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“We are scaling up our presence on Barbuda”

The Antigua and Barbuda government will increase its presence on the sister island, Barbuda, by stationing more departments there to handle the growing need for services from the central government.

Prime Minister Gaston Browne revealed that as part of the planned ‘scaling up of the government’s presence on Barbuda’, the central government will

employ additional immigration and customs officers to be based in Codrington.

“We have also agreed to employ additional police officers as it is totally unacceptable that based on the level of development taking place on the sister island that there are only two or three police officers based there. So, we will be increasing the number of police officers there sig-

nificantly. We have also ordered a new fire truck so that within a matter of weeks it will arrive in the country and be sent over,” he reported.

The prime minister stated that he has already asked the Barbuda Senator Knackcynta Nedd-Charles to help identify a contractor who will be awarded a contract to complete the Justice Complex located in Codrington for which

the construction started more than a decade ago and which has never been completed.

According to the prime minister with the new determination from the central government, completing the Justice Complex will receive priority attention.

Coming out of last Wednesday’s Cabinet meeting, it was announced that the Cabinet agreed that a larger presence of the Central Government will be required on Barbuda when the new airport becomes operational. An additional firetruck, required to address the expanding needs of the new development planned for Louie Hill, has been ordered.

“A large administrative complex of Government offices will also be required to house Customs and Immigration, the Development Control Authority, the Department of the Environment, the Ministry of Barbuda Affairs, the Antigua and Barbuda Transport Authority, and other agencies that are part of the governance machinery. The incomplete Justice Complex, housing the Magistrates Court and the Police will be funded, in order to achieve completion,” the post-Cabinet Notes stated.


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Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister condemns attack on Donald Trump

Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister, Gaston Browne, has condemned the attack on former US President Donald Trump by a person who was subsequently killed by the US Secret Service.

Prime Minister Browne decried all forms of violence against political leaders. He said it is central to representative democracy that politicians must be allowed to campaign without threats to their lives.

He declared that he was relieved that former President Trump was not

gravely injured.

Browne also said that he was pleased that President Joe Biden also immediately condemned the attack on Mr. Trump, adding that, throughout the world, well-thinking people must make it clear that there is no tolerance for violence in our political culture.

The Prime Minister also expressed sympathy to the families of the two persons attending the rally, one of whom was killed and the other seriously injured.

“I will be sending a per-



Prime Minister Gaston Browne sent a personal message of good will to Donald Trump, wishing him a speedy recovery,” the Prime Minister said.

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Training of fire officers in Barbuda to commence tomorrow

A series of training sessions specifically tailored for fire officers who will be based at the new airport in Barbuda is slated to commence tomorrow.

The new Fire Chief, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Vivian Parker, said all arrangements are being com-

pleted to have the training start by Tuesday (tomorrow).

He disclosed that a total of fourteen fire officers, nine from Barbuda and another five from Antigua, will participate in the training, which is one of the requirements necessary for the granting of full approval for the com-

mencement of operations at the airport.

According to the Fire Chief the training will cover familiarization with the new fire tender that has been dispatched to Barbuda and includes completing certain tasks within a prescribed period of time as well as general

fire-fighting skills.

Additionally, the Chief said the number of fire officers on Barbuda is being increased as those officers that are sent over from Antigua will be based on the sister island. Already he is making arrangements for suitable accommodation for these officers.

Prime Minister Gaston Browne said all the other requirements for the operationalization of the new airport have been completed and he expects that with the completion of this training for the fire officers the final approval will come soon after.

PM Browne also announced that the training will be conducted by an expert in the field.

Meanwhile, the prime minister said several expressions of interest have already been received for the individuals and entities to finance the establishment of a commercial hub on the property that houses the current airport, which will be decommissioned with the opening of the new airport expected 'within a matter of weeks'.

Among those who have expressed an interest is Ambassador Calvin Ayre, who may likely base his helicopter operations there.

A major supermarket, hardware store and other such facilities are among the businesses the government would wish to attract to the commercial hub at the old airport site.

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PM Browne: We are having a good revenue year

The government is seeing an increase in revenues this year due largely to the increase in the rate of the Antigua and Barbuda Sales Tax (ABST) and increased economic activity in the country.

Up to the end of May, revenues were running over \$35 million more this year than for the same period in 2023.

Reports from the Customs Division, the government’s largest revenue centre is that by the end of June, revenues climbed to \$40 million more than the same period last year.

In total, the revenues are already more than \$235 million by the end of June this year. At this time last year, revenues had not cracked the \$200-million mark. They totaled \$195 million.

The amounts collected by the Inland Revenue Department were not immediately available.

Buoyed by these revenues, the government has announced that it will soon undertake a comprehensive road construction and repair programme especially targeting the community roads.

As a first step, the government has purchased a set of heavy-duty equipment to ensure that it has the wherewithall to undertake the programme without having necessarily, to rely on renting equipment from private suppliers.

“We have been very deliberate in our spending to acquire equipment to undertake this road programme. The opposition has had much to say about the state of our roads but soon they will be silenced when they see the road repair work in action,” Prime Minister Browne declared.

“We plan to spend more than \$150 million on road repairs in the coming years to improve the quality of roads on Antigua; both primary and secondary roads,” he revealed.

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Caribbean students must be ‘literate and numerate’ to take advantage of AI

Caribbean students must attain a certain level of literacy and numeracy skills in order to take advantage of the various AI applications such as CHAT GPT.

That’s the point of view expressed by the Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of the Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) Dr. Wayne Wesley, who was one of the presenters at last week’s first-ever 5IR Generative Artificial Intelligence Research Confer-

ence hosted by the University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus.

“AI requires that you enter commands, what some refer to as ‘prompt engineering’, because whatever you put in is what you are going to get out. It is going to require that you indicate specifically what it is that you want for an answer; each time you get a response, you have to evaluate that response as to whether or not it is addressing the concerns you have

raised and how then do you tweak the prompt for it to give you exactly what you want.

“So, I am saying that for our Caribbean students to benefit from CHAT GPT, one of the things that we should fundamentally do is to ensure that we have all our students being literate and numerate and we have to have a deliberate approach to ensure that all our students are literate and numerate to take advantage of all the opportunities presented because of AI,” he stated.

The CXC Registrar noted that a study was done across the Caribbean testing the students’ proficiency in a cluster of five subjects; business, the sciences (physics, biology and chemistry), mathematics, english and digital technology.

“The students achieved the highest number of passes in the digital technology.

“The results show that our students are inclined to information technology and that this was not therefore a challenge.

“However, the subject area scoring the lowest pass mark was in mathematics. Since 2018 until now, we have never gone past 55 percent acceptable performance across the region for mathematics,” he remarked.

Dr. Wesley said there is



Dr. Wayne Wesley

need for the region to pay close attention to mathematics; how it is delivered, what it should do to ensure that students possess the requisite skills to become competent in mathematics.

“That is why I have insisted that we need to ensure that the majority, if not all, of our students are both literate and numerate because it is on those two subjects that will allow them to master any other subject. That is a fundamental shift that we have to address,” he noted.

At last week’s AI conference, more than 150 local teachers were exposed to training on how to utilize CHAT GPT in the classroom.

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42 pounds of cocaine seized at airport

Forty-two pounds of cocaine were seized at the V.C. Bird International Airport on Saturday.

Police and Customs were conducting a joint

drug operation at the airport, when they discovered a black suitcase with 16 vacuum-sealed packages of the controlled substance inside.

The suitcase with the substance was taken to the police station for further in-

vestigation. No arrest was made. The class-A drug is said to value \$666,900.

Traffic Department on Enforcement Drive

The traffic department has stepped up its vigilance across the island in an effort to improve road safety.

On Friday, July 12, the traffic department conducted several separate traffic checks and issued 122 tickets for various traffic violations, including driving while using a mobile phone, driving without seatbelt, and parking in restricted areas.

The police also impounded 20 vehicles for not being licensed, while more than a dozen drivers were asked to remove excessively dark tints from their vehicles.

A 19-year-old Golden Grove man was also arrested and charged for careless driving, driving without a valid driver's license, driving an unlicensed and uninsured vehicle, failing to remain on the scene of a traffic collision, and taking without consent of the owner.

The police continue to appeal to drivers to drive with due care and attention and observe all traffic signs. The police are further asking motorists to ensure their vehicles are roadworthy and their license and insurance are up-to-date.

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Celebrating emancipation at 190

Preparations are underway for a series of activities to mark the 190th anniversary of Emancipation here in Antigua and Barbuda, 1834-2024.

The planning is being spearheaded by the Antigua and Barbuda Reparations Support Commission which sees the celebration of this milestone as not just a cultural activity, but a time for serious reflection on the achievements of the people of Antigua and Barbuda and the wider Caribbean Region.

Vice Chair of the Antigua and Barbuda Reparations Support Commission, Amb. Anthony Liverpool indicated further that Emancipation 190 will seek to continue the efforts to raise awareness about the African ancestry of the majority population,

while at the same time send a strong signal that as citizens of Antigua and Barbuda and the Caribbean there is much pride being felt to be able to celebrate the 'Emancipation' annually and take time out from the Carnival to pay homage and give thanks for the achievements as a nation.

The activities planned for this year's celebration will begin on Friday 26 July with the hosting of Africa Dress Day. This day serves as a call for individuals to proudly don African dashikis and cultural attire, honoring their African heritage and paying tribute to the Ancestors who fought for the nation's freedom.

The celebration continues with the rebroadcasting on Monday 29th July on ABS Television of "Uhuru Spiritu-

ally Awaken" - a production by ABRSC that celebrates emancipation. This production will showcase spoken word artists, African fashion, song, dance, and more.

The 16th annual Watchnight Gathering will take place on Wednesday 31st July at the Botanical Gardens from 7:30pm. Watchnight is a cherished tradition that symbolizes the enslaved Africans' anticipation of news of their freedom. It is an evening of music, libation, drumming, messages, songs, iron band performances, and more — a celebration of freedom, faith, community, and resilience. This year the feature address will be delivered by Dr. June Soomer, St. Lucia Ambassador to the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations



Amb. Anthony Liverpool Permanent Forum for People of African Descent.

The Emancipation celebrations will continue with the annual Emancipation Day Church Service at the Green Bay Moravian Church on Thursday, August 1st, at 6 am. Following the church service, a day of celebration awaits in the heart of St. John's, featuring delectable food, arts and crafts, music, entertainment, and more.

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Volunteers for the City West Summer camp preparing the supplies for the camp attendees,

St. John's City West Summer Camp starts today

The annual St. John's City West Summer Camp organized by the parliamentary representative, Prime Minister Gaston Browne, starts today and it will attract children ages 5 to 10 years.

Over the next two weeks, a team of volunteers will interact with the young people and expose them to a range of skills designed to boost their creativity and people to people skills.

The hours of the camp are from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm Monday to Friday and it will be held at the Villa Primary

School. "Over the course of the two weeks, the participants will learn a lot of new skills; music, art, drama, field trips, sewing, and baking along with sports such as football, cricket basketball and aerobics," said one of the organisers Sanka Riley.

Additionally, there will be sessions on folk singing as well as emotional intelligence. For entertainment, the organisers have arranged for a special screening of one of the latest child-friendly movies.



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Jordyn Henriques is Miss Optimist Petit 2024



The ABI Insurance Optimist Petit Show held on Sunday afternoon crowned Jordyn Henriques as the winner of the 2024 instalment of the popular event. The show was held at the UWI Global Campus on the Queen Elizabeth Highway. Henriques emerged winner from a field of twelve contestants.

The first runner-up spot went to Kelsey Cochrane with De Asia Allred taking

the second runner up spot and Katalyna Fagan taking third runner-up.

Several businesses have supported the Optimist Club

in what is its main fund raiser for the year. The top four winners will receive a variety of prizes donated by sponsors of the event.

Point Ville Communications announces new newscast schedule

Point Ville Communications is excited to announce the rebranding of its newscast to better align with its commitment to providing timely and relevant news.

This new initiative aims to enhance the listening/viewing experiences by offering more comprehensive and accessible news coverage throughout the day.

Effective July 15, the new broadcast schedule will feature a morning newscast at 6 a.m. with Winston Williams.

Later in the morning, at 10:45 a.m., Elizabeth Fane and Carlena

Knight will interchange as anchors for the mid-morning newscast.

Their combined expertise and dynamic reporting will provide in-depth coverage of ongoing stories and breaking news, keeping viewers engaged and informed as the day progresses.

The evening newscast at 6 p.m. will be anchored by Phil George and J'noire Smith-Kellman, who will also interchange.

Their extensive backgrounds in journalism and their commitment to delivering high-quality news make them the perfect team to wrap up the

day with a comprehensive overview of the day's most significant events.

In addition to the daily newscasts, viewers can look forward to a comprehensive weekly roundup every Sunday with Carlena Knight.

This special segment will recap the week's most important stories, offering detailed insights and analysis to ensure viewers are up-to-date with all major developments.

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Opinion



Good to the last drop (or two)

By Tony Deyal

Two cowboys were lost in the desert. One cowboy saw a tree covered with bacon. Happily, he said to his friend, "A bacon tree! We're saved!". He ran to the tree and was shot up with bullets. It wasn't a bacon tree. It was a ham bush. That is what we in the Caribbean face from the African Sahara dust which, instead of a strong breeze, gives us shortness of breath and fever for days. Despite this, instead of a coughing fit, I have a coffee fit. When people have espresso, I have depresso. I am so steeped in coffee that I am at the point where I don't sweat, I percolate. My life's goal is to amount to a hill of beans. When people call me a "drip", I consider that a compliment.

In Trinidad, one of the boys was called 'Coffee' because, when anybody made jokes about him, he shook his fists and threatened to "coffee" down.

One day, he tried it on a few of us and we picked him up and continued to throw him into the watery drain down the hill.

He was good to the last drop. Then, while at university in the US, I found out that "Coffee" is a girl's name and means "a lovely woman". As one of my colleagues said, "Tony, she is not just as good as the last drop, but it is like having two at one go."

My response was, "You're lucky she didn't

call the police for you and tell them she was mugged."

Unlike those two "Coffeees", the word "coffee" entered the English language in 1582 from the Dutch word koffie, which originated from the Turkish kahve. What is better than the word is the product. I also found out that coffee makes your brain run better because it's rocket fuel for your brain.

When I told a friend that, he replied, "But Tony you have enough of that already! What will you do with more?" I told him the truth, "Well there's no fuel like an old fuel. The first cup of coffee turbocharges my faculties to the point that coffee might be rewiring my brains."

To cut this down from the many articles and books on coffee, let's go, like the American radio stations, with the top 10. Coffee helps you lose weight, helps with depression, is nutritious, and can act as pain relief.

It is a great way to get more fibre and, at the same time, decreases the risk of Type 2 diabetes, Alzheimer's and heart disease. Coming at number nine, scientists believe that the combination of a compound in coffee (called EHT) and caffeine helps to fight the onset of Parkinson's in people who are predisposed to have the disease – in other words, coffee may stop the developing of Parkinson's.

And, at number 10, cof-



Tony Deyal

fee might lower the risk of multiple sclerosis (MS), which is a disease that affects your eyes, brain, spine, and muscles.

Research shows that drinking four cups of coffee a day for people who are genetically predisposed to MS can reduce the dangerous neural inflammation that triggers the development of the disease. So, if anybody accuses you of being four-cup, tell them why!

My wife is a reader who looks at the downside of coffee and makes sure she sends me any negative about my morning drink (which is two glasses of water that she has no problem with) and a cup of black coffee, which, when she complained about it, I told her, "Why you against my black coffee so? You is a racist?" But then I got into the Science Daily and now give her as good as I get.

The headlines have included, 'Used coffee grounds are a rich source of healthful antioxidants',

'Women who choose boiled coffee run lower risk of breast cancer, Swedish study finds', 'Coffee reduces breast cancer risk, study suggests', and a lot more.

Despite all this, she has not changed her mind about coffee one little bit. Once, long ago, when we had just met, I got her to taste a cup of my coffee. She spit it out and actually said that it tasted like mud.

All I could do was explain to her that it was ground only 10 minutes before. That, of course, did not help. But it does with my friends who, when they offer me a cup, first ask how I take my coffee. I make it clear, "Seriously. Very, very seriously."

Fortunately, despite my wife's concern about coffee, some of the best people whose jokes I love, and writing I follow, are coffee drinkers in a big way. David Letterman who, next to Johnny Carson, was my favourite television host,

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claimed, "If it wasn't for the coffee, I'd have no identifiable personality whatsoever."

My best choice as a writer and coffee lady was Louisa May Alcott.

Whether it was praise for Little Women, Little Men or Jo's Boys, she always made it clear, "I'd rather take coffee than compliments just now." While the Rush Hour star, Jackie Chan, insists "Coffee is a language in itself", Abraham Lincoln cryptically told a waiter, "If this is coffee, please bring me some tea; but if this is tea, please bring me some coffee."

As a fan of the great poet T.S. Eliot, I love his, "I have measured out my life with coffee spoons." However, especially from my wife's perspective, I am like the substance itself. I invariably end up in hot water.

What makes it worse is my love for jokes about coffee, including those about men or women. I will never say, "I like my coffee like my women. Ground up and in the freezer."

However, I also get in trouble with, "I like my coffee like my women. Hot and black." I prefer to make a joke like, "I asked my wife why there was an empty milk bottle in the fridge?" Her reply was, "In case any of your friends want black coffee." The response of other women regarding coffee and men can be fun.

One of them, when asked about men and coffee,

laughed, "The best ones are rich, hot and keep you up all night."

Another said, "Freshly ground." The one that took the cake, ice cream and the Pulitzer Prize came up with, "Tall, pale and sweet or dark and strong; first thing in the morning, but not always every morning, or sometimes at night when I feel like staying up late."

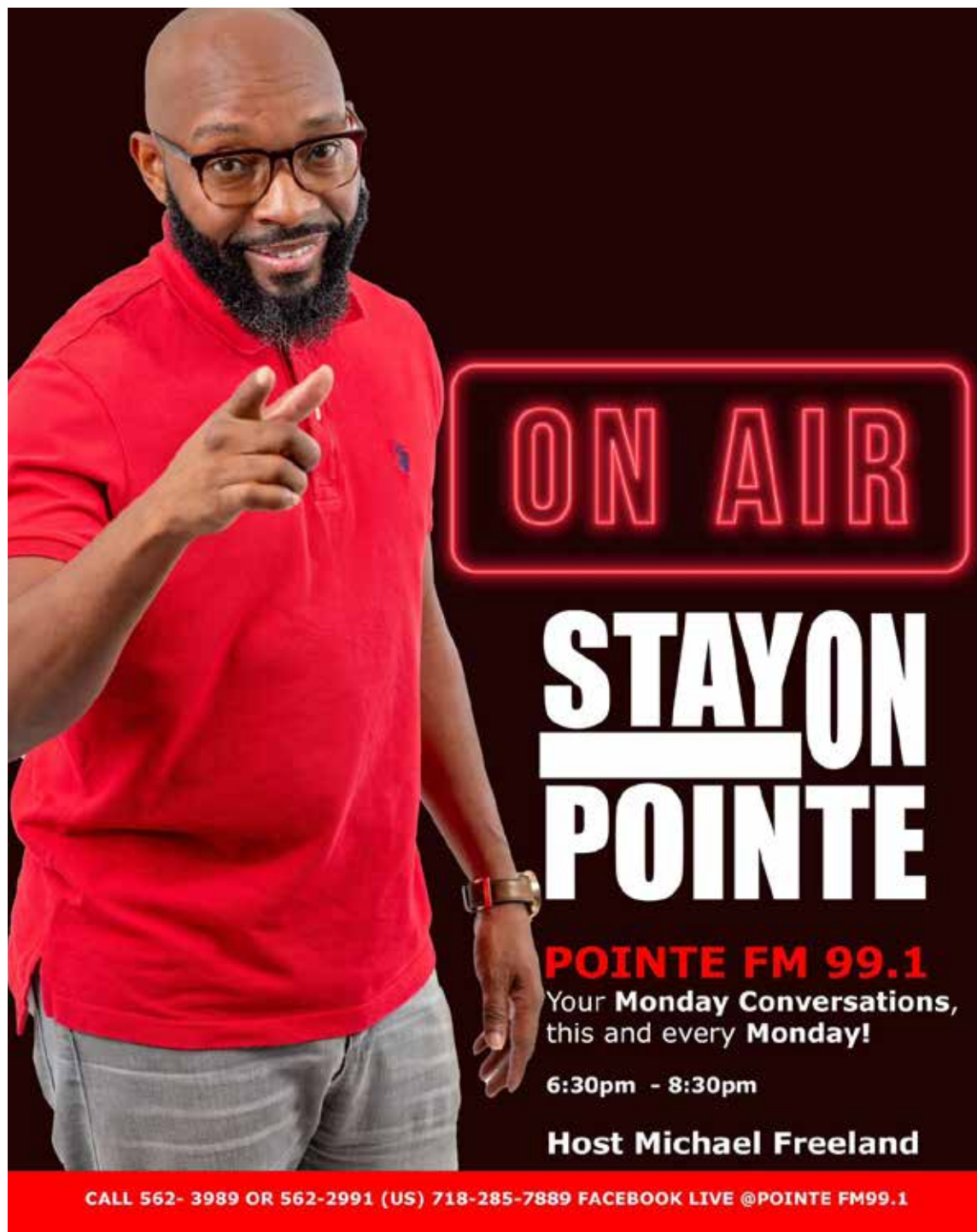
Men are a pain in more ways than one. This one said, "I like my coffee how I like my women: hot and in a large cup." Another's dream was, "Totally satisfying for less than five bucks."

This is why I prefer to ignore what men say about women and go for what I feel about coffee.

The three I consider the best are, "I like my

coffee the same way I like my mornings: caffeinated and optimistic."; "Coffee and confidence: the perfect brew."; and "I don't need an inspirational quote; I need coffee."

Tony Deyal was last seen trying to get his male friends to check out a book in the Bible about how to make great coffee. It is called "Hebrews".



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Beverly Hills 90210 star Shannen Doherty dead at 53

By Rachel Looker

Actress Shannen Doherty, best known for roles in hit TV shows like *Beverly Hills 90210* and *Charmed*, died on Saturday from cancer at 53.

“It is with a heavy heart that I confirm the passing of actress Shannen Doherty,” her publicist, Leslie Sloane, said in a statement. “The devoted daughter, sister, aunt and friend was surrounded by her loved ones as well as her dog, Bowie.”

Doherty spent over four decades as an actress. She is best known for playing Brenda Walsh on four seasons of *90210*. The series followed a group of Beverly Hills teenagers as they faced relationship and family issues.

Ms Doherty was nominated for several awards for her role on the show.

She later went on to play Brenda in a 2008 reboot of the series where her character grew up to become a theatre actress.

The actor was diagnosed with breast cancer in March 2015 and underwent a mastectomy, radiation and chemotherapy. She announced she was in remission in 2017, but the cancer returned two years later.

She was open about her battle with cancer, documenting it on social media. In a June 2023 Instagram



Shannen Doherty

video, she shared that the cancer spread to her brain. She announced last fall that she is committed to battling the disease despite it spreading to her bones.

“I’m not done with living. I’m not done with loving. I’m not done with creating,” she said to *People* magazine in November 2023.

Born in Memphis, Ms Doherty started acting as a child. She appeared in TV series including *Voyagers*, *Our House* and *Father Murphy* before starring as Jenny Wilder at the age of 11 in *Little House on the Prairie*.

Three years later in 1985, she got her first ma-

yor film role starring in *Girls Just Want to Have Fun*, which also starred Sarah Jessica Parker and Helen Hunt.

In 1988, Ms Doherty played Heather Duke in the iconic teen film *Heathers* alongside Winona Ryder, Lisanne Falk and Kim Walker.

The actress struggled at the time with being young and famous, earning a reputation as a troublemaker on the set of *90210*.

“I was very confused back then about what I wanted for myself, and the attention was way too much,” she said. “I didn’t always handle it that well.”

She later starred in *Charmed*, a show about

three sisters who were witches.

Ms Doherty also played roles in *North Shore*, set in a Hawaii hotel, and the off-beat film comedy *Mallrats*.

The actress was married twice before marrying her current husband, photographer Kurt Iswarienko, in 2011. In the 2010s, she ventured into reality TV appearing on *Dancing With The Stars* and the US version of the BBC’s *Strictly Come Dancing*.

Ms Doherty was a passionate animal rights activist. Her semi-autobiographical book *Badass*, released in 2010, encouraged young women to live life with attitude and confidence.



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511 pounds of cocaine seized in Caribbean sea. Photo:CMC

US Customs seizes over 500 pounds of cocaine in Caribbean sea

CMC - United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents successfully intercepted a vessel carrying a large quantity of illegal drugs in the Caribbean Sea.

The operation, conducted by CBP's Air and Marine Operations (AMO) on Thursday, resulted in the seizure of 511 pounds of cocaine and the arrest of two US citizens.

The interception took place approximately 9 nautical miles southwest of Desecheo Island, near Puerto Rico.

CBP officials estimate the street value of the confiscated narcotics at \$4.6 million.

"These seizures underscore the unwavering commitment of our marine interdiction agents in safeguarding our nation's borders from the scourge of drug trafficking," said Christopher Hunter, CBP's director of Air and Marine Operations in the Caribbean. "The successful operations on Tuesday and

Thursday are a testament to the diligence, expertise and relentless effort of our team.

"We will continue to leverage all available resources and intelligence to disrupt and dismantle the networks that seek to smuggle illegal narcotics into our communities," he added. "Our priority remains the safety and security of the American people."

CBP said the Caribbean Air and Marine Operations Center (CAMOC) contacted a Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, Marine Unit providing information regarding a vessel navigating east towards Mayaguez.

A Multi-Role Enforcement Aircraft (MEA) from the Jacksonville, Florida, Air and Marine Branch (JAMB), located a white 21' Walkaround type Mako with a single outboard engine (OBE) and 2 persons on board near Desecheo Island, CBP said.

It said the MEA provided overhead surveillance to assist the crew of an

AMO Coastal Interceptor vessel stop the incoming vessel.

CBP said the Marine Interdiction Agents searched the vessel and found 191 bricks of suspected cocaine.

US Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) took custody of the 2 arrested US citizens and the contraband for investigation and prosecution, CBP said.

It also said that, on Tuesday AMO and the Puerto Rico Police Department thwarted an attempt by a man to smuggle 357 pounds (162 kilograms) of cocaine through the island of Culobra.

In Fiscal Year 2023, CBP said AMO enforcement actions in the Caribbean Sea resulted in 1,004 arrests and 89,909 apprehensions of undocumented migrants, as well as the seizure or disruption of 256,883 pounds of cocaine, 2,049 pounds of fentanyl, 4,050 pounds of methamphetamine, 2,200 weapons, and \$15.3 million.

Bahamas: Scotland Yard called to help in probe involving senior cop

CMC - The Royal Bahamas Police Force has formally asked the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to send diplomatic notes requesting Scotland Yard's help investigating voice notes that purport to capture a quid-pro-quo arrangement involving a senior police officer and a gang leader.

Scotland Yard is the United Kingdom's Metropolitan Police force that is responsible for policing Greater London.

The request for its help comes after Prime Minister Philip "Brave" Davis earlier this week said that international assistance would ensure "an actual independent review" and he was leaving it up to the police to define the parameters of that assistance.

Police Commissioner Clayton Fernander during a press conference said the Security and Intelligence Branch (SIB) of the local police force would lead the investigation.

SIB is responsible for matters relating to the internal security of The Bahamas, it provides protection for ministers and foreign dignitaries and also vets people for various purposes and is tasked with preventing terrorism.

Commissioner Fernander added that the Inspectorate Board — the Police Complaints Inspectorate — will supervise SIB's investigation.

This comes as the police force was plunged into controversy after voice notes last week captured conversations involving a senior police officer, a lawyer and two murdered gang leaders: Michael Fox, Jr, and Dino Smith.

The Tribune newspaper this week reported that Michael Fox Sr, the father of Fox, Jr, and Sandra Smith, the mother of Smith, said their sons told them to release the recordings if some-



thing happened to them.

Smith said she never got the voice notes, while Fox, Sr, said he had them, but was not behind their release.

The leaked voice notes feature conversations seemingly about an arrangement that would allow the police to drop their investigation into Fox and his associates.

Police had issued wanted posters

for Fox and Dino Smith concerning the theft of US\$1,475,000 from an unattended security vehicle transporting cash for the Bank of the Bahamas to a private airport on November 2. However, the men were never charged with the incident.

Earlier this week, Prime Minister Philip "Brave" Davis said he found the voice notes "terribly disturbing".

Kenyan police relocated following body parts discovery

Officers at a police station near a rubbish dump where dismembered body parts were found have been transferred, Kenya's acting inspector general of police has said.

On Sunday, Douglas Kanja Kirocho said that so far, eight female bodies had been retrieved from the site in the capital, Nairobi.

Kenya's police watchdog previously announced it was investigating whether there was police involvement in the gruesome deaths, which come amid allegations of widespread human rights abuses by officers during recent anti-government protests.

Mr Kirocho said officers from Kware police station were being moved to ensure "fair and unbiased investigations" into the "heinous" deaths.

Detectives have been scouring the site in the Mukuru slum since Friday, when the corpses of six women were found in sacks floating in a sea of rubbish.

On Saturday, five other bags containing body parts were recovered.

Preliminary reports show that the bodies were in various stages of decomposition and that the deceased were aged between 18 and 30.

Officers said some of the bags included severed legs and torsos, speculating



Kenya's police have been accused of shooting dozens of anti-government protesters.

that the deaths could be related to the activities of cultists or serial killers.

But the Independent Police Oversight Authority said "widespread allegations of police involvement in unlawful arrests [and] abductions" meant it was undertaking a preliminary investigation to establish whether there was any police connection.

Human rights groups have accused the police of shooting dozens of people who were demonstrating against planned tax rises earlier this month, some of them fatally.

The police have also been accused of abducting or arbitrarily arresting hundreds more during the protests.

Responding to the bod-

ies found in Mukuru, the Independent Police Oversight Authority said: "The bodies, wrapped in bags and secured by nylon ropes, had visible marks of torture and mutilation."

The watchdog also noted that the dump site was less than 100m from Kware police station.

In contradiction to the police's report, the Independent Police Oversight Authority said nine dismembered bodies were found at the Mukuru dump - seven female and two male.

Mr Kirocho said the police were working to conclude their investigation into the deaths "within 21 days".

The bodies are being kept at a funeral home in Nairobi, pending post-mor-

tem examinations.

Local media reported that police deployed two water cannons to the scene on Saturday, after angry protesters threatened to open the bags filled with human remains.

Officers from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) urged people to keep calm and grant them space to investigate the discoveries, accusing protesters of impeding their investigation.

The grisly find has put pressure on President William Ruto, who has vowed that those behind the killings will be punished.

"We are a democratic country guided by the rule of law. Those involved in mysterious killings in Nai-

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Man killed during Trump shooting dived on family to protect them

By Mike Wendling

One man in the audience died while trying to protect his family during the attempted assassination of Donald Trump on Saturday, authorities say.

Corey Comperatore, a 50-year-old volunteer fire chief, dove onto family members when the shots rang out.

“Corey died a hero,” Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro said at a news conference on Sunday.

Pennsylvania state police said the other two people shot were 57-year-old David Dutch and 74-year-old James Copenhaver. Both were in a stable condition on Sunday.

The Pennsylvania governor said that he spoke to Mr Comperatore’s wife and two daughters.

“Corey went to church every Sunday,” he said. “Cory loved his community. Most especially, Corey loved his family.”

He said that Mr Comperatore was an avid supporter of Donald Trump and was excited to be at the



The crowd reacts after shots rang out at a Donald Trump rally Saturday.

“Corey was the very best of us. May his memory be a blessing,” Mr Shapiro said. “Last night was shocking... political disagreements can never, ever be addressed through violence.”

State police said that Mr Comperatore lived in Sarver, about 12 miles (19km) away from the rally site in Butler, outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

In addition to his volunteer firefighting work, he was employed as a project and tooling engineer at a plastics manufacturing company, according to his social media profiles.

“He was a good person,” neighbour Matt Achilles told the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review. “We might not have agreed on the same political views, but that didn’t stop him from being a good friend

and neighbour.”

“He donated money to us when I was in the hospital and he would always come by at our yard sales. He always waved hello when I drove past his house,” Mr Achilles said.

Mr Shapiro said also he spoke to the family of one of those injured, but declined to give details about the conversation.

A bullet, one of the six to eight shots that were fired at the rally, grazed the ear of former President Trump.

The gunman, named by authorities as 20-year-old Thomas Matthew Crooks, was shot dead by Secret Service officers tasked with protecting the former president.

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robi and any other part of the country will be held to account,” he said in a post to X, formerly Twitter.

The case is the latest disturbing such incident in Kenya.

Last year the country was left horrified after the remains of hundreds of people associated with a doomsday cult were discovered in the Indian Ocean coastal town

of Malindi.

Paul Nthenge Mackenzie went on trial in Mombasa earlier this week on charges of terrorism and murder over the deaths of more than 440 of his followers. He denies the allegations.

He is alleged to have encouraged men, women and children to starve themselves in order to “meet Jesus”, in one of the world’s worst cult-related massacres.



Hot Springs Bath United of Nevis

Bath United wins two divisions in Antigua Cup tournament

Hot Springs Bath United of Nevis has won the Under-15 and Under-17 division titles at the inaugural Antigua Cup International Youth Football Tournament.

The Nevisians claimed the Under-17 title after snatching a 2-1 victory against Old Road in the final at Buckley's Primary School Playing Field in Buckley's Village.

Jaheem Hazel and Tequan Hollingsworth each converted once for Bath United, while Rafique Edwards scored for Old Road.

The Nevisians also won the Under-15 division title. Bath United's Jaheem Hazel and Adrian Williams cap-

tured their Most Valuable Player (MVP) awards in the Under-15 and Under-17 divisions, respectively.

Bath United also recorded a 4-2 victory against the Young Warriors in the Under-13 Division.

Austin Williams scored twice, and Casheem Taylor and Jaieem Sturge each converted once for the Nevisians.

Kemar Jacobs and Omari Francis each scored once for the Young Warriors.

Bath United's Jaheem Hazel and Young Warriors' Omari Francis and Kemari Brodie finished as the top goal scorers with seven goals apiece.

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Lion Hill Cubs won the Under-10 Division

Opening two-day matches end in draws in Rising Stars Under-19 Men's Championship

Rain was the dominant force in St. Vincent and the Grenadines on Friday as play was not possible in two of the three matches in the CWI Rising Stars Under-19 Men's 2-Day Championship.

Play on day two between the Leeward Islands and Guyana at the Park Hill Playing Field and Barbados and Trinidad & Tobago at the Sion Hill Playing Field was not possible. Guyana were leading the Leewards by 27 runs entering day two.

Full Scores: *Guyana U-19s 111 all out off 34.2 overs* (Jonathan van Lange 28, Rampertab Ramnauth 22; Nathan Edward 5-21, Micah McKenzie 2-18, and Matthew Miller 2-23).

The *Leeward Islands U-19s 84 for two off 20 overs* (Michael Palmer 24, Devanand Singh 22 not out, and Jewel Andrew 16 not out).

The Trinidadians were trailing Barbados by 149 runs entering day two. **Full Scores:** *Barbados U-19s 200 for nine declared off 67 overs* (Jatario Prescod 55, Joshua Morris 43, Raneico Smith 21, Nathan Sealy 20; Jacen Agard 4-50, Aneal Rooplal 2-36).

Trinidad & Tobago U-19s 51-3 off 17 overs

(Justin Jagessar 22, and Kyle Ramdoo 15).

The only match that saw some cricket on day two was the match between the Windward Islands and defending double champions Jamaica at Arnos Vale.

The Windwards reached 44 without losing a wicket in the ninth over after starting the day on 27 off five overs. Theo Edward and Captain Stephan Pascal finished 22 not out and 20 not out, respectively.

Full Scores: *Windward Islands U-19s 135 all out off 45.2 overs* (Stephan Pascal 26, Lee John 23, Kirtney Franklyn 22, Kirt Murray 21; Tamarie Redwood 6-44, Michael Clarke 4-26) **and 44-0 off 8.2 overs** (Theo Edward 22 not out, and Stephan Pascal 20 not out).

Jamaica U-19s 146 for eight declared off 34.1 overs (Adrian Weir 38, Brian Barnes 30, Steve Wedderburn 28, Michael Clarke 24; Kirt Murray 4-22, Aaron Joseph 2-24).

The teams are currently contesting the second round of two-day matches, which began on Sunday.

The Leeward Islands are facing Barbados at Arnos Vale, the Jamaicans are tackling Trinidad and

Tobago at Park Hill, and battling Guyana at Sion Hill.



Top goal scorers Jaheem Hazel, left, Omari Francis, second left, and Kemari Brodie, right, accept the trophy from Cool and Smooth representative Shakeel James, second right, during the presentation ceremony. (Antigua Cup)

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The Lion Hill Cubs won the Under-10 Division title.

The teams, grouped into four age categories, competed in the Under-10, Under-13, Under-15, and Under-17 age-group categories during the tournament from July 7-15.

The teams and outstanding players received

trophies and medals, which were presented by Shakeel James, representative of sponsor Cool and Smooth, at the end of the tournament. The tournament was hosted by the Young Warriors Football Club (YWFC) and its marketing partner, Sports Promotions International (SPI).

NETBALL WORLD YOUTH CUP AMERICAS QUALIFIERS



The Antigua and Barbuda national Under-21 netball team that participated in the Americas Region Qualifiers in Guadeloupe from July 7-15, 2024. (ABNA)

Antigua's netballers finish seventh at Americas Region Qualifiers

Antigua and Barbuda's Wadadli Pearls snatched a one-point win against the Cayman Islands in their final encounter to finish in seventh place at the Americas Region Qualifiers in Guadeloupe for the 2025 Netball World Youth Cup in Gibraltar.

The Antiguan snatched their 46-45 victory against the Cayman Islands in the playoff for seventh place at the Paul Chonchon Hall in Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe, on Saturday in the nine-team tournament that concluded on Sunday night.

The Antiguan finished fourth in the five-team Group B, while the Cayman Islands finished at the bottom of the standings in the four-team Group A to set up their clash in the seventh-place playoffs.

Canada prevailed 49-21 against St. Maarten in the playoff to clinch

fifth place in the tournament.

Canada finished third in Group A, while St. Maarten beat Guadeloupe 42-13 to clinch third place in Group B and set up their clash in the playoff for fifth place.

The top four finishers were slated to be decided on the final night of the tournament on Sunday.

Unbeaten teams Barbados and Jamaica were slated to meet in the final, while losing semifinalists Grenada and Trinidad and Tobago were slated to meet in the playoff for third place.

The top three finishers in the nine-team tournament will qualify for the Netball World Youth Cup in Gibraltar in September next year.

It means that Jamaica and Barbados have already qualified for next year's Netball World Youth Cup and will be joined by either Grenada or

Trinidad and Tobago as the qualifiers from the Americas region for the event in Gibraltar.

Unbeaten Barbados snatched a 45-44 victory against Trinidad and Tobago to finish at the top of Pool B as both teams advance to the semifinals as the top two finishers in the group.

Barbados booked their place in the final by beating Grenada 63-45 in the semifinals. Grenada advanced to the semifinals by beating the Cayman Islands 49-27 to finish second in Pool A.

Pool A winners Jamaica beat Trinidad and Tobago 40-33 in the other semifinal to advance to the final.

Jamaica, who are also unbeaten, trounced Grenada 83-28 in their final preliminary round encounter to finish as Pool A winners.

All Saints United extend unbeaten run in Under-19 Youth Premier League

All Saints United FC extended their unbeaten run in the Cool and Smooth Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Under-19 Youth Premier League during the 10th round of matches.

All Saints United FC remain the only unbeaten team in the 14-team round-robin competition after snatching a three-nil win by default against Sea View Farm FC, which failed to show up for their encounter at the Mack Pond playing field in All Saints.

All Saints United FC advanced to 30 points at the top of the standings after re-

cording their 10th win in as many games.

The Aston Villa Lions consolidated their position in second place with a 4-1 drubbing of Urlings FC at the ABFA Technical Center.

The Villa Lions notched up their ninth win in 10 matches to advance to 27 points.

Garden Stars FC lost ground on the leaders after tumbling to a 2-1 defeat against Soccer Academy at the ABFA Technical Center to remain on 24 points after suffering their second loss in 10 matches.

In the other 10th round matches, Willikies pre-



vailed 2-0 against the Greenbay Hoppers at the Mack Pond playing field.

At the Jennings playing field, Ottos Rangers FC snatched a 2-0 win against

Golden Grove FC, Green City romped to a 6-1 victory against TAMO FC, and Jennings United won 3-0 by default against CPTSA Wings.

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At the Sir Frank Worrell Memorial Ground, Guyana, who booked their spot in the final thanks to wins in the first four rounds, suffered a narrow two-wicket loss to the Windward Islands in round five.

The Guyanese were bundled out for just 60 in 18 overs after winning the toss. Nesha Alexander was the pick of the Windwards bowlers with four wickets for eight runs, and Selena Ross took three wickets for eight runs.

The Windwards then made a tough time of their chase, needing 18.3 overs to achieve victory at 61 for eight. Denella Creese led the way with 25. Trisha Hardat claimed two wickets for two runs, and Nyia Latchman picked up two wickets for

six runs.

The other round five fixture saw Barbados defeat defending champions Trinidad and Tobago by 12 runs via the DLS method at the Diego Martin Sports Complex.

Trinidad and Tobago lost the title but finished third after cruising to a five-wicket victory against the Windward Islands in the playoff for third place at the Diego Martin Sporting Complex on Saturday.

The Windward Islands women were restricted to 67 for seven off their 20 overs. Nesha Alexander hit 18 not out. Kenika Cassar took two for five, and Kirah Manpaul claimed two for eight.

In reply, Trinidad and Tobago achieved their victory target of 68 for the loss of five wickets with three

overs to spare. Brianna Harricharan struck 17 not out. Off-spinner Amiah Gilbert captured two for 18.

Jamaica finished fifth, beating Barbados by seven wickets in the playoff for fifth place at Sir Frank Worrell Memorial Ground, St Augustine.

Barbados women were dismissed for 63 in 19.1 overs. Naijanni Cumberbatch scored 20. Moniqueca Reid took three for 20, and Sashane Ricketts picked up two wickets for one run.

In reply, Jamaica achieved their victory target of 64 for the loss of three wickets with three balls to spare.

Chrishana McKenzie hit 21 not out, and captain Jaunel Deers got 17. Off-spinner Erin Deane claimed two wickets for nine runs.

Guyana beat Leewards to win women's U-19 title

Guyana won the Cricket West Indies (CWI) Rising Stars Under-19 Women's T20 Championship in Trinidad and Tobago on Saturday.

The Guyanese women beat the Leeward Islands by 23 runs via the Duckworth/Lewis Stern method in the rain-affected final at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Tarouba.

Set a victory target of 69 runs, the Guyanese were 63 for five in 11.3 overs when rain brought a premature end to the championship decider.

Opener Naomi Barkoye hit a top score of 24, and Shonette Belgrave made 21 off 15 balls. Amara Richards claimed two for 12, and Sainvani Kambalapalli captured two for 27.

Only captain Jahzara Claxton, who struck 25 off 28 balls, managed to reach double figures as the Leewards were dismissed for 68 in 19.4 overs after winning the toss and opting to bat. Trisha Hardat snapped up four wickets for 10 runs, and Danellie Manns claimed two for 14.

The Leewards advanced to the final after



The Guyana Under-19 women's team that won the Cricket West Indies (CWI) Rising Stars Under-19 Women's T20 Championship in Trinidad and Tobago on Saturday.

securing a seven-run win over Jamaica via the DLS method in a rain affected encounter during the fifth and final preliminary round of matches.

The Leewards first posted 124 for six from their 20

overs after being put in to bat by the Jamaicans. Captain Jahzara Claxton led the way with 29, Sainvani Kambalapalli made 22, and Kimberley Anthony made 20.

Brianna Plummer, Ab-

igail Bryce, and Aneisha Miller each took two wickets for Jamaica. At the time of the rain delay, Jamaica were 55 for three off 10.4 overs, seven runs short of the DLS par score.

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