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GOVERNMENT MOVES TO FIX WORK PERMIT, PRC AND PASSPORT BACKLOG

Government is moving to overhaul the processing of Permanent Residence Certificates (PRCs), passports, and other key documents, including work permit applications, following years of delays.

Minister of Home Affairs Hon. Shaun Malcolm and Deputy Premier and Minister of Immigration and Border Services Hon. Jamell Robinson announced at a town hall meeting at the Gustarvus Lightbourne Sports Complex in Providenciales on Tuesday, March 10.

Addressing residents, Malcolm acknowledged what he described as “totally unacceptable” wait times, with some applicants waiting as long as two to three years for critical documents.

“These are life documents that people depend on,” he said. “When you have to wait months, one year, two years, three years, it is unacceptable.”

The minister revealed that his ministry has already begun a restructuring process aimed at improving efficiency and customer service within the Department of Home Affairs. He noted that the current system does not allow the ministry to directly manage document intake, contributing to longstanding bottlenecks.

As part of the reforms, a dedicated customer service unit will be established to address one of the public’s biggest frustrations- lack of communication.

“We know the public has serious issues getting responses to emails and calls,” Malcolm said, pointing to cases where applications stalled for years simply because additional documents were needed but applicants were never contacted.

In the interim, the government has introduced weekly public listings of pro-



Minister of Home Affairs Hon. Shaun Malcolm

cessed documents, allowing applicants to check online whether their status cards, passports, or other documents are ready or require additional information.

Malcolm said while progress is being made to clear the backlog, “there is still a lot to be done,” with more sweeping changes expected in the areas of citi-

zenship, PRCs, and passport processing.

Deputy Premier Robinson

Meanwhile, Robinson outlined parallel efforts to address delays in work permits and broader immigration services. Robinson disclosed that 17 temporary staff have been hired to tackle the backlog, which worsened following a cyber incident that disrupted government sys-

tems and forced many processes to be handled manually.

To improve efficiency, an online application processing system (APS) was launched on December 1, 2025. In its first two months, approximately 8,000 applications were initiated through the platform.

Looking ahead, Robinson said the long-term solution lies in the government’s Digital Borders Programme, a \$12 million initiative that will modernize immigration systems over the next 12 to 18 months.

The programme will introduce:

- A new immigration information management system
- Fully online processing for work permits, residency permits, and visas
- Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETA)
- e-Gates at ports of entry
- Biometric processing capabilities

Consultants have already begun preliminary work on the project, following the signing of the contract in December 2025.

Robinson emphasized that the transformation will significantly improve turnaround times and bring Turks and Caicos in line with modern border management systems used internationally.

The announcements come amid growing public concern over immigration and citizenship delays, with residents at the town hall pressing officials for faster and more transparent service delivery. Government officials say the reforms now underway are intended to restore public confidence and ensure that essential documents are processed in a timely and efficient manner.

Police Searching for Owner of Illegal Firearm Seized in Grand Turk Operation

Police are searching for the owner of an illegal firearm recovered during a targeted operation in Grand Turk.

Officers of the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force (RT&CIPF) seized the weapon on Saturday, March 14, 2026, as part of ongoing efforts to disrupt criminal activity and enhance public safety. Shortly after 12 p.m., a team of detectives, supported by Tactical Unit officers, conducted a search operation in the Over Back community. During the exercise, officers discovered a Glock pistol fitted with an extended magazine, along with several rounds of ammunition.

No arrests have been made, and investigations remain ongoing as police work to identify and locate the individual re-

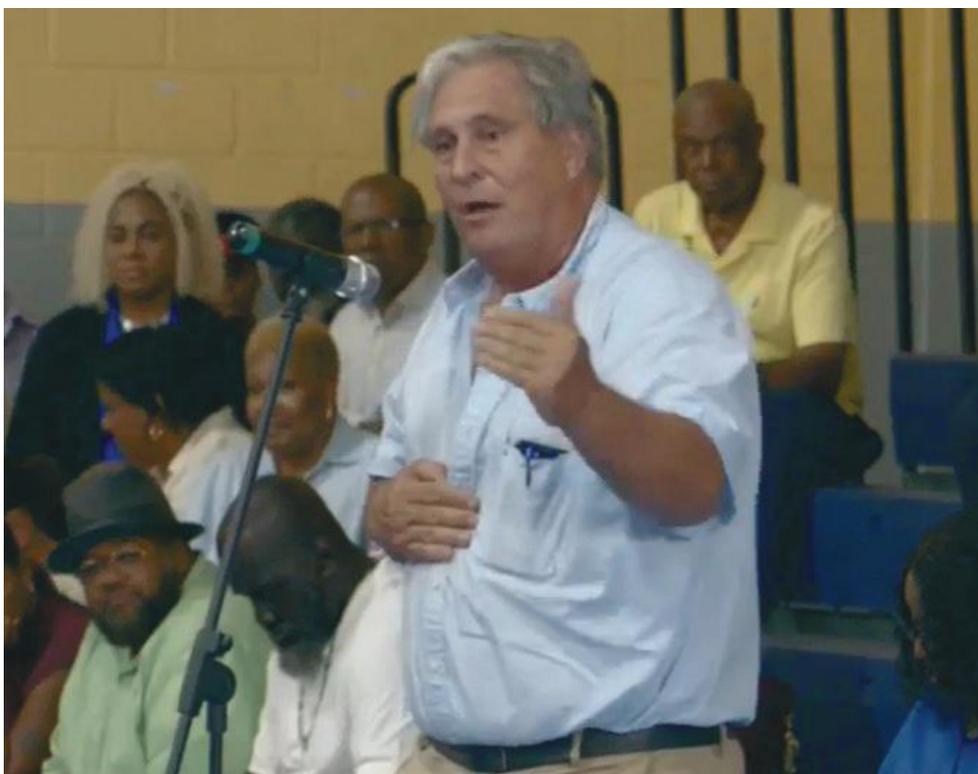
sponsible for the weapon.

This latest seizure marks the third illegal firearm recovered by the RT&CIPF for 2026. Two of the previous recoveries were made in Providenciales, while this most recent find occurred in Grand Turk.

The RT&CIPF has reaffirmed its commitment to removing illegal firearms from communities and is urging members of the public to assist by sharing any information related to illegal weapons or other criminal activity.

Anyone with information can contact the nearest police station, call 911, reach the Serious Crime Unit at 231-1842, or provide anonymous tips through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-8477.





Businessman John Wildish addressing the government at the townhall meeting in Providenciales

Businessman John Wildish has cautioned leaders in the Turks and Caicos Islands against implementing sweeping policy changes too quickly, warning that missteps could weaken the country's economy and discourage investment. Wildish delivered the remarks during a government town hall meeting at the Gustavus Lightbourne Sports Complex in Providenciales on March 10, where residents gathered to discuss proposed national policy changes. Describing the Turks and Caicos Islands as "a great blessing," Wildish said the country has created significant opportunities for both residents and investors. However, he urged decision-makers to

approach reform carefully and thoughtfully.

"I really love this country, and I want to see this country blessed," he said, while encouraging leaders to "seek wisdom" and avoid taking reforms "too far too quickly."

Drawing from his upbringing in Jamaica and his international business experience, Wildish pointed to what he described as starkly different economic outcomes between Jamaica and Singapore. He argued that Jamaica, once in a stronger economic position, made policy decisions that ultimately drove away investment and talent.

"Jamaica went from being richer than

Don't Allow TCI to Become Jamaica, Businessman Warns

By Vivian Tyson Editor-in-Chief

Singapore to a lot poorer," he said, noting that Singapore's average gross domestic product now stands at approximately US\$99,000, compared to about US\$7,000 in Jamaica.

He attributed this divergence to policy direction, referencing the leadership of Singapore's founding Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, who he said maintained a careful balance between development and regulation. In contrast, Wildish argued that Jamaica "went a little bit too far" and experienced long-term economic consequences.

To illustrate his concerns, Wildish used an analogy from his experience in the cattle industry. He explained that while cattle in Cuba may be inexpensive to purchase, strict limitations on selling meat or milk make them commercially impractical.

"The problem is, you can't make money off those cows," he said, using the example to emphasize that economic policies must allow for viable business activity.

Wildish warned that similar outcomes could occur in the Turks and Caicos Islands if policies unintentionally restrict development or investment. He referenced concerns about land use and de-

velopment proposals, suggesting that limitations, particularly in areas such as North Caicos, could discourage economic activity.

"You don't want to unwind this place," he said, cautioning that even well-intentioned policies can have unintended consequences if not carefully balanced. He also referenced the era of former Jamaican Prime Minister Michael Manley, arguing that rapid and far-reaching changes during that period contributed to economic decline.

Despite his concerns, Wildish expressed appreciation for the opportunities the Turks and Caicos Islands has provided to many individuals, including himself. He noted that the country has enabled people to build wealth and livelihoods, and said preserving that environment should remain a priority.

"This country has made a lot of people money... and God bless this country," he said.

Wildish concluded his remarks with a call for measured leadership, urging policymakers to carefully consider the long-term impact of their decisions.

"Seek wisdom. Try to make the right decisions. And don't take it too far too quickly," he said.

TCHTA HOSTS ANNUAL MEDIA APPRECIATION



The Turks and Caicos Hotel and Tourism Association (TCHTA) hosted the Members held its appreciation media luncheon at the newly open AMBRA by Beach Enclave in Long Bay, Providenciales on Wednesday, March 18. The event was to show appreciation to members of the local media for their continued partnership with the TCHTA. Among those in attendance from the TCHTA were CEO Stacy Cox, and Vice President Stacy Albert. From left is Vivian Tyson of NewslineTCI, Olivia Rose of The Weekly News, Zoya Faessler of Radio Turks and Caicos, Nicolette Thomas, Stacy Cox – CEO of the TCHTA, Theresa Lewis – TCHTA Office Administrator, Earlson Robinson of The SUN, Stacy Albert – Vice President of the TCHTA, and Omega Simmons of SOS Media. AMBRA by Beach Enclave hosted and catered to the event free of cost.

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM REGULATIONS ACHIEVES 90% COMPLIANCE IN ACCOMMODATION ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE

With enforcement initiatives ongoing for 2026, the Department of Tourism Regulations is proud to report that 90% of tourism accommodation properties were registered in 2025.

Using data from AirDNA, approximately 1,300 properties were identified across Turks and Caicos, with over 1,200 now accounted for in the Department's licensing system. The initiative was led by Quality Assurance Officer Donessia Skippings and Regulations Specialist Sasha Arthur, who coordinated the preparation and distribution of enforcement letters nationwide and managed the inspection schedule for Accommodation Controllers Kevin Lightbourne, Claudenise Jean, and Patral Handfield. The team carried out the enforcement drive while maintaining their regular responsibilities for licensing tourism accom-

modation properties.

The Department first notified the public of the Enforcement Letter Initiative in July 2025, as part of its mandate to uphold tourism standards and enforce a zero-tolerance approach to non-compliance with the Tourism Regulations Ordinance 2023. The initiative has resulted in a significant increase in registered properties, rising from 50% compliance in the previous year to 90% in 2025.

Tourism Accommodation Inspectors and Controllers are trained to assess factors that enhance the guest experience in line with international tourism quality standards. The inspection process ensures that properties meet key safety and service criteria, helping to prevent situations where a visitor's experience could be compromised due to missing or inadequate ame-



Minister of Tourism Hon. Zhavargo Jolly

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By partnering with the Department of Tourism Regulations, property owners help strengthen the tourism product and reinforce the reputation of Turks and Caicos as a trusted destination, giving stakeholders confidence when welcoming visitors and assuring them that their properties meet the standards approved by the Turks and Caicos Islands Government.

Director Avi Adams, commenting on the success of the initiative, stated: "I commend the responsiveness of those who have received letters and taken the necessary steps to become licensed. Your cooperation is vital in safeguarding our tourism industry and preserving it for future generations. Enforcement continues in 2026; we encourage property owners and managers to renew their licenses promptly to avoid fines or legal action. We look forward to seeing even stronger compliance numbers in the year ahead."

Minister of Tourism Hon. Zhavargo Jolly said, "Achieving 90% compliance in accommodation registra-



Director of the Department of Tourism Regulations, Avi Adams

tion is a significant milestone for the Turks and Caicos Islands and is a clear indication that our enforcement efforts are working and that accountability is strengthening across the sector. We will continue to take a firm but fair approach to enforcement, as maintaining standards is essential to protecting the integrity and global reputation of the Turks and Caicos tourism industry."

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NO FREE MOVEMENT

TCI Government Rules Out Open Labour Under CARICOM Membership Push

By Vivian Tyson NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

Deputy Premier and Minister of Immigration and Border Services, Hon. Jamell Robinson, has moved to calm public concern over the Turks and Caicos Islands' pursuit of full membership in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), making it clear that the country will not sign on to free movement of labour. Robinson made the statement during an appearance on the First Edition programme on Radio Turks and Caicos on Tuesday, March 17, where he addressed growing public debate surrounding the potential implications of deeper regional integration.

"The Turks and Caicos is applying for full membership of CARICOM," Robinson explained, noting that the territory is already an associate member. "But just to be clear... we are not looking to sign on to the free movement of labour portion of the Revised Treaty."

Maintaining Control of Immigration

The Deputy Premier emphasized that concerns about an influx of workers from across the Caribbean are largely misplaced, pointing out that even within CARICOM, free movement is limited and not universally adopted.

He noted that the existing arrangement applies only to specific categories of skilled workers and is not a blanket policy across all member states. Additionally, several CARICOM countries, including The Bahamas, have opted out of the free movement provisions.

"There is this perception that it's an open door, but it isn't," Robinson said. "We will continue to determine our own immigration and labour policies."

He added that the Government is actively working on population and labour strategies to ensure that any external en-



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

agement aligns with national priorities and safeguards opportunities for Turks and Caicos Islanders.

Benefits of Full Membership

Robinson argued that full membership would provide significant advantages, particularly in giving the Turks and Caicos Islands a stronger voice at the regional level.

"As an associate member, we can participate in discussions, but we do not have a vote," he said. "Full membership allows us to have a say in decisions that directly impact us."

He highlighted additional benefits, including improved access to regional resources through agencies such as the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) and the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA). During the COVID-19 pandemic, for example, full membership could have allowed the territory to access vaccines through regional channels, in addition to support from the United Kingdom.

Strengthening Regional Security

The Minister also underscored the importance of regional partnerships in addressing national challenges, particularly crime.

He pointed to recent assistance from The Bahamas and Jamaica, which deployed law enforcement personnel to support local efforts. According to Robinson, that collaboration contributed to a 43 percent reduction in serious crime between 2024 and 2025.

"That is the value of regional relationships," he said. "Being able to pick up the phone and get support when you need it." He added that full membership could also open the door to greater participation in regional security systems, enhancing the country's ability to respond to emerging threats.

Economic and Trade Opportunities

Beyond security, Robinson said CARICOM membership could help ease the high cost of living by strengthening trade links

within the Caribbean.

He noted that many goods imported into the Turks and Caicos Islands are originally produced in the region but are routed through larger markets like the United States, increasing costs and reducing freshness.

"We need to look south and west to our regional partners," he said. "There are opportunities to source goods directly, which could help bring prices down."

He also pointed to ongoing efforts within CARICOM to improve regional shipping and transportation, which could further enhance trade efficiency and accessibility.

Public Consultation to Begin

Acknowledging criticism that there has been limited public consultation on the issue, Robinson confirmed that the Government will soon launch a national engagement process.

An accession committee is expected to be established to gather public input and help shape the country's negotiating position.

"This process didn't start yesterday," he said, noting that discussions around full membership date back to 2022. "But we are now at a stage where public feedback is critical."

Timeline and Final Approval

The Government is aiming to present its negotiated terms to CARICOM Heads of Government by July 2026, although Robinson admitted the timeline is ambitious. If approved by member states, the agreement would still require final sign-off from the United Kingdom.

Despite the complexities, Robinson expressed confidence in the process, stressing that the Government remains committed to protecting national interests.

"It would make no sense to spend years empowering Turks and Caicos Islanders... only to give that away," he said.

The Airport Decision That Will Shape Our Children's Future

An Op-Ed By Paladin

Every Turks Islander understands one truth: **our airport is our lifeline.** It is how we work, how we travel, how we stay connected to the world, and how our economy survives. When the airport fails, the country fails. When it thrives, every family benefits.

That is why the redevelopment of Howard Hamilton International Airport is not just another government project. It is a national crossroads — one that will determine the strength, safety, and prosperity of these islands for the next generation.

And right now, the path we choose matters more than ever.

This Is Not Just Construction — It Is the Future of Our Economy

Airports are unforgiving. They expose every weakness. They punish every mistake. And they reward only those who plan decades ahead.

If we under build, we choke our tourism. If we miscalculate, airlines reduce service.

If we cut corners, safety suffers.

If we overspend, citizens pay for decades.

For a small island nation, the margin for error is razor thin. We cannot afford to learn by trial and error. We cannot afford to “figure it out as we go.” And we cannot afford to gamble with the single most important piece of infrastructure in the country.

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Citizens Deserve Straight Answers — Before the Money Is Spent

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These are not “nice to know” questions. They are the foundation of responsible governance. When a government chooses to self fund and self manage a major airport redevelopment, it places **100% of the risk** on the public.

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We Are a Small Nation — But That Does Not Mean We Must Build Small

Turks and Caicos is a rising destination. Our airport must match our ambition. But ambition without expertise is a recipe for disaster.

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The Howard Hamilton International Airport in Providenciales

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- **Groupe ADP** — the engineering force behind Charles de Gaulle and Orly, unmatched in long term planning and compliance.
- **CAAP** — experts in multi airport systems, ideal for a multi island nation.
- **Ferrovial** — global leaders in terminal construction and operational excellence. These companies are not abstract names. They are the same groups that built and operate airports in environments almost identical to ours — and they have the scars, the experience, and the expertise to prove it.

A Multi Island Nation Cannot Build with a Single Island Mindset

Providenciales is our busiest airport, but it is not our only gateway. A national aviation strategy must include:

- Grand Turk
- South Caicos
- Salt Cay
- North and Middle Caicos

A single airport mindset limits national development. It leaves outer islands behind. It concentrates opportunity instead of spreading it. And it ignores the reality that our country is an archipelago — not a single city.

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system that supports tourism, inter island travel, and economic opportunity for all islands.

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If the new terminal opens in 2028, it must be designed for the traffic of 2038 and 2048. Anything less is a waste of public money.

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This Is About Protecting Our Children's Future

We are a proud people. We are capable, resilient, and ambitious. But pride alone cannot build a world class airport. Expertise can. Experience can. Partnership can.

This is not about who is right or wrong. This is about what is **safe**, what is **smart**, and what is **responsible.**

We have one chance to get this right. One chance to build an airport that strengthens our economy, protects our people, and secures our future.

The decisions we make today will shape the lives of Turks Islanders for decades. Let us choose the path that protects our citizens, honors our children, and builds the future our country deserves.



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Minister of Health and Human Services Hon. Kyle Knowles

Health Minister Reports Progress in Public Health, Policy, and Environmental Protection

strengthened environmental oversight, expanded healthcare services, and major advancements in national health policy.

Hon. Knowles pointed to continued inspections of food establishments and public facilities, alongside initiatives in recycling, wastewater management, and food safety training, as part of the Ministry's broader push to improve environmental health systems. Beyond environmental health, the Minister emphasized significant progress in developing three key national frameworks, the National Adolescent Health Policy, the National Healthy Ageing Policy, and the National Primary Health Care Strategy, through consultations conducted in partnership with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

These policies are expected to

strengthen healthcare delivery across all stages of life, from youth and adults to senior citizens, while improving access to preventative and community-based services throughout the islands.

The Minister also highlighted improvements in healthcare infrastructure and staffing, including the acquisition of a new clinic in Providenciales, the return of full-time physiotherapy services in South Caicos, and plans to introduce an internist to expand specialist care.

Efforts to enhance disease surveillance and research capacity were also advanced, with the National Epidemiology and Research Unit collaborating with the UK Health Security Agency to strengthen monitoring systems for both communicable and non-communicable diseases

Environmental health protection and national health reform efforts took center stage as Minister of Health and Human Services, Hon. Kyle Knowles, delivered a comprehensive fourth-quarter update in the House of Assembly on Friday, March 13.

Environmental health officers, he noted, also continued to conduct food

safety inspections, sanitation monitoring, and public health compliance checks, helping to safeguard residents and visitors while supporting the tourism-driven economy of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

The statement outlined progress made during the fourth quarter of the 2025/2026 financial year, highlighting

Studio LC wins five ADDY Awards

Studio LC, the creative partnership between leading telecoms provider Liberty Caribbean and advertising agency McCann Port of Spain, has won five ADDY Awards from the American Advertising Federation.

The recognition marks a remarkable milestone for Studio LC in just its first year of existence, demonstrating the strength and promise of the hybrid agency model.

"Studio LC was created to place Caribbean creative talent at the centre of our brand work to be the driving force behind a bold, culturally rooted creative practice. Its first mandate was the 'Riddim' rebrand for Flow, and the campaign was conceived to reflect Caribbean culture and identity, and its resonance across markets

has now been recognised by the industry's highest honours," said Inge Smidts, Chief Executive Officer, Liberty Caribbean.

Liberty Caribbean are the operators of Flow, Liberty Business and BTC.

"In building Studio LC, we set out to create a truly Caribbean creative engine that brings client and agency talent together around a shared cultural purpose. These awards validate that approach and signal a new chapter for creative excellence across the region. We are proud of the work produced and even more proud of the people who made it possible," added Smidts.

Studio LC's work was honoured across five categories, taking Gold for Flow's Riddim TV Ad, and Silver

for Flow's Riddim Illustrations, the Flow Valentine's Day Campaign, the Flow Prepaid Campaign, and its Integrated Brand Identity Campaign.

Stephen Look Tong, Chief Executive Officer, McCann Port of Spain, reflected on the collaboration that underpins Studio LC's success.

"Studio LC began as a bold idea to build a truly Caribbean agency that brings together the best client talent and the best agency talent to work seamlessly as a singular, focused creative powerhouse. We believed this team could become one of the best in the region, and winning five ADDY Awards in our very first year shows we're on the right track. I'm incredibly proud of what this team has achieved," he said.

Khyron Danclair, Head of Creative Strategy and Studio LC Lead, described the recognition as an early sign of the agency's potential.

"Winning five ADDY Awards in our first year reflects the incredible talent within this team. Leading Studio LC and having the opportunity to work on a brand as iconic as Flow has been truly special, and this recognition is proof that we are only just getting started," he said.

The ADDY Awards, formally known as the American Advertising Awards, are widely regarded as the advertising industry's largest and most representative competition, attracting between 25,000 and 35,000 entries each year from agencies, brands, and creative professionals.



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

Minister of Government Moves to Recover Customs Arrears; Over \$200K Already Collected

By Vivian Tyson NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

licly, enforcement measures have been applied broadly and consistently. Robinson also pushed back against criticism directed at customs officers, stressing that they are carrying out policy decisions.

"If anyone has an issue, target me and the policymakers, not the staff," he said. The Minister explained that the Customs Department has the legal authority to revisit import records and recover unpaid duties for up to five years. These post-clearance audits are designed to address discrepancies such as under-reported goods or incomplete declarations.

Under the strengthened enforcement approach, importers and courier companies are now required to comply with stricter payment arrangements. These include a "pay-as-you-go" system, where duties and processing fees must be paid before goods are released.

However, Robinson emphasized that the Government has introduced flexibility to avoid disrupting business operations. Importers are allowed to prioritize essential goods, such as perishables and medicine, by making partial payments to clear critical shipments while settling remaining balances over time.

Additionally, companies with outstand-

ing balances are being placed on structured repayment plans, with requirements to submit regular updates and payments toward arrears.

"These measures are not about stopping business," Robinson said. "They are about ensuring that the Government collects what is owed so we can provide for the people."

According to Robinson, customs revenue plays a vital role in the country's finances. The Ministry of Immigration and Border Services accounts for approximately 40 percent of total government revenue, generating more than \$200 million annually through import duties, customs processing fees, and work permit fees.

These funds support a wide range of public services and development projects, including infrastructure, housing, healthcare, education, and social assistance programmes.

"If we are not collecting properly, it affects everything, from roads to schools to support for vulnerable people," he said.

Robinson disclosed that courier-related customs collections average about \$8.64 million annually, with an estimated shortfall of roughly \$890,000, or about nine percent. While he described this as relatively modest, he said the Government is working to reduce that

gap through improved systems and enforcement.

Efforts are underway to modernize customs operations, including upgrades to tariff classifications and digital systems, aimed at improving accuracy and reducing revenue leakage.

Looking ahead, the Minister urged importers to ensure full compliance with customs requirements, warning that the Government will continue to enforce existing laws.

"It's easier to pay upfront and do your entries properly than to have us come back later," he said.

Robinson also cautioned against the practice of collecting duties from customers without remitting them to the Government, noting that such funds legally belong to the people of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

He reaffirmed that while the Government is prepared to work with businesses to resolve outstanding issues, accountability remains essential.

"We want trade to flow smoothly and efficiently," Robinson said. "But it must also be done honestly."

The enforcement initiative forms part of a broader government strategy to strengthen revenue collection and ensure that public funds are fully accounted for and used to support national development priorities.

Deputy Premier and Minister of Immigration and Border Services Jamell Robinson says the Government is intensifying efforts to recover outstanding customs and import duty payments, with more than \$200,000 already collected in recent weeks.

Speaking on Radio Turks and Caicos' First Edition, Robinson addressed public concerns following reports that courier companies owed significant sums to the Government. He clarified, however, that the enforcement drive is not limited to couriers but extends to all importers.

"This is not just couriers, it's all importers that we've targeted," Robinson said, explaining that recent actions stem from audits conducted over the past two years which identified incomplete entries and unpaid duties across the system.

He noted that while one courier company brought attention to the matter pub-

The Loren Launches "CAMP" and Appoints Turks & Caicos Sotheby's

International Realty to Lead Sales and Marketing for Turtle Cove Development Turks and Caicos Islands- March 12, 2026 - The Loren has officially unveiled CAMP, a vibrant pop-up dining experience perched on a scenic bluff overlooking Turtle Cove, marking the beginning of an exciting new chapter for The Loren and its future development in the area.

Inspired by The Loren's guiding philosophy, "Uncompromising by Nature," CAMP offers a unique lifestyle experience that blends coastal discovery, thoughtful design, culinary creativity, and the social energy that defines the Loren brand.

The launch event also marked a significant milestone for the development as Stephen King, visionary and developer of The Loren, announced the appointment of Turks & Caicos Sotheby's International Realty (TCSIR) as the exclusive sales and marketing representative for the upcoming Turtle Cove development.

The appointment signals the next phase in the evolution of one of the island's most

historically significant waterfront locations, the site of the original Third Turtle Inn, Turks and Caicos' first hotel and marina.

Chosen decades ago for its protected harbor, elevated terrain, and intimate crescent beach, Turtle Cove has long been associated with discovery, gathering, and a lifestyle centered around the sea. The Loren's next chapter seeks to honour that legacy while thoughtfully shaping its future.

Infrastructure works, including beach replenishment and marina dock construction, are scheduled to begin later this year, with the project moving toward a projected Spring 2027 opening.

Joe Zahm, President of Turks & Caicos Sotheby's International Realty, shared his enthusiasm for the partnership:

"I am genuinely thrilled to be involved with a site that has been near and dear to my heart for more than 30 years. This is a place many of us associate with some of our earliest memories of the island- boat-

ing, gathering, celebrating, and simply being by the water.

To now help guide its next chapter, alongside a thoughtful development team and a boutique hospitality brand with roots in Austin and Bermuda, is incredibly meaningful. We look forward to introducing this next phase of Turtle Cove to the world."

Developer Stephen King also reflected on the significance of the collaboration:

"We are very pleased to finally be working together with Joe and his team. There has always been mutual respect between us since we first met several years ago, and the timing now truly feels right for the project. As infrastructure continues to advance and our vision for Turtle Cove comes to life, this collaboration feels natural and aligned with where The Loren is headed."

King also noted that the project reflects The Loren's broader philosophy of stewarding iconic coastal destinations.

"Our approach in Turks and Caicos mirrors the thoughtful transformation current-

ly underway at Elbow Beach in Bermuda - another historic site being carefully reimaged. Our new relationship with Joe and his team also complements our long-standing partnership with Buddy Rego of Rego Sotheby's International Realty in Bermuda. Buddy, who is also the co-founder of Turks and Caicos Sotheby's International Realty, has deep roots in the destination spanning more than four decades. The alignment between these partnerships gives us great confidence as both projects move forward."

As the development progresses, CAMP by The Loren will serve as a seasonal gathering place for the Turks and Caicos community and visitors alike, a relaxed yet refined hilltop setting where guests can enjoy Mediterranean-inspired cuisine, craft cocktails, live entertainment, and sweeping sunset views over Turtle Cove. The Loren remains grounded in a simple belief: places that have shaped generations deserve to evolve thoughtfully- and with the right partners.

BUSINESS LICENCE RENEWAL PERIOD STARTS APRIL 1

The Inland Revenue Department (IRD), under the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development, Investment, and Trade, wishes to advise the business community and the general public that the renewal period for Business Licences for the Financial Year 2026/2027 will commence on April 1, 2026, and end on April 30, 2026.

Businesses are strongly encouraged to submit their renewal applications and payments within this period. Please note that no extensions will be granted beyond the April 30, 2026 deadline.

In accordance with the newly implemented Business Licensing Act 2026, the following measures will apply to licences that are not renewed within the prescribed period:

Any Business Licence not renewed on or before April 30, 2026 will be automatically suspended effective May 1, 2026.

Suspended licences will enter a one-month reinstatement period from May

1 to May 31, 2026, during which time the licence holder may apply for reinstatement and complete the renewal process.

If the licence is not reinstated by May 31, 2026, the Business Licence will be cancelled.

To facilitate a smooth renewal process, customers are reminded of the following requirements:

Registered companies must submit copies of their Director Register, Members/Shareholders Register, Beneficial Owner Register, and evidence of Good Standing from the Financial Services Commission (FSC) at the time of renewal.

Sole traders and partnerships are required to submit a valid Business Name Registration Certificate issued by the FSC.

Please be advised that the list of certifications required for renewal has been revised. Only hotels and other short-term rental providers are required to



Hon. Washington Misick, Premier and Minister of Finance, Investment and Trade

submit proof of Accommodation Licensing along with their FSC Registration. Additionally, Tourism Service Providers must obtain and display a valid Tourism Licence issued by the Tourism Regulation Authority.

The Inland Revenue Department encourages all businesses to prepare the required documentation ahead of the renewal period to ensure timely pro-

cessing and compliance with the new requirements.

For additional information, persons may visit the Inland Revenue Department's website at <https://www.gov.tc/revenue/> or contact the Department's offices in Providenciales 338-5234 and Grand Turk 338-2069, or the District Commissioner's Offices in the Family Islands.



*Minister of Public Safety and Utilities
Hon. Otis Morris*

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND UTILITIES LAUNCHES NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

partment of Correctional Services, the Department of Rehabilitation and Community Services, Postal Services, and the Water Undertaking Department. It also maintains oversight of statutory bodies such as the Turks and Caicos Islands Civil Aviation Authority and the Telecommunications Commission.

In commenting, Hon. Otis C. Morris, Minister of Public Safety and Utilities, emphasized the importance of youth participation in shaping national identity.

"Our young people are among the most creative and visionary contributors to nation-building. As the Scripture reminds us in Habakkuk 2:2, 'Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it,' and this competition provides an opportunity for that vision to be expressed clearly and meaningfully. It gives our youth a chance to leave their mark on a Ministry that touches every aspect of public safety, rehabilitation, and essential utilities across our Islands."

He further highlighted the Ministry's broad mandate and the significance of a strong, unified visual identity.

"The logo we select will symbolize our commitment to protection, resilience, innovation, and service to the people of the

Turks and Caicos Islands. I encourage every secondary school student to take up this challenge with pride and imagination."

Competition Overview

Students are invited to design a logo that reflects the Ministry's mission, values, and broad mandate. As stated in the competition guidelines, "The logo should visually represent the mission, responsibilities, and values of the Ministry," capturing themes such as protection, emergency response, rehabilitation, community support, water and utilities, communication, and national identity.

Design Requirements

Entries must be:

- Simple, balanced, and easily identifiable
- Suitable for official Government use
- Clear and legible in both color and black-and-white
- Scalable for use on uniforms, vehicles, signage, letterheads, and digital platforms
- Limited to no more than three primary colors

Contained within a defined shape such as a circle, shield, or emblem

Both hand-drawn and digital submissions are accepted.

Eligibility and Submission

The competition is open to all secondary

school students in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Each student may submit one entry, accompanied by:

- The logo design
- Student's full name
- School name and grade level
- Contact information

A 150- 200-word explanation of the symbolism and design choices

Submissions may be delivered through schools or sent directly to the Ministry at the designated email address or office location.

Judging and Prizes

Entries will be evaluated based on:

- Relevance to the Ministry's Mandate
- Creativity and Originality
- Clarity and Simplicity
- Visual Impact and Professional Quality
- Quality of Written Explanation

The winning student will receive Certificate of Recognition, a Prize from the Ministry of Public Safety and public acknowledgment at the official logo launch. The selected design will become the official logo of the Ministry of Public Safety and Utilities.

Deadline

All submissions must be received by Friday April 10|2026 at 4:00 PM. Late entries will not be considered.

The Ministry of Public Safety and Utilities is pleased to announce the launch of a nationwide Secondary School Logo Design Competition, inviting students from across the Turks and Caicos Islands to help shape the official visual identity of the Ministry.

This initiative encourages creativity, civic engagement, and national pride among youth, offering students a unique opportunity to contribute to the branding of a Ministry entrusted with "safeguarding the well-being of our citizens and ensuring the reliable delivery of essential utility services that support the daily lives of our communities."

The Ministry plays a vital role at the intersection of public safety and utility management, overseeing key departments including Fire and Rescue Services, the De-

\$124 Million and Counting: The SIPT's Staggering Bill and the Cost to Our People

An Op-Ed by Rinaldo Forbes

Let me be clear: I am not here to defend corruption, but accountability must never become a blank check. And that is precisely what the Special Investigation and Prosecution Team (SIPT) has become, a blank check drawn on the backs of the people of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

March 13, 2026, Premier Charles Washington Misick stood before Parliament and confirmed what many of us have long suspected: the SIPT process has cost this country at least \$124 million. And that figure, as the Premier himself acknowledged, is not even final. The full accounting has yet to be completed.

This is the first time the public has been given an official figure for these proceedings, which is widely regarded as one of the longest and most expensive trials in Caribbean history.

I commend the Government backbencher Hon Willin Belliard, for pressing this Government to lay before Parliament a comprehensive, itemized statement of all public expenditures incurred in relation to the SIPT and the associated Civil Recovery Programme. The people of this country have an absolute right to know where their money went, how much was paid to external legal counsel, how much in salaries and benefits for prosecutors and investigators.

But knowing the numbers is only the beginning. The real question we must ask ourselves, the question that should keep every policymaker awake at night: what could \$124 million have built for our people?

For \$124 million, we could have constructed and fully equipped state of the art school, we could have hired and retained hundreds of qualified teachers, funded scholarships for

our brightest young minds to study abroad and return home to build this nation, and modernized our curriculum to prepare the next generation for the demands of a global economy.

For \$124 million, we could have transformed the infrastructure of these islands. We could have repaired and expanded our road networks, built new crossways, and invested in renewable energy. We could have built affordable housing for working families. We could have developed community health centers so that our people do not have to travel abroad for basic medical care.

A process that has consumed \$124 million of public funds with the final figure still unknown, demands serious scrutiny. We owe it to the people of this country to ask whether every dollar was spent wisely, whether the scope of the programme was properly managed, and whether the outcomes achieved were proportionate to the extraordinary financial cost imposed on this small island nation.

I call on this Government to do an independent review of the value delivered by the SIPT programme relative to its total expenditure. I call for a full accounting of the assets recovered versus the money spent, so that the people of this country can judge for themselves whether justice was served at a price they can afford. And I call for a binding, public commitment that, going forward, no programme of this scale will ever again be allowed to run for over a decade without regular, transparent reporting to Parliament and to the people.

We must never again allow \$124 million to disappear into the machinery of legal proceedings while our roads deteriorate, and our people struggle. The people are watching. And they deserve better.



TCIAA Issues Public Advisory on Parking at JAGS McCartney International Airport

The Turks and Caicos Islands Airports Authority (TCIAA) wishes to advise the general and traveling public that parking at the JAGS McCartney International Airport parking lot is strictly reserved for passengers who are actively traveling.

Members of the public are hereby informed that private vehicles should not be parked in the airport parking lot unless the owner is departing or arriving on a scheduled flight. Unauthorized vehicles found occupying

the parking area will be subject to towing at the owner's expense.

Additionally, travelers who intend to leave their vehicles parked overnight do so at their own risk. The TCIAA will not be held liable for any loss, theft, or damage to vehicles or their contents while parked at the JAGS McCartney International Airport.

We appreciate the public's cooperation in ensuring that parking facilities remain accessible and available for all airport users.



The parking lot at the JAGS McCartney International Airport in Grand Turk

Seven-Storey Hotel Proposal for Cooper Jack Referred to Cabinet Over Planning Concerns

By Vivian Tyson NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

A major tourism development proposed for the Cooper Jack area of Providenciales has been referred to the Governor in Cabinet after the Physical Planning Department identified inconsistencies with the National Physical Development Plan.

The application, submitted by the Royal Yacht Club of Turks & Caicos Ltd., IBIS Landholdings Ltd., and I.S.I Landholdings Inc., seeks approval to construct a seven-storey hotel and multi-use development within and around an existing marina site.

Plans for the project are extensive, featuring beachfront suites, townhouses, condominiums, and residential villas, along with a marina, overwater water-sports facility, water club, restaurant and bar, swimming pool, fitness centre, sports complex, spa and overwater spa rooms. Additional elements include boat docks, observation decks, beach nourishment works, groynes, a drawbridge, and other supporting amenities.

The matter was reviewed during the 785th Extraordinary Meeting of the Physical Planning Board (PPB), held on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at the Planning Department Conference Room in Providenciales, with participation both in person and via video conference.

Deputy Director of Planning, Toriano Williams, explained that while the department supports the concept of the development, certain aspects of the proposal conflict with existing zoning and land-use designations under the national plan.

“Some of the development parcels would have been inconsistent with the Development Plan,” Williams said. “Even though the department supports the development in principle, any amendment to the National Physical Development Plan must be approved by Cabinet in accordance with Section 39 of the Physical Planning Ordinance.”

Williams noted that the proposed project is centered around an existing marina in Cooper Jack, an area facing Five Cays, where previous develop-

ment proposals had been made but not fully realized.

The Physical Planning Board has recommended approval of the project in principle; however, due to the identified inconsistencies, the final decision now rests with the Governor in Cabinet, which holds the authority to approve any necessary amendments to the Development Plan.

The outcome of Cabinet’s deliberations will determine whether the large-scale development moves forward.

That project, if approved by Cabinet, could be one of the last developments to be raised on Providenciales, as the Washington Misick administration has put a moratorium on hotel and condo development on Providenciales, citing environmental and other potential impacts. However, the government is allowing developments to take place on the other islands, where he has intimated, need some of those Providenciales-style developments.

The premier had announced some time ago, that there were more that

\$2billion worth of developments proposed for the Turks and Caicos Islands, the majority of them on Providenciales. It is unclear as to how many of them has already gotten the green light.

Currently, Providenciales is undergoing several major hotel developments, including the Kempinski near Leeward, the St. Regis Resort in Grace Bay, AN-DAZ Turks and Caicos in the Bight, and The Loren in Turtle Cove.

A little over two weeks ago, Beaches Turks and Caicos opened its fourth village – the Treasure Beach Village, which cost more than \$150 million, and is dubbed ‘Beaches 2.0.’

The Turks and Caicos Islands in the last 15 years has become a hot number for especially high-end travellers because of its luxury disposition. It has also become a magnet for high brand developers. However, the government believes that the expressions of interest were too Provo-centric hence the halt on grating of development applications for that island until further notice.

Overseas Branches Meeting Underscores Auxiliary Role for TCI Red Cross

The Turks and Caicos Islands Red Cross joined counterparts from across the region at the British Red Cross Overseas Branches Annual Meeting, held in London from 9–13 March 2026.

A highlight of the week was the dedicated session on Thursday, 12 March, focused on deepening understanding of the auxiliary role—the Red Cross’ unique mandate to support public authorities in humanitarian response, disaster preparedness, health, and social services. For the Turks and Caicos Islands, this role is formally grounded in the 2012 Red Cross Ordinance, which outlines the organisation’s responsibilities as an auxiliary to the Government. The Turks and Caicos Islands were represented by:

- Candianne Williams, Director, Turks and Caicos Islands Red Cross
- Tracy Knight, Head of Office and Turks and Caicos Islands Government Representative in the UK

Both attended high level discussions alongside senior British Red Cross leadership; FCDO representatives including Sheena Lavery, Head of Disaster Management for Overseas Territories; James Cowan of the UKOT Health Security Pro-



gramme; Directors of other Overseas Branches; and UK based Overseas Territory Government Offices.

Speaking on behalf of the TCI Red Cross, Director Candianne Williams said: “Our discussions highlighted just how essential our auxiliary role is to community resilience. Together with our government partners, we are better positioned to prepare, respond, and support those who need us most.”

The session emphasised the importance

of close coordination between the TCI Red Cross, the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands, and UK partners.

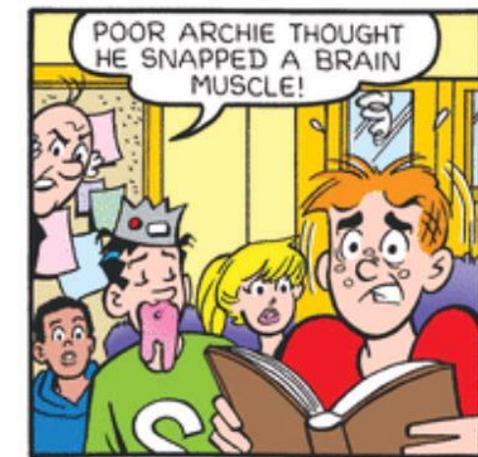
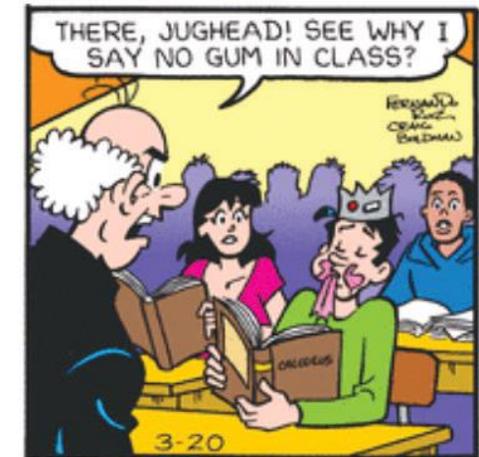
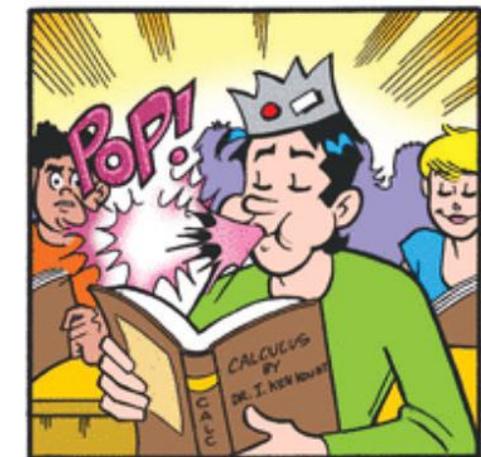
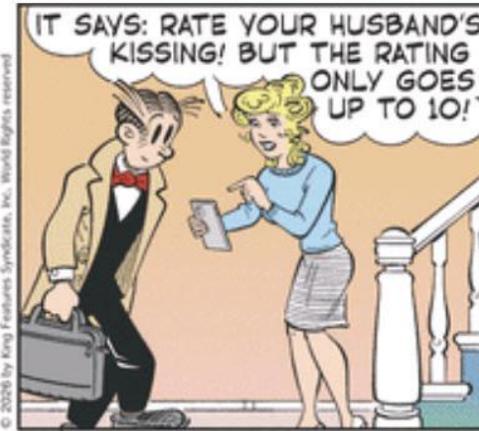
TCI Representative Tracy Knight expressed strong support for the collaborative approach, noting the value of working side by side with Red Cross leadership and fellow Overseas Territories to strengthen systems that directly benefit TCI communities. Her engagement underscored the shared commitment to building resilience, improving

preparedness, and ensuring effective humanitarian response across the islands.

The meeting reaffirmed strong collaborative ties between the Turks and Caicos Islands Red Cross, the Government of TCI, the British Red Cross, and the UK’s Overseas Territory support structures. All partners underscored their commitment to working together to build safer, stronger, and more resilient communities across the Turks and Caicos Islands.

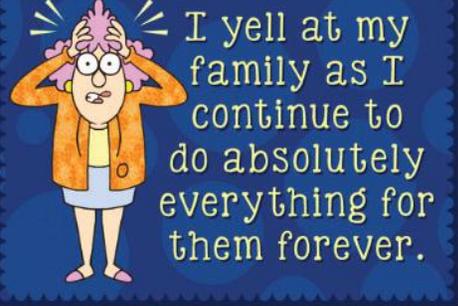
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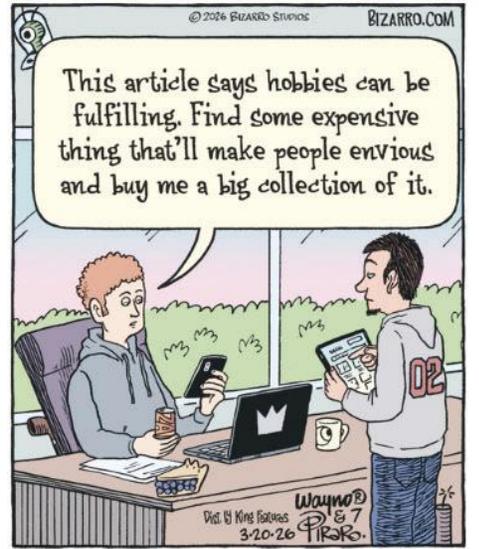
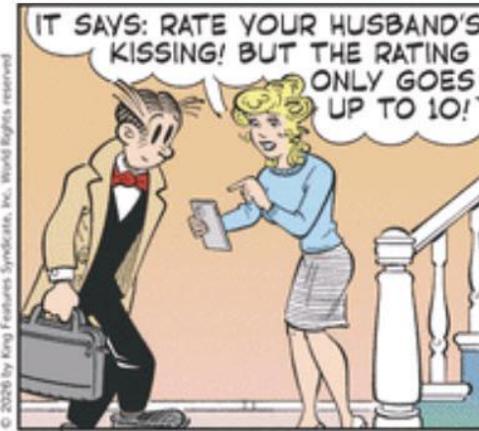


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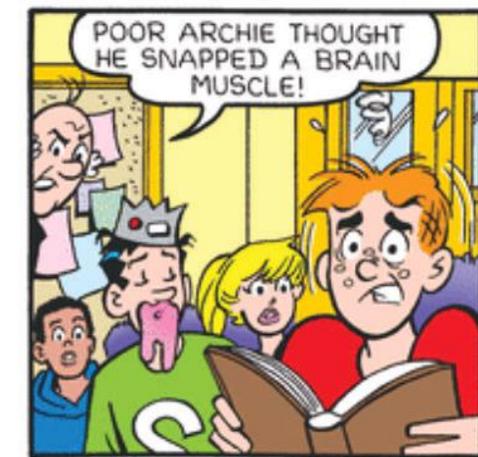
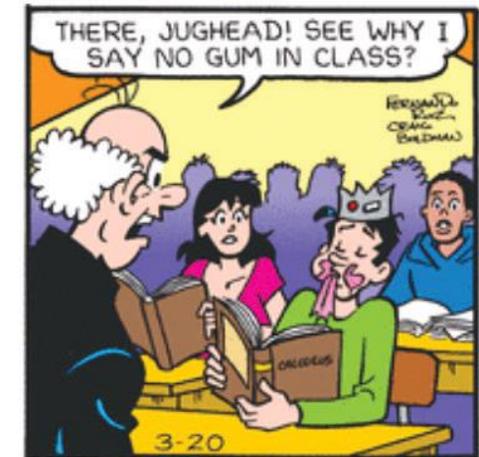
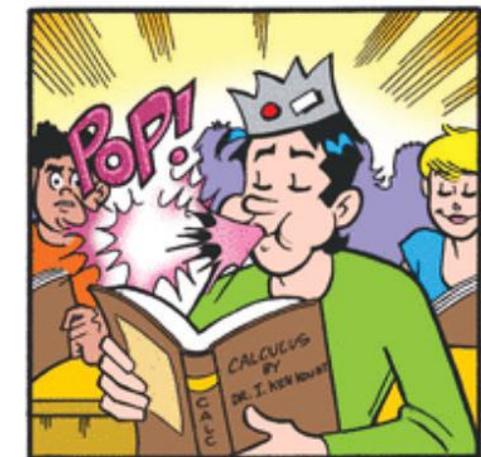
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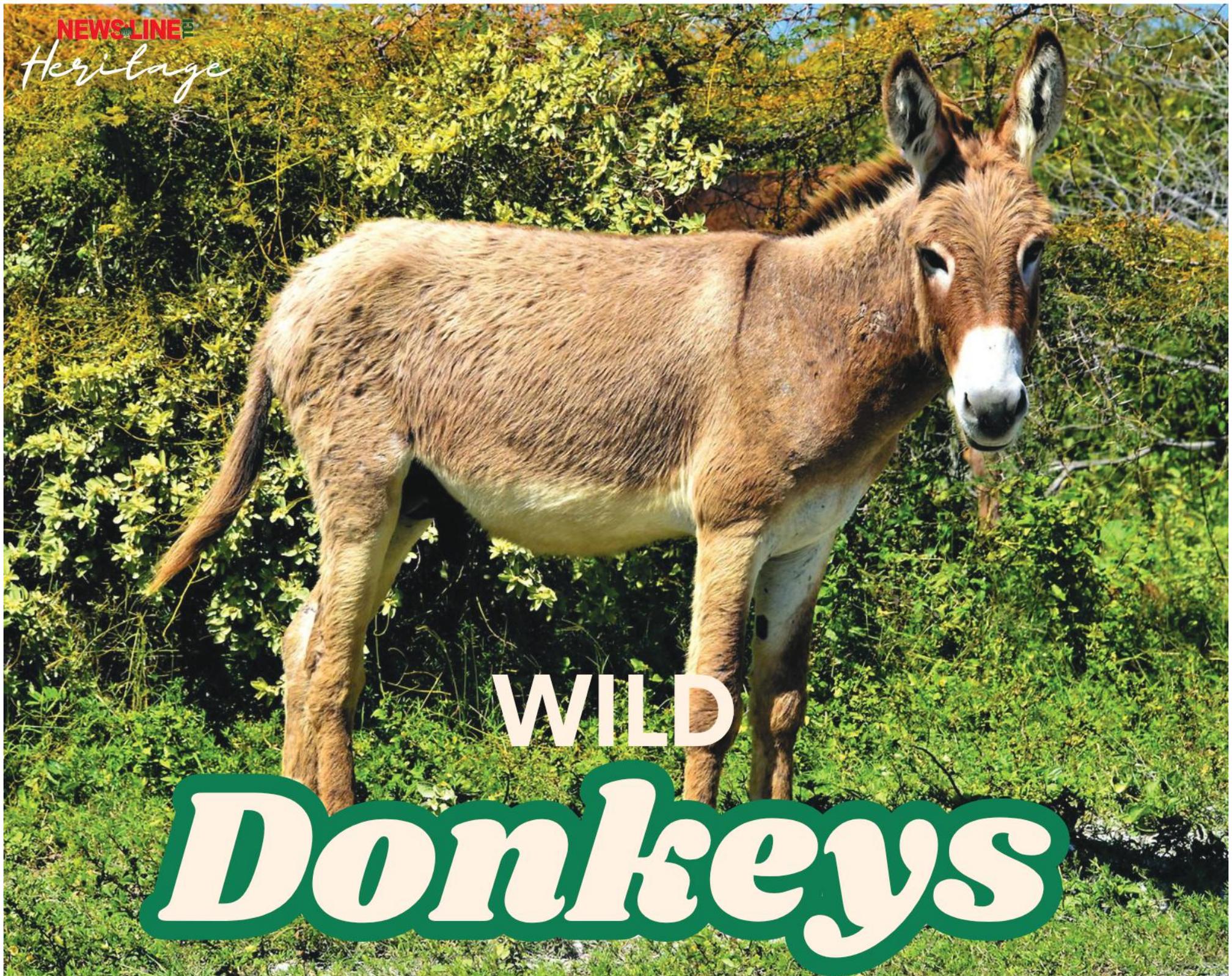


I yell at my family as I continue to do absolutely everything for them forever.



When Job was born, God appeared before the father of Job, and he said, "You had one Job!" And then God cried out, "I have created the pun."





For more than a century, wild donkeys have become a familiar presence across the Turks and Caicos Islands. Brought to the islands during the height of the salt industry, these hardy animals played an essential role in transporting salt from the salinas to the ports, supporting one of the country's earliest and most important industries.

Donkeys were introduced to Grand Turk and Salt Cay in the 18th and 19th centuries, where they were used to pull heavy loads across the salinas. Unlike modern machinery, these animals provided a reliable and efficient means of transport, helping to sustain the salt trade that shaped the islands' early economy.

When the salt industry declined, many of the donkeys were left behind. Over time, they adapted to the environment and began roaming freely, eventually becoming part of the natural and cultural landscape of the islands.

Their continued presence has made them a recognisable feature of everyday life, particularly on Grand Turk and Salt Cay. Residents and visitors alike often encounter these animals wandering near roads, settlements, and open land - reminder of a bygone era. Though no longer used for labour, wild donkeys remain deeply connected to the history of the Turks and Caicos Islands. They stand as living symbols of the islands' salt-raking past and the resilience of the communities that once depended on that industry. Today, wild donkeys continue to represent the enduring link between the people of the Turks and Caicos Islands and their history. Their story serves as a reminder that the islands' heritage is not only preserved in records and buildings, but also in the living landscape around them.

Junior Bar Committee End-of-Year Reception

Members of the Junior Bar Committee (JBC) of the Turks and Caicos Islands Bar Association gathered on Friday, 13 March 2026 at Turks Head Brewery for their end-of-year reception, marking the close of the Bar year and celebrating the continued engagement of the Bar's younger practitioners.

The evening provided an opportunity for junior attorneys from across the profession to come together in a relaxed setting to reflect on the past year, strengthen professional relationships, and celebrate the growing community of young lawyers within the Turks and Caicos Islands legal profession.

The Junior Bar Committee plays an important role within the Bar Association. Its activities throughout the year have contributed to fostering

collaboration among younger practitioners while encouraging participation in the wider life of the Bar. The increased activity of the Committee over the past year reflects the Bar Council's commitment to ensuring that younger members of the profession are fully engaged and supported in developing the skills, networks, and professional confidence required for the future of the profession.

JBC Chair Devonte Smith said: "The Junior Bar Committee is grateful for the support of the Bar Council and the wider profession. It is encouraging to see so many young attorneys taking an active interest in the work of the Bar. Opportunities like this allow junior members to build relationships, share experiences, and contribute to the continued



Members of the Junior Bar Committee and junior attorneys of the Turks and Caicos Islands Bar Association gathered at Turks Head Brewery on 13 March 2026 to mark the close of the Bar year and celebrate the growing community of young practitioners.

growth and strength of the legal profession in the Turks and Caicos Islands."

The Bar Association continues to encourage mentorship between senior and junior members of the profession, recognising that a strong Bar is built not only through experience but through the deliberate transfer of knowledge, professional standards, and institutional values across generations. The Bar Council remains committed to supporting the work of the Junior Bar Committee and to ensuring that junior members have a meaningful voice within the Association. Their growing participation reflects the strength of a profession that continues to evolve while remaining grounded in the traditions and responsibilities that define the practice of law.

As the legal profession in the Turks and Caicos Islands continues to de-

velop, the engagement and leadership of junior attorneys will play an increasingly important role in shaping the profession for the years ahead.

Speaking following the event, Bar Council President Mark A. Fulford noted the significance of the strong participation among the Bar's younger members. "It was encouraging to spend time with so many of the younger members of our profession. Their professionalism, energy, and willingness to contribute to the work of the Bar are a strong reminder that the future of the Turks and Caicos Islands Bar Association is in very capable hands." The Bar Association looks forward to continuing this work in the year ahead as the profession strengthens its commitment to mentorship, professional development, and the active participation of members at every stage of their careers.

Government Reinstates Full-time Physiotherapy Service on South Caicos

The Ministry of Health and Human Services is pleased to announce the reinstatement of full-time physiotherapy services on the island of South Caicos. Monthly physiotherapy services on South Caicos resumed two years ago through the visitation of the Primary Health Care Departments Senior Physiotherapist. However, the physical therapy needs for the people of South Caicos required more frequent service, therefore it was necessary to reinstate a full-time service.

Commenting on the reinstatement of this service, the Minister of Health and Human Services, Honourable Kyle Knowles stated that "The Ministry of Health remains committed to improving access to essential health care services for residents across the Turks and Caicos Islands.

"Physiotherapy services will now be provided by the Primary Health Care Department at the South Caicos Community Clinic. The service will continue to support patients requiring rehabili-

tation and physical therapy for a range of conditions including musculoskeletal and sports related injuries, neurological conditions e.g. stroke and community-based rehabilitation.

"The full-time reinstatement of this service ensures that the residents of South Caicos can be treated at home reducing the need to travel to other islands for care."

Patients requiring physiotherapy services should obtain a referral from their primary care physician. Appoint-

ments will be scheduled based on clinical need and availability. The Ministry of Health and Human Services remains committed to strengthening healthcare services across all islands and ensuring equitable access to quality care for every resident.

Soon, residents will benefit from community-based physiotherapy services on the island of Grand Turk. Further information will be shared with the public once the services are ready to commence.

Life Line FEATURED CHURCH

All Saints Mission Church

This week on Newsline Featured Church, we turn the spotlight on All Saints Mission Church, located along the Leeward Highway in Providenciales. The minister for that body of Christ is Pastor James Prospero. All Saints Church, which has one of the largest memberships of the any such body in the Turks and Caicos Islands, conducts two services on Sunday – the Sunday Morning Service and the Sunday Night Service. On Wednesday Night is Prayer Meeting and on Friday its their Youth Service.



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



HIGHLIGHTS OF “CAMP” RESTAURANT OPENING

Many who reside on the island of Providenciales attended the Grand Opening of CAMP by the Loren at the hilltop of Turtle Cove. The CAMP is a new restaurant, bar, lounge concept is located above the new hotel development. The resort is slated to officially open in 2027. The following are photo highlights of the event.





KIDS AND BLOOD SUGAR

This is how nutrition affects your kid's mood, focus, and immunity

By Monica Uttamchandani
Holistic Health Coach, Turks and Caicos

Children's bodies are highly sensitive to blood sugar fluctuations. What they eat directly affects their energy, behaviour, mood, sleep, and immune function. Many common childhood challenges are linked to unstable blood sugar rather than behavioural issues alone.

Signs of Blood Sugar Imbalance in Children

Children may not describe how they feel clearly. Instead, blood sugar imbalance often shows up as:

- Mood swings or irritability, often appearing when blood sugar drops between meals
- Hyperactivity followed by fatigue, a common response to sugar spikes and crashes
- Poor focus or attention, as the brain relies heavily on steady glucose supply
- Frequent hunger, especially shortly after eating refined carbohydrates
- Crankiness between meals, signalling unstable energy rather than behavioural issues
- Trouble sleeping, as blood sugar dips overnight increase stress hormones
- Frequent colds or low immunity, since unstable blood sugar weakens immune response

Breakfast Matters More Than You Think

Many children start their day with



cereal, toast, or juice. These foods spike blood sugar quickly and leave kids tired and hungry soon after. A balanced breakfast should include protein such as eggs, yogurt, or nut butter, fibre from fruit or whole grains, and healthy fats to slow di-

gestion. This supports steadier energy and better focus at school.

Snacks That Support Stable Energy
Snacks should not be sugar based. Better options include fruit paired with cheese or nut butter, yogurt with berries, hummus with crackers,

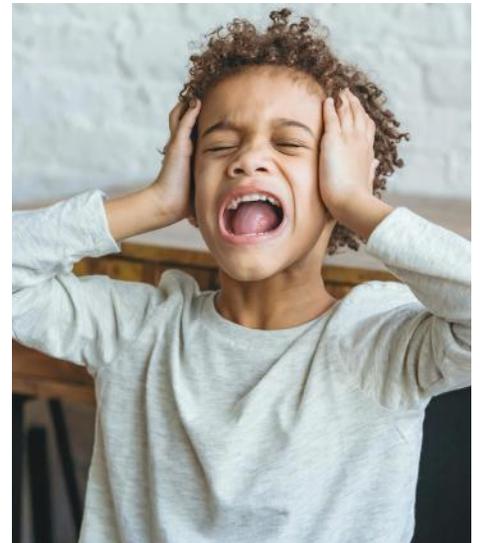
boiled eggs, trail mix with nuts and seeds.

Blood Sugar and Behaviour

When blood sugar drops, cortisol rises. This can look like anxiety, meltdowns, or restlessness. Stabilising meals and snacks often improves behaviour and emotional regulation.

Supporting children's nutrition is not about restriction. It is about providing steady fuel so their bodies and brains can function calmly and effectively. For more family friendly nutrition tips, follow @balancedbymonica on Instagram.

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NATIONAL HONOURS AND AWARDS PROGRAMME REOPENS FOR PUBLIC NOMINATIONS

The Turks and Caicos Islands Government (TCIG) is pleased to announce the reopening of nominations for the National Honours and Awards Programme, marking the return of an important national tradition that recognises the outstanding contributions, achievements, and service of individuals across the Turks and Caicos Islands. The programme, administered by the National Honours and Awards Committee, invites members of the public to nominate individuals whose dedication and accomplishments have significantly contributed to national development, community advancement, and the overall progress of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Nominations will officially open Monday, 16 March 2026, and will remain open for eight weeks, closing on 15 May 2026.

Members of the public are encouraged to carefully review the nomination criteria and ensure that nominees are submitted under the appropriate award category. The Committee will

only consider nominees in the category under which they are submitted.

The National Honours and Awards recognise excellence across several categories, including:

- The Order of National Hero
- The Order of the Turks and Caicos Islands
- The Patriotic Award
- The Long Service Medal
- The Meritorious Award
- The National Young Achievers Medal

Nomination forms and detailed guidance are available online through the National Honours and Awards website, which launches today, and through government offices across the islands. Forms may be obtained from:

- The Office of the Premier and Public Policy in Grand Turk and Providenciales
- District Commissioners' Offices in North Caicos, Middle Caicos, South Caicos, and Salt Cay

The National Honours and Awards website at: www.tcinationalhonoursandawards.com

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Completed nomination forms may be submitted online through the website or delivered in a sealed envelope to the Office of the Premier and Public Policy or the relevant District Commissioner's Office.

Supporting documentation such as testimonials, newspaper clippings, letters, or other materials that demonstrate the nominee's achievements and contributions are strongly encouraged. For online submissions, supporting documents must be combined into one PDF file not exceeding 15MB.

Statement from the Premier

Premier Hon. Charles Washington Misick welcomed the reinstatement of the programme, noting its importance in recognising the people who shape the nation.

"The National Honours and Awards Programme allows us to celebrate the extraordinary individuals whose dedication, leadership, and service have helped build the Turks and Caicos Islands. I encourage members of

the public to take part in this process by nominating those who have made meaningful contributions to our communities and our country."

Honouring Service and National Pride

The National Honours and Awards Programme reflects the Government's commitment to recognising excellence, service, and leadership throughout the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Following the nomination process and evaluation by the National Honours and Awards Committee, award recipients will be recognised at a National Honours and Awards Ceremony scheduled to take place in Grand Turk in October 2026.

The public is reminded that all nominations must be submitted no later than 15 May 2026.

For further information on the nomination process and eligibility criteria, members of the public are encouraged to visit the National Honours and Awards website or contact the Office of the Premier and Public Policy.

Wymara Resort + Villas Honored in U.S. News & World Report

Wymara Resort + Villas, the contemporary beachfront retreat, has been recognized in the U.S. News & World Report's 2026 Best Hotels Rankings, earning a gold badge in the 2026 Best Hotels in the Caribbean category. The resort is ranked No. 1 in Turks & Caicos, underscoring its commitment to unparalleled hospitality, service, and the guest experience.

Wymara is renowned for its breathtaking ocean views, elegant accommodations, and an abundance of world-class amenities. Wymara offers guests the choice of spacious suites and villas, each designed with contemporary decor and luxurious furnishings that embody the essence of Caribbean sophistication. Guests can indulge in exceptional and award-winning dining experiences, rejuvenating spa treatments, and vibrant local culture, all within the serene environment of this Caribbean paradise.

"Receiving this recognition is a true honor and a reflection of the passion and dedication of our entire team," said Shelley Rincon, CEO of Wymara Resort + Villas. "At Wymara, we strive to create exclusive and memorable experiences for our guests, and this award reaffirms our commitment to excellence. We are deeply grateful to our incredible team for their tireless efforts and to our guests for their continued trust and support in making Wymara their Caribbean escape."

Now in its 16th year, the Best Hotels ranking is one of the travel industry's most prestigious accolades. In 2026, U.S. News & World Report evaluated over 31,000 hotels across more than 400 destinations worldwide. The rankings consider a hotel's star



rating, industry awards, and guest reviews, drawing from expert assessments and traveler feedback to determine each property's standing. Wymara Resort + Villas' placement among the top hotels in Turks & Caicos and the broader Caribbean reinforces its status as a world-class destination.

RADIATING CARIBBEAN ELEGANCE

Wymara Resort + Villas offers an array of luxury amenities designed to enhance the guest experience. Visitors can savor exquisite cuisine at the resort's acclaimed restaurants, which emphasizes fresh, lo-

cally-sourced ingredients and innovative culinary techniques. For those seeking adventure, the resort provides access to water sports, private excursions, and immersive experiences that showcase the rich natural beauty and culture of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Additionally, the resort's tranquil spa offers a sanctuary for relaxation, featuring a menu of treatments designed to rejuvenate the mind and body and an exclusive partnership with renowned skincare brand 111SKIN. With an emphasis on personalized service,

every aspect of a guest's stay is thoughtfully curated to create lasting memories.

As Wymara celebrates this esteemed recognition, it reaffirms its commitment to sustainability and providing exceptional hospitality and maintaining its position as a leader in the Caribbean luxury market. With plans for further enhancements and offerings, including the debut of its newest and most expansive villa offering to date, the resort looks forward to welcoming both new and returning guests to experience the magic of Turks & Caicos.

Education Department hosts 3rd Annual Local Studies Competition

The Department of Education in collaboration with the Department of Culture successfully hosted the 3rd Annual Local Studies Jeopardy-Style Competition, an initiative designed to promote persons' understanding of the history, culture, and contemporary affairs of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

The event took place on March 2, 2026, at the Gustavus Lightbourne Sports Complex, bringing together students, parents, educators, and community stakeholders in a celebration of national heritage and civic awareness.

This year's competition was organized under the theme "Where Parents Lead, Children Succeed," emphasizing the critical role of parental engagement in education. In alignment with this theme, each competing team consisted of one student and one parent, thereby fostering intergenerational collaboration and reinforcing the importance of family participation in the learning process.

The inclusion of parents not only enhanced the spirit of the competition but also underscored the broader educational philosophy that student achievement is strengthened when families and schools work in partnership.

The event commenced with opening greetings delivered by the Minister of

Education, Youth, Sports and Culture, Hon. Rachel Taylor. In her remarks, Minister Taylor highlighted the significance of the competition as a platform for showcasing national identity and collective heritage.

She noted that the addition of parents as active participants represented a meaningful and progressive development in the students' wholistic structure, further strengthening the relationship between home, school, and community. According to the Minister, initiatives such as the Local Studies Competition play a vital role in ensuring that younger generations develop a strong appreciation for the cultural and historical foundations of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

The opening ceremony also featured several cultural performances that helped create an atmosphere reflective of the nation's traditions. The Enid Capron Primary School Band performed a selection of cultural music, setting an engaging and celebratory tone for the proceedings.

Additionally, students from Clement Howell High School delivered renditions of the National Anthem and the National Song, reinforcing the patriotic spirit of the occasion. The audience was formally welcomed by Director of Culture,

Odessa Forbes, who expressed appreciation for the participation of schools, parents, and community members in supporting cultural education.

The competition itself was skilfully moderated by Quiz Master Huntley Forbes Jr., who guided participants through the various rounds of questions.

A total of fifteen schools participated in the competition, demonstrating strong representation from across the islands. Participating institutions included: Thelma Lightbourne Primary School, Eliza Simons Primary School, Ianthe Pratt Primary School, International School, Precious Treasures Primary School, Oseta Jolly Primary School, Marjorie Basden High School, Ona Ginton Primary School, Provo Primary and Middle School, Clement Howell High School, Richmond Hill Preparatory School, Charles Hubert James Primary School, Shining Stars Preparatory School, Raymond Gardiner High School, and Enid Capron Primary School.

Throughout the competition, teams demonstrated impressive knowledge of various aspects of Turks and Caicos Islands heritage, including historical milestones, national festivals, traditional cuisine, geography, and contemporary current affairs. The high level of engagement and enthusiasm among

participants reflected both the effectiveness of local studies instruction within schools and the commitment of families to supporting students' academic development.

Following several rounds of intense and closely contested gameplay, Precious Treasures Primary School emerged as the first-place winner. International School secured second place, while Charles Hubert James Primary School earned third place. All teams displayed commendable effort, preparation, and pride in representing their schools and their knowledge of national heritage.

The Department of Education and the Department of Culture extend their sincere gratitude to all participating schools, students, parents, teachers, judges, coaches and volunteers whose contributions made the event a success. Appreciation is also expressed to the organizers, engineer, scorekeepers, timekeepers, performers, and supporters who helped create a meaningful and memorable celebration of the Turks and Caicos Islands' history and culture. Through initiatives such as the Local Studies Jeopardy-Style Competition, the Departments reaffirm their commitment to fostering cultural awareness, national pride, and lifelong learning.



Saphora Grace Bay Launched

The Turks and Caicos Islands' reputation as a premier luxury destination received another boost with the official launch of Saphora in Grace Bay, a mixed-use development hailed as a symbol of continued economic growth, investment confidence, and evolving lifestyle offerings in the territory.

The launch event, hosted by the Rockfin Group, brought together government officials, developers, investors, and members of the business community to celebrate what stakeholders described as more than just a retail opening, but a milestone in the ongoing transformation of Grace Bay.

Speaking at the ceremony, Acting Premier Hon. Jamell Robinson underscored the significance of the project, noting that developments of this scale reinforce the Turks and Caicos Islands' global appeal.

"Grace Bay is not only one of the most beautiful places in the world, it is also one of the most sought-after destinations for premium investment," Robinson said. "Projects such as Saphora reaffirm the strength of our brand and the confidence that international investors continue to place in our islands."

The Saphora development is spearheaded by the Rockfin Group, led by its founder Fio Mayil, a long-time resident and investor in the Turks and Caicos Islands. The group has been instrumental in several high-



end projects, including the Amaris Grace Bay development under Hilton's LXR Hotels and Resorts brand. Robinson emphasized that the government remains committed to facilitating responsible, high-quality developments that not only enhance the tourism product but also create meaningful opportunities for residents.

"Our vision extends beyond individual developments," he said. "Sustained success depends on stronger collaboration between government, developers, investors, tourism stakeholders, and most importantly, our people."

Developer Fio Mayil, in his remarks, highlighted the company's deep connection to the islands, stressing that the project represents more than an

investment.

"We did not come here just to build, we came here to belong," Mayil said. "Everything we create here is built with love, respect, and appreciation for the people of this island."

He described Saphora Grace Bay as a long-term commitment to the future of the Turks and Caicos Islands and its community.

Also addressing the gathering, Robert Greenwood of Christie's International Real Estate Turks and Caicos noted the evolution of Grace Bay over the years and the growing sophistication of the local real estate market.

He pointed to developments like Saphora as part of a "new breed" of real estate offerings that are attracting a wider, more diverse demo-

graphic of investors and residents. "Grace Bay has evolved tremendously," Greenwood said. "What we are seeing now is a transition that opens the Turks and Caicos Islands to new opportunities and new audiences."

The Saphora launch reflects broader trends shaping the territory, including increased foreign investment, expansion of luxury retail, and continued demand for upscale living and tourism experiences.

Organizers described the project as a destination where "lifestyle, convenience, and investment opportunity converge," reinforcing Grace Bay's standing as one of the Caribbean's most vibrant and desirable locations.





Global study finds gap between expectations and the reality of perimenopause

believed to be the largest of its kind — examined what people know about perimenopause and what symptoms they experience. The results reveal a clear gap between what perimenopause symptoms people expect and what they experience.

Mayo Clinic researchers published a collaborative research study with Flo, a women's health application, to assess the perimenopause symptoms of 17,494 people from 158 countries. The study results are published in *Menopause*, the official journal of The Menopause Society.

Perimenopause marks the time leading up to the final menstrual period and includes the year after it ends. This transition can begin as early as the 30s and last for several years. Although it affects health and daily life, researchers have studied it far less than menopause.

"This study shines a light on how little we still understand about perimenopause and how much it affects people's daily lives," says first author Mary Hedges, M.D., a community internal medicine physician at Mayo Clinic in Florida. "At Mayo Clinic, we're working to expand that understanding so we can improve awareness and guide care that truly meets the needs of each patient."

Among more than 12,000 participants over age 35, the most common reported symptoms were fatigue (83%), exhaustion (83%), irritability (80%), low mood (77%), sleep problems (76%), digestive issues (76%) and anxiety (75%).

When asked what they associate with perimenopause, participants most often named hot flashes (71%), sleep problems (68%) and weight gain (65%). However, for those who said they were in perimenopause, 95% reported exhaustion and 93%



reported fatigue — far higher than the rate of hot flashes. Exhaustion is a general decrease in performance, impaired memory, decreased concentration, and forgetfulness, whereas fatigue is physical exhaustion.

These findings show that fatigue, mood changes and sleep-related issues are central to many people's perimenopause experiences, the study authors say. Hormone changes may affect the body's natural

rhythms and restorative sleep, while mood changes can be influenced by hormones, inflammation and diet. The research highlights that perimenopause symptoms can significantly affect daily life, relationships and work. Responsibilities such as caregiving and coexisting health conditions may add to the strain, increasing fatigue and emotional stress.

Source Mayo Clinic

Study identifies potential immunotherapy strategy for early-stage prostate cancer

A multi-institutional study led by Mayo Clinic and published in *Cell Reports Medicine* reports that pairing a next-generation immunotherapy with standard hormone therapy before surgery may help overcome a long-standing barrier in early-stage prostate cancer treatment.

Immunotherapy has been generally ineffective for prostate cancer because the tumours are considered immunologically "cold," meaning they do not attract enough immune cells to mount a strong attack. Hormone therapy commonly used for prostate cancer, called androgen deprivation therapy (ADT), can temporarily make tumours more responsive by drawing immune cells into the cancer. But that benefit is short-lived: the treatment also increases levels of regulatory T cells (Tregs), which act as brakes on the immune system and blunt its anti-cancer effects.

In the first-in-human, early-phase randomised trial, researchers tested whether adding a next-generation immunotherapy to hormone therapy before surgery could counteract that immune-suppression. The combination reduced Treg levels inside prostate tumours. Patients whose tumours showed the greatest reductions were more likely

to remain cancer-free during follow-up. "This trial provided a unique opportunity to test a new immunotherapy drug in patients who have localised prostate cancer. They don't have metastatic disease yet, but they are at high risk of reaching that stage. These are patients who possibly can be cured," says Casey Ager, Ph.D., a cancer immunology researcher at Mayo Clinic and first author of the study.

ADT starves cancer cells of male hormones like testosterone, which they use as fuel. Desirable immune effects of ADT are cut short by Tregs, which normally keep the immune system from overreacting to substances and attacking the body. In the case of prostate cancer, Dr Ager says they limit immunotherapy effectiveness.

"Hormonal therapy brings many types of immune cells in that can attack and kill the tumour. But this comes with an equal and opposite reaction where Tregs also come in and suppress the immune system, allowing the tumour to ultimately progress," says Dr. Ager. He and a team of Mayo Clinic researchers collaborated with colleagues at Columbia University Irving Medical Centre, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Cen-

tre and Bristol Myers Squibb to investigate whether suppressing Tregs could overcome this hurdle by safely releasing the immune system's "brakes" to help it mount a better response against prostate cancer.

INVALUABLE DATASET

The study, which was designed to evaluate safety and biological effects, enrolled 24 men with high-risk, localised prostate cancer and found that adding the investigational Fc-enhanced anti-CTLA-4 antibody BMS-986218 to hormone therapy significantly reduced Tregs inside tumours compared with hormone therapy alone.

"Selective Treg depletion in tumours has been a long-sought goal of the oncology field for some time. We had the opportunity to test a drug that's been engineered to better deplete Tregs than the drugs we previously had. It targets CTLA-4, which is highly expressed on Tregs, particularly within tumours," says Dr. Ager.

The findings provide the first clinical evidence that an engineered anti-CTLA-4 therapy can deplete regulatory T cells within prostate tumours.

Because the treatment was given before surgery, researchers also were able

to analyse large sections of the surgically removed prostate tumours following treatment, rather than being limited to minuscule tissue biopsies, which harbour few immune cells to study. Dr. Ager says this rare opportunity allowed them to use multiple advanced technologies in parallel to map at unprecedented depth how this novel immunotherapy treatment affected the complex immune milieu of prostate cancer, down to the level of individual immune cells. This comprehensive look inside the tumour provided new clues about how the therapy affects immune cells, which patients may benefit most, and identified potential biomarkers to guide future trials.

"These findings establish the clinical feasibility of immunotherapy in early-stage prostate cancer, and they provide an invaluable dataset from which to develop and deploy new, evidence-based immunotherapy approaches in these patients," says Dr. Ager.

"If we can make a difference in this early setting, we may be able to prevent patients from progressing to metastatic disease, where treatment becomes less effective, more intensive and can significantly affect quality of life."

Source - Mayo Clinic

Legasea Media Announces Launch Of Groundbreaking Streaming Platform

A bold new chapter in Caribbean storytelling begins with the official introduction of Legasea, a premium digital streaming platform dedicated to showcasing the people, culture, history, and global excellence of the Turks and Caicos Islands and the wider Caribbean region.

Founded by local creative entrepreneur and video producer André Kerr, Legasea has been developed as a modern, digital-first media platform designed to give Caribbean stories the cinematic treatment they deserve, authentic, inspiring, and produced to world-class standards.

"Legasea was born from a simple but powerful belief," said Kerr. "Our stories matter. Our people matter. And the Caribbean deserves a platform that tells its stories from within, not from the outside looking in."

At launch, the platform will introduce a dynamic slate of original programming, including:

Island Icons — A compelling series celebrating influential Caribbean figures shaping culture, business, leadership, and na-

tional identity.

Paradise Found — A visually rich exploration of Caribbean destinations, luxury experiences, and the lifestyle that has made the region globally admired.

The Current — A modern, forward-thinking news and current affairs program created to inform, engage, and connect audiences across the islands.

In addition, viewers can look forward to the **Turks and Caicos Series**, a signature documentary collection exploring the stories, heritage, and defining voices of the islands. One of the pilot projects, **Grand Turk**, will premiere exclusively on the Legasea platform, offering an in-depth cinematic portrait of the nation's historic capital through culture, community voices, and untold narratives.

Several additional original productions are already in development, spanning documentary storytelling, travel, culture, business, and human-interest programming — reinforcing Legasea's commitment to diverse, high-quality regional content.

Kerr emphasized that the long-term vision extends far beyond a single territory.

"Our goal is not simply to build a local platform — we are building a Caribbean platform," he said. "We are actively forming partnerships with creators across the region to ensure Legasea becomes a true home for Caribbean storytelling, collaboration, and creative opportunity."

In the coming weeks, audiences can expect a steady rollout of promotional materials, trailers, and preview releases as anticipation builds toward the platform's official launch date, which will be announced soon.

"This is legacy work," Kerr added. "We are creating a digital archive of who we are — our achievements, our voices, our beauty, and our resilience — and presenting it at a global standard."

Upon launch, Legasea will be accessible via mobile and smart devices, with the app available for download through the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

As momentum builds, audiences are en-



couraged to follow Legasea's official social media platforms for exclusive previews, behind-the-scenes content, and launch announcements.



One War After Another cast celebrating their Best Picture win

"One Battle After Another" triumphed at the Oscars on Sunday, winning six awards, including the coveted best picture statuette, besting "Sinners" in a thrilling finale to one of the most competitive awards seasons in recent years.

Director Paul Thomas Anderson personally won three Oscars, the first of his career, for his political thriller that tackles the hot-button issues of immigration raids and white supremacy.

"You make a guy work really hard for one of these," he said to laughter as he accepted the award for best director.

"I wrote this movie for my kids to say sorry for the housekeeping mess that we left in this world we're handing off to them," he said after collecting the best adapted screenplay prize.

"But also with the encouragement that they will be the generation that hopefully brings us some common sense and decency

"One Battle" tells the story of a pot-addled ex-revolutionary, played by Leonardo DiCaprio, who struggles to remember passphrases in a battle of wits against the terrifying Colonel Lockjaw, played by best supporting actor winner Sean Penn.

The film also won best editing and the inaugural award for casting.

Anderson is one of the greatest auteurs of contemporary US cinema, but until Sunday had never won an Oscar, despite 11 previous nominations for acclaimed films including "There Will Be Blood" and "Boogie Nights."

— 'Sinners' wins four —

Ryan Coogler's "Sinners," a bluesy vampire fable that offers a meditation on America's difficult racial history, had come into the evening with a record-tying 16 nominations. It left with four awards, including best original screenplay for Coogler and best actor for Michael B. Jordan, who plays gangster twin brothers Smoke and Stack seeking their fortune in the segregated South.

Jordan told reporters backstage that he had created detailed journals to flesh out the backstories of both roles in order to clearly express "those nuances between the two."

Other prizes were best score for Ludwig Goransson and best cinematography for Autumn Durald Arkapaw, the first time a woman won in that category.

Coogler called his writing award "an incredible honor" and told journalists he credited a creative writing professor for his success.

'One Battle After Another' dominates Oscars

Both "One Battle" and "Sinners" were produced by Warner Bros. Studio, which was the subject of an intense bidding war between Paramount and Netflix.

The studio claimed 12 of the 24 awards on offer on Sunday.

In perhaps the least surprising award of the evening, Jessie Buckley won best actress for her portrayal of William Shakespeare's heartbroken wife Agnes navigating the loss of their son in "Hamnet."

Buckley told journalists backstage that it felt "crazy" to win the award on what is Mother's Day back in her native Ireland.

"I feel like what a gift to get to explore motherhood through this incredible mother that Agnes is," she said.

Amy Madigan took home the Oscar for best supporting actress for her turn as a demented witch in horror film "Weapons."

The veteran performer, who scooped the Actors Award two weeks ago, said: "I was in the shower last night, and I thought, 'Well, this must be a special day, because I'm shaving my legs.'"

Norwegian family drama "Sentimental Value" was named best international feature.

"KPop Demon Hunters" won for best animated feature and best original song for "Golden."

— Poignant tributes —

Veteran host Conan O'Brien kept proceedings light and funny, with his signature blend of zany satire.

That included a swipe at allies of President

Donald Trump, who had so objected to Puerto Rican artist Bad Bunny being the star of the Super Bowl halftime show that they had put on their own.

"I should warn you tonight could get political, okay?" he told Tinseltown's biggest names.

"And if that makes you uncomfortable, there's an alternate Oscars being hosted by Kid Rock."

A lengthy In Memoriam segment paid emotional tribute to director Rob Reiner, who was stabbed to death in his home in December, and to Robert Redford, which included a rare stage performance from Barbra Streisand.

Billy Crystal, whom Reiner cast opposite Meg Ryan in "When Harry Met Sally," said Reiner's effect on Hollywood was immeasurable.

"Rob's movies will last for lifetimes because they were about what makes us laugh and cry and what we aspire to be: far better in his eyes, far kinder, far funnier and far more human," he said.

Streisand, 83, who played opposite Redford in the 1973 classic "The Way We Were," said she had loved a man who affectionately called her "Babs."

"He was a brilliant, subtle actor," she said. "Bob had real backbone, on and off the screen."

"I called him an intellectual cowboy who blazed his own trail. I miss him now more than ever."

AUTHENTICITY & EXPRESSION WORKSHOP EMPOWERS TCI TOP MODEL CONTESTANTS

Contestants in the 2026 TCI Top Model contest recently took part in a powerful workshop titled **“Authenticity & Expression”** with a focus on personality and self-expression, designed to help the emerging models and public figures discover and communicate their individuality with confidence. The session was led by Mrs Yolande Robinson, Owner and Managing Director of Learn and Lead Ltd, a personal development and performance coaching organisation.

The workshop focused on five core areas essential to personal and professional development: unlocking individuality and self-expression; developing emotional intelligence; storytelling through language and performance; confidence-building exercises; and presenting oneself authentically across different environments. Through a blend of practical exercises, guided reflection and live performance practice, participants were equipped with tools to

deepen self-awareness and strengthen the way they convey their stories.

Interactive activities included identity mapping and values clarification to help contestants identify what truly distinguishes them; emotional awareness drills to improve recognition and regulation of feelings on stage and off; and storytelling labs where contestants crafted short narratives and practiced delivery techniques to connect more effectively with audiences.

“Authenticity is the foundation of lasting confidence,” said Mrs Robinson. “When individuals understand their story and learn how to express it with clarity and courage, they don’t just perform better on stage; they live more aligned, resilient lives. This workshop equips contestants with practical tools to show up authentically: in competitions, careers and communities.”

“While our event showcases fashion and modelling, the benefits of this workshop reach far beyond model-

ling and entertainment. Enhanced emotional intelligence and effective self expression strengthen relationships, improve leadership and increase adaptability during life transitions,” said **Courtney Robinson**, Founder and Executive Producer, TCI Top Model.

Mr Robinson went on to add that: “We view this session as a strategic investment in our contestants’ long term development, skills that will serve them in professional settings, community leadership roles and personal relationships long after the competition.”

Organisers of the annual TCI Top Model competition have designed a series of real world broadcast, media and fashion challenges to give contestants hands on experience of life as a working talent before their public debut. Workshops such as this help build their mental acuity, resilience and interpersonal skills contestants need to navigate professional and personal settings confidently.



Yolande Robinson, Owner and Managing Director of Learn and Lead Ltd

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.



Sarah Michelle Gellar attends “Ready Or Not 2: Here I Come” at SXSW 2026 on March 13, 2026 in Austin, Texas.

‘Buffy’ reboot cancelled, says Sarah Michelle Gellar

A planned reboot “Buffy the Vampire Slayer,” that was set to be directed by Oscar-winning director Chloe Zhao, has been canceled, star and producer Sarah Michelle Gellar said.

“Unfortunately, Hulu has decided not to move forward with ‘Buffy: New Sunnydale,’” Gellar said in a weekend Instagram post.

“I am really sad to have to share this, but I wanted you all to hear it from me,” added the 48-year-old, who starred in the original series that ran for seven seasons.

The new Buffy was announced last year and was set to see Gellar reprise her role as Buffy Summers, who in the original series had been a teenager battling demons and vampires as she navigated high school.

“I want to thank Chloe Zhao, because I never thought I would find myself back in Buffy’s stylish yet affordable boots,”

Gellar said.

“Thanks to Chloe, I was reminded how much I love her and how much she means not only to me but to all of you. And this doesn’t change any of that.

“And I promise if the apocalypse actually comes, you can still beep me,” she quipped.

Zhao, whose period piece “Hamnet” missed out on the best picture Oscar on Sunday, told Variety on the red carpet that she hadn’t been surprised by the project’s cancellation.

“Things happen for a reason,” Zhao said.

“I had an incredible time with Sarah, with the whole cast and crew doing this and we, first and foremost, see ourselves as the guardians of the original show.

“Our priority has always been to be truthful to the show, and be truthful to our fans.”



Sandals Foundation members engage students of North and Middle Caicos in a dance competition



Sandals Foundation members visited North and Middle Caicos with supplies. Here they share a photograph with students of the Raymond Gardiner High School in North Caicos

North and Middle Caicos Students receive educational material from Sandals Foundation and Beaches Turks and Caicos resort

Beaches Turks and Caicos resort, through the Sandals Foundation, recently expanded its education outreach to North and Middle Caicos, providing new learning materials to every primary school student on the twin islands, as well as a number of students from Raymond Gardiner High School.

The initiative was aimed at strengthening classroom instruction, reducing the burden on families, and ensuring that children in the family islands have access to the same quality of resources as their peers on Providenciales.

Public Relations Manager Orville Morgan share, "this donation ensured that students at government primary schools in North and Middle Caicos received age-appropriate educational materials, including workbooks, back packs, pencils, erasers, crayons, sharpeners, stationery, and complementary learning aids to support learning."

The effort covered schools such as Raymond Gardiner High, Adelaide Oemler Primary, Charles Hubert James Primary, Lighthouse Christian Academy, and Doris Robinson Primary in Middle Caicos.

In addition to primary students, a number of students from Raymond Gardiner High School also benefitted, receiving materials that teachers shared will help reinforce literacy, numeracy and exam preparation in the upper grades.

Principal Janet Walkin noted, "while classroom teachers often create their own resources, having these materials and sufficient basic supplies can make a measurable difference in student performance and classroom engagement." Veteran principal of Charles Hubert James Primary Carmencita Morley, welcomed the donation and emphasized its importance for both teachers and students. She explained that the new materials would help improve the quality of teaching and learning at the school by allowing educators to better differenti-



ate instruction and provide more hands-on activities across grades.

"With these additional resources, our teachers have more tools to reach students at different levels and learning styles," she shared, "our schools in North Caicos often face constraints in accessing up-to-date educational aids." The principal added that for many families, especially those with multiple children, back-to-school expenses can be significant, so receiving core supplies helps reduce financial pressure while ensuring that every child comes to class prepared to learn.

Principal Abigail Delancy of Adelaide Oemler echoed this sentiment, pointing out that "consistent access to simple items such as exercise books, pencils and reading materials can reduce

classroom disruptions and give teachers more time to focus on instruction. They also highlighted that the donation aligns with national efforts by the Ministry of Education to raise standards in literacy and numeracy across the Turks and Caicos Islands."

The latest distribution is part of the Sandals Foundation's broader, long-term investment in education across the Caribbean, including the Turks and Caicos Islands. Regionally, the foundation supports scholarships, school infrastructure and technology upgrades, teacher training, and the provision of learning resources.

General Manager, Deryk Meany added, "the resort sees its role as going beyond hospitality, with a focus on supporting the communities where our team mem-

bers and their families live. Education remains one of the three central pillars of the Sandals Foundation—alongside community and environment—and pledged to continue working with local schools and the Ministry of Education to identify needs and deliver targeted support."

For Adelaide Oemler Primary's leadership, the focus now is on integrating the new materials into daily teaching plans and monitoring how they contribute to student progress over the coming terms. The principal stressed that with continued collaboration among schools, the private sector and charitable organizations, North and Middle Caicos students can access the resources they need to thrive academically and build a strong foundation for their future.



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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,

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 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.

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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

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Salary Range: \$10.00 per hour**

DATE OPEN: March 10, 2026

START DATE: ASAP

POSITION: Executive Chef

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.

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DATE OPEN: March 10, 2026

START DATE: ASAP

POSITION: Housekeeper (2)

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

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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

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
- 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

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

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

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Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands, British West Indies

Tanker likely to deliver Russian diesel to fuel-starved Cuba

A tanker carrying Russian diesel is set to arrive in crisis-hit Cuba “in several days” after using deceptive manoeuvres to reach the island, which is under a United States fuel blockade, according to a maritime tracker. “If or when the tanker arrives, this will be the first confirmed arrival of a refined products cargo at the island since early January,” maritime intelligence firm Windward reported online. The firm had reported earlier that the Hong Kong-flagged Sea Horse had “likely” discharged around 190,000 barrels of Russian diesel in Cuba in early March, but it updated the webpage on Thursday to say it had not yet arrived in the island. If confirmed, this would be the

first arrival of a refined petroleum product to Cuba since January, according to Windward, which did not say in which port it might have docked.

A second ship, the sanctioned Russian tanker Anatoly Kolodkin, is also reportedly on its way to Cuba carrying 730,000 barrels of crude oil, maritime analytics firm Kpler said on Wednesday. Cuba has been mired in an economic crisis and blackouts exacerbated by the sudden suspension of oil supplies from Venezuela in January after the United States ousted President Nicolas Maduro, a Cuba ally. The island nation of 9.6 million was already battling the effects of the US fuel blockade against the island. The country was



This combination of pictures created on January 11, 2026 shows Cuba's President Miguel Diaz-Canel (left) during the BRICS summit second plenary session in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on July 6, 2025; and US President Donald Trump during a meeting with US oil companies' executives in the East Room of the White House in Washington, DC, on January 9, 2026.

plunged in a nationwide blackout earlier this week.

The Sea Horse, which is not under sanctions, was loaded with diesel from another ship off Cyprus in early February, according to Windward.

It signalled its next destination as Havana before switching it to “Gibraltar for orders’ due to increased scrutiny of inbound cargoes to Cuba,” the firm said. After sailing across the Atlantic in mid-to-late February, the Sea Horse stopped around 1,300

nautical miles from Cuban waters and began drifting at less than one knot, signalling it was “not under command”.

Windward said the ship also engaged in other “deceptive shipping practices,” including switching off its automatic identification systems (AIS) — a GPS-type signal that commercial ships use to avoid collisions. It has no Western insurance, “another indicator it is involved in sanctions circumvention,” according to Windward.



BEACHES ON TOP

Beaches Cricket Team Top of The
Table in T20 Cricket League

Man of the Match Anthony McKnight of Beaches collecting is award

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ICC calls off Doha meetings amid West Asia conflict, shifts key talks online

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has been forced to abandon its scheduled board and committee meetings in Doha later this month due to the escalating military conflict in West Asia.

The governing body confirmed that the in-person gatherings, planned for March 25-27, have been deemed impossible to host amid widespread flight disruptions and safety concerns.

With limited air connectivity to and from Qatar, a spokesperson indicated that while the physical

meetings are off, the business of cricket will continue virtually.

It is understood that critical discussions, particularly those concerning the finance committee, will be convened online over the coming weeks.

The ICC remains hopeful that board members and committee heads could still meet face-to-face in April though this contingency relies heavily on the reopening of airspace to ensure safe passage for delegates.

The cancellation disrupts what

would have been the ICC's inaugural visit to Qatar for official meetings, a significant nod to a nation reporting a staggering 447 per cent growth rate in cricket participation.

The Doha agenda was packed with pivotal decisions regarding the sport's commercial and international future. Key topics originally slated for discussion included the next cycle of global broadcasting rights as the current deal with JioStar is set to expire in 2027.

Directors were also due to hold initial talks regarding the composi-

tion of the next Future Tours Programme (FTP) and the road map for Olympic qualification ahead of the LA 2028 Games.

While formal working groups have been paused, sources indicate that informal dialogue regarding the FTP has already commenced, with several member boards engaging with counterparts to begin mapping out the four-year calendar.

The ICC delegation was set to include board directors, chief executives, various committee members, and the sport's senior leadership team.

Iraq coach calls for World Cup playoff to be re-scheduled

Iraq coach Graham Arnold pleaded with FIFA on Monday to postpone his team's intercontinental playoff for the World Cup because many of his players and backroom staff are stranded by the growing Iran war.

The Iraqis are due to face either Suriname or Bolivia on March 31 in the Mexican city of Monterrey for a place in the World Cup finals, but with Iraqi airspace closed until April 1, Arnold's squad is unable to gather or travel.

"If the game goes ahead in Mexico we have the difficulties of getting out of Baghdad," Arnold, an Australian, told CNN.

"About 60% of my players play in Iraq, all my backroom staff live in Iraq, all my medical staff live in Qatar and we're having trouble getting Mexican visas at this mo-

ment," he added.

Arnold said he had already been forced to cancel a training camp in the United States.

"That has all been scrapped now, because we can't get out of Baghdad," he said.

"FIFA need to obviously make a quick decision on this because it is a bit unfair at this moment, with what we would have to go through."

He suggested that Suriname and Bolivia could go ahead with their playoff in Monterrey on March 26 and the winner of that game could play Iraq in the United States just before the World Cup, which kicks off on June 11.

"Suriname could always play Bolivia if we can't get there, and we could always play the winner just before the World Cup and (that)



Graham Arnold attends a press conference at the CommBank Stadium in Sydney on March 20, 2024, ahead of the 2026 World Cup football qualifying match between Australia and Lebanon to be played on March 21.

lets us prepare properly and do everything required to be successful," Arnold said.

"Bolivia and Suriname can play in March, they've got no complications with flights or anything, they can get there straight away and we could play the winner. The winner stays and plays the World Cup and the loser goes home."

Arnold said the Iraqi football authorities were in close contact with FIFA, but he admitted the situation was taking its toll.

"It's one step at a time, it's stressful, (I've had) a lot of sleepless nights worrying about getting that planning right," he said.

An Iraqi source told AFP the national federation had asked for the change.

"Iraq's request came due to the inability of the delegation to travel from the capital Baghdad," they said.

"As a result of the closure of airspace and the security risks currently affecting the region," they added.



RT&CIPF Dominates Crime Stoppers 5K

On March 7th, 2026, Crime Stoppers Turks and Caicos hosted its inaugural 5K Run/Walk, bringing members of the community together in support of the fight against crime. The Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force delivered a strong performance at the event, with officers securing places among the top three finishers in both the male and female categories.

In the male category, Constable Travis Francis placed second, while Acting Superintendent Grantley Williams, Head of the Serious Crime, Safeguarding and Public Protection Unit, finished third. In the female category, Constable Sashana Carter secured third place.

Officers from several units within the Force, including Tactical, Serious Crime, Information Technology, 911, Communications, and the Forensic Unit participated in the event, demonstrating solidarity with Crime Stoppers and forming the largest contingent present.

Commissioner of Police Fitz Bailey and Acting Deputy Commissioner Kendall Grant were also among the officers who took part, highlighting the Force's strong support for its Crime Stoppers partners and the collective effort to strengthen community safety.



Sharks Devour Teachers YS in Clausura Double Header Feature

By Vivian Tyson NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

The Beaches-sponsored Clausura competition delivered fireworks at the TCIFA Field in Providenciales on Saturday, March 14, with fans treated to a thrilling double header highlighted by a dominant performance from SWA Sharks FC.

Sharks Run Riot

SWA Sharks FC put on an attacking masterclass in Match #39, dismantling Teachers YS Strikers 5-0 in one of the most commanding performances of the round.

The Sharks struck relentlessly in the first half, netting four unanswered goals to effectively end the contest before the break. Kevern Bellot (#5) opened the scoring in the 33rd minute, setting the tone for what would become a one-sided affair.

Junior Belizaire (#6) doubled the advantage just two minutes later and would go on to score again late in the match, completing his brace



The Sharks Team, which defeated Teachers YS in Clausura action

in the 89th minute. Brian Gregg (#10) was equally influential, bagging two goals of his own in the 38th minute and in first-half stoppage time (45+2).

Teachers YS struggled to find rhythm throughout the contest and failed to register a goal, despite a spirited defensive effort led by Wil-

mare Fradin (#19), who was named his team's Most Valuable Player.

Bellot's early impact and commanding presence earned him MVP honors for SWA Sharks.

The match saw its share of physical play, with three cautions issued to each side. Sharks players Jerry Belizaire, Brian Gregg, and Andre

Lucces were booked, while Teachers YS had Obed Gaddi Leopold, Abiud Jean, and Wilmare Fradin cautioned.

Eagles Rally Past Cheshire Hall

Earlier in Match #38, Academy Eagles FC overcame an early setback to secure a convincing 4-1 victory over Cheshire Hall FC.

Cheshire Hall got off to a dream start when Stanley Israel (#9) scored in the 5th minute. However, Academy Eagles responded through Mike Legeme (#12) in the 23rd minute to level the score at halftime.

The second half saw the Eagles take full control. Goals from Mykerwens Varis (#17) in the 66th minute and Marcelin Renaldo (#23) in the 69th minute shifted momentum decisively. Innocent Jean (#9) added a late goal in the 88th minute to seal the win.

Renaldo was named MVP for Academy Eagles, while Israel took MVP honors for Cheshire Hall.

Salt Rakers Aquatic Club to Host Open Water Swimming Competition in Grace Bay

The turquoise waters of Grace Bay will come alive with energy and competition on Saturday, March 28, 2026, as the Salt Rakers Aquatic Club stages its highly anticipated Open Water Swimming Competition.

Set to begin at 8:30 a.m. from Rickie's Flamingo Café, the event promises an exciting morning of endurance, speed, and community spirit, bringing together swimmers of all ages and skill levels.

Participants will have the opportunity to compete in four race categories, 2K, 1K, 500 meters, and 100 meters, offering something for both seasoned open-water athletes and newcomers eager to test their abilities in the ocean.

The event is expected to draw a vibrant mix of local talent and visiting competitors, with swimmers launching from the shoreline and navigating marked courses in the crystal-clear waters that have made Grace Bay world-renowned. Organizers have also emphasized safety and support, with clearly visible buoys, supervision, and coordination to ensure a smooth race experience.

Beyond competition, the event highlights the Salt Rakers Aquatic Club's continued commitment to

promoting swimming, fitness, and water safety across the Turks and Caicos Islands. The club has been instrumental in developing young swimmers and fostering a culture of aquatic excellence in the territory.

Spectators can look forward to an engaging atmosphere, with cheering crowds lining the beach and dock areas as swimmers race toward the finish.

Registration remains open, and interested participants are encouraged to sign up early to secure their spot in what is shaping up to be one of the standout sporting events of the season.



Academy Eagles Whip Provo United 10-0 CPL in Midweek Action

Academy Eagles FC delivered a commanding performance in the TCIFA Provo Premier League (PPL) Match #40, overwhelming Provo United SC with a resounding 10-0 victory in one of the most one-sided contests of the season.

The Eagles wasted no time asserting their dominance, racing to a staggering 6-0 lead by halftime. Forward Mike Legeme (#12) opened the scoring spree in the 13th minute and went on to complete a first-half hat-trick, adding goals in the 40th and 43rd minutes. Teammate Winston Brown (#18) also struck twice in the first half, scoring in the 13th and 26th minutes, while Hill Gedeon (#25) found the net in the 16th minute to round out the early blitz.

Despite the heavy deficit, Provo United struggled to contain the relentless Eagles attack in the second half. Renalson Pierre (#10) emerged as a standout performer, netting a superb hat-trick with goals in the 47th, 65th, and stoppage time (90+1) minutes. Ronaldo Saintil (#15) added the finishing touch with a goal in the 80th minute to seal the emphatic win.

Pierre's exceptional performance earned him Player of the Match honors for Academy Eagles, despite receiving a yellow card in the 79th

minute. On the opposing side, Myck Soire (#10) was named Provo United's Player of the Match for his efforts.

Discipline proved a minor issue in the match, with Provo United's Dawens Saintelus (#3) cautioned in the 20th minute, while Pierre's booking was the only caution for the Eagles.



Renalson Pierre was voted player of the match for Academy Eagles, who was one of two players to a hattrick on the day

Beaches Defeat Jaguars by 65 Runs to Maintain Top Spot in TCICA Standings

Beaches secured an emphatic 65-run victory over Jaguars in the TCICA Senior Men's Cricket Competition on Sunday, March 15, 2026, at the Downtown Ball Park in Providenciales, strengthening their position at the round robin league.

Following the win, Beaches now sit comfortably at the summit of the standings with 10 points from 6 matches, boasting an impressive net run rate (NRR) of 2.59. They are level on points with GK Foods but hold a superior NRR, underlining their dominance so far this season.

After winning the toss and choosing to bat, Beaches made full use of the conditions, post-

ing a strong 196 for 5 from their 20 overs. Kenneth Lewis led the batting effort with a well-played 42, including four fours and three sixes. Ricardo Brown added 36 runs, while Anthony McKnight contributed 28 and Jerome Daley chipped in with 25, ensuring a challenging total for Jaguars.

Jaguars' bowlers struggled to contain the scoring, although Trevon Garraway claimed 2 wickets for 42 runs. Daniel Bourne (1 for 6), Kirtley Charley (1 for 38), and Quacy Paddy (1 for 26) each took a wicket but were unable to slow Beaches' momentum.

In reply, Jaguars were bowled out for 131 in 19.1 overs. Gar-

raway led the resistance with 35 runs, while Bourne made 28 and Sheldon Phillips added 19. The defeat leaves Jaguars in fourth place in the standings with 6 points from 5 matches and a net run rate of 1.08, still within reach of the top three but needing consistency in upcoming games.

Beaches' bowling attack proved decisive, with Anthony McKnight delivering an outstanding all-round performance, taking 3 wickets for 17 runs. Claude Williams was equally effective with 3 for 15, while Jerome Daley and Sidue Hunter each claimed 2 wickets to seal the victory.

McKnight's all-round display

earned him Player of the Match honors.

Elsewhere in Group A, GK Foods remain second on 10 points from 7 matches, while Omars occupy third place with 6 points from 4 games and a strong NRR of 2.36. Air Cool Knight Riders sit fifth with 4 points, followed by Police on 2 points. Red Strikers and Kishco round out the standings, both struggling at the bottom with just 2 and 0 points respectively.

The competition continues next Sunday, March 22, 2026, when Kishco will face Police as teams look to improve their standings heading into the next phase of the tournament.

