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Criminal Networks Becoming More Sophisticated – Premier Warns at Security Summit

By Vivian Tyson NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

Hon. Charles Washington Misick, Premier of the Turks and Caicos Islands has warned that crime fighters across the Northern Caribbean are confronting a new era of criminality that is increasingly sophisticated, interconnected and adaptive. Speaking at the 4th Northern Caribbean Security Summit, the Premier called for deeper regional cooperation to combat transnational criminal networks that are exploiting maritime routes, technology and shifting migration patterns with growing precision.

“We gather at a time when the security environment across our region is becoming more complex and more interconnected,” Misick told delegates. “Transnational criminal networks are increasingly sophisticated. Maritime routes are exploited with greater precision. Irregular migration patterns are shifting.” He noted that technology has trans-

formed both legitimate commerce and criminal enterprise, while climate-related risks are compounding vulnerabilities across island states.

“These realities demand not isolated responses, but coordinated and sustained monitoring,” the Premier stressed.

Moving Beyond a Reactive Posture
Misick outlined steps taken by the Turks and Caicos Islands to modernize its national security framework in response to evolving threats.

“In the Turks and Caicos, we have recognized that security must evolve just as quickly as the threats we face,” he said. “Over the past several years, we have deliberately strengthened and modernized our national security architecture. We have moved beyond a reactive posture toward a model grounded in intelligence, coordination, prevention, and institutional effectiveness.”

He highlighted the expansion of the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands



Governor of the Turks and Caicos Islands Her Excellency Dileeni Daniel Selvaratnam (third from left seated), and Premier Hon. Charles Washington Misick (fourth from left seated), share lens with fellow cabinet colleagues, regional representatives, the local Opposition Leader Hon. Edwin Astwood (second from right standing), and members of local and regional law enforcement.

Photo: Vivian Tyson

Police Force’s marine and intelligence-led capabilities, the consolidation of customs and immigration into a modern border force, and the growth of the Turks and Caicos Islands Regiment into what he described as “a disciplined and capable force” supporting maritime security, land operations and disaster response.

Through a unified command structure anchored by the National Security Secretariat, Misick said agencies now operate “not in silo, but in coordination, sharing intelligence, aligning strategy, and acting with unity of purpose.”

“Security is not merely about arrests or interdictions,” he added. “It is about good governance. It’s about public confidence. It’s about stability that underpins economic growth and social cohesion.”

Modernizing Long-Standing Partnerships

The Premier also referenced Operation Bahamas-Turks and Caicos (OPBAT), describing it as a decades-long example of regional security collaboration.

“For decades, OPBAT has embodied this spirit of partnership,” he said. “It has demonstrated that when nations combine intelligence, assets and resolve, we can disrupt criminal networks, intercept illicit traffic, and protect our maritime domain.”

For the Turks and Caicos Islands, located along major maritime corridors, such cooperation has been fundamental to national security,

Misick noted.

However, he cautioned that today’s threats differ significantly from those of 30 years ago.

“The threats we face today are not the same as those of three decades ago. They adapt quickly to enforcement pressure. Our cooperation must therefore be equally dynamic,” he said.

He urged delegates not simply to preserve existing frameworks but to modernize them by strengthening maritime domain awareness, deepening intelligence sharing, enhancing interoperability among regional forces, and investing in training and technology.

Describing the conference as more than a routine meeting of officials, Misick framed it as a reaffirmation of regional solidarity.

“It is recognition that vulnerabilities in one jurisdiction can quickly affect another,” he said. “When we strengthen regional security cooperation, we strengthen economic confidence. When we protect our maritime borders, we protect livelihoods.”

He emphasized that the Northern Caribbean’s strategic importance matches its natural beauty, noting that tourism industries, investment climates, communities and democratic institutions all depend on stability and security.

“The Northern Caribbean is united in purpose, serious in commitment, and forward-looking in action,” the Premier declared.



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Qualified Belongers need only to apply

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START DATE: ASAP

POSITION: Labourer

PROPERTY: West Bay Club

Job Overview: We are looking for a professional labourer to perform a variety of physical tasks to support daily operations and maintain work areas. 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.

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- Assist maintenance and housekeeping teams as needed
- Clean and maintain public and back-of-house areas
- Move furniture, equipment, and supplies
- Support basic maintenance tasks
- Dispose of waste and recyclables properly
- Follow safety and hotel standards at all 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

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Police Commissioner Fitz Bailey (centre) his award from James McAnally (left), President of the TCHTA and Stacy Cox, CEO of the TCHTA.



Lyndon Gardiner (second right) displays his award presented by the TCHTA. From left – Stay Cox, CEO of the TCHTA, Hon. Jamell Robinson – Deputy Premier and Minister of Immigration and Border services, and James McAnally – President of the TCHTA.

TOP COP, REGIONAL AIRLINE BOSS HONORED BY TCHTA AT STAR AWARDS

The Turks and Caicos Hotel and Tourism Association (TCHTA) conferred two special awards at the 17th annual Star Awards, recognizing exceptional leadership in national security and regional aviation - two pillars essential to the strength and sustainability of the tourism industry.

The Distinguished Civil Service Award was presented to Commissioner of Police Fitz Bailey in recognition of measurable crime reduction, strengthened community partnerships, and his steadfast commitment to safeguarding the Turks and Caicos Islands.

During his first year at the helm of the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force (RTCIPF), Commissioner Bailey led a period of significant progress, including a 43.5 percent reduction in murders, a 25 percent reduction in attempted murders, and a 29 percent reduction in firearm-related offences.

Under his leadership, 22 illegal firearms and more than 500 rounds of ammunition were recovered, while major gang networks were dismantled. Beyond enforcement, Commissioner Bailey prioritized intelligence-led policing, professional development

within the Force, and consistent dialogue with key stakeholders, including the TCHTA's membership and Board of Directors.

According to the TCHTA, These achievements of the last year reflect not only strategic direction at the highest level, but the coordinated efforts of the officers and units who execute that mandate daily across these islands with passion and pride.

"For a tourism-driven economy, safety is foundational," said TCHTA President, James McAnally. "Commissioner Bailey's leadership has strengthened public security while restoring national confidence not only among residents and visitors, but within the ranks of the Force itself."

The TCHTA noted that Commissioner Bailey has been intentional in strengthening not only operational capacity but also the morale, professional development, and well-being of the officers who place themselves on the front-line daily. He has emphasized training, advancement opportunities, and internal support systems - reinforcing that effective policing requires officers who feel respected, valued, and properly equipped to serve.

The award recognizes both results achieved and the continued partnership between law enforcement and the tourism sector.

The Association also presented its Legacy Award to Dr. Lyndon Gardiner, Founder and Chairman of interCaribbean Airways, honouring more than three decades of visionary leadership in Caribbean aviation.

Raised in Bottle Creek, North Caicos, Dr. Gardiner's journey began in 1987 with a single aircraft and a determination to improve inter-island connectivity. Today, interCaribbean Airways stands as the largest privately-owned airline in the Caribbean, serving 24 destinations across 18 countries and territories with a fleet of more than 20 aircraft, reinforcing critical links for tourism, trade and regional mobility.

When the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted regional air travel, interCaribbean expanded, doubling capacity and adding seven new countries to its network, reinforcing connectivity at a time when the region needed it most.

In recognition of his contributions to Caribbean aviation and regional development, Dr. Gardiner was conferred an Honorary Doctor of

Letters (D.Litt.) by the University of the West Indies and has been named World's Leading Regional Airline Chairman at the World Travel Awards.

Beyond aviation, Dr. Gardiner established the Manville Gardiner Memorial Scholarship at the University of the West Indies and supports regional humanitarian efforts, including facilitating medical transport for children through the World Pediatric Project.

TCHTA CEO, Stacy Cox, noted, "There is profound inspiration in watching this son of the soil build an airline that now connects the Caribbean. Dr. Gardiner's journey from humble beginnings to regional aviation pioneer is a source of immense pride for the Turks and Caicos Islands. His vision has strengthened connectivity and proves what bold Caribbean leadership can accomplish."

These special awards underscore the Association's recognition that tourism success depends not only on hospitality excellence, but also on safety, connectivity, and visionary leadership.

The full recap of the 2026 Star Awards, including category winners and highlights from the evening, will be released next week.

CRACKDOWN ON VISA OVERSTAYERS

By Vivian Tyson NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

There is a move by Government to crack down on visa overstayers after such incidences have become increasingly prevalent, while also seeking to clarify inaccuracies being posted online about the measures to be enforced.

Deputy Premier and Minister of Immigration and Border Services, Jamell Robinson, confirmed that a targeted crackdown is coming, particularly focusing in the first instance on sureties, individuals who sign visa bonds on behalf of visitors entering the country.

His clarification comes in response to a widely circulated social media post which referenced fines of up to \$10,000 and prison time if a surety does not ensure that a visitor leaves as granted. While acknowledging that parts of the report were “kind of half true,” the Minister said some elements went beyond what was actually stated.

Robinson confirmed that the Government does intend to tighten enforcement around visa overstays and will be calling on bonds where necessary. The surety system, he explained, is designed to create financial accountability if a visitor fails to depart within the approved period of stay.

However, he made it clear that he did not specifically state fixed penalty amounts as suggested in the online post. Bond amounts, he noted, vary from case to case because each bond is specific to the individual arrangement. While some bonds may go up to \$10,000, he indicated that many are more commonly up to \$5,000, though exact figures can be verified through official records.

The Minister emphasized that the central purpose of the surety system is the col-



Deputy Premier and Minister of Immigration Hon. Jamell Robinson in file photo

lection of the visa bond in circumstances where a visitor overstays, not to pursue jail time against sureties. The mechanism exists so that the Government can recover the bond amount if the conditions of the visa are not met.

“The focus isn’t necessarily jail time,” Robinson explained in his response to queries. He suggested that whoever prepared the social media post may have “gone above and beyond” in implying that imprisonment was the intended consequence for sureties whose sponsored visitors overstay.

He further clarified that references to jail time may stem from separate legal provisions relating to harboring. There are penalties attached to individuals who knowingly harbor someone who is unlawfully present in the country. However, the Minister stressed that being a surety does not automatically make a person a harbinger.

A surety, he explained, is not necessarily housing or living with the individual for whom they signed.

“If I’m a surety, you’re not necessarily staying with me,” he noted, underscoring the

distinction between financial responsibility under a bond agreement and criminal conduct under harboring laws.

The Government’s renewed enforcement posture comes amid growing concern about compliance within the immigration system. By targeting sureties in the first instance, authorities aim to reinforce accountability and reduce the number of persons remaining in the country beyond their permitted stay.

Robinson maintained that while stronger enforcement is forthcoming, it will be applied within the framework of existing laws and bond agreements. Financial penalties, through the calling of bonds, remain the primary tool being emphasized in relation to sureties.

NewslineTCI understands that a number of individuals who initially arrive in the Turks and Caicos Islands as visitors later transition into employment within local businesses, particularly in Providenciales. In several instances, these individuals have reportedly secured senior or managerial positions.

A government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, indicated that it is not uncommon for some visitors to use their time on the islands to explore potential employment opportunities. According to the official, while some visitors do not return to their home countries after identifying prospects, others leave but later come back with the clear intention of seeking work, having already established professional networks and connections during their initial stay.

The development has raised questions in some quarters about compliance with immigration and labour regulations, and the broader implications for the local workforce.

FOR THE PEOPLE: Mortgage Corp or Workers Bank (CCU)

An Op-Ed by Paladin

In an article published on January 31, 2026, in a local newspaper, it was reported that Premier Hon. Missick received approval to establish the first Mortgage Company in the Turks and Caicos Islands. The company will be initially financed with \$20 million from the TCI Government.

This is undeniably a step in the right direction. However, we must ask a more important question: is it the best step in that direction?

One of the inherent limitations of a Mortgage Corporation lies in its fundamental premise — lending money based on land value. In practical terms, this means a client must already own land of sufficient value, and the institution will typically lend between 50% and 70% of that value.

That raises an immediate concern: what about the citizen who owns no land?

If access to home ownership is the objective, a system that requires property ownership as a starting point may unintentionally exclude many hardworking Turks and Caicos Islanders who are striving to enter the housing market for the first time.

Another concern is capitalization. While \$20 million is a meaningful starting figure, it may not be sufficient to meet national demand for housing finance. If the goal is wide access and long-term sustainability, the capital base must be strong enough to support significant lending activity.

How can this be strengthened?

One option is to revise the model to allow:

- Government partnership with the general public through share offerings
- Government partnership with a private entity
- A hybrid model combining public shareholders and private sector participation

Such structures would inject additional capital into the institution while allowing Turks and Caicos Islanders to become stakeholders. This aligns directly with the title of this article: For the People. Empowerment should take precedence over mere employment. When citizens own a piece of their country's financial infrastructure, they are not simply customers — they are participants in nation-building. Ownership builds pride, responsibility, and economic resilience. Before determining which model best serves the country, it is useful to examine what a Mortgage Corporation would look like in practice in the Turks and Caicos Islands, and then compare it to an alternative: a Cooperative Credit Union, sometimes referred to as a Workers Bank.

Structure of a Mortgage Corporation in TCI

A mortgage corporation is a specialized financial institution that focuses primarily on originating, funding, and sometimes servicing home loans. Unlike traditional commercial banks, these

institutions generally do not provide checking accounts, savings products, or broad investment services. Their focus is almost exclusively on real estate lending.

In the Turks and Caicos Islands, a mortgage corporation would operate as a regulated financial entity under the supervision of the Financial Services Commission (FSC). These entities may range from commercial bank subsidiaries to private mortgage funds.

Corporate Structure

Mortgage-related businesses typically operate under one of the following structures pursuant to the Companies Ordinance:

- Ordinary (Domestic) Company — Required for entities conducting on-island business, such as lending directly to TCI residents.
- Exempt Company — Commonly used for international investment or holding structures. These entities cannot trade with TCI residents but are often used for offshore mortgage investment vehicles.

• Mortgage Fund (Unit Trust) — Some corporations manage mortgage funds structured as trusts, where the corporation acts as fund manager overseeing subscriptions, valuations, and administration.

Operational Requirements

To operate in 2026, a mortgage corporation must satisfy several regulatory and structural obligations:

- Licensing — Any entity providing credit or managing investment funds must be licensed and supervised by the FSC.
- Governance — At least one director and one shareholder are required. There is no residency requirement.
- Local Presence — A Registered Agent and Registered Office within TCI are mandatory.
- Company Secretary — Required for compliance, filings, and reporting obligations.

Lending and Security Structure

Mortgage corporations in TCI secure lending through established legal mechanisms:

- Registered Charges — The lender registers a charge against the property title at the Land Registry to secure its interest.
- Debentures — Companies may issue debentures registered with the Companies Registry to establish creditor priority.
- Loan-to-Value Ratios (LTV) — Lending is typically capped at 50% to 75% of property value, with private funds often taking a more conservative approach.

Regulatory Oversight

As of January 2026, financial institutions must comply with strengthened regulatory standards:

- Sanctions Compliance — Adherence to the UK Sanctions List implemented on January 28, 2026.
- AML/KYC Requirements — Maintenance of detailed beneficial ownership information for anti-money laundering compliance.
- Financial Reporting — Regular returns to the FSC to demonstrate stability and

risk management practices.

This structure is clear, regulated, and functional. However, its core limitation remains: access to credit depends primarily on existing property ownership.

Cooperative Credit Union (Workers Bank) Structure in TCI

In contrast, a Cooperative Credit Union operates on a fundamentally different philosophy.

Under the Credit Union Ordinance 2016 and regulation by the FSC, a credit union is a member-owned financial cooperative designed to serve its members rather than external shareholders.

Core Requirements

According to statutory guidelines:

- Minimum 100 members
 - Minimum institutional capital of \$100,000
 - Statutory reserve equal to institutional capital
 - \$2,000 application fee
 - \$5,000 annual license fee
- Compared to the capitalization required for a mortgage corporation, the threshold to establish a credit union is significantly lower.

Governance and Ownership

The distinguishing feature of a credit union is ownership.

- Member Ownership — The institution is owned by its members, who hold shares representing their stake.
- Democratic Control — Operates on a “one member, one vote” principle, regardless of deposit size.
- Board of Directors — Elected from within the membership, typically serving voluntarily.
- Common Bond — Membership is generally based on occupation, association, or community connection.

Regulatory Oversight

Credit unions must also comply with regulatory standards:

- Licensing by the FSC before operations commence
- Compliance with Prudential Standards 2020
- AML, risk management, and appointment of a Compliance Officer
- Regular filings under Section 74 of the Ordinance

Additionally, TCI maintains alignment with international best practices through its relationship with the World Council of Credit Unions.

Which Model Benefits the People More?

In my view, the Cooperative Credit Union model provides broader utility to the average worker.

Unlike a Mortgage Corporation, a credit union can:

- Offer savings accounts
- Provide personal and small business loans
- Extend credit-building opportunities
- Assist members in reaching the deposit threshold for home ownership

A Workers Bank does not require land ownership for participation. It allows individuals to begin building financial strength from wherever they stand.

Most importantly, the institution is

owned by its depositors. It is not controlled by a distant government body or private investors whose primary obligation is profit.

For many Turks and Caicos Islanders, confidence in financial institutions — especially those perceived as government-operated — may not be strong. A member-owned structure could restore trust by placing control directly in the hands of citizens.

The Board of Directors would be elected by and accountable to the members. That is a powerful mechanism for transparency and accountability.

Addressing the Expertise Argument

Some may argue that TCI lacks the necessary expertise to establish and manage a strong credit union.

The answer is practical: hire experienced professionals from within the Caribbean.

The Bahamas, for example, has numerous retired and active banking professionals with decades of experience. Offering five-year contracts would allow:

- Institutional setup
- Governance structuring
- Staff training
- Knowledge transfer

After five years, Turks and Caicos Islanders would be fully prepared to manage and operate the institution independently.

This approach combines external expertise with local empowerment.

The Central Question

The issue is not whether a Mortgage Corporation is useful. It may indeed provide important financing options for property owners.

The deeper question is which model better serves the broader population.

If the objective is widespread financial inclusion, economic participation, and national ownership, the Cooperative Credit Union model appears to offer more comprehensive benefits.

The conversation should not simply be about establishing a financial institution. It should be about building one that is truly — and structurally — for the people.



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WEST BAY CLUB
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DATE OPEN: February 9, 2026
POSITION: Chef De Partie

START DATE: ASAP
PROPERTY: West Bay Club

Job Overview: The Chef de partie reports to the executive and Sous chefs and will quickly amass an in-depth familiarity with the kitchen's operations so that they may fill in for the sous chefs when needed and assist them in resolving any problems that may arise on the job. A chef de partie must possess the ability to quickly and authoritatively delegate job tasks to a large staff. They must also be able to draw upon their considerable experience as a culinary chef who has worked in many different roles and settings in order to effectively coach and mentor junior chefs.

Main Duties & Responsibilities:

- Responsible for the day to day running of any given section.
- Ensure consistency of food quality and presentation.
- Attend briefing for special functions if required to do so.
- Maintaining the cleanliness of all fridge and freezer, stock control
- Assisting with the ordering on a daily basis, whilst keeping in mind stock usage,
- Menu planning and business levels.
- Training of line Cooks on section, delegation of tasks to line cooks.
- Constantly advising Chef on needs and ordering requirements.
- Communicate with other cooks and help each other keep motivated and focused.
- Follow basic HACCP and "first in first out" rule.
- Take ownership of organizing walk-in cooler and freezer on a daily basis.
- Take part in any training required.
- Able to take control of any given tasks and maintain a high team spirit.
- Keep recipe folders in good order and up to date if and when necessary.
- Help to prevent waste of food of any kind and over-production to mis-en-place.

Skills and Qualifications

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Organizational skills
- In-depth knowledge of the standards of cooking, grilling techniques and making sauce
- Ability to work under pressure and in a fast-paced environment
- Ability to quickly learn new recipes and new cooking procedures
- Time management skills
- Ability to work efficiently and cooperatively in a team environment
- Ability to solve problems quickly

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HU PROSPERE TAKES FLIGHT WITH IFLY LUGGAGE

Hu Prospere, Cover Model and First Runner-Up of the 2025 TCI Top Model, Cycle 6, stars in an international digital campaign for IFly Luggage, marrying island glamour with travel-ready sophistication.

Pre-selected last autumn, the 6'2" Grand Turk-born model was photographed on location at Smith's Reef in Providenciales, where sunlit turquoise waters and sculpted coral reefs provided a striking backdrop to a series of high-fashion looks paired with IFly's streamlined, luxe luggage. From bold resort couture to relaxed but elevated styling, each image highlights IFly Luggage's commitment to durable, elegant design made for the modern jetsetter.

"This campaign marks the moment a lifelong ambition becomes reality," said Hu Prospere. "Being chosen for an international campaign proves that talent, discipline, and steadfast belief can lift a story from our island shores to a global stage. I hope it shows young people in the Turks and Caicos that, when opportunity meets hard work, anything is possible."

IFly's creative team praised Hu's camera magnetism and professional poise. Behind-the-scenes footage and production stills reveal a thoughtful collaboration, wardrobe that nods to island colour and texture, styling that balances practicality with polish, and imagery intended to evoke wanderlust and



Hu Prospere

confidence.

Distributed globally, IFly Luggage is available in major retailers including Walmart, JCPenney, Burlington, and Ross Dress for Less, among others. The digital advertisement campaign is featured on IFly's official Instagram page - iflyluggage.

Courtney Robinson, Founder and Executive Producer of TCI Top Model, added: "Hu's work with IFly Luggage is the exact outcome we train for, a fusion of readiness, artistry, and opportunity. This campaign amplifies our mission to open genuine pathways for local talent into global fashion and commercial markets."

As the campaign rolls out internationally, TCI Top Model is already cultivating the next wave of talent: Cycle 7 contestants have been selected and are in active training.

Mark your calendars; TCI Top Model 2026 hits the main stage on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at Brayton Hall, Providenciales. The highly anticipated evening of competition, fashion, and entertainment will continue to elevate local modeling talent onto regional and international platforms. Ticketing and calendar of events details to be announced soon.

As the legacy grows, Cycle 7 is poised to redefine Turks and Caicos fashion, where 'Beauty is Personified', bold vision meets opportunity and new models emerge.



Vehicle Seizures Dominate 'Operation Safe Passage' Enforcement Drive

Up until Wednesday, February 18, the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force said nine vehicles were towed and 28 tickets issued, while 35 traffic checks were conducted during the second week of Operation Safe Passage. Officers also issued five warnings of intended prosecution for tint removal and three tint removal notices as part of the exercise.

The impounding of vehicles forms a central pillar of Operation Safe Passage, which officially commenced with a soft launch on Monday, February 9. The initiative targets the dangers associated with unlicensed public service vehicles and related road traffic offences, particularly the unsafe transportation of children.

During the first three days of the operation alone, 29 vehicles were removed from circulation. On Day One, 16 vehicles were towed. By the end of Day Three, officers had conducted 72 traffic checks, issued 18 tickets, eight warnings and removed two illegal tints, but it was the seizure of nearly 30 vehicles that underscored the zero-tolerance approach being adopted by police.

Operation Safe Passage was launched in response to growing concerns about passengers, especially children, being transported in unlicensed vehicles, including reports of children standing along roadways flagging down these operators.

Police established Vehicle Check Points (VCPs) led by the Traffic Enforcement Unit and supported by the Highway Patrol. However, officers reported that suspected illegal operators quickly adapted their tactics, dropping off passengers before reaching checkpoints and dispersing them on foot to avoid detection. By the third day, officers observed increased coordination between drivers and passengers.

Despite these evasive measures, vehicles continued to be seized based on supporting evidence gathered by officers.

Among those impounded during the second week were two public passenger vehicles found transporting school children in a dangerous and overcrowded manner near the Five Cays intersection. The drivers reportedly claimed they were transporting relatives, but officers found children sitting on other children, no seat belts in use and seating capacity exceeded.

Police emphasised that removing such vehicles from the road is critical to

safeguarding children.

Under the Children (Care and Protection) Act 2020, officers have a mandatory duty to act in the best interest of the child. Additionally, under the Road Traffic Act 13:01, Section 45, no vehicle shall carry more persons than it is licensed to carry.

Tickets issued during the exercise included offences such as overcrowding, permitting a child under 14 to ride without a seatbelt, allowing children to sit on the middle console, failing to keep as far left as possible, excessive window tinting and the use of obscene language.

Police also noted that one male driver previously warned to remove illegal window tints was again found in violation, resulting in further enforcement action.

Despite mixed public sentiment, the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force has maintained that the seizure of vehicles operating illegally is necessary to deter unsafe practices and ensure compliance with the law.

Operation Safe Passage remains ongoing.

Parents are encouraged to verify that anyone transporting their children is properly licensed and authorised.



Government to Review Employment Laws

By Vivian Tyson NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

The Deputy Premier and Minister of Immigration and Border Services, Hon. Jamel Robinson, has moved a motion in Parliament seeking the appointment of a Select Committee to undertake a comprehensive review of the Turks and Caicos Islands Employment Act.

The motion was presented during the sitting of the House of Parliament on Friday, February 20.

According to the document tabled in Parliament, the existing Employment Act, which came into force on November 26, 2004, requires a thorough review and updating to reflect modern workplace realities. The motion highlights the need to ensure the continued protection of workers' rights, promote fair employment practices, and adapt the legislation to recent economic, social and technological changes.



The proposed review will examine emerging issues such as remote work, artificial intelligence, and gig economy platforms, as well as new occupational hazards and flexible work arrangements. It also underscores the importance of aligning local labour laws with evolving international human rights conventions and addressing challenges linked to demographic shifts, climate impact

and automation.

If approved, the Select Committee will be tasked with examining the current provisions of the Employment Act to identify gaps, ambiguities and areas requiring modernization. The committee will also consult a wide cross-section of stakeholders, including employers, employees, labour organizations, legal experts and other interested parties.

Among its responsibilities will be to recommend amendments or new provisions aimed at making the Act more relevant, equitable and effective, and to report its findings and proposed legislative updates to Parliament.

The motion further outlines the proposed composition of the Select Committee. It will include a Chairman, two other Members of Parliament, a representative of the Turks and Caicos Islands Civil Service Association, a representative of the Turks and Caicos Hotel and Tourism Association, a representative of employees, and an expert in employment and labour affairs. The purpose of the committee, as stated in the motion, is to ensure that the employment laws of the Turks and Caicos Islands reflect contemporary needs and promote fair, balanced and effective labour relations.

The motion was seconded by Deputy Speaker Hon. Jameka Williams.



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- Meets restaurant financial objectives by forecasting requirements, preparing an annual budget, scheduling expenditures, analyzing variances, and initiating corrective actions.
- Plans menus by consulting with chefs, estimating food costs and profits, and adjusting menus.
- Controls costs by reviewing portion control and quantities or preparation; minimizing waste; and ensuring high quality of preparation.
- Maximizes bar profitability by ensuring portion control and monitoring accuracy of charges.
- Publicizes the restaurant by designing and placing advertisements; inviting food editors to review the restaurant; contacting local, regional, and national magazines with feature ideas; and encouraging local businesses to hold social events at the restaurant.

Job Requirements:

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

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

Guest Environment Expert/Laundry Attendant

Job Specification:

- Sort and separate soiled laundry items based on color, fabric type, and washing instructions.
- Operate laundry equipment such as washers, dryers, and ironing machines while adhering to safety guidelines and manufacturer instructions.
- Pre-treat stains on laundry items before washing to ensure thorough cleaning.
- Load and unload laundry machines, adjusting settings and detergent quantities as necessary.
- Monitor laundry machines during the washing and drying cycles to ensure proper performance and make adjustments if needed.
- Remove and fold dried laundry items promptly to prevent wrinkling or damage.
- Inspect laundered items for quality control, identifying and addressing any issues or damages.
- Maintain cleanliness and organization of the laundry facility, including wiping down machines, emptying lint traps, and disposing of trash.
- Keep track of inventory levels for laundry supplies and notify supervisors when replenishment is needed.
- Follow standard procedures for handling and disposing of hazardous materials, such as bleach or chemicals.

Job Requirements:

- Must be able to speak English
- Must have 2 years experience as Laundry Attendant
- Must be able to work in hotel laundry environment, stand for long hours, and work efficiently under pressure and in warm areas
- Positive attitude and willingness to learn

Salary expectation - \$8.50 - \$10.00 per hour

Interested applicants for this position listed on this ad, should also send a copy of your resume to the Labour Department located Downtown, Airport Road, Providenciales

APPLY NOW!

Send your resume to: careers@thestrandtci.com

TCI Bar President Welcomes Newly Sworn-In Director of Public Prosecutions

The Turks and Caicos Islands has officially welcomed a new Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), with Jeremy C. Taylor formally sworn into office following his appointment by Her Excellency Governor Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam under Section 91 of the Constitution.

Mr. Taylor now assumes one of the country's most critical constitutional roles, responsible for overseeing criminal prosecutions and safeguarding the independence of the prosecutorial function.

Mark A. Fulford, President of the Bar Council and head of the Turks and Caicos Islands Bar Association, extended a warm welcome to the newly appointed DPP.

Fulford revealed that he paid a courtesy call on Mr. Taylor shortly after the swearing-in ceremony, describing their meeting as constructive and forward-looking.

"I had the opportunity to pay a courtesy call on Mr. Taylor shortly after his swearing-in. Our discussion was constructive and forward-looking, centered on the shared commitment to upholding prosecutorial independence, maintaining professional standards, and strengthening public confidence in the administration of justice. It was an encouraging exchange and one that reflects the importance of respectful institutional engagement within our justice



Jeremy C. Taylor (left), the new Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), is greeted by Mark Fulford, President of the Turks and Caicos Islands Bar Council

system," Fulford said. Mr. Taylor brings more than 26 years of legal experience to the post, including over two decades of distinguished public prosecutorial service within Jamaica's Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, where he

served as Senior Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions. His leadership spanned several specialised areas, including anti-gang and organised crime matters, extradition, environmental law, and legislative reform. The Office of the Director of Pub-

lic Prosecutions occupies a central role within the justice system. Its constitutional independence is fundamental to the rule of law and to maintaining public trust in the administration of criminal justice. The Office's work directly impacts the courts, members of the legal profession, victims, families, and communities across the Islands.

Mr. Taylor assumes office at a time when strengthening national justice institutions remains a shared priority. His extensive experience in complex prosecutions and institutional leadership is expected to support the continued development and effectiveness of the Office.

Fulford further emphasised the Bar Association's respect for the constitutional independence of the DPP.

"The Bar Association recognises the constitutional independence of the Director of Public Prosecutions and respects the important mandate entrusted to that office. We look forward to continued constructive engagement that supports high prosecutorial standards and the effective administration of justice.

We wish Mr. Taylor every success as he undertakes this responsibility and trust that his tenure will contribute positively to the continued development of the criminal justice system in the Turks and Caicos Islands."

Administration Committee Reviews Integrity Commission Policies

The House of Assembly of the Turks and Caicos Islands convened its Administration Committee on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, as part of its constitutional oversight responsibilities. The meeting, held in the West Committee Room of the Hon. N.J.S. Francis Building on Pond Street in Grand Turk, marked the second meeting of the First Session 2025/2026 of the Committee.

The Administration Committee is one of the Standing Committees of Parliament established pursuant to Section 64 of the Turks and Caicos

Islands Constitution Order 2011. The Committee is mandated to monitor the conduct of Government business assigned to Ministers under Section 36(1) of the Constitution.

Section 119 of the Standing Orders further provides that the Administration Committee is charged with responsibility for monitoring the conduct of Government business, except in matters referred to the Expenditure Committee. The Committee reports on the implementation, administration and development of Government policies across every

Ministry, and is chaired by the Leader of the Opposition or his or her nominee.

Focus on Integrity Commission
At Tuesday's meeting, the Committee focused its attention on the policies, structures and procedures of the Integrity Commission of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

A detailed report outlining the Committee's findings and recommendations will be submitted to Parliament during the First Sitting of the Eighteenth Meeting.

The Committee is chaired by Hon.

Kimbule A. Skippings and includes Hon. Samuel E. Been, Hon. Randy D. Howell, Hon. Sharon A. Simons and Hon. Tamell E. Seymour as Members. Mrs. Tracey Parker serves as Clerk to the Committee, while Ms. Rosetta Talbot acted as Deputy Clerk for the meeting.

Appearing on behalf of the Integrity Commission were Commissioners Wendall Swann, Dudley Been and Steve Cornwall. They were joined by Director Nick Wallen, Deputy Director Richard Been and Secretary to the Commission Wanda Ariza.



DATE OPEN: February 9, 2026

POSITION: Houseman

START DATE: ASAP

PROPERTY: West Bay Club

Job Overview: We are looking for a professional Houseman 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.

Main duties:

- Perform a variety of cleaning activities such as sweeping, mopping, dusting and polishing
- Ensure the common 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
- 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.

Qualified Belongers need only to apply

Salary Range: \$8.00 per hour

DATE OPEN: February 9, 2026

POSITION: Accounting Clerk

START DATE: ASAP

PROPERTY: West Bay Club

Job Overview: The Accounting Clerk is responsible for supporting the Finance Department through accurate and timely processing of financial transactions, with a primary focus on Accounts Payable and Inventory Accounting within a hospitality environment. This role plays a critical part in maintaining financial integrity, cost control, and operational efficiency across all departments. The ideal candidate will have hands-on experience in hospitality accounting, strong attention to detail, and a solid understanding of vendor management, inventory controls, and financial documentation.

Main duties:

- Process vendor invoices promptly and accurately in accordance with company policies and approval procedures
- Monitor, record, and reconcile inventory transactions for food & beverage, housekeeping, maintenance, and operating supplies
- Assist with daily revenue postings and verification across all outlets (rooms, F&B, events, spa, and ancillary services)
- Assist with month-end close activities, including journal entries and account reconciliations
- Maintain well-organized financial documentation for internal and external audits
- Maintain accurate and organized accounts payable records for audit and reporting purposes

Requirements:

- Diploma or Associate Degree in Accounting, Finance, or a related field (Bachelor's degree preferred)
- Minimum of 1–3 years of accounting experience
- Prior experience in a hotel, resort, restaurant, or hospitality environment is strongly preferred
- Ability to manage multiple priorities and meet tight deadlines.
- Strong working knowledge of Accounts Payable processes and inventory control systems
- High level of integrity and confidentiality when handling financial information.

Qualified Belongers need only apply

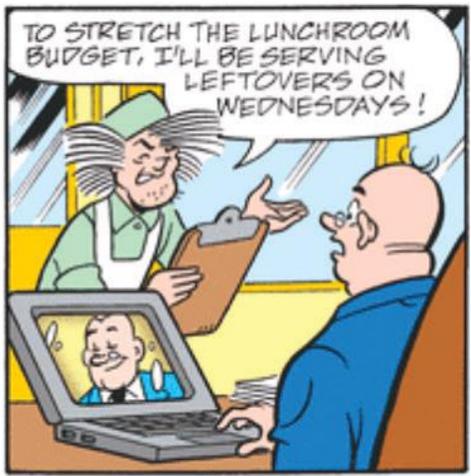
Salary Range: \$10.00 - \$13.00 per hour

Interested persons can contact our Human Resources Department no later than February 27, 2026.

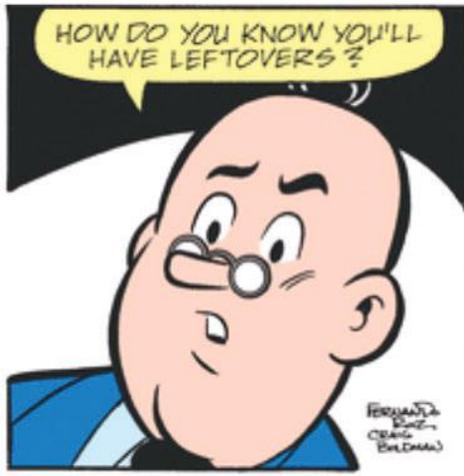
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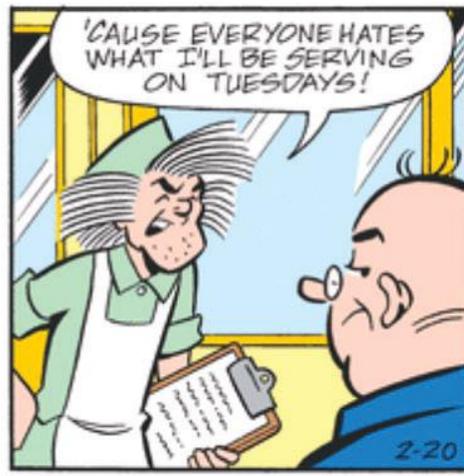
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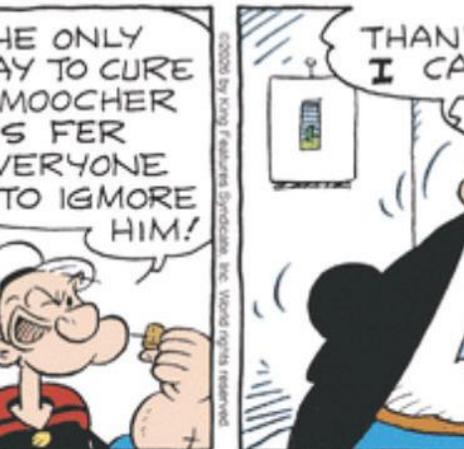
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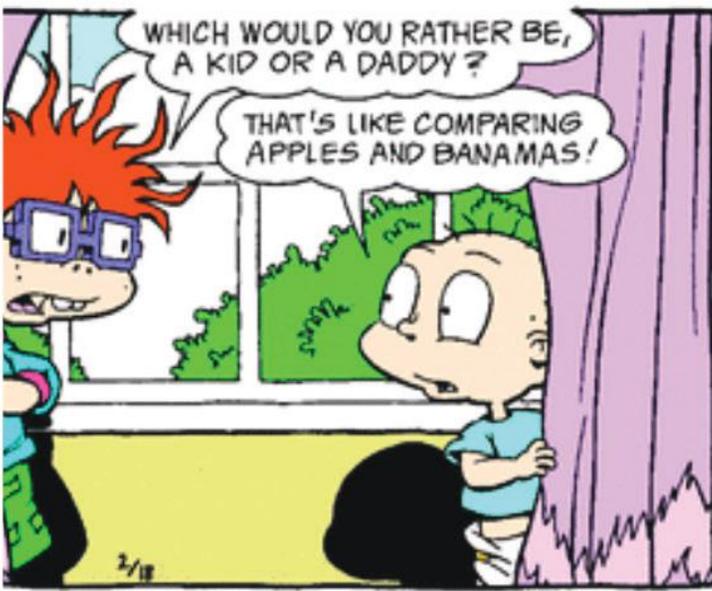
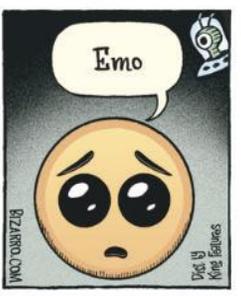
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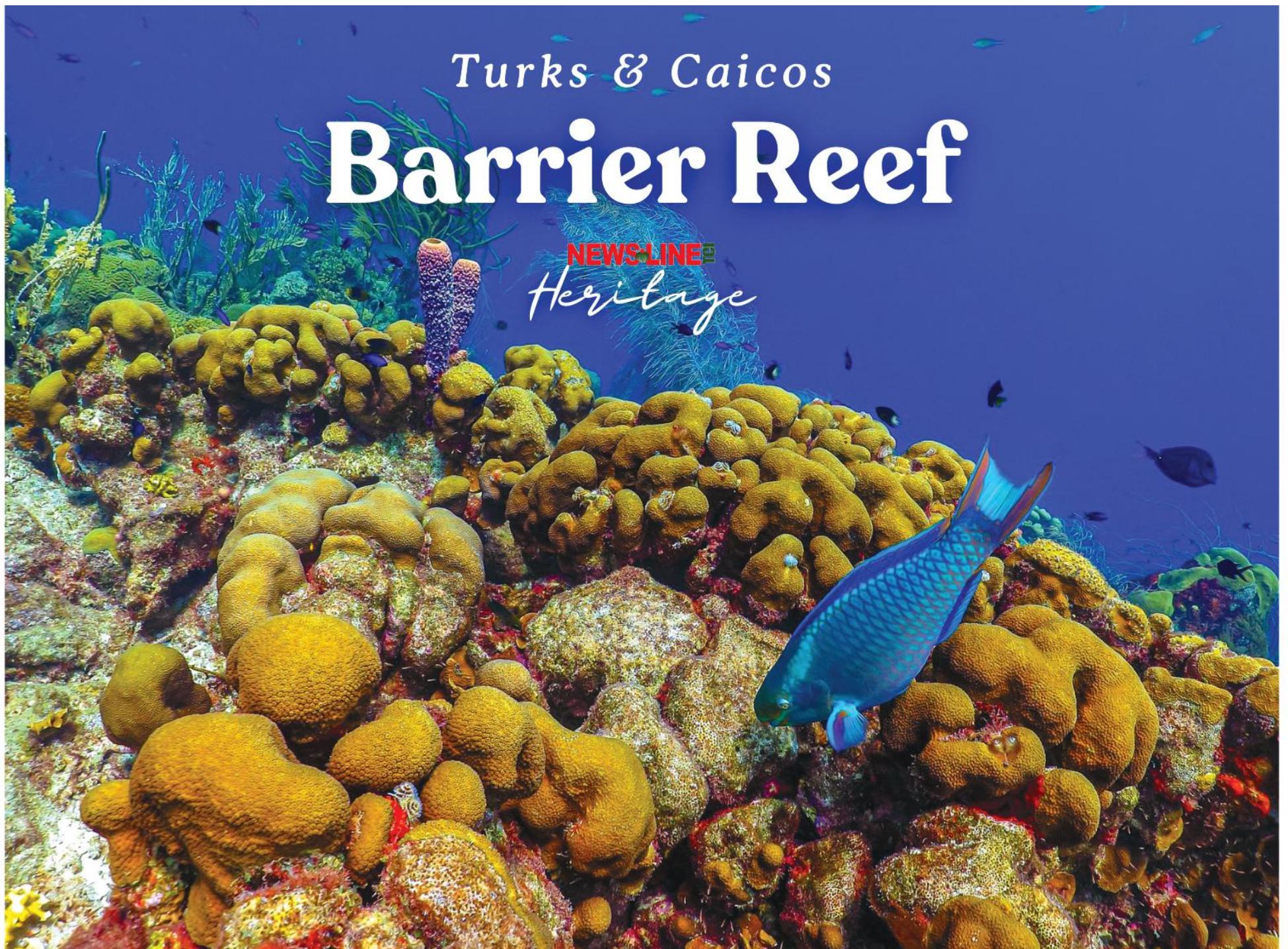


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The Turks and Caicos Barrier Reef: A Living Legacy Beneath the Sea

Spanning over 340 miles, the Turks and Caicos Barrier Reef is the third-largest coral reef system in the world and the most significant continuous barrier reef in the Atlantic region. This sprawling underwater ecosystem is more than just a diver's paradise — it's a vital part of our national heritage, shaping our environment, culture, and economy for generations.

A Natural Fortress and Cradle of Biodiversity

The reef acts as a natural fortress, shielding the low-lying islands from strong ocean currents, storm surges, and coastal erosion. It creates the calm, shallow waters that have become iconic to the TCI experience.

But its beauty lies deeper. The Turks and Caicos Barrier Reef is home to an astonishing diversity of marine life. Over 60 species of hard and soft coral thrive here, including staghorn, elkhorn, and brain coral. These form complex habitats for a wide range of species — from schools of blue tang and angelfish to nurse sharks, eagle rays, spiny lobsters, and sea turtles. In these waters, reef fish and invertebrates carry out an age-old dance of survival, reproduction, and balance.

Economic Lifeline and Cultural Symbol

For generations, the people of Turks and Caicos have relied on the reef for their livelihoods. In earlier centuries, it supported local fisheries that fed families and fueled trade. Today, it powers a modern economy centered on eco-tourism. Tourists flock to the islands for world-renowned snorkeling and diving experiences in Grace Bay, Smith's Reef, and the dramatic wall drop-offs of Grand Turk and West Caicos. The reef not only draws visitors — it also draws admiration, awe, and a deeper appreciation for the natural world.

The reef is also part of our cultural consciousness. Fishermen, boat captains, artisans, and tour operators all draw from its rhythms. Its bounty has inspired local music, folklore, and the culinary heritage passed down through generations. Protecting the reef, then, is not only an environmental responsibility — it is a cultural one.

Fragile Wonder, Shared Responsibility

Despite its resilience, the Turks and Caicos Barrier Reef faces numerous threats. Rising sea temperatures, ocean acidification, overfishing, and pollution have taken their toll. The loss of coral not only threatens biodiversity but undermines the very fabric of island life.

Thankfully, efforts are underway to protect this irreplaceable heritage. Organizations like the Turks and Caicos Reef Fund and the Department of Environment & Coastal Resources (DECR) work to raise awareness, enforce marine protection laws, and support reef restoration initiatives. Community-based conservation, sustainable tourism practices, and education are key to ensuring the reef's survival for future generations.

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LIBERTY LATIN AMERICA ACCELERATES CLOUD TRANSFORMATION AND ICT ADOPTION THROUGH STRATEGIC COLLABORATION WITH AWS

Liberty Latin America has announced a five-year strategic collaboration agreement with Amazon Web Services (AWS) to help customers across Latin America and the Caribbean accelerate cloud transformation, AI adoption, and IT modernization while meeting stringent data residency, sovereignty, and regulatory compliance requirements.

The partnership creates a foundation for innovation across telecommunications, media, and enterprise services throughout the region.

The strategic collaboration agreement includes three key components designed to support both Liberty Latin America's internal transformation and enhanced B2B service offerings for enterprise customers.

First, Liberty Latin America will work with AWS to deploy dedicated on-premises infrastructure within its facilities using AWS Outposts, enabling the company to deliver cloud capabilities while maintaining data within customer-specified geographic boundaries. This approach addresses stringent sovereignty and regulatory requirements across Latin America while providing the security, scalability, and innovation capabilities of AWS.

Second, Liberty Latin America will migrate certain infrastructure requirements to AWS, using AWS Transform, to make its tech stack AI-ready and modernize over 500 customer workloads

and internal systems. This migration supports Liberty Latin America's internal digital transformation while simultaneously enabling the company to offer enhanced, secure B2B cloud services to enterprise customers throughout the region who face similar modernization and compliance challenges.

Third, the collaboration will expand to include deployment of AWS cloud infrastructure bringing AWS compute and storage services to the edge of Liberty Latin America's network and data center operations.

As enterprises across telecommunications, financial services, healthcare, media, manufacturing, and government sectors accelerate their cloud adoption, this infrastructure will enable data sovereignty, data residency, and ultra-low-latency applications for customers requiring localized data processing.

"The pace of digital transformation across Latin America and the Caribbean is accelerating, and organizations need technology foundations that allow them to move faster without sacrificing security or reliability," said Balan Nair, President and CEO of Liberty Latin America.

Nair added: "Through this strategic relationship with AWS, we're helping customers across the region to enhance their infrastructure, embrace cloud-based solutions, and achieve their technology ambitions—enabling trans-

formation to happen at the speed the market now demands while addressing the sovereignty and regulatory requirements that are critical to doing business in Latin America."

"Liberty Latin America's strategic collaboration with AWS demonstrates how telecommunications providers are evolving from connectivity suppliers to comprehensive digital transformation partners," said Jan Hofmeyr, VP, telecommunications at AWS.

Hofmeyr added: "By combining Liberty Latin America's deep regional expertise and strong customer relationships together with AWS Cloud and AI capabilities, enterprises across Latin America and the Caribbean will gain access to a trusted partner who understands both their business challenges and has the technical solutions needed to drive growth. This collaboration reflects the industry shift toward telecommunications providers enabling cloud adoption at scale."

"Enterprises across Latin America and the Caribbean are looking to modernize their IT infrastructure and adopt cloud technologies to drive efficiency and growth," said Aamir Hussain, SVP, Chief Technology and Product Officer, Liberty Latin America. "By partnering with AWS, we will be able to offer B2B customers an unmatched service that provides secure, flexible, and scalable cloud and AI solutions while supporting

their broader digital transformation and ICT needs."

Paula Bellizia, VP of AWS LATAM, commented, "We're proud to work with Liberty Latin America to help enterprises adopt digital technologies that will enable them to better serve customers and communities.

By providing secure, scalable cloud and AI services, and working with a strong partner like LLA that understands the region's unique needs, we're helping customers accelerate innovation, increase agility, and build for long-term growth."

Customers in the region, like Telered, have taken note of this collaboration that will help drive better business outcomes.

Pastor Marcelino, Vice President of Technology and Transformation, Telered, said, "As we continue to modernize our operations and expand our digital capabilities, having trusted technology partners is critical. This partnership between Liberty Latin America and AWS gives us confidence that we can accelerate our cloud transformation with the security, scalability, and regional expertise we need to compete effectively in today's market. AWS's proven cloud infrastructure combined with Liberty Latin America's deep understanding of our business environment creates a powerful foundation for our digital future."

Turks & Caicos Sotheby's International Realty Invests in Next Generation of Local Real Estate Leadership

Turks & Caicos Sotheby's International Realty (TCSIR) has announced the advancement of Simone Rigby into the role of Broker Apprentice, marking a significant milestone in the company's ongoing commitment to developing and empowering young Turks & Caicos Islanders within the luxury real estate sector.

Simone has been a dedicated member of the TCSIR team for the past four years, serving as an Executive Assistant and playing a critical role in supporting leadership, agents, and clients. Her promotion reflects not only her professionalism and dedication, but also TCSIR's strategy to cultivate local talent and create structured pathways toward brokerage leadership.

In her new role, Simone will transition from administrative leadership into professional brokerage development, working closely with the executive team and sales associates.

Her responsibilities will include agent and operational support, assistance with TCREA training and compliance, client relations, transaction coordination, and advancement through a structured program designed to guide her toward full broker licensure.

"Simone's promotion represents more than a career progression - it is an investment in the future of real estate leadership in the Turks & Caicos Islands," said Richard Sankar, Broker of Turks & Caicos Sotheby's International Realty. "As a firm, we are committed to identifying and nurturing local talent while strengthening the foundation of our brokerage.

Simone's progression adds depth to our leadership structure, complementing the expertise of long-standing team members Office Manager Takerca Francis-Hanna and Administrator Bianca Harvey as we strategically position the brokerage for its next phase of growth."

The Broker Apprentice role is part of TCSIR's broader commitment to professional development, mentorship, and succession planning within the local market. By providing hands-on experience, executive mentorship, and regulatory guidance, the firm continues to strengthen its leadership pipeline while contributing to national workforce development.

"I am honoured to take this next step with TCSIR," said Simone Rigby. "This opportunity allows me to expand my knowledge of brokerage while continuing to serve our agents and clients at the highest level. I am proud to grow professionally within a company that values local talent and leadership."

As the luxury real estate market in the Turks & Caicos Islands continues to evolve, TCSIR remains dedicated not only to exceptional service and global standards, but also to empowering the next generation of local professionals who will shape the future of

the industry.



Simone Rigby elevated to Broker Apprentice

Life Line FEATURED CHURCH

Bethany Baptist Church

In this issue of Newsline Featured Church, we highlight the Bethany Baptist Church, located at 250 Bay Road, Wheeland, Providenciales. Bethany Baptist Church is Pastored by Rev. Derek R. Hamilton. The opportunities for Worship & Fellowship during the course of the week are as follows: Sunday 11am – Service; Wednesday 7pm- Prayer & Bible Study via zoom; Friday at 7pm- Children, Youth & Women Ministry; 2nd and 4th Tuesdays- Men's ministr; the church theme is "Connecting people to God and with each other!"



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



Pastor Peter Kerr Retires After 47 Years of Faithful Service

It was a packed ballroom at The Shore Club on Sunday evening, Feb 15 as church leaders, government officials, family members, and congregants gathered to honour a life poured out in service.

The retirement banquet for Pastor Peter Kerr and Mrs. Jennifer Kerr marked the close of forty-seven years of distinguished ministry within the Seventh-day Adventist Church. But more than a formal ceremony, the evening felt like the turning of a national page — a moment of collective gratitude for steady, principled leadership that quietly shaped generations.

It was clear from the outset that Pastor Kerr's ministry extended far beyond sermons. It was pastoral care in hospital rooms. It was guidance offered during seasons of national uncertainty. It was counsel given to young families, steady reassurance during church transitions, and discipline in the administration of faith. Speaker after speaker reflected on a consistent theme: faithfulness.

Former Premier Hon. Galmo Williams, Minister of Religious Affairs Hon. Shaun Malcolm, joined church leaders from across the region and the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in paying tribute to a man described as measured, principled, and unwavering in conviction.

Yet the most powerful moments captured how the life of this inspiring man of God began, the humble roots that molded him into the man he is today.

A video presentation titled "A Shepherd's Journey" traced Pastor Kerr's path from early ministry to conference leadership. Photographs of modest church buildings, youth gatherings, and mission fields served



as reminders that legacy is rarely built in grand halls. It is built in ordinary spaces, over long obedience.

Pastor Kerr's service was not solitary. Beside him throughout the decades stood Mrs. Jennifer Kerr — partner

in ministry, teacher and educator, anchor in the home, and spiritual guide to their family. Together, their influence extended beyond the pulpit, pouring into the many lives they touched along the way.

In his tribute, Pastor Kern Tobias, President of the Caribbean Union, described Pastor Kerr as "a shepherd who understood both the weight of responsibility and the gentleness required to carry it."

Forty-seven years of ministry carries unseen sacrifices — missed holidays, late-night calls, difficult decisions, and the quiet burdens of shepherding people through grief and growth. Yet as the evening unfolded, what emerged most clearly was not sacrifice alone, but stewardship.

Pastor Kerr's retirement marks the close of an era for the Turks and Caicos Islands Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. But it does not mark the end of influence. If anything, the testimonies offered throughout the evening affirmed that influence forged over decades does not retire. It multiplies through those who were mentored, encouraged, and inspired.

The programme concluded fittingly with the congregation standing to sing, "I Will Sing of the Goodness of God." The lyrics seemed to capture the spirit of the night — gratitude not merely for years served, but for a life surrendered.

In a world that often celebrates speed and visibility, Sunday evening was a reminder that the most enduring impact is built slowly, faithfully, and with conviction.

And for Pastor Peter Kerr and Mrs. Jennifer Kerr, that legacy now rests securely in the hands of the generations they have shaped.

-Contributed



EDUCATION WEEK 2026: Where Parents Lead, Children Succeed: 1st - 6th March 2026

The Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture will be celebrating Education Week 2026 across the Turks and Caicos Islands from Sunday, March 1st to Friday, March 6th, 2026 under the theme: 'Where Parents Lead, Children Succeed.'

This theme reinforces the Ministry's strategic focus on strengthening parental engagement as a cornerstone of student success and school advancement. Education Week 2026 will highlight the collective efforts of teachers, students, parents, school leaders, and community partners who continue to shape the future of education across our islands.

National PTA Meeting

On 26th February 2026, ahead of the commencement of Education Week, the Department of Education will host a National PTA Meeting to address key topics including Safeguarding at Home and School, the Juvenile Prevention and Intervention Committee/Bright Horizon, Preventing Communicable Diseases at Home and School, Programmes Available for Students, Education Week highlights, and more.

Education Week 2026 Opens with Ecumenical Services

On Sunday, 1st March 2026, Ecumenical Services will be held across the Turks and Caicos Islands with the exception of South Caicos (2nd March 2026) as we seek God's guidance and blessings for the week of activities and for all stakeholders in the education sector.

NATIONAL EVENTS

Sunday, March 1 — Ecumenical Services (Various Islands and Times)
Monday, March 2 — 5:00 PM — Local Social Studies Competition, Gustavus Lightbourne Sports Complex

Tuesday, March 3 — 9:00 AM — Education Week National Road March; Parents' & Novelty Sports Day (All are invited)

Tuesday, March 3 — 5:00 PM — Secondary Schools Film Festival & Digital Storytelling Competition

Wednesday & Thursday, March 4-5 — National Science Fair, Quiz & Debate
Friday, March 6 — 5:00 PM — National Teachers' Day Banquet (RSVP Only)

ISLAND-BASED ACTIVITIES (March 1st – 6th, 2026)

PROVIDENCIALES — March 1-6, 2026
Sunday, March 1 — Ecumenical Service
Monday, March 2 — Special Devotions, Performances, Sports Days

Tuesday, March 3 — Education Week March and Parents' Sports Day

Wednesday, March 4 — Teacher-Student Swap Day, Spelling Bees

Thursday, March 5 — Fun Day, Character Dress-Up, Parent-Engagement Activities

Friday, March 6 — Teachers' Day Observances

NORTH & MIDDLE CAICOS — March 1-6, 2026

Sunday, March 1 — Ecumenical Service
Monday, March 2 — Parents' Awareness Activities, Local History Day

Tuesday, March 3 — Education Week March and Parade

Wednesday, March 4 — Teacher-Parent Swap Day

Thursday, March 5 — Trivia and Engagement Activities

Friday, March 6 — Teachers' Day Observances

GRAND TURK — March 1-6, 2026

Sunday, March 1 — Ecumenical Service
Monday, March 2 — Honour Roll Ceremonies, Awards, Rhyme-Time Activities

Tuesday, March 3 — Culture Day and



Minister of Education Hon. Rachel Taylor

Parent Engagement Sessions
Wednesday, March 4 — Teacher-Parent Swap Day

Thursday, March 5 — Book Character Day, Student Swap Day

Friday, March 6 — Teachers' Day Observances

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Sunday, March 1 — Ecumenical Service
Monday, March 2 — Cricket Match Launch, Basketball Tournament

Tuesday, March 3 — Education Week Fitness Walk and Family Engagement Activities

Wednesday, March 4 — Spelling Bees, Parents vs. Students Sporting Activities

Thursday, March 5 — Swap Day and PTA-led Activities

Friday, March 6 — Teachers' Day Observances

Commenting on the week ahead Hon. Rachel Taylor expressed that "Education Week 2026 provides us with an opportunity to celebrate the strength of our education system and to acknowledge the contributions of

our teachers, students, parents, and school leaders across the Turks and Caicos Islands.

"This year's theme, 'Where Parents Lead, Children Succeed,' highlights the importance of strong home-school partnerships in every child's success. I extend sincere appreciation to the parents and guardians who remain actively engaged and consistently show up to support the shaping of a brighter future for our young people. As we join together for this week of activities, I encourage everyone to embrace this moment of unity and celebration as we continue building an education sector worthy of the immense potential of our children."

The Ministry encourages the public to join in the week's activities and to support the continued growth and success of our students and educators. We look forward to the partnership of parents, families, and the wider community as we celebrate education across the Turks and Caicos Islands.

INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT TO LAUNCH FIELD COMPLIANCE INITIATIVE

The Inland Revenue Department (IRD) is reminding all business operators of their legal obligation to ensure proper registration and to operate strictly within their approved business licensing categories.

Conducting business without a valid registration or outside of an authorized category constitutes a breach of national legislations. The Department prioritizes these standards to maintain a fair marketplace, protect consumers, and secure the revenue

necessary for national development. Field Compliance Visits Starting February 17, 2026.

To support these standards, IRD Tax Officers will begin conducting field compliance checks on Tuesday, February 17, 2026. These visits aim to:

- Increase voluntary compliance within the local business community.
- Provide direct guidance to owners regarding their legal requirements/obligations.

- Verify that commercial activities align with official registrations.
- Support for Challenged Business Owners**

Understanding that compliance can be difficult, the IRD is committed to supporting business owners. We encourage anyone needing assistance to reach out to our team to ensure their tax and business licensing status is up to date.

"Our goal is to work collaboratively with the business community," the

IRD stated. "We encourage all operators to review their current license status and contact us immediately to discuss relief options or to address outstanding tax matters."

For more information or to verify your registration status, please visit the Official IRD Website or contact the Taxpayer Services Unit directly. For further information or to arrange a consultation, please contact the Inland Revenue Department directly.



SUN Oil Hosts Inaugural Job Fair On Provo

By Vivian Tyson NEWSLINE Editor-In-Chief

Focal Holdings Limited, operators of SUN Oil, staged its inaugural job fair at the Gustarvus Lightbourne Sports Complex in Providenciales over two days, Wednesday and Thursday, February 18 and 19 respectively, signaling continued corporate growth and a commitment to developing local talent.

Group HR Manager Esaura Cumberbatch said the two-day recruitment initiative marks the first of what is expected to become a recurring event for the company.

"This is our inaugural event, the first time that we're doing this. But it's something that we're going to be doing again in the future," Cumberbatch explained. "The company is growing, and with so many initiatives and projects happening in Turks and Caicos, this creates an opportunity for us to build capacity within the company and tap into the talent that we have locally."

Wide Range of Career Opportunities

The company is recruiting for several positions, including administrators, maintenance technicians, commercial drivers, dispatchers, an operations co-

ordinator, and general laborers with opportunities for training and career growth.

Cumberbatch emphasized that the recruitment drive goes beyond simply filling current vacancies.

"We're not just looking at this opportunity to say that we need to fill roles," she said. "We're also building our pipeline. As opportunities arise, we want to have qualified individuals we can reach out to immediately instead of starting the recruitment process from scratch. I like to call it building your bench."

She added that the company is particularly interested in individuals who are willing to learn and grow within the organization, noting that entry-level roles can evolve into long-term career paths.

Encouraging Turnout

Organizers described the first day of the job fair as encouraging, with a steady stream of applicants throughout the morning.

"So far, it's been really good," Cumberbatch said. "We've met a lot of really intelligent and skilled individuals, particularly younger persons who are looking for new opportunities. The candidates have been very eager and very energetic."

The event is structured to allow applicants to engage directly with company representatives, submit résumés, and learn more about the expectations and growth potential within each role. Cumberbatch also highlighted the work of Sun Oil Limited, a subsidiary of Focal Holdings Limited. The company operates as a Shell licensee in Nassau, Bahamas, and in the Turks and Caicos Islands, and is a leading provider of quality LPG petroleum products and services in the region.

With development continuing across the Turks and Caicos Islands, company says investing in human capital is essential to sustaining operational excellence and meeting growing demand. The decision to run the job fair over two days, was to give residents another opportunity to explore employment possibilities and submit applications. Cumberbatch noted that the initiative reflects a long-term commitment to strengthening both the organization and the local workforce.



A New Era for TCI Maritime Commerce: Historic Dual-Berthing Milestone Achieved at South Dock, Providenciales

Today marks a defining milestone for the Ports Authority of the Turks and Caicos Islands. For the first time in history, South Dock successfully facilitated the simultaneous berthing of two distinct vessel classes at the same pier: the container vessel MV Pelagic Express and the barge Marina Caribe.

Representatives from the Ports Authority, Provo Stevedoring Ltd (PSL), Island Site Development (ISD), King Ocean, and BML Shipping were on hand to witness this landmark integration at the newly constructed facility.

Breaking Historical Constraints

Prior to today's achievement, infrastructure limitations mandated a "one-at-a-time" protocol, where only a single vessel—either a barge or a container ship—could occupy same the dock. This operational bottleneck often resulted in significant delays for incoming cargo.

The successful dual-berthing signifies a transformative shift in operational capacity. With the ability to service multiple vessel categories simultaneously, the Ports Authority has officially transitioned all shipping operations to the new facility, effectively eliminating the primary constraint that has challenged TCI shipping for decades.

Seamless Transition & Strategic Development

As history was being made at the new dock, the MV Tropic Freedom completed its final discharge at the legacy pier. This final operation signaled the formal closure of the old dock, clearing the way for the next phase of the South Dock Modernization Project: the construction of an additional new dock scheduled for completion throughout the remainder of 2026.

The Road to Modernization

This transition is the culmination of a rigorous, multi-agency planning phase initiated in January 2026. In collaboration with Provo Stevedoring Ltd and Island Site Development, the Ports Authority achieved several critical safety and infrastructure milestones:

- **Dredging & Depth Verification:** Final dredging and cleanup of the turning basin and berthing pockets was completed, with bathy-



metric surveys confirming a consistent Mean Low Water (MLW) depth of -14 feet.

- **Infrastructure & Safety:** New maritime aids to navigation were installed, tug assistance was secured for precision berthing, and a comprehensive Transitional Safety Plan was published to guide operations.

- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Continuous Public Service Announce-

ments (PSAs) ensured that shipping lines and local stakeholders remained informed and aligned throughout the transition.

Securing the National Supply Chain

The activation of the new dock ensures that the Turks and Caicos Islands can maintain a safe, efficient, and robust supply chain even as expansion construction continues. The Ports Authority re-

mains committed to monitoring vessel wait times and overall port efficiency, providing transparent reporting on the impact of these upgrades to ensure continued excellence in maritime commerce.

"Today isn't just about docking ships; it's about unlocking the economic potential of the Turks and Caicos Islands by removing the barriers that have slowed our progress for years."

CONSULTANTS MEET WITH FSC AS TCI MOVES FORWARD ON VIRTUAL ASSET LEGISLATION

The Financial Services Commission (FSC) this past week welcomed international experts leading the consultations on the proposed Virtual Asset Business Bill.

This marks a key milestone in the Turks and Caicos Islands' development of a comprehensive legislative and regulatory framework for virtual assets.

On Monday, FSC executives and staff received an overview of the draft Paper, including background on virtual assets and the scope of this rapidly evolving sector. Virtual assets are digital representations of value that can be traded or transferred electronically and used for payment or investment. In line with the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) (2019) definition, they do not include digital representations of fiat currency.

The draft Paper outlines the proposed content of the VABA 2026. Feedback from this round of consultations will help refine the draft Bill prior to submission to Cabinet and then to Parliament for final approval. Once passed by Parliament, the Bill will become law in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Mrs. Claudia Coalbrooke, Senior Advisor at the FSC and chair of the session, noted that the Commission, acting as a member of the Virtual Asset Steering Committee (VASC), is leading the development of the TCI's virtual asset legislative and regulatory framework under the oversight of the Anti-Money Laundering Committee. She highlighted that capacity building engagements for public and private stakeholders began in March 2025 facilitated by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and that nearly a year on, a consultative draft is before the country for input.



L to R: Maxine Binns, Claudia Coalbrooke and Loretta Joseph.

Lead Consultant Loretta Joseph and Consultant/Legislative Analyst Maxine Binns of Lo Jo Consulting are in the TCI this week to meet with stakeholders and the public to solicit views on the draft and on what the legislation should further address.

In her presentation, Ms. Joseph urged broad awareness of the draft Paper and the consultative process and outlined key areas for consideration: digital assets and cryptocurrency exchanges; the importance of strong, well-drafted legislation; promising niche opportunities within the sector; auditing and assurance practices for virtual asset businesses; non-fungible tokens (NFTs); and tokenisation of real estate.

She said the TCI should develop future-proof legislation that can also adapt quickly to sector growth and technological change.

The consultants' draft Paper has not yet undergone final review by the Attorney General's Chambers (AGC) nor been formatted to TCI legislative drafting standards; the AGC will complete that review following consultations. FSC commissioners underscore that early stakeholder feedback is critical to shaping the final Bill.

"The development of a sound and internationally aligned framework

for virtual asset activities is an important step in strengthening the Turks and Caicos Islands' financial system and supporting sustainable economic growth.

"As Managing Director of the Financial Services Commission and Deputy Chair of the Anti Money Laundering Committee, this work reflects our responsibility to meet international AML/CFT standards, including those of the FATF, while creating a clear and credible environment for innovation and investment," said Kenisha Bacchus, Managing Director (Ag). She went on to add that: "This week's engagement with public and private stakeholders is a critical part of that process, ensuring the legislation is informed by practical insight, responsive to risk, and aligned with the needs of the jurisdiction. Ultimately, this framework is intended to protect the TCI, enhance confidence in our regulatory regime, and position the country to responsibly benefit from emerging opportunities in the digital asset space."

A town hall meeting is planned for this coming Friday, 20th February from 6PM – 8PM at The Salvation Army TCI, Richmond Hill, Providenciales.

The FSC invites interested parties to participate in the consultation pro-

cess and submit views to inform the final draft of the Virtual Asset Business Bill.

For more information or written contribution, kindly contact Mrs Claudia Coalbrooke, Senior Advisor via ccoalbrooke@tcifsc.tc.



Claudia Coalbrooke Addresses the meeting

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What makes the Mediterranean diet so healthy for your heart?

Extensive research over the years has continued to identify the Mediterranean diet as one of the best for heart health. Why? It helps reduce chronic inflammation in the body, explains Janet McCann, a registered dietitian nutritionist at Mayo Clinic Health System in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

“Not all inflammation is bad, but once it becomes chronic, it can lead to heart disease, type 2 diabetes, dementia, and cancer. One of the main risk factors for chronic inflammation is a diet high in fats and sugars,” says McCann.

The Mediterranean diet is the opposite of that, “and best of all, eating healthy following the Mediterranean diet feels more like eating and living well. Basically, it’s a blueprint for an eating plan for good health,” she adds.

The Mediterranean diet is based on plant-based foods and follows this approach:

Replaces harmful fats with healthy, monounsaturated fats, which have been shown to reduce total cholesterol and low-density lipoproteins, known as LDL or “bad” cholesterol.

Includes foods rich in antioxidants and phytochemicals that help reduce inflammation in the arteries.

Supports healthy blood pressure by prioritizing potassium-rich foods and reducing salt intake.

Promotes whole grains, legumes, fruits, and vegetables, which are rich in fiber, support gut health, and reduce blood sugar fluctuations.

Encourages a healthy weight because it focuses on nutrient-dense, filling foods that naturally help prevent overeating.



TIPS FOR ADOPTING A MEDITERRANEAN DIET

Try to consume two to three servings of fruit and four or more servings of vegetables per day. Expand your variety of fruits and vegetables with pomegranates, figs, grapes, peaches, nectarines, cantaloupe, spinach, kale, Swiss chard, collard greens, and mustard greens. Swap snacks for fruits and vegetables when you feel like nibbling.

Choose whole grains. Switch to 100 per cent whole-grain bread, cereal, and pasta. Try other grains such as bulgur and farro.

Add nuts and seeds. These foods are high in fiber, protein, and healthy fats. Aim for 4 servings of raw or unsalted nuts and seeds per week. One serving equals one quarter cup.

Use healthy fats. Try cooking with olive oil, avocado oil, or grapeseed oil instead of butter. Instead of spreading butter or margarine on bread, try dipping it in flavored olive oil.

Eat fish twice a week. Fresh or water-packed tuna, salmon, trout, mackerel, sardines, and herring, along with seafood such as shrimp, crab, and mussels, are rich in healthy omega-3 fats. Look to grill, steam, or bake fish and seafood instead of frying them.

Reduce red meat. Replace red meat with fish, poultry, eggs, or legumes and lentils. If you do eat red meat, make sure it is lean, keep portions small — generally about 3 ounces of cooked meat, and eat it in moderation.

Don't forget dairy. Consume low fat or non-fat Greek or regular yogurt, cottage cheese,

milk and a variety of soft cheeses. Try cheeses made from goat or sheep's milk such as chèvre or feta. Mix fresh or frozen fruit into yogurt to avoid added sugars.

Add spices. Herbs and spices enhance flavour and reduce the need for salt.

Drink wine or alcohol in moderation. While red wine is often an option in the Mediterranean diet, it is optional. If you drink wine or alcohol, limit intake to one drink or less per day. Light to moderate consumption may reduce the risk of heart disease, but in general, it is not recommended to start drinking alcohol or increase consumption. Remember to include water as it is the best fluid for your body.

Modify your lifestyle. While much of the Mediterranean diet revolves around healthy eating, another important part involves slowing down and savouring life something most of us could benefit from to improve our well-being and mental health.

The basic principles of Mediterranean style eating include:

- Sitting down at the table for at least two lunches or dinners per week.
- Taking time to eat, without rushing.
- Eating with friends and family.
- Engaging in physical activity with the goal of at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise per week.

“There are many eating plans, but the Mediterranean diet is a holistic approach that includes healthy and delicious foods as well as lifestyle choices that promote well-being. Many people who adopt this style of eating say they will never eat another way,” says McCann.

- Mayo Clinic News Network

Water exercise: a low impact alternative for a healthier life

Regular exercise offers a wide range of benefits, including weight control, improved cardiovascular health, and better sleep quality. However, for many people, common forms of exercise such as walking, running, or weight training can be difficult due to pain, weakness, mobility issues, or fear of falling.

According to Kimberly Olsen, a Physical Therapy specialist with Mayo Clinic Health System in Mankato, Minnesota, water exercise is an excellent way to focus on fitness in a reduced gravity environment. Here's why:

Buoyancy: Standing in waist-deep water reduces body weight by about 50%, making this a low impact form of exercise. This significantly decreases stress on weight-bearing bones and joints.

Support: Water provides stability for people with balance challenges. The constant movement of the water during exercise also challenges balance the more waves there are, the harder it becomes to stay steady and continue exercising.

Resistance: Water's viscosity slows movement and provides resistance, making aquatic exercise an effective strength workout. With less stress on joints, people often find they can exercise longer and complete more repetitions.

All of these benefits make water exercise an effective option for those recovering from sports injuries, helping restore range of motion, strength, and endurance. Beyond rehabilitation, aquatic exercise can also provide a full workout that improves strength, cardiovascular fitness, and flexibility. As with any ex-

ercise program, consult your healthcare team before starting a new routine.

Five things to know before jumping into the pool

1. Water exercise is versatile: Aquatic exercise offers a wide range of options and techniques for nearly every fitness level from simple movements like walking in water to higher-intensity aerobic activities such as deep-water running (aqua running) or swimming.

Standing exercises are usually performed in waist- or chest-deep water and aim to improve range of motion, flexibility, balance, and strength. Resistance training can be intensified by increasing movement speed and range, or by using equipment such as webbed gloves, swim paddles, pool noodles, or resistance bands.

2. You don't need to know how to swim: Basic swimming or water safety skills are always recommended for anyone spending time in the water. However, aquatic exercise doesn't necessarily require swimming. The shallow end of any pool or lake is sufficient, as many movements only require standing in the water.

3. Water temperature matters: Cooler water (27–31°C / 82–88°F) is generally better for higher-intensity workouts or for people prone to overheating, such as pregnant individuals, people with obesity, or those with multiple sclerosis. Warmer water (29–33°C / 84–92°F) is more suitable for people with arthritis, fibromyalgia, chronic pain, or for more fragile individuals.

4. Know your limits: Because exercise feels

easier in water, many people tolerate longer sessions. As a result, workouts may become more intense, with greater range of motion, increasing the risk of overuse. You may feel more fatigued than expected after an aquatic exercise session.

5. Consider group classes: Group water exercise classes are a great way to socialize, build connections, find support, boost motivation, and stay consistent. They are often led by instructors trained specifically in aquatic fitness, who can modify exercises for individual participants when needed.

Beyond basic exercises

Increasing the intensity of your water workout on your own or in a class may include resistance equipment such as:

Foam dumbbells: Lightweight on land, they

provide resistance in water due to buoyancy. Available in different resistance levels.

Water weights: Worn on ankles or wrists to increase resistance during arm and leg exercises.

Paddles and resistance gloves: Enhance strength training.

Flotation belt: Keep your head above water in the deep end of the pool, freeing your hands. This allows you to run, lift weights, and perform other exercises without needing to tread water.

Many people enjoy exercising in water more than on land. Without pain, fear of falling, and with a sense of fun, they're more likely to stay active regularly. And best of all you can get a great workout without even getting your hair wet.



Exercising in water helps improve strength, flexibility, and cardiovascular health while reducing impact on bones and joints.

Hugh Hefner's widow warns images of underage girls are in late husband's scrapbooks, journals



Crystal Harris (L) and Hugh Hefner attend Playboy's 2013 Playmate Of The Year luncheon honoring Raquel Pomplun at The Playboy Mansion on May 9, 2013 in Holmby Hills, California.

Hugh Hefner's widow alleged Tuesday that a foundation setup by the Playboy founder may be in possession of a decades-old collection of sexual images, including some of underage girls that were taken without consent.

Flanked by attorney Gloria Allred, Crystal Hefner said she filed regulatory complaints with the California and Illinois Attorney General's offices in an attempt to prevent any potential distribution of the images, which she said were contained in her late husband's scrapbooks and personal journals.

The two women said the documents are in possession of the Hugh M. Hefner Foundation, a Santa Monica-based organization that claims to advance progressive causes, including "rational sex and drug policies," according to its website. The foundation was first incorporated in Illinois, records

show; Hefner, who died at 91 in 2017, was born in Chicago.

Allred alleged the foundation is in possession of "3,000 personal scrapbooks containing thousands of nude images of women and Hefner's diary, which contains highly personal information regarding his sexual exploits including names of women he slept with, notes describing the sex acts that they performed ... and in some instances even information tracking women's menstrual cycles."

Crystal Hefner, 39, said the images were taken during sexual encounters between the Playboy founder and the women, some of whom could not make informed consent at the time because they were under the influence after wild parties at the Playboy Mansion. She also expressed concern that some of the encounters involved minors.

"The materials span decades, including in the 1960s, and may include images of girls who were underage at the time," she said. The Hefner Foundation did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Although Allred displayed copies of the complaints she filed with the attorneys general in California and Illinois, she did not provide copies to reporters during a Tuesday morning news conference in Los Angeles. Neither agency responded to a request for comment Tuesday.

Crystal Hefner said she was fired as the foundation's CEO after raising concerns about the contents of its collection. Neither she nor Allred provided evidence of their claims. Hefner said the foundation

was digitizing the images and expressed concern they could be sold or lost in a data leak.

"I am deeply worried about these images getting out ... a single security failure could devastate thousands of lives," she said. "This is a civil rights issue. Women's bodies are not property. Are not history. Are not collectibles."

Her former husband — a multi-millionaire whose sexually liberated lifestyle made him an American icon — cultivated an image as a refined, pajama-clad gentleman of leisure that made him synonymous with Playboy's success for decades, but at least one former model accused him of sexual abuse in a 2022 documentary.

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Bob Marley's Natural Mystic is 2x platinum in New Zealand

Last week another of Bob Marley's songs reached a new milestone in New Zealand. Natural Mystic, featured on Marley's 1977 album Exodus was certified 2x platinum for sales and streaming equivalent exceeding 60,000 units.

Exodus has been certified 2x platinum in New Zealand and Natural Mystic was previously certified silver in the United Kingdom for sales and streaming exceeding 200,000 units.

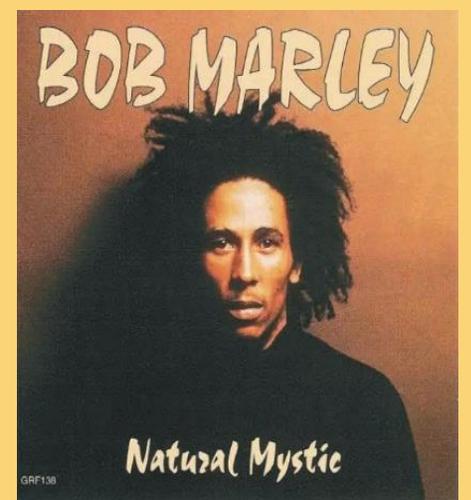
In 1979 when Bob Marley and the Wailers performed their sole concert in New Zealand, the visit had a profound effect on local Maori and Kacific communities, with Marley meeting with elders and sharing traditional welcomes.

The concert, part of Marley's Babylon By Bus tour, took place on April 16 at the Western Springs Stadium in Auckland. Published reports suggested that the concert drew an estimated 23,000 fans.

According to a post on Universal Music New Zealand's website, Marley's top-selling album and the biggest selling reggae album of all time,

Legend, has sold more than 28 million copies globally, with 300,000 of those sales, coming from New Zealand. Legend peaked at #1 on the New Zealand Albums chart in 1984.

Marley had many hits in New Zealand including 1978s Is This Love, which reached #8; No Woman Nuh Cry (peaked at #30); Could You Be Loved (#2 in 1980); Buffalo Soldier (#3 in 1983); and I Shot the Sheriff (#1 in 1974).



Anderson Cooper says he's exiting from '60 Minutes,' but staying with CNN



Anderson Cooper attends the 16th annual CNN Heroes All-Star Tribute in New York on Dec. 11, 2022.

Anderson Cooper, who has reported for CBS' "60 Minutes" for the past two decades in addition to hosting a weeknight news program on CNN, said Monday that he's leaving the CBS broadcast to spend more time with his family.

His decision comes at a time of turmoil at "60 Minutes." Cooper appeared on the show Sunday night, introducing a brief piece on filmmaker Ken Burns. It's not likely to be his last time on the show; he's expected to finish the current broadcast season, which ends in May.

"Being a correspondent at '60 Minutes' has been one of the great honors of my career," Cooper said in a statement. "I got to tell amazing stories, and work with some of the best producers, editors and camera

crew in the business. For nearly 20 years, I've been able to balance my jobs and CNN and CBS, but I have little kids now and I want to spend as much time with them as possible, while they still want to spend time with me."

Cooper's exit from what remains the most prestigious show in television news is sure to raise questions about whether it had anything to do with the leadership of Bari Weiss, editor-in-chief of CBS News since last fall. Cooper's spokesperson said Monday he had no additional comment.

He has contributed stories to "60 Minutes" since the 2006-2007 television season in a unique job-sharing arrangement with CNN. His prime-time cable news show, "Anderson

Cooper 360," has aired since 2003. In a statement, CBS News praised Cooper for his two decades of work. "We're grateful to him for dedicating so much of his life to this broadcast, and understand the importance of spending more time with family," CBS said. "'60 Minutes' will be here if he ever wants to return."

His exit comes at a time of unease at the Sunday night newsmagazine known for its ticking stopwatch. At Weiss' direction, the show in December held off at the last minute showing a report from correspondent Sharyn Alfonsi about the Trump administration's immigration policy. She said a greater effort was need-

ed to get an interview with administration officials, while Alfonsi complained privately that the decision was political in nature. The story aired a month later with additional administration comments, but no on-camera interviews.

President Donald Trump sued "60 Minutes" for how it handled an interview with his 2024 election opponent, Kamala Harris. Much to the consternation of many at the broadcast, CBS's parent company Paramount Global settled with Trump out-of-court.

Cooper's exit from CBS was first reported by the online news site Breaker.



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Bookkeeper

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The Bookkeeper is responsible for maintaining accurate financial records, preparing financial statements, and ensuring compliance with bookkeeping accounting principles and regulations.

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- Maintain and update financial records, ensuring accuracy and compliance with bookkeeping and accounting standards
- Reconcile bank accounts and general ledger accounts monthly and prepare financial reports.
- Assist with the annual budgeting process and ongoing forecasts.

Job Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance, or a related field preferred; relevant certifications (e.g., Certified Bookkeeper, CPA) a plus.
- Minimum of 3 years of experience in bookkeeping or accounting roles.
- Strong knowledge of accounting principles and practices.

Salary expectations - \$55,000 - \$62,400 per annum

Cost Controller

Job Specification:

- Monitor and analyze operational costs across all departments ensure adherence to budgetary guidelines.
- Prepare and present detailed cost reports for management review, highlighting variances, trends, and potential areas for financial improvement, while offering data-driven recommendations.
- Maintain accurate financial records, including accounts payable, accounts receivable, and general ledger entries.
- Assist with preparing monthly financial statements and reports, ensuring compliance with local regulations and financial policies.
- Assist with developing and maintaining relationships with vendors and suppliers to ensure cost-effective purchasing.
- Maintain organized records of all purchasing transactions and inventory levels, ensuring accurate tracking of costs.
- Train and support staff in cost control and inventory management practices, promoting a culture of financial awareness.
- Ensure compliance with internal controls, financial policies and standard operating policies and procedures.

Job Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance, or a related field preferred; relevant certifications (e.g., Certified Bookkeeper, CPA) a plus.
- Minimum of 3 years of experience in bookkeeping or accounting roles.
- Strong knowledge of accounting principles and practices.

Salary expectations - \$55,000-\$65,000

Accounts Payable

Job Specification:

The Accounts Payable Officer is responsible for managing and processing all accounts payable transactions, ensuring timely and accurate payment of suppliers, and maintaining accurate financial records in compliance with accounting principles and company policies.

Key Responsibilities:

- Process supplier invoices accurately and in a timely manner, ensuring proper approvals and correct coding to the general ledger
- Maintain and update accounts payable records in compliance with bookkeeping and accounting standards
- Reconcile supplier statements and resolve invoice discrepancies and queries
- Prepare and process payment runs, including Electronic Funds Transfers (EFTs) and other approved payment methods
- Reconcile the accounts payable sub-ledger to the general ledger on a regular basis
- Assist with month-end close processes and prepare accounts payable reports
- Support the annual budgeting process and assist with cash flow forecasting related to payables

Job Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance, or a related field preferred; relevant certifications (e.g., Certified Bookkeeper, CPA) a plus.
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The Rev. Jesse Jackson, pioneering civil rights activist and racial 'pathfinder,' dies at 84

The Rev. Jesse Louis Jackson, the towering civil rights leader whose moral vision and fiery oratory reshaped the Democratic Party and America, has died, his son said. He was 84.

Jackson, a protégé of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., had been hospitalized in recent months and was under observation for progressive supranuclear palsy. He died Tuesday morning, surrounded by his family, according to a statement from his nonprofit social justice organization, the Rainbow PUSH Coalition.

Jackson was what one pundit called "an American original." He was born to an unwed teenage mom in Greenville, South Carolina, during the Jim Crow era but rose to become a civil rights icon and a groundbreaking politician who mounted two electrifying runs for the presidency in the 1980s.

Jackson's dual bids for the Democratic presidential nomination inspired Black America and stunned political observers who marveled at his ability to draw White voters. He was a Black crossover figure long before Barack Obama hit the national stage.

Jackson first rose to national prominence in the 1960s as a close aide to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. After King's assassination in 1968, Jackson became one of the most transformative civil rights leaders in America — to the chagrin of some of King's aides, who thought he was too brash.

But his Rainbow Coalition, a bold alliance of Blacks, Whites, Latinos, Asian Americans, Native Americans and LGBTQ people, helped pave the way for a more progressive Democratic Party.

One of Jackson's signature phrases was "Keep hope alive." He repeated it so often that some began to parody it, but it never seemed to lose meaning for him. He was a force for social justice over three eras: the Jim Crow period, the civil rights era and the post-civil rights era that culminated with the election of Obama and the Black Lives Matter movement.

Through his eloquence and singular drive, Jackson didn't just keep hope alive for himself. His dream of a vibrant, multiracial America still inspires millions of Americans today.

Jackson's vision remade the Democratic Party. He was the first presidential candidate to make support for gay rights a major part of his campaign platform, and he made a concerted effort to challenge the Democratic Party's prioritization of White, moderate, middle-class voters, says David Masciotra, author of "I Am Somebody: Why Jesse Jackson Matters." Obama may have never made it to the White House without Jackson's pioneering presidential runs. Jackson successfully fought to change the awarding of delegates during the Democratic primaries from a winner-take-all system that benefited frontrunners to a proportional system that helped other candidates even if they didn't win a state.

Those changes helped Obama mount a

come-from-behind victory over frontrunner Hillary Clinton during the 2008 Democratic primaries, Masciotra says.

Jackson smashed the perception that a Black person couldn't be a viable presidential candidate. Some pundits predicted he would be outclassed by his more experienced political opponents during the presidential debates. They grudgingly recognized his charisma, but many never gave him credit for his analytical ability and political savvy.

The child prodigy who was a double outcast

Political observers shouldn't have been surprised. Jackson was one of the most gifted communicators in American history. Even as a child, he had a preternatural facility with words and metaphors. Like King, he injected the rhyming, cadences and poetic imagery of Black church preaching into American political life.

Jackson's signature line, "I Am Somebody," which he often chanted during speeches, was aimed as much at himself as it was to his audience. Marshall Frady, who wrote "Jesse: The Life and Pilgrimage of Jesse Jackson," said Jackson was prodigiously gifted but was plagued by "chasmic insecurities despite all he's done."

Some of those insecurities sprang from his childhood. Jackson was born on October 8, 1941, in Greenville, South Carolina — a double outcast because of his race and the circumstances of his birth. He was born in the Jim Crow South to Helen Burns, then an unmarried 16-year-old, and her married-next-door neighbor, Noah Robinson. Burns married a year later, and her husband, Charles Jackson, adopted her son.

Biographers invariably describe Jackson as feeling lonely and different as a child. He was teased by classmates for being

"a nobody who had no daddy." Frady described Jackson as an "aggrieved and brooding little boy."

But Jackson told a New York Times reporter that he had a "father surplus." He said his biological and adoptive fathers were friends, and that he inherited his strong ego and "sense of dignity" from his biological father.

"It is where I get the drive to think I could change the South through the civil rights movement and run for President," Jackson said.

His turbulent life in the spotlight

Jackson was able to build the kind of stable family life that was denied to him as a kid. In 1962 he married Jacqueline Lavinia Brown, who was in many ways as dynamic and strong-willed as he was. They had five children and stayed together through the wild swings of fortune that Jackson endured during his six decades in public life.

Jackson once said that "both tears and sweat are salty," but while tears will get you sympathy, "sweat will get you change." He took his childhood tears and channeled them into a relentless activism that only flagged when he announced in 2017 that he was suffering from Parkinson's disease. His family later said he had progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP), which has similar symptoms.

Jackson's other frailties were evident long before that diagnosis. He was accused of exaggerating his actions following King's assassination and making anti-Semitic remarks. He also fathered a daughter after an affair with a former aide. There were few national leaders whose highs and lows played out on the national stage like Jackson.

Yet he continued to make change while making headlines. In 1984 he negotiated

the release of 48 Cuban and Cuban-American prisoners held in Cuba and of Navy Lieutenant Robert Goodman, an African-American pilot held hostage in Syria. In 1999 he negotiated the release of three US soldiers who had been held in what was then Yugoslavia for more than a month. A year later, he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

In his later years, Jackson became an elder statesman in the civil rights movement. He was a bridge between the civil rights movement of the 1960s and the contemporary era, when many young White Americans saw nothing odd about a Black man in the White House.

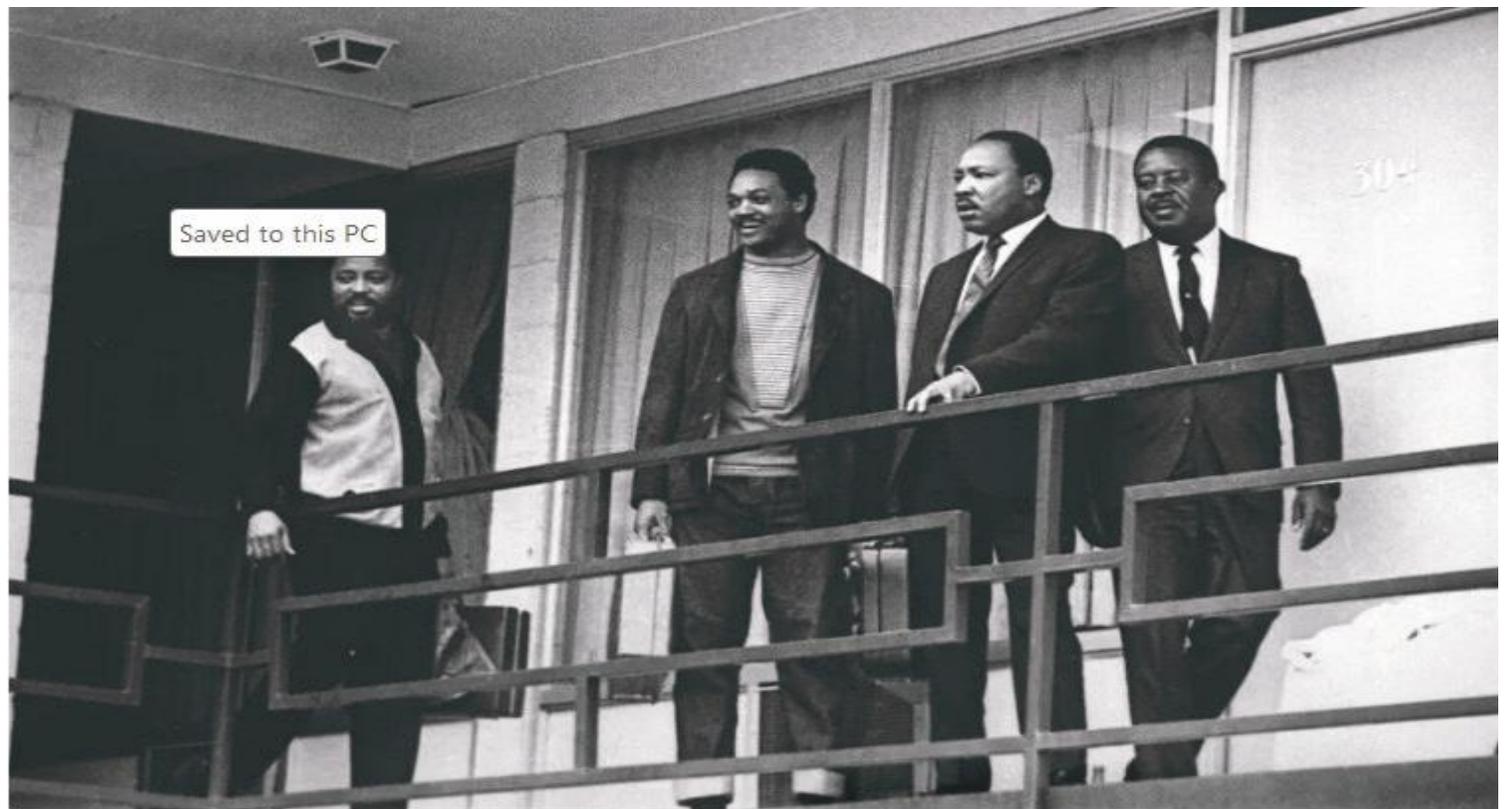
When Obama delivered his election-night victory speech in Chicago's Grant Park in 2008 to a massive crowd of cheering on-lookers, the cameras caught Jackson looking on, tears in his eyes.

Jackson suffered additional health problems in recent years. He and his wife were hospitalized in August 2021 after testing positive for Covid-19. And in November 2021 he was hospitalized after falling and hitting his head during a protest at Howard University in Washington.

He was arrested in 2021 while urging Congress to protect voting rights, and led a march for criminal justice reform that same year.

Jackson announced plans to step down as president of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition in 2023, more than 50 years after he founded the international human and civil rights organization.

His legacy was celebrated the following year when he was honored on stage at the 2024 Democratic National Convention, which would see Kamala Harris become the first Black woman to lead a major-party ticket.



This April 3, 1968, file photo shows Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., second from right, standing with other civil rights leaders on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis a day before he was assassinated at approximately the same place. From left are Hosea Williams, Jesse Jackson, King, and Ralph Abernathy

SVG fishermen on edge after lethal kinetic strike on vessel in 'SVG waters'

By Admin. Updated 9:26 p.m., Sunday, 15 February 2026,

Atlantic Standard Time (GMT-4). Some fishermen across St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) say they are on edge after witnessing a large explosion in the Caribbean Sea.

Fishermen in the Southern Grenadines reported the blast on Friday, February 13, 2026, with a second incident occurring on the same day between St. Vincent and St. Lucia.

The first strike occurred North East of Canouan, several miles out.

The second reported incident, believed to be a strike, is reported to have taken place North East

of Owia, St. Vincent. The second incident involved a small vessel with 2 – 115hp Yamaha engines and two 2 persons on the boat. Both individuals are still missing. Details of the incidents remain under investigation, but the United States Southern Command has confirmed conducting a one fatal kinetic strike in the Caribbean Sea on Friday, 13 February.

On its official website and Facebook page, the U.S. Southern Command stated: "On Feb. 13, at the direction of the commander of U.S. Southern Command, Gen. Francis L. Donovan, Joint Task Force Southern Spear conducted a lethal kinetic strike

on a vessel operated by Designated Terrorist Organizations."

"Intelligence confirmed the vessel was transiting along known narco-trafficking routes in the Caribbean and was engaged in narco-trafficking operations," the Southern Command reported.

"Three narco-terrorists were killed during this action. No U.S. military forces were harmed," it said.

Mystery, however, surrounds the second incident which was not reported by the U.S. authorities. Wreckage and body parts found floating in waters between SVG and St. Lucia have raised questions about whether the vessel

suffered a kinetic strike, and if so, whether some strikes go unreported.

The wreckage of the vessel discovered in those waters indicates that it was a St. Lucian vessel.

See the video of the second vessel on our WhatsApp channel.

The U.S. has conducted what it describes as "narcotics trafficking strikes" in the Caribbean Sea since 2025, as part of an operation to stymie narcotics trafficking from Venezuela.

In September 2025, The Guardian reported that Trinidadian fishers fear getting caught in the crossfire amid Trump's Caribbean 'war on drugs'.



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Guest Service Expert/Server

Job Specification:

- Take food and drink orders from customers accurately and with a positive attitude.
- Write patrons' food orders on order slips, memorize orders, or enter orders into computers for transmittal to kitchen staff.
- Engage with customers in a friendly manner.
- Knowledge of the menu, with the ability to make suggestions.
- Ensure tables are enjoying their meals and take action to correct any problems.
- Collect payments from tables.
- Prepare checks that itemize and total meal costs and sales taxes.
- Help food preparation staff when necessary.

Job Requirements:

- Must be able to speak English.
- Must have 3- 5 years experience as a Server.
- Must have good interpersonal skills.
- Must have experience working in busy restaurant environment.
- Must be able to stand for long hours, and work efficiently under pressure.

Salary expectation - \$9.00 - \$11.00 per hour

Maintenance Technician

Job Specification:

- Inspecting machinery, equipment, buildings and systems, including heating, ventilation and air conditioning
- Performing routine cleaning and sanitising, including specialist cleaning of delicate or high-value items such as entry systems, security equipment, lifts and escalators
- Completing small repairs such as fixing locks, leaky taps and broken windows
- Checking and maintaining safety equipment such as fire alarms, fire extinguishers and carbon monoxide detectors
- Performing grounds maintenance such as mowing lawns, trimming bushes and replacing exterior light bulbs
- Inspecting and troubleshooting problems and issues reported by clients or colleagues
- Maintaining vehicles, tools and equipment required to perform the role effectively
- Following a maintenance schedule to ensure that all routine tasks are completed

Job Requirements:

- Must have 2-3 years working in the Maintenance or Mechanical departments
- Must have a good experience in problem solving and fixing issues as required within the hotel environment, water waste, carpentry, mechanical issues, maintenance and fixtures.

Salary expectations - \$22,000 - \$35,000 per annum

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Chef de Partie

Job Specification:

- Responsible for the preparation, cooking, and presentation of dishes within their assigned station. This includes following recipes, maintaining portion control, and ensuring high-quality standards are met.
- Maintain consistency in taste, quality, and presentation of dishes.
- Monitor food costs and minimize waste within their station.
- Assist in menu development and recipe creation, specifically within their area of expertise.
- Supervise and train line cooks and kitchen assistants assigned to their station.
- Assign tasks and monitor performance, providing constructive feedback and coaching.
- Maintain a positive and productive work environment within their team.
- Enforce kitchen safety and hygiene standards within their area of responsibility.
- Manage inventory within their assigned station, ensuring sufficient stock levels of ingredients.
- Monitor usage and report any shortages to the Sous Chef or Executive Chef.
- Maintain cleanliness and organization within their designated station.
- Ensure compliance with all health and safety regulations within their area.
- Contribute to the overall efficiency and smooth running of the kitchen.

Job Requirements:

- Culinary school diploma or equivalent experience is preferred.
- Minimum of 2-3 years of experience as a line cook or in a similar kitchen role.
- Proven ability to cook a variety of dishes within their assigned station, maintaining consistency and high quality.
- Strong knowledge of culinary techniques and food preparation methods relevant to their station.
- Ability to supervise and train a team of cooks.
- Excellent organizational and time-management skills.
- Strong attention to detail and commitment to quality.

Salary expectation - \$14.00 - \$16.00 per hour

Eight skiers missing in California avalanche found dead

Eight of the nine skiers missing in California after an avalanche have been found dead and one remains missing in horrific blizzard conditions, police said Wednesday.

Rescuers have been desperately searching for the group which was caught in the avalanche early Tuesday on Castle Peak in the Tahoe area. Earlier, six skiers were found alive, two of them being taken to hospital.

"We are still looking for one of the members at this time," Nevada County Sheriff Shannan Moon said, cautioning that the storm is hampering any movement.

"Extreme weather conditions I would say is an understatement: lots of snow, gale-force winds, winds making it impossible to see," Moon said.

Blackbird Mountain Guides, the company leading the doomed backcountry trip, said the 11 clients and four guides had been staying at the Frog Lake huts since Sunday and were "in the process of returning" back to base.

Over 40 first responders launched the search, according to officials, including "highly skilled rescue ski teams" from both Boreal Mountain Ski Resort and Tahoe Donner's Alder Creek Adventure Center.

But after quickly finding the six known survivors, the teams came up empty handed.



This screengrab from a video provided by the Nevada County Sheriff's Office shows a rescue ski team making their way to the area of an avalanche in the Castle Peak area of Truckee, California, on February 17, 2026. Rescuers were searching Tuesday for ten skiers who were hit by an avalanche in the mountains of California, where a huge storm has dumped several feet of snow.

Experts had warned of severe avalanche risk.

And Placer County Sheriff Wayne Woo pleaded with the public to stay away until the weather clears.

"Please avoid the Sierras during this current storm and in the upcoming days, avoid mountain travel. It's treacherous." California Governor Gavin Newsom has been briefed on the operation.

— More snow coming —
A powerful storm packing several feet

of snow continued to pummel the Sierra Nevada mountain range.

Sugar Bowl Resort, in the immediate area, is reporting 67 inches (1.7 meters) of snow fell there in the past week, including 30 inches from Tuesday to mid-day Wednesday.

The National Weather Service said parts of the Sierra Nevadas above 3,500 feet could see up to eight feet of snow, with wind gusts as strong as 55 miles (90 kilometers) an hour.

Sheriff's office Captain Russell Green also told local station KCRA that backcountry skiing is inherently dangerous. "People go out and use the backcountry at all times," Green said. "We advise against it, obviously, but I wouldn't say that it's uncommon. Not that it was a wise choice."

The Colorado Avalanche Information Center has tallied six US avalanche fatalities so far this season, including one in Castle Peak in January.

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<h3 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Sous Chef</h3> <p>Job Specification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversee the preparation of food items according to recipes and established standards. • Maintain high standards of food quality, presentation, and hygiene. • Monitor food costs and minimize waste. • Contribute to menu planning and recipe development. • Supervise and train line cooks, kitchen assistants, and other kitchen staff. • Assign tasks and monitor performance. • Provide constructive feedback and coaching. • Assist in managing food inventory, ensuring sufficient stock levels. • Place orders for food and supplies as needed, working with the purchasing manager or chef. • Maintain proper equipment maintenance and report any issues. • Schedule kitchen staff effectively, ensuring adequate coverage during peak hours. • May assist in menu costing and pricing. • May participate in recipe testing and development. • May represent the kitchen at meetings or events. • May assist with special events or catering functions. <p>Job Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate's or Bachelor's degree in Culinary Arts or related field, or equivalent experience. • Minimum of 3-5 years of experience as a line cook or in a similar kitchen role, with at least 1-2 years of supervisory experience. • Strong knowledge of culinary techniques and food preparation methods. • Ability to manage a team and delegate tasks effectively. • Excellent organizational and time-management skills. • Strong attention to detail and commitment to quality. <p>Salary expectation - \$38,000 - \$48,000 per annum</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Acting Rooms Division Manager</h3> <p>Job Specification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead and manage the front office and housekeeping teams ensuring these departments are provided with support as needed. • Assist the reservation department, ensuring accurate and efficient handling of room reservations, group bookings, and guest inquiries, and implementing strategies to optimize room revenue and occupancy levels. • Guest services enhancement • Develop and implement guest service initiatives and standards to enhance the overall guest experience, including personalized service, VIP amenities, and special touches that exceed guest expectations. • Housekeeping management • Manage the housekeeping department, including room attendants, supervisors, and laundry staff, to ensure cleanliness, hygiene, and maintenance of guest rooms, public areas, and back-of-house facilities. • Quality assurance • Implement and maintain quality assurance standards for guest accommodations, including room cleanliness, maintenance, and amenities, conducting regular inspections and audits to ensure compliance with brand standards and guest satisfaction. • Revenue optimization • Develop and implement strategies to maximize room revenue and occupancy levels, including pricing strategies, distribution channel management, and upselling initiatives, to achieve revenue targets and profitability goals. • Provide training, coaching, and professional development opportunities to front office and housekeeping staff, ensuring they have the necessary skills, knowledge, and resources to deliver exceptional service and meet performance standards. • Budget management • Prepare and manage departmental budgets, including staffing, operating expenses, and capital expenditures, to achieve financial targets and control costs while maintaining service quality and standards. <p>Job Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have 3-5 years experience as an Rooms Division Manager/Executive Housekeeper/Rooms Operator • Certificates and advancement qualifications within the Rooms remit • Must be able to meet deadlines and work under pressure <p>Salary expectation - \$60,000- \$70,000 per annum</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Assist. Financial Controller</h3> <p>Job Specification:</p> <p>The Assistant Financial Controller assists in managing and directing the financial activities of The Strand Turks & Caicos.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This role plays a critical part in budgeting, forecasting, financial reporting, and compliance. • Ensuring compliance with accounting standards and regulations, including GAAP or IFRS reporting requirements. • Conduct financial analysis to identify trends, financial performance, and operational efficiencies. • Support the preparation for internal and external audits, ensuring timely responses to auditor requests. • Oversee the accounts payable and accounts receivable functions, ensuring accurate and timely processing of transactions. • The ideal candidate will possess strong analytical skills, attention to detail, and a comprehensive understanding of financial principles, along with the ability to support the financial controller in ensuring the accuracy and integrity of financial data. <p>Job Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preferred Bachelor's degree in Finance, Accounting, or related field; CPA or equivalent certification required • Minimum of 3-5 years of experience in financial accounting, analysis, or reporting, with experience in a supervisory role preferred • Must possess strong understanding of financial principles, accounting standards, and fiscal policies. • Proficiency in financial software and databases; advanced Excel skills are essential. <p>Salary expectation - \$65,000 - \$75,000 per annum</p>
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OPEN JOB POSITIONS

POSITION: Housekeeper

PROPERTY: Grace Bay Club

Job Overview: Member of the Grace Bay Resorts Housekeeping team. Responsibilities include assisting and providing support in all areas of Housekeeping. 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. This position reports to the Housekeeping Supervisor, Assistant Executive Housekeeper and the Executive Housekeeper.

Main Responsibilities:

- Collecting your work sheet at the beginning of your shift
- Handing your updated worksheet at the end of your shift (must be authorized by your supervisor before you go off duty) handing your authorized worksheet to the coordinator.
- Ensuring that all rooms assigned to you during your shift are completed in accordance with Grace Bay Resort room cleaning standards, before you go off duty.
- Placing a Do Not Disturb note under the guest room door that has the Relaxing signage hanging on the handle – (make a note on your room assignment sheet – stating the time you slipped the card under the door and what time you followed up to see if the guest had removed the Relaxing signage) Advise your supervisor also.
- Greeting guests and responding to queries in a friendly and timely manner.
- Always wears their name badge (must be neat and tidy) your name must be clear.
- Clean rooms assigned to you according to the Grace Bay Resort rooms standard.
- Advise your Supervisor of Manager regarding any defects in the room or public Areas.

Skills and Competencies Required

- High school diploma required; training certificate is preferred.
- 3-5- years housekeeping experience working in a luxury/fine hotel preferred.
- Must be able to work under pressure in a fast-paced environment.
- Must be comfortable to speak to guests and diffusing a situation should they become upset.
- Must be well groomed, clean and polite.
- Must have clear, concise English written and verbal communication skills.
- Must be able to work morning shifts, afternoon shifts, holidays, weekends when required.
- Must be flexible to cover Public Areas and Laundry shifts if required.

Shift Varies. Full time. Weekend and holiday work may be required.

Salary Range: \$8.00 – \$9.00 per hour

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Salary Range: \$8.00 – \$9.00 per hour

POSITION: Kitchen Steward

PROPERTY: Grace Bay Club

Job Overview: Member of the Grace Bay Resorts Kitchen Team. Primarily Responsible for Operating and maintain cleaning equipment and tools. Also responsible for washing dishes, china ware, flatware, cutlery, crockery, kitchen vessels, sweeping and mopping floors, cleaning and detailing equipment's etc. Maintains the kitchen, dish washing and back area in an inspection-ready condition in accordance with local authority and hotel guidelines.

Main Responsibilities

- Ensure the kitchen is clean, well-maintained, and organized at all times.
- Ensure floors are dry and clean at all times.
- Operate pot-washing machinery and maintain a hygienic working environment in accordance with hygiene regulations and company standards.
- Adhere to all sanitation and hygiene guidelines.
- Assist Cooks and Servers as needed.
- Collect and remove trash from all areas of the operation following established procedures.
- Dispose of waste according to hotel and authority standards and adhere to recycling guidelines.
- Ensure the waste bin area is kept clean and tidy.
- Carry out general cleaning duties, including sweeping, mopping, washing up, and emptying rubbish bins and boxes, ensuring correct placement in containers.
- Clean and sanitize pots, pans, utensils, and other minor kitchen equipment following established procedures.
- Clean and maintain floors and walls in the kitchen and dishwashing area according to standard procedures.
- Clean and sanitize dishes and related service-ware following established procedures.
- Clean large kitchen equipment as assigned, following established procedures.
- Operate industrial dishwashers with knowledge and proficiency.
- Ensure all equipment is clean, maintained, and in good working order.
- Check chemical levels and maintain inventory.
- Wash, wipe, sort, stack, and load/unload dishwasher items.
- Wash, wipe, sort, stack, and store all cleaned items in an organized and safe manner.
- Remove broken or chipped items from circulation and update the breakage and inventory register.
- Clean, sanitize, and close workstations at the end of shifts.
- Use and maintain all equipment according to manufacturer and department guidelines.
- Report any maintenance or hazard issues to the Chief Steward or Stewarding Manager.
- Assist in light food preparation as directed by the manager or chef on duty.
- Assist in serving food and beverages to residents in the dining room as required.
- Perform any other duties assigned by the manager.

Skills and Competencies Required

- Positive attitude, effective communication, and ability to work under pressure.
- Ability to prioritize tasks and work efficiently with limited supervision.
- High school diploma or equivalent.
- Previous experience in a similar role.
- Knowledge of basic food hygiene and sanitation standards.

Shifts varies. Full time. Weekend and holiday work may be required.

Salary Range: \$8.00 per hour

POSITION: Pool and Beach Helper**PROPERTY: Grace Bay Club**

Job Overview: Member of the Grace Bay Resorts Kitchen Team. The Pool and Beach Helper assists in maintaining the cleanliness, safety, and overall presentation of the pool and beach areas, ensuring a pleasant experience for guests. They provide basic guest assistance and support the team in daily operations.

Main Responsibilities:

- Maintain cleanliness and orderliness of the pool, beach, and surrounding areas.
- Set up lounge chairs, umbrellas, towels, and other guest amenities.
- Assist guests with inquiries, providing a friendly and helpful service.
- Monitor safety in the pool and beach areas and report any hazards or incidents.
- Assist in pool and beach equipment inventory and storage.
- Support other team members in daily operations as directed by supervisors.
- Remove trash and ensure proper disposal in designated areas.
- Follow all hygiene, safety, and resort operational standards.

Skills and Competencies:

- Customer service orientation and friendly demeanor.
- Basic knowledge of pool and beach safety procedures.
- Ability to work as part of a team.
- Physical fitness to perform cleaning, lifting, and setup tasks.
- Dependability, punctuality, and attention to detail.
- High School Diploma or equivalent.
- Prior experience in hospitality, housekeeping, or pool/beach operations preferred but not required.
- Outdoor work in sun, heat, and occasionally rain.
- Physically active role requiring lifting, bending, and walking.

Shifts varies. Full time. Weekend and holiday work may be required.

Salary Range: \$8.00 Per hour

POSITION: Painter**PROPERTY: Grace Bay Club**

Job Overview: Member of the Grace Bay Resorts Engineering team. the Painter is responsible for maintaining the high-quality appearance of guest areas, facilities, and back-of-house operational areas. This role combines painting, finishing, and surface preparation with maintaining equipment and cleanliness in support areas, ensuring all areas meet company standards and local authority regulations.

Main Responsibilities:

- Cleaning walls to ensure proper adherence.
- Ability to scrape, sandpaper, prime, or seal surfaces prior to painting.
- Applying paint to surfaces including canvas, walls, floors, doors, and cabinets.
- Varnishing and staining finished wood works and furniture.
- Prepping walls and surfaces for paint, stains and varnishes.
- Touching up damaged surfaces in guest areas and rooms.
- Maintaining the painted surfaces in guest areas to ensure that the overall aesthetic of the public areas meet company standards.
- Mixing, matching, and applying paint, varnish, shellac, enamel, and other finishes.

Skills and Competencies:

- An all-around knowledge of painting
- 5+ years of experience working as a painter
- Hospitality experience preferred
- Ability to work independently as well as on a team
- Must be able to communicate efficiently, both written and verbally, in English

Shifts varies. Full time. Weekend and holiday work may be required.

Salary Range: \$8.00 Per hour

POSITION: Director of Engineering**PROPERTY: Grace Bay Club**

Job Overview: The general purpose of the Director of Engineering is managing the mixed use of the Resort's Engineering Department, including all related activities including participation in executive committee meetings; hire and maintain an effective work force appropriate for an upscale Resort; establish and maintain preventative maintenance programs for all equipment, systems, guestrooms and public areas/ general maintenance; participate in effective safety programs; coordinate and implement capital improvement projects; establish, maintain and manage department budgets and monthly forecasts protecting the Resort and the Owners from losses, claims, and liabilities. Responsible for all aspects of the Engineering Department, including but not limited to, maintaining all facilities, equipment, furniture, fixtures, systems and landscaping at the highest quality standards.

Main Responsibilities:

- Provide efficient use of manpower to maintain workload
- Hire, train and direct all department personnel
- Provide timely performance appraisals
- Conducts walk-through and visually assesses the safe and efficient maintenance and operation of the physical structures of the Resort, all mechanical, electrical, HVAC systems, vehicles and any other related equipment.
- Manage adequate inventory of parts, supplies, tools and material for the department
- Enforce Hotel / Resort and Company policies and procedures
- Must be able to respond to emergency situations, such as fire alarms, and other life-safety situations
- Maintain files per department guidelines. Schedule and conduct monthly department meetings.
- Participate as a member of the Resort's Executive Committee.
- Attend and participate in weekly staff meetings.
- Maintain files per department guidelines.
- Maintain a working knowledge of all local laws, codes, and regulations.
- Assure proper certification of all employee mechanics and technicians, as required.
- Solicit and administer all sub-contract work.
- Analyze bids and verify quantities, as appropriate.
- Negotiate, prepare, and administer agreements and contracts with consultants and contractors.
- Liaison with governmental agencies and manage the procurement and compliance with entitlements, permits, inspections, notices, and other requirements.
- Produce annual operating budget for payroll, expenses, utilities, and capital improvements.
- Operate all areas within budgeted guidelines.
- Provide budget analysis each period.
- Establish and maintain an efficient inventory and purchasing system.
- Maintain the Hotel / Resort facility and related equipment in a safe and efficient manner.
- Participate in or possibly manage the property's safety committee.
- Assure proper certification of all employee mechanics and technicians, as required.
- Maintain the Resort facility and related equipment in a safe and efficient manner.
- Alignment with Property Mission and Core Values
- Model the property/company core values and other expected leadership attributes
- Maintain a professional image at all times.
- Act as a resource for all departments of the Resort.
- Maintain accurate records for all areas of responsibility.
- Perform other duties as assigned by General Manager
- Maintain property key schedules and records

Skills and Competencies:

- Strong leadership and team management skills.
- Extensive technical knowledge of resort engineering systems.
- Budgeting and financial management experience.
- Regulatory compliance and safety expertise.
- Effective communication and organizational skills.
- Alignment with property mission, values, and professional standards.
- Bachelor's degree in Engineering, Facilities Management, or related field.
- Advanced certifications in mechanical, electrical, or HVAC systems preferred.

Shift Varies. Full time. Weekend and holiday work may be required.**Salary Range: \$75,000 - \$90,000 per annum**



OPEN JOB POSITIONS

POSITION: Director of Engineering

PROPERTY: Grace Bay Resorts PVC

Job Overview: The general purpose of the Director of Engineering is managing the mixed use of the Resort's Engineering Department, including all related activities including participation in executive committee meetings; hire and maintain an effective work force appropriate for an upscale Resort; establish and maintain preventative maintenance programs for all equipment, systems, guestrooms and public areas/ general maintenance; participate in effective safety programs; coordinate and implement capital improvement projects; establish, maintain and manage department budgets and monthly forecasts protecting the Resort and the Owners from losses, claims, and liabilities. Responsible for all aspects of the Engineering Department, including but not limited to, maintaining all facilities, equipment, furniture, fixtures, systems and landscaping at the highest quality standards.

Main Responsibilities:

- Hire, train and direct all department personnel
- Provide efficient use of manpower to maintain workload
- Provide timely performance appraisals
- Conducts walk-through and visually assesses the safe and efficient maintenance and operation of the physical structures of the Resort, all mechanical, electrical, HVAC systems, vehicles and any other related equipment.
- Manage adequate inventory of parts, supplies, tools and material for the department
- Enforce Hotel / Resort and Company policies and procedures
- Must be able to respond to emergency situations, such as fire alarms, and other life-safety situations
- Maintain files per department guidelines. Schedule and conduct monthly department meetings.
- Participate as a member of the Resort's Executive Committee.
- Attend and participate in weekly staff meetings.
- Maintain files per department guidelines.
- Maintain a working knowledge of all local laws, codes, and regulations.
- Assure proper certification of all employee mechanics and technicians, as required.
- Solicit and administer all sub-contract work.
- Analyze bids and verify quantities, as appropriate.
- Negotiate, prepare, and administer agreements and contracts with consultants and contractors.
- Liaison with governmental agencies and manage the procurement and compliance with entitlements, permits, inspections, notices, and other requirements.
- Produce annual operating budget for payroll, expenses, utilities, and capital improvements.
- Operate all areas within budgeted guidelines.
- Provide budget analysis each period.
- Establish and maintain an efficient inventory and purchasing system.
- Maintain the Hotel / Resort facility and related equipment in a safe and efficient manner.
- Participate in or possibly manage the property's safety committee.
- Assure proper certification of all employee mechanics and technicians, as required.
- Maintain the Resort facility and related equipment in a safe and efficient manner.
- Alignment with Property Mission and Core Values
- Model the property/company core values and other expected leadership attributes
- Maintain a professional image at all times.
- Act as a resource for all departments of the Resort.
- Maintain accurate records for all areas of responsibility.
- Perform other duties as assigned by General Manager
- Maintain property key schedules and records

Skills and Competencies:

- Strong leadership and team management skills.
- Extensive technical knowledge of resort engineering systems.
- Budgeting and financial management experience.
- Regulatory compliance and safety expertise.
- Effective communication and organizational skills.

- Alignment with property mission, values, and professional standards.
- Bachelor's degree in Engineering, Facilities Management, or related field.
- Advanced certifications in mechanical, electrical, or HVAC systems preferred.

Shift Varies. Full time. Weekend and holiday work may be required.

Salary Range: \$75,000 - \$90,000 per annum

POSITION: Director of Development

PROPERTY: Grace Bay Resorts

Job Overview: The Director of Development collaborates directly with the CEO and plays a key role in Grace Bay Resorts' hospitality development initiatives. This position requires managing interactions with a broad range of stakeholders, including owners, hotel guests, employees, travel trade professionals, and development experts such as architects, interior designers, and engineers. The role demands the ability to transition seamlessly between hospitality and development tasks. Occasional weekend and public holiday work is expected. The ideal candidate demonstrates strong interpersonal skills, a positive attitude, and the ability to communicate effectively with colleagues from diverse cultural backgrounds, hotel guests, international investors, and buyers.

Main Responsibilities

- Lead and expand the Development team, overseeing all aspects of real estate development.
- Foster a cohesive team environment and provide mentorship aligned with Grace Bay Resorts' objectives.
- Coordinate architectural, interior design, engineering, and construction activities.
- Ensure accurate record-keeping and coordination among design teams.
- Organize meetings and facilitate communication with designers, engineers, and consultants.
- Monitor construction and project budgets to ensure financial efficiency.
- Establish and oversee budgets for fee agreements with project consultants.
- Manage design and procurement of furniture packages for buyer clients.
- Lead or participate in value engineering initiatives to optimize project outcomes.
- Engage with external stakeholders, including investor partners (including high-net-worth individuals), financial institutions, real estate buyers, travel agents, tour operators, press representatives, and local government officials.
- Serve as the intermediary between Grace Bay Club and third-party developers upon CEO request.
- Provide technical services, design input, and OS&E procurement assistance to ensure smooth property transitions from construction to GBR operations.

Skills & Competencies

- Bachelor's degree in Architecture, Interior Design, Quantity Surveying, or related construction field.
- Proven experience managing teams of interior designers, architects, and engineers.
- Hands-on experience in interior design and architecture projects in the hotel or luxury condominium sector.
- Demonstrated proficiency in furniture and OS&E design, procurement, and installation.
- Experience interfacing with clients in the hospitality industry.
- Ability to interpret architectural, structural, and mechanical engineering drawings.
- Fluent in written and spoken English; proficiency in Spanish or French is advantageous.
- Proficient in MS Office, Bluebeam, AutoCAD, SketchUp, and related software.
- Strong people skills and ability to build relationships with diverse stakeholders.
- Positive, proactive attitude with excellent communication and collaboration abilities.

Shift Varies. Full time. Weekend and holiday work may be required.

Salary Range: \$100,000 - \$120,000 per annum

Interested persons should contact our Human Resources Department no later than March 5th 2026

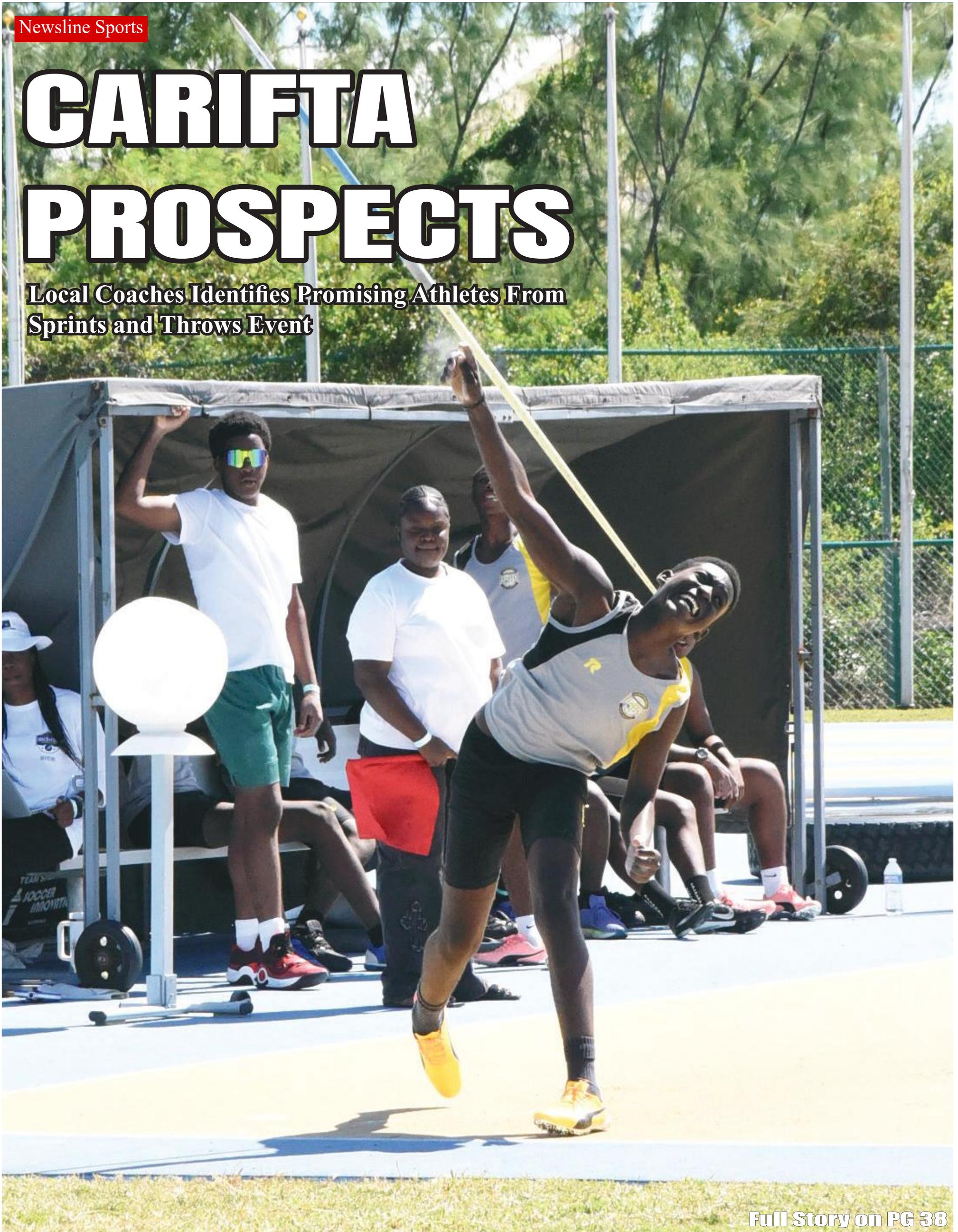
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CARIFTA PROSPECTS

Local Coaches Identifies Promising Athletes From
Sprints and Throws Event





Alidavidson Higgs



Members of the Road Dogs Running Club from the Turks and Caicos Islands at the event

Road Dogs Running Club Shatters Club Records and Joins the Global 1% at A1A Marathon

The Road Dogs Running Club has officially left its mark on the international stage, completing a historic second annual pilgrimage to the Publix Fort Lauderdale A1A Marathon & Half Marathon.

In a weekend defined by grit and national pride, the club saw every single athlete cross the finish line, headlined by a new club record and a rare entry into the world's most elite group of endurance athletes.

The highlight of the event came as Darado Fulford delivered a powerhouse performance, clocking a blistering 1:47:49 in the Half Marathon. With this time, Fulford now holds the Road Dogs Club Record for the fastest Half Marathon by a local runner, surpassing the previous record of 1:49:32 set by Alidavidson Higgs at the same event last year.

In a feat of sheer endurance, Reno Palmer completed his first full marathon (26.2 miles) with a time of 4:17:49. In doing so, Palmer joins the estimated 1% of the global popu-

lation ever to complete a full marathon, becoming one of the very few Turks and Caicos Islanders to hold this distinction.

The Road Dogs displayed incredible depth this year, with every member of the traveling team successfully conquering their respective distances:

- Darado Fulford (Half Marathon): 1:47:49 (New Club Record)
- Dexter Williams (Half Marathon): 1:52:07
- Leo Lightbourne (Half Marathon): 1:58:29
- Donvonno Cox (Half Marathon): 2:09:50 (First-time Finisher)
- Alidavidson Higgs (Half Marathon): 2:15:25 (Completed with injury)
- Omard Gardiner (Half Marathon): 2:20:33
- Reno Palmer (Full Marathon): 4:17:49 (First-time Finisher)

The club's growth was also on display with the debut of Donvonno Cox, who completed his first-ever Half Marathon. His journey embodies the Road Dogs' core mission:



Darado Fulford

transforming enthusiasts into athletes.

"Our goal is to continue to

promote fitness and health as a lifestyle and attract more enthusiasts like Donvonno to



Leo Lightbourne



Donvonno Cox



Dexter Williams



Omar Gardiner



Reno Palmer

be a part of this life-changing experience,” said Club President Leo Lightbourne, who also completed the half-marathon in under two hours. “Many of the health issues plaguing our healthcare system are preventable diseases through lifestyle changes. The Road Dogs is a supportive community of walkers, runners, and aspiring athletes.”

While the Road Dogs celebrated three runners achieving sub-2-hour times in the Half Marathon, the club’s ambitions are scaling upward. With an eye on the Brooklyn Half Marathon this April, the club is looking to bridge the gap between local passion and global standards. To put the challenge in perspective, elite global times currently sit at

approximately 57:30 for the half-marathon and 2:00:35 for the full marathon. “The ultimate goal is to attract more elite athletes to the club so that we can compete globally,” Lightbourne added. As the Road Dogs Running Club continues to represent the Turks and Caicos Islands internationally, they are inviting corporate partners and

sponsors to join their journey. Sponsorship opportunities are available to assist with travel, equipment, and training as the team prepares for Brooklyn and beyond. For sponsorship inquiries or more information, please contact:

- Email: roadsgstci@gmail.com
- Phone: 649-343-9582

Chathurakina's Four-For Powers GK Foods to Victory in TCICA T20 Clash

A sensational spell from Akhilesh Chathurakina guided GK Foods to an 11-run victory over Police in the Turks and Caicos Islands Cricket Association (TCICA) T20 Competition at the Downtown Ball Park on Sunday, February 15.

After setting a target of 128, GK Foods defended superbly to restrict Police to 117 for 9 in 20 overs in a tightly contested encounter.

GK Foods Post 128 All Out

Batting first, GK Foods compiled 128 all out from their 20 overs at a run rate of 6.4.

Ashok Kumar top-scored with 27 from 33 balls, striking two boundaries, while Mathan Selvakumar added 18 off 24 deliveries. Ariharan Kuthalingam contributed 12, and Rajakumar Kasi chipped in with 10.

Vijay Daniel Paramasivan (9) and Nagarajan Kuthalingam (7) added useful late runs, while 32 extras proved significant in lifting the total.

Police bowled with discipline, led by Shan Livermore, who delivered a brilliant spell of 5 for 16 in four overs. Nicholas Shortter, Ricardo Browne, Gavin Bruno, and Aaron Chalarie each claimed a wicket to keep the innings in check.

Police Held to 117/9 in Reply

Chasing 129 for victory, Police were kept under pressure from the outset and finished on 117 for 9 in their 20 overs.



Alpha Edwards led the scoring with a patient 33 off 36 balls, while Gavin Bruno contributed 27. Kareem Jack added 14, and Aaron Chalarie struck a quick 12 from eight deliveries, but Police were unable to build the partnerships required to overhaul the target.

The turning point came through the brilliance of Akhilesh Chathurakina. The standout performer produced a match-winning spell of 4 overs, 1 maiden, 8 runs, and 4 wickets at a remarkable economy rate of 2.0. His incisive bowling through the middle overs dismantled

the Police batting line-up and swung the momentum firmly in GK Foods' favour.

He received strong support from Vijay Daniel Paramasivan (2-16) and Ariharan Kuthalingam (1-14), as GK Foods closed out the contest.

Daley's Masterclass Powers Beaches to Dominant Win Over Air Cool Knight Riders

Beaches produced a commanding all-round performance to defeat Air Cool Knight Riders by 82 runs after piling up 169 for 3 in their allotted 20 overs in their Turks and Caicos Islands Cricket Association Cricket match-up on Sunday February 17 at the Downtown Ball Park in Proviales.

Batting first, Beaches overcame an early stumble to post a formidable total, thanks largely to a brilliant unbeaten knock from Jerome Daley, whose match-winning innings earned him Man of the Match honors.

Beaches lost Kenneth Lewis lbw to Stephen Brown for a first-ball duck,

and Earl Henry followed soon after for 1, leaving the innings in early trouble. However, Sidue Hunter steadied the ship with an aggressive 37 off 37 balls, striking four boundaries and a six.

From there, it was the Jerome Daley show.

Daley played with authority and composure, smashing 82 not out off 68 deliveries, including 13 crisp boundaries. He anchored the innings beautifully, rotating the strike and punishing anything loose. Renne Carlson Jones provided valuable late support with an unbeaten 17 off 16 balls, as

the pair guided Beaches to 169/3 at a healthy run rate of 8.5 runs per over. Air Cool's bowling effort was led by Stephen Brown (1-22) and Christopher Gonsalves (1-23), while Shane McDowell also picked up a wicket. However, they struggled to contain Daley and conceded 32 extras, which proved costly.

Chasing 170, Air Cool Knight Riders faltered from the outset.

Ricardo Johnson fell early for 1, and wickets continued to tumble at regular intervals. Bryan Williams set the tone with an outstanding spell, claiming 3 for 14 in four overs at a

miserly economy of 3.5. Jerome Daley then returned to shine with the ball, grabbing 3 for 19 in three overs to dismantle the middle and lower order.

Claude Williams supported well with 2 for 24, while Sidue Hunter chipped in with a wicket for just one run in his lone over.

Stephen Brown provided brief resistance with a quick 17 off 10 balls, and Zeddy Lord scored 17 from 18 deliveries, but no batter managed to build a substantial partnership. Air Cool were eventually bowled out for 87 in 15 overs at a run rate of 5.8.



One of the female events from the Sprints and Throws Development Meets



Action from the male event at the Sprints and Throw Development Meet

Promising Prospects at Sprints & Throws Development Meet

By Vivian Tyson, NEWSLINE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Sprints & Throws Development Meet lit up the National Stadium in Providenciales on Saturday, February 14, as the Turks and Caicos Islands' young athletes delivered impressive performances across the track and in the field.

From blistering 100m dashes to commanding throws in the javelin and discus, the meet showcased emerging talent in every age division.

In the Under-13 girls division, T'Anne Handfield proved untouchable in the short sprints, capturing the 100m title in 12.93 seconds before returning to win the 200m in 27.20. Alexandra Selondieu also impressed, finishing second in both events and later claiming gold in the 400m in 1:03.97 to underline her range.

Caleb Laurent was equally dominant among the Under-13 boys. He clocked 11.27 seconds to win the 100m and followed up with victory in the 200m in 24.09, completing a sprint double in style.

The Under-15 girls division belonged to Mellaya Wil-

son, who stormed to gold in the 100m (12.31) and 200m (26.31). In the boys' equivalent age group, Garrico Fulford took the 100m crown in 11.22 before returning later in the day to power to victory in the 400m in 57.57. Dominion Handfield, however, stamped his authority in the 200m, winning in 23.18.

Among the Under-17s, Kervens Tiresias led the way in the boys' 100m (11.15) and later secured the 200m title in 22.92. In the girls' category, Kelande King sprinted to gold in both the 100m (12.43) and 200m (26.07), marking herself as one of the meet's standout performers.

At the top end of the age spectrum, Sheen Augustine produced the fastest time of the meet in the Under-19 boys' 100m, stopping the clock at 10.80 seconds. He doubled back to win the 200m in 22.17, confirming his sprint supremacy. Lerano Missick later captured the 400m title in 52.73 to close out the senior boys' track events.

Quarter-Milers Event

In the Under-15 girls' 400m, Daphenine Joseph surged to victory in 1:04.59, while Tani-er Gardiner controlled the Under-17 girls' race in 1:05.05. The Under-17 boys' 400m was a competitive affair, with Thony Francios taking top honours in a sharp 54.03. In the Under-19 girls' 400m, Jay-Niqua Wilson ran 1:09.95 for gold.

Throws Arena Delivers Big Marks

The field events produced their own headline-makers.

In the Junior Girls' Shot Put, Jameeka Julien claimed gold with a throw of 8.51m and later added victory in the javelin with a 25.46m effort, showcasing impressive versatility. She also secured second in the discus, underlining her consistency across disciplines. Tamani Garbdiner dominated the Junior Boys' Shot Put with a leading mark of 12.19m, while Kaziah Delancy took the discus title at 22.95m and finished just behind in the shot put. In the javelin, Jelou Odne delivered the longest throw of the junior boys' competition

at 37.80m.

Among senior competitors, Anthony Arcena topped the Boys' Shot Put with 9.92m, but it was Juvanie Jean who emerged as the premier all-round thrower. Jean launched the discus 28.44m to win and followed up with victory in the javelin at 31.18m.

On the girls' side, Malancia Austin secured the Senior Shot Put title (8.25m) and later added gold in the javelin (15.03m), while Shandrique Ebanks captured the Senior Girls' Discus with a 15.77m throw.

A Promising Day for Development

With strong participation across age groups and several athletes securing multiple victories, Saturday's meet demonstrated the depth of talent developing within the Turks and Caicos Islands' athletics programme.

As sprint times dipped and throwing distances stretched, the National Stadium proved once again to be the stage where the country's next generation of stars is taking shape.