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18 Illegal Guns Recovered So Far in 2025 as Police Continue Crackdown on Firearms Crime

The Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force (RT&CIPF) has confirmed that a total of 18 illegal firearms has been recovered across the country since the start of 2025.

The update comes after the Tactical Unit made another gun seizure this past week during a mobile patrol in Kew Town. According to police, the latest discovery took place in the Musgrove Close area, where officers on patrol noticed a group of seven men gathered outside a convenience store. One of the men was carrying a shoulder bag, which aroused suspicion.

Officers conducted a search of all seven individuals but found nothing illegal on them. However, a further field search of the immediate area led to the discovery of a black knapsack resting on a nearby table. Inside the bag, police found a firearm along with several rounds of ammunition.

The weapon and ammunition were seized and processed for further investigation, but no arrests were made at the scene. Police say the matter remains under active investigation.

Authorities confirmed that as of October 2, 2025, a total of 18 firearms have

been recovered across the Turks and Caicos Islands this year. Four of those weapons were seized in Five Cays, three in Kew Town, eight in Blue Hills, one in Grace Bay, one in North Caicos, and one in Grand Turk.

Law enforcement officials say the discovery highlights the Force’s proactive strategy to combat the proliferation of illegal guns across the islands.

“The proactive work of our officers in Kew Town underscores the Force’s unwavering commitment to keeping residents and visitors safe,” a police spokesperson said. “We continue to appeal to the public to play their part by reporting suspicious activity or information about illegal firearms.”

The RT&CIPF continues to urge the public to remain vigilant and cooperate with authorities as they step up efforts to rid communities of illegal weapons. Police stress that the removal of firearms from the streets is a vital part of their ongoing strategy to reduce violent crime and maintain public safety.

Meanwhile, several individuals are currently before the courts facing firearm-related charges. Among them is 31-year-old Shaiwanzo Missick of South

Back Salina, Grand Turk, who was recently recharged in connection with a firearms incident dating back to June 2024. Missick was charged on October 7, 2025, by officers of the Criminal Investigations Department with multiple firearm-related offences, including discharging a firearm, discharging ammunition, possession of a firearm with intent to commit a serious offence, two counts of possession of ammunition, and possession of a firearm. He appeared before a magistrate and was remanded to Her Majesty’s Prison in Grand Turk, pending a sufficiency hearing set for December 5, 2025.

The charges stem from a report made on June 29, 2024, following a shooting incident in the Breezy Brae area. Police say Missick had previously faced similar charges, but some were withdrawn by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) after a sufficiency hearing in November 2024.

In a separate case, 21-year-old Watson Loudior of Dock Yard has been charged in connection with a series of armed robberies that occurred on October 3 and 4, 2025. Officers of the Serious Crime Unit formally charged Loudior with robbery,



possession of a firearm with intent to cause fear, handling stolen goods, possession of a firearm, possession of ammunition, and discharging a firearm.

The RT&CIPF says these arrests and firearm seizures reflect the ongoing intensity of police operations targeting armed crime and illegal gun possession throughout the Turks and Caicos Islands. Police continue to appeal to the public for cooperation and information that could assist in investigations, emphasizing that community support is crucial in ensuring safer communities across the nation.

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Kempinski Grace Bay, a collection of luxury residences and beachfront villas on the world-renowned Grace Bay Beach, will break ground in mid-November, marking the arrival of Kempinski Hotels, Europe's oldest and most storied luxury hotel brand, to the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Exclusively represented by Christie's International Real Estate Turks & Caicos and Engel & Völkers Turks and Caicos Kempinski Grace Bay introduces discerning investors to an elevated expression of beachfront living and vacation ownership opportunities in the region.

Developed by JTRE, an award-winning global real estate firm renowned for creating exceptional properties across Europe and beyond, the resort will be the first in the Turks and Caicos Islands managed by Kempinski Hotels, Europe's oldest luxury hotel group behind more than 75 luxury properties worldwide. Together, the partnership redefines contemporary Caribbean luxury.

Set across eleven acres of untouched beachfront, Kempinski Grace Bay will feature just 119 private residences and four oceanfront villas purposefully designed for privacy, tranquility, and enduring value in a rare low-density setting, sought by today's most discerning investors.

"At Kempinski, we believe true luxury is timeless. For more than a century, we have crafted havens for those who value privacy, authenticity, and a sense of heritage," said Barbara Muckermann, Group CEO, Kempinski Hotels. "Our arrival in the Turks and Caicos Islands marks a meaningful milestone and presents an opportunity to extend our legacy to a destination defined by its beauty and tranquility. Grace Bay is a fitting next chapter in our story of timeless elegance and personalized hospitality."

Meticulously designed around lush courtyards to maximize privacy, the residences offer sweeping sea vis-

tas and direct beach access. From elegant studios with ocean or golf course views to one-, two-, and three-bedroom residences, as well as expansive five-bedroom suites and oceanfront six-bedroom villas, each space embodies the essence of refined beachfront living.

World-Class Lifestyle & Amenities

Blending Kempinski's 128-year legacy of European elegance with the natural beauty of Turks & Caicos, Kempinski Grace Bay offers owners and guests a curated selection of amenities:

- A signature fine-dining restaurant and beach-club restaurant
- A 3,000-square-foot wine cellar
- A European-style spa and ocean-view fitness center
- Boutique retail offerings
- Sports facilities, including padel and pickleball courts

Kempinski Grace Bay to Break Ground in Mid-November

- A dedicated children's club and full-service concierge team
- Conveniently located, the property is just minutes from the Royal Turks & Caicos Golf Club, Leeward Marina, and Grace Bay's vibrant shopping and dining scene.

An Investment in Lifestyle & Value

Beyond an exceptional lifestyle, Kempinski Grace Bay presents a compelling investment opportunity. Early buyers will benefit from pre-construction pricing in a market defined by its stability, favorable tax environment, and strong global demand for beachfront residences.

"Kempinski Grace Bay represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to own on Grace Bay — in partnership with one of the most respected luxury brands in the world," said Marek Baca, chief representative for the Americas, JTRE. "The project embodies our commitment to quality without compromise. Every element — from architecture to ambience — has been designed to endure, offering owners and guests an experience as rare and enduring as the setting itself."

"At Christie's International Real Estate Turks & Caicos, we are honored to stand alongside Kempinski and JTRE in bringing this landmark development to Grace Bay. The

groundbreaking of Kempinski Grace Bay marks not only the arrival of one of Europe's most prestigious hospitality brands but also a defining moment for our islands' luxury real estate market.

This project reflects the perfect harmony of timeless European elegance and the natural beauty of Turks & Caicos, and we are proud to connect discerning buyers from around the world with this extraordinary opportunity," said Walter Gardiner & Robert Greenwood, Directors and Brokers, Christie's International Real Estate | Turks & Caicos.

"We are honored to represent Kempinski Grace Bay and bring these exceptional residences to the world's most discerning buyers. With only a limited number available, Kempinski Grace Bay combines the exclusivity of private ownership with the prestige of a world-renowned hospitality brand creating a defining moment for luxury real estate in Turks and Caicos," said Rex Messam, Senior Real Estate Advisor, Engel & Völkers Turks and Caicos.

Construction will commence with the November 2025 groundbreaking, with completion anticipated in early 2028. A select number of pre-construction opportunities remain available.





Police Force Unveils 10 New Purpose-Built Vehicles

The Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force (RT&CIPF) has expanded its operational capacity with the commissioning and blessing of ten new purpose-built vehicles during a ceremony held on Friday, October 10, 2025, at the Albert Grant Sr. Police Headquarters.

The dedication ceremony was officiated by Pastor Wilbert Jennings and attended by a wide cross-section of dignitaries and law enforcement officials. Among those present were Commissioner of Police Fitz Bailey, Deputy Commissioner Rodney Adams, Acting Deputy Commissioner Kendall Grant, Assistant Commissioner Darron Williams, and Acting Assistant Commissioner Dwight Gardiner, along with other senior officers of the Force.

Her Excellency the Governor, Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam; the Honourable Premier, Charles Washington Misick; Deputy Governor, Her Excellency Anya Williams; and Minister of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture, Hon. Rachel Taylor, were also in atten-

dance, alongside representatives of the Turks and Caicos Hotel and Tourism Association.

In his remarks, Commissioner Bailey emphasized that the addition of the new vehicles represents a major boost to the RT&CIPF's frontline operations across the Islands.

"The importance of having these vehicles is a plus for the communities we serve," Commissioner Bailey said. "They are purpose-built and will inspire confidence, improve morale among officers, and generate greater public respect." The Commissioner also acknowledged the ongoing challenges faced by officers due to aging and inadequate fleet resources, commending their continued dedication and professionalism under such conditions.

"Some of the vehicles currently in use are in deplorable condition. While riding along with my officers, I've come to appreciate their commitment even under inconvenient circumstances," he noted. Commissioner Bailey expressed his appreciation to Governor Dan-



iel-Selvaratnam for her advocacy in securing additional policing resources and to Premier Misick and the government for their steadfast support.

"These vehicles will have a direct impact on our operational initiatives," he said. "It is now important that we maintain a strict

regime of inspection and upkeep to ensure they remain in optimal condition and are not misused." The ceremony marks another step in the RT&CIPF's ongoing efforts to modernize its fleet and strengthen its capacity to serve and protect the people of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Human Rights Commission Expresses Concerns Over DP's 'Expatriate Public School Enrollment'

By Vivian Tyson NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

The Turks and Caicos Islands Human Rights Commission (TCIHRC) has raised concerns about a statement made by Deputy Premier and Minister of Immigration Hon. Jamell Robinson concern expatriate children and public schools' enrollment. The problem is, the minister said he has no clue as to what the commission is talking about.

In a news release issued on Wednesday, October 15th, and credited to the Commission's Director Kabatha Smith, the watchdog body expressed serious concern about the policy direction suggested by the Deputy Premier, emphasizing its commitment to safeguarding the rights of all persons, especially children, living within the Islands.

"The Human Rights Commission has taken note of recent public statements made by the Deputy Premier and Minister of Immigration regarding proposed measures affecting the enrollment of expatriate children in public schools," the release stated. As the statutory body responsible for promoting and protecting human rights in the TCI, the Commission said it would engage the Deputy Premier to seek "further clarity on the proposed policy." It stressed that any new measures must comply with both local and international human rights standards, particularly those enshrined in conventions to which



Deputy Premier and Minister of Immigration and Border Services Hon. Jamell Robinson

the Turks and Caicos Islands, as a British Overseas Territory, are bound. The Commission underscored its particular concern for "the principles of equality, non-discrimination, and the protection of the rights of the child," noting that any government action must align with these principles. In the past, members of the public and certain politicians suggested that the Government should find ways to limit access to government-funded education for non-Belonger children,

citing financial pressures and overcrowding in some public schools. However, concerns were raised at the time by some critics, warning that such a policy could marginalize children of expatriate workers who play vital roles in the TCI economy. Advocates have also pointed out that access to education is a fundamental human right protected under international law.

It is not immediately clear whether the Deputy Premier had addressed such matters along those lines. In her statement, Director Smith reaffirmed the Commission's readiness to engage constructively with the Government but maintained that any decision must uphold human rights obligations.

"The Commission remains committed to constructive dialogue with the Government on this matter to ensure that all actions taken align with the country's human rights obligations and uphold the dignity of all persons residing within the Islands," Smith stated.

The Human Rights Commission made it clear that the Commission would not support any measure that undermines the principles of equality or discriminates against children based on nationality or immigration status.

When contacted on Friday, 17 October 2025, Robinson stated that he could not speak to the release at the

time because he was not clear on what statement to which the Human Rights Commission was alluding.

The Deputy Premier was also taken aback that instead of engaging him on the matter, the Commission opted to make a news release. He stated however, that he is open to dialogue with the Commission to obtain proper understanding.

NEWSLINETCI reached out to Director Smith on Friday for further clarity on her statement but was told that she was not in office at the time. The office said, however, it would pass on our contact to her.



Kabatha Smith, Director of the Turks and Caicos Islands Human Rights Commission

TCI Crowned Condé Nast #1 Best Island in the Caribbean, Atlantic

By Todeline Defralien

The Turks and Caicos Islands has been named the Best Island in the Caribbean and Atlantic in the 2025 Condé Nast UK Traveller Readers' Choice Awards. The announcement, made on Tuesday, October 7th, marks a historic milestone for the destination, which was not ranked in last year's awards.

This recognition underscores the growing success of the Turks and Caicos Islands in the United Kingdom where strategic efforts to engage with media, travel advisors, and airline partners have amplified the destination's visibility and desirability.

Commenting on the award, Minister of Tourism, Hon. Zhavargo Jolly, said the investments that Experience Turks and Caicos have made in the UK market are paying off. "Our focused investment in the UK market is clearly bearing fruit. Over the past year, Experience Turks and Caicos has executed a strong campaign of engagement with travel

advisors, tour operators, and media partners, and this recognition by Condé Nast Traveller UK confirms that those efforts are resonating.

"To rise from being unranked to the number one Caribbean Island is a proud achievement for our country and a testament to the strength of our brand. I thank everyone who voted for the Turks and Caicos Islands and invite even more travellers from the UK to discover our beautiful multi-island destination — from the luxury of Providenciales to the charm and authenticity of our sister islands," he said.

Mr. Paul Pennicook, Interim CEO Consultant of Experience Turks and Caicos, said: "To be named the number one island destination by the readers of Condé Nast Traveller UK is an extraordinary honour and a clear reflection of the work we have been doing in this critical market. That we were not on the list at all last year and now stand at the very top speaks volumes about the strength of

our product and the effectiveness of our efforts which has resonated with the readers of Condé Nast UK."

British Airways currently operates twice weekly flights from London Heathrow to Providenciales providing a direct and convenient connection for UK travellers. Earlier this year, Experience Turks and Caicos partnered with British Airways on a major co-branded marketing campaign across the UK, designed to boost visitation and highlight the islands as a premier luxury escape. The Condé Nast Traveller Readers' Choice Awards are among the most prestigious in global travel, determined entirely by the votes of readers who recognise the best destinations, hotels, resorts, and airlines. With this recognition, the Turks and Caicos Islands continues to solidify its reputation as a leading luxury destination while expanding its reach beyond its largest source market, the United States, to attract more visitors from the UK and Europe.



Deputy Premier Has No Idea what the Commission Is Talking About



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

New Turnkey Housing Development

We are looking for **highly skilled** and **qualified** developers to submit a proposal for the construction of a **brand new community** for Turks and Caicos Islanders on up to four parcels of land in the North West and North Central areas of Providenciales.

This exciting new community will consist of approximately 200 units featuring two and three bedroom single-family homes across 40 acres of land.



Interested parties can review the full official request for proposal by visiting our government website at www.gov.tc/publicservice/government-tenders to learn the full scope of details on the project.

Tender Reference Number: TR 25/03

Contract Number: TCIG 07/2025

Parcel Numbers: 60000/247, 277, 278 & 279

Acres: 40

Units: approx. 200

Location: North West and North Central, Providenciales

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M.



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We are excited to launch this RFP under the Crown Land Access Support Programme (CLASP). This is a key project in redefining land management in the Turks and Caicos Islands.



This housing development is a joint effort presented by the Crown Land Unit and the Housing Department as part of the CLASP Initiative. For the latest news, be sure to follow the Crown Land Unit and the Ministry of Physical Planning and Infrastructure on Facebook and Instagram.



The Turks and Caicos Islands could soon be facing a major tourism problem: thousands more stray dogs. It's a likely consequence of a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) ban on US puppy imports, says Potcake Place K9 Rescue founder and director Jane Parker-Rauw in a new video produced by Visit Turks and Caicos Islands. The collaboration between the country's leading tourism website and the charity dog rescue—which works to reduce the local population of homeless dogs—sheds light

on how the CDC ruling has disrupted the charity's operations and is contributing to an alarming rise in the country's homeless dogs. "It's going to take years of getting back from [the progress we've lost] over the last 14 months," said Parker-Rauw in an interview with VisitTCI. "I can't stress how in such a short period of time, this is going to have such an impact on tourism here." On Aug. 1, 2024, the CDC's ban on importing dogs less than six months old into the US took effect. The ban aims to prevent the

Tourism Threatened by Stray Dog Crisis

introduction of DMRVV (dog-maintained rabies virus variant) into the US. Since then, Potcake Place has been unable to find homes for hundreds of puppies. For the first time in the rescue's 25-year history, they have had to turn away dogs. "If we allow stray dogs to overrun the islands, it will inevitably affect the experience of our visitors and the tourism industry as a whole," says Daniel J. LeVin, executive editor of VisitTCI. "Visit Turks and Caicos Islands works hard to promote the Turks and Caicos as one of the world's premier travel destinations, and that means supporting efforts that protect the environment, community, and visitor experience." Many residents of Providenciales remember a time when wild dogs were shot to keep packs in check, or more recently, the fatal attack of a North Caicos woman in 2012 by feral dogs. Large stray populations pose health and safety risks, deter tourists, and strain public resources. Many puppies the Potcake Place has had to turn away since the ban began have likely already had puppies themselves, says Parker-Rauw. The impact of controlling a potentially explosive population of homeless dogs could

have serious negative effects on the Turks and Caicos tourism industry, as seen in countries like Turkey. "Two dogs in six years, if none of their offspring die, will produce 62,000 dogs," says Parker-Rauw. "This is a major problem." The United States accounts for over 80% of visitors to the Turks and Caicos Islands and the vast majority of Potcake Place's adoptions. Since the ban came into effect, US adoptions have dropped from roughly 500 per year to just five per month, says Parker-Rauw. Getting older puppies to the US is challenging, as they're too large for airline cabins and not permitted in the hold of planes traveling between Turks and Caicos and the US. Potcake Place has been advocating for a revision of the ban to allow puppies from low-risk rabies or rabies-free countries into the US. Turks and Caicos is a DMRVV-free country, and all puppies adopted through Potcake Place are fully vaccinated before travel. This collaboration is one of several that Visit Turks and Caicos Islands has spearheaded this year to promote sustainable tourism. Both the video and an expanded article can be found at www.visittci.com/news. - Contributed

Winston Quelch: A Sign of Loyalty and Strength at Beaches Turks and Caicos

Winston Quelch, a dedicated and long-serving member of the Beaches Turks and Caicos (BTC) family, has spent his life embodying the values of loyalty, strength, and dedication. Born and raised in Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos Islands, Winston's journey has been one of resilience and unwavering commitment. Coupled with his commitment to being a father and leader, he has honed his craft in being an exemplary leader and mentor. His early life was profoundly impacted by the loss of his brother, an event that left him with three sisters to care for and instilled in him a deep sense of responsibility. Before joining BTC, Winston ventured to the United States, to work with his uncle and spent several years commuting between New York and Turks and Caicos, gaining diverse experience in construction, restoration, and maintenance. Winston's uncle, Marcus Lightbourne, a former security manager, was one of Winston's most influential figures whose calmness and professionalism in dealing with difficult situations left a lasting impact on Winston. From his uncle, he learned the importance of approaching challenges with a steady

head and delivering the best solutions, a lesson that would serve him well in his career. Prior to becoming part of the BTC family, Winston gained valuable experience within the agriculture industry in Grand Turk. He found that he enjoyed the physical nature of the job, which allowed him to stay fit while also laying the foundation for his strong work ethic. In 1997, Winston began his remarkable 27-year career as a security officer at BTC. Over the years, he rose to the position of supervisor in the Loss Prevention and Risk Management Department, his dedication and loyalty playing an instrumental role in his professional growth and success. Winston describes himself with one word: loyal. He believes that loyalty in life can take you far, especially when you have someone who always has your back. This has guided him throughout his career. "Having learned the value of leadership over the many years, I have grown to trust what this organisation stands for within security and the hospitality industry. With consistent training, I remain relevant as a leader and is duly recognised for this commitment," he noted. When asked what animal best embodies



Winston Quelch accepts his long service awards invitation from Leateacher Ennis

his character, Winston chose a wolf or an eagle. He added: "Wolves embody a deep sense of empathy and loyalty. On the other hand, eagles symbolise power and strength. As for the trait of an eagle," Winston shared, "complex, highly intelligent animals who are caring, playful, and deeply loyal. They take care of their injured, provide food for their family, and find the lost." He believes that, like eagles, we should always keep our focus on higher goals and keep rising above challenges. Managing Director James McAnally, at Beaches Turks and Caicos, speaks highly of Winston's character, stating, "Mr. Winston embodies calmness and togetherness, with a remarkable personality. He is incredibly helpful and has a contagious laugh." Throughout his career, Winston has recognized the importance of separating personal habits from professional responsibilities. His advice to young professionals emphasises a

deep sense of commitment to accountability. "Every career demands sobriety, alertness, inclusivity, and the willingness to grow in every situation. Learning is never-ending, especially here at BTC. As leaders, we are reminded to challenge ourselves and those we lead to improve our own success within the hospitality industry." Winston's personal life revolves around his three sons: Tarquant, named in honour of his late brother, Tyrasse, and Timothy. If he had one more day to live, he would spend it entirely with his sons, cherishing quality time and creating lasting memories. Above all, he wants to be remembered as a devoted father who always prioritized his sons and their well-being. Winston's journey is a testament to the impact of loyalty, hard work, and dedication. A true sign of loyalty and strength for the BTC family.

Minister Taylor Wants Greater Investment and Listening Ear for Children

Minister of Education, Youth, Sports and Social Services, Hon. Rachel Taylor, has called on the nation to rededicate itself to nurturing, empowering, and truly listening to the voices of its youngest citizens.

She was speaking at the Week of the Young Child "Lunch and Learn" event held at Beaches Turks and Caicos under the theme "Little Minds, Big Expressions."

Quoting Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it", Minister Taylor said the week's observance was a reminder that children are not only the future, but an integral part of the present.

"Our children remind us every day that small voices can carry big truths, that tiny hands can build mighty dreams, and that little minds can hold the brightest expressions of creativity, love, and hope," she said.

The Minister emphasized that the theme "Little Minds, Big Expressions" encourages adults to see the immense potential within every child. Citing Nelson Mandela's famous words: "There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children", she underscored the collective responsibility to provide children with environments that allow them to thrive.

Minister Taylor highlighted several of the Ministry's flagship initiatives aimed at fostering early childhood development and learning readiness across the Turks and Caicos Islands. Among them is the Early Start Programme, which focuses on ensuring that every child receives a solid foundation in cognitive, social, and emotional development.

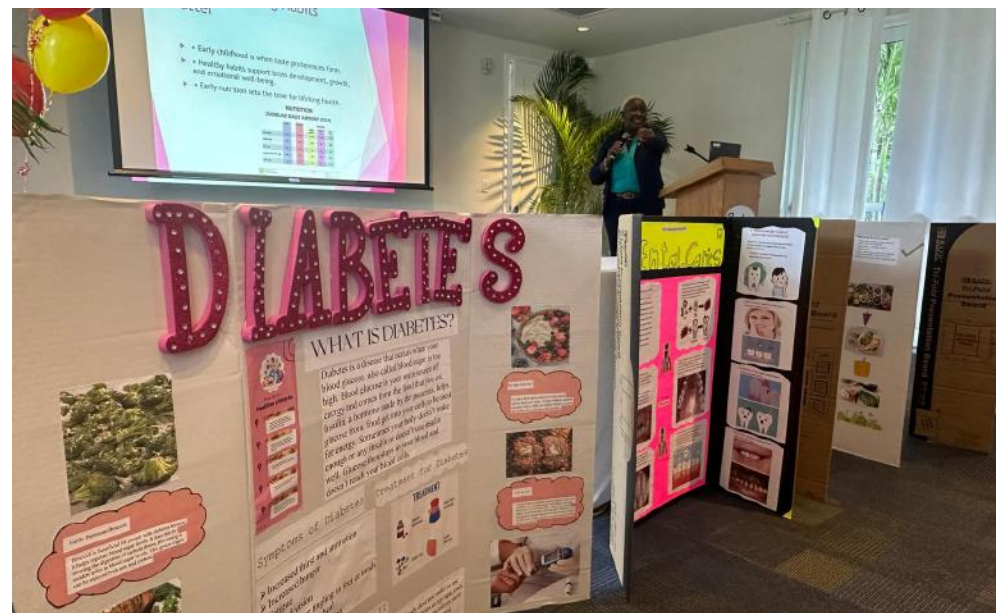
"Through this programme, we are ensuring that every child, regardless of background, has access to a strong start," the Minister said. "We are building classrooms that embrace curiosity and inspire confidence."

She also reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to the National Feeding Programme, stressing that a child's ability to learn is closely tied to their nutrition and well-being.

"A hungry child cannot learn," Taylor stated. "Every plate served is not just food, it is an investment in learning, energy, and the bright expressions we see when our children are healthy and thriving."

The Minister further spoke about the Reading Programme, designed to strengthen literacy and ignite a love for reading among young learners.

"Literacy is a bridge to expression," she said. "When a child learns to read, they also learn to dream, to



question, and to imagine a world beyond their own."

Minister Taylor urged parents, educators, and communities to listen more intentionally to children's voices and perspectives. She reflected on the words of poet Khalil Gibran: "Your children are not your children. They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself", noting that children's creativity and curiosity represent life itself and must be nurtured with care and respect.

"Are we listening to what our children are saying? Are we honouring the way they see the world?" she asked. "Their voices, their drawings, their laughter, these are expressions of life that must be valued, respected, and encouraged."

In her closing remarks, Minister Taylor invoked the words of Jesus from Matthew 19:14, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

She urged all stakeholders to commit to building a nation where every child has the opportunity to shine and contribute meaningfully to society.

"Let us ensure that when we hear the big expressions from little minds, we respond with action, with support, and with love," she said. "Together, let us build a nation where every child, with their little minds and their big expressions, can shine brightly and contribute to a stronger tomorrow."

The Week of the Young Child is observed annually to celebrate early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities. This year's celebration highlights the power of creative expression in shaping confident, compassionate, and capable young learners across the Turks and Caicos Islands.



Attorney Mark Fulford (fifth from right), President of the TCI Bar Council share lens with other delegates at the event.

TCI Bar President Mark Fulford Strengthens Global Legal Ties at African Bar Presidents’ Summit in Nairobi

Mark Fulford, attended the African Bar Presidents’ Summit, held on October 8 and 9, 2025, at Daystar University in Nairobi, Kenya, strengthening ties between the Caribbean and African legal communities.

His participation formed part of broader efforts to expand the Turks and Caicos Islands’ engagement on the global legal stage, particularly in matters concerning environmental governance, judicial collaboration, and the strengthening of professional legal institutions.

The annual African Bar Presidents’ Summit is one of the continent’s foremost gatherings of legal leaders. It brings together Presidents of Bar Associations, senior jurists, academics, and policymakers to deliberate on strengthening the rule of law, advancing access to justice, and promoting ethical and sustainable governance across Africa and its partner regions.

The 2025 Summit, organized by the Law Society of Kenya in collaboration with the Pan African Lawyers Union (PALU) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), focused on the theme “Catalyzing the Environmental Rule of Law.” Discussions explored the role of the legal profession in addressing climate change, protecting natural resources, and ensuring environmental justice through strong and accountable legal systems.

Fulford joined Bar Presidents and



Mark Fulford (second right), President of the TCI Bar Council shares a light moment with colleagues at the event

representatives from Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Malawi, Guinea, Rwanda, South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and Nigeria, alongside senior officials from UNEP and PALU. His participation reflected the growing cooperation between legal institutions across regions, reinforcing a shared commitment to environmental protection, constitutional governance, and judicial independence.

“The environmental rule of law is not merely a policy framework; it is a moral compact between generations,” Fulford noted. “It calls upon

us as lawyers and leaders to ensure that development never outpaces justice, and that progress never comes at the expense of our planet’s survival.”

He added that the Summit reaffirmed the enduring connection between Bars across continents.

“This gathering underscored the power of collaboration within the global legal community,” Fulford said. “Our shared mission is to ensure that justice, integrity, and sustainability remain at the heart of every legal system.”

Fulford commended the Law Society of Kenya and its President, Faith Odhiambo, for convening a Summit that blended African unity with international legal collaboration. The discussions are expected to inform future cooperation between African and Caribbean Bar Associations on legal education, environmental policy, and professional development initiatives.

As President of the Turks and Caicos Islands Bar Association, Fulford remains committed to advancing the rule of law, regional partnerships, and ethical legal practice in all spheres of public and professional life.



Mark Fulford, President of the TCI Bar Council is photographed with a colleague at the event

The Madman Always Tells You Who He Is

An OpEd By Audley Astwood

History rarely shouts its warnings. It whispers them. Unfortunately, we refuse to listen until it's too late. Jim Jones didn't begin as a madman. He began as a visionary, or so people thought. He preached racial equality in the 1960s when that was dangerous. To Jones' followers, he was a prophet of compassion. But that so-called compassion had already begun to rot from within. No one saw the full monster. Not until it was standing right in front of them. By then, they were too deep inside to escape. Adolf Hitler followed a similar pattern. In the 1920s, many dismissed him as a loud, angry maniac. Even after Mein Kampf, he was seen as a fringe demagogue, too crude, too unstable, too vulgar to ever command a nation. But Germany's political class thought they could use him, contain him, control him. The elites saw a tool. The people saw a savior. Both were wrong. Once in power, he devoured them all. We comfort ourselves with the illusion that evil announces itself in demonic form. It

doesn't. It shows up wearing empathy, conviction, even the face of a family member. It offers belonging to the lonely, purpose to the disoriented, identity to the invisible. It seduces before it enslaves. The tragedy is not that we fail to recognize madness. It's that we rationalize it. We mistake obsession for passion, cruelty for strength, and delusion for vision. We see the red flags, but we call them "quirks." We excuse lies as "strategy." We dismiss bullying as "authenticity." And by the time we realize we've handed power to someone who feeds on division and worships only himself, the cost of resistance is unbearable. Some people are masters of twisting principles. They do it so completely that people can no longer tell right from wrong. They convinced people that love requires obedience, freedom means surrender, and that loyalty demands blindness. Jones and Hitler's followers believed they were saving humanity, right up to the moment they helped destroy it. The uncomfortable truth is that a society's collapse into madness doesn't begin with the madman. It begins with the audience. Evil doesn't seize power. It's invited in, one

rationalization at a time. We tell ourselves "it can't happen here," as if geography immunizes us from psychology. But the human mind is the same everywhere. Fear is universal. So is the hunger for certainty. And when fear meets certainty in the hands of a narcissist, reality trembles. The question isn't whether history will produce another Jones or Hitler. It already has, and it will again. The question is whether we'll recognize him or her before the truth becomes the enemy and the lies become the gospel. Because the madman never hides. He tells us exactly who he is, and we just refuse to call it what it is. And maybe that's the final warning. In every era, there comes a point when the danger isn't the madman's madness, but the public's indifference to it. The moment when moral exhaustion turns into moral surrender. The madman may not have control over the public. It could be on a smaller scale like a family dynamic. Look around long enough,

and you might see it for yourself. History isn't repeating itself. History is watching to see who's foolish enough to fall for the same lie again and again.



Audley Astwood

SANDALS/BEACHES CHAIN BAGS 16 TITLES AT THE 32ND ANNUAL WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS

Sandals Resorts hosts the 32nd Annual World Travel Awards Caribbean and The Americas Gala & celebrates its 32nd consecutive win as The Caribbean's Leading Hotel Brand~

Sandals Resorts and Beaches Resorts have been honoured with 16 awards at the 2025 World Travel Awards Caribbean and The Americas, underscoring their continued leadership across the hospitality landscape. The Gala Ceremony held at Sandals Grande St. Lucian honoured the visionaries and trailblazers shaping the travel and tourism industry. The evening united government leaders and hospitality professionals for a night of celebration, recognition and inspiration. Among celebratory toasts, Sandals Resorts International was named the Caribbean's Leading Hotel Brand for the 32nd year in a row. Beaches Turks and Caicos also celebrated its 18th win as the Caribbean's Leading All-Inclusive Family Resort, a recognition that comes ahead of the debut of its Treasure Beach Village, the resort's \$150 million expansion set to open spring 2026. Other key wins include Sandals Dunn's River, recognized as the Caribbean's Leading Luxury All-Inclusive Resort for the third year in a row after opening its doors in 2023 and Sandals South Coast, awarded the Caribbean's Most Romantic Resort. The 16 awards won under Sandals' portfolio are:

- Caribbean's Leading Hotel Brand 2025: Sandals Resorts International
- Caribbean's Leading All-Inclusive Family Resort 2025: Beaches Turks & Caicos
- Caribbean's Leading All-Inclusive Resort 2025: Sandals Montego Bay, Jamaica
- Caribbean's Leading Dive Resort 2025: Sandals Royal Curaçao
- Caribbean's Leading Honeymoon Resort 2025: Sandals Grande St. Lucian
- Caribbean's Leading Luxury All-Inclusive Resort 2025: Sandals Dunn's River,

Jamaica

- Caribbean's Most Romantic Resort 2025: Sandals South Coast, Jamaica
- Bahamas' Leading All-Inclusive Resort 2025: Sandals Royal Bahamian
- Curaçao's Leading All-Inclusive Resort 2025: Sandals Royal Curaçao
- Grenada's Leading All-Inclusive Resort 2025: Sandals Grenada
- Jamaica's Leading Adult-Only All-Inclusive Resort 2025: Sandals Negril
- Jamaica's Leading All-Inclusive Family Resort 2025: Beaches Negril
- Jamaica's Leading All-Inclusive Resort 2025: Sandals Montego Bay
- Jamaica's Leading Resort 2025: Sandals Royal Caribbean
- Saint Lucia's Leading All-Inclusive Resort 2025: Sandals Grande St. Lucian
- Saint Vincent & The Grenadines' Leading All-Inclusive Resort 2025: Sandals Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Surrounded by the beauty of Gros-Islet, St. Lucia, the peninsula location of Sandals Grande St. Lucian created the perfect backdrop for World Travel Awards™ guests to enjoy an unforgettable dining experience and breathtaking island views. "At the heart of every Sandals and Beaches vacation is pure, inviting Caribbean soul, paired with world-class hospitality experiences for all our guests. The recognitions bestowed to our brands tonight are truly meaningful. They serve as a testament to the incredible passion and dedication of our talented team members," said Adam Stewart, Executive Chairman of Sandals Resorts. "It is yet another reminder of why we will never stop evolving, listening to our customers and refining our experiences year after year."



General Managers from Sandals Resorts and Beaches Resorts celebrate 16 wins, including the coveted title of Caribbean's Leading Hotel Brand, at the 32nd Annual World Travel Awards Caribbean & The Americas Gala Ceremony, held at Sandals Grande St. Lucian.

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Eric Scott

"Men, my gut tells me our guy is close. REAL close."



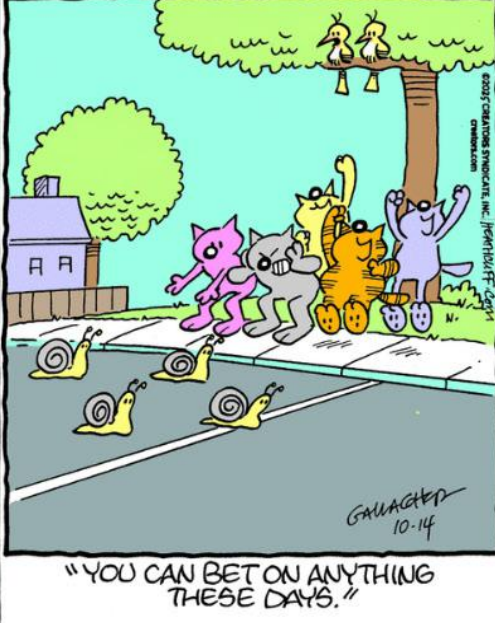
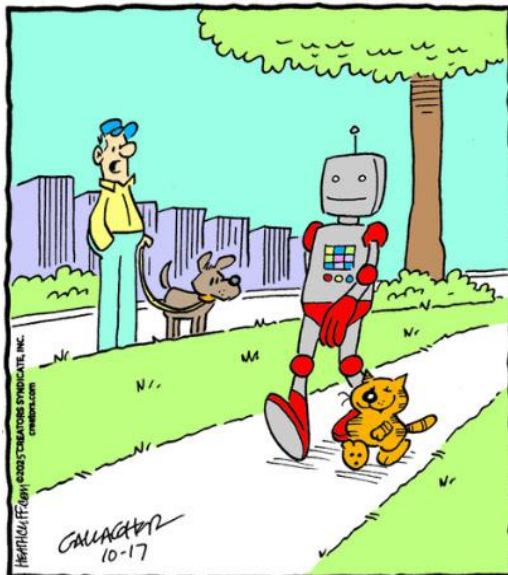
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"WITHOUT A GOOD EDUCATION YOU MIGHT END UP DIGGING DITCHES."

"COOL! SEE, I TOLD YOU COLLEGE WAS OVERRATED."



TURKS HEAD CACTUS

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Heritage



A living emblem of our islands—resilient, unique, and deeply rooted in our natural heritage.

The Turks Head cactus (*Melocactus intortus*) is one of the most recognizable native species in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Topped with a bright red, woolly cap called a cephalium, this unusual cactus has long been associated with the identity of the islands. Its striking crown, said to resemble a Turkish fez, is widely believed to be the inspiration behind the name “Turks Islands”

Often found clinging to sun-baked coastal cliffs or growing among the rocky limestone terrain, the Turks Head cactus is a survivor of harsh conditions. Its thick, green body is covered in vertical ribs and stiff spines, adapted to conserve water and withstand long dry periods. From the red cephalium, small pink flowers bloom, followed by bright red fruits that attract birds and insects.

This cactus is more than just a natural curiosity — it is a national symbol. The Turks Head cactus is featured on the Turks and Caicos Islands’ flag and coat of arms, a reflection of its deep connection to the land. It represents not only the islands’ natural heritage but also the strength and uniqueness of the environment that shaped it.

Although still relatively common in some areas, the species faces growing pressure from land clearing and rapid development. Conservation groups and the Department of Environment and Coastal Resources (DECR) have warned of the need to protect native habitats and preserve plant populations before they decline further. The public is urged not to disturb or remove the cactus from the wild and to support preservation efforts wherever possible.

In addition to its symbolic and ecological value, the Turks Head cactus quietly plays a role in local biodiversity. Its fruit provides food for birds, and its flowers support pollinators — small but vital interactions that help maintain the balance of the islands’ ecosystems.

Rooted in dry soil and crowned in red, the Turks Head cactus stands as a quiet emblem of Turks and Caicos — resilient, distinct, and deeply connected to the story of these islands.

References:

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“Wild Plants of the Turks and Caicos Islands” by Sara and Mark Putnam

TCI National Symbols – Turks and Caicos Islands Government Information Service (GIS)
Caribbean Biodiversity Information Network (CBIN)



A smiling Zariah Williams arrives at the Howard Hamilton International Airport on Tuesday, October 7, 2025.



Farrah Grant, the first ever Miss International Turks and Caicos, who was part of the welcoming party, presents Zariah Williams with bouquet of flowers.

Turks and Caicos' Youngest Pageant Delegate Shines at Miss Caribbean Culture Princess Pageant

Nine-year-old Zariah Williams has made history as the youngest delegate to represent the Turks and Caicos Islands at the Miss Caribbean Culture Princess Pageant, held recently at the Davy Jones School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Zariah competed among girls aged 9 to 12 in the regional event, facing contestants as old as 12 and in higher grade levels, but according to her director, Tinell Garland, she rose to the challenge with confidence and grace. "She was the youngest in the pageant at only nine years old, going up against girls in grade six and first form," Garland said. "It was quite a difficult

challenge for her, but she conquered." Garland, who serves as Director for Miss Teen International Turks and Caicos, said she was personally invited by international director Shanika Francis to send a delegate to the event. "Ms. Francis reached out and asked me for a delegate, and Zariah was the first person who came to mind," Garland explained. "She's the only young ambassador here in the Turks and Caicos Islands, and this was a big opportunity for her." Garland expressed gratitude for the opportunity and pride in Williams' performance, adding that she hopes the young delegate's example will inspire

more children from the Turks and Caicos Islands to participate in pageantry. "I believe this will encourage the younger girls, even the infants, to get involved," she said. "A lot of them say there isn't much to do here, but with Zariah setting the example and the tone, they'll be encouraged to one day aspire to represent their country on a world stage." For her part, another history-maker, Farrah Grant, who was recently crowned the first ever Miss International Turks and Caicos, lauded little Zariah for her poise and tenacity. She believes that the possibilities are endless for Zariah, and that she will go on to do much

greater things. "I believe she will do well in the future, she has already represented our country well, and so, I believe she is going to be great," Grant said. In the meantime, a confident Zariah, who spoke with Newsline, said while the contest was a tough one, she believed she delivered in a big way for her country, which she said was a honor for her to have donned the colors of the TCI. "I believe I represented the Turks and Caicos Islands well. The contest was a bit challenging because there were much older girls than I, but I think I did very well for my country," Zariah said.

Life Line

FEATURED CHURCH

Church of God of
Prophecy, Blue Hills

This week on Newsline Featured Church, we shine the spotlight on the Church of God of Prophecy, located in Blue Hills, Providenciales. The church is led by pastor Andrew Stone. There are at least six opportunities for worship during the week. On Sunday at 9:30a.m. is Sunday School. On Sunday 11a.m. is Divine Sunday Morning Service. On Sunday at 7:30p.m. is Evening Service. On Tuesday at 7:30p.m. is Prayer Meeting. On Wednesday at 7:30pm is Bible Study, and on Friday at 7:30pm is Youth Ministry. For further about any of the worship opportunities, contact 1 649-941-3438.



Life line Church Directory

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

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IN THE PINK 2025

The 2025 renewal of In The Pink Shopping Extravaganza, which took place at the Palms Resort in Providenciales was another epic affair. Hundreds of patrons descended upon the location to capture numerous deals that each station had to offer. The extravaganza was divided into two segments – VIP and General Public Shopping. The evening culminated with an after party. The funds raised from the annual event supports the National Cancer Society. The following are photo highlights of the event.





DO YOU NEED TO DETOX? YOUR BODY MIGHT BE TELLING YOU

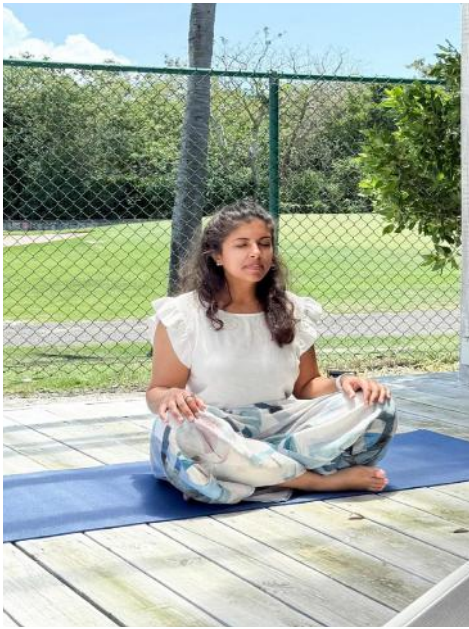
Acne, brain fog, and stubborn weight may all point to one thing

By Monica Uttamchandani
Holistic Health Coach - Turks and Caicos

When most people hear “detox,” they think of juice cleanses, fasting, or restrictive diets. But detoxification isn’t about punishing your body. It’s about supporting it in doing what it’s naturally designed to do. Your liver, lymphatic system, kidneys, gut, and even your skin are all detox organs. But in today’s modern world, these systems often become overwhelmed. When our natural detox pathways get sluggish, we may experience signs like:

- Bloating and constipation
- Skin breakouts or eczema
- Brain fog and poor memory
- Fatigue, even after a full night’s sleep
- PMS, mood swings, or irregular cycles
- Strong reactions to alcohol or fragrance
- Inability to lose weight despite healthy habits

Rather than jumping into extreme cleanses, we want to gently support



detoxification by focusing on:

- Liver-loving herbs like milk thistle, dandelion root, and bitter greens
- Daily movement like walking, rebounding, or yoga to support the lymph

- Adding fibre to keep the bowels moving
- Dry brushing and warm showers to activate the skin and circulation
- Prioritising sleep to allow the brain and body to reset

Before thinking about taking away, ask: “What can I add to help my body clear out what’s no longer serving me?”

Tip: A simple daily ritual I love is warm lemon water in the morning. It supports bile production and gets things moving without overwhelming the system.

Clear Space, Clear Mind

When our detox pathways are supported, we naturally feel lighter physically, mentally, and emotionally. Creating space within allows your body to show up fully for you.

Curious about where to start? I share realistic detox-friendly meals, liver support tips, and lymph-loving practices at @balancedbymonica on Instagram. Let’s make detox gentle, not extreme.

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Holistic Health Coach based in the Turks and Caicos Islands, supporting men and women in creating grounded, nourishing lives, one breath at a time. She also consults in person at The Elephant Rooms in Salt Mills, Providenciales.



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DEAR ADVISOR

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A New Feature from NewslineTCI

You, our readers, have been asking for an advice column to help address the diverse challenges you face in everyday life. In response, we have assembled a team of advisors who have generously volunteered their time to answer your questions and concerns. Topics will include love and interpersonal relationships, psychological well-being, environmental issues, education, and more.

Feelings of Depression

Dear Advisor,
I hope you’re doing well. I wanted to reach out to share something personal that’s been affecting me lately. I’ve been struggling with feelings of depression, and it’s been making it difficult for me to stay focused and motivated in my work/studies. I respect and value your guidance, so I wanted to be honest about what’s been going on rather than trying to manage it alone. I’m not entirely sure what steps I should take, but I want to get better and find healthy ways to cope. If possible, I’d appreciate your advice or suggestions on resources or next steps, whether that’s talking to someone in counseling, adjusting my workload, or any other form of support you think might help. Thank you for taking the time to read this, and for any understanding and guidance you can offer.

**Warm regards,
‘Fearing Depression’**

Dear Fearing Depression
Thank you for trusting me enough to share what you’re going through. I’m really sor-

ry to hear that you’ve been feeling this way, and I want you to know that you’re not alone, many people experience periods like this, and reaching out for help is a very strong and important first step.
Your well-being comes first, above any academic or professional goal. I encourage you to contact [the counseling center / employee assistance program / student wellness office] as soon as possible, they have trained professionals who can provide confidential support and help you find strategies to manage how you’re feeling.
In the meantime, please let me know if you’d like to discuss temporary adjustments, such as workload, deadlines, or schedule flexibility, to help reduce your stress. We can work together to make sure you have the time and space you need to focus on your mental health.
You’ve already shown courage by reaching out. Please keep communicating, and don’t hesitate to check in with me any time. I’m here to support you.
**Take care,
Advisor**

Battling Low Self-Esteem

Dear Advisor,
Lately, I’ve been struggling with feelings of low self-worth. I compare myself to others constantly and feel like I can never measure up. Even when people compliment me, I find it hard to believe them. It’s exhausting to always feel “less than.” How can I start feeling confident in who I am?

**Yours Truly,
Battling Low Self-Esteem**

Dear Battling,
First, thank you for your honesty, admitting you’re struggling takes real courage. Many people silently fight the same battle but recognizing it is the first step toward healing.
Low self-esteem often grows from years of negative self-talk, comparison, or past experiences that made you feel unworthy. To rebuild your confidence, you’ll need to reprogram those inner messages, slowly but surely.
Start with self-awareness: notice the voice in your head that criticizes you. Ask yourself, “Would I talk to a friend this way?” If not, replace those harsh words with truth and kindness.

Practice gratitude and self-recognition daily, write down three things you appreciate about yourself or your life. They don’t have to be big; even “I got out of bed and tried again today” counts. Over time, this retrains your brain to focus on your strengths rather than your shortcomings.
Avoid the comparison trap. Everyone’s journey moves at its own pace. Social media and appearances can deceive you into thinking others have it all together, they don’t. Shift your focus to your growth, not others’ highlight reels.
Surround yourself with people who uplift you. A supportive community can remind you of your value when you forget. If these feelings run deep or stem from trauma, consider speaking with a counsellor, not because you’re broken, but because you deserve healing.
Lastly, remember: confidence doesn’t mean never doubting yourself. It means knowing you’re enough even when you do. You are learning, evolving, and worthy, right now, as you are.
**With compassion,
The Advisor**

Voices from the Streets Part 60

Motivate Yourself!

By Nixon Dickenson

In this week's Voices from the Streets and in keeping with our National Heritage Day, it's only fitting to shine a light on someone who embodies the spirit of our culture and community, Mackenzie Ingram, affectionately known as "Spragga" and "The Conch Man."

Mackenzie is a close friend of my late brother Reggie, and his presence continues to be a source of inspiration and pride. Mackenzie lives by the ideal of self-motivation. He believes that when people find what works for them, believe in themselves, and stay positive, they begin to take control of their destinies. He encourages young people not to let past mistakes define them, but instead to seek God's guidance and trust in the journey ahead. Gifted with his hands and a passion for tradition, Mackenzie is best known for crafting a beloved local delicacy, conch salad. What makes his conch salad truly special is the care and craftsmanship he pours into every

batch. Using freshly harvested conch from the pristine waters of the Turks and Caicos Islands, Mackenzie expertly cleans and dices the meat with precision. He blends it with a vibrant mix of citrus juices, crisp vegetables, and a touch of Scotch bonnet pepper for that authentic island heat.

His unique balance of flavours —zesty, spicy, and refreshing —has earned him a loyal following and the nickname "The Conch Man." But beyond the taste, it's the love and pride he puts into his work that makes each serving a celebration of heritage.

Mackenzie's story is more than culinary; it's a blueprint for positive living. By turning his talent into a source of income and pride, he shows young people that there are meaningful alternatives to crime. His message of self-belief, forgiveness, and faith resonates deeply, especially with those who may feel lost or judged by their past. Through his example, youth are reminded that their hands can build, create, and uplift, not destroy.



Mackenzie Ingram (left) and writer Nixon Dickenson

In a time when many young people are searching for direction, Mackenzie's life offers a powerful reminder: embracing your culture, honing your skills, and staying grounded in faith can lead to a fulfilling and honorable path. This Heritage Week, we celebrate Mackenzie's contributions and the enduring impact of his message on our community.

A Call to Action

Young people, I encourage you to let Mackenzie's story be a spark. If you're a young person wondering where to turn, look within. Your talent, your culture, and your faith are powerful tools. Connect with mentors,

learn a skill, and take pride in your heritage, whether it's cooking, crafting, farming, or storytelling. Your gifts matter. Community leaders, parents, and educators, I encourage you to continue uplifting voices like Mackenzie's. Let's invest in our youth, create spaces for growth, and celebrate the everyday heroes who show us that greatness begins with believing in yourself.

This Heritage Week, let's not just celebrate our past—let's shape our future. Thank you, Mackenzie, for being a steadfast source of motivation for yourself and those around you. Long live the "Conch Man".

CLEMENT HOWELL HIGH HERITAGE DAY

On Friday, October 10, the Clement Howell High School staged its Heritage Day activities on the school grounds. Prior to the performances. The students, supported by the administration, conducted a short march in the community, with some students garbed in the TCI National Costume and bearing the flag. The following are photos from the march.





OSETA JOLLY PRIMARY CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL GIRLS DAY

Oseta Jolly Primary School in Blue Hills, Providenciales joined the rest of the world on Friday, October 10, in celebrating International Girls Day. The sea of pink that marked the event, was attended by Governor Her Excellency Dileeni Daniel Selvaratnam and Minister of Education Hon. Rachel Taylor; including representatives from at least one social club. The guest speaker at the event was educator Gemely Lubin. The following are photo highlights of the event.





Caribbean health professionals trained in Smart Hospitals approach

The Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) Caribbean Sub-Regional Office of the Health Emergencies Department hosted a Smart Hospitals Training in Kingston, Jamaica, from September 23-25, aimed at strengthening the capacity of health personnel to improve the safety, sustainability and resilience of health facilities across the Caribbean. The training formed part of the Smart (Safer, Greener and Sustainable) Health Care Facilities in the Caribbean and Beyond project, funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office. Its main objective was to equip participants with knowledge and skills to apply the Hospital Safety Index (HSI) and Green Checklist tools, and to advocate for the adoption of SMART standards throughout the region. The SMART blueprint and toolkit have since been incorporated into the WHO's framework for health resilience, which addresses people, systems, finance and infrastructure requirements. The model has been showcased internationally, including at the World Innovation Summit for Health, and supports global priorities such as the Alliance for Transformative Action on Climate and

Health. Training was delivered in person in Kingston on evaluating health facilities using the HSI for Medium and Small Hospitals, targeting professionals with expertise in hospital operations, disaster risk management, planning, logistics and safety inspections. Participants were trained in emergency and disaster risk management for hospitals, as well as in contingency planning and preventive maintenance. A site assessment was also conducted at St Joseph's Hospital, which included both an HSI (structural, non-structural and functional) and green assessment of the facility. In addition, new draft annexes were introduced from the updated SMART Toolkit at the conclusion of the training. A total of 17 local and nine overseas professionals attended the in-person sessions, with two participants each from Belize, Grenada, Saint Lucia and St Vincent and the Grenadines, and one from Dominica. Referencing Hurricane Beryl, Ian Stein, PAHO/WHO representative for Jamaica, noted that the storm underscored the urgent need to strengthen health infrastructure and expand SMART upgrades across



Health personnel who participated in the Smart Hospitals Training hosted by PAHO/WHO to strengthen the safety, sustainability and resilience of health facilities across the Caribbean.

facilities in Jamaica and throughout the Caribbean. "Across the region, more than three-quarters of health facilities are located in disaster-prone areas, many built decades ago to standards that do not reflect the realities of today's climate. Unless they are upgraded, these facilities will remain points of vulnerability rather than dependable anchors of care and protection for the populations they serve," he said. "Between 2015 and 2023, the UK invested £46.3 million to retrofit 55 health facilities across seven Caribbean nations, strengthening health service continuity for more than 858,000 people. The initiative also drove policy change, with Jamaica adopting SMART standards into its national guidelines, and seven countries now incorporating infrastructure resilience targets into their health sector adaptation plans," said Jonathan Cook, acting British High Commis-

sioner to Jamaica. Meanwhile, Dr Nicole Dawkins-Wright, director of emergency, disaster management and special services at the Ministry of Health and Wellness, speaking on behalf of Permanent Secretary Errol Greene, said Jamaica's engagement with the PAHO Smart Health Toolkit highlighted the need to embrace safer and greener health facilities. She noted that the ministry has since revised its Health Infrastructure Building Guidelines to reflect the project's tools and approaches, setting new standards for the renovation and construction of health centres and hospitals. She added that work is also under way to finalise a formal operational policy. Through initiatives like this, PAHO/WHO continues to reaffirm its commitment to building a strong cadre of health professionals dedicated to advancing resilience and sustainability across Caribbean health facilities.

TikTok's 'Silent Walking' Trend Could Actually Help Your Mental Health

A new TikTok trend encourages people to put down their headphones and take a walk—without any music, podcasts, or phone calls to keep them company. While most people likely queue up their favorite audio entertainment for a stroll outside, many have deemed "silent walking" a mental health-forward option. Some online creators say that walking in silence and simply noticing the world can lead to many mental health benefits. "I feel like when I walk in silence, my senses are on high alert," said a creator in an April TikTok clip. "I smell everything, I hear everything, I am seeing everything, and it's so grounding for me." Another TikToker said she's trying to make silent walking a movement—it was "mayhem" at first, but she said her 30-minute daily silent walks have become spaces for reflection and creativity. Another user said that silent walking helped spark new ideas and clear her mind after being in a negative headspace. Though some people critique the videos for making a "trend" of walking, experts say that, when done correctly, silent walks could actually be a great way for people to improve their wellbeing. "The idea of silent walking in nature is very reminiscent of a practice in the mindfulness meditation tradition of mindful walking, or walking meditation," said Rael Cahn, PhD, MD, clinical associate professor with the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, and director of the Center for Mindfulness Science at the Keck School of Medicine of USC. The idea of silent or mindful walking is that people try to stay in the present moment—when people achieve this, silent walking

can become a "very powerful practice," Cahn told Health. Here's what experts had to say about why walking in silence can improve mental health and wellbeing, and how people can set themselves up for success before trying mindful walking. Taking time to unplug from distractions can be helpful for the brain. Cahn explained that silent walking works by getting the brain out of the "default mode network." This term refers to the brain's capacity to imagine the future, ruminate on past experiences, or daydream. This default mode network doesn't allow people to be fully cognizant of the present moment or their current surroundings. However, doing just that—focusing on the present during a meditation or a walk, for example—helps stop the brain from "constantly just chattering to ourselves," Cahn said. This practice is typically called mindfulness. According to Cahn, research has shown that mindful walking in nature can improve anxiety and depression symptoms. Taking time to focus on the present moment could also lower blood pressure or improve sleep. To see the benefits associated with mindfulness, people have to sometimes avoid things that take them out of the present moment—like a podcast or a daydream. But audio entertainment isn't the only "chatter" that may be going through someone's mind. "Is [your mind] focused on the present moment?" Susan Evans, PhD, professor of psychology in clinical psychiatry at Weill Cornell Medicine, told Health. "Or are you distracted—not by music or podcasts, but

by some worry, rumination planning, and organizing?" Fully experiencing the present moment isn't always simple, however, the fact that silent walking involves movement may make mindfulness a bit easier. Exercise is one easy way for people to get out of their heads, so to speak, and "[come] to [their] senses" instead, Cahn explained. "By moving the body, engaging the body, there's a natural engagement with the senses that the movement encourages on its own, even if you haven't learned a thing about meditation or mindfulness," Cahn said. This means leaning into the senses—people might notice the breeze, the sun on their face, or other natural sensations as they walk. This "art of noticing"—a phrase coined by author Rob Walker—could be a way to inspire joy and creativity. "The benefits of what you experience when you really pay attention can be enormous," Evans said. For some people, walking silently may be an everyday occurrence, or it may feel restorative right off the bat. But that won't always be the case, experts said. "The fact that this has become part of our habitual way of being—multitasking—it can feel a bit uncomfortable to really slow down and just do one thing," Evans said. Silent walking may be difficult for people who often rely on music, podcasts, TV, or other distractions to avoid anxious or depressive thoughts, Cahn said. In those cases, it may be best to meet with a therapist to address those underlying issues, he explained. Others may simply find it boring or uncom-

fortable at first. "That's something that will pass, and it just requires some persistence and staying with it," Cahn said. "The richness of experience and the aliveness of the senses is not boring at all when you can really be present." Though it may take some time for a person to get used to silent walks, the process is made simpler by the fact that there aren't many requirements. Of course, it might be easier to have a distraction-free walk if a person is out in nature or in a park, as opposed to walking on a busy city street, Cahn said. But even walking to work can be made more mindful, Evans added, so long as a person is focused on keeping their mind in the present. And there are ways to start even smaller if the practice seems too daunting. "If you're in a house or if you're in an apartment, you can actually practice mindful walking in your living room or your bedroom," Evans said. "Stand, and experience yourself in the standing position. Maybe [bring] your attention to your breath, and then slowly [begin] to lift your foot." Reframing mindful walking may also make it seem more manageable—hiking can be a "very meditative practice" when it's done in relative silence, Cahn said. No matter how it's done, the most important thing is that people are taking the time to be present if they're walking without music or podcasts, Evans emphasized. "When thoughts come in, worries, or planning or organizing, these kinds of things—the natural things we do when we're not focused—then it's about practicing," she said. "It really is a practice to notice when your mind is going off, and bringing it back to the present moment."



Food and Beverage Manager

Job Specification:

- Achieves restaurant operational objectives by contributing information and recommendations to strategic plans and reviews; preparing and completing action plans; implementing production, productivity, quality, and customer-service standards; resolving problems; completing audits; identifying trends; determining system improvements; and implementing change.
- Meets restaurant financial objectives by forecasting requirements, preparing an annual budget, scheduling expenditures, analyzing variances, and initiating corrective actions.
- Plans menus by consulting with chefs, estimating food costs and profits, and adjusting menus.
- Controls costs by reviewing portion control and quantities or preparation; minimizing waste; and ensuring high quality of preparation.
- Maximizes bar profitability by ensuring portion control and monitoring accuracy of charges.
- Publicizes the restaurant by designing and placing advertisements; inviting food editors to review the restaurant; contacting local, regional, and national magazines with feature ideas; and encouraging local businesses to hold social events at the restaurant.

Job Requirements:

- Must be able to speak English
- Must have 3-5 years as a Restaurant Manager + management certifications
- Must have a good experience in managing diverse teams in various restaurants cuisines
- Must be able to work in a restaurant; stand for long hours and work efficiently under pressure

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

Harder They Come Musical To Show in Jamaica

Jamaica's Minister of Culture and Entertainment Olivia "Babsy" Grange and Jason Henzell, son of the late film-maker, Perry Henzell, say they're currently in early dialogue about bringing *The Harder They Come*, A Musical, now showing in the United Kingdom, home to Jamaica.

While a specific timeline for said venture has not yet been finalised, Minister Grange and Henzell said the musical's debut on local soil would be a glorious celebration of the island's culture as well as the film's legacy.

"Perry Henzell was a visionary, and the fact that we're still talking about his iconic film decades later is a testament to that. It's wonderful to witness the film's longevity, and it's an even greater feeling when we see other countries taking it and making their own adaptations. I think that's one of the biggest compliments our culture could ever receive," she said. "People don't grab at fluxy mangoes, so what we produce here in Jamaica must be good if others are so attracted to it. It says a lot about our small but impactful island."

Grange was speaking at the media launch for the Treasure Beach Food, Rum, and Reggae Festival at Itopia recently.

Highlighting that *The Harder They Come* is a timeless masterpiece, Grange said bringing the musical representation of the film now showing in the UK to Jamaican shores would help to maximise the film's potential on home soil, as there is still a whole generation of young folk who are yet to experience the 1973 Perry Henzell classic.

Agreeing with the minister, Henzell says he is proud of his father's work and will do whatever he can to maintain his legacy.

"Right now it's just an idea, because we have to look at the logistics of the availability of the crew, the time of year we would show, the cost to put it on, and so there is a lot to consider because it is a big production. But the prime minister himself sent me a message that he'd love to see it come to Jamaica, and to get endorsement from Minister Grange is also a big deal, because where there's a will there's a way. It's not impossible," he said.

"It makes me exceedingly proud to see the movie still having the kind of impact it has today. The fact that it [the musical] premiered on the 23rd of September 2025, which was my sister's birthday, I have to honestly big her up for being an exceptional custodian for my father's legacy," Henzell continued. "She honoured him greatly by finding this particular lady, Suzan-Lori Parks, who wrote the script for the musical and did an excellent job. I have to salute them for keeping my father's legacy going in that way. To see the musical come to Jamaica would be phenomenal."

Describing his late father as a true vi-

sionary and a lover of the culture, Henzell said he believes the film's authenticity continues to be a standout factor that pushes it to new heights.

"Just to show how far we have come, when my father took the film to the main producers and distributors in America they couldn't understand the dialect, and a Rasta had never been in a movie ever until *The Harder They Come*, and my father really believed in that production and the culture of Jamaica. He wanted it to be raw and authentic, and he didn't want 'twanging or fake accents' to suit a North American type of audience; he wanted it to be gritty, and here we are 53 years later, and it's still growing from strength to strength."

The Harder They Come, A Musical is being presented by Stratford East in association with Washington Square Films, Joshua Blum and Bruce Miller. It is described by the Stratford East website as a UK premiere adapted for the stage by Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize winner Suzan-Lori Parks (*Topdog/Underdog*, *The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess*) and directed by Olivier Award-winner Matthew Xia (*Tambo & Bones*, *Skeleton Crew*).

The film *The Harder They Come* premiered at the Carib cinema in 1972 starring reggae icon Jimmy Cliff as Ivan Martin, a poor man from the countryside who travels to Kingston with the dream of becoming a musician. The film resonated for its relatable portrayal of life in Jamaica. In 1973 it made its international debut and was widely credited for introducing reggae to the Western world.



Olivia Grange, Minister of Entertainment and Culture Olivia Grange

Sharon Gordon's Sheribaby earns Grammy consideration for Best Audiobook

Sharon Gordon's book *Sheribaby*, which is inspired by her youth in East Kingston, is up for a Grammy Award consideration in the Best Audiobook, Storytelling and Recording category.

The provisional lists for the 2026 Grammys were announced on October 3 by the Recording Academy. That organisation will announce the official nominees on November 7, while the 68th Grammy Award takes place on February 1 in Los Angeles.

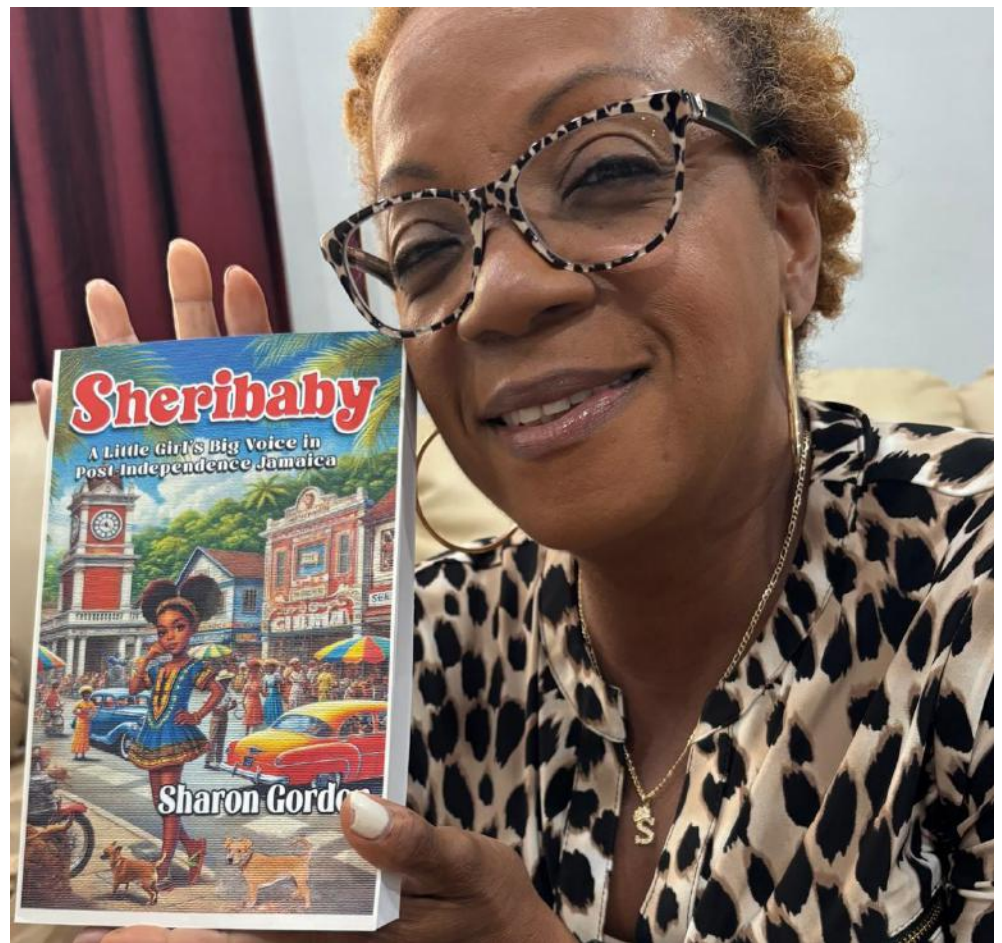
Sheribaby is the New York-based Gordon's first book. Written in patois, it reflects on the title character's life from 1969 to 1975 in Rollington Town, then a middle-class community in Kingston. In an interview with the Observer Online, she spoke about being considered for the Grammy.

"It says so much about the appeal of the book and how people are relating to the story and on so many levels. The reviews

reflect that *Sheribaby* resonates on a universal level. Check the more than 40 reviews posted on Amazon since being released seven months ago in March," she said. "Many Jamaicans in the Diaspora have said the story of *Sheribaby* is like a time capsule taking them back in time and many share how they identify personally with themes in the book." Gordon wrote *Sheribaby* in the Jamaican dialect as homage to Louise "Miss Lou" Bennett-Coverley, the legendary folklorist/actress who championed the use of patois during the years when Jamaica was under British rule.

There was some opposition to Gordon going the patois route with *Sheribaby*.

"People chided me not to write in patois. That it would be frowned upon, that I am a better writer than that... still don't know what that means. But it was my desire to pay homage to my mentor Miss Lou, whose life's work was to put respect



Sharon Gordon displays a copy of her audio book

on our Jamaican dialect, folklore and African heritage," she disclosed.

"She made me proud to speak patois passionately, as a child even though I was forbidden by my parents and schoolteachers to speak that way. Truth be told, writing in Jamaican dialect was the only

way to tell this story and be authentic and that is what makes *Sheribaby* the modern-day classic it has become."

Gordon, who has lived in the United States for over 45 years, had signings for *Sheribaby* in New York, Florida, New Jersey, Toronto, Canada and Maryland.

Instagram says it's safeguarding teens by limiting them to PG-13 content

Teenagers on Instagram will be restricted to seeing PG-13 content by default and won't be able to change their settings without a parent's permission, Meta announced on Tuesday.

This means kids using teen-specific accounts will see photos and videos on Instagram that are similar to what they would see in a PG-13 movie — no sex, drugs or dangerous stunts, among others.

"This includes hiding or not recommending posts with strong language, certain risky stunts, and additional content that could encourage potentially harmful behaviours, such as posts showing marijuana paraphernalia," Meta said in a blog post Tuesday, calling the update the most significant since it introduced teen accounts last year.

Anyone under 18 who signs up for Instagram is automatically placed into restrictive teen accounts unless a parent or guardian gives them permission to opt out. The teen accounts are private by default, have usage restrictions on them and already filter out more "sensitive" content — such as those promoting cosmetic procedures.

The company is also adding an even stricter setting that parents can set up for their children.



The Instagram logo is seen on a cell phone in Boston, October 14, 2022.

The changes come as the social media giant faces relentless criticism over harms to children. As it seeks to add safeguards for younger users, Meta has already promised it wouldn't show inappropriate content to teens, such as posts about self-harm, eating disorders or suicide. But this does not always work. A recent report, for instance, found that teen accounts researchers created were recommended age-inappropriate sexual content, including "graphic sexual de-

scriptions, the use of cartoons to describe demeaning sexual acts, and brief displays of nudity."

In addition, Instagram also recommended a "range of self-harm, self-injury, and body image content" on teen accounts that the report says "would be reasonably likely to result in adverse impacts for young people, including teenagers experiencing poor mental health, or self-harm and suicidal ideation and behaviours." Meta says the new restrictions go fur-

ther than its previous safeguards. Teens will no longer be able to follow accounts that regularly share "age-inappropriate content" or if their name or bio contains something that isn't appropriate for teens, such as a link to an OnlyFans account. If teens already follow these accounts, they'll no longer be able to see or interact with their content, send them messages, or see their comments under anyone's posts, the company said. The accounts also won't be able to follow teens, send them private messages or comment on their posts.

Meta said it already blocks certain search terms related to sensitive topics such as suicide and eating disorders, but the latest update will expand this to a broader range of terms, such as "alcohol" or "gore" — even if they are misspelled.

The PG-13 update will also apply artificial intelligence chats and experiences targeted to teens, Meta said, "meaning AIs should not give age-inappropriate responses that would feel out of place in a PG-13 movie."

For parents who want an even stricter setting for their kids, Meta is also launching a "limited content" restriction that will block more content and remove teens' ability to see, leave, or receive comments under posts.



◆ Guest Environment Expert/Room Attendant ◆

Job Specification:

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

Job Requirements:

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

Salary expectation - \$20,596 - \$22,880 per annum

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Gardener/Landscaper

Job Specification:

- Install and maintain seasonal plants
- Mow, trim and fertilize green spaces
- Mulch, edge and weed gardens
- Prune and trim trees and bushes
- Maintain all gardening equipment and machinery, like mowers, trimmers and leaf blowers
- Monitor and maintain the health of plants
- Deal with pest problems that could damage plants
- Keep gardens and green spaces clear of debris and litter

Job Requirements:

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

Salary expectation - \$9.00 - \$10.00 per hour

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Director of Recreation & Activities

Job Specification:

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

Job Requirements:

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

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



◆ Rooms Division Specialist ◆

Job Specification:

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

Job Requirements:

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

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

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Jnr. Cook

Job Specification:

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

Job Requirements:

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

Salary expectations - \$9.00 - 12.00 per hour

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Reservations Manager

Job Specification:

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

Job Requirements:

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

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



A malnourished child is checked on by a doctor at a shelter for families displaced by gang violence in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Haiti’s government pledged a quick response to growing hunger in the troubled Caribbean country as a new report warned that more than half the population is experiencing crisis levels of hunger or worse. At least 5.7 million Haitians are at the crisis level, with 1.9 million of those facing emer-

gency levels of hunger, according to the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification, the leading international authority on hunger crises. Last year, some 5.41 million Haitians were at the crisis level, with numbers expected to only increase next year, the report warned.

New report finds hunger rising as government pledges a quick response

“The growing influence of armed groups, combined with structural problems and unfavorable climatic conditions, continues to affect the food security of the Haitian population,” it stated. Louis G rald Gilles, a member of Haiti’s transitional presidential council, announced Friday that the government has launched a plan to mobilise resources quickly to those most in need. Officials also created a Food and Nutrition Security Office to ensure effective coordination and an appropriate response to growing hunger, he said. Hunger continues to surge as growing gang violence has displaced a record 1.3 million people in recent years and deepened poverty, with some six million Haitians living on less than \$2.41 a day. Meanwhile, the cost of food increased by 33 per cent in July compared with the same month last year. Gangs control an estimated 90 per cent of Port-au-Prince, Haiti’s capital, and they also have plundered communities in and around Haiti’s central agricultural region in recent months. “Farmers who have managed to carry out

their agricultural activities are forced not only to negotiate access to plots of land but also to share their produce,” the report stated. “Households that relied on small businesses have been forced to abandon their sources of income, and many people have lost their jobs due to the closure of certain businesses located in areas occupied by armed groups.” And while the harvest of corn, bean, rice and tubers is estimated to be close to normal this year, few of those goods reach Port-au-Prince because gangs control the main roads going in and out of the capital. The report also warned that ongoing mass deportations of Haitians from the US and the Dominican Republic are worsening the situation, with more than 150,000 people deported from January to September. “These returnees ... lacked everything and put increasing pressure on already scarce resources,” the report stated. Among the areas most affected by hunger are makeshift shelters, impoverished communities in Port-au-Prince and Haiti’s north-west and central regions.

Road Death in Jamaica trending five per cent above last year

WITH 312 fatalities recorded on Jamaica’s roads up to Sunday there are growing fears that traffic safety campaigns by the authorities are falling on deaf years. The latest official figures from the police show road fatalities now at five per cent above the 297 recorded over the corresponding period last year, with vice-chairman of the National Road Safety Council (NRSC) Dr Lucien Jones describing the number as very alarming and a cause of much distress. “There is a great alarm. We have been talking about this for the past two months that the trend is going upwards and in the wrong direction,” a concerned Jones told the Jamaica Observer on Sunday. He said the current number of road deaths is five per cent more than for the same period last year. “For this year, we have seen where we have gone from minus figures in January, February, March, April and May to a 30 per cent increase in June and 90 per cent increase in July in road deaths,” Jones said. “August was 38 per cent [above August 2024] and last month it dropped to six per cent [above 2024]. We are heading in the wrong direction — and the Christmas period is up on us. If we don’t get our act together as a country we are going to exceed 400 road deaths for this year. Last year it was 365. The year before it was 435. We are going right back there,” Jones lamented.

According to Jones, people have been speeding and have not been staying in their lane, hence the reason so many are dying. He charged that aspects of the Road Traffic Act are not being rolled out properly. “The only way to stop that kind of behaviour in the short term is to roll out the new Road Traffic Act and apply [the] sanctions so that when people go on the road they know that if they break the law, they are going to be caught, they are going to be fined. And if they don’t pay the fine, they go to court. “If they don’t go to court, a warrant is issued for their arrest. More warrants are being issued, more fines are being applied, and that is working. What is not working is the demerit points system whereby if you accumulate more than a certain demerit points, your licence will be suspended and you can’t drive. That is certainly not working,” added Jones. He told the Observer that it is not only the rising road deaths that the country should be worried about. “We are talking about pain and grief. We are losing productive individuals between age 20 and 50 who could be contributing significantly to the country and making us grow. On the other hand, we are paying enormous cost[s] for the care of those injured riding a bike or driving a car because people are not using their seatbelts and buckling up from and back, pedestrians are not walking carefully.

“A whole lot of pedestrians and motorcyclists are dying. A whole lot of them are being injured because they are not wearing the proper clothes, because they are driving under the influence of alcohol and ganja, and because they are speeding. We are very much alarmed and distressed. It’s a whole mixed bag of stuff that the country is not paying attention to,” said Jones. He pointed to a fluctuating trend in road deaths which he has noticed since 2010. “When we started in 1993 Jamaica was regularly experiencing more than 400 road deaths per year. When the National Road Safety Council was started and we lobbied for changes in legislation — especially safety devices and also helmet use and driving under the influence of alcohol — the behaviour of our people changed. In 2010 it fell to 260. That is the lowest we have ever had. Ever since then it has been climbing. And it has been shifting from one figure to another but mostly climbing until about 2022 when it went up to about 500,” he said. Jones noted that motorcyclists have featured heavily in the increase in fatal crashes in recent years. “When the figure dropped to 260 in 2010, that year, about 40 motorcyclists died. In 2022/2023 the figure went up to almost 150. The main challenge we have as a country right now and for some time is how to reduce motorcycle deaths. “The second issue is that between last year

and this year we had a 20 per cent increase in what the police described as the biggest reasons for people dying on our roads — speeding and people driving recklessly. We have had a significant increase in people making bad choices — whether because of the lack of training and they don’t know how to drive, or they are driving recklessly,” Jones said. Among the latest road fatalities was male a driver whose identity has not been disclosed. He died in a crash along the Ocho Rios bypass, near its junction with New Buckfield, about 2:19 am Sunday.



A mangled motor vehicle after a crash.

Bahamian father to be sentenced for beating son over bad grade

A 41-year-old father will return to a magistrate court in the Bahamas on December 10 for sentencing after he pleaded guilty to beating his 10-year-old child over a bad grade at school. The father appeared before Magistrate

Abigail Farrington on Thursday where he pleaded guilty to the charge of cruelty to children that occurred. The court heard that on October 7, the teacher had noticed that the child was not standing up properly during the

pledge and took him to the guidance counsellor. He told the teacher that his father had beaten him, and she noticed bruises to his forearms. The father told the magistrate that he

had been called to the school repeatedly concerning his son’s poor performance. The magistrate has ordered a social inquiry report before sentencing the father, who has been released on his own recognizance.

Trump's quest for the Nobel Peace Prize falls short again despite high-profile nominations

United States President Donald Trump was passed over for the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday despite jockeying from his fellow Republicans, various world leaders and – most vocally – himself.

Venezuelan Opposition Leader María Corina Machado was awarded the prize. The Norwegian Nobel Committee said it was honouring Machado “for her tireless work promoting democratic rights for the people of Venezuela and for her struggle to achieve a just and peaceful transition from dictatorship to democracy”.

Machado, however, said she wanted to dedicate the win to Trump, along with the people of her country, as she praised the president for support of her cause.

The White House responded bitterly to the news of the award Friday, with Communications Director Steven Cheung saying members of “the Nobel Committee proved they place politics over peace” because they didn’t recognize Trump, especially after the Gaza ceasefire deal his administration helped strike last week.

“He has the heart of a humanitarian, and there will never be anyone like him who can move mountains with the sheer force of his will,” Cheung wrote on social media.

The White House did not comment on Machado’s recognition, but Trump on social media shared Machado’s post praising him.

Her opposition to President Nicolás Maduro in Venezuela aligns with the Trump administration’s own stance on Venezuela, and Secretary of State Marco Rubio previously praised her as “the personification of resilience, tenacity, and patriotism.”

Trump, who has long coveted the prestigious prize, has been outspoken about his desire for the honour during both of his presidential terms, particularly lately as he takes credit for ending conflicts around the world. The

Republican president had expressed doubts that the Nobel committee would ever grant him the award.

“They’ll have to do what they do. Whatever they do is fine. I know this: I didn’t do it for that. I did it because I saved a lot of lives,” Trump said Thursday.

Although Trump received nominations for the prize, many of them occurred after the February 1 deadline for the 2025 award, which fell just a week and a half into his second term. His name was, however, put forward in December by Republican Rep. Claudia Tenney of New York, her office said in a statement, for his brokering of the Abraham Accords, which normalized relations between Israel and several Arab states in 2020.

long history of lobbying Jørgen Watne Frydnes, chair of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, said the committee has seen various campaigns in its long history of awarding the peace prize.

“We receive thousands and thousands of letters every year of people wanting to say what for them leads to peace,” he said. “This committee sits in a room filled with the portraits of all laureates, and that room is filled with both courage and integrity. So we base only our decision on the work and the will of Alfred Nobel.”

The peace prize, first awarded in 1901, was created partly to encourage ongoing peace efforts. Alfred Nobel stipulated in his will that the prize should go to someone “who shall have done the most or the best work for fraternity between nations, for the abolition or reduction of standing armies and for the holding and promotion of peace congresses.” Three sitting US presidents have won the Nobel Peace Prize: Theodore Roosevelt in 1906, Woodrow Wilson in 1919 and Barack Obama in 2009. Jimmy Carter won the prize in 2002, a full two decades after leaving office. Former

Vice President Al Gore received the prize in 2007.

Obama, a Democrat who was a focus of Trump’s attacks well before the Republican was elected, won the prize early in his tenure as president.

“They gave it to Obama for doing absolutely nothing but destroying our country,” Trump said Thursday.

Wars in Gaza and elsewhere

As one of his reasons for deserving the award, Trump often says he has ended seven wars, though some of the conflicts the president claims to have resolved were merely tensions and his role in easing them is disputed.

But while there is hope for the end to Israel and Hamas’ war, with Israel saying a ceasefire agreement with Hamas came into effect Friday, much remains uncertain about the aspects of the broader plan, including whether and how Hamas will disarm and who will govern Gaza. And little progress seems to have been made in the Russia-Ukraine war, a conflict Trump claimed during the 2024 campaign that he could end in one day.

As Trump pushes for peaceful resolutions to conflicts abroad, the country he governs remains deeply divided and politically fraught. Trump has kicked off what he hopes to be the largest deportation program in American history to remove immigrants living in the US illegally. He is using the levers of government, including the Justice Department, to go after his perceived political enemies. He has sent the military into US cities over local opposition to stop crime and crack down on immigration enforcement.

He withdrew the United States from the landmark Paris climate agreement, dealing a blow to worldwide efforts to combat global warming. He touched off global trade wars with his on-again, off-again tariffs, which he wields as a threat to bend other countries and compa-

nies to his will. He asserted presidential war powers by declaring cartels to be unlawful combatants and launching lethal strikes on boats in the Caribbean that he alleged were carrying drugs.

The full list of people nominated is secret, but anyone who submits a nomination is free to talk about it. Trump’s detractors say supporters, foreign leaders and others are submitting Trump’s name for nomination for the prize – and announcing it publicly – not because he deserves it but because they see it as a way to manipulate him and stay in his good graces.



US President Donald Trump.

Opposition leader Patrick Herminie wins presidential run-off election

Opposition leader Patrick Herminie won the presidential election in Seychelles, defeating incumbent leader Wavel Ramkalawan in a run-off vote, according to official results released early Sunday.

Herminie garnered 52.7 per cent of the vote, with Ramkalawan taking 47.3 per cent, the results showed.

Herminie represents the United Seychelles party, which led the country for four decades before it lost power in 2020. It was the governing party from 1977 to 2020. Ramkalawan, of the governing Linyon Demokratik Seselwa party, sought a second term.

“The people have spoken,” Herminie said in brief remarks after he was declared the president-elect. “I am deeply humbled by the trust the people have placed in me, and I formally accept this mandate with gratitude, a profound sense of duty and an unshakable faith in the strength and character of the Seychellois people.”

Herminie served as speaker of the national assembly between 2007 and 2016.

A majority of lawmakers in Parliament will allow his party “to work collaboratively and constructively to deliver the best possible

outcomes for our people”, Herminie said.

The race between the two main contenders in Seychelles’ election was decided in a run-off after there was no outright winner in the presidential vote two weeks ago.

Early voting began Thursday, but most people in the island nation voted on Saturday.

Both Herminie and Ramkalawan ran spirited campaigns trying to address key issues for voters, including environmental damage and a crisis of drug addiction in a country long seen as a tourist haven.

The country has become synonymous with luxury and environmental travel, which has bumped Seychelles to the top of the list of Africa’s richest countries by gross domestic product per capita, according to the World Bank.

But opposition to the governing party grew in recent months.

A week before the first round of voting, activists sued the government, challenging a recent decision to issue a long-term lease for a 400,000-square-metre (100-acre) area on Assomption, one of the country’s 115 islands, to a Qatari company to develop a luxury hotel.



President-elect Patrick Herminie gives a speech after winning the runoff presidential election at the Electoral Commission Headquarters in Victoria, Seychelles

The lease, which includes reconstruction of an airstrip to facilitate access for international flights, has ignited widespread criticism that it favours foreign interests over Seychelles’ welfare and sovereignty.

Seychelles is especially vulnerable to climate change, including rising sea levels, accord-

ing to the World Bank and the UN Sustainable Development Group.

It also faces an addiction crisis fuelled by heroin. A 2017 UN report described the country as a major drug-transit route, and the 2023 Global Organized Crime Index said that the island nation has one of the world’s highest rates of heroin addiction.

TWO FIFA APPOINTMENTS

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Reggae Boyz trounce Bermuda to reclaim World Cup qualifying group control

WITH two games remaining, the Reggae Boyz are closer than ever to qualifying for next summer's FIFA World Cup, after regaining top spot in their group in the final round of Concacaf World Cup Qualifiers. The national senior men's team registered a commanding 4-0 win over Bermuda on Tuesday at the National Stadium, thanks to goals from Bobby Reid, Shamar Nicholson, Djuan "Whisper" Richards, and an own goal from Bermuda Captain Dante Leverock.

The scoreline was a repeat of their opening encounter in September and also means three Boyz have scored 10 goals in the campaign.

The victory was made sweeter for the Jamaicans as Curacao were held to a 1-1 draw by Trinidad and Tobago (T&T), which means the Boyz returned to the summit of Group B with nine points — overtaking Curacao on eight points.

With only the group winner guaranteed a spot to the 2026 World Cup, Jamaica, who haven't qualified since the 1998 edition, are now in full control ahead of November's fixtures against T&T and Curacao.

T&T, though, still remain in contention for automatic berth to next summer's tournament as they have five points, three behind Curacao and four behind Jamaica.

Bermuda are officially out of the running having lost all four games so far.

The Boyz travel on November 13 to play Trinidad and Tobago before potentially booking their spot on November 18 against Curacao at the National Stadium.



Jamaica winger Renaldo Cephass (right) challenges Bermuda full back Justin Donawa (left) while his teammate Kane Crichtlow looks on during their FIFA World Cup qualifying match at the National Stadium on Tuesday night.

Steve McClaren's men put their 2-0 defeat to Curacao on Friday firmly behind them as they dominated the game with over 70 per cent possession and nearly 30 shots.

Midfielder Kasey Palmer, who missed the last game, got the ball rolling for Jamaica when his free kick was put home by Le-

verock in the 24th minute.

Just two minutes later, winger Renaldo Cephass got by his defenders and played in a low cross for Reid, who made no mistake from close range.

Cephass was at it again on the left wing nine minutes later, this time finding Nicholson who tapped in at the front post.

Richards, who was left out of the initial 26-man squad, showed why he deserves a spot going forward as his 40-minute appearance off the bench electrified the home team.

It was highlighted by a brilliant solo run, finished off by him firing home from 15 yards out to make it 4-0.



South Africa's Evidence Makgopa celebrates scoring their third goal with teammates

South Africa defeated Rwanda 3-0 in Mbombela on Tuesday to win Group C and qualify for the 2026 World Cup.

Thalente Mbatha and Oswin Appollis scored in the first half for South Africa and Evidence Makgopa sealed victory with a goal midway through the second period. South Africa topped the table with 18

points, one more than Nigeria, who hammered third-placed Benin 4-0 in Uyo with Victor Osimhen claiming a hat-trick.

It will be the fourth appearance by South Africa at the global showpiece. They qualified for the 1998 and 2002 tournaments and were automatic participants in 2010 as the host nation.

South Africa beat Rwanda to qualify for 2026 World Cup

Qualification was a huge relief for South Africa, who saw a five-point lead with four rounds remaining turn into a two-point deficit behind Benin entering the final round.

South Africa dropped points in home draws with Nigeria and Zimbabwe and forfeited three points for fielding the ineligible Teboho Mokoena in a victory over Lesotho.

South Africa needed to beat Rwanda and hope Nigeria defeated Benin, and that is what transpired with the home teams making dream starts.

Nigeria were ahead within three minutes through Osimhen while Mbatha scored the first South African goal with just five minutes gone.

A snap shot from Appollis midway through the opening half put South Africa in control

and Rwanda spent most of the match on the back foot.

Makgopa, a late call-up in place of the injured Iqraam Rayners, headed into the net off a corner on 72 minutes to complete the scoring.

Osimhen netted a second time before half-time and completed his hat-trick six minutes into the second half. An added-time goal from Frank Onyeka completed the rout.

South Africa become the seventh African country to qualify for the expanded 48-team World Cup next year in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

They join Algeria, Cape Verde, Egypt, Ghana, Morocco and Tunisia, and the final two automatic qualifiers will be decided later Tuesday.

Hope, Campbell move up in Test batting rankings

SHAI HOPE and John Campbell were the biggest jumpers for the West Indies in the most recent ICC Test batting rankings. Hope, who scored 103 in the second innings of the second Test against India — his first Test century since 2017 — leapt a stunning 34 places, from 100th to 66th place. Meanwhile, Campbell, who scored 115 in the same innings, his maiden Test century, jumped six spots, from 74th to 68th. All-rounder Justin Greaves moved up five spots to 71st place after scoring an unbeaten, even half-century, also in the second innings of the second Test. Kraigg Brathwaite, who last featured in

the Test series against Australia in July, still remains the West Indies’ highest-ranked batsman despite dropping two places to 58th. Alick Athanaze is the next highest-ranked West Indian at 62nd. Joshua Da Silva, who did not feature on the Indian tour, fell three spots to 75th, captain Roston Chase dropped one spot to 82nd, while Tagenarine Chanderpaul moved up two spots to 96th, the same as Gudakesh Motie. In the Test bowling rankings, injured fast bowler Shamar Joseph moved down one spot to 16th, while Jayden Seales, who had a tough tour of India, dropped four places to 17th. Left-arm spinner Jomel Warrican, who took the most wickets in the just-con-



West Indies’ John Campbell (right) celebrates after scoring a century as batting partner West Indies’ Shai Hope watches on the fourth day of the second Test match against India at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi, India, on Monday.

cluded tour of India, moved up two places to 30th, one behind Alzarri Joseph, and Chase jumped four spots to 57th.

Seales fined for throw at Jaiswal

West Indies fast bowler Jayden Seales has been fined 25 per cent of his match fee for breaching the ICC’s Code of Conduct in the second Test against India. Seales was found guilty of a Level 1 breach on Friday’s opening day of the second Test, during the 29th over of India’s first innings, when he fielded the ball on his follow-through and threw it at batter Yashaswi Jaiswal, hitting him on the pads. On-field umpires Richard Illingworth and Paul Reiffel, third umpire Alex

Wharf and fourth umpire KN Ananthapadmanabhan levelled the charge. The bowler, however, contested the charge, claiming that he threw the ball while attempting a run out. The match referee, referring to replay clips showing the incident from different angles, concluded that the throw was unnecessary and inappropriate, hitting the batter on the pads when he was within the crease. Seales was found guilty of breaching Article 2.9 of the ICC Code of Conduct for

Players and Player Support Personnel, which relates to “throwing a ball (or any other item of cricket equipment) at or near a player in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner during an International Match.” In addition to the fine, one demerit point has been added to Seales’ disciplinary record, taking his total demerit points to two in a 24-month period. The previous demerit point for Seales dates back to a Test match against Bangladesh in December 2024.



Jayden Seales



Team Jamaica poses for a photo after retaining the CGA Four-Ball Championship title in Montego Bay, Jamaica on the weekend.

IN ONE of the closest finishes in the tournament’s history, Team Jamaica successfully defended their crown, capturing the overall title at the Caribbean Golf Association (CGA) Four-Ball Championship in a nail-biting finish at the pic-

turesque Cinnamon Hill Golf Course on Sunday. The host nation clinched the coveted Ambrose Gouthro Trophy for the sixth consecutive year, but it was far from a simple stroll along the fairways.

Jamaica secure sixth CGA four-ball title on home soil

In a dramatic conclusion, Jamaica amassed 91 total points, edging out a fierce challenge from Trinidad and Tobago by a single, heart-stopping point. Bermuda finished in third place with 79 points. Adding to the celebratory atmosphere, the formidable Jamaican pair of Owen Samuda and Dr Mark Newnham again etched their names into the tournament’s history books. They retained the Francis Steele & Perkins Senior Men’s Trophy for an impressive third year in a row, proving that their partnership is a force to be reckoned with. Speaking after their victory, Dr Newnham shed light on the unique chemistry that fuels their success.

The path to their three-peat, however, was not without pressure. The duo admitted to feeling the weight of expectation competing on home turf. While the senior men’s team secured the only individual Jamaican victory, the squad showcased remarkable depth with several strong second-place finishes. The female pair of Jodi Munn Barrow and Lisa Gardner secured a runner-up position in the highly competitive ladies 25-plus category, which was won by Trinidad & Tobago. Jamaica also finished second in the ladies 45-plus category, behind eventual winners Bermuda, as well as in the mid-amateur and super senior men’s categories.

Strong Statements in TCISS Inter-High Football Season 2025

By Vivian Tyson NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

The 2025 Inter-High Football Season kicked off with thrilling encounters across both the boys' and girls' divisions, as schools from across the Turks and Caicos Islands began their campaigns for national glory. Over three matchdays, October 10, 11, and 13, teams displayed flashes of brilliance, resilience, and teamwork as the Turks and Caicos Islands School Sports (TCISS) National Championships got underway.

BOYS' DIVISION: ELITE HIGH AND HJRHS STAND OUT EARLY

In early Group A action, Elite High School (EHS) announced their intentions in emphatic fashion with a crushing 7–1 win over Alpha Christian Academy (ACA) on October 10. The momentum continued two days later as EHS thrashed Marjorie Basden High School (MBHS) 8–0, before completing a convincing 4–0 victory against Raymond Gardiner High School (RGHS) on October 13. Their dominant goal difference and perfect record have made EHS the early favourites in the group.

Helena Jones Robinson High School (HJRHS) also impressed, taking full points with a 2–0 victory over ACA and following it with a 4–0 rout of RGHS, signaling a solid challenge to EHS's early supremacy in Group A. Group B opened with a competitive clash where British West Indies Collegiate (BWIC) edged Maranatha Academy (MA) 2–0, before A. Louise Garland Thomas High School (ALGTHS) claimed a narrow 2–1 win over the same Maranatha outfit. However, BWIC stumbled in later rounds, losing 3–0 to Turks & Caicos Institute of Professional Studies (TCIPS) and 1–0 to Clement Howell High School (CHHS). Meanwhile, CHHS and ALGTHS played out a tight 1–1 draw, leaving the group standings delicately poised with several teams still in contention for knockout spots.

GIRLS' DIVISION: BWIC AND HJRHS LEAD THE WAY

The girls' competition began with explosive scorelines as several teams stamped their authority early. Clement Howell High School (CHHS) and Helena Jones Robinson High School (HJRHS) delivered identical 13–0 wins over Maranatha Academy (MA) in Group A play on October 10, underlining their offensive firepower. In Group B, BWIC dominated Elite High School (EHS) 7–0, then carried that form into subsequent games — defeating Marjorie Basden High School (MBHS) 2–0 and Precious Treasures International School (PTIS) 3–0. Their defense has yet to con-



Unbeaten Elite High School Boys Team

cede a goal, making BWIC one of the most balanced and consistent sides in the girls' bracket so far.

Over in Group A, HJRHS continued their unbeaten run, edging CHHS 1–0 in a key top-of-the-table clash and later battling to a 1–1 draw with ALGTHS, keeping their campaign alive and well. CHHS, on the other hand, remain contenders with their commanding start and will be eager to bounce back from that narrow defeat.

MBHS recovered from their early setback with a 6–0 win over PTIS, showing determination to stay competitive in a tough group.

A PROMISING START TO THE SEASON

The first week of the TCISS Inter-High Football Season 2025 delivered excitement, goals, and standout performances across the islands. Elite High School and Helena Jones Robinson High have set the pace among the boys, while BWIC and HJRHS are emerging as early powerhouses in the girls' competition.

Action was scheduled to continue on October 17 and 18, with TCIPS squaring off against Maranatha at 3p.m. At 4p.m., Elite High will do battle against HJ Robinson High, and at 5p.m. Maranatha will do battle against Clement Howell.

On Saturday, October 18, Raymond Gardiner are scheduled to go up against Elite High staring at 11a.m. TCIPS are down to tackle Clement Howell also at 11a.m. At 12noon HJ



File the BWIC Female Team

Robinson High will do battle against Alpha Christian Academy. At 1p.m., A Louise Garlan High will tackle BWIC. Alpha and Raymond Gardiner will close the day off at 2p.m.

In the girls' division, A. Louise Garland Thomas High will do battle against Maranatha at 3p.m. on Friday. At 4p.m., Elite High School will

do battle against Precious Treasure International School.

On Saturday at 4p.m., A. Louise Garland Thomas High will square off against Clement Howell.

At the end of Saturday's games, the semifinalists should be decided in time for the October 24 semifinals. The finals are set for October 25.



Sonia Fulford, President of the TCIFA



Dane Ritchie, Technical Director for the TCIFA

TCIFA Shines Again on Global Stage with Prestigious FIFA Appointments

The Turks and Caicos Islands Football Association (TCIFA) is once again basking in international recognition as two of its distinguished leaders take on influential roles within the global football governing body, FIFA.

This latest achievement further cements the TCIFA’s growing presence and impact in world football governance, which is a testament to the remarkable leadership and talent emerging from these islands.

At the forefront of this accomplishment is TCIFA President Sonia Fulford, who has been appointed FIFA Council Delegate to the FIFA Football Social Responsibility Committee. This esteemed committee plays a vital role in advancing FIFA’s mission to use football as a force for good, harnessing the sport’s universal appeal to foster inclusion, equality, and social progress across the globe.

President Fulford’s appointment is a proud moment not only for the Turks and Caicos Islands but also for the wider Caribbean football community. It is a reflection of her unwavering commitment to the belief that football

is more than just a game, but also a global language that can bridge divides and inspire change. Her continued service as a member of the FIFA Foundation also reinforces her standing as a key advocate for humanitarian and developmental initiatives worldwide.

Through her leadership, President Fulford continues to embody the spirit of the TCIFA, which is one rooted in integrity, inclusivity, and the pursuit of excellence. Her voice on the world stage ensures that small nations like the Turks and Caicos Islands remain represented and that the transformative power of football continues to reach communities at every level.

Adding to this momentous occasion, TCIFA Technical Director Dane Ritchie has also been appointed to the FIFA Grassroots and Amateur Football Committee. This committee focuses on one of the most crucial pillars of the game, which is the development of football at its foundation. In his new capacity, Ritchie will work alongside global peers to design and implement strategies that make football accessible, enjoyable, and sustainable for all,

from young aspiring players to community-based teams.

Ritchie’s appointment speaks volumes about his dedication to nurturing emerging talent and creating meaningful opportunities for participation. His long-standing work in developing local youth programs and promoting grassroots initiatives aligns seamlessly with FIFA’s vision of football as a universal right. His involvement on this global platform ensures that the Turks and Caicos Islands will contribute to shaping policies that influence the very future of the sport.

Together, these appointments mark a significant milestone for the TCIFA. They highlight how a small island nation can make an outsized impact through passion, professionalism, and purpose. For the Turks and Caicos Islands, this recognition is more than symbolic, it opens doors for international collaboration, training opportunities, and greater visibility on the world stage.

In a news release, the TCIFA said it extends heartfelt congratulations to President Sonia Fulford and Technical Director Dane Ritchie on their

well-deserved appointments. The release pointed that the achievements by the two reaffirm that the spirit of the beautiful game burns brightly in the Turks and Caicos Islands, inspiring a new generation to dream big and believe that even from the smallest of nations, global influence can flourish.

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