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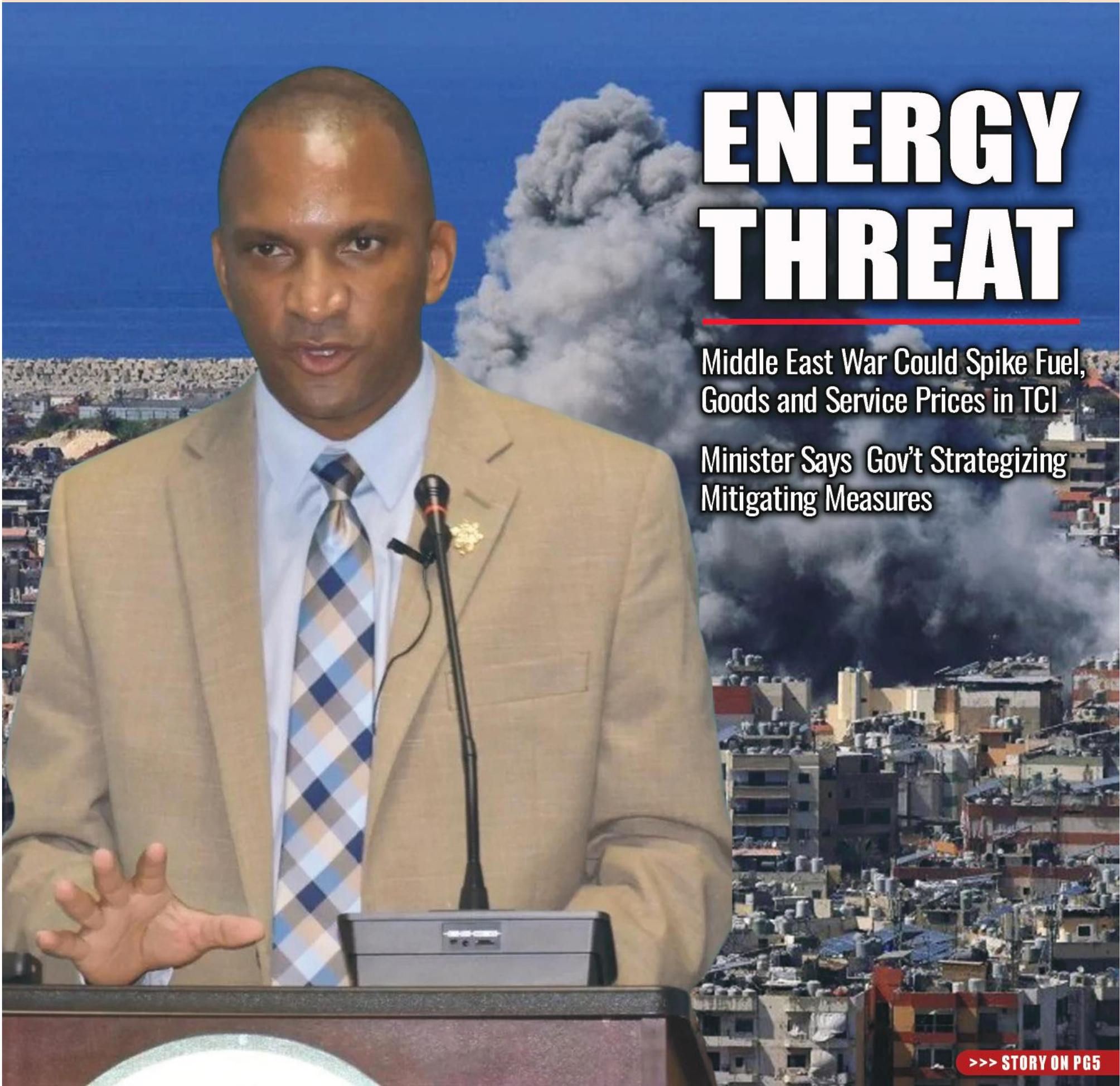
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TCI Launches Board Governance Training to Strengthen Statutory Bodies

The Turks and Caicos Islands has commenced a comprehensive Board Governance Training programme aimed at strengthening oversight, accountability and performance across its statutory bodies.

The initiative, the first in a planned series, brings together Non-Executive Chairs, Commissioners and Board Members from a wide cross-section of regulatory and oversight organisations. It is designed to build institutional capacity and enhance governance standards across the public sector.

According to officials, the training focuses on improving members' understanding of their statutory and fiduciary responsibilities, while equipping them to provide clearer strategic di-

rection and exercise stronger financial oversight. Emphasis is also being placed on upholding high ethical standards and improving the monitoring of organisational performance.

The programme is expected to support more informed decision-making, increase accountability and ultimately improve service delivery throughout the islands.

Delivering the opening remarks, Her Excellency Governor Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam underscored the importance of good governance in building effective public institutions. She noted that the training marks a critical step toward a broader effort to elevate governance standards across all statutory bodies in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Participants in the session represented a diverse range of organisations, including the Human Rights Commission, Financial Services Commission, Financial Intelligence Agency, Complaints Commission, Integrity Commission, Sports Commission, Gaming Commission, Health Profession Authority and

the Health Regulatory Authority.

Their participation highlights a collective commitment to strengthening board effectiveness and establishing a robust governance framework capable of supporting excellence across the territory's statutory landscape.





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No Rogue Community Cab Drivers

Minister says Community Cab Drivers to Be Registered as Government Moves to Address Jitney Concerns

By Vivian Tyson Editor-in-Chief

Amid growing horror stories surrounding illegal jitney operators, Hon. Shaun Malcolm, Minister of Home Affairs, has made it clear that all drivers who intend to operate under the new Community Cab system will be required to register in a government database, ensuring authorities know exactly who is transporting members of the public.

The announcement signals a decisive shift by the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands to bring order, accountability, and safety to a sector that has long operated informally.

Speaking with NEWSLINE TCI, Minister Malcolm underscored that the move is a direct response to increasing reports of misconduct linked to unregulated jitney services, some of which have raised serious concerns about passenger safety—particularly for women and children.

"We have a lot of complaints about what is going on in these illegal jitneys," Malcolm said. "Child safeguarding and passenger safety are serious concerns for us, and that is something we are addressing head-on."

Under the Community Cab system, every driver will be formally registered with the Department of Transportation, creating a centralized database of approved operators. This measure, the minister explained, will allow authorities to track, monitor, and verify all individuals providing public transport services.

In addition to registration, drivers will also be required to complete safeguarding training as part of the qualification process. This requirement reflects the government's broader responsibility for social protection, an area that falls under Minister Malcolm's portfolio.

Beyond driver verification, each Community Cab will be clearly identifiable through multiple official markers. These include government-issued decals, specially designated license plates, and a Community Cab seal, ensuring that passengers can easily distinguish legitimate operators from illegal ones.

"This will be the only legal mode of public transportation once it is implemented," Malcolm stated, adding that the system is designed to eliminate the risks associated with infor-

mal and unregulated transport. The introduction of Community Cabs is part of a phased approach to modernizing public transportation in the islands. The minister explained that the initiative will serve as a temporary but structured solution while the government works toward a comprehensive national public transportation system expected within the next year.

"The objective is to phase out illegal jitneys and replace them with a legal, organized system," he said. "Community Cabs are the bridge as we develop a permanent solution."

While anticipation for the new system continues to build, its rollout has been slightly delayed due to ongoing legislative work. Amendments necessary to support the initiative are currently being finalized by the Attorney General's Chambers.

"We were hoping it would have been done already, but it's with the Attorney General's office right now," Malcolm explained. "As soon as that process is completed, we expect to roll it out shortly—hopefully before the middle of next month."

Despite the delay, interest from the public and local operators has been strong. Malcolm noted that many individuals and small business owners are al-

ready preparing to participate in the new system.

"People are waiting at the starting line," he said. "They are getting themselves ready for when we give the green light."

The government believes the structured framework will not only improve safety but also create economic opportunities for law-abiding operators while restoring public confidence in the transportation sector.

For years, jitneys have served as an informal means of getting around, particularly in areas where formal taxi services are limited. However, the absence of regulation has led to inconsistent service standards and, more recently, alarming incidents that have eroded trust.

By introducing mandatory registration, training, and visible identification, the Community Cab system aims to provide a safer, more reliable alternative for residents and visitors alike.

As the final pieces of legislation are put in place, officials are urging patience, emphasizing that the additional time is necessary to ensure the system is implemented effectively.

"This is about doing it properly," Malcolm said. "We want to make sure that when this launches, it delivers the level of safety and accountability that the people of this country deserve."

Outgoing Chief Justice Praised for Transforming TCI Judiciary

Outgoing Chief Justice Mabel Agyemang has been hailed as a transformational leader who re-shaped the judiciary of the Turks and Caicos Islands, as senior officials and members of the legal fraternity gathered for a valedictory sitting in her honour on March 23, 2026.

The ceremony, held at the Supreme Court Annex in Providenciales, marked the end of her six-year tenure, during which she led sweeping reforms aimed at modernizing the administration of justice and strengthening judicial independence.

Delivering a tribute before the Court, Attorney General Hon. Rhondalee Braithwaite-Knowles described Agyemang's tenure as a period of "tireless commitment

to modernization," noting that her leadership resulted in a more efficient, accessible, and technology-driven court system.

Appointed on April 1, 2020, at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Chief Justice quickly introduced virtual and hybrid hearings to ensure continuity in court operations. Over the course of her tenure, she spearheaded more than 30 legislative and procedural reforms, including new court rules, sentencing guidelines, and measures to expand legal aid and improve transparency.

Braithwaite-Knowles highlighted several key initiatives, including the establishment of the Judicial Education Institute, the introduction of court-connected mediation, and the launch of the



Mark Fulford, President of the TCI Bar Council, shares a photo moment with outgoing chief justice Mabel Agyemang

During her tenure, Agyemang also promoted alternative dispute resolution, trained dozens of mediators, and advanced efforts toward digitizing court processes through electronic filing systems. She played a key role in improving coordination among criminal justice stakeholders and advocated for expanded judicial infrastructure across the islands. While some initiatives, such as the development of a new judicial estate, remain ongoing, speakers noted that her efforts laid a strong foundation for future progress.

In a personal reflection, the Attorney General described Agyemang as a mentor and collaborative leader, praising her openness to consultation and engagement with stakeholders across the justice system.

As she demits office at the end of March 2026, Chief Justice Agyemang leaves behind a judiciary widely regarded as more modern, resilient, and institutionally grounded.

Speakers at the ceremony agreed that her legacy will endure in both the reforms she implemented and the direction she set for the future of justice in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

"You did not simply serve the office of Chief Justice," Fulford said in closing. "You strengthened it, and for that, this country will be better for generations to come."

TCI Legal Information Institute to improve public access to legal resources. She also pointed to advancements in victim-witness support and reforms aimed at improving access to justice for vulnerable groups.

"Her Ladyship leaves behind a well-established legacy of meaningful achievement defined by comprehensive modernization and reform," the Attorney General said.

President of the Turks and Caicos Islands Bar Association, Mark Fulford, also paid tribute, describing Agyemang's tenure as pivotal in strengthening the judiciary as an independent arm of government. He acknowledged that some of her early reform efforts were initially met with resistance, including from members of the Bar, but said those differences ultimately evolved into constructive collaboration.

"Disagreement matured into partnership," Fulford noted, adding that her leadership helped build systems designed to endure beyond individuals.

Fulford emphasized that her most significant contribution was not any single reform, but the institutional strength she brought to the judiciary.

"By staying the course, she gave this country something priceless, a judiciary that does not bend with the wind," he said.



Attorney General Hon. Rhondalee Braithwaite-Knowles

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Middle East War Could Destabilise Energy Costs in TCI, Minister Warns

By Vivian Tyson NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

Minister of Innovation, Technology, Energy and Information Hon. E. Jay Saunders is warning that the ongoing conflict involving the United States, Israel and Iran could significantly increase the cost of living in the Turks and Caicos Islands, as global oil prices surge.

Speaking with Newsline TCI on Friday, March 27, Saunders outlined how the territory's heavy dependence on imported fuel makes it highly vulnerable to international crises, particularly those affecting energy markets. "We're a petroleum-driven economy," Saunders said, explaining that fuel, including diesel, gasoline and other energy sources, underpins nearly every sector of the local economy. "It touches every part of our economy."

He pointed out that rising oil prices, which have jumped from around \$68 per barrel to near or above \$100 in recent weeks, will inevitably lead to higher costs across the board, even for goods not directly associated with fuel.

To illustrate the impact, Saunders used the example of a simple styrofoam cup. While seemingly unrelated to fuel, he explained that energy is required to manufacture the cup, transport it, and import it into the islands. As energy prices rise, so too do production costs, shipping expenses, and ultimately import duties, all of which are passed on to consumers.

He pointed out that by the time that cup reaches Turks and Caicos, its cost has increased, and the effect compounds further when used to make a cup of tea. The price of tea bags rises due to higher manufacturing and shipping costs, water becomes more expensive because desalination plants rely on fuel, and electricity costs increase when boiling water.

"All of those things right across the chain add up," Saunders said. "By the time you get to

that cup of tea, it may have increased in price by a dollar."

The minister warned that residents should expect to see increases not only in grocery prices, but also at the fuel pump and in electricity bills, as the country relies heavily on diesel-powered energy generation. However, he noted that the full impact has not yet reached consumers, as suppliers are still using fuel purchased before prices spiked.

"The war has only been going on about four weeks," he said. "They likely still have inventory bought at the lower price. But once that runs out and they start purchasing at the higher rate, consumers will feel it."

Saunders explained that fuel inventories could last weeks or even months, depending on supply levels. But once new shipments reflecting higher global prices enter the system, increases will become more noticeable.

Even if the conflict ends soon, he cautioned that higher-priced fuel already in the global supply chain will still make its way to the Turks and Caicos.

"That's already locked in," he said. "We will see it at some point."

The minister also warned that prolonged instability in the Middle East, even without full-scale warfare, could keep oil prices elevated for an extended period.

"If the war ends quickly, we may only see one or two months of higher prices," Saunders said. "But if it drags on, or if tensions continue to disrupt shipping, we could be dealing with six months or even a year of elevated costs."

In response, Saunders confirmed that government has already begun discussions with the territory's electricity provider, Pelican Energy, former FortisTCI, to explore ways to ease the burden on consumers.

He said the focus is on "smoothing out" potential increases in electricity costs, rather than im-



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mediately implementing subsidies.

Saunders referenced a previous government intervention during his tenure as finance minister, when authorities capped the fuel factor on electricity bills at \$0.24 per kilowatt-hour, with government absorbing any additional costs. That initiative lasted approximately three months and cost the public purse millions.

While a similar subsidy has not yet been confirmed, Saunders noted that such decisions would fall under the Ministry of Finance.

"I don't want to commit to

something that may or may not happen," he said, adding that government has demonstrated in the past a willingness to intervene when necessary.

For now, he emphasized that while his ministry is focused on electricity costs, other areas, including fuel prices at the pump and retail goods, will require action from other government portfolios.

Despite the uncertainty, Saunders expressed hope that the conflict will be short-lived.

"It's our hope and prayer that the war doesn't drag on," he said. "Because if it does, the situation will become more dire."

“The Work Before Us 2: Four Years After the Contract, What Did We Actually Build?”

An Op-Ed by Paladin

There is an old saying:

“We are not required to complete the job, but neither are we free to abandon it.”

It is a reminder that nation-building is not a sprint, not a single administration’s burden, and certainly not a matter of political convenience. It is the work before all of us — citizens and leaders alike.

In February 2021, the Progressive National Party presented A Citizen’s Contract, a sweeping manifesto that promised transformation across every sector of national life. It was bold, ambitious, and in many ways inspiring. But four years later, the question is not whether the promises were inspiring — it is whether they were delivered.

And the truth, when examined with fairness and firmness, is mixed.

Where Progress Was Real — and Visible

Infrastructure: A Partial Win Roadworks across Providenciales and Grand Turk are visible. Communities can point to resurfaced roads, drainage improvements, and long-overdue upgrades. These align with the pledge to “prioritise the building and maintenance of a system of roads critical to the economic, social and security needs of our communities.”

But the promised **20-year infrastructure pipeline** — the strategic backbone — has never been published. We see the asphalt, but not the plan.

Digital Government: Movement, Not Mastery

Online portals have expanded. Digital IDs are in pilot stages. Some services are easier to access. This reflects the manifesto’s promise of a modern, accessible government.

But the full vision — a unified e-identity, seamless inter-agency data, and true “government-as-a-service” — remains incomplete. Progress, yes. Transformation, not yet.

Tourism Reform: Fulfilled, Then Failed

The Tourist Board was dissolved and replaced with the DMMO — a key manifesto promise. It was celebrated as revolutionary. It was compared to Apple’s leap from iPod to iPhone. It was projected to generate **\$640 million in additional annual economic growth.**

And then, in January 2026, the government admitted the truth:

- The DMMO’s corporate structure **did not comply** with the Public Finance Management Ordinance.

- It created **“operational and governance inefficiencies.”**

- It must now be **dis-mantled** and replaced with a new tourism authority.

A flagship reform — fulfilled, then reversed. This is not failure alone; it is a lesson in planning, governance, and humility.

Where Promises Stalled — or Never Left the Page

Crown Land Reform: Still Unworkable, Still Unfair

The manifesto called the existing system “unworkable and unfair.”

Four years later:

- No comprehensive reform bill

- No transparent allocation system

- No public registry

- No shift to “fully serviced lots only”

This was one of the most important promises. It remains one of the least addressed.

Food Security: A Missed Opportunity

The manifesto promised:

- A national food production cooperative

- Agricultural zones

- A fully functional agriculture and fisheries department by 2025

None of these exist.

The country remains almost entirely import-dependent — more vulnerable than ever.

Housing: The Crisis Continues

The promised **TCI Housing Authority** has not been established.

Shantytowns persist.

Affordable housing remains scarce.

Mortgage security schemes never materialized.

Housing was framed as a basic right.

It remains a basic struggle.

The Silence Between the Promises

The chronic lack of investigative reporting in the TCI — News Papers — has left citizens without the tools to evaluate governance. GIS communications highlight ribbon cuttings, not delays. Press releases celebrate announcements, not outcomes. This is not a partisan problem. It is a democratic one.

When the press reports events but not results, accountability evaporates.

When government communications highlight successes but not shortcomings, citi-

zens receive a curated version of reality.

When a manifesto becomes a forgotten PDF instead of a living contract, the people lose their leverage. The work before us includes rebuilding not only systems, but expectations.

Conclusion: The Work Continues

The PNP’s 2021 manifesto was ambitious: Some promises were fulfilled. Some were partially delivered. Some were reversed. Many remain untouched.

But the deeper truth is this: The work of building a nation is never complete — but it must never be abandoned.

We are not required to finish the job in one term. We are required to be honest about what was done, what was not, and what must come next.

The work before us is not only the government’s.

It belongs to the press, to civil society, to every citizen who believes that democracy is more than voting — it is watching, questioning, remembering, and insisting.

The job is not finished. But neither are we free to walk away from it.



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The Turks and Caicos Islands Featured in Top Canadian Publications

seen an uptick in arrivals from what is one of our top source markets. I would like to thank those journalists who continue to showcase the beauty of our multi-island destination."

Among the most recent coverage are articles by Patricia Lee and Jennifer Bain, who visited the islands in early March. Bain journeyed to Little Water Cay alongside Jasmine Thomas, Executive Director of the Turks and Caicos National Trust, and Senior Visitor Experience Officer Luis Serpas. Her feature, published in National Parks Traveller, explores the Trust's work to protect the endangered rock iguana in an article titled "Protecting Endangered Rock Iguanas in the Turks and Caicos Islands".

Both writers also visited South Caicos, with Bain highlighting the destination's charm in her piece "South Caicos: Away from the Crowds in Turks and Caicos", published in A Taste for Travel, where she outlined eleven experiences in what is affectionately known as the Big South. Lee, who also explored North Caicos and Middle Caicos, captured the essence of the country's lesser-visited islands in her Vancouver Sun feature, "Beyond the Beach: Discover the slower, gentler beauty and charm of Turks and Caicos' less-visited islands".

Last November, Experience Turks and Caicos hosted a group of five Canadian travel writers on a familiarization trip. The group visited Providenciales and South Caicos, and experienced the luxury of Ambergris Cay Private Island Resort.

That visit resulted in a four-page spread in the March issue of *Châtelaine Magazine*, a leading French-Canadian women's publication popular in Quebec. In the feature, "L'archipel du lâcher-prise (The Archipelago of Letting Go)", writer Philippe Lépine explores the beauty, luxury, and spirit of the islands.

From indulgent dining experiences to the discovery of a candle at Island

Organics that transforms into massage oil, the article paints a vivid picture of relaxation and discovery. Reflecting on the Island Fish Fry, Lépine writes, "People eat, talk loudly, dance, and leave satisfied, with light hearts and, no doubt, a lovely creation found at one of the kiosks run by a local artisan."

Writer Tim Johnson, also part of that group, chronicled his experience in South Caicos in the *Toronto Star*, Canada's largest-circulation daily. In his article title "A Sleepy Caribbean Dream", he highlighted the flourishing wildlife, excellent diving and pristine waters.

The Turks and Caicos Islands has been enjoying increased visibility across Canadian media, as Experience Turks and Caicos continues to strengthen the destination's presence in that key market. In recent months, Experience Turks and Caicos hosted several Canadian travel writers who have since been highlighting the beauty and diversity of the destination across a range of key publica-

tions.

"Inviting and hosting writers from both travel trade and consumer publications is a key part of our public relations strategy to boost the visibility of the Turks and Caicos Islands," said Interim CEO Consultant, Mr. Paul Pennicook. "As a result of this exposure, combined with our efforts to train travel advisors and increased airlift out of Canada, we have

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION CONGRATULATES ACTING MANAGING DIRECTOR ON BAR RECOGNITION

The Turks and Caicos Islands Financial Services Commission (FSC) extends warm congratulations to its Acting Managing Director, Kenisha Bacchus, on her recent recognition by the Turks and Caicos Islands Bar Association at its inaugural Annual General Meeting Awards. Mrs Bacchus was honoured with the 'President's Recognition of Service' in acknowledgment of her sustained professional engagement, principled leadership, and consistent contributions to the legal community. The award recognises individuals whose steady commitment strengthens institutions, supports the administration of justice, and enhances professional continuity across the jurisdiction.

Of the award, Mrs Bacchus said: "I am deeply honoured to receive the President's Recognition of Service award. This award reflects not only my own efforts but the dedication of colleagues across the legal and regulatory community who work tirelessly to uphold the rule of law and strengthen our institutions.

"I am grateful to the Bar Association for this acknowledgement and remain committed to advancing professionalism, integrity and inclusive leadership for the benefit of the Turks and Caicos Islands." The FSC regards this acknowledgement



Acting Managing Director, Kenisha Bacchus collects her award from Bar President Mark Fulford

as a meaningful affirmation of the importance of collaborative, servicedriven leadership in both regulatory and legal spheres. Mrs Bacchus's work at the Commission has advanced regulatory capacity, promoted constructive engagement between regulators and legal practitioners, and reinforced the

importance of integrity and experience in public service. Her recognition highlights the positive impact of women's leadership in law, regulation, and governance across the Turks and Caicos Islands.

The event, held at the Key West Village Conference Centre at Beaches Turks and

Caicos Resort on Providenciales, saw the entire Bar Council re-elected unopposed for a second consecutive term. This release has been issued by the Turks and Caicos Islands Financial Services Commission.

The Bar Association's inaugural awards also celebrated enduring contributions from the profession, including the conferment of the Order of the Bar on Ariel Misick KC and Carlos Simons KC, the Long Service to the Law Award presented to Desiree Downes, Principal Legislative Drafter at the Attorney General Chamber, and tributes to former Bar presidents whose stewardship has shaped the legal landscape. These honours reflect the Association's commitment to preserving professional legacy and fostering a culture of recognition that will benefit future generations.

The FSC is proud to see Mrs Bacchus's contribution formally acknowledged and congratulates the Turks and Caicos Islands Bar Association for establishing an important tradition that celebrates service, continuity, and excellence. The Commission looks forward to continued collaboration with the Bar to support resilient, ethical, and effective administration of justice throughout the Turks and Caicos Islands.



United Way Turks and Caicos Executive members and their volunteers are grouped for a photograph at the 'Yes, I can Read' Classroom Renovation at the Ianthe Pratt Primary School in Providenciales.

United Way Opens Newly Renovated "Yes I Can Read" Classroom at Ianthe Pratt

United Way Turks and Caicos proudly celebrated the opening of its newly renovated "Yes I Can Read" classroom at Ianthe Pratt Primary School, marking a significant milestone in advancing literacy and educational support for young learners across the Turks and Caicos Islands.

The reading intervention program, which began in March 2025 in a shared space, has now been transformed into a dedicated, vibrant learning environment. In partnership with the school administration and generous community supporters, a container was redesigned into a welcoming classroom tailored specifically for reading instruction within this heavily populated school. The new space will serve as a reading hub for 73 students, each receiving support at varying levels and scheduled time slots.

Parents and community members were invited to tour the new "Yes I Can Read" Reading Room, celebrating students' progress and witnessing firsthand as young readers demonstrated growing confidence in their skills.

This impactful initiative was made possible through the generous support of community partners:

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Special appreciation is extended to Intervention Teacher Ms. Veronica Simpson and dedicated volunteer Mrs. Debbie Camarro, whose commitment continues to make a lasting impact on the children in the program. The newly established classroom pro-

vides targeted reading interventions, equipping students with foundational literacy skills essential for academic success and lifelong learning. The "Yes I Can Read" program emphasizes structured instruction, individualized support, and engaging resources tailored to diverse learning needs.

Chairman of the Board, Mr. Mark Fulford, officially declared the classroom open, sharing:

"This space is not just a room, it was intentionally designed to create a comfortable and supportive environment where students can thrive as they learn to read."

CEO Claudine Ewing added:

"This initiative reflects our ongoing commitment to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to succeed in a comfortable and inspiring space. By investing in literacy, we are investing in the future of our community."

A parent also shared a powerful testimonial about the program's impact: "My son started at a level where he

didn't know the alphabet, and now, because of this program, he is confidently breaking down words and reading. I am truly grateful to Ms. Simpson for her patience and dedication."

School's Principal and Vice Principal echoed their enthusiasm, highlighting the significant growth observed in participating students and the program's potential to transform learning outcomes and boost confidence.

The classroom is equipped with specialized materials, interactive tools, and tablets for online learning. Each student also receives a one-year subscription to the IXL learning platform. The "Yes I Can Read" initiative is part of United Way Turks and Caicos' broader mission to improve education and create pathways to success for children and families throughout the islands. Through strong partnerships and community engagement, the organization continues to make a meaningful difference.

Department of Youth Affairs, Culture Launch "Camp Discovery: Easter Edition" 2026

The Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture has announced the launch of "Camp Discovery: Easter Edition," a collaborative Easter holiday programme hosted by the Department of Youth Affairs and the Department of Culture.

This engaging and educational camp is designed to provide children across the Turks and Caicos Islands with a safe, enriching, and enjoyable environment during the Easter break.

The camp will be held from 7–10 April 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. daily, with drop-off from 8:30 a.m. The programme is open to children ages 7–15 and will take place simultaneous-

ly on Grand Turk, South Caicos, North and Middle Caicos, and Providenciales, ensuring equitable access to meaningful youth development opportunities across the islands.

Participants will benefit from a dynamic range of activities that promote creativity, learning, cultural awareness, and teamwork. Planned sessions include kite making and flying, arts and crafts, Easter bun and fish preparation, STEM-based activities, cultural experiences, field trips, traditional games, and other interactive opportunities rooted in TCI Easter traditions. These experiences are carefully designed to strengthen social skills, boost confidence, encourage

curiosity, and foster a sense of national pride among young participants.

Honourable Rachel Taylor, Minister of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture, invites parents and guardians to take advantage of this initiative. "Programmes such as Camp Discovery provide our children with valuable opportunities to learn beyond the classroom, build friendships, and develop essential life skills in a fun and supportive setting. I strongly encourage parents to register their children early, as spaces are limited. This initiative reflects our Government's commitment to investing in the holistic development of our young people and creating positive, enriching

experiences during school breaks."

Registration is now open, and spaces are limited. Parents and guardians are encouraged to secure their child's participation early by completing the online registration form at the following link:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/62wULG1maX>

The Ministry remains committed to delivering impactful youth programmes that support personal growth, cultural preservation, and future readiness. "Camp Discovery: Easter Edition" promises to be a memorable and meaningful holiday experience for children across the Turks and Caicos Islands.

TCI Bar Honours Distinguished Members of the Profession at Inaugural AGM Awards

The Turks and Caicos Islands Bar Association hosted its First Annual AGM Awards Ceremony on Saturday evening at the Royal Turks and Caicos Golf Club, marking a significant and historic moment for the legal profession in the Islands.

The introduction of the AGM Awards establishes a new institutional tradition, one grounded in recognising service, leadership, and the enduring contributions of those who have shaped the development of the Bar and the administration of justice.

Collectively, the awards reflected the full spectrum of service to the profession, including advocacy, public service, institutional leadership, and the often unseen work that sustains the legal system.

In an evening defined by reflection, dignity, and professional fellowship, the Association honoured members of the Bar across several categories of distinction.

Order of the Bar – Service Recognition

The highest honour of the evening, the Order of the Bar, was conferred upon individuals whose contributions have had a lasting and shaping impact on the profession:

- Ariel Misick KC
- Carlos Simons KC

Both honourees were recognised for their distinguished service, intellectual leadership, and meaningful contributions to the legal and constitutional development of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

President’s Recognition of Service

The President’s Recognition of Service was presented to individuals whose contributions reflect commitment, professionalism, and support for the strength and continuity of the Bar:

- Hon. Rhondalee Braithwaite-Knowles KC
- Jonathan Katan KC
- Rasheeda Ewing
- Kenisha Bacchus

Each was acknowledged for their respective roles in strengthening the administration of justice, upholding professional standards, and contributing to the work and institutional development of the Bar.

Long Service to the Law Award

The Long Service to the Law Award was presented to:

- Desiree Downes

Ms Downes was recognised for her many years of dedicated service as



Members of the TCI Delegation that attended the people First HR event in Las Vegas, Nevada

Chief Legislative Drafter, and for her significant contribution to the development of the statutory framework of the Turks and Caicos Islands. Her work, though often undertaken outside of public view, has had a profound and lasting impact on the legal system and institutional stability of the jurisdiction.

Tribute to Former Presidents and Leaders

The Association also paid tribute to former Presidents and leaders of the Bar, acknowledging their stewardship and the role they have played in shaping the institution over time.

In recognising that leadership is carried forward across generations, the Bar took the opportunity to honour those present who have contributed to its continued strength and development.

Those present to receive their awards were:

- Conrad Griffiths KC
- Richard Savory KC
- George Missick

In Memoriam

The Association also paused to honour and remember members of the profession who have passed, acknowledging their enduring contribution and the foundation they helped to build.

The event was well attended by members of the Bar, members of the Judiciary, and invited guests, reflecting strong support for the Association and its work.

In his remarks, the President of the Bar, Mark A. Fulford, reflected on the significance of the evening:

“A profession is not built in a moment. It is built over time, through service, through leadership, and through a shared commitment to something greater than ourselves. Tonight is about recognising those who have carried that responsibility.”

He noted that the introduction of the AGM Awards represents the beginning of an enduring tradition, one that ensures the contributions of members of the Bar are formally recognised and preserved for future generations.

The Turks and Caicos Islands Bar Association intends for these awards to become a permanent feature of its Annual General Meeting, reinforcing a culture of recognition, continuity, and professional excellence. In doing so, the Bar affirms that the strength of the profession lies not only in its present, but in its ability to honour its past and invest in its future.



Members of the TCI Delegation that attended the people First HR event in Las Vegas, Nevada

Human Resources professionals from the Turks and Caicos Islands **Financial Services Commission (FSC)** attended Transform 2026, the premier annual conference for people professionals and

WorkTech innovators. Held at Wynn Las Vegas, Nevada (23–25 March) under the theme “Lead the Transformation in the Age of AI,” the event brought together global HR and business

TCI FSC EMBRACES AI AND PEOPLE-FIRST HR AT TRANSFORM 2026

leaders to examine how artificial intelligence is reshaping people strategy and future-ready organisational design.

Transform 2026 convened visionary speakers and practitioners to explore how new intelligence can be harnessed to enhance productivity, creativity, and trust within people-centred organisations. Session topics included the AI revolution, talent strategy, workplace health and well-being, leadership, and practical frameworks for implementing AI-enabled HR solutions.

Representing the FSC were Office Manager **Flore Mullings** and HR Officer **Candre Skippings**. They joined a strong contingent of Turks and Caicos Islands HR and administrative professionals from Experience Turks and Caicos, the Ports Authority, KB Homes, Turks and Caicos Collection, The Ritz-Carlton Resort, and Tiersa Hall of Impactful Imprints. The FSC’s attendance

underscores its commitment to professional development, cross-sector collaboration, and the adoption of innovative practices to strengthen local institutions and communities.

“Investing in learning opportunities such as Transform 2026 ensures our team returns equipped with practical insights and global perspectives that will benefit the FSC and the wider Turks and Caicos workforce,” said **Kenisha Bacchus**, Managing Director (Ag). “Our presence at this forum reflects our continued dedication to excellence, innovation, and collaboration as we adapt responsibly to technological change.”

The Commission looks forward to integrating the knowledge and best practice gained at Transform 2026 into its operations and sharing these learnings across the public and private sectors to support sustainable growth.

The Rise of Right-Wing Populism and What It Could Mean for the Turks and Caicos Islands

An Op-Ed by Anthony Gardiner

For nearly a decade, one figure has loomed large over politics in the Western Hemisphere: Donald Trump. Whether admired by supporters or criticized by opponents, his unapologetic political style has reshaped political conversations not only in the United States but across much of the world.

His return to the Oval Office on January 20, 2025, after defeating incumbent Vice President Kamala Harris in the 2024 election signaled more than a domestic political shift. It marked the beginning of a renewed U.S. focus on the Western Hemisphere.

Recent developments, including a high-profile raid carried out by U.S. special forces that reportedly led to the capture of Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro, suggest that the Caribbean and Latin America may once again play a more prominent role in American foreign policy.

Another sign of this renewed regional focus was the recent gathering in Florida known as the Shield of the Americas Summit. The meeting brought together leaders from across the hemisphere to discuss security cooperation, migration, and organized crime. However, the absence of prominent figures such as Claudia Sheinbaum and Mia Mottley raised questions about a growing ideological divide in the region.

In many ways, the summit reflected a broader shift. Across parts of the Americas, governments that favor stronger borders, tougher crime policies, and a more assertive national posture appear to be gaining influence. In other words, the language of right-wing populism is becoming increasingly visible in regional politics.

At first glance, many people in the Turks and Caicos Islands might assume these developments have little to do with us. It is easy to



view such political changes as issues for the region's larger powers. But history suggests that would be a mistake.

When the United States shifts its foreign policy priorities, the effects are often felt throughout the Caribbean. The region has seen this before, whether through economic measures, security initiatives, or diplomatic pressure applied to neighboring states such as Cuba.

The reality is that small island territories like ours do not exist in isolation. Our economy depends heavily on tourism, international

investment, and regional stability. Migration policy and border management are also closely connected to broader Caribbean and American systems.

When political winds shift in Washington, they eventually reach our shores. The growing influence of right-wing populist politics across the hemisphere also raises an important question: could similar political themes begin to shape public debate here at home? Populism often gains traction in contexts where there is a demand for policies that support people who feel they lack a strong

voice in national decision-making. Across the Caribbean, these conversations are becoming more common. Issues such as immigration, the cost of living, and government accountability are increasingly central to political discussions.

This does not necessarily mean that the Turks and Caicos Islands are on the verge of a dramatic political shift. Our political culture has traditionally been more pragmatic than ideological. However, global political trends have a way of influencing local politics over time.

Campaign strategies, policy debates, and even leadership styles often reflect what voters see unfolding internationally. Perhaps the more important point is that the Caribbean may be entering a period of increased geopolitical attention. Security cooperation, migration enforcement, and economic partnerships are likely to become more prominent in the years ahead.

The discussions at the Shield of the Americas meeting suggest that Washington is once again looking south—and the Caribbean sits squarely within that strategic space. For the Turks and Caicos Islands, this could bring both opportunities and challenges. Stronger regional cooperation could help address crime and strengthen economic ties. At the same time, it may also bring new political pressures and expectations.

Ultimately, the rise of right-wing populism in the Americas is not just about ideology. It reflects a broader shift in how leaders talk about power, security, and national interest. Whether one supports or opposes these ideas, they are increasingly shaping political conversations across the hemisphere.

And if history offers any lesson for small countries and territories, it is this: global political trends rarely remain distant for long.

Community Expert Featured in TCI Top Model Professional Workshop

Over the weekend, the TCI Top Model organising committee held a professional development workshop for its 2026 contestants titled "Radiate Authenticity: Building Your Personal Brand & Public Presence". Led by communications strategist **Takara Bain**, the session equipped aspiring models with practical skills to manage their digital reputations and professional identities.

The training, designed to help contestants navigate the transition from private individuals to public figures, recognised that digital platforms increasingly function as a professional résumé. The workshop provided the 2026 cohort with a specialist toolkit for managing social media with poise and a professional mindset.

A key feature of the session was an in-depth focus on emotional intelligence (EQ), integrity and core values. Miss Bain emphasised that a sustainable career in the public eye is built on more than aesthetics; it requires character, resilience and the integrity to represent brands and yourself with honour. Contestants examined how to align personal values with professional conduct and how to remain steadfast under public scrutiny. As Owner of All Eyes On You Communica-

tions TCI Ltd and Director of Public Service Affairs for the Turks and Caicos Islands Government, Miss Takara Bain brought a dual perspective to the training. Her curriculum went beyond basic social media guidance to explore the professional responsibilities of national representation.

Participants took part in live "brand audits" and sessions on "digital footprint management". The workshop also addressed the internal chain of command within professional modelling contracts, stressing that once a model is signed, external opportunities must be vetted and approved by management to protect both the model and the organisation.

"In today's global fashion and entertainment industry, a model is no longer just a face; they are a person of influence and a representative of the products or company's core values," said Miss Bain. "Through my work in both the private and public sectors, I have seen how a reputation is built over time and how it can be affected by a single unthinking post. I aimed to ensure these young men and women understood that their digital presence is a professional reflection that never closes. We trained them

to 'Radiate Authenticity' and to align their personal truths with a professional standard that commands respect from judges, sponsors and the public alike."

Courtney Robinson, Founder and Executive Producer of TCI Top Model, said the workshop reaffirms TCI Top Model's commitment to the holistic development of its participants. "TCI Top Model has always been about more than the runway; it is about discovering and developing ambassadors who can represent the Turks and Caicos Islands with distinction," Mr Robinson said. "The education Miss Bain provided has given our contestants a sophisticated understanding of brand strategy. We want our participants to leave this competition not just with a title but with a durable professional reputation and the emotional intelligence to thrive in the spotlight. This training is about building careers that last."

The Turks and Caicos' premier fashion event returns bigger and bolder. **Cycle 7** of TCI Top Model culminates in a spectacular Grand Finale on **Saturday, May 2nd, 2026**, at Brayton Hall, Providenciales – expect high fashion, fierce competition and unforgettable entertainment.

Tickets are currently on sale; for more information, call **649-232-6796** or follow **@TCITopModel** on all social platforms.



Communications strategist Takara Bain

WHERE ARE THE LOCAL ARTISTS?

Across the Turks and Caicos Islands, the skyline is changing. New resorts rise along the northern coastline of Providenciales, promising luxury, exclusivity, and world-class experiences designed for the global traveler.

These developments are often celebrated as progress, as evidence of economic growth and international relevance.

But beneath that narrative lies a quieter question:

- who is this development truly for, if it does not meaningfully include the culture of the place it occupies?
- More specifically, where are the local artists?

Modern tourism is no longer defined by architecture alone. Today's traveler is not simply purchasing a room. They are seeking experience, identity, and connection to a place. In response, hospitality brands increasingly market authenticity as a defining feature of luxury.

Encouragingly, there are emerging examples within the Turks and Caicos Islands where this principle is present. Recent developments such as Beaches Resort's new village extension, Treasure Beach and The Strand TCI have made intentional efforts to incorporate local visual artists into their properties, signalling an understanding that art is not an accessory, but an essential component of place-making.

These efforts demonstrate what is possible. Yet, across many developments, this level of integration remains inconsistent or non-existent. In comparison, the yet to open properties like the Andaz feature videos claiming to be rooted in culture while promoting Nigerian-Canadian and Trinidadian artists; whose work will adorn its walls and shape the narrative of "local culture" to its visitors. There are whispers of developments transporting artists all expenses paid to create and outfit their properties with art. Instead of commissioning local artists, properties also rely on imported, mass-produced décor or artwork sourced from overseas. The result is a visual identity that could belong anywhere.

A resort may sit on TCI Soil, but its interiors frequently tell no story of the islands themselves. This is more than an aesthetic oversight. It is a missed cultural and economic opportunity.

Local artists are not merely decorative contributors. They are interpreters of place, translating the land, its flora, and its lived experience into visual form. In a destination like the Turks and Caicos Islands, where identity is deeply tied to landscape and memory, art plays a critical role in shaping how a place is understood and remembered.



To exclude local artists from major developments is, in effect, to remove one of the most direct expressions of national identity from the visitor experience.

There is also a clear economic cost. When developments bypass local creatives, funds that could circulate within the domestic economy instead flow outward. This is a form of economic leakage that is rarely discussed but widely felt. Commissioning local artists, licensing their work, and integrating it into design and branding are not acts of charity. They're investments in a local creative economy with the potential to grow alongside tourism itself.

There remains an outdated assumption that meeting international standards requires looking outward rather than inward. But globally, the opposite is increasingly true. The most competitive destinations are those that embed local culture into their offerings in meaningful ways. Authenticity is no longer optional; it is expected.

The Turks and Caicos Islands should not aspire to look like everywhere else. Its value lies in being unmistakably itself. The positive steps taken by developments such as Beaches' Treasure Beach and The Strand TCI should not be viewed as exceptions, but as a model.

They show that integrating local artists is both achievable and beneficial, enhancing the guest experience while supporting the domestic economy.

This raises an important question for policymakers and developers alike: what would it look like to make this approach standard practice? Practical solutions already exist. Development frameworks/agreements can encourage or require a percentage of project budgets to be allocated to local art.

Our newly launched national artist registry by the Department of Culture could streamline procurement and ensure professional standards.

Partnerships between developers and cultural institutions could allow artists to be involved from the earliest design stages, rather than as an afterthought.

Hotels themselves can play a role by hosting exhibitions, supporting artist residencies, and incorporating locally produced work into their guest experience. Beyond one-time purchases, licensing agreements can allow artists to benefit from the continued use of their work across branding and digital platforms. None of this is radical. It is standard practice in destinations that understand the long-term value of cultural identity.

At its core, this issue is about more than art. It is about how a country chooses to represent itself, and who is included in that representation. The Turks and Caicos Islands is not simply a collection of beaches and luxury buildings. It is a living culture, shaped by its people, its history, and its environment. Its artists are part of that fabric, producing work that reflects and preserve what makes these islands distinct.

To build a tourism industry that does not meaningfully include them is to create a version of the country that is incomplete.

As development continues, the question is not whether the islands will grow. Growth is already underway. The question is whether that growth will be rooted in the identity of the place, or whether it will continue to operate around it.

In a global market where authenticity carries increasing value, the answer should be clear.

I leave you to ponder:

Turks and Caicos, where are YOUR artists?

HezronH

"We are all blended with a swath of experiences; walking, breathing, and thinking creatures full of insight and emotions expelled through every single pore. Our aura illuminates spaces of darkness and drives ideas through vision, endowing minds

with fragments of personality shimmering through a kaleidoscope of colour."

Turks and Caicos Islands' artist Hezron Henry's work is an exploration of this concept, via his practice. His body of work consists of oil stick, oil pastel and acrylic on paper, canvas, and digital painting, adapting both traditional and modern painting mediums to his signature style.

His art is laden with vibrant colours and a link is established highlighting the emotive power of colour. Drawing inspiration from his youth, collecting comics, and his everyday interactions as an adult, he bridges youthful vibrancy and rule-breaking with the depth of an individual's search for belonging in a region, still underrepresented, and overlooked. Hezron infuses his portraits with introspection and longing while vivid colours harken to a palette present in Fauvism. His passion is honest artistic expression, creating an experience people can enjoy and connect with on an ethereal level.

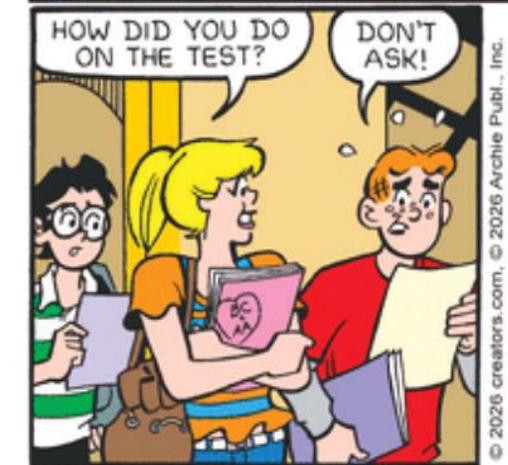
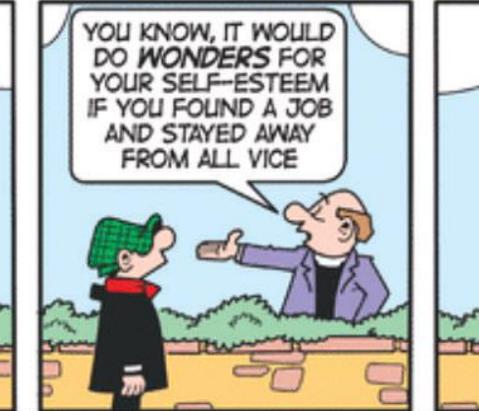
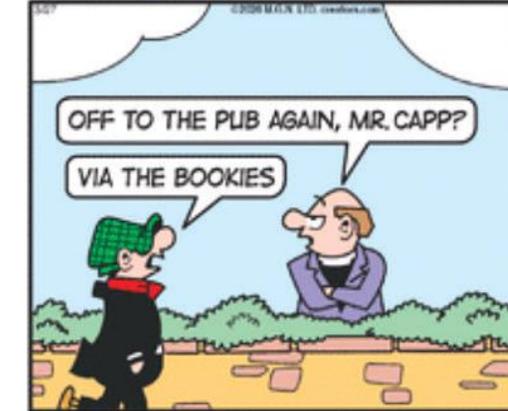
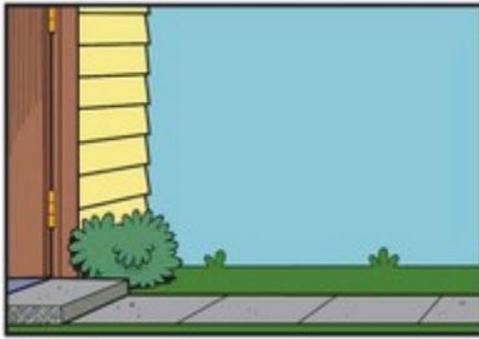
As one of Turks and Caicos' most prolific artists he has exhibited in cities across Australia, New Zealand, the UK, Trinidad & Tobago at CARIFESTA, Portland (USA), and at Art Takes 2021 (NYC). Hezron has also had the pleasure of being featured in several publications:

Beautiful Bizarre Magazine, Wacom's "The Next Level," Turks and Caicos Magazine, and selected as "Curators' Picks: Emerging" on international art platform Artsy. Select Achievements/Exhibitions/Publications/Projects

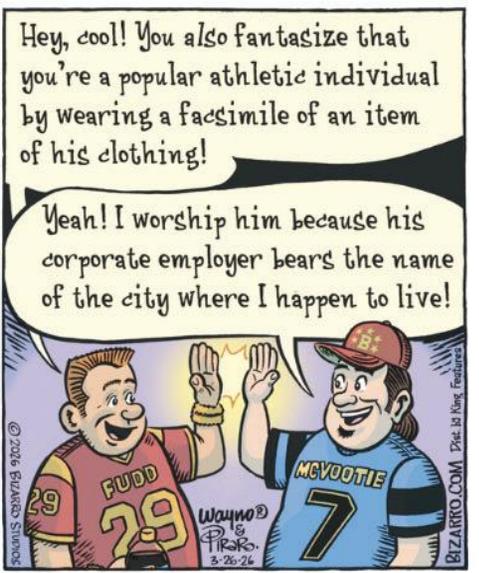
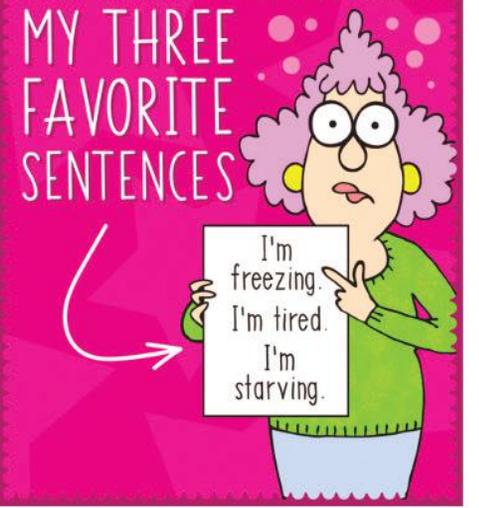
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GARFIELD

BY JIM DAVIS



NEWSLINE TCI COMICS



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BROWN *pelican*

NEWSLINE
Heritage



For generations, the Brown Pelican has been a familiar and iconic presence across the Turks and Caicos Islands. Recognised as the national bird of the islands, the brown pelican is known for its distinctive appearance and remarkable fishing ability.

Easily identified by its long bill and expandable throat pouch, the pelican uses this unique feature to scoop up fish while diving into the sea. Often seen gliding low over the water or plunging headfirst in pursuit of prey, the bird has become a defining part of the coastal landscape throughout the islands.

Despite its common presence today, the brown pelican once faced serious threats. In the mid-20th century, populations declined significantly due to the widespread use of harmful pesticides, which affected breeding success and led to the species being listed as endangered in several regions.

Following increased environmental awareness and the banning of many of these chemicals, brown pelican populations gradually recovered. Conservation efforts and legal protections helped restore their numbers, allowing them to once again thrive across coastal areas of the Caribbean, including the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Today, the brown pelican remains a symbol of the islands' rich marine environment and biodiversity. Its presence along the shores and harbours serves as a reminder of both the fragility and resilience of wildlife in the region.

As the national bird of the Turks and Caicos Islands, the brown pelican continues to represent the close relationship between the people of the islands and the ocean that sustains them.

FisherFolkFirst Launches App to Connect TCI Fishers Directly with Customers

Local non-profit organisation FisherFolkFirst has launched an app that connects TCI's commercial fishers directly with customers.

The free app has the potential to transform fishers' access to markets while also making it easier for customers in the TCI to buy fresh, locally caught, sustainable seafood. Through the FisherFolkFirst app, fishers can showcase their unique 'stories': who they are, what species they target, how they fish, where they fish, and what makes their seafood higher quality or more sustainable.

Fishers are encouraged to build consumers' confidence in the quality of their seafood by posting photos and especially videos that explain how seafood is handled, cleaned, and kept fresh on ice. This 'storied seafood' has added value and FisherFolkFirst hopes the app will lead to greater profits for fishers and to higher quality, sustainable seafood for consumers.

The FisherFolkFirst app was developed in collaboration with software engineers from Robinform and co-designed with TCI fishers themselves who gave valuable suggestions to improve the platform. The app was kept simple and made to be as inclusive and accessible as possible.

To use the app, fishers only need a smartphone, internet access, and WhatsApp, which is the interface they use to send information, photos, and videos to the FisherFolkFirst app. Each fisher has an individual profile page where every photo and video they send is posted, and these are also added to the 'Catch of the Day' page of the app. Customers can download the app or browse it as a website (both available at www.fisherfolkfirstapp.com).

They can use the app as a directory of fishers, contacting them through the app, or by using the contact details listed in a fisher's profile. Customers can also use the app as a digital marketplace, responding to photos and videos of seafood posted, and by making

orders directly with fishers.

"With the app we want to unlock opportunities for TCI's fishers and empower them to access new markets directly. We also want customers to be able to appreciate where this local, high-quality, seafood comes from, value that seafood more, and value the fishers who caught it. Ultimately, these are key components to securing sustainable livelihoods for fisherfolk," said Marta Calosso, Executive Director and Co-Founder of FisherFolkFirst.

With only limited exceptions, any active commercially licenced fisher can have a profile on the FisherFolkFirst app. To register as a fisher on the app, visit www.fisherfolkfirstapp.com, click on 'WhatsApp' in the top right corner, and follow the instructions which come as text and voice messages. If needed, fishers can contact info@fisherfolkfirst.org for assistance.

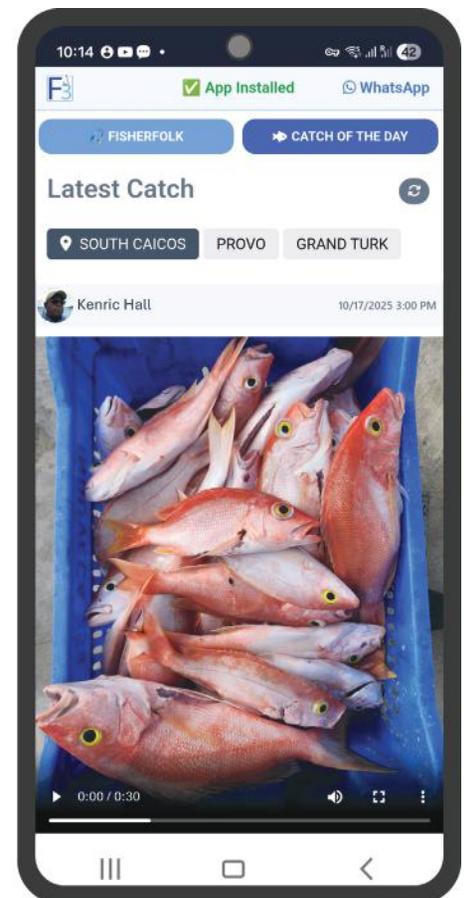
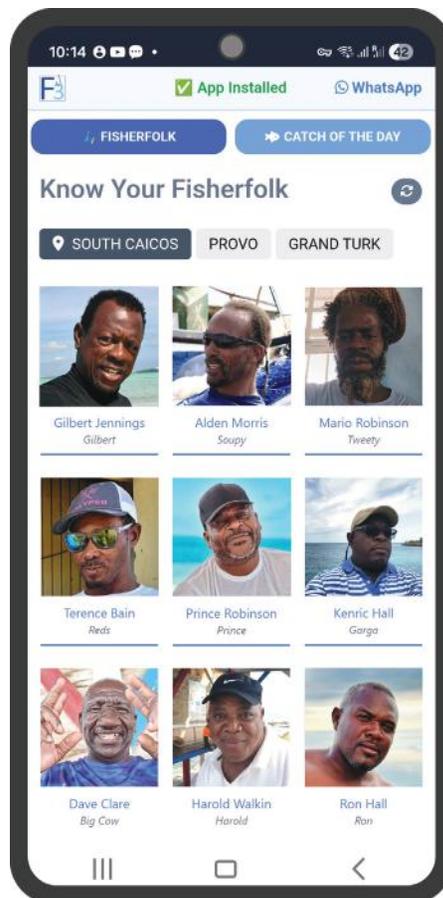
FisherFolkFirst is a non-profit organisation registered in the TCI. FisherFolkFirst works with small-scale fishers and fish workers to secure prosperous and dignified futures built on firm foundations of social justice and sustainability through implementation, outreach, education, advocacy, and research. For more information, or to donate, visit www.fisherfolkfirst.org.



Lucy Frith, Providenciales fisherwoman, learning to use the FisherFolkFirst app with Marta Calosso, FisherFolkFirst



Photo posted on the FisherFolkFirst app: Conrad 'Qually' Kennedy with a large snapper he caught.



FisherFolkFirst App: 'Know Your Fisherfolk' page linking to fishers' individual profile pages; 'Catch-of-the-Day' page showing the most recent photos and videos posted by fishers.



Fishers James Lockhart and Willis Jennings learn about the FisherFolkFirst app at South Caicos fishing dock.

Life Line FEATURED CHURCH

Paradise Baptist Church

This week we feature one of the Turks and Caicos Islands' longest serving churches – the Paradise Baptist Church located in Five Cays, Providenciales. The Paradise Baptist Church has been serving that community and its environs for decades. Pastored by Rev. Goldstone Williams, the Paradise Baptist Church, a few years ago underwent a major redevelopment exercise, to better serve the community. It is now one of the largest halls in the Turks and Caicos, thus making it a magnet for large church-related events, such as valedictory service and graduations. In addition to its regular Sunday service, Paradise Baptist Church conducts Prayer meeting and bible study on Wednesday; Every 2nd and 4th Friday of each month Daughters of The King meetings; Thursday & Saturday at 7pm Praise team practice; and Friday evening at 7pm Youth Fellowship. Its contact number is 941-4349.



Life line Church Directory

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

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

Christ is the Answer Ministry,
George Alley Off Aviation Drive, Providenciales
Tel: 241-8030

One Nation Empowerment Center
Church Ministry, Suite #12 Alliance
Business Center, Princess Drive, Grace Bay, Providenciales.
Tel: (649) 244-6194. Email: apostleyoung1952@yahoo.com.

Touch of Love Ministries International Center
Industrial Park, Five Cays, Providenciales
Tel: 941-4903 Fax: 941-7731

Abundant Life Ministries International
P.O. Box 696 Christian City, Leeward
Highway, Providenciales
Tel:941-941-4750 Fax: 941-4755

Anglican Church Rectory Grand Turk,
Front Street, Grand Turk. Tel:946-2289

Bethany Baptist Church,
Blue Hills, Providenciales
Tel:941-4803 / 941-5632 / 941-5118

Church of God of Prophecy,
Lower Bight, Providenciales
Tel: 941-8854

Bible Study Ministries, Grand Turk
Tel:946-1866

Calvary Baptist Church,
South Caicos. Tel:946-3212

Harvest Bible Chapel TCI,
Leeward Highway, Long Bay, Providenciales.
Tel: 1649 333-2009
Email: hbctciinfo@gmail.com.
<https://www.harvesttci.tc>.

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

Church of God of Prophecy,
Providenciales Tel:941-3438

Roman Catholic Church,
Providenciales, Tel: 941-5136

Faith Tabernacle Church of God,
Providenciales, Tel:946-4073

New Testament Church of God,
Orea Alley, Grand Turk Tel:946-2175

New Testament Church of God,
South Caicos Tel:946-3631

Methodist Church,
Grand Turk Tel:946-2352

Healing Waters Ministries,
Blue Hills Providenciales Tel: 941-5867

House of Prayer Church of God,
Long Bay Road Providenciales Tel: 941-8309

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses,
Darrell Road, Grand Turk Tel:946-2727

Mount Mariah Baptist Church,
Conch Bar Middle Caicos Tel:946-6205

New Beginning Harvest Ministry,
Pond Street, Grand Turk Tel:946-1759

New Testament Church of God
Orea Alley
P.O. Box 495 Blue Hills, Providenciales
Tel: 946-1255
Airport Road, South Caicos
Tel:231-2402

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

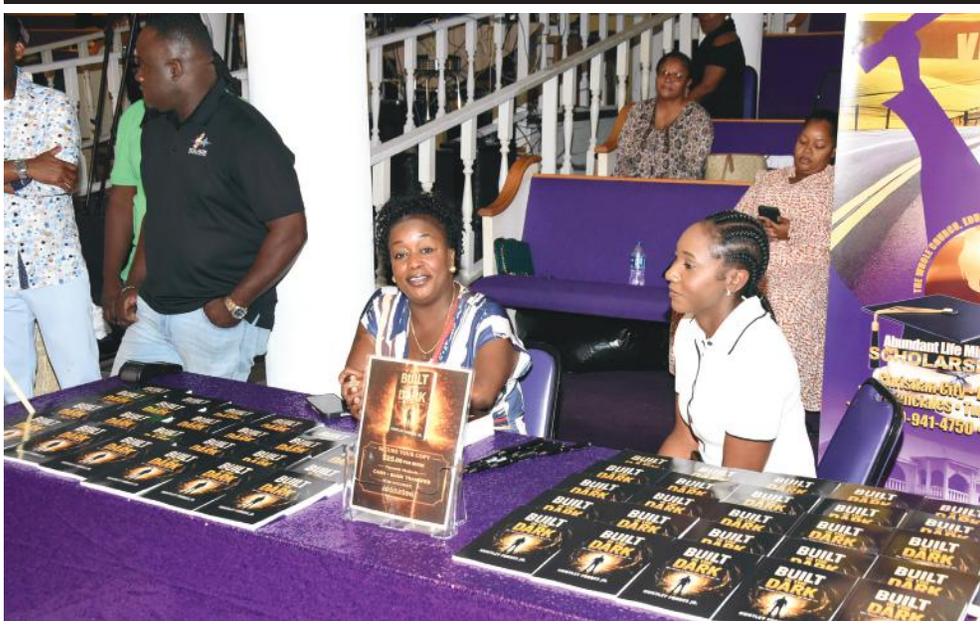
Editor's Note: If your Ministry is not listed and/or you would like for it to be part of the NEWSLINETCI Church Diary, contact us at: contact@newslnetci.com



'BUILT IN THE DARK' BOOK LAUNCH

Persons from all walks of life converged on the Abundant Life Ministries International Church, located along Leeward Highway in Providenciales to support "Built in the Dark", the Huntley (Super P) Forbes Book Launch and Concert. The event was attended by members of the political administration, led by Deputy Premier Hon. Jamell Robinson. Also in attendance was Chief Justice Mabel Agyemang. The guest artist for the event was Petra-Kaye. The following are highlights of the event.





EARLY SIGNS OF INSULIN RESISTANCE YOU SHOULD NOT IGNORE

Why blood sugar issues start long before diabetes

By Monica Uttamchandani
Holistic Health Coach, Turks and Caicos

Insulin resistance does not appear overnight. It develops quietly, often years before a diagnosis of prediabetes or type 2 diabetes. Many people experience symptoms daily without realising blood sugar regulation is at the root. Insulin is the hormone responsible for moving glucose from the bloodstream into the cells to be used for energy. When cells stop responding efficiently to insulin, the pancreas produces more. Over time, this leads to chronically high insulin levels, inflammation, and metabolic stress. Common Early Signs of Insulin Resistance

You do not need to have diabetes to experience insulin resistance. Early signs often include:

- Strong sugar or carbohydrate cravings
- Fatigue after meals
- Brain fog
- Difficulty losing weight
- Weight gain around the abdomen
- Darkened skin patches around the neck or underarms
- Frequent hunger even after eating
- Increased inflammation

These symptoms are often dis-



missed as normal or blamed on aging, stress, or lack of willpower. Supporting Insulin Sensitivity Daily

The goal is not restriction. It is stability. Helpful habits include:

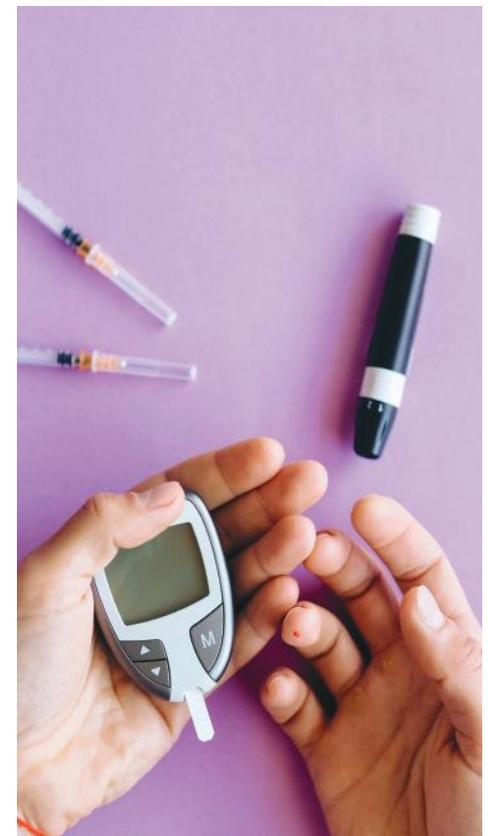
- Eating protein at every meal, such as eggs, Greek yoghurt, fish, chicken, lentils, beans, tofu, or cottage cheese
- Pairing carbohydrates with fibre and fat, for example fruit with nut butter, rice with vegetables and olive oil, or toast with eggs instead of jam alone

- Avoiding skipped meals, especially earlier in the day, as long gaps without food lead to blood sugar drops and higher cortisol
- Reducing sugary drinks and refined snacks, including juices, sweetened coffees, pastries, and packaged snack foods
- Walking after meals, even a gentle 10 to 15 minute walk
- Prioritising sleep, aiming for consistent bedtimes and enough hours to support blood sugar regulation

Small daily habits can significantly

improve insulin sensitivity and reduce long term disease risk. For more education on blood sugar balance and metabolic health, follow @balancedbymonica on Instagram.

Monica Uttamchandani is a certified Holistic Health Coach based in the Turks and Caicos Islands. She also consults in person at The Elephant Rooms in Salt Mills, Providenciales.



HMP Grand Turk Prison Visiting Committee is Appointed to Strengthen Oversight of Prison Services

The Ministry of Public Safety and Utilities announces the appointment of the Prison Visiting Committee for a period of two (2) years. The Visiting Committee serves as an independent oversight body of HMP Grand Turk.

As a closed institution, HMP Grand Turk must operate with transparency and accountability in the delivery of its principal duties of public protection and rehabilitation. The Committee serves to ensure HMP Grand Turk is operating to proper standards of care, decency and security.

The Committee plays a critical role in strengthening transparency and accountability within the prison system by conducting regular prison visits, hearing prisoner complaints and re-

viewing the conditions and overall regime of the prison.

The following individuals have been appointed to serve on the Visiting Committee:

Ms. Latish Simmons – Chair

Mr. Delano Williams – Sport and Wellness

Mr. Guy Morgan – Entrepreneur, Business Skills and Catering

Rev. Dr. Pedro Williams – Faith and Wellbeing

Dr. Valerie Francois – Primary Healthcare

Ms. Tanya Keize-McAulay – Education

Ms. Shanetta Thompson – Secretary
Speaking on the appointments, Hon. Otis Morris, Minister of Public Safety, stated: “The establishment of the Vis-

iting Committee is an important step in strengthening accountability and transparency within our correctional system. The Committee provides an independent mechanism to ensure that individuals in custody are treated fairly and humanely, while also supporting the broader goals of rehabilitation and public safety. I am confident that the individuals appointed will bring valuable experience and community perspective to this important role.”

Her Excellency Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam, Governor of the Turks and Caicos Islands, also welcomed the appointments and highlighted the importance of independent oversight within the correctional system.

She added: “The Visiting Committee plays an essential role in upholding good governance, transparency and respect for the rule of law within our prison system. Independent oversight helps ensure that prison conditions meet appropriate standards and that concerns are identified and addressed promptly. I thank the members for their willingness to serve and contribute to this important public responsibility.”

With the appointment of the Visiting Committee, the Turks and Caicos Islands Government reaffirms its commitment to maintaining a correctional system that is transparent, accountable and grounded in the principles of justice, dignity and the rule of law.

Students Power Innovation at the 14th Annual Pelican Energy TCI National Science and Technology Fair

The spirit of innovation and discovery took center stage as students from across the Turks and Caicos Islands participated in the 14th Annual National Science and Technology Fair, held on March 4 and 5, 2026, under the theme “Powered by Science – Innovations for a Greener Tomorrow.”

The fair featured national-level competitions in science projects, debates, quizzes, and poster design, welcoming students, educators, stakeholders, and members of the public for two days of scientific exploration. The event was hosted by Pelican Energy TCI in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, and corporate partners CG Insurance, Grace Bay Car Rentals, Caicos Express Airlines, and Ports of Call Resort.

The National High School Science Projects Competition showcased cutting-edge research and practical solutions to real-world challenges. A. Louise Garland Thomas High School won first place for its project, “Turning the Tide: From Sargassum Pollution to Sustainable Bioethanol”. Second place was awarded to Holy Family Academy for its innovative project, “From Research to Reality: A Model for a Portable Artificial Kidney.” Third place went to British West Indies Collegiate for its project, “Can You Taste the Rainbow?,” which examined how sight can influence taste.

In addition, the prestigious President’s Award, personally selected by Pelican Energy TCI President Devon Cox, was presented to Precious Treasures School for its project, “AI-Powered Traffic App for Provo.” This award recognized the school’s exceptional innovation and forward-thinking approach among the high school entries.

Primary school students also delivered impressive experiments in their segment of the National Primary School Science Projects Competition. Holy Family Academy secured first place for its project, “Traditional Farming versus Hydroponics.” Second



A. Louise Garland Thomas High School team, winners of the 2026 National High School Science Project Competition



Charles Hubert James Primary School team, winners of the 2026 National Primary School Science Quiz

place went to Enid Capron Primary School for “Investigating Garbage for Plant Growth and Development.” Thelma Lightbourne Primary School earned third place for its project, “The Power of Salt: Building a Saltwater Battery – Unlocking Nature’s Electrolyte.”

This year also saw the introduction of the Curiosity Catalyst Award, which recognizes outstanding creativity and scientific excellence among primary school projects. The award was presented by the Minister of Innovation, Hon. E. Jay Saunders, to Thelma Lightbourne Primary School.

The National High School Science Debate featured thought-

ful, evidence-based discussions on emerging scientific and technological issues. Topics included deepfake technology, artificial womb research, hydrogen-powered aircraft, AI-driven data center demand, cloud seeding projects, remote robotic surgery, and underwater turbines.

H.J. Robinson High School won the debate championship title, marking the school’s first appearance in the finals, while Marjorie Basden High School secured second place. This round also marked the first time two outer-island schools competed in the Grand Finale. A. Louise Garland Thomas High School and Maranatha Academy tied for third place. The newly intro-

duced Debate Dynamo Award was presented by the Minister of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture, Hon. Rachel Taylor, to Nailah Byfield of Marjorie Basden High School, who achieved the highest cumulative score across all rounds of the debate. The National Primary School Science Quiz featured teams of students from Grades 4 through 6, with ten schools participating. The championship title was claimed by Charles Hubert James Primary School, celebrating the school’s first-ever win in the competition. Second place was secured by Eliza Simmons Primary School following two intense tie-breaking rounds, while third place went to Adelaide Oemler Primary School. The event also marked the first time two schools from North Caicos reached the finals.

The National Science Poster Competition invited high school students to creatively interpret the fair’s theme through visual storytelling in both Creative Art and Graphic Art categories. In the Creative Art category, first place went to Jamela Williams of British West Indies Collegiate, second place to A’navia Mantock of H.J. Robinson High School, and third place to Lornisha Bastien of Marjorie Basden High School. In the Graphic Art category, Danae Hernandez of Clement Howell High School secured first place, while second place went to Andie Lantomita of Holy Family Academy.

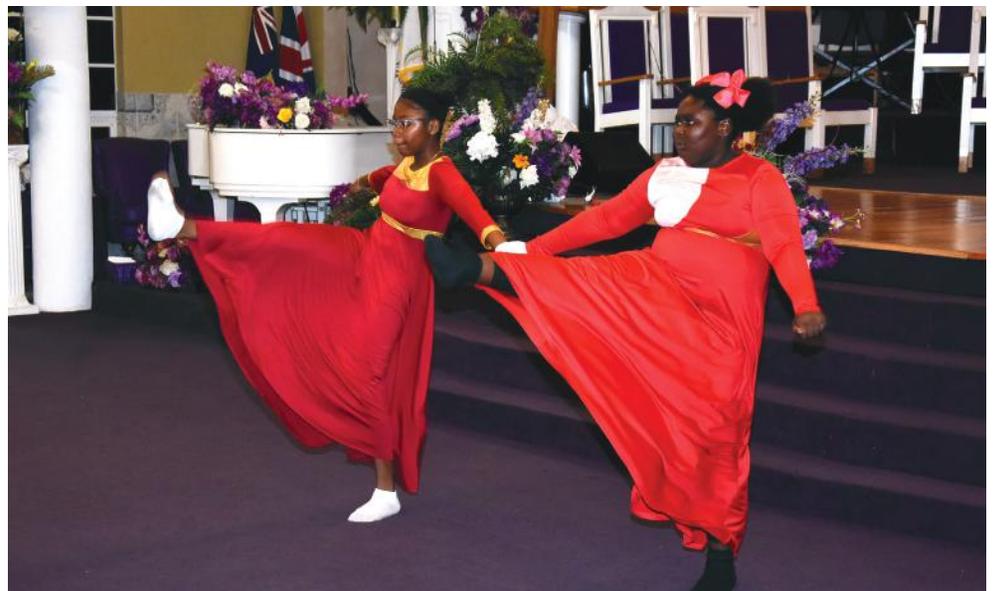
Commenting on the annual event, Devon Cox, President at Pelican Energy TCI, stated: “This year’s National Science and Technology Fair powerfully highlighted the ingenuity, creativity, and curiosity of Turks and Caicos students. It is a testament to what can be achieved when education, innovation, and public-private collaboration come together. I congratulate the students, educators, and coaches for their excellence, and thank our corporate partners for their commitment to empowering the future leaders of our country.”



ALMI Dance Concert Highlights

The Dance Ministry of the Abundant life Ministries International staged its annual Dance Concert on Friday, March 20, at the church's Leeward Highway location in Providenciales. The event was supported by almost 20 dance ministries of other churches on the island. The following are photo highlights of the event.





How to recognize possible complications during the postpartum period

Knowing which changes are common after childbirth and which symptoms may indicate complications can help women and their families recognize early signs that may require medical attention

Postpartum experiences are as unique as the pregnancies that come before them. Because of this, it can be difficult to recognize what's normal and what could be a complication — even if you've given birth before.

The postpartum period is generally defined as the first six weeks after birth. "Postpartum begins immediately following birth and extends through the time when your body and mind are recovering from pregnancy and delivery," says Kylie Cooper, M.D., a maternal-fetal medicine specialist at Mayo Clinic.

Recovery isn't the same for everyone, and for some people, the postpartum timeline can be longer. While the spectrum of what is considered typical postpartum is wide, there are warning signs of complications you should never ignore.

Dr. Cooper discusses postpartum complications, how to recognize them and when to seek care.

The signs you shouldn't ignore

Dr. Cooper says consistent improvement is the best indicator of typical recovery. "In general, recovery should tend toward improvement. So, if you feel like things are getting worse, or new symptoms come up, we definitely want you to reach out for care," says Dr. Cooper.

The first two weeks after delivery carry the highest risk for serious complications, though they can sometimes occur later. "The most common complications we see in that time frame are high blood pressure, hemorrhage or bleeding

complications, infection, anxiety and postpartum depression," says Dr. Cooper.

While many postpartum concerns are common and treatable, some rare but serious complications can develop during this time, which is why new or worsening symptoms should never be ignored.

"These include blood clots, like deep vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism, as well as postpartum heart issues like cardiomyopathy," says Dr. Cooper.

If you experience any of these symptoms, you should seek care as soon as possible because they can indicate serious complications:

- Worsening pelvic or incision pain, or pain that doesn't improve.
- New, heavy or increased bleeding.
- Headaches that don't improve with medication.
- Confusion or behavior changes.
- Fever or flu-like symptoms.
- Mood changes, anxiety or depression.
- Extreme fatigue that doesn't improve with rest.
- Shortness of breath, trouble breathing or chest pain.

"Symptoms related to pain, mood changes and energy levels can be dismissed as normal postpartum symptoms. While the postpartum time frame can be a challenging time, these symptoms shouldn't be dismissed," says Dr. Cooper.

Mental health-related postpartum complications

After delivery, your body undergoes a significant hormonal shift



that can affect your mood and emotions in various ways. While this is expected, symptoms usually improve in a couple of weeks. When these feelings linger or cause depression or anxiety that doesn't improve, it could indicate postpartum depression. In rare cases, a serious and life-threatening condition called postpartum psychosis can develop.

She says these feelings can improve with treatment and support. "It's certainly not a failure to seek help. We want people to know there are resources and support available for them," she says.

After the six-week postpartum visit

After your six-week postpartum visit, your care will transition back to your primary care team. But this shouldn't mean the end of postpartum care.

"It's becoming increasingly recognized that this is a much longer process, extending up to a year after delivery. I think it's important that we acknowledge that many people are not done recovering at the six-week mark," says Dr. Cooper.

If you had physical or mental health complications during the postpartum period, this transition is crucial to ensure your long-term

wellness. "This is a really important time frame to ensure we help patients establish their preventive care because pregnancy complications can impact long-term health," says Dr. Cooper.

As you continue to monitor your health and well-being during this period, it's important to pay attention to symptoms that may arise or persist beyond the initial recovery phase, as these can often be treated. "Pelvic floor symptoms are often dismissed. For example, there's this misnomer that once you have children, you will have pelvic floor issues. And that's an accepted part of your future, but it shouldn't be," says Dr. Cooper. "These are issues that can be treated and improved."

Getting the support you need postpartum

Support plays an important role in recognizing postpartum complications. Partners, family members and caregivers may notice subtle changes before you do, especially during a time marked by sleep deprivation and physical recovery. "Sometimes partners or family members are the first to recognize that something isn't right," says Dr. Cooper. "If you notice changes that concern you about your loved one, it's important to speak up and help them seek care."

AMBRA Restaurant Opens in Long Bay, Bringing Mediterranean Flair to TCI

By Vivian Tyson NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

A new era of beachfront dining and lifestyle experience has arrived in Long Bay with the official opening of AMBRA Restaurant, a Mediterranean-inspired beach club developed by Vasco Borges and his team at Beach Enclave.

The highly anticipated venue welcomed guests on Saturday, March 21, offering a concept that blends relaxed daytime beach culture with elevated evening dining, a first-of-its-kind experience for the Long Bay area.

Describing the vision behind AMBRA, Borges said the concept was inspired by the beach clubs of the Mediterranean.

"This is a place where you spend the entire day," he explained. "You enjoy loungers, light meals, wine, music, and then transition into an amazing dinner experience in the evening."

Set along a quiet stretch of Long Bay Beach, the restaurant offers panoramic ocean views and a front-row seat to one of the island's most dynamic attractions, kiteboarding. Borges likened the area to a luxury ski destination.

"Long Bay is like a high-end ski resort," he said. "Except instead of going downhill, you're kiteboarding. What was missing here was that 'après-ski' moment, a place to gather, relax, and enjoy the atmo-

sphere. AMBRA fills that gap."

Mediterranean Roots with a Caribbean Twist

Leading the culinary direction is executive chef Javier Vázquez, who has crafted a menu that extends beyond traditional Mediterranean staples.

The offerings draw from Spain, Italy and Greece, while also incorporating flavors from Morocco, Lebanon, and Turkey...all complemented by subtle Caribbean influences.

Guests can expect fresh seafood, vibrant salads, bold spices, and dishes finished over charcoal, a key element introduced to enhance flavor and authenticity.

"We wanted to showcase the full diversity of the Mediterranean," said Vázquez. "It's not just pasta and Spanish dishes... it's a wide spectrum of cultures and flavors."

Designed as a Lifestyle Destination

General Manager Matias Nascimento emphasized that AMBRA is more than just a restaurant, it is envisioned as a lifestyle hub.

From its natural wood finishes to its evolving sun-washed textures, the design reflects a seamless blend with the surrounding environment.

The ambiance shifts throughout the day, offering a laid-back beach setting by day and a more intimate, atmospheric experience by night.

"It's a relaxed environment, but with attention to detail in every-



Executive Chef Javier Vázquez (right) and General Manager Matias Nascimento



Vasco Borges (right) and guests at the official opening of AMBRA

thing we do, from service to design to cuisine," Nascimento said. "In the evening, the lighting and atmosphere completely transform the space."

Filling a Gap in the Market

Borges noted that while beach clubs are common across the Caribbean, Providenciales has long lacked a dedicated space combining beach leisure with refined dining.

"We had the opportunity because we owned this land," he said. "And we felt it was the perfect moment to create something different, something that competes on a global level."

The opening of AMBRA also complements the broader vision of Beach Enclave, which operates luxury villa resorts across Providenciales, including locations in Long Bay, Grace Bay, and the North Shore.

Early Success and Strong Demand

Although the official launch took place on March 21, the restaurant has already been hosting guests in a soft-opening phase, with strong early reviews.

"We've seen guests return multiple times within days," Nascimento shared. "One table of eight came back the next night with a group of 32. That's been the most rewarding feedback."

In the meantime, Borges stated that AMBRA is just the beginning, with plans to expand its offerings into a full lifestyle destination featuring curated daytime experiences and enhanced guest programming. For now, however, the focus remains on delivering a unique blend of beachfront relaxation, world-class cuisine, and memorable ambiance.

As Borges put it: "It's about enjoying life on the beach, from morning to sunset and into the night."





Canadian Broadcasters, Teachers and SF Ambassadors



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Sandals Foundation Reading Road Trip with Canadian Broadcasters Creates Cultural Mix at Enid Capron Primary School

Beaches Turks and Caicos and the Sandals Foundation recently teamed up with Canadian broadcasters and their families to deliver a memorable Reading Road Trip experience at Enid Capron Primary School in Five Cays, Providenciales.

The visit blended literacy support with cultural exchange, giving students rare one-on-one time with international media personalities while nurturing a love for reading.

Enid Capron Primary is one of the Sandals Foundation's adopted schools in Turks and Caicos and has benefited for years from infrastructural upgrades, learning resources, and recurring volunteer initiatives. The Reading Road Trip programme, a flagship "voluntourism" excursion, invites resort guests to step into local classrooms to read with students, support literacy, and donate books and supplies. The recent installment, featuring Canadian radio and television personalities brought added energy and global visibility to the school community.

Broadcasters and their families boarded the same style of school buses local children use, reinforcing the programme's emphasis on authenticity and genuine community connection. Once on campus, they were guided into classrooms of early-grade students, where storybooks opened for small-group reading sessions, questions, and lively discussions.

"The Reading Road Trip model centres on interaction rather than performance, and the presence of Canadian broadcasters made that interaction especially dynamic," says Orville Morgan, Public Relations Manager Beaches Turks and Caicos resort. "Accustomed to connecting with audiences through microphones and cameras, these media professionals instead found themselves sitting shoul-



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der-to-shoulder with children, helping them sound out words, explore new vocabulary, and build confidence in reading aloud. It was a memorable

experience." The day also provided a cultural exchange as students asked questions about life in Canada, snow, and what

it is like to work on radio or television. Broadcasters and their children also learned about local customs, school life in Providenciales, and the importance of education on an island where tourism remains the primary industry. Songs, and impromptu show-and-tell moments helped bridge the geographic gap, turning the classroom into a space of shared curiosity.

Vice Principal Nelene Swann expressed her satisfaction with the day's activities, noting that the format allowed students to deeply connect with the visiting broadcasters in a meaningful way. "This kind of individual attention—whether through reading a single page together or answering a child's question about a story—can significantly boost a student's motivation to learn." Swann added, "one central goal of the Reading Road Trip is pairing academic support with human connection so that children feel seen, heard, and valued in their learning environment."

For the Canadian broadcasters and their families, the experience added depth to their holiday, offering a hands-on way to give back while learning about the island from the perspective of its youngest residents. Many volunteers who participate in Reading Road Trips report that they would "do it again in a heartbeat," citing the joy of connecting with children and seeing firsthand how donated books and simple classroom interactions can make a tangible difference. As the group waved goodbye and boarded the bus back to the resort, they left behind not only books and school supplies, but also an impression of global friendship that students and educators at Enid Capron Primary are likely to remember long after the stories read that day have been returned to the shelf.



DATE OPEN: March 10, 2026
POSITION: Restaurant Supervisor

START DATE: ASAP
PROPERTY: West Bay Club

Job Summary: The Restaurant Supervisor is responsible for assisting with the overseeing of the Food and Beverage Department. This also included the assisting with serving food when necessary and providing excellent service accompanied by memorable experiences to all guests and owners who visit West Bay Club. The Restaurant Supervisor assists with the overseeing of daily restaurant operations, ensuring excellent customer service, staff coordination, and efficient execution of tasks. They are responsible for supervising staff, maintaining service quality, and ensuring that all standards and policies are adhered to in the dining area and kitchen. The supervisor should have substantial Food & Beverage knowledge in order to upsell and describe menu items, manage staff in conjunction with the Pool & Beach Manager and Restaurant Manager, handle complaints and be the person responsible in the absence of senior managers.

Essential Functions

- Discuss and describe daily specials, seasonally influenced menu items and food pairing options to promote additional sales through creating optimal experience for dining.
- Collect payment on all sold items and operate a cash register.
- Serve guests in a friendly and helpful manner.
- Oversee inventory levels and restocking of supplies, including food, beverages, and other essentials.
- To assist with the preparation of the weekly schedule, ensuring adequate staffing of the restaurant at all times.
- To supervise and assist the restaurant team on a daily basis.
- To assist with processing the daily cash sheets in conjunction with other supervisors and managers.
- To have excellent understanding and product knowledge of what is being served on the menu for any service.
- Conduct daily briefs prior to every service and liaise with the Executive Chef to be aware of any special dishes.
- Perform server duties as required,

This position is currently held by an expatriate worker. Qualified Islanders need only to apply copying applications to the Commissioner of Labour & Work Permit Board Zone 2.

Salary Range: \$30,000.00 per annum

DATE OPEN: March 10, 2026
POSITION: Pool and Beach Manager

START DATE: ASAP
PROPERTY: West Bay Club

Job overview: The Pool & Beach Manager directs and organizes the activities of the Pool & Beach department to maintain the high standards of the service offered. This person also plans and directs the functions of administration and planning of the Pool & Beach department to meet the daily needs of the operation while implementing effective controls of labor costs. He/she must ensure compliance with health, safety, sanitation and alcohol awareness standards. Adherence to corporate policies and local regulations are required at all times to achieve high levels of customer satisfaction and quality service.

Responsibilities:

- Implement departmental strategies and action plans in accordance with the resort's vision and keep Senior Management updated on all operations' achievements, key issues and guest feedback.
- Has to be involved in recruiting, training, supervising and evaluating Pool & Beach Supervisor & attendants
- Conduct daily briefings to ensure that all team members remain informed of both company and department updates; fostering a sense of unity and collaboration among Pool & Beach members.
- Responsible for sourcing and receiving pool and beach shipments & equipment. Keep inventory records.
- Ensure guest satisfaction by enhancing existing amenities and services and appropriately resolving problems in a professional manner.

Requirements

- Bachelor's Degree or equivalent certification in Food & Beverage or Hospitality Management
- A minimum of 5 years' experience operating a luxury a la carte restaurant
- Must be a great swimmer and able to operate non-motorized water sports equipment

- Must have basic First Aid and CPR qualifications
- Must be personable, knowledgeable, helpful and willing to deliver exceptional service by being “hands-on” and involved with service delivery as needed.
- Must be able to work in a culturally diverse environment, and meet challenges with a positive attitude while upholding the standards of our organization.
- Must be detailed oriented with the ability to handle multiple priorities.

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Salary Range: \$36,000.00 - \$38,000.00 per annum**

DATE OPEN: March 10, 2026

POSITION: Sous Chef

START DATE: ASAP

PROPERTY: West Bay Club

Job Overview: The Sous Chef supports the Executive Chef in directing and organizing all kitchen operations to maintain the highest standards of food quality, consistency, and presentation. This role assists with daily culinary operations, staff supervision, menu execution, and cost controls while ensuring compliance with health, safety, and sanitation standards. The Sous Chef plays a hands-on leadership role, ensuring corporate policies and local regulations are followed at all times to achieve exceptional guest satisfaction and operational excellence.

Responsibilities

- Assist the Executive Chef in implementing culinary strategies and action plans, while keeping senior management informed of kitchen performance, key challenges, and guest feedback.
- Support the recruitment, training, supervision, and evaluation of kitchen staff.
- Conduct daily kitchen briefings to ensure all team members are informed of menu changes, standards, and operational updates, fostering teamwork and efficiency.
- Supervise food preparation, cooking, and plating to ensure consistency, quality, and adherence to recipes and presentation standards.
- Assist with sourcing, receiving, and inspecting food deliveries; maintain accurate inventory records and ensure proper storage and rotation of products.
- Monitor food costs, portion control, and waste reduction to support budget and labor cost controls.
- Ensure compliance with all health, safety, sanitation, and food handling regulations at all times.
- Address guest feedback and special requests professionally to enhance overall dining satisfaction.

Requirements

- Bachelor’s Degree or equivalent certification in Culinary Arts, Food & Beverage, or Hospitality Management.
- A minimum of 5 years’ experience in a luxury, high-end, or à la carte restaurant kitchen.
- Strong knowledge of food safety, sanitation standards, and kitchen best practices.
- Proven leadership skills with the ability to motivate, train, and manage a diverse culinary team.
- Hands-on, detail-oriented, and able to manage multiple priorities in a fast-paced environment.
- Flexible schedule, including evenings, weekends, and holidays as required.
- Positive attitude, strong work ethic, and commitment to delivering exceptional culinary experiences.

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Salary Range: \$36,000.00 - \$38,000.00 per annum**

DATE OPEN: March 10, 2026

POSITION: Assistant Executive Housekeeper

START DATE: ASAP

PROPERTY: West Bay Club

Job Overview: An Assistant Executive Housekeeper supports the Executive Housekeeper in managing and overseeing the housekeeping department. The Assistant Executive Housekeeper will supervise the housekeeping staff, help with training, and ensures efficient daily operations. He or She will also manage inventory, inspect rooms, and address guest concerns related to cleanliness.

Main duties:

- Assist in overseeing and managing the housekeeping department, ensuring tasks are completed according to hotel standards.
- Inspect guest rooms and public areas to ensure they are clean and properly maintained.
- Monitor inventory levels for cleaning supplies, linens, and other housekeeping materials, ensuring they are replenished as needed.
- Address guest complaints or concerns related to housekeeping and cleanliness, ensuring prompt and effective resolution.
- Assist with the scheduling of housekeeping staff.
- Assist the Executive Housekeeper with daily operational tasks and report on staff performance, issues, and improvements needed.

This position is currently held by an expatriate worker. Qualified Islanders need only to apply copying applications to the Commissioner of Labour & Work Permit Board Zone 2.

Salary Range: \$48,000 per annum

DATE OPEN: March 10, 2026

POSITION: Engineering Manager

START DATE: ASAP

PROPERTY: West Bay Club

Job Overview: The Engineering Manager is responsible for the successful operation of the engineering department through ensuring key projects and engineering duties are fulfilled. You are responsible for solving any engineering issues that arise, answering technical questions, proposing budgets for projects, preparing project reports, training new employees, and working with various other departments to maintain the resort structure and facilities.

Main Duties

- Responsible for planning and day-to-day operations of the Engineering department
- Develop, implement and manage emergency and maintenance programs for the operation and maintenance of all equipment and physical structures in compliance with corporate standards and local codes and regulations
- Manage the department's budget and capital expenditures
- Manage the team in the following aspects; hire, train, develop, empower, coaching and counselling, resolve problems, provide open communication vehicles
- Perform, administer and document preventive maintenance programs
- Maintain a work order system as well as complete work orders on a timely basis
- Develop, implement and manage energy conservation programs for the property to minimize expenses
- Coordinate biddings for renovations, define costs and scopes of various projects, and oversee the general contractor and subcontractors to ensure quality work is performed for a minimal cost
- Prepare reports for management and owners as required

Requirements & Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in Engineering
- Great analytical and math skills
- General plumbing, electrical and HVAC knowledge
- Incredible problem-solving abilities
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Knowledge of Microsoft suites

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Salary Range: \$48,000.00 annum

DATE OPEN: March 10, 2026

POSITION: Maintenance Technician

START DATE: ASAP

PROPERTY: West Bay Club

Job Requirements: Engineering course, undergraduate or vocational school graduate with good verbal and written communication skills. Must have at least 7 years work experience engineering/ facilities equipment operations and maintenance gained in hospitality or other industries.

- Working knowledge of electrical, mechanical equipment and plumbing trouble shooting
- Working knowledge of swimming pool operation and water chemistry

- Working knowledge of sewage treatment plant operation and maintenance
- Knowledge of computers and its peripherals
- Planning and executing preventative maintenance of suites and equipment within
- Knowledge of Operational Health and Safety Standards
- Knowledge of basic kitchen equipment maintenance and trouble shooting
- Knowledge of industry storekeeping procedures
- Must be computer literate and technology savvy, particularly for ordering and follow up processes
- Must be familiar with electrical and mechanical parts

**This position is currently held by an expatriate worker. Qualified Islanders need only to apply copying applications to the Commissioner of Labour & Work Permit Board Zone 2.
Salary Range: \$10.00 per hour**

DATE OPEN: March 10, 2026

POSITION: Executive Chef

START DATE: ASAP

PROPERTY: West Bay Club

Job Overview: The Executive Chef will train and manage kitchen personnel and supervise/coordinate all related culinary activities; estimate food consumption and requisition or purchase food; select and develop recipes; standardize production recipes to ensure consistent quality; establish presentation technique and quality standards; plan and price menus; ensure proper equipment operation/maintenance; and ensure proper safety and sanitation in kitchen. The Executive Chef may oversee special catering events and may also offer culinary instruction and/or demonstrate culinary techniques. The executive chef directly supervises kitchen personnel with responsibility for hiring, discipline, performance reviews and initiating pay increases. He/she will assist in the development of employees.

Additionally, will supervise all kitchen workers and give performance reviews, grant pay increases and take disciplinary action when necessary. Executive Chef's prepare meals in the kitchen and delegate work to other chefs and cooks during the restaurant's busy times. At the end of the workday, executive chef will ensure the proper cleanliness and closing of the kitchen. Attendance at meetings as required

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Culinary Arts, Food and Beverage Management or Equivalent
- International culinary experience in a five-star property with focuses on Mediterranean and Asian cuisine
- Candidate should have at least 5 years' experience in an Executive Chef Kitchen management capacity and excellent knowledge of current culinary trends.
- Must have experience of resort pre-opening
- Must have experience in high volume hotel business.
- Must be competent in culinary creativity as demonstrated by cooking test.
- Have strong knowledge of food cost and inventories.
- Must possess the ability to handle stressful and busy hotel.
- Candidate must have good knowledge of computers (e.g., Excel & Word).
- Clear, concise written and verbal communication skills.
- Candidate must be comfortable to speak to guests and conduct meetings.
- Must have a good understanding of cost control.
- Candidate must be a leader and a mentor.

This position is currently held by an expatriate worker. Qualified Islanders need only to apply copying applications to the Commissioner of Labour & Work Permit Board Zone 2. Salary Range: \$60,000.00 annum

DATE OPEN: March 10, 2026

POSITION: Housekeeper (2)

START DATE: ASAP

PROPERTY: West Bay Club

Job Overview: We are looking for a professional Housekeeper able of attending to our facilities with integrity and attention to detail. The goal is to create a clean and orderly environment for our guests that will become a critical factor in maintaining and strengthening our reputation.

Responsibilities:

- Perform a variety of cleaning activities such as sweeping, mopping, dusting and polishing

- Ensure all rooms are cared for and inspected according to standards
- Protect equipment and make sure there are no inadequacies
- Notify superiors on any damages, deficits and disturbances
- Deal with reasonable complaints/requests with professionalism and patience
- Check stocking levels of all consumables and replace when appropriate
- Adhere strictly to rules regarding health and safety and be aware of any company-related practices

**This position is currently held by an expatriate worker. Qualified Islanders need only to apply copying applications to the Commissioner of Labour & Work Permit Board Zone 2.
Salary Range: \$8.00 per hour**

DATE OPEN: March 10, 2026
POSITION: Pool and Beach Attendant

START DATE: ASAP
PROPERTY: West Bay Club

Job Overview: The Pool & Beach Attendant will be responsible for assisting all guests at the Pool and Beach facilities with towels, seating, equipment loans and requests courteously and efficiently, according to hotel standards. Maintain the cleanliness and organization of all supplies, equipment and work areas and ensure guest safety and enjoyment.

Main duties:

- Oversee safety of guests and assist swimmers from water when in danger.
- Greet all guests upon arrival to both the pool and beach guest areas, distribute towels, help with seating, taking orders, and delivering consistently excellent guest service according to West Bay Club's standard operating procedures.
- Must be knowledgeable of the pool facilities, restaurant and bar hours of operation, and rescue emergency procedures
- Willing to take ownership of all guest requests and complaints, to resolve issues immediately
- Identify and report defects throughout the pool and beach area, notifying Manager/Engineering immediately of hazards, injuries, equipment, or processes that negatively affect the operations.
- Must have knowledge of the principles and practices of resuscitation, First aid, and CPR techniques.
- Must have adequate knowledge of safety hazards and precautions to be able to maintain a safe work environment for self and others.
- Responsible for maintaining cleanliness of the pool deck and other facilities including straightening and stacking chairs, collecting used towels and trash, moving chairs and other furniture. 30 pounds

**This position is currently held by an expatriate worker. Qualified Islanders need only to apply copying applications to the Commissioner of Labour & Work Permit Board Zone 2.
Salary Range: \$8.00 per hour**

DATE OPEN: March 10, 2026
POSITION: Houseman (2)

START DATE: ASAP
PROPERTY: West Bay Club

Job Overview: We are looking for a professional Steward able of attending to our facilities with integrity and attention to detail. The goal is to create a clean and orderly environment for our guests that will become a critical factor in maintaining and strengthening our reputation.

Responsibilities:

- Perform a variety of cleaning activities such as sweeping, mopping, dusting and polishing
- Ensure common areas remain neat and presentable at all times.
- Collect and properly dispose of garbage and recycling from guest floors and service areas.
- Protect equipment and make sure there are no inadequacies
- Notify superiors on any damages, deficits and disturbances
- Respond to guest requests such as extra towels, pillows, or amenities when assigned.
- Ability to work flexible shifts and stand for long periods of time

**This position is currently held by an expatriate worker. Qualified Islanders need only to apply copying applications to the Commissioner of Labour & Work Permit Board Zone 2.
Salary Range: \$8.00 per hour**

DATE OPEN: March 10, 2026**POSITION:** Steward**START DATE:** ASAP**PROPERTY:** West Bay Club

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Responsibilities:

- Perform a variety of cleaning activities such as sweeping, mopping, dusting and polishing
- Responsible for cleaning of all kitchen silver, glass, and china wares along with pots and pans
- Responsible for cleaning walk-in fridges and freezers and storage areas
- Ensure all food service areas are cared for and inspected according to standards
- Protect equipment and make sure there are no inadequacies
- Notify superiors on any damages, deficits and disturbances
- Check stocking levels of all consumables and replace when appropriate
- Adhere strictly to rules regarding health and safety and be aware of any company-related practices
- Ability to work flexible shifts and stand for long periods of time

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Interested persons can contact our Human Resources Department no later than March 27th, 2026

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TCI FSC PARTNERS WITH HJ ROBINSON HIGH SCHOOL FOR EXIT READINESS EXERCISE

The TCI Financial Services Commission (TCI FSC) supported Helena Jones Robinson High School's annual Exit Readiness exercise, helping fourth and fifth form students prepare for the transition from secondary education to the workforce.

Senior HR Manager Sheena Smith-Yip and HR Officer Candre Skippings, spent the day in the school's auditorium in Grand Turk, conducting mock interviews, providing constructive feedback, and assessing employability skills.

Exit Readiness gives students practical, hands-on experience that bridges classroom learning and workplace expectations. During the session, students practiced interview techniques, refined resumes, received professional coaching on communication and presentation, and learned workplace etiquette.

The opportunity also included participation from a range of local businesses and government agencies, allowing students to meet sec-

tor-specific organisations and learn about career paths across different industries. These activities helped students identify strengths and areas for development, build confidence, and gain clarity on employer expectations.

"The Exit Readiness exercise equips students with the practical tools they need to succeed beyond the classroom," said Camardia Higgs, HR Director at the Commission. "By simulating real hiring processes and offering constructive feedback, schools can empower young people to enter the workforce with confidence and a competitive edge."

Events like this are essential for fostering student readiness, strengthening community partnerships, and aligning education with local labour-market needs. The collaboration between the TCI FSC, Helena Jones Robinson High School, and other participating organisations demonstrates how public and private-sector stakeholders can sup-



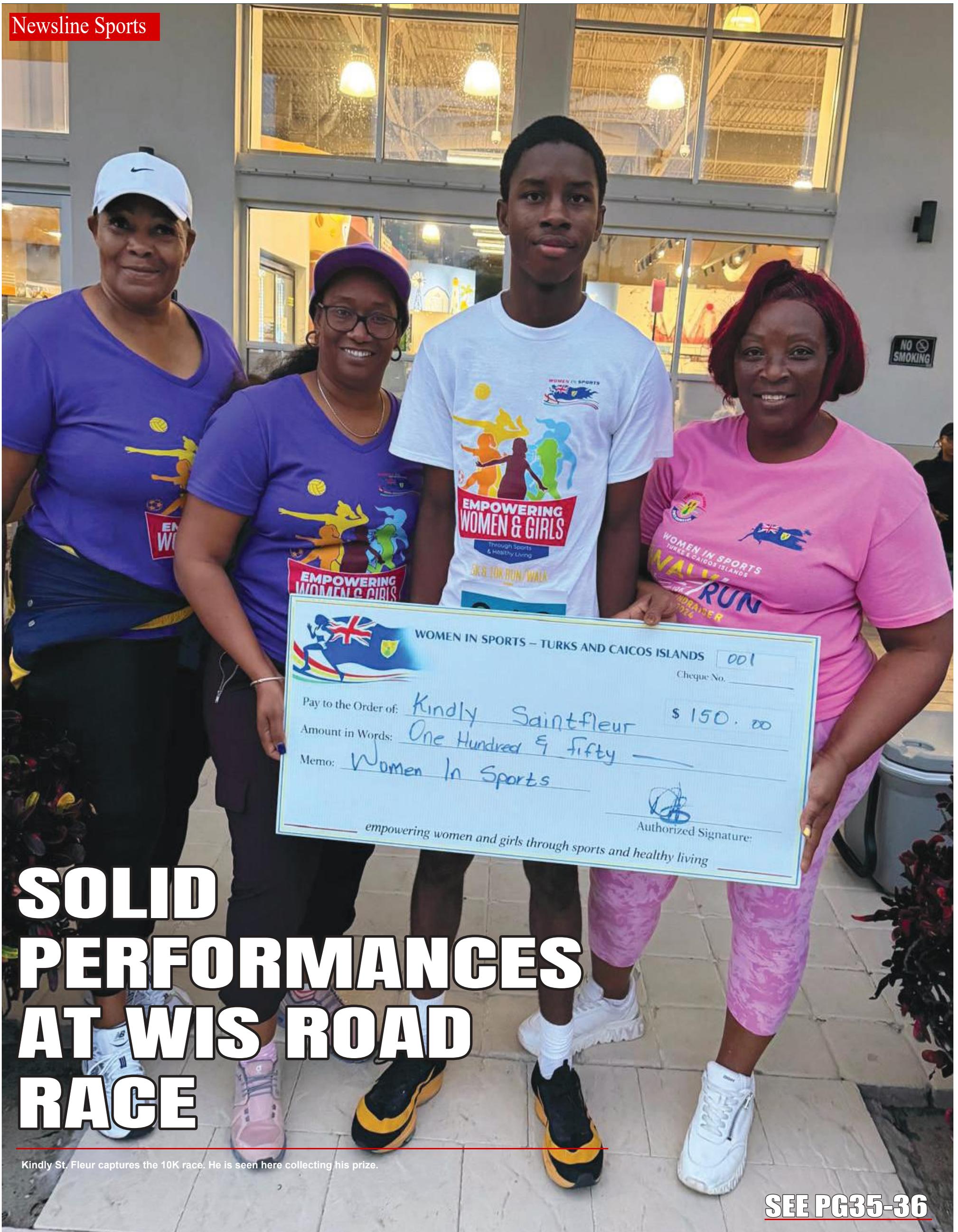
Candre Skippings share lens four HJ Robinson High Students at the event.

port youth development through mentorship, skills training, and exposure to workplace standards.

"Mock interviews and professional coaching make a measurable difference in student outcomes," said Kenisha Bacchus, Managing Director (Ag). "When students experience realistic job scenarios, they leave better

prepared for interviews, internships, and employment opportunities."

The TCI FSC said it reaffirms its commitment to continued engagement with local schools and youth programs to develop a capable, adaptable workforce ready to contribute to the Turks and Caicos Islands' future.



SOLID PERFORMANCES AT WIS ROAD RACE

Kindly St. Fleur captures the 10K race. He is seen here collecting his prize.



TCI Sends 23 Athletes to CARIFTA Games in Grenada

The Turks and Caicos Islands has selected a 23-member national team to compete at the prestigious CARIFTA Games, set for April 4–7 in Grenada. The annual championships remain the premier stage for junior athletics in the Caribbean, and TCI's delegation reflects a growing pool of talent across both track and field events.

This year's squad features a blend of Under-17 and Under-20 athletes, combining emerging prospects with more experienced competitors, many of whom train overseas in Jamaica and the United States. Their exposure to high-level competition is expected to strengthen TCI's medal hopes and relay performances.

In the Under-20 boys' division, Eliasu Ali and Love Joseph will lead the charge in the middle-distance events, competing in the 800m and 1500m, while also contributing to relay teams. Sprinters Sheen Augustin, Ronaldo Registre, and Deans Saint Hilaire will contest the 100m and 200m events and are expected to be central figures in the 4x100m relay lineup. Quarter-milers Rayvon Black and Lerano Missick add depth in the 400m and mixed relay events. Field events will also be well represented, with Melique Evans competing in both the long jump and high jump, while Emmanuel Ewing will contest the shot put. David Hall is also entered in the high jump and is expected to contribute to the 4x400m relay team.

The Under-17 boys' team show-

cases several promising young athletes. Dylan Gardiner will compete in the 100m and long jump, while Kervens Tiresias takes on the 200m and 400m events. Jelou Odne will represent TCI in the javelin, and Herwens Guerrier will compete in the 800m and high jump. Additional strength comes from Arolbi Seymour Burgos in the high jump and Chendel Seymour in the shot put, highlighting the country's continued development in field disciplines.

On the girls' side, the Under-17 division features Mellaya Wilson in the 100m and long jump, Tanaire Gardiner in the 800m, and Ja'Leah Grey in the shot put. These young athletes are expected to gain valuable experience at the regional level while contributing to relay teams, including the mixed 4x400m event. The Under-20 female athletes bring a strong competitive edge. Chloe Jennings will compete in the 100m and long jump, while Roniesha Johnson lines up in the 400m and relays. Eunice Missick will represent TCI in both the 800m and 1500m and is also slated for relay duties.

The team will be managed by Rosalie Ingham-Hall, with Courtney Missick serving as Head Coach. Assistant coaches Richardo Johnson and Judy Pusey will provide technical support, while Angelo Garland will oversee medical needs. The delegation also includes a safeguarding officer, working official, and oversight from TCI Athletics President Edith Skippings.

TEAM TCI CARIFTA 2026 - GRENDA

	Name	Age	Event	Event	School
1	Eliasu Ali	U-20 Male	800m Relay	4 x 100 R 4 x 400 mix	Jamaica
2	Sheen Augustin	U-20 Male	100m Relay	4 x 100 R	Quality Athletics
3	Rayvon Black	U-20 Male	400m Relay	4 x 100 R 4 x 400 mix	Jamaica
4	Melique Evans	U-20 Male	Long Jump	High Jump	Quality Athletics
5	Emmanuel Ewing	U-20 Male	Shot Put		MBHS
6	David Hall	U-20 Male	High Jump	4 x 400 R	BWIC
7	Love Joseph	U-20 Male	800m Relay	1500m 4 x 400 mix	Jamaica
8	Lerano Missick	U-20 Male	400m Relay	4 x 100 R 4 x 400 mix	BWIC
9	Ronaldo Registre	U-20 Male	100m Relay	200m 4 x 400 R	USA
10	Deans Saint Hilaire	U-20 Male	200m Relay	4 x 100 R	Jamaica
11	Dylan Gardiner	U-17 Male	100m Relay	Long jump 4 x 100 R	HJRHS
12	Jelou Odne	U17 Male	Javelin Relay	4 x 100 R	LGTHS
13	Herwens Guerrier	U17 Male	800m Relay	High Jump 4 x 100 R	Jamaica
14	Arolbi Seymour Burgos	U17 Male	High Jump		MBHS
15	Chendel Seymour	U17 Male	Shot Put		MBHS
16	Kervens Tiresias	U17 Male	200m Relay	400m 4 x 100m	LGTHS
17	Malvarado Wilson	U17 Male	100m Relay	4 x 100 R	Jamaica
18	Mellaya Wilson	U17 Female	100m	Long Jump	LGTHS
19	Tanaire Gardiner	U17 Female	800m Relay	4 x 400 mix	CHHS
20	Ja'Leah Grey	U17 Female	Shot Put		PTIS
21	Chloe Jennings	U20 Female	100m	Long Jump	USA
22	Roniesha Johnson	U20 Female	400m Relay	4 x 400 mix	Jamaica
23	Eunice Missick	U20 Female	800m Relay	1500m 4 x 400 mix	CHHS
	Rosalie Ingham-Hall	Team Manager			
	Courtney Missick	Head Coach			
	Richardo Johnson	Assistant Coach			
	Judy Pusey	Assistant Coach			
	Angelo Garland	Medical Personal			
	Joylen Handfield	Safeguarding Officer			
	Roshano Cox	Working Official			
	Edith Skippings	President			

With a balanced squad, strong relay potential, and increasing international experience among its athletes, Turks and Caicos enters the 2026 CARIFTA Games with op-

timism. The championships will not only test the athletes' abilities but also provide a platform for future stars to emerge on the Caribbean stage.

Bruno's Blazing Knock Powers Police to Victory in TCICA T20 Clash

A spectacular display of power hitting from Man of the Match Gavin Bruno lit up the Downtown Ball Park in Providenciales on Sunday, March 23, as Police cruised to a dominant victory over KISHCO in the Turks and Caicos Islands Cricket Association T20 Competition.

In a match that promised excitement, KISHCO took first strike and posted 136 for 7 from their allotted 20 overs. While the total appeared competitive on a good batting surface, they were unable to fully capitalize after several promising starts. KISHCO's innings was led by Alson Byfield, who top-scored with a brisk 29 off 22 balls, striking four boundaries and a six. He found some support from Winston Callam and Smijo Devassys, both contributing 22 runs, but neither managed to convert their starts into significant scores. Earlier, Mario Smith (16) and Vinod Panikar (15) provided a steady opening, but the innings lacked the acceleration needed in the latter stages.

Police's bowling unit kept things tight and disciplined throughout. The standout performer was Shan Livermore, who delivered a superb spell of 3 wickets for just 17 runs in his four overs, effectively stalling KISHCO's momentum in the middle overs. Phillip Smith provided solid support with 2 wickets, while Douglas Odane and Gavin Bruno picked up one wicket each. Despite the controlled bowling effort, extras proved



Man of the Match Gavin Bruno accepting his award

costly, with KISHCO benefiting from 29 additional runs, including a significant number of wides. Chasing 137, Police approached the innings with intent and aggression.

Although they lost a couple of early wickets, the game quickly swung in their favor once Gavin Bruno settled at the crease. Bruno unleashed a breathtaking in-

nings, smashing an unbeaten 56 from just 26 deliveries, an explosive knock that included 5 fours and 4 towering sixes. His clean striking and fearless approach put the KISHCO bowlers under immense pressure and shifted the momentum decisively.

At the other end, Ian Garness provided the perfect support role, scoring a rapid 31 not out off 13 balls, ensuring there was no let-up in the scoring rate. Together, the pair stitched a match-winning partnership that dismantled KISHCO's bowling attack with ease.

Police raced to 138 for 3 in just 9.3 overs, finishing the contest in emphatic fashion with more than 10 overs to spare and a staggering run rate of 14.5.

KISHCO's bowlers struggled to contain the onslaught. While Mario Smith managed to pick up 2 wickets, he proved expensive, conceding heavily. The rest of the attack, including Sreejith Krishnan and Srikanth Saraswat, were unable to stem the flow of runs as Bruno dominated proceedings.

In the end, it was a comprehensive victory for Police, marked by an outstanding all-round performance. However, the day undoubtedly belonged to Gavin Bruno, whose electrifying innings not only entertained the crowd but also sealed a convincing win for his team, earning him well-deserved Man of the Match honors.

Grand Turk Youth Tennis Club Receives Equipment Boost

The Ministry of Education and the Sports Commission have donated new tennis nets to the Grand Turk Kids and Youth Tennis Club, providing a timely boost to youth sports development on the island. The contribution is expected to enhance training opportunities for young players, allowing them to further develop their skills and deepen

their interest in the sport. Club representatives welcomed the support, noting that such investments play a key role in nurturing the next generation of athletes.

The initiative highlights ongoing efforts to strengthen youth engagement through sports and promote healthy, active lifestyles across the Turks and Caicos Islands.



Saint Fleur and Robinson Crowned 10K Champions at Women in Sports TCI Road Race

Kindly Saint Fleur and Lynn Robinson emerged as the standout performers in the 10K divisions at the Women in Sports TCI 5K & 10K Run/Walk on Saturday, March 21, 2026, leading a morning of strong performances despite challenging weather conditions.

In the 10K Male category, Kindly Saint Fleur powered to victory in 41:07.3, finishing ahead of his twin brother in a memorable display. Erwin Saint Fleur secured second place in 42:24.5, while Officer Oshane Campbell placed third in 44:11.3. Campbell's effort was backed by strong support from the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force, with female officers turning out in numbers to support the event and each other.

In the 10K Female division, Lynn Robinson claimed top honors in 50:06.6, showcasing her experience as a seasoned runner and former triathlete. Williard Vargas finished second in 1:04:02, supported by her coaches and teammates from A. Louise Garland Thomas High School, while Jennifer Solon, a familiar face in the local road running scene, took third in 1:19:04.

In the 5K Male category, Thony Francios captured first place in 23:10.7. He was



Erwin Saint Fleur won second place in the Male 10K event

followed by Keron Thomas in second with 24:24.9, and Macki Forbes in third with 25:52.9.

The 5K Female division saw Eunice Missick take the win in 29:50.3. Hayden Harris placed second in 32:10.4, while Alexandria finished third in 32:52.5.

Despite rainy conditions, the event maintained a lively and encouraging atmosphere, with runners supported by coaches, teammates, and spectators throughout the course.

Women in Sports TCI expressed gratitude to all participants and support-

ers, and extended special thanks to sponsors Graceway Community (IGA), Delano Williams Foundation, Turks Head Beer, Caicos Express, Provo Water Company, Paradise Smiles, Amanyara Resort, Turks and Caicos Islands Sports Commission, and Kier's Hairaphy. Appreciation was also given to staff from InterHealth Canada and NHIP for their support.

According to the organisers, the successful staging of the event underscored the strength of the local sporting community and the continued growth of women's participation in sport across the Turks and Caicos Islands.



Eunice Missick (white top) takes home first place in the 5K Female division



Lyn Robinson (in green top) took home the Female 10K event



Oshane Campbell was third in the 10K Category



Jennifer Solon took third in the Female 10K



Flow TCI supports ‘Stars of Tomorrow’ at Inter-Primary Track and Field Championships

Fresh off an impressive high school track and field season, the Turks and Caicos Islands celebrated another outstanding showcase of young talent at the 2026 Inter-Primary Track and Field Championships, held March 18 to 20 at the Turks and Caicos Islands National Stadium. The three-day event brought together enthusiastic students, coaches, parents, and supporters from across the islands, all eager to cheer on the next generation of athletes as they demonstrated their skills on the national stage.

As the Official Media Sponsor, leading telecoms provider Flow proudly built on the momentum of February’s Inter-High Championships, ensuring the accomplishments of the nation’s youngest athletes were streamed live via social media and broadcast on Flow TV’s Channel 111. This comprehensive coverage allowed family members, alumni, and sports fans near and far to follow the action in real time, giving the athletes added visibility and recognition for their hard work.

Despite challenging weather conditions, the junior athletes delivered three days of grit, sportsmanship, and record-breaking performances – strong indicators of a bright future for the country’s athletic development.

Flow further supported the event by keeping the stadium connected through the provision of broadband services and by participating in trivia intermissions, where several lucky attendees won Flow gift cards.

Carlencia Lightbourne, Senior Marketing Specialist, Flow Turks and Caicos, presented silverware and awards, along with



Flow-branded merchandise bags to the winners of Flow’s headlined 200-meter races.

“Our partnership with the Turks and Caicos Islands Sports Commission is built on a shared vi-

sion for the advancement of our youth, and witnessing the determination and resilience these primary school athletes displayed has been truly inspiring,” said Joanne Missick, Country

Manager, Flow Turks and Caicos. “We are proud to provide the infrastructure and platforms that showcase their hard work and encourage the next generation to chase excellence.”



The Academy Eagles Football Team



The Flamingo FC team

Flamingos Edge Cheshire Hall in PPL Thriller

Two matches across different domestic leagues delivered contrasting football storylines, as Flamingos FC secured a narrow victory in the Provo Premier League (PPL), while Academy Eagles FC produced an attacking masterclass in separate Clausura League competition.

In Beaches Turks and Caicos Resort and Spa PPL Match #43, Flamingos FC held on for a hard-fought 1-0 win over Cheshire Hall FC in a closely contested encounter. The decisive moment came in the 35th minute when Sergo Victo (#7) capitalized on a scoring opportunity to give Flamingos the lead. That goal proved to be the difference, as the team carried a 1-0 advantage into halftime and focused on maintaining

their defensive structure in the second half.

Cheshire Hall FC attempted to respond but struggled to break down a disciplined Flamingos defense. Despite applying pressure late in the match, they were unable to find an equalizer.

The game grew increasingly physical after the interval, with Flamingos receiving three yellow cards through Ismael Athis (58'), Franky Pierre (61'), and Chuindy Paul (90+2'). Cheshire Hall's Schneider Jean was also cautioned early in the match in the 3rd minute.

Sergo Victo's goal and overall performance earned him MVP honors for Flamingos FC, while Ralph Sylvestre (#8) was named MVP for Cheshire Hall FC despite the defeat.

Academy Eagles Dominate in Clausura League Rout

In contrast, the second match came from a completely different competition, the Clausura League, where Academy Eagles FC delivered a dominant display against SWA Sharks FC in Match #42.

Academy Eagles wasted no time asserting control, with Innocent Jean (#9) scoring in the 19th and 33rd minutes to give his side a 2-0 lead at halftime. His sharp finishing and movement proved too much for the Sharks' defense.

Jean continued his outstanding performance in the second half, adding two more goals in the 50th and 70th minutes to complete a four-goal haul. Teammate Mike Legeme (#12) added further

emphasis to the scoreline with a goal in the 79th minute, sealing a comprehensive victory for the Eagles.

SWA Sharks FC faced mounting difficulties throughout the match and saw their situation worsen due to disciplinary issues. Junior Belizaire (#6) and Elton Joseph Charles (#3) were both sent off after receiving second yellow cards, reducing the team to nine players before the final whistle.

Academy Eagles, in contrast, maintained excellent discipline and completed the match without receiving a single caution.

Innocent Jean was the clear choice for Player of the Match following his four-goal performance, while no player from SWA Sharks FC was selected.