers accurately and with a positive attitude.
- Write patrons' food orders on order slips, memorize orders, or enter orders into computers for transmittal to kitchen staff.
- Engage with customers in a friendly manner.
- Knowledge of the menu, with the ability to make suggestions.
- Ensure tables are enjoying their meals and take action to correct any problems.
- Collect payments from tables.
- Prepare checks that itemize and total meal costs and sales taxes.
- Help food preparation staff when necessary.

Job Requirements:

- Must be able to speak English
- Must have 3- 5 years experience as a Server
- Must have good interpersonal skills
- Must have experience working in busy restaurant environment
- Must be able to stand for long hours, and work efficiently under pressure.

Salary expectation - \$8.50 - \$11.00 per hour

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Guest Environment Expert/Laundry Attendant

Job Specification:

- Sort and separate soiled laundry items based on color, fabric type, and washing instructions.
- Operate laundry equipment such as washers, dryers, and ironing machines while adhering to safety guidelines and manufacturer instructions.
- Pre-treat stains on laundry items before washing to ensure thorough cleaning.
- Load and unload laundry machines, adjusting settings and detergent quantities as necessary.
- Monitor laundry machines during the washing and drying cycles to ensure proper performance and make adjustments if needed.
- Remove and fold dried laundry items promptly to prevent wrinkling or damage.
- Inspect laundered items for quality control, identifying and addressing any issues or damages.
- Maintain cleanliness and organization of the laundry facility, including wiping down machines, emptying lint traps, and disposing of trash.
- Keep track of inventory levels for laundry supplies and notify supervisors when replenishment is needed.
- Follow standard procedures for handling and disposing of hazardous materials, such as bleach or chemicals.

Job Requirements:

- Must be able to speak English
- Must have 2 years experience as Laundry Attendant
- Must be able to work in hotel laundry environment, stand for long hours, and work efficiently under pressure and in warm areas
- Positive attitude and willingness to learn

Salary expectation - \$8.50 - \$10.00 per hour

PDM Accuses PNP Government of Deception Over \$1,000 Election-Year Stimulus Package



ASTWOOD: The people deserve leaders who prioritize their welfare over political gain.



MISSICK: The cost of living over the summer has been brutal.

The opposition People's Democratic Movement (PDM) is challenging the recent decision by Premier Washington Missick's Progressive National Party (PNP) government to distribute a \$1,000 relief package to Turks and Caicos Islanders, calling it an election-year deception aimed at securing votes.

Earlier this week in the House of Assembly, Premier Hon. Washington Missick announced what he referred to as a one-time grant relief package of \$1,000 Turks and Caicos Islanders and British Overseas Territory Citizens.

The premier made the announcement during his contribution in the House of Assembly on Tuesday. He said the decision was made by his administration under consideration that the cost of living over the summer has been 'brutal', pointing out that the grant is a cost-of-living package to support the people.

"And so, each Turks and Caicos Islander and BOT Citizens, before Christmas, will receive a one-time grant of \$1,000," the premier said.

However, PDM's Leader, Hon. Edwin Astwood, released a statement alleging that this last-minute financial assistance is a calculated attempt to influence public sentiment ahead of the approaching general elections.

Astwood criticized the PNP for neglecting essential areas that he claims are critical to the stability and wellbeing of the people, including healthcare, crime prevention, and economic support. "For nearly four years, our people have endured significant hardship while the Premier has callously withheld essential financial assistance," Astwood stated. He highlighted that crime, illegal immigration, healthcare, cost of living, and homelessness have all worsened under the current administration. He emphasized that while the PNP government claims economic growth, this growth has not reached the average citizen. In the statement, Astwood pointed out that the \$1,000 stimulus appears "not as a gesture of goodwill, but a desperate attempt to manipulate public sentiment and secure votes at the expense of those who have been left to struggle." He argues that such a move is ethically questionable and undermines public trust, noting that this type of support should have been offered regularly over the last four years rather than only now, close to an election.

Astwood also criticized the PNP for failing to increase pensions for senior citizens whose monthly pensions fall under \$1,000, leaving many elderly residents struggling to meet basic

expenses. He claimed that the recent stimulus and proposed pension increases are being offered solely for electoral gain, describing it as "a shocking display of moral bankruptcy" that, in his view, undermines the dignity of senior citizens.

Astwood's criticisms extended to the PNP's handling of the overall economic situation in the Turks and Caicos Islands, suggesting that the current administration has enriched a select few while leaving ordinary citizens dependent on government handouts. "This deliberate disregard for the needs of ordinary people reflects a strategy to keep our people dependent on him for handouts," Astwood argued, accusing Premier Missick of employing a self-serving, Machiavellian approach to leadership.

Astwood also voiced concerns regarding the lack of oversight from the UK Government, the Governor, the Attorney General, and the Deputy Governor, whom he accused of complicity in what he described as "a calculated move to sway voters." He suggested that by not intervening in what he sees as a politically motivated relief package, these officials may be undermining democratic principles.

The PDM leader called for accountability and transparency, urging the community to demand leaders who prioritize the wellbeing of the people over political gain. "The people deserve leaders who prioritize their welfare over political gain," he stated, calling on the public to hold the current administration accountable for what he termed "deceptive practices."

With elections around the corner, the PDM's criticism signals a heated political climate and emphasizes a broader debate on leadership and governance in the Turks and Caicos Islands. As the election approaches, this issue could become a defining topic, with citizens weighing the government's recent relief measures against the opposition's accusations of manipulation.

New York Couple Becomes First Guests at South Bank Resort



Sarah DeNoble is presented with a bouquet of flowers by a member of the South Bank welcoming party, as her husband looks on at right. Sharing in the moment at left is South Bank's General Manager Atilla Cimsit



The DeNobles share a kiss on their arrival at South Bank after being given an expansive welcome. Looking on at left is General Manager for South Bank, Atilla Cimsit



The DeNobles are presented with fresh coconut as part of their warm welcome



The couple being served cold towels by a member of staff

Phillip and Sarah DeNoble, a couple from New York, had the unique distinction of being the very first guests at the grand opening of South Bank Resort in Long Bay, Providenciales. As they arrived on November 1, the couple was met with a vibrant welcome that included the iconic ceremonial blowing of the conch shell by David Bowen, former Director of Culture for Turks and Caicos. The couple was visibly moved by the warm reception, describing it as both impressive and unforgettable.

Phillip and Sarah, who were celebrating Sarah's birthday, shared that they discovered South Bank Resort online. "I was searching on the internet for new hotels affiliated with The Hilton, and this came up. It looked great, so we booked it," Phillip said. South Bank is managed by Grace Bay Resorts, which has signature property the Grace Bay Club, The Rock House, West Bay Club and Point Grace under its banner. Both were struck by the hospitality

extended to them from the moment they arrived. "Oh my gosh, it was absolutely amazing," Sarah said. "They told us there would be some welcome, but it was more than we could expect for sure." The DeNobles were also captivated by the beauty of the Turks and Caicos Islands, especially the view from the airplane as they arrived. This was their first time visiting Turks and Caicos, and both Phillip and Sarah expressed their admiration for the people and surroundings. They

Former Director of Culture David Bowen leads a local cultural team in giving the DeNobles an iconic welcome



commented on how quick and seamless their journey from the airport to the resort was, and noted that every staff member they encountered was friendly and helpful.

South Bank Resort's General Manager, Attila Cimsit, also shared his excitement about the resort's debut, describing it as the culmination of months of preparation.

"This has been long coming, and I'm privileged to be here today," he said. Cimsit highlighted that South Bank Resort is a one-of-a-kind property with four distinct neighborhoods, offering a diverse range of accommodations and amenities to suit different travel preferences. The resort's 18-villa lagoon community, known as the Clubhouse, is set on an expansive property with 19 ocean-facing estates stretching across a 2,200-foot expanse. It also features 38 units in an area called "old houses," designed to provide exclusive, private experiences for both owners and rental guests.

The resort's international appeal has grown rapidly. Cimsit noted that high demand from luxury travelers has already exceeded expectations, causing them to raise their initial booking forecasts for December. "The buzz was unbelievable, especially from luxury travel icons," he said. "They were encouraging us to get the word out, and today, we're seeing guests like the DeNobles arrive and experience South Bank, becoming ambassadors for the resort."



Phillip DeNoble receives a welcome nugget from a staff member who is part of the welcoming party

A section of the welcome party awaiting the arrival of their first guests



Archie

HENRY SCARDELLI
CRAIG BOLDMAN



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WILD DONKEYS

Apparently, donkeys were brought to Grand Turk by Bermudians in the 15th century. They arrived on the islands seasonally to rake salt from the salterns. The donkeys were used to pull loaded carts from the ponds to piers where the salt was loaded onto ships. During the off season, the donkeys were free to roam. This created a huge population of wild donkeys.



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Andaz Turks & Caicos Sells Over 70% of Luxury Residences



Andaz Turks & Caicos at Grace Bay, the luxurious residence resort affiliated with the World of Hyatt, has successfully sold over 70% of its units, making this exclusive destination more coveted than ever. With only 30% of the residences remaining, the developers of the resort said a limited opportunity presents itself for buyers seeking a slice of tropical paradise on the world-renowned Grace Bay Beach. The remaining units, an exquisite mix of 1, 2, and 3-bedroom residences, offer stunning, thoughtfully designed spaces that reflect Andaz's modern elegance amid the breathtaking natural beauty of Grace Bay.

The developers said one of the most exciting aspects of Andaz Turks & Caicos's latest offering is The Reef Collection, which showcases six remarkable beachfront residences, each with spacious wrap-around terraces that overlook the vibrant Bight Reef. Home to a colorful underwater world, the reef attracts sea turtles, rays, and a variety of marine life,

offering owners the unique experience of waking up to these sights and sounds each day.

At sunset, the residences provide a front-row view to the warm, golden hues that stretch across the horizon, creating a serene atmosphere for relaxation and evening gatherings.

Andaz said its Reef Collection also makes a meaningful impact on local conservation efforts. Andaz has pledged to donate 1% of all sales proceeds from these exclusive units to the Turks and Caicos Reef Fund, an organization dedicated to preserving and protecting the delicate coral reef ecosystems of the islands. Andaz Turks and Caicos said this commitment aligns with its eco-conscious approach, aiming to blend luxury living with environmental responsibility.

Andaz Turks & Caicos says it is primarily designed for those seeking a luxurious and welcoming Caribbean escape. The residences merge indoor and outdoor living with large windows, open spaces,

and high-end finishes that create an immersive experience of the island's beauty. The surrounding amenities offer a full spectrum of relaxation and recreation options, from fine dining and spa services to water sports and exclusive beachfront access.

Andaz stated that interest in these last available units remains high, with buyers from around the world drawn to the tranquil lifestyle, prime location, and elevated design offered at Andaz Turks & Caicos.

"With a robust demand and limited supply, prospective buyers are encouraged to act quickly to secure one of these final residences," Andaz urged.

Andaz Turks and Caicos Islands is comprised of 7 Stories; 74 Residences; 59 Exclusive Hotel Rooms; 170 Nightly Rental Rooms & Suites; Indoor Fitness Studio; Outdoor Garden; Yoga Pavillion; Tennis; 3 Restaurants & 3 Bars; Pools Overlooking Grace Bay Beach; Kids Activity Club; and Water Sports, including Paddle Boarding, Sailing, and Snorkeling.

Life Line FEATURED CHURCH

This week on Newsline Featured Church, we highlight the Church of Christ, located in Blue Hills, Providenciales. The Church of Christ offers several opportunities for weekly worship. On Sunday at 9a.m. is Devine Worship. At 6:30p.m. is evening service. On Wednesday starting at 6:30pm is Bible Study and prayer meeting. The church is founded on Romans 16:16 – “Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you.” Its bedrock is also built on 2Corinthians 9:1-15.

The Church of Christ is pastored by Jack Phanor and Patrick Forbes.



CHURCH OF CHRIST, BLUE HILLS

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.

Firm Foundation Ministries International
Lee Street, South Caicos.
Telephone: 649-348-3581

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>

Firm Foundation Ministries International
19 Honour Lane, Behind Smart Supermarket ,
Providenciales. Telephone: 649-332-6240

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

Firm Foundation Ministries International
Waterloo Road, Grand Turk.
Telephone: 649-332-624

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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LIVE2LEAD CONFERENCE

A packed room turned out at the John Maxwell Live2Lead motivational speakers' conference, held at Beaches Turks and Caicos Resort and Spa on Saturday, November 2. This event was spearheaded by John Maxwell-Certified Life Coach Melanie Smith and feature many speakers including Deputy Premier Hon. Jamell Robinson and journalist Damian Wilson. The following are photo highlights of the event.







At Home Beauty Tips

Everyone wants inexpensive, non-invasive, toxin-free skincare ingredients. These do-it-yourself tips will save you time and money. However, the best part is that you are using the healing powers of nature to support your body's innate healing capacities to look naturally beautiful!

HOMEMADE FACE MASK

There are tons of at-home face-masks that can do your skin good. Avocados help moisturize the skin and reduce inflammation. Here's one of my favourites.

HOW TO MAKE:

Mix one avocado, some plain yogurt and one teaspoon of lemon juice. Apply liberally to face, leave on for 15-20 minutes, then rinse with warm water. Do this twice a week to have soft, supple skin.



Honey. Everything.

Honey has tremendous beauty benefits. But today, we're focusing on scarring. Honey helps your body's healing process, which may help fade scars. Use honey as a spot treatment, applying it every day or every other day as a paste at the site of your scarring.

Honey may not be good for scarring caused by burns and deep cuts.

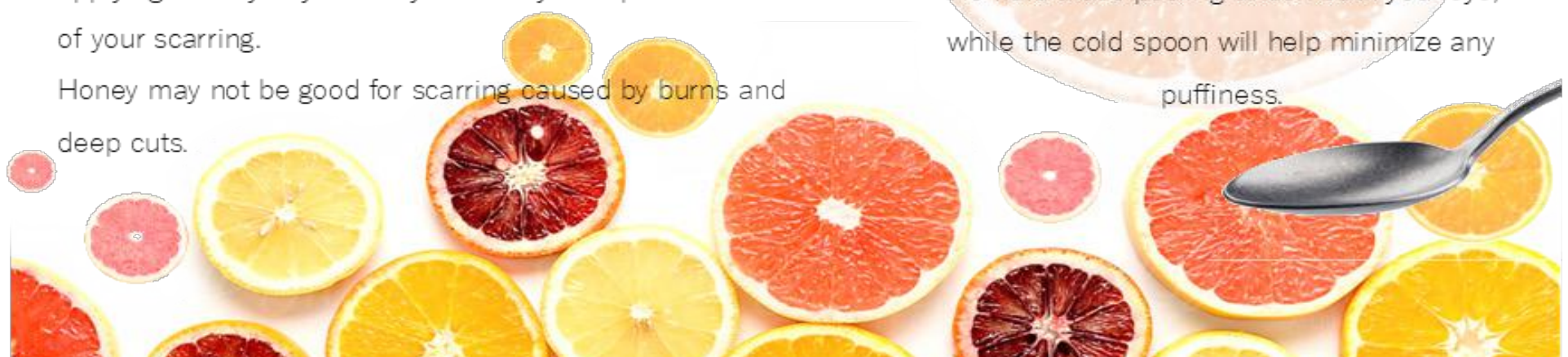
Coconut Oil as Shaving Cream



Use coconut oil on your legs as a natural replacement for your shaving cream. Slather on a small amount of **coconut oil**. Use a sharp razor to get a close **shave**. The **oil** will moisturize your skin, helping the razor to glide over your legs and avoid razor burn.

Cold Spoons

Place 2 metal spoons in the freezer at night. In the morning, place the backs of the cold spoons under your eyes and as close to the inner corners as possible. Apply a little bit of pressure and slowly glide the spoons toward the outer corners. The gliding movement will help drain the fluid that's pooling underneath your eye, while the cold spoon will help minimize any puffiness.



PNP is A Caring Government

An Op-Ed by Audley Astwood



Like the rest of the world, the Turks and Caicos continue to feel the long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Real leadership isn't about big speeches or fancy promises when things get tough. Real leadership is about getting things done. It's also about stepping up, facing problems straight on, and making a real difference in people's lives. Today, as our beloved Turks and Caicos Islands navigate the choppy waters of a global economic storm, one thing is clear: the PNP government is not just talking about solutions; they're implementing them. The high cost of living has cast a shadow over many households in our nation. Every day, families face some really tough decisions. They must choose between putting food on the table, keeping the lights on, or ensuring their kids get a good education. It's a heavy burden to carry, and it demands decisive action. The PNP government has really stepped up in ways we haven't seen before. Just think about the direct financial support they've provided. They have given several rounds of Citizen Relief payments, totalling millions. The relief all focused on easing

the immediate stress on families. And let's be clear: these aren't just handouts; they're lifelines, helping our neighbours, friends, and loved ones catch a bit of a break during tough times. But relief isn't just about immediate aid. It's about creating sustainable change. The government has taken bold steps to reduce everyday expenses, such as cutting the Customs Processing Fee and removing it entirely from essential breadbasket items. They've subsidized electricity costs, directly tackling the spike in fuel prices that hits us all when we open our utility bills. Investment in our future is also front and centre. The PNP has invested heavily in local agriculture. Through the Agriculture Grant Program, the PNP is doing more than just cutting down our import dependence. The PNP is opening doors for young people to enter a crucial industry. It's also a smart, forward-thinking move that shows economic sense and a genuine push for self-reliance. Entrepreneurship, the backbone of any vibrant economy, hasn't been overlooked. With MSME grants increased to \$50,000, over 200 local businesses received support last year alone. These are our community's innovators and job creators, now empowered to drive growth and offer employment. The government's compassion extends to our most vulnerable. They have increased NIB pensions and removed work restrictions for those over 60. Enhancing welfare programs aren't just policy decisions—they're moral ones. They reflect a deep-seated belief that a society is judged by how it treats its elders, children, and those in need. Education, the great equalizer, has been made more accessible with free tuition at the Turks and Caicos Islands Community College. This isn't just an investment in individuals. It's an investment from a government that cares about our collective future. It's also about a caring government ensuring we have the skilled workforce to meet tomorrow's challenges. Public servants are the heartbeat of government service. Thanks to our caring government, public servants have seen significant pay raises, acknowledging their dedication and crucial roles in our daily lives. From frontline officers to teachers moulding young minds, these adjustments are more than monetary—they're a statement of value and respect.

Critics might say that these measures are temporary fixes on deeper wounds. However, this caring PNP government isn't content with short-term fixes. They're setting things up to make life more affordable by creating laws to keep the prices of essential goods and services in check. Our caring government is diversifying our energy sources to stabilize electricity costs and reduce dependence on imported fuels. They're fostering industries that create local jobs, decreasing our vulnerability to global market fluctuations. This approach shows responsible leadership. Why can't the PDM understand that the PNP are meeting urgent needs today while planning for long-term growth? The PNP understands that while families need support right now, they must also work to prevent these issues from happening again. The recent news about a new cost-of-living relief package, giving an extra \$1,000 to each eligible person, shows how dedicated the PNP is to supporting the people right now. This empathic decision by the PNP faced strong opposition by the PDM in the House of Assembly. The opposition leader seemed bitter that residents were going to get this relief at a time when the world is still feeling the pinch from the Covid pandemic. Honourable Edwin Astwood appears to have yet to learn from his predecessor's mistakes. During the height of the Covid pandemic, PDM turned their back on our people. PDM did give financial relief, but it was only for work permit holders. Unfortunately, at present, PDM still seems less concerned about the welfare of our people. In the House of Assembly, the opposition leader was more concerned about how opposing the relief would be interpreted by others. However, unlike the PDM, the PNP understands that while long-term plans are still unfolding, they can't overlook people's everyday challenges. Now more than ever, we need leaders that are proactive. We need leaders who are compassionate. We especially need leaders who are ready to face the future head-on. We need a caring government that hears our cries and responds with urgency and effectiveness. We need the PNP government. They have repeatedly proven that they're in touch with what people need. Unlike the PDM, the PNP isn't afraid to make tough choices to meet those needs.



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Housekeeping Positions

◆ Director of Recreation & Activities

Job Specification:

- Collaborate with staff and clinicians to understand the ways in which activities can promote healing and belonging for our guest
- Conduct needs assessments to ascertain physical, cognitive, and emotional abilities.
- Determine individual interests and expectations regarding leisure time.
- Determine and overseeing the use of available finances.
- Develop an activities programme that is both sufficiently diverse and sensitive to our occupants' requirements.
- Purchase or leasing supplies for all activities.
- Source, training, and monitoring the work of Activities Assistants.
- Advertise events well in advance of their scheduled times.
- Supervise and participate in events alongside staff and occupants.
- Compile reports that outline successes, constraints, and the way forward.
- Demonstrable experience as an Activities Director for a similar group.
- Computer literate, with sound knowledge of budgeting tools.
- Excellent programme, event planning, and supervision skills.
- Upbeat, communicative, and empathic disposition.
- Committed to fostering well-being and fun.
- Willingness to avail yourself for occasional weekend work.
- Appropriate training and/or certification is highly advantageous.

Job Requirements:

- Must have experience managing Recreation Activities
- Must have 3+ years as a Recreation Manager + demonstrate management certifications
- Must have a good experience in managing diverse teams.
- Must be able to work outdoors: stand for long hours and work efficiently under pressure

Salary expectations - \$57,000 - \$66,000 per annum

◆ Laundry Supervisor

Job Specification:

- Manage the housekeeping department, employees, and operations within the facility
- Manage department budget and resources
- Manage inventory supplies and equipment
- Maintain high standards of cleanliness, hygiene, and sanitation within the facility
- Ensure all housekeeping employees follow the appropriate protocols
- Delegate housekeeping tasks to employees as needed
- Provide feedback to employees to improve performance
- Provide feedback to management on employee performance
- Supervise and oversee the performance of housekeeping employees
- Provide feedback to management on employee performance
- Oversee daily operation of the housekeeping department

Job Requirements:

- Must be able to speak English
- Must have 2+ years experience as a Supervisor
- Certificates and advancement qualifications
- Must be able to work in a laundry environment, stand for long hours, and work efficiently under pressure.

Salary expectation - \$35,000 - \$41,100 per annum

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◆ Guest Environment Exert/Common Area Attendant

Job Specification:

- Clean and tidy guest rooms, bathrooms, and common areas
- Change bed linens and make beds
- Replenish guest room supplies, such as toiletries and towels
- Dust and polish furniture and fixtures
- Vacuum and sweep floors
- Report any maintenance issues to the appropriate department
- Assist guests with any requests or needs they may have
- Follow all safety and sanitation policies and procedures

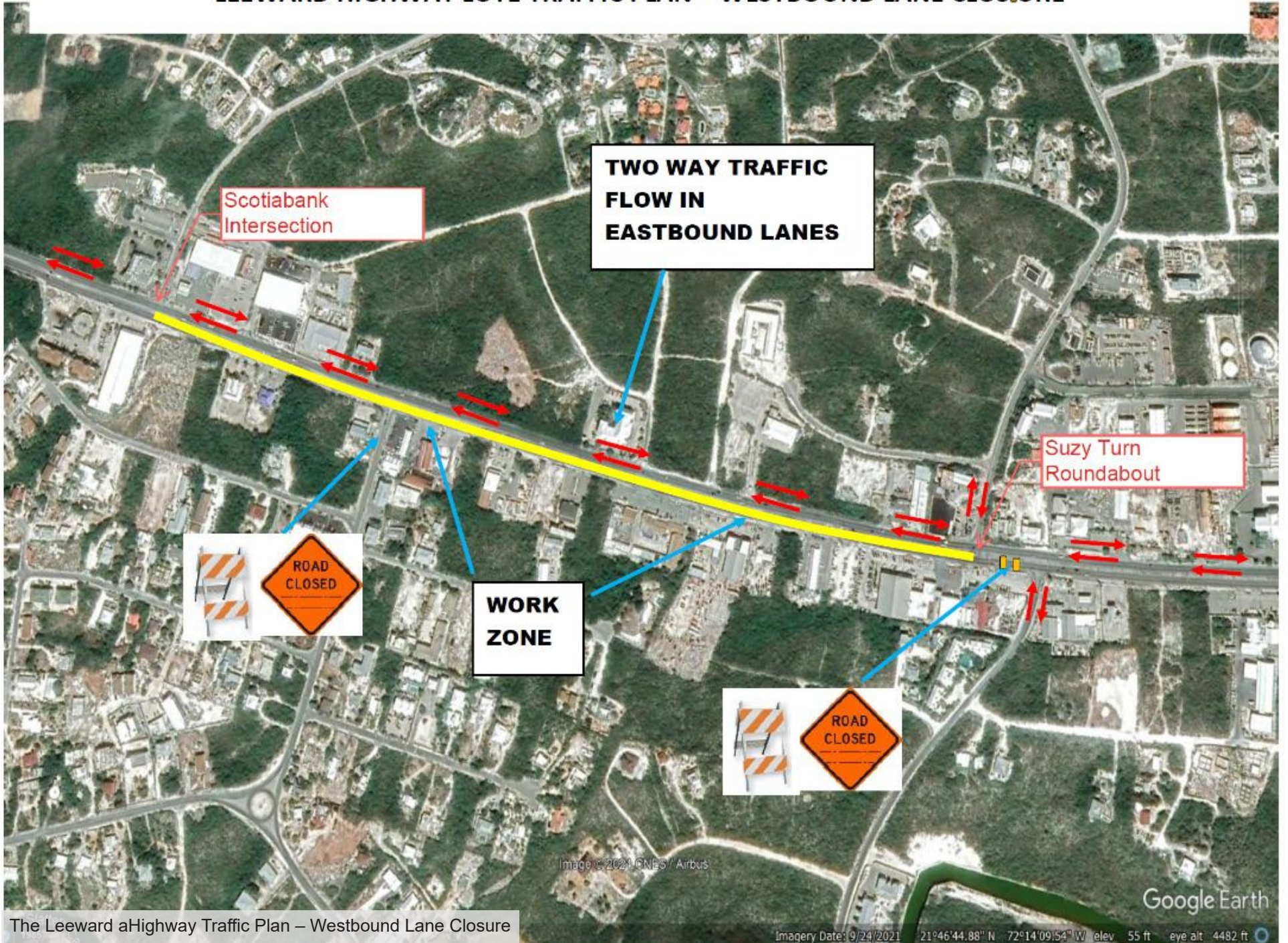
Job Requirements:

- Must be able to speak English
- Must have 2-3 years experience in related field
- Must be able to work in a housekeeping environment, stand for long hours, and work efficiently under pressure.
- Prior experience in housekeeping or related field preferred
- Knowledge of cleaning chemicals, proper storage, and disposal methods
- Ability to follow instructions and procedures
- Positive attitude and willingness to learn

Salary expectation - \$9.00 - 11.00 per hour

REHABILITATION WORKS ON LEEWARD HIGHWAY (SCOTIABANK INTERSECTION TO SUZY TURN ROUNDABOUT) TO COMMENCE NOVEMBER 11

LEEWARD HIGHWAY LOT1 TRAFFIC PLAN – WESTBOUND LANE CLOSURE



The Leeward Highway Traffic Plan – Westbound Lane Closure

LEEWARD HIGHWAY LOT1 TRAFFIC PLAN – WESTBOUND LANE CLOSURE



The public is hereby advised that rehabilitation works is scheduled to commence on the Leeward Highway between the Scotiabank intersection and the Suzy Turn Round-

about.

These works will involve repairs and rehabilitation of both the eastbound and westbound carriageways and are scheduled to commence on 11th November 2024.

To facilitate these repairs, lane closures will be implemented nightly between the hours of 8:00 PM and 6:00 AM. During this time, westbound traffic will be rerouted onto the eastbound lanes to allow for works on the westbound side of the highway. Similarly, when work shifts to the eastbound lanes, traffic will be rerouted onto the westbound side.

The public is reminded to exercise caution when driving in the affected areas. Please be mindful of signage and traffic control devices and plan for possible delays. Your cooperation and patience are appreciated as we undertake these critical infrastructure improvements.

C&W Foundation Delivers Message of Hope for Caribbean Communities



Stephen Price (centre), General Manager of Flow Jamaica, receives a special award on behalf of the Flow Foundation from Inge Smidts (right), Chief Executive Officer, C&W Communications, and Rosario Veras, Executive Director of the Cable & Wireless Charitable Foundation.

grams, including the JUMP initiative, which equips thousands of Caribbean families with subsidized internet connectivity, devices, and digital skills training.

“Tonight is more than just a gathering; it is a collective movement to uplift communities across the region. Through our JUMP program, we have already connected over 4,000 families, breaking down barriers to technology, and opening new possibilities for the next generation. This evening’s support will help us expand these initiatives, ensuring that every family has access to the resources they need to thrive,” said Inge Smidts, Chief Executive Officer, C&W Communications.

Guests were joined by world-class athletes and Olympians from across the Caribbean who lent their support to the effort. These included five-time Olympic champion Elaine Thompson-Herah of Jamaica and compatriots Shericka Jackson, Wayne Pinnock and Charokee Young; and Devynne Charlton of The Bahamas, the world record holder in the 60-meter hurdles.

Rosario Veras, Executive Director of the CWCF, highlighted the spirit of partnership driving the Foundation’s mission.

“Our progress would not be possible without the support of our incredible partners, each contributing to a larger vision of a digitally inclusive Caribbean. From the generous contributions of our sponsors to the dedication of our volunteers, tonight we unite with a shared commitment to bridge the digital divide,” she said.

The important work of the Flow Foundation in Jamaica was also highlighted with a special tribute in recognition of 20 years of unbroken community support.

“For 20 years, the Flow Foundation has been a proud supporter of community-focused initiatives, and it has become a beacon of hope and opportunity in Jamaica, driving initiatives that foster greater digital inclusion, education, and community empowerment. Their impact has been truly transformative, and tonight we celebrate their extraordinary contributions,” said Smidts.

Smidts and Veras presented Stephen Price, General Manager of Flow Jamaica, with a special token of appreciation for the outstanding work of the Flow Foundation.

“For two decades now, Flow Jamaica has been committed to empowering communities and making a meaningful impact. This honour represents the dedication of everyone involved – from our team members to our partners and supporters. Together, we are building a more connected and inclusive Jamaica, and I am grateful for the continued support that allows us to bring digital opportunities and essential resources to families across the island,” said Price.

The gala’s program also included a preview of an exclusive fashion showcase by Caribbean designer Yas González.



Inge Smidts (third left), Chief Executive Officer, C&W Communications, strikes a pose with athlete-ambassadors (from left) Shericka Jackson, Wayne Pinnock, Charokee Young, Elaine Thompson-Herah and Devynne Charlton.

The Cable & Wireless Charitable Foundation (CWCF) recently hosted its annual fundraising gala, bringing together partners, supporters, and stakeholders for a memorable evening celebrating community

empowerment and digital inclusion across the Caribbean.

The event, which took place aboard the SeaFair Luxury Yacht in Miami, helped raise vital funds to support impactful pro-

Breast cancer and your mental health



A BREAST cancer diagnosis can be a life-altering event that brings a whirlwind of emotions. Whether it is yourself or a loved one who has received this diagnosis, the impact on mental health can be profound.

Amid the physical challenges of cancer treatment, mental well-being can often take a back seat. However, taking care of your mental health is crucial for navigating this difficult journey. Cancer does not just affect the body; it also takes a significant toll on mental health.

According to Dr Parnell Bell, clinical psychologist, feelings of shock and disbelief are common and can look a lot like grief. Cancer and the impact that treatment has on the body, she said, can alter the way people see themselves, impacting self-esteem and

making them rethink their identity.

The uncertainty of the future, the physical side effects of treatment, and the changes in lifestyle and body image can also heighten feelings of loss. They can also have an impact on relationships with friends, family, spouses and co-workers.

“Getting a breast cancer diagnosis can be very disconcerting for many people. Persons with a breast cancer diagnosis may immediately feel like this is a death sentence, and this could lead to fear. A woman’s breast is part of their identity; and she may have to do a mastectomy that could make her feel a loss of sense of womanhood and a loss of sense of self, which could signal a greater process of grief. This could lead to mental health concerns, including anxiety and depression,” Dr Bell said.

Nearly one in every four people diagnosed with breast cancer experiences depression, according to the American Cancer Society. The symptoms of anxiety could be restlessness, difficulty concentrating and a feeling of being wound up or on edge, irritability, inability to relax, difficulty controlling worry, shaking, and fast or irregular heartbeat.

“Anxiety can interfere with a patient’s quality of life and the ability to follow through with their cancer therapy. Higher levels of insomnia, pain expectation, and depression may also be a result of anxiety,” Dr Bell said.

Symptoms of depression may include depressed mood lasting for most of the day, nearly every day; noticeable loss of pleasure or interest in normal activities for most of the day, nearly every day; significant weight loss or gain, and decrease or increase in appetite; sleeping much more than usual or much less; fatigue or loss of energy nearly every day; feelings of worthlessness or inappropriate guilt; decreased ability to think or concentrate; and frequent thoughts of death or suicide.

According to Dr Bell, feeling overwhelmed is a normal response to a breast cancer diagnosis. However,

negative emotions can cause people to stop doing things that are good for them and start doing things that are especially worrisome for those with a serious disease.

“Those diagnosed with breast cancer may start eating poorly; for instance, eating fewer meals and choosing foods of lower nutritional value. They may cut back on exercise. They may have trouble getting a good night’s sleep, and they may withdraw from family and friends. At the same time, these patients may use alcohol, nicotine, caffeine, or other drugs to soothe themselves,” Dr Bell said.

Some patients may become so disheartened by their cancer diagnosis and treatment that they refuse to undergo surgery or simply stop going to radiation or chemotherapy appointments.

For some patients, the focus may be on how to explain their illness to their children, or how to deal with a partner’s response to their diagnosis. For others, it may be on how to choose the right hospital or medical treatment. For still others, it may be on how to control stress, anxiety, or depression.

According to Dr Bell, identifying and addressing well-being challenges in a timely manner can not only improve quality of life, but may also lead to better overall health outcomes.

“If you or someone you know is living with or impacted by breast cancer and are experiencing these or other mental health symptoms, do not hesitate to seek well-being support. This can include practising self-care, talking to loved ones, engaging community resources, and bringing up these concerns with your care team,” Dr Bell said.

Individuals can access resources from the Jamaica Cancer Society, the main organisation in Jamaica that provides a rounded support of persons with breast cancer. They partner with other organisations to provide support by directing persons with breast cancer to various resources, including mental health support.

Discrimination Can Cause Changes In the Gut Microbiome, Study Says



Individuals who experience discrimination may experience changes in their gut microbiome as a result, according to new research, highlighting the health impacts of discrimination.

Previous research has shown that discrimination can negatively impact an individual’s health, and new research specifically suggests that it can cause harm to the gut microbiome.

The study, published in *Frontiers in Microbiology*,

found that those who experienced discrimination had pro-inflammatory bacteria and gene activity in their gut microbiome that people who didn’t face discrimination didn’t have.

While most previous research has focused on the Hypothalamic-Pituitary-Adrenal (HPA) axis — the body’s stress management system — to determine the impact of discrimination, researchers at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) chose instead to focus on the gut-brain axis. Their previous research on the subject concluded that discrimination led to an increase in the emotional arousal regions of the brain.

To build upon their previous findings, researchers surveyed 154 participants about their experiences with everyday discrimination. Participants included Asian, Black, Hispanic, and white male and female adults, all of whom were asked about discrimination related to gender, race, and religion, as well as their mental health.

Participants also submitted stool samples so researchers could analyze their gut microbiomes. Researchers divided the participants into two separate groups based on whether they ranked high or low in perceived discrimination.

After analyzing the stool samples, the high-discrimination group was found to have lower levels of *Prevotella* in their gut microbiome, a bacteria associated with anti-inflammatory properties, than

the other group. On the other hand, those in the low-discrimination group had higher levels of *Ruminococcus*, an anti-inflammatory bacterium.

Additionally, the researchers were able to predict with 91% accuracy that participants faced discrimination solely by analyzing their stool samples.

In addition to bacteria, the researchers also found that discrimination impacted gene activity. Those who experienced discrimination activated a certain set of genes, while a different set was activated in the low-discrimination group.

The high-discrimination group also had higher rates of early childhood trauma, and they were more likely to report experiencing anxiety and more visceral sensations in their gut.

“These findings are consistent with the idea that discrimination leads to micro-inflammation of your body,” said Tien Dong, M.D., Ph.D., an assistant professor of gastroenterology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and co-lead author, in a news release. Dong added that chronic inflammation is associated with a number of diseases.

The researchers encourage those who’ve experienced discrimination to adopt healthy lifestyle habits to counter the impacts of these negative experiences, such as practicing mindfulness and taking probiotics. Eventually, they hope to conduct clinical trials on some of these gut — or brain-directed interventions.

Remembering Quincy Jones: 10 songs to celebrate his legacy

Few artistes have legacies so mammoth their very name could be considered synonymous with the music industry, but then again, most musicians are not the prodigious producer Quincy Jones.

The larger-than-life figure died on Sunday night at his Los Angeles home, surrounded by his family. He was 91 and scheduled to receive an honorary Academy Award later this month.

Across his career, the 28-time Grammy Award-winning Jones worked with everyone from Ray Charles and Frank Sinatra to Michael Jackson with hundreds in-between. The best way to celebrate his legacy, of course, is to listen to the music he made.

1963: Ella Fitzgerald and Count Basie's orchestra, 'Honeysuckle Rose'

Those looking to kick-start their Jones listening journey at the very beginning of his career could do so with Liza, from his first album, *Jazz Abroad*, a joint release with Roy Haynes. For everyone else, look to his arrangements on 1963's *Ella and Basie!*, an album by Fitzgerald with Count Basie's orchestra. Moving from just vocals and bass before building into its own grandness – not to mention, a delightful scat solo from Fitzgerald – *Honeysuckle Rose* from the album is an example of Jones' jazz brilliance.

1963: Lesley Gore, 'It's my Party'

Teenage heartbreak met its match on Lesley Gore's *It's my Party*, recorded when its pop singer was still in her own adolescence. Jones produced the record, with its addictive melodies, percussion and cheerful horn section – emotionally and diametrically opposed to its narrative tale of a girl getting dumped by her boyfriend for her best friend on her birthday. You'd cry, too, if it happened to you.

1964: Frank Sinatra, 'Fly me to the Moon'
Jones' legacy is defined by an idiosyncratic ability to master various American musical forms with an apparent ease. That is the case of this canonised cover by Frank Sinatra, *Fly me to the Moon*, from Sinatra's 1964 album, *It Might as Well be Swing*, arranged by Jones. The producer set the song to a punchy, swinging rhythm and wistful flute, and the rest is history. You can also thank Jones for *The Best is yet to Come*.

1967: Ray Charles, 'In the Heat of the Night'
Jones scored the 1967 film *In the Heat of the Night*, which includes its R&B-gospel title track, *In the Heat of the Night*, performed by his good friend Ray Charles. It is soul committed to wax, amplified by the inclusion of a lusty tenor sax solo.

1979: Michael Jackson, 'Don't Stop 'Til you get Enough'

Perhaps Jones' best-known production partnership is the one he had with Michael



Legendary musician Quincy Jones poses amongst his many Grammy awards at his home in the Bel Air section of Los Angeles, California, Friday, April 9, 2004. Quincy Jones died on Sunday at age 91.

Jackson, working with the King of Pop on his culture-shifting albums, 1979's *Off the Wall*, 1982's *Thriller* and 1987's *Bad*.

The pair met while working on the 1978 movie *The Wiz* – Jones worked on its soundtrack, and Jackson was its star. Don't Stop 'Til you get Enough, with its inventive disco-funk, ambitious production and Jackson's signature falsetto, set the stage for the massive career to come.

1981: Quincy Jones, 'Just Once'

Put it in the pantheon of great piano ballads: On Jones' 1981 album, *The Dude*, James Ingram takes over lead vocal duties for *Just Once*, the big-hearted and bigger-feelings track.

1982: Michael Jackson, 'Billie Jean'

What songs are more immediately recognisable? An elongated drum-and-bass lick introduce *Billie Jean*, one of the great genre-averse pop songs of all time, from Jackson's record-breaking *Thriller* album. Here, Jones' production is post-disco, but still funky, still prescient. And time tells the greatest tale: *Thriller* sold more than 20 million copies in 1983 alone and has contended with the Eagles' *Greatest Hits 1971-1975*, among others, as the best-selling album of all time.

1982: Donna Summer, 'Love is in Control

(Finger on the Trigger)'

And now for something completely different: In 1982, Jones worked with Donna Summer on her self-titled album, a dance-forward record that includes the synth-y pop single *Love is in Control (Finger on the Trigger)*, which earned a Grammy nomination for Best R&B Vocal Performance, Female.

1985: USA for Africa, 'We are the World'
Nearly four decades ago, some of the biggest stars on the planet – Jackson, Bob Dylan, Tina Turner, Dionne Warwick, Billy Joel, Stevie Wonder, Willie Nelson and Bruce Springsteen among them – came together for an all-night recording session. The result was *We are the World*, a pop superhit overseen by Jones, the 1985 charity record for famine relief in Africa. Lionel Richie, who co-wrote *We are the World* and was among the featured singers, would call Jones "the master orchestrator".

1989: Quincy Jones with Ray Charles and Chaka Khan, 'I'll be Good to you'

Back in 1976, Jones produced the Brothers Johnson's R&B hit, *I'll be Good to you*, and then re-recorded the track with Ray Charles and Chaka Khan – an ebullient number with contemporary production, completely transforming the classic.

Diddy's Children Share Heartfelt Birthday Call With Their Father From Jail



After decades of birthday extravaganzas and lavish parties, this lap around the sun looks quite different for Sean "Diddy" Combs. Today (Nov. 4), the Bad Boy founder is spending his 55th birthday behind bars after being arrested last month for sex trafficking and racketeering conspiracy charges. However, his family made sure he still felt the love. A joint Instagram post with his sons Justin and Christian, twin daughters, Chance, Quincy and baby Love shared the heartfelt call the kids had with their father to wish him a happy birthday. The message began with the youngest, Love, sing-

ing "Happy Birthday" to her father as her siblings joined in at the end.

"I love y'all, I love y'all so much," Diddy said from the other end as they all echoed, "We love you, too."

The "All About The Benjamins" artist continued by expressing his appreciation for his family holding it down. "I can't wait to see y'all. I'm proud of y'all, especially the girls. I mean, all of y'all just for being strong. Thank y'all for being strong. Thank y'all for being by my side and supporting me. I love y'all. I got the best family in the world," he said. "My birthday. I'm happy. Thank you guys for this call."

"Can't wait to see you in a couple of days," Justin chimed in.

Quincy then provided a play-by-play of what's happening on their end of the call. "Yo Pops, Love is eating all your cake, so you're not going to have none left. She's face down in the cake right now," he said as they all laugh.

Despite the heinous allegations that are being made against Diddy, many commenters emphasized with the kids in the comments of the post. "Regardless they love their father man! Just because our loved ones may do something crazy it don't take the love away! My heart go out to them man," one person

wrote as another top-liked comment read, "That man was a great father can't take that away from him."

Speaking of Diddy's birthday, The New York Post recently revealed what the disgraced mogul's birthday meal would be today. The outlet reached out to the Federal Bureau of Prisons to confirm what is being served to inmates at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn, where the father of seven is currently being held.

For breakfast, Diddy was likely served breakfast items like cereal, fruit and a breakfast cake, according to the outlet. Then, around 11 a.m., Monday's lunch at the prison includes "pasta with marinara sauce, meatballs and a garden salad." For dinner, he will be able to have chicken or tofu fried rice with black beans and carrots at 4 p.m.

On Sept. 16, 2024, the Love Album creator was arrested in NYC and charged with racketeering conspiracy; sex trafficking by force, fraud, or coercion; and transportation to engage in prostitution. Disturbing details from the court documents accused Diddy of using his companies to fund and facilitate "Freak Offs," where he'd allegedly drug his victims and put them in sexually abusive situations. He has been denied bail twice.

Sizzla's classic 'Black Woman & Child' new edition out November 8



Sizzla performing at the Garvey One Destiny Concert held at the National Arena on Sunday October 20.

Black Woman & Child, an album from one of the more influential reggae artistes of the modern era, Miguel Orlando Collins, known to the world as Sizzla Kalonji, is regarded by many as his finest work in a particularly prolific career spanning almost 30 years. No less than a music authority than Rolling Stone magazine described this album as a "masterpiece".

Produced in 1997 by a graduate from King Jammy's hit-making studio, Bobby 'Digital B' Dixon, this project was released at a turning point in reggae music, where

digital sounds and 'slackness' had completely taken over. A fresh approach was needed, and Dixon led the charge alongside other producers, such as Phillip 'Fatis' Burrell, creating riddims which incorporated real instrumentation and modern sounds.

Sizzla was just 21 years old when he recorded Black Woman & Child, yet he showed such maturity and depth in his songwriting skills and lyrical prowess that this album kick-started a conscious dancehall revolution across Jamaica and, indeed, the world. Core messages of his Bobo Ashanti faith, the teachings of Prince Emmanuel Charles Edwards, Haile Selassie and Marcus Garvey; repatriation;

pan-Africanism and Black nationalism are all explored. During this era, Dixon continued the long-standing tradition of re-versioning riddims from Sir Coxsone Dodd's Studio One imprint, the foundation of Jamaican music. More Guidance provides a fresh take on Wailing Soul's Mr. Fire Coal Man, Make it Secure revives The Soul Vendor's Drum Song, and One Away is a fitting lyric to arguably the best roots riddim of all time, The Abyssinians Satta Masa Gana. Soul Agent's The Lecture rides again on Give Them a Ride, and Guide Over us utilises the soulful classic by The Eternals, Queen of the Minstrels, in fine style.

Black Woman & Child is now available once again on limited-edition green vinyl with the original Greensleeves sleeve design. Additional unreleased bonus tracks are also available on digital and streaming platforms.

Born in St Mary to devout Rastafarian parents, Sizzla was raised in August Town, where he studied mechanical engineering at Dunoon Technical High School. He began to develop his own style whilst serving his musical apprenticeship with the Caveman Hi-Fi sound system and has used his music as a vehicle for his message, kick-starting his recording career in 1995 with a release through the Zagalou label.

Homer Harris, the same man who mentored Buju Banton, introduced Sizzla to saxophonist Dean Fraser, the then musical director for Burrell's Xterminator Family. The year 1995 marked an important turning point for Sizzla when he began working with Burrell. This union led to a run of successful singles and the release of Sizzla's debut album, Burning Up.

Sizzla Kalonji has released more than 45 solo albums and at least 15 combination albums. He, along with artistes such as Capleton, Norris Man, Turbulence, Buju Banton, and Anthony B, is credited with leading a movement towards a re-embrace of Rastafarian values in contemporary reggae music.

Last month, during an historic visit to Jamaica, Culture Ambassador of Ghana, King Nana Anim Obiri, declared Sizzla as the Rastafari chief of development for repatriation to Ghana. This prestigious role will see Sizzla championing efforts to encourage Rastafarians and Jamaicans to settle in Ghana, promoting cultural and economic growth.

Netanyahu fires Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, after months of clashes over war and politics

Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant stand during an honor cordon at the Pentagon on June 25, 2024 in Arlington, Virginia.



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has fired Defense Minister Yoav Gallant after months of clashes over domestic politics and Israel's war efforts.

In a recorded statement Tuesday evening, Netanyahu said that "trust between me and the minister of defense has cracked."

Israel Katz, currently the foreign minister, will become defense minister. Gideon Sa'ar will replace Katz as foreign minister, the prime minister's office said Tuesday. Neither has extensive military experience, though Katz has served in the cabinet throughout the war.

The move came as voters in the United States, Israel's most important ally, voted for their next president. Gallant is a close interlocutor for the US administration, and has been said to have daily conversations with US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin.

The reshuffle also comes as Israel awaits a potential retaliatory attack from Iran.

Gallant responded to the decision shortly after it was made public, posting on X that the "security of Israel has been and will always be my lifelong mission."

Netanyahu said that he had "made many attempts" to bridge differences with Gallant, but that they "kept widening" and "came to the public's knowledge in an unacceptable manner." He continued: "Worse than that, they came to the knowledge of the enemy- our enemies enjoyed it and greatly benefited from it."

Minutes after Netanyahu made the announcement, opposition leaders called for Israelis to take to the streets in protest. Protestors outside Netanyahu's residence in Jerusalem shouted "shame!" In Tel Aviv, families of hostages held in Gaza chanted "Bibi is a traitor," using the prime minister's nickname. When Netanyahu first sought to fire Gallant last year, over his opposition to proposed judicial reforms, it led to mass nationwide demonstrations.

Israel's political class has long speculated that Netanyahu would fire Gallant and replace him with a political ally to shore up his domestic power. Netanyahu has struggled to maintain a hold over his fragile governing coalition, a muddle of competing interests, whose collapse could spell the end of his leadership.

The relationship between both men was rarely cordial and often caustic. There was little love lost between them – over the state of negotiations with Hamas, Israel's military strategy and Netanyahu's bid to bring in a sweeping overhaul of the judiciary in 2023.

Netanyahu and Gallant have often disagreed over the war in Gaza. In August, Gallant told a closed-door Knesset committee that Netanyahu's goal of "absolute victory" in Gaza was "nonsense," according to Israeli media. Netanyahu then took the extraordinary step of releasing a press statement accusing Gallant of adopting an "anti-Israel narrative."

Gallant was also highly critical of Netanyahu's emphasis on controlling the Gaza-Egypt border, known as the Philadelphi Corridor. He said that prioritizing its control over a ceasefire and hostage deal was a "moral disgrace." In the cabinet, he voted against continued occupation there. "If we want the hostages alive, we don't have time," he said.

But it may be domestic politics that ultimately played the biggest role.

Netanyahu on Tuesday was forced to withdraw draft legislation that would have allowed ultra-Orthodox Israelis to get government subsidies for daycare even if the father of the children does not serve in the Israel Defense Forces, as all other Jewish Israelis must do. Netanyahu relies on ultra-Orthodox parties to govern, and they have threatened to upend his coalition if they are forced to serve in the military en masse.

Gallant had been outspoken against the idea that ultra-Orthodox Israelis be exempt from service,

saying that "the security system under my leadership will not submit it to legislation."

Sa'ar, whom Netanyahu has tapped for foreign minister, is thought to be an influential interlocutor to the ultra-Orthodox parties. Netanyahu, in his statement, said that Sa'ar's appointment "will enhance the stability of the coalition and the stability of the government, and these are very important at any time, but especially at wartime."

Also on Tuesday, Israeli police announced that a criminal investigation had been opened "concerning events at the outset of the war," without offering further details.

Gallant has repeatedly called for an official inquiry into Hamas' October 7 attack. It is the second investigation this week that threatens to ensnare Netanyahu. On Sunday, a court revealed that police had arrested a top Netanyahu aide for allegedly leaking classified and faked intelligence to foreign media.

Netanyahu had faced pressure from far-right members of his cabinet to dismiss him, with National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir saying in September that he had been demanding Gallant's ouster for months "and the time has come to do so immediately."

His relationship with Gallant deteriorated when the prime minister threatened to fire him in March 2023, after he criticized the government's judicial overhaul legislation. The bill, which provoked widespread popular protests in Israel, would have granted the ruling coalition more sway in selecting judges.

Gallant was the first minister to oppose it, saying: "The deepening split is seeping into the military and security agencies- this is a clear, immediate and real danger to Israel's security. I will not facilitate this."

Netanyahu said he would fire the defense minister, but reversed his position following pressure. The rancor between the two men has persisted and grown since the Hamas attack last October.

Elon Musk bet big on Trump. Here's what he stands to gain — and lose — from his win



Elon Musk (left) and Donald Trump

No single business leader did more to support former President Donald Trump's candidacy than Elon Musk. But the billionaire and his business empire face both positives and negatives after Trump won back the presidency in Tuesday's election.

Musk has donated nearly \$119 million so far to a political action committee he set up to support Trump, according to Federal Election Commission filings. He's appeared with Trump at rallies and hosted a fawning interview with him on X, his social media platform.

"He's bet big here. He dove into the deep end of the pool on this election," said Daniel Ives, tech analyst at Wedbush Securities.

Early Wednesday, investors were already betting that Trump's win will also be a win for Musk's major public holding, Tesla (TSLA), sending shares of his electric vehicle maker up 13% at the market open. That lifted the value of the 411 million shares of Tesla that Musk owns outright by more than \$13 billion, which works out to a better than an 11,000% return on the \$119 million he donated to Trump. But there are risks for Tesla, even from Trump's victory.

Much of Musk's massive net worth can be traced to the government support his companies, such as Tesla and SpaceX, have received over the years. Even if Vice President Kamala Harris had won, much of that money would have continued to flow. But even if some of the government support for electric vehicles is now trimmed or cut off, as is likely with Trump's victory, Musk's wealth will remain firmly intact. In fact, Tesla could benefit if government support for EVs ends.

What a Trump win means for Tesla

Musk posted numerous tweets on his social media platform X late Tuesday and early Wednesday celebrating Trump's victory.

"The people of America gave @realDonaldTrump a crystal clear mandate for change tonight," he wrote in one of them.

Trump has been openly hostile to electric vehicles, saying they are too expensive, have limited range, and will destroy jobs and the American auto industry. But what might seem like the biggest blow to Tesla from another Trump presidency — a reduction, if not the end of federal support for EVs — might not be all that bad for Tesla and Musk.

But other policies that are the center of Trump's plans could cause major problems.

Trump has vowed to end something he calls "Biden's EV mandate," even though no such mandate exists, and it is unclear what he is referring to.

But under Biden there has been significant government support for building and buying EVs, including billions of dollars in loans to encourage automakers to invest in factories to build EVs and batteries in the United States, support for charging stations and a \$7,500 tax credit to many electric car buyers.

Many industry experts believe Trump will end those programs. Trump could order the Treasury Department to change the rules that determine when car buyers qualify for the credit, greatly limiting the tax credit's availability. Or, if Trump has a Republican-controlled Congress, he could get legislation passed to eliminate the credit all together.

But Musk has said he's not worried about the end of the tax credit, as Tesla sees it as a boon to

legacy automakers' efforts to move into the EV market and provide more competition.

"Take away the subsidies. It will only help Tesla," Musk posted on X in July.

Thanks to increased competition, Tesla's global sales sank 2% in the first nine months of this year compared to last year. Sales and profit managed to improve in the third quarter, but it was the first time the company had ever seen such a drop in its history.

Trump might be more likely to give a green light to Musk's true self-driving vehicles, yet to be made, Ives said, along with a fleet of so-called "robotaxis" to give rides without any sort of driver on board.

Garrett Nelson, analyst with CFRA Research, agreed.

"In our view, Tesla and CEO Elon Musk are perhaps the biggest winners from the election result, and we believe Trump's victory will help expedite regulatory approval of the company's autonomous driving technology," he said in a note to clients Wednesday, raising his recommendation on Tesla stock from a "Hold" to a "Buy." He raised his 12-month price target for the stock by \$110 to \$375 a share.

So far the company's existing driver assist features, known as Autopilot and Full Self-Driving, or FSD, are facing probes from federal safety regulators after a series of crashes involving the technology. Those investigations could slow approval of true self-driving Tesla cars being allowed on roads, despite Musk's widely disputed claim that Teslas using FSD are already safer than those driven by humans.

"Under Trump those investigations could slowly disappear," Ives said.

Independent legislator found dead at home in Antigua



Asot Michael

Police Commissioner Atlee Patrick Rodney has

hinted at the possibility of foreign investigators assisting in the investigation into the death of independent legislator, Asot Michael, whose body was found in a pool of blood by his maid at his home on Tuesday morning.

Rodney told a news conference that Michael, 54, who served as a minister in previous administrations of the Gaston Browne administration, had at least one major stab wound to the chest, but that the investigations were in the early stages to determine the cause of death.

"It is one of those sad occasions we have to address as investigators...we had the call early this morning that he was found unresponsive, we responded quickly and as the doctor has just confirmed he has passed away," Rodney told reporters near the scene of the murder.

"There are some injuries on the body which now opens up a homicide investigation as the circumstances that led to the injuries, we do not know what happened, but we are going to use all the resources that we have locally, regionally and internationally.

"I will be speaking with my regional partners, I will be speaking with my international partners and whatever resources we need we will use everything to address such a serious crime. It is a heinous crime when you see that type of injury

and somebody lying in that condition," the top cop told reporters.

Rodney appealed to eyewitnesses and members of the public to come forward and assist in the investigation, urging them also to "respect the privacy of the family especially with the type of information they share.

Michael, the Member of Parliament for St Peter, had contested the last general election on January 18, 2023 as an independent candidate after he fell out with the ruling the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party (ABLP).

He was first elected to the House of Representatives for the constituency of Saint Peter in 2004 and on October 23, 2017, he was detained at Heathrow Airport while in transit to a conference in France, being accused of having requested bribes from a British investor in 2016. While being interviewed by UK authorities, Prime Minister Browne removed him as Minister of Tourism, Economic Development, Investment and Energy despite Michael denying any wrongdoing.

In 2018, Michael was accused by British investor Peter Virdee of Michael's involvement in a bribery scheme. Michael denied soliciting bribes and said the original detention was for the purpose of an interview with police.

School releases video of student who died after swallowing thumbtack in Guyana



Mekhi Rodrigues

A private primary school in Guyana on Friday released a video in an attempt to dispel suggestions that one of its teachers had failed to offer assistance to a six-year-old student

who died after swallowing a thumbtack in class.

Family members had claimed that the life of Mekhi Rodrigues could have been saved had

his teacher at the private primary school in the village of Crane on the West Coast of Demerara paid attention to his cry for help. The incident took place on October 29 and the family claimed he was reportedly directed back to his seat. He later returned to the class teacher with his water bottle in hand and shaking, but was again directed to return to his seat.

Family members said it wasn't until the boy was noticed struggling to breathe and shaking in his seat that the class teacher took notice of him. He became unconscious and was rushed to the West Demerara Hospital, where he died as doctors tried to revive him. It was later revealed that he had swallowed a thumbtack and it might have blocked his airway in addition to causing additional damage internally.

However, according to the video recording of the incident provided by the school, the teacher could be seen offering help to the young boy once he went to her with the complaint. The teacher is also seen leaving her desk and offering help before seeking the help of other teachers and rushing the child to the hospital.

The matter is under investigation and the Ministry of Education is reportedly aware of the incident.



GOALS GALORE

A whopping 44 goals scored over two days of competition in Inter-Primary Football Competition

Arteta vows Arsenal will recover from troubled spell



Arsenal's Spanish manager Mikel Arteta looks on during the UEFA Champions League football match between Inter Milan and Arsenal at the San Siro stadium in Milan on November 6, 2024.

Arsenal dominated for large periods against Inter, but were left to rue a controversial penalty in first-half stoppage time when Mikel Merino was adjudged to have handled.

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The Gunners have won just two of their last six games in all competitions, with those victories hardly impressive against Shakhtar Donetsk in Europe

and second-tier Preston in the League Cup.

Arteta's team are languishing in fifth place in the Premier League, already seven points behind leaders Liverpool ahead of Sunday's crucial London derby at Chelsea.

Hampered for weeks by the absence of captain Martin Odegaard — who finally returned from injury as a late substitute against Inter — Arsenal have looked a shadow of the vibrant team that took last season's title race to the final day of the season.

Odegaard's creativity and tenacious pressing has been sorely missed, while Arteta has also had to deal with injuries to Bukayo Saka and Jurrien Timber, as well as a rash of red cards that cost him the services of Declan Rice, William Saliba and Leandro Trossard. As if their on-pitch travails weren't concerning enough, Arteta has seen his trusted sporting director Edu make a shock exit from the Emirates Stadium.

Edu, who has agreed a deal in principle to accept a similar role at Nottingham Forest, resigned at the start of this week after overseeing a major revamp of Arsenal's squad since joining in 2019.

The 46-year-old shared a strong bond with Arteta, with whom he has transformed Arsenal into title contenders.

"We have been together on this journey since day one. He was instrumental for me to be where I am and I loved working with him. I enjoyed the journey to have him next to me," Arteta said of Edu just before kick-off in the San Siro.

Edu scored in Arsenal's famous 5-1 win at Inter in the Champions League group stage 21 years ago.

But history did not repeat itself on Wednesday as Arsenal attempted 20 shots, their most without scoring in a Champions League game since 2006 against CSKA Moscow.

Arteta launched a staunch defence of his players, claiming they were denied by refereeing mistakes rather than their own failings against Inter.

"The worst thing is the result, because of the performance and attitude we showed against one of the best teams in Europe in their stadium," he said.

"It's extremely frustrating because there were two decisions against us. If their one is a penalty then we should have one when Mikel Merino is punched in the head.

"Of all the big games we have played in Europe, this was the best I have seen from my team in the last two years."

Arsenal cannot afford another setback against Chelsea this weekend if they are to remain in the hunt for a first English title since 2004 after successive runners-up finishes.

Arteta stuck to his upbeat assessment of Arsenal's unexpected plight, saying: "If we play the way we played tonight, the team has a big chance to win at Chelsea.

"That is the way we have to go. I have told them I am proud of them. We are disappointed because we didn't get what we wanted out of the game that is for sure."

Despite Arteta's optimism, there are worrying signs that Arsenal's hopes of finally dethroning Manchester City might be destined to end in disappointment.

West Indies bowler Joseph suspended after storming off field



Alzarri Joseph of West Indies takes the catch to dismiss Phil Salt of England during the 1st ODI match between West Indies and England at Vivian Richards Cricket Stadium in North Sound, Antigua and Barbuda, on October 31, 2024.

West Indies fast bowler Alzarri Joseph was hit with a two-match suspension on Thursday after storming off the field during the series-clinching one day international (ODI) win over England.

Cricket West Indies (CWI) said Joseph had been sanctioned for "conduct falling short of CWI's standards of professionalism".

Joseph marched off the pitch during Wednesday's game at Kensington Oval in Barbados shortly after taking the wicket of Jordan Cox in the fourth over, in an apparent protest at the field set by West Indies skipper Shai Hope.

That left West Indies briefly down to 10 players before Joseph then returned for the sixth over.

"Alzarri's behaviour did not align with the

core values that Cricket West Indies upholds," CWI Director of Cricket Miles Bascombe said in a statement.

"Such conduct cannot be overlooked and we have taken decisive action to ensure the gravity of the situation is fully acknowledged."

Joseph apologised in the same statement, saying that "my passion got the best of me".

"I have personally apologised to Captain Shai Hope and my teammates and management," Joseph, 27, said.

"I also extend my sincerest apologies to the West Indies fans. I understand that even a brief lapse in judgment can have a far-reaching impact, and I deeply regret any disappointment caused."

Salterra Resort and Spa Sponsors TCIFA's Grassroots Program, Women's Premier League



From left - Roshida Spencer - Director of Rooms and Guest Experience at Salterra; Lisa Garland - Second Vice President of the TCIFA and president of the Women's Premier League; Yunlesis Rodriguez Baez, TCIFA Director of Women's Football, and Dane Ritchie - Technical Director of the TCIFA.

Salterra Resort and Spa, a new entrant to the Turks and Caicos Islands' luxury hospitality scene, has shown its dedication to community development with a \$10,000 sponsorship for the Turks and Caicos Islands Football Association (TCIFA). This contribution will directly support the TCIFA's South Caicos Grassroots Program and the Women's Premier League, helping expand football opportunities and foster young talent in South Caicos.

Roshida Spencer, Director of Rooms and Guest Experience at Salterra, expressed the resort's enthusiasm for the partnership, emphasizing that the initiative aligns with the resort's core values of community engage-

ment and sustainability.

"Salterra's partnership with the Women's Premier League and the South Caicos Grassroots Program represents so much more than just a sponsorship," Spencer stated. "It's about investing in the future of the island, empowering young talent, and strengthening communities through the transformative power of sports."

She highlighted how sports promote resilience, social skills, and mental well-being, all essential to the holistic development of South Caicos' youth.

As Salterra prepares for its grand opening in February 2025, the resort aims to create

long-term, positive impacts in South Caicos. The luxury hotel, part of Marriott's exclusive collection, will feature a full-service spa, multiple dining options, water sports, and a kids' club, alongside its mission of sustainable tourism. Spencer noted that Salterra's contribution to TCIFA marks a commitment to environmental and social causes on the island, enhancing both tourism and community enrichment.

Lisa Garland, Vice President of the TCIFA, expressed gratitude towards Salterra for the support. "The TCIFA provides a vital and safe space for our young athletes to showcase their talents, build confidence, and love the game," she said. She also urged more corporate sponsors to join in fostering sports opportunities for youth, particularly through the Women's Premier League, where participants gain more than just skills—they find a family.

Dane Ritchie, Technical Director of the TCIFA, shared his excitement for the partnership, noting that the benefits to the Women's League and grassroots programs extend beyond monetary value. "It's about creating long-term impact, and Salterra understands that," he said.

Ritchie also highlighted the success of the South Caicos grassroots program in developing players for national teams, with several young athletes from the program already representing Turks and Caicos in international tournaments.

Through the partnership, TCIFA and Salterra hope to cultivate a legacy that positively influences young athletes in South Caicos for years to come, building leaders on and off the field. Salterra's sponsorship reflects a broader mission of sustainable, community-focused development as the resort looks to contribute meaningfully to the future of South Caicos.

Royal Turks & Caicos Golf Club Welcomes New Leadership: Sean Wilson Steps Up as Head Professional

Long-time Associate Professional Dave Douglas has passed the leadership torch to Sean Wilson, who officially assumed the role of Head Professional at the Provo Golf Course.

Douglas introduced Wilson with deep admiration, highlighting Wilson's exceptional dedication and contributions to the club over the years.

"Sean has been an invaluable team member, bringing technical expertise, people skills, and initiative," said Douglas, who expressed confidence in Wilson's ability to lead RTCGC into a bright future. "I am thrilled to be the first to congratulate him on this well-deserved role."

Wilson's journey in the golf world began in 1991 at Greenhills Country Club in Ontario, where Douglas initially hired him as a 17-year-old cart washer and bag room attendant. Quickly catching

the "golf bug," Wilson launched a career that has seen him serve as Head Professional and Director of Golf at three golf courses, including North Sound Club in the Cayman Islands, before joining RTCGC in 2008. Over his years in Providenciales, he has become a vital part of the RTCGC community.

Reflecting on his own 28-year career at RTCGC, Douglas reminisced about the "pioneering years" alongside his wife, Denise. "We've built something special here, and I am grateful to all who have supported us on this journey," he said. Although Douglas will now step into the role of Associate Professional, he remains committed to contributing to RTCGC's growth.

Douglas also took a moment to acknowledge RTCGC's talented team members, including Golf

Course Superintendent Tim Mack and the grounds crew for their commitment to excellence on the club's 18-hole championship course. He praised new Food and Beverage Manager Patrice Campbell for her work in elevating the #19 Restaurant experience and expressed appreciation for the strategic leadership of Paul Slattery, whose vision is guiding the club's future improvements.

In his new role, Douglas looks forward to supporting Wilson, enhancing member services, and welcoming new guests. "It's a unique opportunity," he joked, "to be the assistant to my former assistant!" He also expressed gratitude for the chance to live in Providenciales with his family, raising his daughters on "TCI Island Time," and extended thanks to the community for years of support.

Miller-Simons O’Sullivan Lends Support to TCI Women’s Premier League with New Sponsorship

By Vivian Tyson Sports Writer



From left, Adrian Corr - Miller-Simons O’Sullivan, Louise Malcolm, Miller-Simons O’Sullivan, Lisa Garland, President of the TCIFA’S Women’s Premier League, and Dane Ritchie, Technical Director of the TCIFA

In a significant move for women’s sports in the Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI), the prominent law firm Miller-Simons O’Sullivan has announced its sponsorship of the TCI Women’s Premier League.

The partnership was formalized on Monday, December 4, 2024, during a signing ceremony that underscores the firm’s commitment to empowering female athletes across the islands.

Adrian Korr, a long-time supporter of local football and

representative of the firm, shared insights into Miller-Simons O’Sullivan’s deep-rooted connection with TCI’s football scene.

“This sponsorship isn’t just a business decision—it’s a commitment to fostering development and inclusivity in sports,” Corr said. He noted the legacy of Tom Smith, an early visionary behind the formation of the Football Association in the late ‘90s, emphasizing how the association has grown over the years to foster women’s and men’s

leagues alike.

“Supporting these athletes, especially in women’s football, is an essential part of what we stand for,” Corr added. Joining him at the event, Louise Malcolm, one of the newest partners at Miller-Simons O’Sullivan, expressed her enthusiasm for the upcoming league season, was scheduled to kick off on Friday, November 8.

“The Women’s Premier League showcases our young national players’ passion and talent. This sponsorship helps ensure they have the resources and support to reach their full potential,” Malcolm remarked.

TCI Women’s Football League President, Lisa Garland, who is also second Vice President of the TCIFA, also voiced her gratitude, recognizing that consistent sponsorship is vital for the league’s continued development.

Over the past few years, the league has evolved from seven-a-side to the full eleven-a-side format, reflecting the growing participation and skill level within the community.

“This support from Miller-Simons O’Sullivan means more young girls can pursue football with the backing they deserve,” Garland said.

For his part, Dane Ritchie, Technical Director for the TCIFA said Miller Simons O’Sullivan’s sponsorship underscores its belief in the potential of TCI’s female athletes, who, despite challenges, continue to thrive in the sport.

He stated that with the expansive growth in that cohort each year, the TCI Women’s Premier League hopes to inspire more young women to join and strengthen the foundation of women’s football in the islands.

INTER PRIMARY SCHOOLS COMPETITION								
POINTS STANDING								
POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS	
Group A	1	ELITE	3	2	1	0	13	7
	2	CCA	3	2	1	0	7	7
	3	TLPS	2	1	0	1	0	3
	4	ECPS	2	0	0	2	-8	0
	5	MILLS	2	0	0	2	-12	0
POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS	
Group B	1	RHPS	2	2	0	0	10	6
	2	ISTC	2	1	0	1	1	3
	3	PCS	3	1	0	2	-9	3
	4	BEST	1	0	0	1	-2	0

44 Goals Scored In Two Days Of Inter-Primary School Football

By Vivian Tyson, NEWSLINE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



A whopping 44 goals have been scored in two days of competition in the Turks and Caicos Islands Football Association (TCIFA) Inter-Primary School (male and female) Football competition at the TCIA Academy Field in Providenciales.

Twenty-nine goals have been scored on the first day of competition on Saturday, November 2, while 15 games were scored on Tuesday, November 5.

In the first game, Community Christian got by Enid Capron 4-0. The scorers in that game were Marvens Doriscar in the fifth and 14th minutes, Kerwens Salomon in the 21st minute, and an own goal by Rayon Bazil in the 29th minute. Doriscar was named Player of the Match.

In the second game, Elite slammed MILLS Institute 9 – 0. Ysaac Clermont scored five goals in that game. He scored in the second, 4th, 14th, 25th and 30. Jacob Fils-Frantz scored two goals – 19th and 23, Edinghson Dieudonne scored one goal in the 10th minute, while Ivan Harvey of MILLS scored an own goal in the 10th minute. Clermont of Elite was named man of the match.

In the third game, International School blanked Provo Christian

School 5-0. Williams Skinner netted a brace – scoring in the 5th and 10 minute. Kalea Missick scored in the 8th minute, Osin Ryan in the 14th minute and Sharad Goddard in the 22nd minute. Skinner was named player of the match.

In the fourth game, Community Christian defeated Thelma Lightbourne 3-0. Marvens Doriscar, again was on the score sheet, netting a brace – the first in the 21st minute and the second in the 22nd minute. Kerwens Salomon opened the scoring in the first minute. Doriscar went on the claim the player of the match title.

In the fifth game of the day, Elite thrashed Enid Capron 5-1, with Grayson Theodore getting a brace – scoring in the 2nd and 22 minutes. Arwensley Honore, Jacob Fils-Frantz, Edinghson Dieudonne, and Guventz Pierre got a goal each. Theodore was later named player of the match.

In game six, Provo Christian got by BEST Institute 2-0, with both goals being scored by eventual player of the match, Learnj Pierre, who scored in the 7th and 13th minutes.

In the opening match on Tuesday, Thelma Lightbourne blanked MILLS 3-0. Giovanni Joseph opened the scoring in the 7th minute, with

Omar'e O'Neil scoring four minutes later in the 11th minute and Karim Ali via penalty in the 30th minute. Ali was later named player of the match. In game 8, Jamari Heath registered a hattrick to carry Richmond Hill to a 4-0 drubbing of International School. Heath scored in the 6th, and twice in the 17th minute. Jace Mullings scored in the 9th minute. Heath went on to snatch the player of the match award.

In game 9, Community Christian and Elite ended 1-1. Edinghson Dieudonne opened the scoring in minute 20 for Elite. However, Community Christian levelled the score in the 26th minute through Kerwens Solomon, who later copped the player of the match award.

In game 10, Jamari Heath scored four times to hand Richmond Hill 6-0 win over Provo Christian. Heath scored twice in the 11th, 15th and 18th minute, with Jace Mullings scoring in the 23rd minute and Ashton Dornus scoring in the 29th minute. Heath walked away with the player of the match award.

The competition is divided into two zones – with Zone A is comprised of Elite, Community Christian Academy, Thelma Lightbourne Primary, Enid Capron Primary and MILLS Institute. Zone B is comprised of Richmond Hill Preparatory School, International School of the Turks and Caicos, Provo Christian School and BEST Institute. Elite and Community Christian Academy are tied on 7 points, but Elite has a superior goal difference. Enid Capron are in third position on 3 points, with Enid Capron and MILLS at the bottom of the table without a win. Richmond Hill lead Zone B with points, following by International School and Provo Christian School on 3 points. However, International School has a plus one goal, to Provo Christian a negative 9 goals.