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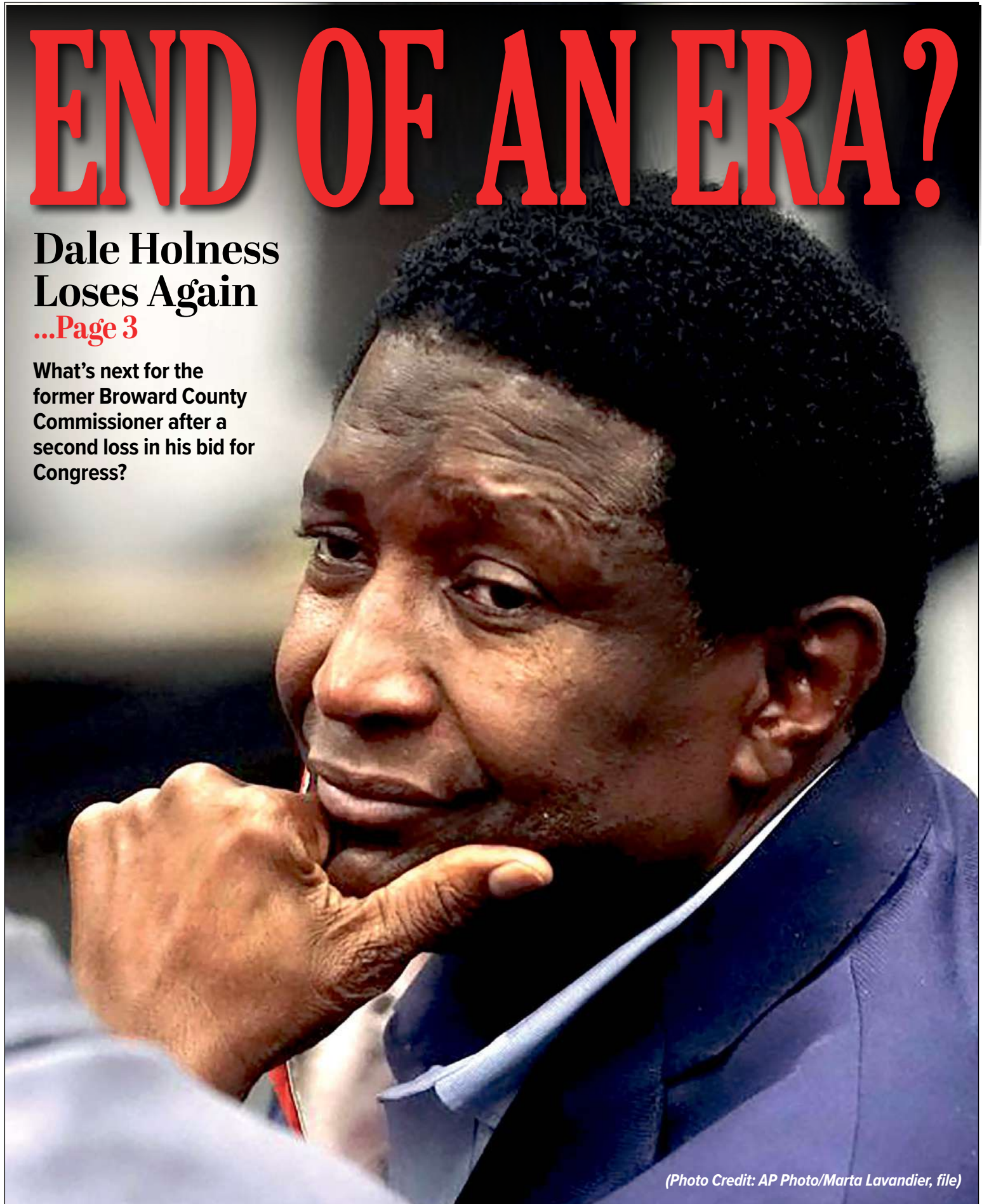


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former Broward County
Commissioner after a
second loss in his bid for
Congress?



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Here Are The Regional Headlines Making News This Week:

REGIONALLY

Dominica Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit has called on the international community to examine the possibility of developing “one umbrella” legislation as Dominica continues its efforts to deal with money laundering and the financing of terrorism.

Skerrit, whose government recently successfully tabled and got parliamentary approval for three pieces of legislation to strengthen systems in the fight against money laundering and the financing of terrorism, said the proposed umbrella legislation could be a “standard legislation across the global space.”

Skerrit told legislators that the reality is in defense of the European Union and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, (OECD) and to the National Advisory Unit “this is a moving target.”

Skerrit told legislators that despite the economic impact the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has had on the island, his administration still felt it necessary to provide funding for the acquisition of scanners for the ports here. He said that a number of “barrels” entering the country during that period had dropped “because the scanners were working to prevent drugs and ammunition coming into our country and as a means of facilitating money laundering in Dominica,” he said.

Parliament has since approved amendments to the Money Laundering Prevention Bill, the Proceeds of Crime and

Suppression of Financing of terrorism Bills.

BERMUDA

A Guyanese police officer who took legal action after he was passed over for promotion by the Bermuda Police Service (BPS) four years, has now been elevated in rank — despite losing another court battle.

David Bhagwan was among seven sergeants who became inspectors at a formal ceremony in the latest round of BPS promotions. Bhagwan’s promotion came after a ruling rejecting claims he had been the victim of discrimination during promotion procedures in 2018 was upheld by the Court of Appeal. Bhagwan has so far not commented, but a BPS spokeswoman said “following the completion of the 2022 promotion process, Mr. Bhagwan was promoted to the rank of inspector.”

Bhagwan earlier called for a judicial review into BPS promotion procedures after failing to pass the sergeant-to-inspector interview panel in 2018.

He complained that the process had been flawed and that Assistant Commissioner of Police Martin Weekes should have recused himself on the basis of an appearance of bias against him and Caribbean police officers. His claim was thrown out by Chief Justice Narinder Hargun after a Supreme Court case in 2021.

The Court of Appeal ruled in June this year that none of Bhagwan’s grounds for



The LIAT battle continues. (LIAT image)

appeal “presented any basis for departing from the findings in the judgment in relation to the issues raised by them.” In his appeal, Bhagwan alleged that the methodology used to calculate scores for the promotions exam was “illegal and irrational.”

This argument was also dismissed by the appeal judges. Jamaican-born Anthony Smellie, one of the Appeal Court judges, noted that during the Supreme Court hearing Bhagwan’s allegations against Weekes of personal bias went back to a 2007 incident which Bhagwan had not flagged up until 11 years later. It was also established that Bhagwan had not objected to Weekes’ presence on the promotions panel, even though he had an opportunity to do so.

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

The Antigua and Barbuda Workers’ Union, (ABWU), has once again written to Cleveland Seaforth, the court appointed administrator for the cash-strapped regional airline, LIAT (1974) limited, seeking a meeting on the future direction

of the airline.

In the latest correspondence, ABWU General Secretary, David Massiah says it is important that there be dialogue between the parties should be treated with greater importance. The union has given Seaforth until Thursday to respond positively to the letter.

The ABWU has already said among the issues to be discussed will be the decision by the shareholder governments to liquidate the company that owes millions of dollars (One EC dollar=US\$0.37 cents) to former employees who were dismissed last year. But in a letter to Massiah, dated August 11, Seaforth said “discussions held by Heads of Government are separate and apart from the Court-Appointed Administration Process, hence the Administrator may not be fully aware of all the matters discussed at such meetings”.

However, in the union’s latest correspondence, Massiah informs the court appointed liquidator that “meaningful dialogue with your good self and whoever you choose to be with is still pertinent.”

The ABWU maintains that regular consultations and dialogue with employees and their representatives is essential in light of all the outstanding issues that are relevant to the airline’s future.

SURINAME

The American oil company, APA Corporation (APA) and Suriname’s Staatsolie has announced the discovery of another large oil reserve off the coast of Suriname in Block 53. Since January 2020, five successful discoveries were made in Block 58. The oil was found in the Baja-1 well that was drilled to a depth of 5,290 meters and encountered 34 meters of net oil payment.

Preliminary analyses indicate light oil with a gas-to-oil ratio of 1600 to 2200 standard cubic feet per barrel, in a good quality reservoir. The discovery at Baja-1 is from the same deposition system as the Krabdagu discovery, 11.5 kilometers to the west at Block 58.

The company said that it, recently received regulatory approval regarding an

amendment to the Block 53 Production Sharing Contract (PSC) with Staatsolie, which provides options to extend the exploration period of the PSC by up to four years.

JAMAICA

Jamaica’s main opposition People’s National Party (PNP) says it is s prepared to sit with the government to discuss measures to achieve consensus on crime in Jamaica even as it warned that any planned meeting should be held in good faith.

Jamaica has recorded 968 murders for the period January 1 to August 22 this year as compared with 929 killings last year, an increase of 4.2 per cent. The Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) is also reporting that there have been 767 shootings as compared with 801 for the same period last year.

PNP general secretary, Dr Dayton Campbell, speaking at a divisional conference of his party in Southwest, St. Andrew constituency recently, again urged Prime Minister Andrew Holness to remove Police Commissioner Major General Antony Anderson and National Security Minister Dr Horace Chang from their posts, claiming that the crime situation had deteriorated on their watch.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO/ JAMAICA

Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica recently moved closer towards enhancing their existing cooperation in several areas including trade, security as well as sports and athletics as the two Caribbean Community, (CARICOM) countries seek to take further advantage of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy, (CSME).

Both Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley and his visiting counterpart, Andrew Holness, acknowledged the importance of the CSME, which allows for a free movement of goods, skills, labor and services within the 15-member regional integration movement, as they sought to deepen their relations.

Prime Minister Holness, who was in T&T as guest of the twin island republic, told reporters that six years ago, his administration had invited a newly appointed head of government in Trinidad and Tobago to visit Kingston in order to help diffuse a trade war between the two CARICOM countries.

The two leaders also discussed “areas where we have natural talent in culture, sports, music, carnival, athletics and we have agreed we are going to collaborate much more closely in these areas.”

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Is It The End Of An Era For Jamaican Dale Holness?



After a second loss in months in a bid for Congress, Jamaican politician Dale Holness has reportedly said its "time for self-introspection." (File image)

BY HOWARD CAMPBELL
Edited By Felicia J. Persaud

On the evening of August 23rd, Dale Holness found himself in a situation every politician dreads - pondering his future after an election loss. For the second time in 10 months, the Jamaica-born former mayor of Broward County lost his bid and hope to become Florida District 20's next congressional representative.

For the second time in months, he was trounced by Haitian American Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick in his bid to represent the district that for years was represented by his mentor, late Congressman Alcee Hastings.

Holness was seen as the anointed; the person whom Hastings had largely passed the baton to; the one to beat.

But last year Cherfilus-McCormick, a virtually unknown, emerged to challenge Holness and to the shock of many of his supporters, he lost by a razor-thin five votes in a recount of a special election to fill the seat left vacant by Hastings, who died in April 2021.

This time around, however, on August 23, 2022, there was no slim margin to blame or recounts to call for.

It was simply a blowout as Cherfilus-McCormick, a first-generation Haitian American, won by a landslide of 47,536 votes, or 66 percent) of the vote to Holness' 20,749 or 29 percent.

Anika Omphroy, who emerged as the spoiler this time around for Holness, got 4,194 votes or 6% of the vote. Still, even if Holness had managed to grab the less than 4,200 votes with no Omphroy in the race, it would not have been enough to stop Cherfilus-McCormick.

Holness campaigned with dark clouds over him. His daughter Damara was given a 20-month prison sentence in January for Paycheck Protection Fraud.

Omar Smith, who was once a member of his campaign team, pleaded guilty in May to lying on a COVID-19 relief loan application. He fraudulently obtained hundreds of thousands of dollars intended to assist

small businesses affected by the pandemic.

And Cherfilus-McCormick in July, filed a million-dollar lawsuit against Holness for libel and defamation and accused the Jamaican immigrant of "damaging her reputation and inflicting great emotional harm."

Holness has stayed silent since the resounding defeat and has yet to make a public

announcement about whether he plans to continue in politics.

His friend, Garth Rose, told Caribbean Today, however, that Holness took his loss in stride. "He confessed to his campaign facing stringent financial challenges compared to the incumbent, Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick who retained her seat," Rose said.

He added that Holness also

shared that "our best opportunity of winning the seat was in last November's election which we lost by five votes."

"We shouldn't have lost then," Holness reportedly said according to Rose.

As for his future in politics, Rose said Holness has indicated he has not get "given much thought to that."

"I will need time to assess,

but this I know, I have to think about my career out of politics and my family. I have been busy representing the people of Broward County diligently since 2004. Time for self-introspection now," Rose claimed Holness has said.

Rose also described Holness' defeat "as a setback for Jamaican-

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Buoyant Congresswoman Cherfilus-McCormick Says Work Has Just Begun

BY DAWN A. DAVIS

The people of South Florida have spoken. Once again Haitian American Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick has won the

Democratic primary, this time by a decidedly strong majority.

Winning 65 percent of the votes against Dale Holness' 29 percent, and 6 percent for Anika Omphroy, McCormick will next

face Republican candidate Drew Montez Clark in the November elections to retain her seat as the Democratic Congresswoman representing Florida's 20th District and begin a full term.

The contentious fight between her and the former Broward County Commissioner and mayor comes to an end, marking the end of an era.

"I want to thank every person who participated in this primary election, whether you voted for the very first time or waited in line for a very long time," said a jubilant McCormick. "Whether you pounded the pavement or picked up the phone, whether you held a Sheila for Congress sign or shared a social media post, your voice was heard, and you made a difference."

But she said the hard work is just beginning.

Florida's 20th Congressional District, which includes parts of Broward and Palm Beach counties, is home to a majority Democratic constituents, many of them with Caribbean



Congresswoman Cherfilus-McCormick is already eyeing November despite a landslide win on August 23rd. (REUTERS image)

heritage. The district is also plagued with housing issues and poverty, problems McCormick has promised to address with legislation and her People's Prosperity Plan, which will give \$1,000 to families who make less than \$75,000 per year.

In a recent conversation with Caribbean Today, the Congresswoman explained that 50 percent of the constituents in the district are on a fixed income. Adding compounding inflation and the housing market in Florida makes this an economic

downturn that "we've never seen before for our seniors and people on a fixed income," she said.

McCormick said her focus will continue to be on tackling the biggest concerns for her constituents.

"District 20, this is our destiny moment, our time to step forward and pave the way for the next generation," she told CT. "This is our moment to ensure economic opportunity, deliver access to healthcare, drive down inflation, solve the housing crisis, create better jobs, actualize student loan relief, and fix our immigration system."

But she stressed that working together to ensure a win in November is key to achieving prosperity for the District.

"This November's election is critical to defending the foundation of our democracy," the incumbent congresswoman said. "Our freedom and our future are on the ballot. This is our destiny moment, and we'll answer the call together. Let's get to work District 20."



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Americans in South Florida," adding: "He would have been the first person of Jamaican birth to take a seat in the US Congress."

"Moreover, it will be somewhat strange to not hear of, or see, Holness participating actively in South Florida," he added.

Still Rose remains optimistic. "There are several other Jamaican-Americans politicians still serving, and actively campaigning to serve cities, counties, and other elected office in South Florida. It's just a matter of time before one makes it all the way to the US Congress," he said.

That person could be Karen Green, an ordained minister of religion, who was born in Kingston, Jamaica's capital. In the Democratic primary to represent Florida's District 7, she tallied 23,032 votes or 45 percent for a comfortable win over Al Krulick with 10,782 votes or 21%; Hilsia Fernandez with 10,254 votes or

20% and Allek Pastrana with 7,284 or 14%.

The incumbent Stephanie Murphy is not up for re-election.

Gren's opponent in the November Midterms will be Cory Mills, a US Army veteran who served in the Trump White House. They hope to replace Democrat incumbent Stephanie Murphy who is not seeking re-election.

OTHER CARIBBEAN AMERICAN RACES

Meanwhile, veteran Jamaican politician, Hazelle Rogers, easily won election to the Broward County Commission as representative for District 9, a post once held by Holness. She defeated Guithele Ruiz-Nicolas with 19,777 votes or a whopping 71 percent, to Ruiz-Nicolas' 7,978 or 29 percent.

A former member of the Florida House of Representatives, Rogers is currently mayor of Lauderdale Lakes. She plans to hit the ground running in her new role.

"It's all about continuing the good work that has been done. This is a district that's very diverse and needs a lot of attention and I'm best equipped to do that," Rogers told CT, while expressing disappointment with the low voter turnout.

"It is important that we vote in local elections because they are just as critical," she added. "We are the ones who see to it that things like the garbage is collected, the streets are kept clean... There are just certain things you can't call your congressman about."

In another local poll, attorney Danielle Cohen-Higgins, whose parents are Jamaican, won a second term as Miami-Dade County Commissioner for District 8. She secured 10,992 votes or 57 percent to defeat Karen Baez-Wallis, who garnered 4,425 or 23 percent, and Alicia Arellano, who received 3,938 votes or 20 percent.



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GoFundMe Accounts Raise \$200K To Help Bury Tavaris And Tavaughn Bulgin

Two GoFundMe accounts launched to help bury Jamaican brothers Tavaris and Tavaughn Bulgin have so far raised over USD 234,000.

Doug Abdelnour and Marsha Nadine, who are organizing the fundraiser, say all monies raised will be delivered directly to the parents, Pastor Keith Bulgin of the Palmers Cross church in Clarendon, Jamaica, and his wife Jackie, who travelled to the US and took their boys back home to Jamaica for burial.

Twenty-six-year-old Tavaris and Tavaughn, 21, reportedly went to the island of Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts, after leaving their summer job on August 14th. Massachusetts state police said the two jumped from "Jaws Bridge," a bridge connecting Edgartown and Oak Bluffs, and didn't resurface.

State Police divers and Marine Unit crews recovered the body of 26-year-old Tavaris on the night of August 14th, but Tavaughn, 21, was found a day

later on August 15th.

Jaws Bridge, which was featured in the movie, 'Jaws,' is said to be a popular tourist attraction on the island and many people jump from it during the summer, despite a sign warning people against it. The waters are known to be treacherous, especially dangerous for novice swimmers.

The bodies of the Bulgin brothers have been released to their parents after relatives from Clarendon travelled to the US to formally identify the bodies and take them back to Jamaica. Spokesperson for the family, Bishop Rhoads Parkins, confirmed late last week that the family is back with the bodies of the brothers.



Brothers Tavaris and Tavaughn Bulgin died after jumping off Jaws Bridge in Massachusetts. (Facebook image/Omar George)

"There is now the business of the burial to be done, and much consideration is being given to that as we speak. As you would imagine, the family is going through a difficult time right now," he shared with The

Gleaner, informing that further details will be revealed at a later date.

Residents of Martha's Vineyard have also raised over the US\$60,000 to help as well.

Omar George, who said he is a friend of the boys' parents Rev. Keith & Jackie Bulgin, took to Facebook to express "unspeakable grief" at the tragedy. He said the parents are pastors at the Palmer's Cross New Testament Church of God in Clarendon, Jamaica.

"These two boys are like my blood sons. I loved them so much. I know them from birth," he posted. "They are good, godly, smart, jovial, crazy, full of life and talented individuals. They usually stopped in at my home to spend a few days before going off to their Summer Employment Program in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. On their way back they would come in spend a few days before returning home to Jamaica. While here a few weeks ago, they cooked the

nicest food for me and boasted that they worked in the kitchen of the Restaurant that cooked for Pres. Barack Obama, Valerie Jarrett and last week Simon Cowell from American Idol was there."

"Tavaris and Tavaughn left an impression on everyone they met - at 26 and 21 years old, their bright smiles, charismatic personalities, unshakeable faith and unrelenting positive attitude made them an absolute joy to be around," stated Abdelnour in his GoFundMe. "Tavaris was well known as a beloved schoolteacher, and Tavaughn was known to be a musical prodigy and gifted soccer/football player. Both boys were destined to make an impact in every community they served and every endeavor they pursued. ... They leave an unforgettable mark on the community of Martha's Vineyard, their hometown of Clarendon and the entire country of Jamaica."



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U.S. State Department Names Leadership Program After First Black, Caribbean American Secretary of State

The U.S. Department of State is keeping US' first black and Caribbean American Secretary of State Colin Luther Powell alive.

The Department today announced the new 'Colin Powell Leadership Program,' to further advance its "commitment and efforts to hire a workforce representative of all segments of society and in support of the Secretary's modernization agenda."

The program, according to a State Department statement, will provide individuals the opportunity to pursue careers at the Department of State.

"Colin Powell understood that diversity 'is a source of strength, it is a source of our success,' and exemplified his leadership values – both as a general and as Secretary of State – by putting people first. The Colin Powell Leadership Program recruits highly motivated candidates from a variety of backgrounds who aspire to and possess the potential to become future civil service leaders at the U.S. Department of State," the statement added.

Powell was born to

Jamaican immigrant parents in the Bronx, NY. He also served as the 15th United States national security advisor from 1987 to 1989 and as the 12th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1989 to 1993.

In 1995, Powell wrote his autobiography, *My American Journey*, and then in retirement another book, *It Worked for Me, Lessons in Life and Leadership* (2012). He pursued a career as a public speaker, addressing audiences across the country and abroad. Before his appointment as Secretary of State, he chaired America's Promise. In the 2016 United States presidential election, Powell, who was not a candidate, received three electoral votes from Washington for the office of President of the United States.

He won numerous U.S. and foreign military awards and decorations. His civilian awards included the Presidential Medal of Freedom (twice), the Congressional Gold Medal, the Presidential Citizens Medal, and the Secretary's Distinguished Service Award. Powell died from complications of COVID-19 in October 2021, while being



The U.S. Department of State is keeping the US' first black and Caribbean American Secretary of State Colin Luther Powell alive. (Kenneth Lambert/Associated Press)

treated for a form of blood cancer that affected his immune system.

THE PROGRAM

This program will provide paid fellowships to recent college graduates and paid internships to students who are enrolled at accredited institutions of higher education. Both paths may lead to full-time employment opportunities at the Department and are focused on developing future leaders through training,

mentoring, and on-the-job experience to provide them with the skills, tools, and resources needed for long-term success at the Department.

Internship opportunities will be in the Social Science Student Trainee (0199) and Administration and Office Support Student Trainee (0399) series.

Fellowship opportunities will be in the Foreign Affairs (0130) and Management Analysis (0343) series. Applicants will apply via the

USAJobs website and the first vacancy announcement is tentatively scheduled for mid to late September 2022. Subsequent announcements will be held annually in the spring. All applicants must be U.S. citizens and able to obtain and retain a secret or top-secret clearance. All positions will be located in the Washington, D.C. area.

To be eligible for the Colin

Powell Leadership Internship Program, applicants must either be an enrolled or current student, on a part-time or full-time basis, pursuing their bachelor's degree in a qualifying post-secondary educational program. A cumulative GPA of at least 3.2 out of 4.0 is required. The duration of the internship program will be determined by the participant's anticipated graduation date and may not exceed four years from the initial appointment to the program.

Applicants for the Colin Powell Leadership Fellowship Program must have received a baccalaureate or graduate degree within the last two years with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.2 out of 4.0. The fellowship program is a one-year paid developmental program.

For more information about this opportunity, visit the Department's internships and fellowships page.

- NewsAmericasNow.com



Nurse In LA Crash That Killed 6, Has Caribbean Roots

Nicole Lorraine Linton, 37, a travelling ICU nurse who is accused of killing six people after running a red light while speeding in Windsor Hills, California on August 4th, has roots in the Caribbean.

She now faces a new bail hearing on September 12th, after a judge last week delayed it to give prosecutors more time to investigate her 'mental health episodes.'

Her attorneys claim she suffered a mental health emergency at the time of the crash, after years of dealing with mental health issues.

Linton, 37, who was born to Jamaican immigrant parents and grew up in Mount Vernon, New York, sped into the intersection of La Brea and Slauson in LA around 1:40 p.m. at 90 MPH on Aug. 4th, and caused a fiery chain-reaction crash that killed six people – five adults, including a pregnant woman and an unborn child.

Dead are 23-year-old Asherey Ryan of Los Angeles, who relatives said was 8 1/2 months pregnant. Her unborn child, Armani Lester, also died in the crash and is considered a victim, along with Ryan's 11-month-old son Alonzo Quintero and 24-year-old boyfriend, Reynold Lester of Los Angeles. They were all in one car, traveling to a pre-natal doctor's appointment for Ryan, relatives said.

Linton, has been charged with a total of six counts of murder, including the pregnant woman's unborn child. She is also facing



Nicole Lorraine Linton as seen during her arraignment on Aug. 8, 2022. (FoxNews Screengrab)

five manslaughter counts of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence. She could face up to 90 years to life in state prison if convicted as charged.

The traveling nurse from Houston, Texas, who was working at Kaiser Permanente West Los Angeles Medical Center, CA, may have experienced an "apparent lapse of consciousness" during a mental health crisis in the moments before the crash, the Los Angeles Times reported Tuesday.

The paper cited information in a filing by Linton's attorneys that detail her four-year struggle with bipolar disorder and a determination by a doctor who treated her following the crash that "she has no recollection of the events that led to her collision."

Linton was hospitalized after the crash but survived and has been jailed without bail since. One

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LOCAL NEWS

Caribbean American On Track To Become First Member Of Generation Z Elected To Congress



Maxwell Alejandro Frost, whose roots extend to Cuba through his grandmother Yeya, won Florida's 10th Congressional District Democratic primary in Orlando, held on Tuesday, August 23rd. (Stephen M. Dowell/Orlando Sentinel/Tribune News Service/Getty Image)

Come January, a 25-year-old Caribbean American will likely be the first member of Generation Z elected to Congress.

Maxwell Alejandro Frost, whose roots extend to Cuba through his grandmother Yeya won Florida's 10th Congressional District Democratic primary in Orlando, held on Tuesday, August 23rd. He defeated Randolph Bracy, whom much of the party establishment backed, garnering 19,271 votes to Bracy's 13,711.

Following his projected win, Frost, a first-generation Afro-Cuban American, thanked his community for supporting his campaign. "WE WON!!! Thank you so much to all of our supporters, endorsers, volunteers, & staff. We won because of our message: Love. That no matter who you are, you deserve healthcare, a

livable wage, and to live free from gun violence. We made history tonight. Thank you so much, Orlando," he posted on Twitter.

Frost was a national organizer for the ACLU and then became the national organizing director of March for Our Lives, a youth-led organization dedicated to ending gun violence.

If he wins in November - when he'll face military veteran Calvin Wimbish - he will fill the reliably blue seat of Rep. Val Demings, who Tuesday won the Democratic nomination for Florida's Senate race.

Frost campaigned on key progressive issues, including Medicare for All, a Green New Deal, student debt cancellation and an end to gun violence. He first became involved in political organizing in 2012 while in high school following the mass shooting in Newtown, Conn.

"Our generation has been born into a lot of trauma and a lot of civil unrest around people being frustrated with things. And I think because of that, our generation naturally thinks about things in a bit of a different way," Frost told NPR.

Frost has said he was a "victim of the system and enmeshed in trying circumstances" after his "biological mother was caught

in a cycle of drugs, crime, and violence while pregnant." "She didn't have healthcare and wasn't able to see a doctor even once," he has revealed "As the mother of seven, she made the difficult decision to put me up for adoption because she lacked the resources to care for and raise another child."

Frost has also said as a

young man, he experienced police abuse firsthand and saw his community ravaged by gun violence.

"And I've experienced how working people and people of color are unjustly marginalized and left behind in our society," he added.

The 2022 election cycle marks the first-time members

of Generation Z - those born after 1996 - are eligible to run for seats in the House of Representatives, where legislators must be 25 years old by the time they're sworn in.

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Immigration Advocates Demand More Support For Caribbean Asylum Seekers

A coalition of immigration advocates, allies and elected officials are demanding that federal, state and city governments in the United States step up efforts to provide Caribbean and other asylum seekers being bused to New York City from Texas with the necessary services and support to ensure they are able to thrive there.

The New York Immigration Coalition, (NYIC), an umbrella organization of over 200 immigration advocacy groups, recently spearheaded a rally on the steps of City Hall in lower Manhattan, making their demands known.

At the rally, NYIC launched the "Welcoming New York Campaign", designed to "keep pressure on every level of

government to ensure a quicker and more efficient response to the pressing needs of new arrivals."

"It has been nearly a month since New York City called attention to the issue of Texas Governor (Greg) Abbott's busing of asylum seekers to New York. While we have heard some righteous condemnation of Governor Abbott's actions from our elected leaders, we have seen little in the way of a coordinated Federal, State, and City government



Migrants from Texas arrive at the Port Authority bus terminal in New York City on Aug. 17. (Credit: REUTERS/Jeenah Moon)

response to meet the needs of new arrivals," said Murad Awawdeh, NYIC's executive director. "In this urgent moment, Mayor (Eric

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Nurse In LA Crash That Killed 6, Has Caribbean Roots

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of her attorneys, Halim Dhanidina, told a judge on Aug. 8th that he didn't believe there was anything to justify treating Linton's case equivalent to a capital murder case. He said she could reasonably post \$300,000 bail.

Linton is set to be arraigned Oct. 26.

Linton is licensed in California, Texas and Hawaii. According to the Daily Mail, her life unraveled after Germaine Mason, the Jamaican-born, British Olympic silver medalist she had planned to marry, was killed in a 2017 motorcycle crash.

Prior to becoming a nurse, she reportedly worked for several years as a cocktail waitress in a series of New York City strip clubs including the infamous Sin City and Club Eleven in the Bronx.

Linton went to Howard University where she got a BA in Marketing in 2007 and made the Dean's List. She also worked as a sales manager for General Motors in New York's Westchester County supplying franchises with vehicles but lost that job due to company restructuring in 2009.

In 2010 Linton began working as an 'extern' at NYU but did not complete her nursing degree until 2015.

DailyMail.com cited another source as saying that after her parents returned to Jamaica, Linton went to North Carolina to live with her sister. She then moved to Texas. According to her LinkedIn page she graduated from the University of Texas Health Center in Houston with a Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse Bachelor's Degree and a Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nurse Anesthetist.

She worked first in Laredo then at various hospitals in Houston. She then became a traveling ICU registered nurse in 2020, licensed to work in California, Texas and Hawaii.

She was in Los Angeles working as a contractor at the Kaiser Permanente West Los Angeles Hospital under the umbrella of nursing contracting group AMN Healthcare, whom she joined in 2020.

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Miami Carnival Turns 38

BY DAWN A. DAVIS

This October will be the 38th birthday of the Miami Carnival. That's over three decades of celebrating the unique Caribbean cultural experience in South Florida.

All roads lead to Miami Carnival 2022, officials told Caribbean Today recently, noting that the event kicks off officially on Saturday October 1st with Junior Carnival. It will be followed by Panorama on Friday October 7th, J'ouvert on October 8th, and the penultimate Parade of Bands and Concert on Sunday October 9th.

Miami Carnival 2022 promises to surpass all others, according to John Beckford, Miami Carnival's Chief Marketing Officer. He noted that the Miami Broward One Carnival Host Committee is excited and hard at work, bringing back the experience to carnival-starved patrons and revelers post pandemic.

"It's a year-round responsibility for an event of this magnitude and having four events in the space of seven days is not an easy task," Beckford told CT. "So, when you look at it from that perspective, you begin to realize that yes, there is going to be a lot of time, energy and manpower that's put into it."

COMPLEX HISTORY

This rich Caribbean celebration that uplifts the region's culture is a fusion of African, Asian, and European traditions and has a complex history. Historians believe it came to Trinidad and Tobago in the 18th century with the influx

of French settlers, who brought their Mardi Gras festivities with them. Also known as Fat Tuesday, Mardi gras is when revelers eat as much food, party and commit various acts of hedonism until the day before Ash Wednesday, or the beginning of Lent for Catholics.

After the abolition of slavery in 1834, the masses of freed Africans made the activity their own, with distinctive music, dance, and costumes that defined their own existence and celebrated their freedom.

Thought to be the largest in the Caribbean, the Trinidad & Tobago Carnival is largely considered the mother that spawned all others across the region and the Caribbean Diasporas where nationals migrated.



John Beckford, Miami Carnival's Chief Marketing Officer. (Contributed image)

In fact, keeping the spirit, energy, and marketing of carnival at its highest level, Beckford pointed out that he, along with several board members and employees, visit other carnivals throughout the year as part of their destination marketing efforts.

"When we go to these destinations we interface with media. When we were in Trinidad, we were on 9 radio stations and 2 TV stations. In Jamaica, we



Miami Carnival weekend is Oct. 7-9th. (MiamiCarnival.org image)

have a partnership with Zip 103. As a matter of fact, there's a contest going on right now for a jingle where the winner gets an all-expense paid Miami Carnival experience - airfare hotel and VIP passes for all the events," he revealed.

Beckford added that they also travelled to St. Lucia and Antigua for their carnival events and will be in New York for Labor Day carnival that traditionally packs the streets of Brooklyn, NY.

"So that's the energy and vibe that we carry all year long by going to these destinations and carrying the Miami Carnival brand," he added excitedly. "We do that because, I always like to say, when the tide rises it raises all ships. Carnival as a brand is global."

COVID MITIGATION

Although 2021 numbers were

affected by the COVID pandemic, Miami Carnival 2021 revelers - those who buy costumes and play mas - swelled to 105 percent Beckford told CT.

"Truth be told, last year Miami Carnival was the only carnival coming out of the pandemic. And, we worked closely with the local government, the Miami-Dade County Mayor, as well as the Chief Medical Officer," he said. "We had a very comprehensive COVID mitigation plan that we executed to have a safe and enjoyable carnival 2021."

For this year, Beckford noted that their COVID strategy is just as strong, in addition to keeping an eye on the monkey pox outbreak. With a nurse on staff, working with local government, and adhering to CDC guidelines, the Miami Broward One Carnival Host Committee is working to ensure the safety its patrons and revelers.

Beckford explained that in 2021 the "COVID mitigation plan cost over \$300,000."

"That's not government money that we were spending to execute that. It was a complete MASH unit that was set up," he explained. "We had 30 Medical stations. And, not only was there testing, but there was also the administration of COVID shots as well. So, we're ready from a safety standpoint."

He added that behind the scenes, security measures are always in place as they work closely with law enforcement

officials. As well, Miami Carnival events are held in contained environments and patrons must go through security screenings and metal detectors to enter.

This year the four events will be held at Broward Regional Park and Miami Dade County Fairgrounds & Expo Centre to accommodate the large crowds expected.

There is no doubt that the large influx of people to Miami Carnival significantly boosts South Florida's economy.

According to Beckford, last year's carnival attracted 33,000 revelers. And, based on the average spend of \$3000 - 4000 per reveler for costumes, make-up, hair stylings, etc., that's roughly \$120 million positively impacting South Florida's economy.

Add in the inflow to small businesses and entrepreneurs in the community, the 50 food vendors on Carnival Sunday and that number moves up exponentially, close to \$200 million said Beckford.

"I think we're shaping up to have an epic Miami Carnival in its 38th year. So, Miami Carnival 2022 - miss it and you mad," Beckford added.



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Adams, Governor (Kathy) Hochul and President (Joe) Biden must act together to meet emergency needs and to elevate America's commitment to our humanitarian and moral obligations through efficient and coordinated action."

New York City Council Member Rita Joseph, the Haitian-born representative for the 40th Council District in Brooklyn, noted that "New York City is a city built by immigrants, including asylum seekers."

"As we deal with the influx of migrants bussed in by the xenophobic Governor of Texas, let us remember the wise words on the Statue of Liberty: 'Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,'" she said.

Mercedes Narcisse, another Haitian-born New York City Council Member, who represents the 46th Council District in Brooklyn, said she was "delighted to join in strong support of the New York immigration Coalition's Welcoming New York Campaign."

"Today, we gather to protect

the torch held high by Lady Liberty in New York harbor and are determined to maintain New York City, a place built upon the dreams and hard work of refugees and immigrants from across the globe, as a protector and safe haven for those yearning to breathe free," said Narcisse, a registered nurse by training.

On the federal level, the Welcoming New York Campaign advocates that the White House incorporate asylum seekers into the refugee support system, coordinate arrivals with local and state governments, and develop a structure with local and state governments to assess needs, abilities and opportunities.

The campaign advocates that the US Department of Homeland Security provide funding for shelter and transportation, extend parole for asylum seekers, facilitate expedited work permits, and push Texas to ensure asylum seekers give informed consent before entering a bus and are provided with adequate food and medical care.

On the state level, the

Welcoming New York Campaign urges New York State Governor Hochul and the Legislature provide additional funding for emergency legal support, create Welcome Centers across the state, fund temporary shelters, implement emergency contract reforms, and create a state program of direct support, including housing vouchers, permanent housing, job placement support and funding for transportation outside of New York.

On the City level, the Welcoming New York Campaign thanks Mayor Adams for launching a Welcome Center/Navigation Hub.

But the campaign said while this is "an important first step, the city must still do more including increasing funding for support work done by community-based organizations, increasing funding for emergency immigration legal services, implementing contract reforms, providing safe housing to all asylum seekers and expanding eligibility of homelessness support programs."

Adams recently announced a comprehensive plan to support Caribbean and other families seeking asylum. The mayor said the plan, dubbed "Open Arms," ensures children are provided a full range of services to start their New York City public education on the first day of school next month.

"This multi-agency plan highlights wraparound services to ensure asylum-seeking families and their children will have access to critical academic, social-emotional, and language-based supports needed to be successful in New York City public schools," Adams said. "Our city has been, and will always be, a city of immigrants that welcomes newcomers with open arms."

The city estimates that about 6,000 asylum-seekers, including Caribbean nationals, have gone through the intake process in the last three months.

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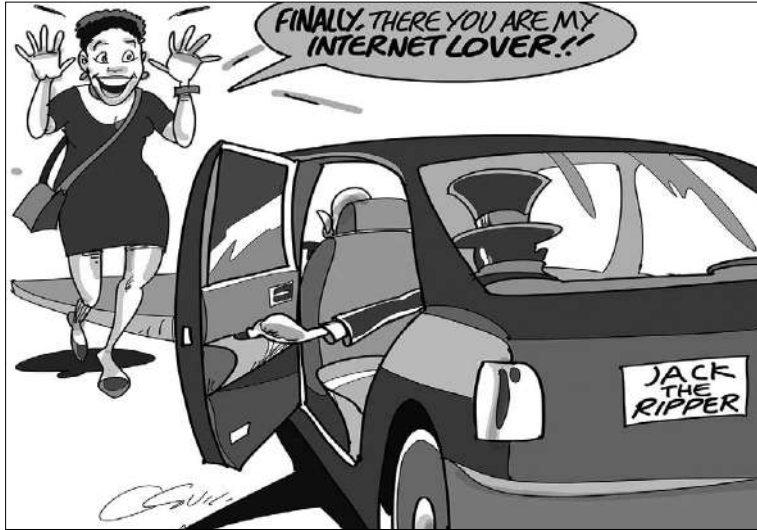
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Internet Interaction



I recently saw a documentary about the perils and pitfalls of online dating and the desperate women who got entangled in the quagmire that defied logic and common sense.

Women from all walks of society put their trust in men who they do not know, and by extension, their very lives. Is it because of loneliness, the need to connect with someone else, the desire to be loved, why people will hook up with a complete stranger, all because he presents a good profile of himself on the Internet?

Is it desperation born out of lack of love or simply the modern way of meeting people? Actually it's not a new phenomenon, for it was Shakespeare who penned: "This is the very ecstasy of love, who's violent property fordoes itself, and leads the will to desperate undertakings, as oft as any passion under heaven, that does afflict our nature."

See, the pursuit of love can lead to desperate undertakings, and the internet only makes it more accessible, feeding this desperation at the click of a mouse.

Back in the day people would meet at social gatherings, church, on the job or even at school where friendships blossom into romance. There they created and maintained a contact through letters, giving rise to the term love letters.

When was the last time that you wrote a love letter, or received one?

"Dear John, oh how I hate to write I must let you know tonight That my love for you has gone There's no reason to go on, For tonight I wed another, Dear John."

That song was written by Pat Boone about a soldier who was overseas and his fiancée found another man. No man wants to receive a 'Dear John' letter. But in this modern era, where everything is electronic, at the click of the mouse, a Whatsapp message or text, a new relationship can be terminated or initiated from women who are seeking love.

The documentary I mentioned highlighted this. In the beginning of the feature, the producers created a

fake man who most women would find appealing. This fake man, complete with photograph, would link up with these women and make his pitch, exchanging pleasantries, leading up to an encounter

Nine out of ten women who linked this man online agreed to meet him in person at a place of his choosing. They also agreed to be picked up by someone that the man sent for them, when he says that he's tied up in a meeting and would send a car to pick her up. She gladly, willingly, naively, agrees to get into that vehicle with a complete stranger and drive off into the unknown.

Incredibly, when the producers of the documentary revealed the charade to the ladies, most of them said that they saw nothing wrong with their actions.

Almost half of what people portray about themselves on the Internet is nothing but lies, embellishments, half truths and guile. Women and men too, will post fake photographs and false profiles.

Men fall for the ruse also, for women will put up their fake profiles, meet the man, then bilk him of his money. Why are people so desperate for love that they will put good judgement on the back burner and risk getting burnt by strangers on the Internet?

One woman said that it was her way of meeting new people, and she actually surfs these dating sites on a regular basis. This has been exacerbated by the lockdown restrictions caused by the pandemic.

"After over two years of isolation, I just have to meet someone new."

Others seek companionship, friendship, love, a serious relationship, even marriage, and put their faith and trust in what they hope to find on the internet. But as someone said: "The Internet is like the modern day devil who comes with his sweet words and spins his lies."

People yearn for companionship, have a great need to be involved in a relationship, but the fly in the ointment, is desperation, heightened even more when it's carried out on the Internet.

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Would Abbot Be Busing Immigrants Out If They Were White?

On April 22nd, a headline from The Texas Tribune caught my attention, as it confirmed exactly what I thought was behind the move by the state's governor to tag and force black and brown immigrants on to buses and ship them out of his state and far away – to New York and Washington, D.C.

The headline screamed: 'Judge in Texas border crackdown accused of using racist slur against migrants.'

The story was about an 80-year-old Conservative judge named Judge Allen Amos, who was tapped by Kinney County, a rural border county with hard core conservative leadership, to oversee a large group of the migrants they say are trespassing under Abbott's border security initiative, Operation Lone Star.

A defense attorney told the State Commission on Judicial Conduct that Judge Amos told her the migrants weren't "your regular wetbacks," according to a copy of the complaint obtained by The



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Texas Tribune.

"They have phones and clothes and all kinds of other things," Amos reportedly said in July to defense attorney Emily Miller, whose complaint was first reported by The Daily Beast.

The racist comment from a judge sums up exactly why these so-called Bible thumping, gun-loving Christians, who have said abortion should not be allowed because its "murder" per the good book, have no problem in turning their backs on the hungry, poor, and homeless and forcing them on what can only be called the neuvu slave ships.

Which begs the question – would they be doing this if the immigrants pouring over to seek asylum were from Europe? We all know what that answer is regardless of whether it's an uncomfortable truth to face. We also saw it play out last year when Ukrainian refugees walked right in and into the welcoming arms of a prepared system that let them breeze right ahead to the head of the line.

No such option for black and brown anywhere who have become the new chattel in the latest chapter of the MAGA political handbook. The MAGAites are happy to

cheer on Texas as it deports the "invaders" to New York and D.C., to make a point to President Joe Biden and so-called Liberals. The result as we see is a straining of resources all around in these cities with an already existing homeless crisis, and a system that is definitely unsustainable. We cannot continue this way with no real solution.

Not that Abbott cares or is trying to negotiate any. Oh, no. Emboldened by his 'God' Donald, and supported now by several Southeast Texas counties, including Orange and Hardin, Abbott is happy to show how much of a tough "ole boy" from the south he is.

The action shows exactly how The Donald has normalized racism and xenophobia in America. The right's new "God" has given them strength to voice racist comments openly and act upon what they always wanted to – stop the black and brown "invaders" by any means necessary.

Who cares what Jesus would do?

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Guyana - Contrasts And Opportunities

BY FELICIA J. PERSAUD

So, what would you do, if one day to your surprise, you found a buried treasure - a treasure worth many billions of dollars? What would you do?

Spend it wildly and foolishly? Hide it so no one else could get to it? Or would you use it wisely not only to take care of yourself but also your children and your entire family for generations to come. That is the question facing the CARICOM South American nation of Guyana right now. Or more precisely the government of Guyana, as a result of the huge oil fields discovered off its shore.

The answer is no one knows yet, but if Guyana's history is our guide the answer may not be promising. So, the question that must be answered now is how to ensure Guyana's new oil wealth is not squandered or simply stolen and lost to corruption.

As a Guyanese born, now American citizen, my recent trip back home was my quest to find out the answers to these questions given the many headlines that dominated just weeks before my departure.

"New Oil Power Guyana On Pace To Surpass U.S. Offshore By 2035," "Guyana races against the clock to bank its oil bonanza," Oil, Natural Gas Booming in Guyana as Offshore Production Ramps Up."

Those were just three of the headlines from stories written in the weeks before I visited Guyana, the country where I was born, grew up and left for the United States in 1996.

On August 1, 2022, after 10-years of not visiting, I decided to return - pushed largely by a business partner - to see how much had really changed in Guyana and what

exactly the newfound oil boom - now four years in - means for the country and real Guyanese.

Here's what I experienced and witnessed on the ground that points to the current issues and the opportunities that exist in this new oil rich South American CARICOM nation.

Let me begin with my arrival as a useful lesson. Guyana needs far better transportation infrastructure - beginning with its point of entry - its main airport:

IMMIGRATION

The country's immigration clearance leaves much to be desired, leading to an opportunity for possibly a private concession partnership with a major airport operator to ensure the airport is run to international standards and in a way that improves the country's airport quality, service, ease of flow, and security.

I along with dozens of others, including many other persons flying there for business, landed on a late-night American Airlines flight from Miami on August 1st after 11 p.m. EST at the Cheddi Jagan airport. While the arrival ambience at the airport has been greatly enhanced, the lines stretched out to the exit as five immigration officers behind glass enclosed booths slowly processed each passenger.

I finally was processed - tired, hungry and beyond angry. I made it out of the airport and through baggage claim and customs at 1:30 a.m. EST, much to the stunned disbelief of our

pickup driver.

The message many in the line repeated was clear - slowly developing country not 21st century nation ready for global investors and investments. Moving on, there is a desperate lack of hotel rooms in Guyana, but with several hotels planning to come on stream it is hoped this issue can be solved soon. Again, the question is - will it? Where is the master plan with proper zoning?

Much attention currently needs to be paid to zoning and strategic beautification and maintenance. For a first timer, leaving the airport for instance, one is met with a desolate narrow road that looks sinister in parts with shacks in some places along the roadside in several areas, where some have chosen to eke out a living.

Across the country, construction of giant concrete homes and buildings are sprouting everywhere, replacing the once wooden buildings on stilts that the country was known for. This is somewhat hopeful and many point to this a progress, except with no real zoning, this has led to a chaotic wild west appearance as businesses are springing up next to residential homes or even abandoned homes, in neighborhoods not meant to accommodate such monstrosities.

THE CAPITAL

Georgetown, the country's capital, is urgently and badly indeed of a makeover and daily maintenance - even though a lot has changed in terms of options of stores, malls, supermarkets, restaurants and cafes and even a few hotels.

No newly wealthy promising developing nation should stand for a backward, dirty capital like Georgetown.

Overall, the city is in a mortifying state. The arch

that welcomes you to the city is in need of bulb changes as half of it is lit and half is not. Georgetown needs an impressive new arch to welcome the world.

Garbage, grass covered walkways including in front of the ministry of public works, broken or flooded pavements, many overflowing garbage receptacles and vendors who have taken over the pavements, forcing pedestrians onto a dangerous roadway to compete with cars, mini-buses, trucks, bikes and scooters, is Georgetown in a nutshell.

Pedestrians are forced to walk on the congested narrow two-lane roadways, where minibuses, four runners, cars, taxis and trucks compete for space at breakneck speed, dodging in and out of traffic and overtaking within a hair pin's length of the other vehicle on the narrow two laned roadway.

Again, the message is slowly developing country not 21st century nation.

Huge concrete structures have popped up in un-zoned areas, leading to a maze of discord - brothels with foreign migrants, mainly from other South American nations, showcase clothing hanging out the windows, while schools look shabby as do national buildings like the world's tallest wooden building, the St. George's cathedral, which is currently locked behind an ugly chain link fence and unavailable to tourists or visitors.

Urgent attention is needed to remake the city to match what is seen in a tiny portion of it. The area around the Marriot and the Pegasus hotels, and the short seawall nearby along with what passes for a round-about, must be replicated across the city. This is the first impression of an investor, and it must tell a different story.

Is anyone listening or

looking, or are they too busy counting petro dollars?

WASTE

Waste is also a major problem in Guyana. Yes garbage! That is obvious from the city to the country sides where few options to dispose of household and industrial waste exists. Georgetown, the capital, lacks garbage receptacles so trash ends up on the street or in drains where empty plastic bottles, Styrofoam containers and old discarded wood now dot the landscape. That clog drains during rainfall and creates terrible flooding.

In many areas on the East Coast of Demerara, some use the cover of night to transport and dump construction waste like old sinks, carpets and huge concrete blocks along the parapet of residents' homes. Many wake up early in the morning to this overnight "crime."

Others burn garbage openly or throw it on open, abandoned land. Still others take carcasses of animals along with other trash like empty plastic bottles and Styrofoam containers and dump them into the mangrove swamps along the east coasts that are not maintained - so they have become wild and overgrown and now block out the sea in many areas.

The rot and smell of decay in some places was unbearable. Drivers and people in minibuses not uncommonly, throw garbage from windows into the street. Would you settle for this in the United States or any other developed nations? Neither should Guyanese in Guyana. Moving on...

BLACK OUTS

Despite its oil wealth, the country still has blackouts, aka, power outages, much as I remember from growing up there. Luckily for some, solar panels give them the option to switch over, so they are not stuck in the darkness and stifling heat.

Focusing on harnessing the obvious natural resources like the sun and waterfalls is a great way to solve this problem as is a waste to energy plant that will solve two problems in once for a lot less than the cost of the current fossil fuel energy generated by the government owned power plant, that costs .32 cents per KWH. Again, a private, public partnership remains the key to solving this problem going forth fueled by petrol dollars.

With more vehicles on the narrow roads coupled with construction of roadways, congestion is as insane as a Miami to Fort Lauderdale drive (CONTINUED ON PAGE 17)



A huge concrete house rises near a smaller wooden house on stilts, in a residential neighbourhood in Guyana. (Felicia Persaud image)



In Loving Memory of Marilyn Chin.

This month is the first anniversary of your passing. There is not a day that goes by that we don't think of you. You will always live in our hearts. Deeply missed by your friends and coworkers here at Caribbean Today.

Usain Bolt Shares Appreciation For Vybz Kartel

The world's fastest man, Jamaican-born three-time Olympian Usain St. Leo Bolt, has regaled Vybz Kartel as an inspiration.

The sprint legend recently collaborated with the jailed Kartel on a new track called "Touch The Sky" on the new project album, 9.58 Riddim.

Kartel transplanted the chorus from his track to the 200-m race, which showed Bolt at one of the greatest moments of his career.

"Dem a seh fi stay ina mi lane so mi touch the sky/Ay bwoy, you no a fi like me, mi nah cry/ Ghetto yute mek we touch 'e sky, mek we touch 'e sky... Dem a watch di clothes yuh wear, di car yuh buy/D'm nuh wah yuh own nuh house pan 'e hillside,"



Usain Bolt, r. and Vybz Kartel, have collaborated on a new track even though the artiste is in jail. (UrbanIslandz image)

Kartel sings in the track. Bolt responded in a comment on social media and

shared his own appreciation of Kartel and how inspired he was by the deejay, whom he met at a

very young age.

The Olympic sprint champion recalled a moment that he carried with him after meeting Kartel before his illustrious career began.

"I will always remember when I was 18 years old and met you for first time," Bolt wrote. "I will never forget up a Mona [UWI Campus] when you told me that I would be the baddest athlete to ever forward from Jamaica."

Kartel also responded, writing: "Where is the Lie!? Hard work & dedication bring you greatness

Family. Mi see it longtime Eno, And mi did affi talk! member Real know Real!"

Kartel's post was liked and commented on by several artists, including Busta Rhymes and even incarcerated dancehall artist Tommy Lee Sparta.

In 2014, Kartel was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of his associate Clive "Lizard" Williams. He will be eligible for parole once he has served a minimum of 35 years in prison. Despite being imprisoned, Kartel continues to release new music prolifically.

- *Rewritten from UrbanIslandz*



Tanya Stephens Drops 10th Studio Album



Internationally acclaimed Jamaican singer-songwriter Tanya Stephens has released her 10th studio album, 'Some Kinda Madness,' via Tad's Records

Internationally acclaimed Jamaican singer-songwriter Tanya Stephens has released her 10th studio album, 'Some Kinda Madness', via Tad's Record. Produced by Tad A. Dawkins Jnr., the 20-song collection takes

listeners on a wild ride through the mind and music of one of the island's most celebrated artists. Enlisting vocal support from some of reggae's finest, Tanya explores the full spectrum of Jamaica's native genres, as she masterfully guides the audience along on scorching dancehall songs like "Aloe Vera" and "FIFTY," which features ground-breaking female deejay legend Patra; on raucous ska numbers like "Jezebel," featuring "Million Women Rise" founder Sabrina Qureshi; on deeply moving ballads like "World Go Round,"

"So Damaged," featuring Tanya's daughter Kelly Shane's professional vocal debut, and on the previously released "Diamonds In The Sun," which features veterans Cedella Marley

and Diana King.

Tanya shines on heavy one drop rhythm tunes like the album's title track, which features a powerful effort by Singer J, "Weight In Gold (ft. Nadine Sutherland)," and "Reset" featuring the charismatic elder Big Youth.

The album was accentuated by the simultaneous release of an official video for the standout

single, "Not Today." Directed by Prof & Kryss Ras, the new visuals depict Tanya taking the ultimate day off in the country, as she pampers herself with a skinny-dip, some Old Tavern wine, a little something to smoke, a good book, and the company of a good friend. Of the video concept, Tanya offered "this is just a woman finding her peace amidst the daily bullshit she must

endure."

Stephens celebrated the launch of Some Kinda Madness at Kingston's famed Tuff Gong Studios with a special pre-release performance and interview that was broadcast live on Bob Marley's Tuff Gong Radio on SiriusXM just hours before the album dropped on Sept. 2nd.



Brooklyn West Indian Day Carnival Returned After Two-Year Hiatus

It was carnival time once again in Brooklyn, NY this past Labor Day Weekend. After a two-year hiatus following the COVID-19 pandemic, the West Indian American Day Carnival returned live, much to the thrill of carnivalists who took over Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn.

Presented by the West Indian American Day Carnival Association, (WIADCA), the carnival weekend, billed as the largest in North America, kicked off on Friday, September 2nd and ran through Monday, September 5th. It featured the parade of mas bands and costumed revellers down Eastern Parkway including: Freaks Mas', Sesame Flyers International, Sky Maxx Mas', Afro Kreyol, Antoine International, Caribbeing, Banboche, Mango Tree Mas'



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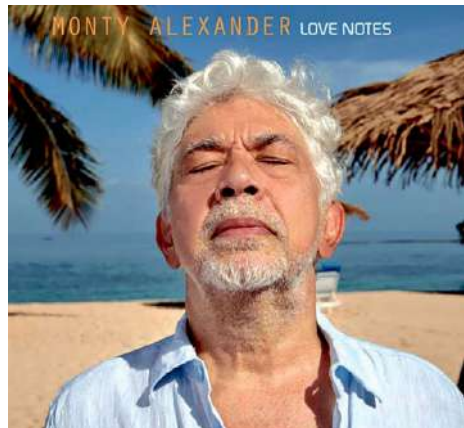
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Award-Winning Jamaican Jazz Musician Presents Vocal Album



Monty Alexander is back with 'Love Notes.'

Jamaica's award-winning jazz musician, Monty, Alexander, is back with a brand-new album, with vocals and piano.

"Love Notes," the new album, features eleven tracks with vocals and piano by Alexander. It was released on August 19th, 2022. T

The collection represents the culmination of Alexander's decades' long desire to record a vocal album after releasing 75 piano projects over the course of his illustrious, critically acclaimed career.

"My desire was emboldened ever since one of our great jazz vocalists, Carmen McRae, heard me sing a tune at the end of a concert and told me 'Don't stop singing!,' admonishing me like a loving aunt would," Alexander said recently. "That was back in the 1970's, so it took me fifty

years, and a century later, but I am glad to finally introduce Monty the vocalist, and this collection of love songs."

Thoughtfully curated, the eleven tracks on "Love Notes" are some of Alexander's favourite songs, crafted and arranged in a totally unique setting.

With the exception of "These Love Notes," (Monty's original composition with lyrics by Brian Jobson),

all of the songs have a direct connection to his childhood - the first songs he ever heard and loved - and they bring back the scent and romanticism of the Jasmine flowers a young Monty used to smell as a child in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

"These songs harken back to innocent times, the 1950's, when I would hear calypsos and mentos in the streets," said Alexander. "Before I came to America, before the rise of Bob Marley, and certainly before I knew I would have this incredible career as a Jazz pianist with over 75 albums recorded to date. 75 albums as a pianist and one as a singer!"

Another important aspect of the album, regarding inspiration, is that period in Jamaica when the younger Monty used to

sneak out of school to go to the recording studio, during the time of Ska but also the time when Jamaicans had a love affair with these kinds of songs, songs from the great American Songbook but merged with Jamaican rhythms and vibrations.

This was the late 50's early 60's when he was 14/15 years old... Many identified these rhythms as "rockers." Young Monty was there, and he was

there at the beginning of ska as well - indeed a pioneer!

Ranging in artist spectrum from Henry Mancini to Nat King Cole to Harry Belafonte and more, Alexander couples his passion for the music with his extraordinary piano playing and the intimacy of his wonderful vocals, crafting an album that will resonate with the romantics in all of us and to be enjoyed for many years to come.

The release of "Love Notes" will be accompanied by tour dates worldwide. Also, in the works is "The Monty Alexander Movie," a documentary on Monty's life and music. Directed by Academy Award-winning cinematographer and veteran filmmaker Arthur Gordon, the project is currently in production in Jamaica, the U.S. and Europe.



Caribbean Carnival Returned Live To Notting Hill



A young carnival reveller at the Notting Hill carnival on Aug. 28, 2022. (Photograph: Andy Rain/EPA)

Caribbean culture once again took over the streets of Notting Hill in London over the weekend, as the Notting Hill

Carnival returned after years of cancellations due to the coronavirus pandemic. The celebration takes place over

the August bank holiday weekend every year, though there hasn't been one since 2019.

While the event officially started on Saturday, August 27th, most of the events took place on Sunday and Monday and included a children's parade. The carnival traces its history back to 1958, when Trinidadian human rights activist Claudia Jones began organizing a gathering to unify the community after a series of racially motivated attacks on West Indians in west London's Notting Hill neighbourhood.



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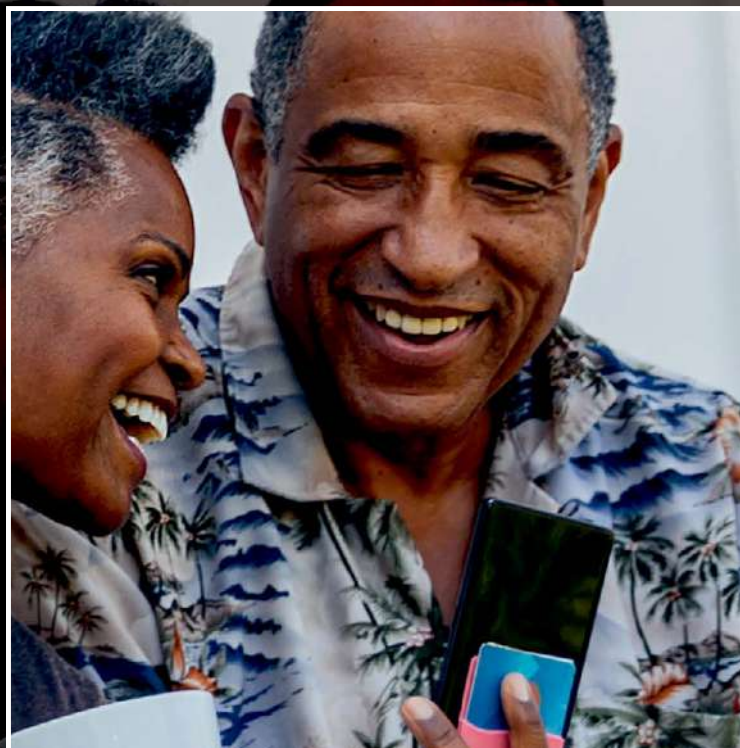


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Let's Celebrate Trinidad & Tobago With This Recipe

On August 31st, the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago marked 60th years of independence from Britain. T&T is known for its many dishes, based on the multi-ethnic culture of the island. Here's one that you try at home.

Trinidad Callaloo



INGREDIENTS

- 2 cans (400 ml) coconut milk
- Water
- 6 cloves garlic
- 1 bunch dasheen leaves or 2 pounds Spinach (baby leaves work best)
- 1 lb ochro (okra)
- 1/2 onion sliced
- 1 teaspoon salt

- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 3 sprigs of thyme
- 1 green habanero or scotch bonnet pepper (add any pepper you like)
- 1 teaspoon vegan butter

METHOD

If using the dasheen leaves, separate leaves from stems.

Thoroughly wash leaves and strip the stems. Tear leaves apart with hands into smaller pieces. Chop stems into about 2 inches length.

If using Baby Spinach, wash and set aside.

Cut okra
Chop onions and garlic and set aside.

Add all the ingredients including, whole pepper, into a medium pot over medium heat.

Bring to a boil and then allow to simmer for 20 mins or until the okra seeds turn pink.

Taste and season with salt & pepper if necessary.

When the callaloo is done the leaves and okras should be tender and there should be enough liquid to blend the ingredients. If not add a little

warm water to bring to a soup consistency.

Add some butter. (optional)
Remove from heat and allow to cool for 15 minutes

before blending.

Using a hand blender, blend the callaloo until all the ingredients are pureed.
Serve with rice, potato salad,

boiled provisions, cole slaw, pigeon peas and macaroni pie.

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How About Making This Belize Dish At Home?

After several months of negotiations with Great Britain and Guatemala, Belize achieved full independence from the United Kingdom on September 21, 1981. This September the CARICOM Central American nation will celebrate its 41st birthday. Let's celebrate with all Belizeans by making this dish at home.



Fry Jacks

Fry jacks are deep fried dough pieces that can be shaped in squares, circles or triangles. They are like salt bakes in Guyana and similar to bake in Trinidad or Johnny cake in Antigua. They are usually served at breakfast with refried beans, eggs, cheese, bacon or ham and fresh fruits. Here's what you will need to make it.

INGREDIENTS

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon vegetable shortening
- 1 1/2 cup water
- Vegetable oil for frying

METHOD

Sift flour, baking powder and salt in a bowl.

Add shortening into a flour mix. Add water, a little at a time,

to make a soft, but not sticky dough.

Divide dough into two rounds.

Let rest for 15 to 20 minutes.

Lightly flour countertop.

Roll dough out to about 10 to 12 inches round.

Cut lengthwise into 2 to 3-inch strips and then crosswise to desired size.

Make sure the oil is very hot for fluffy jacks.

Fry on each side until golden brown.

Drain off excess oil on paper towel and serve with eggs, bacon etc.

Bon Appetite.

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Simple Tips For Mindful Eating

Mindful eating doesn't have to be restrictive, and you don't have to give up your favorite foods.

"Simply incorporating more foods that are crafted with integrity and align with your values into your day-to-day eating can go a long way toward helping you feel your best," says Kara Lydon, a registered dietitian nutritionist. As an intuitive eating counselor, Lydon advises people to stop looking at food as "good" or "bad" and instead, listen to their bodies and eat what feels best in the moment.

With those principles in mind, here are a few simple choices you can make to nourish your body and enjoy your food.

Snack Smart

Snacking can keep you satiated between meals and help you regulate your blood sugar and energy levels. It can also be an opportunity to take in essential vitamins and nutrients. Common processed snack foods are often loaded with sodium, added sugars and trans fats. Try these wholesome alternatives: Greek yogurt with raw honey, hummus



with carrot and celery sticks, apple slices with peanut butter, edamame, egg and cheese bites, nuts or fruit salad.

Choose Grass-Fed Dairy

In conversations about healthy eating, dairy products sometimes unfairly get a bad rap. But dairy actually has essential nutrients that can be incorporated into a well-rounded daily diet. Lydon says that it's helpful to be intentional with your choices. The next time you visit the dairy aisle, take a closer look at the labels and search for the term "grass-fed."

"Grass-fed cows produce dairy with significantly higher concentrations of beta-carotene and certain fatty acids, including conjugated linoleic acids and a

more optimal omega-3/omega-6 ratio," says Lydon. "These nutrients play key roles in disease prevention, mood regulation, cognitive function and more." Grass-fed dairy not only tastes better and is healthier for you versus grain-fed dairy, it's often more humanely

produced. Check out brands committed to farming practices that are good for people, animals and the planet, like Truly Grass Fed. The premium brand of Irish dairy products makes cheese and butter that is always non-GMO, growth hormone rBST-free, and antibiotic free. Its cows live their best lives outside grazing on green grass maintained using regenerative farming practices. To learn more and find wholesome recipes, visit trulygrassfed.com.

Grow at Home

If you have the space, consider starting a small garden in your yard or even indoors on your kitchen counter. Growing your own food is sustainable

and can help you connect more deeply to what you feed your family. What's more, being able to harvest produce at its peak means more nutritional value and flavor per bite. If you're feeling overwhelmed by the prospect of growing plants from seeds, start by buying a few pots of herbs, such as basil, chives and mint. These can be found at many grocery stores. They're relatively easy to

maintain, and can instantly add zest to salads, soups and other meals.

Better eating should never feel like a sacrifice or leave you feeling hungry. The good news is that wholesome, healthier-for-you choices that nourish the body and soul abound today.

- StatePoint



Caribbean Restaurants Ordered Closed In Palm Beach County

Two Caribbean owned Palm Beach County restaurants were recently shut down by authorities after failing a state restaurant inspection.

DLC Caribbean Restaurant at 2441 10th Ave. N., Lake Worth Beach, was ordered closed after an inspection on Aug. 17. It had four high-priority, five intermediate and six basic violations.

The high-priority violations included presence of insects. The restaurant made the necessary

corrections and say they opened the next day on Aug. 18.

And One Stop Jamaican Restaurant, 1736 45th St. in West Palm Beach, was ordered closed after an inspection on Aug. 19.

It had one high-priority and nine basic violations. The high-priority violations included the presence of pests.

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Jamaica Sees New Monkey Pox Cases



Jamaica has reported an increase in the number of cases of the Monkeypox virus. The country now has five cases, with the first case reported outside of rural Jamaica.

The Ministry of Health and Wellness in its latest statement said that the fifth case was detected in Kingston and St Andrew. The other four confirmed cases were reported in Clarendon, St Elizabeth and St James.

The health authorities also announced that this is Jamaica's third locally transmitted

Monkeypox case, meaning that the person had no recent travel history and is not linked to any of the previous cases.

The patient is now quarantining at home. The ministry said that there are currently three active cases of Monkeypox on the island and that two patients have since recovered from the virus.

The symptoms of the virus include a rash that initially looks like pimples or blisters and may be painful or itchy. Other symptoms of Monkeypox can include, fever,

chills, swollen lymph nodes, exhaustion, muscle aches and backache, headache as well as sore throat, nasal congestion, or cough.

So far, the virus has been detected in Bermuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Guyana and Jamaica.

The news comes as the World Health Organization, (WHO), considers changing the name of the virus amid critique of racism.

The name dates back to 1958, when the virus was first documented in a group of lab monkeys in a Copenhagen research institute. It's an orthopoxvirus, a type that's often named for the animals in which they are initially identified. Its original source in the wild remains unknown, though it's much more common in rodents than in primates.

Monkeypox was first recorded in humans in 1970, in a 9-month-old boy in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In past outbreaks animals — especially rodents — have been the primary source of transmission to humans.



What You Need To Know About Life-Saving COVID-19 Treatments



While stopping the spread of COVID-19 is the goal, the reality is that every day, more people contract the disease. For this reason, it's important to be aware of available treatment options.

The Treating COVID-19 Campaign, which was developed independently by the American Lung Association, with grant support from Regeneron and GSK, is sharing some important insights into outpatient treatment options:

• Know Your Risk

It's important to know if you're at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19, as this can determine what treatments are available to you. There are many factors that may put you in the "high risk" category, including if you're 65 and older, you smoke cigarettes, you have a chronic lung disease, are immunocompromised, or are living with certain medical conditions, including chronic lung disease, heart disease, diabetes and chronic kidney disease. Individuals who are overweight or pregnant also fall in the high-risk category. You can see a full list at [Lung.org/covid-19](https://www.lung.org/covid-19).

• Test, And Then Treat, At Onset Of Symptoms

Experiencing symptoms that may be COVID-19? Get tested right away. If you test positive and are high risk, speak with your healthcare provider promptly about treatment options that may help prevent severe illness and reduce the risk of hospitalization. Currently available treatments include antivirals or monoclonal antibody treatments (mAbs). Your healthcare provider can help you determine the best course of treatment for you, which needs to start as soon as possible to help prevent possible progression of severe illness.

• Get Informed

The Food and Drug Administration has authorized certain antiviral medications and monoclonal antibodies.

Antivirals and monoclonal antibodies can help your immune system fight off the coronavirus infection, with a goal of preventing you from becoming seriously ill. Antivirals target certain parts of the virus to stop it from replicating, while monoclonal antibodies help the immune system better recognize and stop the infection. In both cases, medications need to be prescribed by a healthcare provider and started as soon as possible after diagnosis to be effective.

• Be Your Own Advocate

Many patients have discovered firsthand that persistence can be necessary when it comes to getting treatment for COVID-19. When Jill Hein's 83-year-old father tested positive, his primary care provider told him he wasn't very sick and to go home and call if he got any sicker.

"When this information was relayed back to me, I objected and asked that Dad follow up with his pulmonologist immediately. He didn't want to, insisting that his primary care provider said he was doing okay. It wasn't until I told Mom, 'This can kill him,' that I got through to them and she called his pulmonologist for a second opinion. Within four hours of having the infusion, Dad felt himself getting better. Over the next couple days, he continued to improve at home. Thankfully, he fully recovered," says Hein.

For more information about treatment options, as well as COVID-19 care tips, visit [lung.org/treating-covid](https://www.lung.org/treating-covid).

With people taking fewer precautions as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, the virus is spreading at a high rate. The good news is that there are treatments available for the most vulnerable among us to help avoid severe illness and hospitalization.

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It's Now A Lot Easier To Travel To These Caribbean Islands

Planning a trip to the Caribbean? It just got a whole lot easier to travel to several islands.

CAYMAN ISLANDS

The Cayman Islands has officially removed all of its travel restrictions, meaning no more testing, vaccination proof or registration of any kind.

The new regulations mean the destination is open to both vaccinated and unvaccinated travelers, with no testing required.

In other words, just book your trip, get on a plane and enjoy your vacation. The news comes as Cayman is seeing broad air capacity to the destination, ahead of its levels in 2019 before the pandemic.

BERMUDA



Bermuda

In aftermath of the Centers for Disease Control and Protection's relaxation of COVID protocols, unvaccinated travelers will now be able to visit Bermuda.

Previously, unvaccinated travelers 12 and older were required to apply for a medical vaccination exemption in order to

visit Bermuda no less than 10 days before arrival.

Now, unvaccinated visitors are required to take a COVID test no more than two days before arriving in Bermuda and retest four days later. They can also opt to take a COVID test at the airport upon arrival.

Travelers will be required to test again on day four, but there is no quarantine or 10-day test.

ANGUILLA

As of Aug. 25, authorities in Anguilla have eased COVID-19-related international travel restrictions to enter. Unvaccinated visitors aged 18 or older may now enter Anguilla if they present a negative result from a PCR test taken within 72 hours before arrival or an antigen test taken within 48 hours prior arrival. Children aged four or under who are not vaccinated do not need to be tested in advance but may be tested on arrival. Unvaccinated travelers must no longer quarantine on arrival nor obtain prior permission to visit.

Vaccinated visitors must provide proof of vaccination. Authorities are currently also considering individuals as fully vaccinated only 14 days after receiving their final dose of an accepted COVID-19 vaccine, instead of 21 days.

Visitors arriving without appropriate documentation will be required to return to their country of origin; visitors who cannot return to their country of origin, as well as residents and nationals,

will be subject to arrival and exit tests, five days of quarantine at their own expense, a USD 200 charge, and possibly further fines for unapproved entry.

ST. KITTS & NEVIS

St. Kitts & Nevis is now open again to international travel. Currently, travelers into the Federation still have to be fully vaccinated and test negative, (rapid one day prior to entry or PCR test three days prior), if they are over 17 years old. Those who

are under 18 years old will not have to be vaccinated but will still have to test negative.

The tests and proof of vaccination have to be uploaded to The St. Kitts and Nevis Online Immigration Form prior to travel. Once they are seen and approved by the destination, travelers get a QR code to use once they land.

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

Antigua and Barbuda has updated its COVID-19 travel protocols. Visitors will no longer

need to show proof of vaccination or a negative test to enter either of the respective islands. The new protocol is for airline travelers and those who visit via yacht or ferry, although individuals using pleasure boats do need to inform the Antigua Port Authority at least six hours before arriving.

- *Rewritten from Caribbean Journal and Travel Weekly*



ARE YOU FOLLOWING FLORIDA'S CANNABIS RULES?



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AS A MEDICAL CANNABIS PATIENT

Purchasing marijuana as a medical treatment is legal in Florida, but marijuana is still illegal under federal law. The overlap between state and federal laws can be tricky and are constantly changing. Do you know your legal rights as a cannabis patient?

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This Caribbean Hotel Takes The 8th Spot For Best In The World



The Hamanasi Adventure and Dive Resort in the Central American CARICOM nation of Hopkins, Belize.

A resort in the Caribbean Community, (CARICOM), has made it into this year's Top 10 Best in the world, according to TripAdvisor. It is the only Caribbean hotel to make the top 10, top 15 and top 20.

The Hamanasi Adventure and Dive Resort in the Central American CARICOM nation of Hopkins, Belize was ranked in the Top 8 best hotels worldwide by travelers as TripAdvisor unveiled its 'Travelers Choice 2022 Best of The Best.'

The Hamanasi is a boutique resort located at Sittie River Road, Hopkins, Stann Creek and nestled between the lush Maya Mountains and the turquoise Caribbean Sea.

It is a naturally secluded, casually elegant eco-resort that offers spacious private tree houses, beach front rooms and suites with AC, private porches and gorgeous hardwood furnishings.

Travelers say it's a place you can get in touch with yourself and experience the resort's own nature

preserve full of turtles, fish, birds, and tropical vegetation.

Hamanasi is set on 45 acres amid a coastal forest and has a full-service restaurant, bar, pool, lush gardens and a PADI 5-star Marine Facility and dive program. Visitors are close to explore the Mayan ruins, Jaguar Preserve, caves, jungle rivers and rain forest waterfalls. It offers all-inclusive packages.

"The service is really amazing. We thought they had all been sent to charm school. We've recommended this place to our friends and even our enemies," a visitor wrote according to TripAdvisor's reviews.

Guests fly from the international airport to the Dangriga Airstrip, which takes approximately 20 minutes, typically in a 14-passenger plane. Staff will be waiting to greet guests and transfer them to the Hamanasi Resort.

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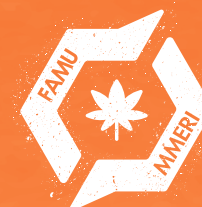
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Turks And Caicos Named The World's Hottest Travel Destination For The Fall

The Turks and Caicos Islands has been named the world's hottest travel destination for fall 2022 by TripAdvisor.

Based on behavioral data and a consumer sentiment survey, the newly released report showcased the Turks and Caicos Islands having the fastest growing demand based on year over year growth – an extremely impressive feat given the Turks and Caicos Islands' stellar performance last year.

"This is a proud moment for the entire Turks and Caicos Islands and a huge testament to the work that our tourism stakeholders are currently doing to ensure that we recover strongly from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic," stated Minister of Tourism, Josephine Connolly. "And with several significant developments in the pipeline, including a \$25 million investment into the Grand Turk cruise industry, the building of a multitude of luxury properties, as well as the groundbreaking of a world-class Providenciales International Airport terminal in February 2023, we are confident that we will be able to replicate these results."

The Turks and Caicos



Islands beat out global tourism hotspots, such as Ho Chi Minh City, Amalfi, London, and Bangkok – and was the only Caribbean destination to make the top 15 of the world's largest travel guidance platform's list.

"TripAdvisor's latest report reflects the dedication that all of our tourism stakeholders have in positioning the Turks and Caicos Islands as a leader in tourism – not only at the regional level, but at the global level as well," said Acting Director of Tourism, Mary Lightbourne. "This is a historic moment for the Turks and Caicos Islands, and the Turks and Caicos Islands Tourist Board is committed to achieving more historic accomplishments."

In addition, the Turks and Caicos Islands was also recently nominated for eight World Travel Awards. Of the eight awards, TCI is the reigning winner of two of them – "Caribbean's Leading Beach Destination" as well as "Caribbean's Most Romantic Destination". This year, the World Travel Awards will host its Caribbean & The Americas Gala Ceremony in Montego Bay, Jamaica on August 31st, 2022.

For more information on the Turks and Caicos Islands Tourist Board, visit turksandcaicostourism.com.



Jamaica Wins Big At World Travel Awards

Continuing its remarkable winning streak, Jamaica recently received three prestigious World Travel Awards Caribbean & The Americas 2022 at the Gala Ceremony held at Sandals Montego Bay, Jamaica on August 31st. The island was named the Caribbean's Leading Tourist Board 2022 for the 14th year in a row, the Caribbean's Leading Destination 2022 for the 16th year in a row, and the Caribbean's Leading Nature Destination 2022.

"This was a very powerful night for us because even though Jamaica has traditionally led in the field of awards, the feeling of satisfaction is stronger this year because we all struggled and fought to recover from this pandemic. For Jamaica to have emerged as the leading destination is a strong statement that our team worked assiduously to make this happen," said the Edmund Bartlett, Minister of Tourism, Jamaica.

Donovan White, Director, Jamaica Tourist Board, added "Earning the highest marks for a tourist board and destination is a great honor for us. It is a testament to the work of the



Edmund Bartlett, Minister of Tourism, Jamaica, 2nd from r, accepts the award on behalf of Jamaica. Sharing in the award was Donovan White, Director, Jamaica Tourist Board, 2nd from l. Justine Cooke, Executive Vice President, World Travel Awards, is at center while MC for the event Dr. Terri Karelle Reid is at l. and a World Travel Award model at r. (JTB image/Contributed)

Jamaica Tourist Board staff and all of our stakeholders, from the largest of hotel chains to our individual tour operators and craft-persons, to be recognized like this and we are grateful."

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Belize Government Concerned At School Children Being Denied Entry Into Classrooms Because Of Hairstyles

The Belize government is expressing “sincere concern and dismay” over reports of students being denied entry into their educational institutions over adherence to respective school hair policies.

“The Constitution enshrines the principles of social justice and clearly states in its preamble that ‘equal protection should be given to children regardless of their social status, and that a just system should be ensured to provide for education and health on the basis of equality,’” the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology, (MoECST), said in a statement.

“Furthermore, the rights to freedom of expression,

conscience, and the right to be protected from discrimination are afforded to all Belizeans by our Constitution,” the statement added.

The ministry said that while it is true that school authorities do have the right to impose codes of conduct and general rules and guidelines for the proper administration of their schools, ‘students cannot, however, be removed from or denied admission to school because of the length of their hair.

“Students have been out of the classroom long enough. It is time for them to begin a new academic year which will be rich with positive learning and



Students at a school in Belize. (CARICOM image)

life experiences for them all,” the statement affirmed.

The ministry said that it remains undeterred in its commitment to education and call on all our partners to continue to work with the ministry to build a more equitable, accessible, and inclusive education system, through which all students are guaranteed the opportunity to acquire knowledge and skills to build a better life for themselves and contribute to Belize’s national development.”

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Guyana – Contrasts And Opportunities

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at rush hour. The longer-term planning has to be focused on overpasses and major highways as well as an effective train system to connect the Linden to Lethem areas.

This will help to boost eco-tourism as well as making it easier to transport goods and services while maintaining the eco-system and leading to fewer disruption in animal habitat.

A visionary long term master plan through a public/private sector partnership is key versus a piece meal approach that involves local contractors building roadways and bridges that quickly fall apart.

DIGITIZATION

Guyana is also badly indeed of digitization, as it continues to lag behind despite a population of less than 1 million. Applying for a simple police clearance is a 7-day process – which could be cut down if applicants can apply online, get an appointment and then complete the process in person.

The application for a CSME (CARICOM Single Market and Economy), certificate from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is via a website that is buggy and badly needs updating to accommodate ease of upload of documents and while the staff is extremely polite and responsive, they cannot control the obvious major technological issues.

Digital payment is far between in Guyana with one company offering it currently, leading to a still largely cash only society. Businesses, even major ones, lag behind on digital marketing and simple opportunities like reputation management, accurate listings across search engines and search engine optimization are missing in action.

The message is a digitization masterplan can put Guyana’s new found wealth to

very good use.

BANKING

Banking in Guyana is like a nightmare on Elm Street. Who can do business in a country where setting up a bank account feels worse than pulling teeth without nova cane.

A simple transaction, including adding someone to an account, is a three-step process that includes bank staff prancing around in well-pressed uniforms as they ignore customers for more than 45 minutes at a time. Only to be told you then have to make an appointment and return twice. Time to end Guyana’s slow developing legacy. To compete in the global world, so much has to change dramatically. Banks must invest in digital technology and security that allows for a much easier and seamless transaction and one that gives many tech savvy clients the option to easily set up an account or manage their accounts online themselves without time wasting.

CRIME

Crime is still also a part of the landscape of Guyana as with many countries globally. So many have taken to living behind bars on windows and doors that are obvious fire hazards. Crime here is not just limited to murder and armed robbery but pick pockets and crimes of passion – including domestic violence against women, as partners kill in rage.

The other crime that is talked about in hushed tones, including in taxis and barber shops, is the crime of narco trafficking. Locals in east coast villages quietly point out the persons who are suspected of trafficking cocaine in fish as well as the local shops where low-grade crack cocaine can be bought by younger local villagers experimenting with the

drug and fast becoming addicted too.

CORRUPTION

Guyanese in country feel the local police are not effective and are prone to bribery and corruption. Many complain that even traffic violations can be gotten away with by “passing you hand” to a cop.

As such, private security has become big business in the country, with many foreign business owners and wealthy private residents turning to this option to protect property and life.

Bribery is also commonplace with even taxi drivers capable of making a call to fast-track documents like passports and business registration applications for the right price. Put those petrol dollars to work building a modern system to do business for the 21st century.

POVERTY

With the Guyana dollar at 200 to 1 US, the disparity in wealth is a maze of contrasts. There are the ginormous homes and buildings that scream wealth along with G100 million-dollar homes in gated communities. Yet poverty is still obvious with 43.4 per cent of the population living on less than \$5.50 per person a day. Nowhere was this more evidenced to me than the several beggars I encountered at the Port Mourant Market, on the Corentyne in the county of Berbice.

It’s a sad state of disparity for a country where since 2015, more than ten billion barrels of oil and gas have been discovered and the country is expected to produce one million barrels per day by the end of the decade.

ACCESS TO CAPITAL FOR SMEs

Lack of access to capital for

small to medium enterprises is stagnating growth in a country where many are extremely entrepreneurial and producing products that can be marketed internationally yet lack the access to capital to make it happen.

This is an issue that needs to be addressed urgently, again not just though the central government, but with a public private sector partnership in order to remove feelings of nepotism and partisan politics. Through finance and digitization, Guyana’s SME sector can become part of the country’s economic boom, creating a new line of exports as well as growth.

A MASTER PLAN?

Despite the issues highlighted here, Guyana is on the pathway to transformation. Now it’s time for a 10-year masterplan that pays significant attention to detail and moves more towards a Private/Public sector partnership model of

growth.

The question is whose master plan? What are its goals and how to achieve them? So far, all Guyana has is a big oily pot of black gold that has so far not met the real needs of the masses and has a long way to go towards transforming the country.

But as I left Guyana, I remained hopeful - because hope springs eternal from all that oil gushing up from Guyana’s seabed.

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Belize Will Celebrate 41st Birthday This Month



Belize national around the world and in the CARICOM Central American nation will mark their 41st birthday and independence from Britain and Guatemala on September 21st. The Orange Walk Town Council has announced via their Facebook page that for their schedule of activities this year, they have chosen to go with a full Belizean artists

line-up.

On September 20, 2022, there will be performances by MIME, Electro sounds, Continental Cat, Reckless, Harlem Youth, Johnny P, Super Furia, Techno band, and Fadda Jesse.

Jouvert will begin at 4 a.m. on September 21, 2022, with DJ Gut of Generation 2 Sounds.

Following the parade on Independence Day, TLC band will perform along with Reckless, Harlem Youth, Super Furia, Fadda Jesse, Johnny P, Continental Cat, and Techno Band.

- *Rewritten from BreakingBelizeNews.com*



Belizeans In The U.S. Get Ready To Celebrate 41st Independence Anniversary

BY HOWARD CAMPBELL

Small in numbers compared to their West Indian counterparts, the Belizean community in South Florida plans to make some noise on September 21, their country's Independence Day.

The Central American CARICOM nation turns 41 this year and the theme for the occasion is 'Valiant and Bold, Proud and Strong!'

Janine Sylvestre, Belize's Consul General in Florida, is overseeing activities, which she notes is not limited to South Florida.

"Typically, the Belizean Associations in Florida are planning their individual events to commemorate Belize's Independence with day picnics and dances. Any opportunity to have the Diaspora engaged and involved in patriotic events such as Belize's Independence is one that is embraced," she told Caribbean Today recently.

Sylvestre does not know the exact number of Belizeans in South Florida, but says the populace is "substantial." Most of them stay in tune with developments locally and back



Janine Sylvestre, Belize's Consul General in Florida, is overseeing independence activities, which she notes is not limited to South Florida. (Contributed image)

home through regular contact with her office.

She has been Belize's Consul General in Florida for 13 years. In that time, the office has evolved significantly, especially when it comes to community outreach.

"Daily, the Consulate of Belize in Florida provides consular services that allow us to interact with Belizeans who visit the Consulate from Florida as well as other parts of the United States," Sylvestre disclosed. "Additionally, the Consulate publishes an online newsletter that reaches thousands of Belizeans around the world, bringing positive news and information about Belize, as well as providing details about events taking place in the community. There is also daily interaction with Belizeans on all our social media platforms."

South Florida has a massive Spanish population, mainly found in Miami where there are large swathes of Cubans, Colombians, Venezuelans as well as people from the Dominican Republic.

Belize, which borders Guatemala and Mexico, is one of

the smallest countries in Central America, with less than 400,000 people. Sylvestre says getting the word out about the country's culture has been one of her objectives.

"I had the opportunity to be a part of helping to grow the Consulate from a small office to one that is a fully functioning Consulate providing a wide range of services to the Diaspora," she said. "Additionally, I founded an NGO, See and Taste Belize Inc in 2013 and in collaboration with the Consulate of Belize in Florida and the Government of Belize, hosted two successful events in Miami when hundreds of Belizeans from around the USA attended the event. See and Taste Belize Inc. showcased Belize's culture, cuisine, art, music, and people."

Previously known as British Honduras, the country officially changed to Belize in 1973 and became a sovereign country 18 years later. It is a member of the British Commonwealth and the Caribbean Community, (CARICOM).



Belize Government May Not Back US Company Investment

As Belize gears up to mark its 41st anniversary of independence from Britain, senior government official in the CARICOM Central American nation are predicting that the Belize government will not support moves by the United States-based international mining company, Vulcan Materials to acquire lands there.

"I can tell you that the position is that unequivocally that this may not be an investment that has the support of the government, so we will have to communicate to them the position as it relates to that investment," said Kenrick Williams, the chief executive officer in the Ministry of Sustainable Development.

The company is in the process of acquiring several hundred acres of land off the Coastal Road, near Gales Point Manatee, in an area called White Ridge Farms. But the villagers have overwhelmingly



rejected the company's project proposal in fear of irreversible environmental damage that preparatory work will bring.

They believe for example, turning a hill into rocks and stones means explosives will have to be used to blast the hill and that will kill and displace all the wildlife in the area. Officials from the Vulcan Materials Company are due to meet with

personnel from the Ministry of Sustainable Development.

But Williams, says while there has not been any formal proposals from the company, just a request for a preliminary meeting, the company's past projects is of concern to the government.

"They want an environmental impact assessment (EIA). We've not commenced

any process. They would like to present to us the idea that they would like to develop in this area. So we've not initiated any process as it relates to the EIA," said Williams. "We've not received any formal indication or request for the conducting of an EIA. It's all what is really floating out there in the media, again, save for an expressed interest to have a discussion with us about this project because of the public backlash in the initial concept stage."

Williams said that the authorities have done the research and some initial analysis as to the investments being made by this company in other jurisdictions, the impact being caused by mining. "We're not the experts on mining, that is the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Mining Department specifically and their part of the NEAC, they would inform us as it relates to the specificity of that

process.

"We also do not want to prejudice any investment, so any investment that is being made, there is a legal process that they go through that they will indicate to us from their research and analysis and their projections these are the potential impacts as it relates to these developments," Williams added.

The Vulcan Materials Company is the nation's largest producer of construction aggregates, primarily crushed stone, sand and gravel, and a major producer of other construction materials including asphalt and ready-mixed concrete.

The company serves markets in 20 states, the District of Columbia, Mexico and the Bahamas.

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Trinidad & Tobago Turns 60

The twin-island Republic of Trinidad and Tobago turned the big 6-0 on August 31st. Officials celebrated the Republic's Diamond Jubilee birthday with a public Independence Day Military Parade at the Grand Stand, Queens Park Savannah in Port-Of-Spain followed by a mega concert in the evening with fireworks.

The 60th anniversary of independence - "Diamond Jubilee" - is being held all month under the theme "#together60".

Other events to mark the historic day included the PM's Gala Concert on August 30th as well as a Chutney Festival also on August 30th.

There were also several parties including the 'Throwback and Wine Fuh Yuhself' on August 31st at Sound Forge.

The island will celebrate throughout the month of September.

Minister of Housing and Urban Development and chair of the oversight committee for the 60th anniversary of

independence celebrations, Camille Robinson-Regis, said a second will be held on September 23rd in Tobago, and Republic Day, September 24th.

"These concerts are expositions of our cultural manifestations comprising of our indigenous expressions, signposts to our deepest and most sincere aspirations for unity and solidarity as a people," she said. "Reminiscent of our National watchwords 'together we aspire, together we achieve', each concert will begin with a smoke ceremony conducted by the First Peoples of Trinidad and Tobago and will include premium artistes from the various cultural aspects synonymous with Trinidad and Tobago such as - calypso, soca, chutney, parang, parang soca, rhythm sections, steel orchestras and soloists."

A cultural caravan will cross the entire country and feature internationally acclaimed artistes and those from the area.



Finance Minister Paints Brighter Picture For Trinidad And Tobago Economy

Trinidad and Tobago Finance Minister Colm Imbert has called on the government to be "responsible" and implement reforms aimed at diversifying the economy even as he predicted "an overall surplus by 2024."

"We have to keep our eye on the forex (foreign exchange) regime. We have to resist calls for interference with our exchange rate. We can't lower our guard," Imbert said, noting the challenges associated with the uncertainty in the world economy and with extreme volatility in commodity prices.

He said while Trinidad and Tobago is benefiting from a global oil price in excess of US\$100 a barrel, "the prices will come down."

Imbert, addressing the one-day forum titled "Spotlight on the Economy 2022," said while he does not anticipate that the prices will not go below US\$90. "They will come down," he said. "I cannot see oil remaining up in that US\$110, US\$120 range for too much longer. So we have to emerge from this current crisis stronger because the resilience of the Trinidad and Tobago economy is what allowed us to survive COVID."

Imbert, who also announced that budget day will be September 26th, said

that the fiscal credibility earned over the last seven years allowed the Keith Rowley government to access substantial financing during the coronavirus (COVID-19) and that Trinidad and Tobago is now well positioned to reap the benefits of the current favorable price dynamics with regards to petrochemicals, especially ammonia, which has more than tripled in price over the last two years.

"Several countries are close to economic collapse further to the pandemic and the invasion of Ukraine. Some others are struggling under the IMF (International Monetary Fund) programs. This is not the case of Trinidad and Tobago," he said. "Our foreign reserves have now stabilized, in fact there is significant inflow of foreign exchange coming in now which have allowed us a lot of flexibility."

But he said the government had reduced expenditure to "the point where we should not reduce it anymore."

"There has been a lot of belt tightening over the last seven years," he said, noting also that the market consensus is that inflation here should be somewhere in the vicinity of eight per cent but the current

inflation rate is just below five per cent with one of the main reasons being "we have not interfered with our exchange rate and refused to devalue our dollar."

Imbert said that the government had started off the year with a projected deficit of nine billion dollars and he is anticipating ending the fiscal year with a deficit of two billion "When you look at where it was in 2020, TT\$17 billion in financing, essential we had to do it. We had to do it to keep the country running," he said.

Imbert said with the windfall coming in as a result of the increased oil and energy prices "our collections from oil companies are going up significantly" even as he acknowledged that the non-oil sector "is also going up and there is a fallacy that people talk about in terms of our economy and the structure of our economy."

"In terms of GDP (gross domestic product) and in terms of revenue, our non-oil sector has been the major contributor to revenue and GDP for at least the last six years. Oil does not dominate revenue and GDP in Trinidad and Tobago."

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"Trinbago Festival" Marks 60th Independence Anniversary In Canada

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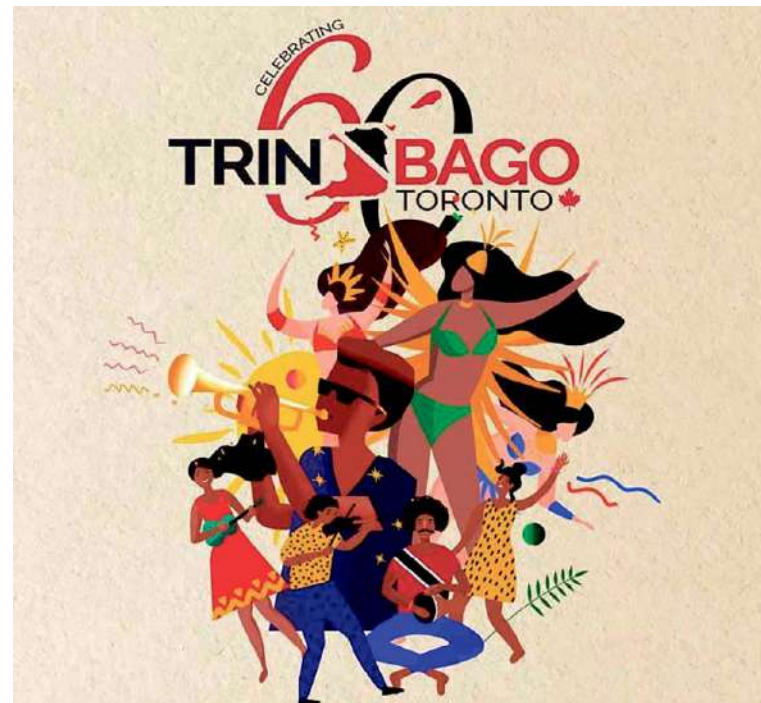
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The inaugural Trinbago Festival was held in Toronto to mark the 60th anniversary of T&T's independence.

The Tobago Tourism Agency Limited recently joined hands with the Tobago Festivals Commission and Tourism Trinidad Limited from August 27 to 28, 2022 to co-present the inaugural Trinbago Festival in Canada, under the auspices of the Consulate General of

the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in Toronto.

The iconic Yonge-Dundas Square was transformed into a mecca of Trinidad and Tobago culture, for a patriotic celebration of

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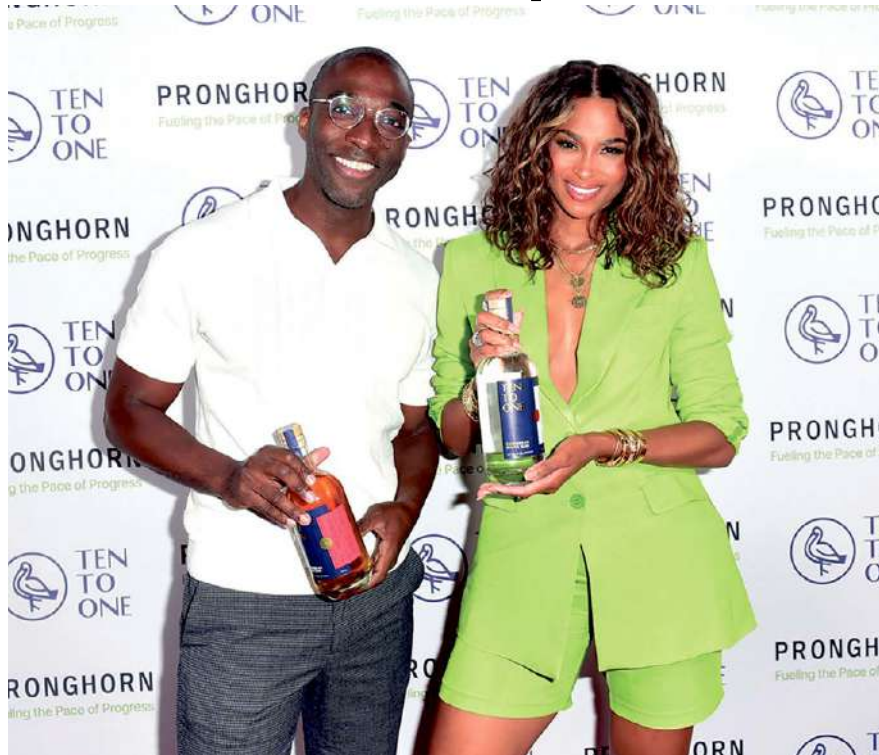
Trinidad Born Rum Entrepreneur Secures Investment

As Trinidad and Tobago marks its 60th year of independence, Mark Farrell, an immigrant born there who has turned a rum entrepreneur, has secured an equity investment from the Diageo-backed incubator Pronghorn.

It was the first investment for Pronghorn. The Caribbean rum brand Ten to One was founded by and is owned by Farrell, and co-owned by Grammy winning singer Ciara, who joined the rum brand in October 2021 as an investor, co-owner and director.

The award-winning Ten To One Caribbean rum was founded in 2019 by the entrepreneur and former youngest Starbucks Senior Vice President. His impressive resume started when he was merely a teenager. He attended MIT at just 16-years-old, followed by Cambridge University and Harvard Business School, all before becoming, at the time, the youngest ever vice president in Starbucks history.

The name Ten To One comes from a quote from Dr. Eric Williams, Trinidad and Tobago's first Prime Minister, when discussing the first Caribbean federation of 10 countries. "One from ten leaves zero," he said, conveying the



Ten To One Founder Marc Farrell and partner, Grammy-winning singer Ciara, celebrate their partnership with Pronghorn.

idea that "we are stronger together than apart."

Through his creation, Farrell said he hopes to elevate the experience of consuming Caribbean rum and highlight its versatility.

In just a short period of time, Ten To One Caribbean rum has received critical acclaim from the likes of Food & Wine, Forbes and Zagat for

its exquisite pan-Caribbean blends as well as the brand's role in shifting the rum category to a more elevated and authentic reflection of Caribbean culture. The Ten To One white rum costs almost \$37 while the Ten To One Dark rum is almost \$49.

"Continuously challenging expectations has been core to our brand's DNA from day one, and proven to be a

major ingredient in preserving on a path to success – even against the backdrop of a global pandemic," said Farrell. "There remains an enormous opportunity to change the way people taste, experience and talk about rum, and with the incredible support of the Pronghorn team, we will not only be able to expand our footprint to other major metropolitan hubs, but also introduce consumers to new occasions for which rum should be considered the spirit of choice."

"Pronghorn's team are spirits industry game-changers," said Ciara, Co-Owner, Ten To One. "It's rewarding to see these creative minds rally around a brand and a mission that I am so passionate about and enable a path to excellence that uplifts and supports Black entrepreneurs."

"Pronghorn's goal is to cultivate the next generation of Black entrepreneurs, executive leaders, and founders within the spirits industry. We are

thrilled to kick off the first of 57 investments in Black-owned spirits brands that will be made over the next ten years with Ten To One Rum," said Erin Harris, Co-Founder, Pronghorn. "Diverse representation in entrepreneurship will drive innovation, and Ten To One is a leading example of that through its continued reimagination of the rum category."

According to Pronghorn, less than 1 percent of spirits brand acquisitions in the U.S. have been Black owned. To generate wealth and drive acquisitions, Pronghorn will serve as a hybrid incubator and accelerator, making capital investments in Black owned brands, while also providing capabilities that allow brands to leverage industry-leading knowledge and resources to realize their brand's ambitions.

ISWR says the U.S. market for Super Premium+ rum brands is projected to have a compound annual growth rate of 12.6% from 2021 to 2026 and to grow 2x faster than the spirits industry over the next 5 years.

Ten To One is available at retailers in nearly 20 states across the country, and online at shoptentoone.com.

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Trinidad And Tobago And Jamaica Say Illegal Flow Of Arms Greatest Threat To National Security

The Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaican government recently warned that the greatest threat to national security in their respective countries is the illegal flow of arms and ammunition organized "not by stupid people."

Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley and Jamaica's Prime Minister Andrew Holness, on August 29th, held bilateral talks at the Diplomatic Centre in St. Ann's on the outskirts of the capital, with Rowley

indicating that the two leaders were in agreement that the arms trade was being undertaken by people "who are very well aware of the circumstances around which we live and in which we live."

He said this is something the Caribbean Community had been able to impress upon the United States and that Washington "cannot turn a blind eye to us where every CARICOM country is in this predicament and your suppliers

and your diaspora people can just flood us...including with deportees".

Rowley said that the United States has the capacity to be more effective in following up on who is doing what and "it is something that we are cooperating on and today we signed on to that MOU (memorandum of understanding) and we had some discussions for further closer cop operation and information sharing between

Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago" particularly in the importation of small arms and assault weapons entering the countries from the United States.

Holness told reporters that "it is amazing when we exchanged notes on the national security front, the similarities and commonalities not just on the violence front but on the elements that fuel it and enable it.

"So weapons are an enabler of violence. How they get into our country and the people who are financing them

there is just an incredible level of commonality? And so, while we are not saying much on what we are going to be doing, but certainly along the lines of collaboration and sharing information we will be able to have an impact," he added."

Holness said that the guns were and ammunition were coming in through official airports as well as on boats from South America and Haiti.

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"Trinbago Festival" Marks 60th Independence Anniversary In Canada

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 20) the 60th Anniversary of T&T's independence. The festival featured diverse live entertainment, food vendors offering mouth-watering Trinbagonian cuisine, Carnival mas band pop-ups, and more.

In honor of the inaugural Trinbago Festival, the City of Toronto also agreed to a special illumination of the CN Tower and 3D Toronto sign at Nathan Phillips Square in T&T's national colors of red, white and black on, in honor of the twin-island nation's

Independence celebrations.

"The Trinbago Festival celebrated us as Trinbagonians and brought us together to showcase our people's warmth, ingenuity and resilience, the beauty of our twin islands, the vibrance of our culture, and the brilliance of our citizens here who fly our flag high every day," said Acting Consul General Tracey Ramsabagh-Mannette.

Executive Chairman of the Tobago Tourism Agency Limited, Alicia Edwards, stated: "The Trinbago Festival

provided a lucrative platform to continue building upon Tobago's prior successes in the Canadian travel market, and educate Canadians about the diversity of touristic offerings in our twin island republic. TTAL looks forward to leveraging the publicity of this milestone celebration to reinvigorate awareness of Tobago as an ideal post-COVID holiday destination, while celebrating this milestone of 60 years of independence."



Niagara Falls Celebrates Trinidad Independence

The iconic Niagara Falls illuminated in red, white and black in commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of Trinidad and Tobago's Independence on August 31, 2022.

This followed a special lighting of the CN Tower and 3D Toronto Sign in red, white and black on August 27th in celebration of the inaugural Trinbago Festival on August 27

and 28 at Yonge-Dundas Square in Toronto.

The Niagara Falls are often lit in special colors for short durations to mark a significant date. The special illumination for Trinidad and Tobago 60th Anniversary of Independence took place from 10 to 10:15 p.m. on August 31, 2022.



It's CPL Time!



Andre Russell has joined the Knight Riders franchise this time around, and the Barbados Royals have roped in players like Quinton de Kock and David Miller. (CPL image)

The Caribbean Premier League, CPL 2022, is here. Fans across the globe are eagerly tuning in for the 10th edition of Hero CPL T20 2022 matches, which began on August 31, 2022, and will be held for the month.

The matches will end on September 30, 2022 and will be played on the four fields of the Caribbean island- Antigua and Barbuda, Saint Lucia, St Kitts and Nevis. The finals or the playoffs of the CPL will be held in Guyana.

The match consists of six teams - the St Kitts and Nevis Patriots, Saint Lucia Kings, Barbados Royals, Trinbago Knight Riders, Jamaica Tallawahs, and the Guyana Amazon Warriors.

Last year, the tournament was won by St Kitts and Nevis Patriots. However, the champion of the Caribbean Premier League 2022 is Trinbago Knight Riders, as they lifted the trophies for four years.

The matches will feature

national and international players.

The first match was held on September 1, 2022, between St Kitts and Nevis Patriots and Jamaica Tallawahs.

The full schedule of the Caribbean Premier League 2022 is as follows:

September 5, Monday

Match 7: SKN Patriot vs Amazon Warriors

September 7, Wednesday

Match 8: Barbados Royals vs Trinbago Knight Riders

September 8, Thursday

Match 9: St Lucia Kings vs Jamaica Tallawahs

Match 10: Amazon Warriors vs SKN Patriot

September 9, Friday

Match 11: St Lucia Kings vs Barbados Royals

September 10, Saturday

Match 12: Jamaica Tallawahs vs

Trinbago Knight Riders

September 11, Sunday

Match 13: St Lucia Kings vs Amazon Warriors

Match 14: Jamaica Tallawahs vs Barbados Royals

September 12, Monday

Match 15: St Lucia Kings vs SKN Patriots

September 14, Wednesday

Match 16: Trinbago Knight Riders vs Barbados Royals

Match 17: Jamaica Patriots vs SKN Patriots

September 15, Thursday

Match 18: Trinbago Knight Riders vs Guyana Amazon Warriors

Match 19: Barbados Royals vs Jamaica Tallawahs

September 17, Saturday

Match 20: SKN Patriots vs St Lucia Kings

September 18, Sunday

Match 21: Trinbago Knight Riders vs Jamaica Tallawahs

Match 22: Barbados Royals vs Amazon Warriors

September 19, Monday

Match 23: Trinbago Knight Riders vs St Lucia Kings

September 21, Wednesday

Match 24: Barbados Royals vs SN Patriots

September 22, Thursday

Match 25: Amazon Warriors vs Jamaica Tallawahs

Match 26: Trinbago Knight Riders vs SKN Patriots

September 23, Friday

Match 27: Amazon Warriors vs St Lucia Kings

September 25, Sunday

Match 28: Amazon Warriors vs Trinbago Knight Riders

Match 29: Jamaica Tallawahs vs St Lucia Kings

September 26, Monday

Match 30: Amazon Warriors vs Barbados Royals

The playoff matches will be played on September 27th, 28th and 29th. The final match will be played on October 1, 2022.



Reggae Boy Returns To Motherwell



Jamaica international Rolando Aarons. (CMC Image)

Newly minted Reggae Boy Rolando Aarons has rejoined Scottish Premiership outfit Motherwell on a season-long loan from English Championship side Huddersfield Town.

The 26-year-old Jamaica-born winger previously made eight appearances for Motherwell, scoring once, on loan from English Premier League club Newcastle United in 2020 before the COVID-enforced shutdown.

"Rolando is a target I had earmarked even before I got the job as I saw first-hand his qualities and potential when he was last here," said Motherwell manager Steven Hammell. "He's a player with so much to offer. He has pace, he's direct with a lot of energy and will give us more options on either the left or right flank."

"He's had a frustrating time with injuries in the last year or so and just needs to get back playing regularly again. We think Motherwell is the perfect platform for him to do that," Hammell added.

"It's a positive move for Rolando to a club he's already familiar with. Unfortunately,

injuries and the positive form of other players in his position have been an issue for him since joining Town, but this gives him the opportunity to go and play regular minutes and recapture both his form and fitness," added Huddersfield loans manager David Fox.

Aarons emerged from English club Bristol City's youth system to join Newcastle, where he played 27 games and spent time on loan at Italy's Verona, Czech club Slovan Liberec, England's Sheffield Wednesday and Wycombe Wanderers as well as Motherwell.

He moved to Huddersfield on a permanent deal in January 2021, but a cruciate knee ligament injury restricted him to just one appearance last season.

Aarons made his debut for the Reggae Boyz in June, coming on as a substitute against Suriname. His cousin Max Aarons, 22, is a defender with Championship outfit Norwich City.

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This Caribbean Immigrant Makes History As A UFC Champion



Jamaican-born Leon 'Rocky' Edwards shocked the MMA world on Saturday August 20th, when he beat Kamaru Usman of Nigeria in the UFC 278 main event. (KNGs Athlete Management/Facebook image)

Caribbean immigrant Leon "Rocky" Edwards has made history. The Jamaican-born Edwards shocked the MMA world on Saturday August 20th, when he beat Kamaru Usman of Nigeria in the UFC 278 main event, to win the welterweight belt in Salt Lake City, Utah and become a UFC champ.

With a head kick in the final round of a fight he was losing handily, Edwards knocked out Usman to win at the Vivint Arena. The finish came at 4 minutes, 4 seconds of the fifth round, making it the fourth-latest finish in a UFC title fight.

Edwards snapped Usman's 15-fight UFC winning streak, which was one off Anderson Silva's UFC record. It was one of the most stunning knockouts in the history of the sport. Usman was considered the pound-for-pound best fighter in the world.

Edwards is also the second England-based athlete to do so. An emotional Edwards, speaking with commentator Joe Rogan immediately after the fight, declared: "I was born in Jamaica with nothing. I lived in a wooden shed with a zinc roof. Look at me now!"

Edwards, who celebrates

his 31st birthday on August 25th, was born in Kingston and lived with his parents and his brother in a one-room house. Growing up, he was surrounded by crime, and his father was involved in what the fighter has described as "questionable activities."

He moved to the Aston area of Birmingham, England at age nine, and his father was shot and killed in a nightclub in London when Edwards was thirteen.

After the tragedy, he would become involved in criminal activity such as drug dealing, street

fighting, and knife possession along with his social circle, but was able to get out of the lifestyle at age 17 when his mother got him to join a mixed martial arts (MMA) club.

More than a decade later, on Saturday night (August 20), Edwards started well in the long-awaited title fight at UFC 278 in Salt Lake City, but Usman dominated the middle three rounds to put himself on course for a decision victory.

Out of nowhere, Edwards feinted a jab before slamming a kick into the side of Usman's

head, flooring one of the most dominant champions the UFC has ever had and surprising everyone in the Vivint Arena.

In winning, Edwards has

also become only the second British fighter to win a UFC title.

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Spice Boy Pierre Joins Sutton United

Grenada international Aaron Pierre, a free agent who has been without a club since leaving English League One outfit Shrewsbury Town at the end of last season, has joined League Two mid-table club Sutton United on an undisclosed deal.

The 29-year-old center-back began his United Kingdom career at Brentford and had spells at Wycombe Wanderers and Northampton Town before joining Shrewsbury in 2019.

"Aaron is a player I've come across many times over the years, and after the unfortunate injury to Ben Goodliffe this was an area where I felt I needed to strengthen and add competition," Sutton manager Matt Gray said.

"Aaron's a great age and highly experienced, and a real leader, and he's an excellent addition for the squad. I'm delighted to have him on board."

Pierre made his debut for the Spice Boyz in 2015 and scored his first international goal two years later in a 2-2 draw in a



Grenada international Aaron Pierre (CMC Image)

friendly against Bermuda.

Two of his former Shrewsbury teammates – Omar Beckles, now at League Two Leyton Orient, and Ollie Norburn, now at Championship club Peterborough United – also represent Grenada.

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Call their name and rub the middle of their chest with a closed fist.



Start rescue breathing

Make sure their mouth is not blocked, pinch their nose, and breathe into their mouth every 5 seconds.



Lay the person on their side

Put the person on their side supported by a bent knee to prevent choking.

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