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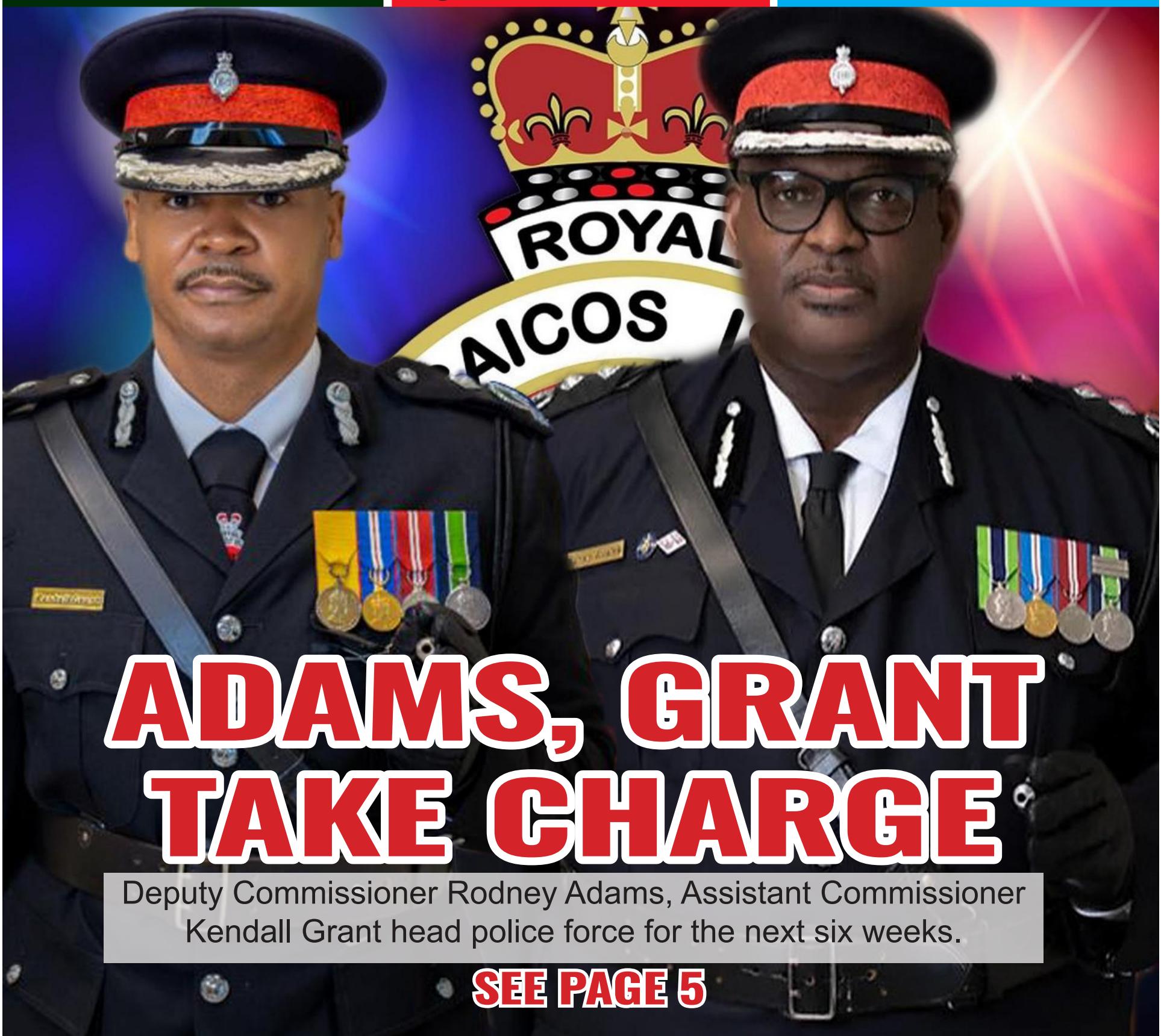
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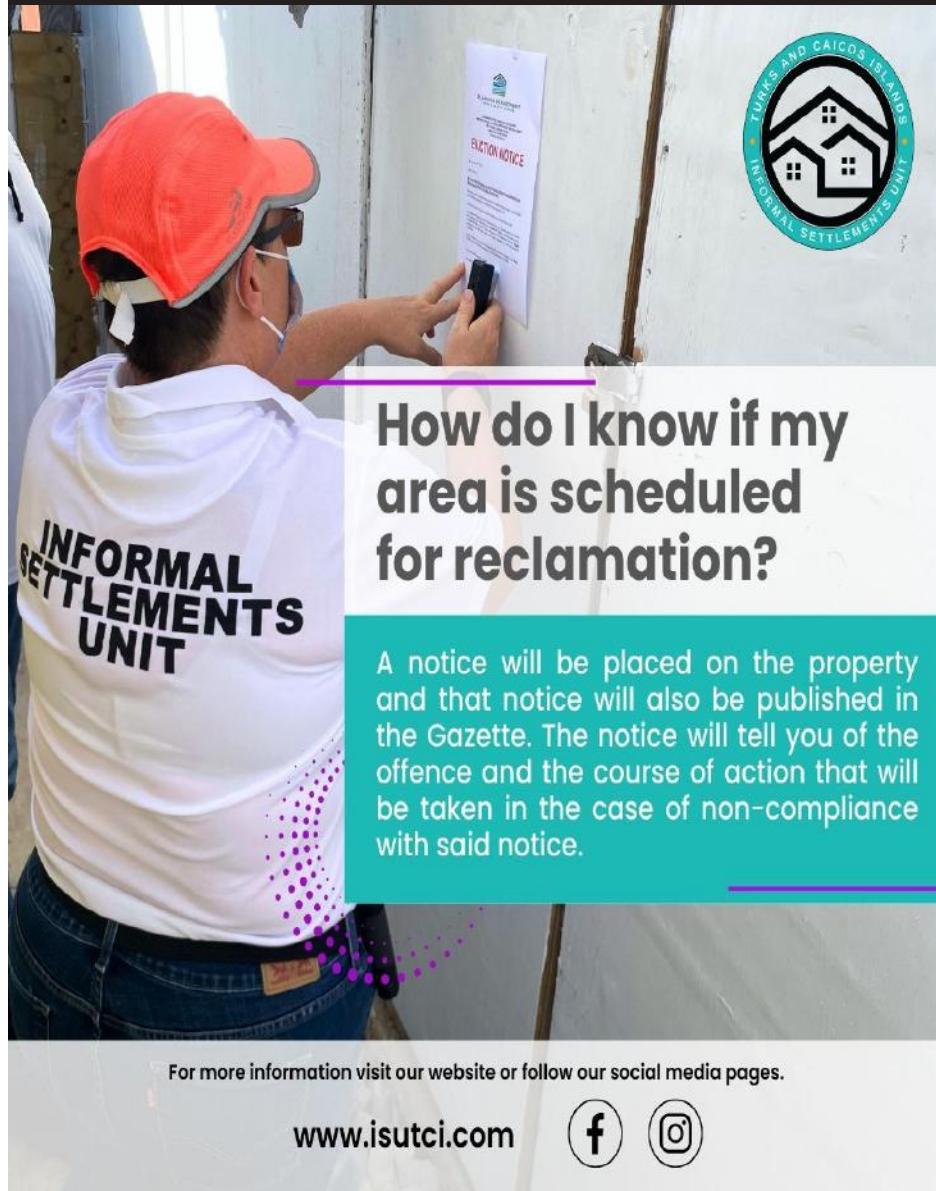
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# Beaches TCI Gives Ianthe Pratt Kitchen Spanking Makeover

Recently the kitchen at the Ianthe Primary School got a spanking makeover, thanks to the benevolence of Beaches TCI Resort and Spa. The new stainless steel kitchen makeover replaces the wood structure that existed before. The Beaches staff and management also used the opportunity to engage the students in fun activities. The following are photo highlights of the event.





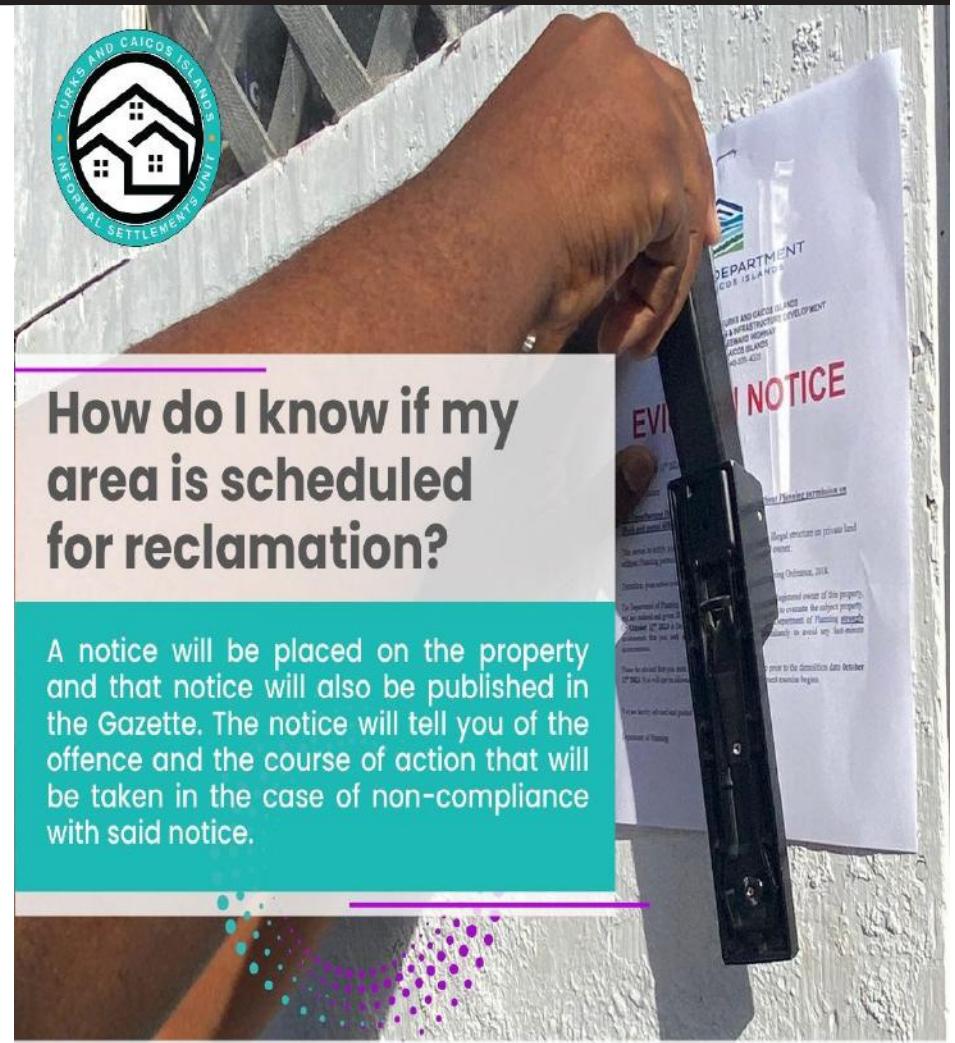
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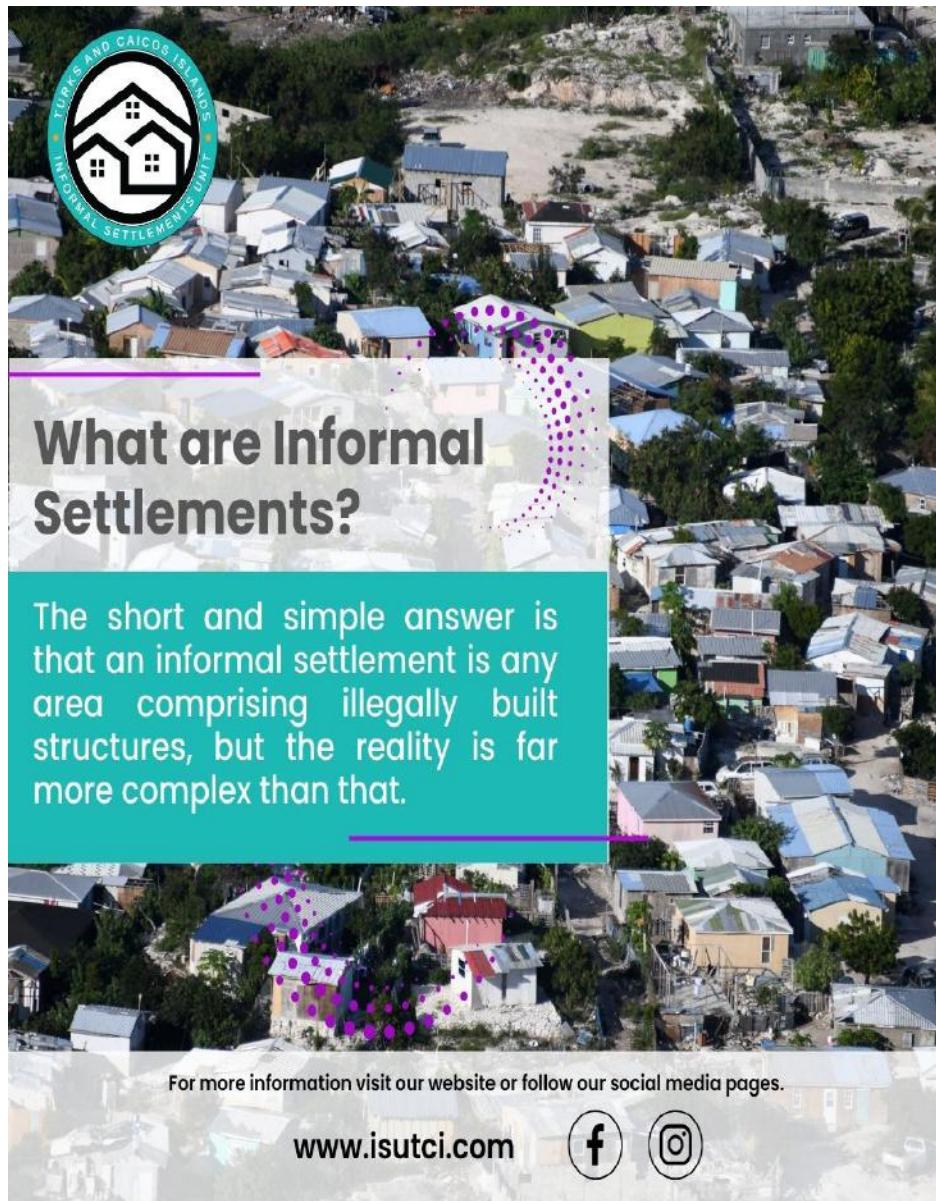
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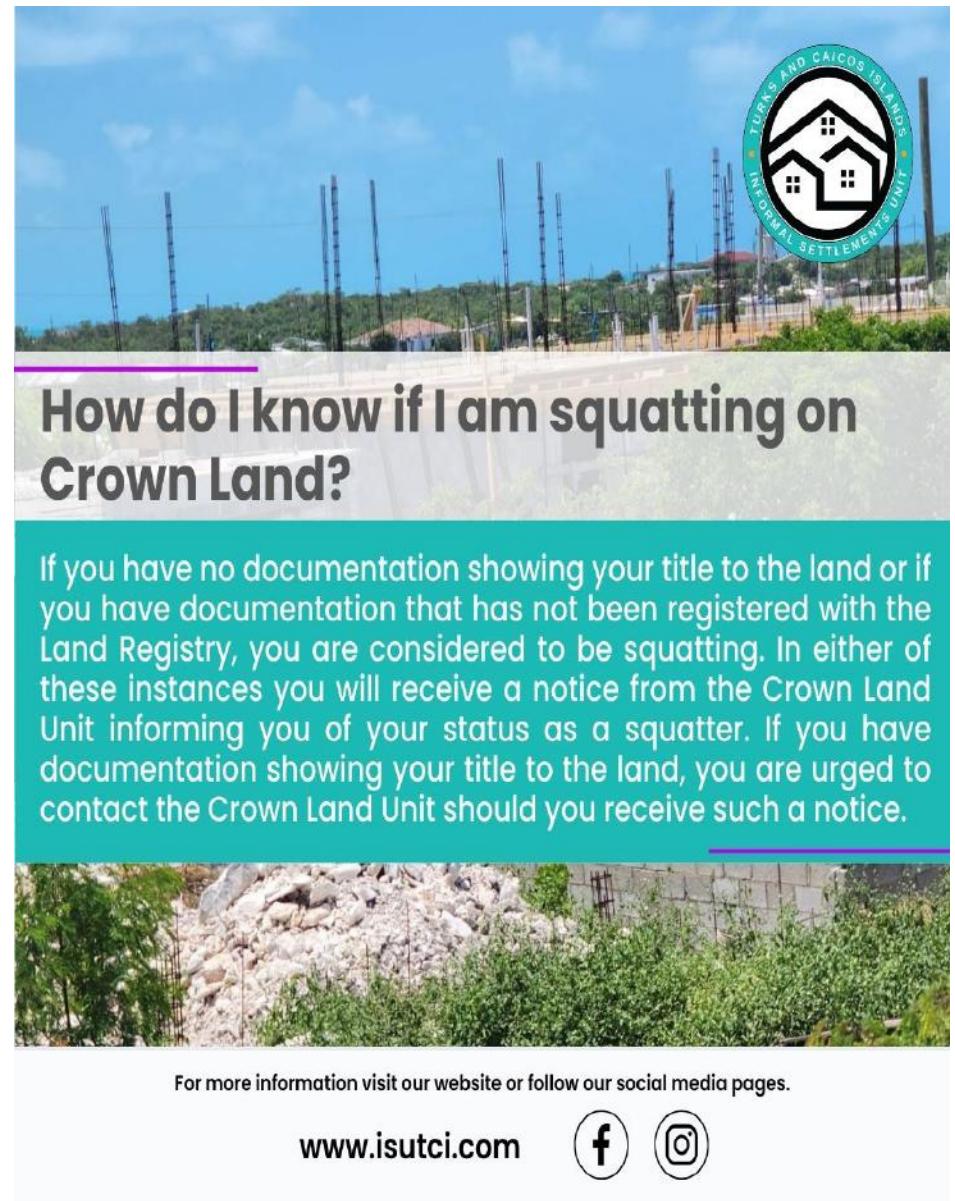
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# Suspected Gang Member Remanded For December 1

## Sufficiency Hearing



A mugshot of alleged gang member Cydereo Smith

Cydereo Smith, a 26-year-old man who was charged with being associated with gang activities in the Turks and Caicos Islands was remanded until December 1, when a sufficiency hearing will be held to determine whether the charge against him has merit.

The Kew Town, Providenciales resident appeared before the Magistrate Oreika Silver-Gardiner unrepresented on Tuesday, October 17, when the case was mentioned. The sufficiency hearing will take place in the Supreme Court because the Magistrate's

Courts do not have jurisdiction to try such matters.

According to the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force, Smith's apprehension and subsequent charge followed a shooting incident on February 5th, 2023, in Grace Bay, where a group of men reportedly brandished weapons and opened fire firearms at another group. Fortunately, no severe injuries were reported in the attack.

The charges against Smith were leveled under the Anti-Gang Ordinance (2022) after a thorough investigation, and subsequent consultations between law enforcement officers and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Superintendent Dean Holden, the Head of Crime, Safeguarding, and Public Protection, commented on the matter, saying, "This is another example of the Police Force's relentless pursuit of those suspected to be involved in gang-related crime, specifically the criminal use of illegal firearms. This latest charge also demonstrates our continued use of the relatively new Anti-Gang legislation to target individuals who cause harm to our communities."

The Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force is advising the public cooperate with law enforcement by reporting any information related to gangs or other illegal activities. They can reach out to 911, the nearest police station, the RTCIPF Serious Crime Unit at 232-8752, or TCI Crime Stoppers at 1-800-8477, all while maintaining their anonymity.

In addition to local resources, individuals are encouraged to contact Miami-Dade & Florida Keys Crime Stoppers at 1-305-471-8477 to share information anonymously. This collaborative effort aims to combat gang-related activities and enhance public safety within Providenciales.

# Police Issues Guidelines for Escorting

The Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force wishes to advise the public of the following requirements when requesting police escort and coverage for planned events.

1) Applications MUST be addressed to Superintendent of Divisions and Community Policing Dwight Gardiner (dwight.gardiner@tcipolice.tc) and copied to Assistant Commissioner of Police Darron Williams (darron.williams@tcipolice.tc),

- the Office of the Divisional Commander Assistant Superintendent of Police Calvin Chase (calvin.chase@tcipolice.tc) and Communications Officer Denyse Renne (denyse.renne@tcipolice.tc)
- 2) Applications MUST be submitted 14 days before the event;
- 3) Date of the event;
- 4) Venue;

- 5) Proposed commencement and end times;
- 6) In the case of Walkathon, Runs, Cycling – Detailed Routes;
- 7) Expected Attendance at the event.

According to the police, these requirements have become necessary to ensure the effective planning and allocation of resources. The RT&CIPF thanks the public for its cooperation.

# Rodney Adams, Kendall Grant Take Charge of Police Force For Six Weeks



Trevor Botting exited the force through retirement

With the departure Commissioner of Police Trevor Botting, Deputy Commissioner of Police Rodney Adams and Assistant Commissioner of Police Kendall Grant are put in charge of the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force (RTCIPF).

Last week, Her Excellency Governor Dileeni Daniel Selvaratnam, staged a farewell reception to mark Botting's retirement Commissioner of Police for the

Turks and Caicos Islands.

According to the Governor's Office, the reception was held to thank Botting for his service to law enforcement in the Turks and Caicos Islands for the last six years. The Governor's Office state that the hunt is underway to find a replacement for Botting, noting that within the next six weeks, the replacement should be in place.

"Mr. Kendall Grant and then Mr. Rodney Adams will be Acting Commissioner for the next six weeks until the Commissioner of Police recruitment is completed," a statement from the Governor's Office said. It is not immediately clear as to whether Adams or Grant has applied for the position.

Botting's tenure as Commissioner of Police was marked by both challenges and achievements. He presided over a period in which the Turks and Caicos Islands experienced their highest-ever murder rate – 2022, as well as the emergence of the notorious criminal, Bradon Rahming, who was responsible for many murders, including children.

Under his leadership, Rahming was shot to death in confrontation with the police. Additionally, Botting played a significant role in modernizing the RTCIPF, particularly in the digitization of the Police Records Department, resulting in significant improvements in record-keeping efficiency.

In a statement, Governor Dileeni Daniel Selvaratnam praised Commissioner Botting for his professionalism and dedication in leading the police force during a period of increasing complexity in the policing landscape. She also mentioned his efforts to imple-

ment wider safeguards for victims of crime.

The governor stated: "Commissioner Botting has served the Turks and Caicos Islands with dedicated care for the past six years. As Commissioner of Police, he has led the Force with professionalism, dealing with a changing policing landscape that has become ever more challenging and complex. During his tenure, Commissioner Botting has also worked with partners across the criminal justice system, to implement wider safeguards for victims of crime. I would like to thank him for his service and wish him all the best with his future endeavours. The recruitment campaign for the next Commissioner of Police will issue shortly."

For his part, Commissioner Botting expressed pride in leading the RTCIPF for four years as Commissioner and two years as Deputy Commissioner. He emphasized his confidence in the force's ability to continue to evolve and meet the challenges it faces. He further assured that his departure would be carried out with minimal disruption to the force's operations and the services it provides to protect the community and visitors.

"It has been my privilege to lead and serve the men and women of the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force for the last four years as Commissioner, and for over two years prior to that as the Deputy Commissioner.

"I am proud of what the Force has achieved in this time, and I am confident that it will continue to develop to meet the challenges it faces. My departure from post will be carried out in a way that causes the least disruption to the Force and the services we provide to protect our communities and all those who visit our islands," Commissioner said.

Commissioner Botting was appointed as the Commissioner of the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force in July 2019 having previously served as the Deputy Commissioner from May 2017.

The search for the next Commissioner of Police is truly in earnest, with the job advertisement highlighting the need for individuals with the utmost integrity, ethical values, and a commitment to maintaining high policing standards.

"The Commissioner of Police leads the command of the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force (RTCIPF). You will serve the people and the interests of the Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI), understanding and meeting head-on the scale of the territory's national security challenges. You will need to work effectively in a multi-agency environment to tackle, reduce and prevent crime, ensuring the RTCIPF builds trust and confidence with the communities it serves.

"As the Commissioner of Police, you will need to be a person of the utmost integrity and ethical values, demonstrating personal drive, energy, and commitment to the role. You will define and reinforce policing standards, demonstrating these personally, whilst implementing a strong ethical framework of behaviour and personal responsibility for the RTCIPF," the advertisement said in part.

According to the advertisement, the new Commissioner will be tasked with addressing national security challenges, working collaboratively in a multi-agency environment, and building trust and confidence within the communities served by the RTCIPF.

"You must demonstrate excellent interpersonal communication skills, with the ability to engage and influence key stakeholders, manage relationships, build trust and work in collaboration.

"You will need sound judgment, decision-making and problem-solving skills with an understanding of applicable laws, policies, and procedures in the context of the Turks and Caicos Islands, the advertisement continued.

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# The Role of the Media - Reporting Both Liked and Disliked Stories

In a world saturated with information, the role of the media is more critical than ever. The media serves as a cornerstone of democracy, facilitating transparency, accountability, and public awareness.

But what happens when the media reports on stories we like or dislike? Is their role compromised by personal biases, or is it an inherent part of their duty? Let's explore the importance of a balanced approach.

The media's primary function is to provide citizens with unbiased, accurate, and comprehensive information. This mandate includes reporting on stories that may not align with our personal preferences, beliefs, or values. Here's why this is essential:

1. Fostering Informed Citizens: A functioning democracy relies on informed citizens who can make well-rounded decisions. Reporting only on stories that resonate with one's personal preferences would create a distorted view of reality. It's essential for the media to cover a wide range of topics, even if some are uncomfortable or unpopular.

2. Ensuring Accountability: The media plays a critical role in holding institutions, public officials, and corporations accountable. A selective approach to reporting, focusing only on favorable stories, would undermine this essential function. By shedding light on issues we may dislike, the media helps prevent abuses of power and corruption.

3. Encouraging Debate and Understanding: An open society thrives on the exchange of ideas and perspectives. Covering stories that challenge our preconceived notions can lead to constructive debates and a more profound understanding of complex issues. It's through this process that societies can progress and evolve.

4. Guarding Against Bias and Censorship: A media that reports selectively based on personal preferences risks becoming a propaganda tool. It's vital for the media to remain independent and free from undue influence, offering a balanced view of various topics, even when they may be unpopular or uncomfortable.

However, the media is not exempt from scrutiny. It must adhere to ethical standards, strive for objectivity, and avoid sensationalism. Journalists should be mindful of their own biases and work to counteract them in their reporting.

In an era of social media and personalized news feeds, individuals also have a responsibility. It's essential to consume a diverse range of media and critically evaluate information. By seeking out different perspectives and engaging with news that challenges our beliefs, we can contribute to a healthier and more informed public discourse.

In conclusion, the media's role is not to cater to personal preferences or biases but to provide accurate, fair, and comprehensive coverage of events and issues. Reporting on stories we like and dislike is part of a responsible media's mission to empower citizens, hold power accountable, and encourage open dialogue. It is up to both the media and the public to ensure that the Fourth Estate remains a cornerstone of a vibrant democracy.



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# Dangerous Sex Enhancers On Sale In TCI



ExtenZe is Labelled to contain yohimbe



Stiff Rox, a product with similar packaging (previously seized) was tested and found to contain sildenafil and tadalafil. Reports are that it is on the TCI market.



Ministry of Health and Human Services (MoHHS) is cautioning against the selling and purchasing of health products that are promoted as sexual enhancers.

The MoHHS, in response to a Health Canada advisory, is advising all local suppliers and the general public to discontinue the sale and/or use of these health products which promote sexual enhancement.

This advisory - borne out of a public health concern - is issued due to the serious health risks associated with the consumption of these products. A full list of the items can be found at <https://recalls-rappels.canada.ca/en/alert-recall/unauthorized-sexual-enhancement-products-may-pose-serious-health-risks#wb-auto-102>

The products in question - which are unauthorised

in Canada - have been tested by Health Canada and are found to contain active ingredients not listed on product labels (including prescription drugs, that have possibly exceeded the maximum recommended doses), also dangerous ingredients single or a combined (particularly drugs that should be available only by prescription, or a combination of ingredients that are not permitted because of serious health risks).

The MOHHS said the public is reminded that prescription drugs should be taken only under the supervision of a health professional because they may cause serious side effects. Using a product that contains ingredients that the consumer is not aware of increases the chance of dangerous allergies and interactions with other medications and foods. Some of these products were found to have ingredients such as acetaminophen/paracetamol, levodopa, sildenafil, tadalafil and yohimbine.

Acetaminophen/Paracetamol is a drug that can pose serious health risks if too much is taken. These include serious skin reactions (e.g. blistering) and liver damage. Liver damage may lead to liver failure or, in the most severe cases, death.

According to the MOHHS, Levodopa is combined with other drug ingredients in anti-Parkinson's medications. It may interact with drugs prescribed for high blood pressure. It should not be used by people with narrow-angle glaucoma, with untreated heart, liver, blood, kidney, lung (bronchial asthma) or hormonal diseases and breastfeeding or pregnant individuals.

Some of the side effects requiring medical attention include:

- severe or persistent nausea or vomiting,
- irregular heartbeat or fluttering in the chest,
- hallucinations,
- lightheadedness when standing quickly,
- or unusual changes in mood or behaviour.

"Sildenafil and tadalafil are used to treat erectile dysfunction. They should not be used by individuals taking any kind of nitrate drug (e.g., nitroglycerin) as they can cause potentially life-threatening low blood pressure. Individuals with heart problems are at increased risk of side effects such as heart attack, stroke, chest pain, high blood pressure, abnormal



Inner Man Gold Male Dietary Supplement, which was not on the Health Canada list. However, its label indicates the presence of yohimbe. Reports are that it is on the TCI market.

heartbeat, abnormal vision and hearing loss.

"Tadalafil taken in combination with caffeine may increase the risk of serious adverse reactions, including, but not limited to heart attack, stroke, blood pressure changes and abnormal or irregular heartbeat," the MOHHS said in a statement.

It said further that Yohimbine is derived from yohimbe, a bark extract. It said the use of yohimbine or yohimbe may result in serious adverse reactions particularly in people with high blood pressure, or heart, kidney or liver disease.

Side effects include increased blood pressure and heart rate, anxiety, tremors, and sleep disorders. It should not be used by people who are pregnant or breastfeeding, those who have liver, heart, or kidney disease, or by people with psychiatric conditions. The product Inner Man Gold which has been identified on the TCI market is not listed on Health Canada's list, but its label indicates the presence of yohimbe.

The MoHHS said that its top priority is to ensure public health safety and so wishes to advise consumers to stop using the mentioned products and contact their respective local suppliers. Consumers may contact the Environmental Health Department at 338-2142 for more information on how best to dispose of these sexual enhancers.

In addition, the MOHHS said consumers should contact their pharmacist, physician or other healthcare provider if they have any questions, concerns, or have experienced any problems related to the use of these sexual enhancers. Consumers are also advised to report any side effects via the MoHHS' Adverse Drug Reaction Form found at <https://gov.tc/docs/ADR.pdf>.

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# SOTIC '23 Regarded As 'A Tremendous Success'



Minister of Tourism Hon. Josepine Connolly

The Caribbean Tourism Organization's (CTO) return of the State of the Tourism Industry Conference (SOTIC) 2023, in Providenciales a tremendous success, according to the Ministry of Tourism.

The first staging of SOTIC since the pandemic, the

conference saw insightful and informative discussions over two days at the host hotel, The Shore Club, Long Bay @theshoreclubtc, under the theme "Invest. Innovate. Inspire. A new model for Caribbean tourism growth".

Turks and Caicos Islands Governor, Her Excellency Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam, said in her welcome remarks that the theme highlights the critical position of the travel and tourism industry as a vehicle for social and economic development, which needs to be underpinned by long-term tourism policies that account for impact investment, waste management, conservation and sustainability.

Hon. Charles Washington Missick, Premier of The Turks and Caicos Islands, in his remarks, urged delegates to work together to make the Tourism Industry sustainable, particularly in the face of the challenges posed by climate change for Small Island Development States (SIDS).

Hon. Josephine Connolly, Minister of Tourism for The Turks and Caicos Islands, in her welcome address, spoke with pride of the Carrying Capacity Study, The Turks and Caicos Islands in the process of conducting. The first Caribbean country to conduct an in-depth study of entire the tourism industry.

"It reflects our dedication to safeguarding our pristine beaches, lush landscapes, and vibrant culture. It embodies our promise to protect what makes the Turks and Caicos Islands unique, ensuring that future generations can revel in the same beauty that has enchanted us for centuries," she said.

In his opening address, the Hon. Kenneth Bryan,

Chairman of the CTO Council of Ministers and Commissioners said the "Caribbean is one of the fastest growing tourism regions in the world and in order to keep up with the rapidly evolving pace of change, we have to be willing to do things differently to maintain our competitive edge".

Day one's theme "Tourism Investment and Financing in the Caribbean" saw keynote speaker Franz Rojas-Ortuste, Director of Water and Sanitation Analysis Division at CAF- the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean, look at potential areas for investment, urging the region to maximise niches such as festivals and gastronomy to bring in millions of dollars like their Latin American counterparts.

The first day also featured a Ministerial Panel on Investment Trends, Partnership and Maximising Tourism Growth, a message from the UNWTO on green investments and a panel discussion on strategies for positioning tourism for new investment opportunities.

On Day two, under the theme Exploring the Drivers for Caribbean Tourism Growth, keynote speaker Doug Lansky, Global Tourism and Travel expert challenged stakeholders to find creative and innovative ways to incorporate sustainability into their operations and enhance tourist spend.

There were robust panel discussions on Aviation Competitiveness in the Caribbean with the thorny issue of inter-regional travel taking centre stage. There were also panel discussions on Digital Transformation in Tourism, Engaging the Filmed Entertainment Industry to advance

Caribbean tourism and a path towards growth of tourism in the context of the Turks and Caicos Islands experience.

The week kicked off with a welcome at the Grace Bay Club @gracebayclub on Monday night which showcased the culture and cuisine of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

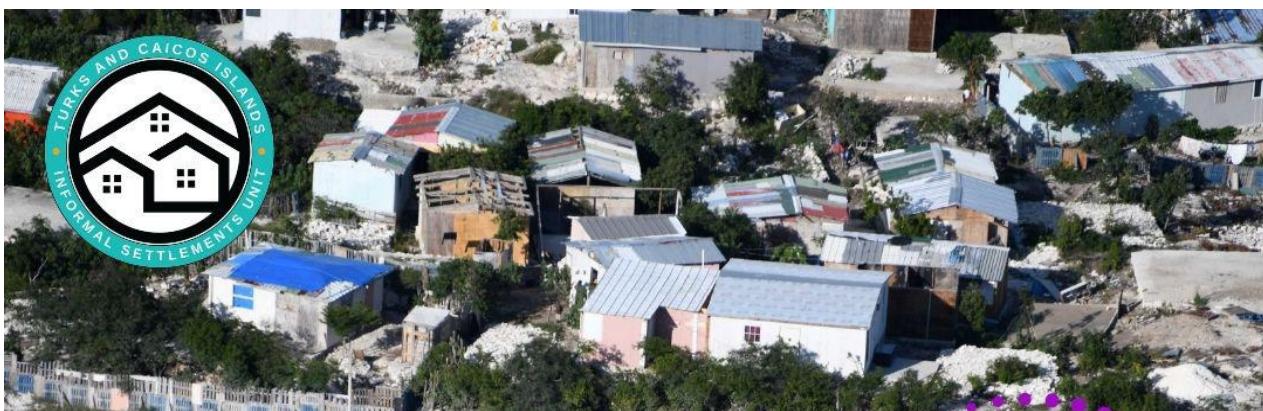
There were performances from the TCI songbird Barbara Johnson, David Bowen and TUCA, Mike 'The General', the Q Band Lynks and top sound system Prime DJs.

The close of the conference saw Tourism Ministers and delegates immersing themselves in The Turks and Caicos Island's culture at the popular Thursday night Fish Fry where they enjoyed local cuisine and performances from Provision band, Elroy Simmons and TCI Dolls as well as a Junkanoo display.

Outside of the formal activities, Ministers of Tourism were treated to a private dinner at Parrot Cay and the regional and international media experienced tours to North and Middle Caicos, South Caicos and Grand Turk as well as dinner at @CrackpotKitchen and @KokomosBotanicalResort.

The week closed with the Youth Congress at Beaches Resort Villages and Spa @beachesturksandcaicos in The Bight, which saw the region's youth from 14 countries present their plans for the tourism industry in their respective islands. First place went to Naomi Onwufuru of the British Virgin Islands, second place, Jordan Greig of Barbados and third place, Jael Morgan of Tobago.

We would like to thank our major sponsors for SOTIC 2023: The Ministry of Tourism, Experience Turks and Caicos, the Turks and Caicos Hotel and Tourism Association, The Shore Club, Beaches Resort and Spa, Fortis TCI, The Bankers Association, as well as COMO Parrot Bay, Wymara Resort and Villas, TKCA, RED Hospitality and Leisure, HAB Group, The Palms Turks and Caicos, Mr. Groupers Restaurant, Seven Stars Resort and Spa, and The Wine Cellar. SOTIC 2024 will be held in the Cayman Islands.



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# Extended Deadline for Howard Hamilton International Airport submissions & Prequalification



The Howard Hamilton International Airport, formerly the Providenciales International Airport

The Turks and Caicos Islands Airports Authority (TCIAA) is advising the public and potential bidders that the deadline for submissions on the Invitation for Prequalification for the Howard Hamilton International Airport Redevelopment Project has been extended to November 10th, 2023. The Turks and Caicos Islands Airports Authority issued on August 15, 2023, an Invitation for Prequalification for the Public Private Partnership (PPP) for the redevelopment, expansion and ongoing operation and maintenance of the Howard Hamilton International Airport (the "Invitation for Prequalification").

A Prequalification Application must be enclosed in a sealed envelope with APPENDIX 1 (Prequalification Envelope Label) attached firmly to the front. No additional marks should be placed on the envelope. An Applicant is responsible for ensuring their Prequalification Application is complete and reaches the address as stated on the Prequalification Envelope Label no later than 10:00 A.M. - Friday, 10 November, 2023.

All supporting documents can be found on our website at [www.tciairports.com](http://www.tciairports.com)

## Almost 2,000 Police Records Yet To Be Collected



The Police Records Department of the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force (RTCIPF) are asking applicants who applied for their police records up to October 16 collect them.

A news release from the RTCIPF stated that there has been a pile-up of police records which were yet to be collected. The release said almost 2,000 processed police records have been sitting at its Old Airport Road facility, awaiting pick-up.

The release stated: "Persons who have applied for their Police Records from June 29th – October 16th, 2023, are kindly asked to visit Police Headquarters, Old Airport Road, Providenciales to collect them.

"Presently, 1752 certificates are awaiting collection. Certificates, except for public holidays, can be collected from 8:30 a.m.

-3 p.m., Monday to Friday. Please note certificates are valid for SIX (6) months from the issue date. The Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force thanks you for your cooperation."

The processing of police records have been the bone of contention for members of the public, who complained that it took months for them to get their records after making their application. However, the RTCIPF, who solicited the assistance of Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance Hon. E. Jay Saunders, created a news system, designed to process hundreds of applications per day.

That system, according to the RTCIPF has been working magnificently, to the apparent point that they are being processing these document much sooner than the applicants' expected them to.

# Sparkling “In The Pink”

In the Pink Shopping Extravaganza, held at the Palms Resort, on Saturday, October 14, saw hundreds of patrons attending the event. Patrons did not only attend the event out of curiosity, but also to purchase, clothes, shoes, jewelry and a variety of other items displayed by the various vendors, including Minister of Tourism Hon. Josephine Connolly. In The Pink is the National Cancer Society's biggest fund-raising even each year. It is held each October, which is observed as Breast Cancer Month.





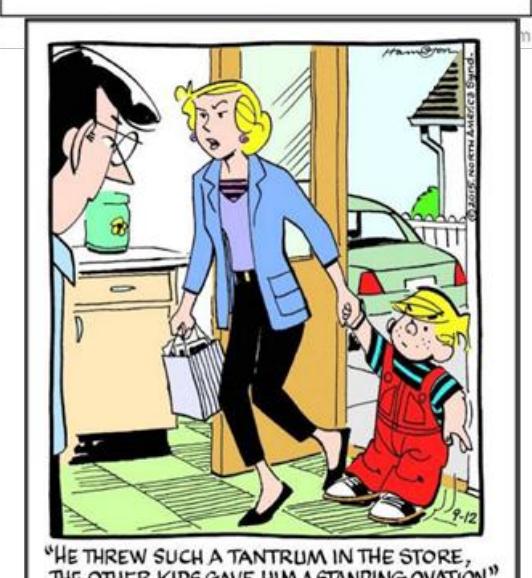
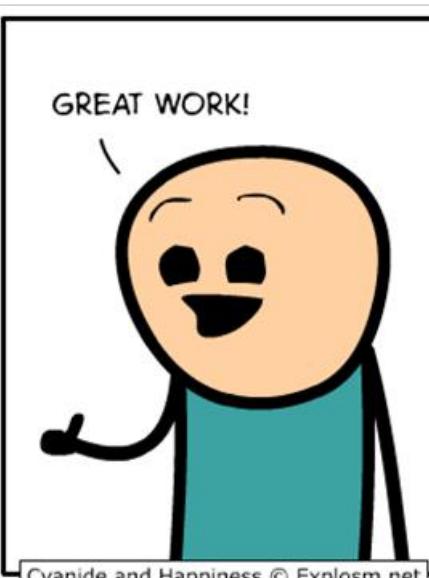
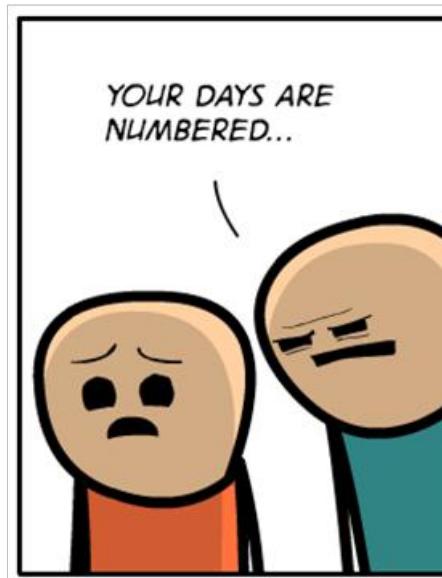
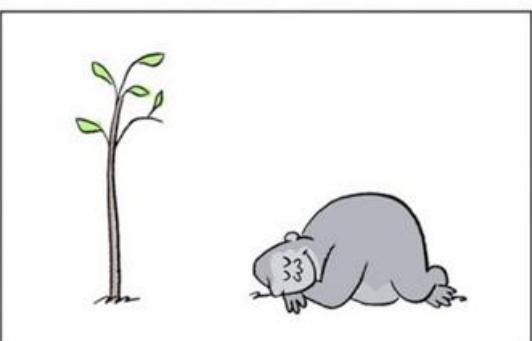
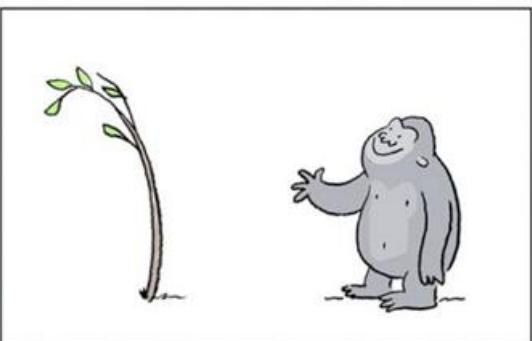
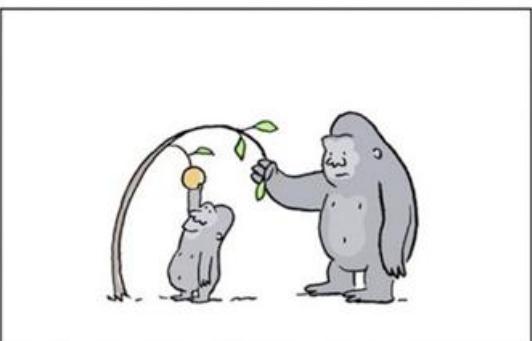
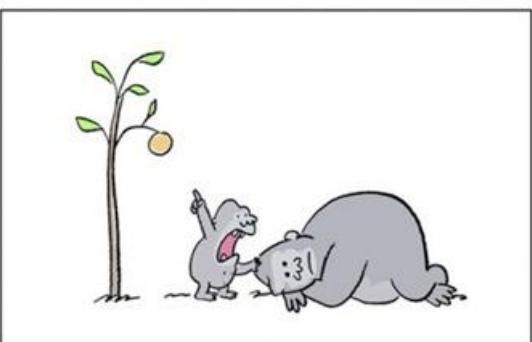
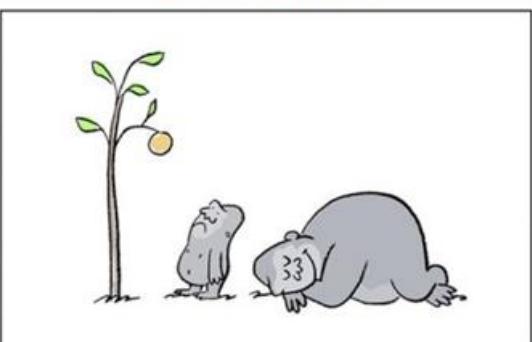
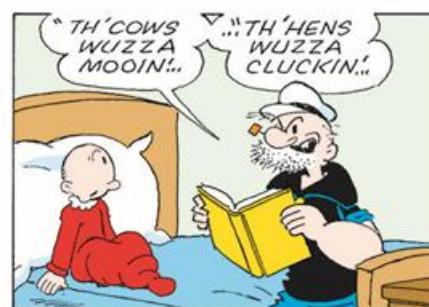
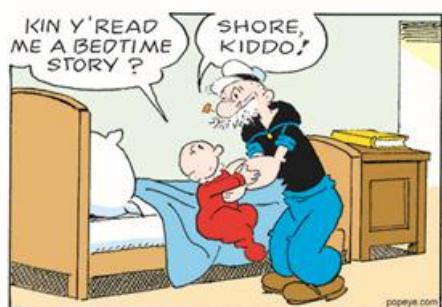
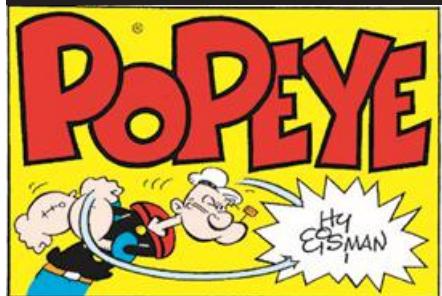


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# BROWN Pelican

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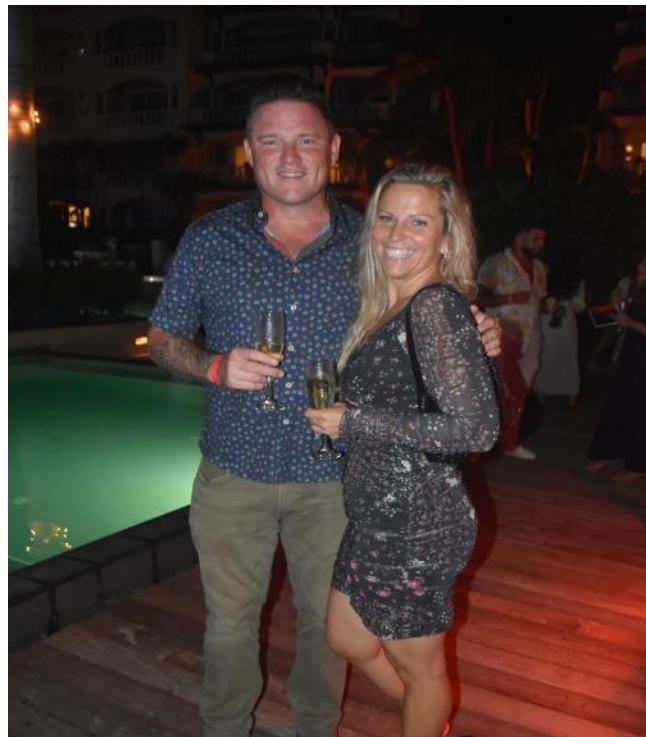
The Voice of the Turks &amp; Caicos



Turks & Caicos is home to the Caribbean brown pelican. It is also the national bird of the TCI. They are easily identifiable by their skin pouch under their bill. They use this pouch as a sort of 'fishing net' to swoop down and catch fish. The brown pelican was listed as endangered in the '70s because of pesticides. However, they were removed from the list when a lot of the harmful pesticides were banned.

# Caribbean Food and Wine Festival Welcome Party

The Caribbean Food and Wine Festival concluded on Sunday, October 15, closing out the four-day festival, which was described as one of the best held. One of the biggest highlights of the event was the welcome party held at Grace Bay Club on Thursday, October 12. That event saw a variety of foods and wines, good music, cigar-rolling and lively conversations. The night was capped with scintillating display of fireworks. The following are photo highlights of the event.





# SHAKIAH LEWIS APPOINTED AS NEW FEMALE YOUTH AMBASSADOR



The Department of Youth Affairs is pleased to announce the 2023-2024 Caricom Youth Ambassador Ms. Shakiah Lewis. Ms. Lewis, brings years of experience as a youth trailblazer in TCI and is no stranger to representing youth in Turks and Caicos and regionally.

She has represented TCI in the CPA Parliament debates in Trinidad and Australia. Through these platforms she continuously displays her passion in public speaking, especially for Youth Advocacy. Ms Lewis is also a member Rotaract Club Grand Turk, the Civil Service Association

Young Workers Group, AOL Foundation, and TCI Community College Alumni Association.

Currently Ms Lewis is a Graduate Upper Primary Teacher and holds a double major with honours in Sociology and Elementary Education and a minor in Education with a concentration in Childhood Socialization from University of Tampa.

During her tenure as Youth Ambassador, she plans on being involved in advocacy campaigns focused on specific youth-related issues, such as education, employment, health, and social inclusion. In addition, implementing a program that focus on stress management that not only explores such issues as radicalization but the development of peace building, conflict management, tolerance and respect. Furthermore, she plans to work closely with youth volunteer service to introduce youth to study aboard and promote global learning.

The Director of Youth Affairs Mrs. Jasmine Thomas Commented, "The National Youth Ambassador Program gives youth an opportunity to engage in positive youth development by empowering young people to participate and bring to the forefront social issues that are affecting them. Without a doubt I know Ms. Lewis will be successful in her role in being a voice for youth in decision making. I look forward to seeing her projects come to fruition, in particular establishing peace building initiatives among the youth in TCI".

National Youth Ambassadors are a part of the regional network of young Caribbean nationals mandated by Heads of Governments to advocate for and educate young people about regional priorities and social issues facing the economy.

They perform a dual role, addressing youth issues at the national level within a regional strategic framework, as well as bringing national issues to the attention of the Region's policy makers. The Programme is coordinated by the Department responsible for Youth Affairs at the national level; and facilitated at the regional level through multiple networking and collaborative relationships with stakeholders such as CARICOM and the Commonwealth Secretariat.

## DARWIN PLUS LOCAL R3 OPEN

The Department of Environment and Coastal Resources (DECR) would like to inform Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), environmental partners as well as fellow environmental stewards of the opening of the third round of Darwin Plus Local.

Darwin Plus Local is a new scheme within the existing UK government's Darwin Plus fund, which funds projects to protect unique biodiversity and improve resilience to climate change with-

in the UK Overseas Territories (UKOTs). Darwin Plus Local has been introduced to support small scale environmental projects exclusively in the UKOTs, with the aim of building capacity in-territory and contributing to local economies.

This round will provide grants of up to £50,000 for organisations, and up to £20,000 for individuals.

Projects can last for a maximum of 12-months. The expected start date for successful projects is from 1 April 2024.

All projects must be completed by 31 March 2025.

The deadline for application is 23:59 GMT on Wednesday, 23 November 2023.

Further information can be found on the Darwin Plus website: <https://dplus.darwininitiative.org.uk/apply/>

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact [DarwinPlusLocal@jncc.gov.uk](mailto:DarwinPlusLocal@jncc.gov.uk)

# Life Line

# FEATURED CHURCH

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



## LIFE LINE CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

**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** Grant  
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

**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

**Paradise Baptist Church,**  
Five Cays, Providenciales  
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

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# Marilyn's 'silly little dress'

## What we can learn?

### Film Fashion

We've all seen that iconic 1954 scene (in some form at least) from *The Seven Year Itch* when Marilyn Monroe stood above a New York City subway grate wearing a white dress. As the train passed, her dress blew upwards, with Marilyn flirtatiously trying to keep it down. This scene, while only lasting a few seconds, became one of the most iconic scenes in movie history.—making the dress one of the most famous of all time in the process. Designer William Travilla didn't think much of the white dress, once calling it 'that silly little dress'. Little did he know that it would be celebrated for generations.

**Thousands of Spectators**

Filming this now iconic dress scene took place at 1am while thousands of fans looked on. The take took 14 times to get right while 100 male photographers tried to capture the moment. The scene was then ultimately re-shot on a lot in California as the noise made it difficult to transfer to film. However, the original location shots were what was used for ads and promos. However much fanfare surrounded the filming, this image was made iconic by her confidence.

For it's time, filming a scene of such a 'provocative' nature was unheard of. It's rebelliousness of that era was what made it iconic.



### Look of Death

Monroe's then-husband, Joe DiMaggio, was apparently less than thrilled at the sight of the seductively billowing dress. In his book, Wilder, director of 'The Seven Year Itch', described the 'look of death' on DiMaggio's face as he stormed off the set to the nearby St. Regis Hotel. It was then chronicled by many that when Marilyn returned to the hotel, the couple was in heated debate. This, apparently being one of several straws that ended their marriage. Back in Los Angeles 3 weeks later, their divorce was announced. News headlines read 'Marilyn Splits with Joe Over Sexy Pics'. If there's anything we can learn from this ordeal, it's that we should embrace body autonomy, no matter the situation. Marilyn embraced her body and sexuality and in turn became an example to women today on not minimising yourself so that others can feel big. Wear what makes you feel good, powerful, confident, sexy.

### Dynamic Dress

The flirty dress has had an enduring legacy. The image has been reproduced in countless fashion shoots and marketing campaigns. The dress' success was not only due to its revealing attributes. Travilla's design embodies a mix of innocence and seduction. One that has proven difficult to reproduce. The dress is both 'angelically white' and 'daringly audacious'. It reflects the natural contradictions that lie within us as women. Dupes of this dress are easy to find. However, I find that the best approach to take is usually to grab aspects of iconic pieces that compliment your body type. For example, this dress has a halter neckline which is best for medium to full busts, wide shoulders and straight or hourglass midsections. It also contains a pleated skirt, which can be a tricky wear depending on your body type.

# PDM Deputy Leader Attends International Conference



CDU Delegates with Rt.Hon. James Cleverly UK Foreign Secretary (Left to Right - Mr. Nick Francis Secretary General CDU, Rt. Hon. James Cleverly UK Foreign Secretary, Mr. Kendron Christopher CYDU Chairman, Mr. Robert Been Deputy Leader PDM Turks and Caicos Islands, Mr. Jemy Altenor UWP St. Lucia.



CDU Delegates with Chair of the WFD Board of Governors Hon. Richard Graham

Deputy Leader of the People's Democratic Movement (PDM) Mr. Robert Been, travelled to Manchester, UK from October 1st to 4th to attend the Conservative Party Conference 2023.

Been, along with other delegates from the Caribbean Democrat Union (CDU), participated in several bilateral meetings with key officials including Rt. Hon. James Cleverly- UK Foreign Secretary, Rt. Hon.

Greg Hands - Chairman of the Conservative Party, and Hon. Richard Graham - Chair of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD) Board of Governors.

As part of the international delegation attending the Conservative Party Conference in Manchester, Been also met with other delegates from Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. Matters affecting the

Mr. Robert Been with Rt. Hon. Greg Hands, Conservative Party Chairman



TCI and the wider region were discussed including climate change, the rise in gun violence, and illegal migration.

Been also attended several panel discussions on Youth in Politics, The Rise of Disinformation, Strengthening Democracy Globally, and New Technologies in the Energy Industry including the use of Hydrogen.

While in Manchester, Been also took the opportunity to engage with a few members of the TCI diaspora to gain a deeper understanding of the issues they face and to also share the PDM's position on matters impacting the Turks and Caicos Islands.

"It was an honor and privilege to represent the Turks and Caicos Islands and the People's Democratic Movement at this major conference with my colleagues from the CDU and other delegates from around the world," Been Said in a statement.

He continued: "The bilateral meetings and other engagements were important opportunities to discuss the pressing issues facing our country and our people, particularly gun violence, cost of living and illegal migration.

"The PDM is committed to representing the people of the TCI at the highest levels and looks forward to further engagements and meaningful dialogue with our international partners working to strengthen democracy and good governance practice."

# Grace Bay Beach gets Sandals Foundation clean-up



ICCD News 1 - Some members of team two led by EHS Manager Shuntal Gibson (left).



ICCD News 2 - Member of the Maintenance and Engineering Unit, Bernard Florvil on the go.



ICCD News 3 - First set of waste collected by team one led by the General Manager, James McAnally (3rd from left).

Foundation ambassadors and members of the Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) department from Beaches Turks and Caicos (BTC) cleared more than 250 pounds of garbage and discarded items from the beach to mark International Coastal Clean-Up Day (ICC).

"Our committed team members were delighted to help in providing some level of protection for the environment as well as protecting the pristine beauty of the shoreline and beaches here in the beautiful by nature, Turks and Caicos Islands", shared Beaches Turks and Caicos Public

Relations Manager Orville Morgan.

The volunteers filled several bags with items washed ashore such as plastic and glass bottles, clothes, household items, and drink cans.

Morgan noted that the team did a detailed check of the beach, determined to remove even the smallest item of rubbish. The waste collected was properly sorted and then removed by the Grounds team.

The Sandals Foundation commits itself to preserving the natural surroundings through projects in education, environment, and commun

ty.

"A lot of the waste have been washed up on our shores and being agents of change, as a resort we were happy to see how much our efforts were important in helping with the cleaning of our environment," noted Shuntal Gibson, EHS Manager at the resort who led a team of volunteers out for the clean-up.

Sandals Foundation said the labour of love was a collaboration between three environmental groups at Beaches Turks and Caicos – the Beaches Public Relations Team, Earth Guardians, and the Sandals Foundation Ambassadors.

Through this annual event, the International Ocean Conservancy hopes to spread awareness and encourage everyone to stop trash at the source, a mission the Sandals Foundation fully supports.

General Manager James McAnally said the Sandals Foundation is cognisant of the fact that the beach is heavily patronised by members of the local community, "which is why we are so happy to be able to work with our team of volunteers to keep this particular beach clean".

"It was really pleasing to see how much our efforts were important in helping with the cleaning of our environment," said Jennie Parsons, one of the many volunteers from the resort who turned out for the clean-up.

To ensure long-term benefits, those who use the beach the most – area residents – were given tips on the role they can play maintain the environment.

"We educated residents who were there about the importance of keeping the beach clean and protecting our environment because if we don't ensure that they understand the importance then the beach will be back in that deplorable state before we know it," said Morgan.

# ISU Seeks Social Need Assessment Surveyors



## What is the TCI Informal Settlements Unit (ISU)

The Turks and Caicos Islands Informal Settlements Unit (ISU) is a government organisation tasked with finding solutions to the growing challenges experienced within and by informal settlements across the Turks and Caicos Islands.

For more information visit our website or follow our social media pages.

[www.isutci.com](http://www.isutci.com)



The Informal Settlement Unit (ISU) is now accepting applications from suitably qualified and experienced persons to fill the posts of Temporary Surveyors, to assist the Unit in assessing the living conditions of persons living in informal settlements throughout the TCI, which is scheduled to take place during the period November 2023 to January 2024.

ISU is encouraging residents with the requisite skill set or aptitude to sign-up for this project, as the Social Needs Assessment Survey is essential to understanding the dynamics of informal settlements, to inform policies and initiatives aimed at improving the

living conditions and opportunities for residents in these communities. Prospective Surveyors must be at least 18 years of age and; must sit a written aptitude test; must have a clean police record; must be able to conduct surveys using tablets, possess good numerical and reading skills; must possess strong interpersonal and communication skills; be willing to work evenings and weekends as and when required; and be available to attend three days of training in preparation for the work.

If selected, the incumbent will be expected to:

- Locate and visit personally ev-

ery inhabited or habitable dwelling in the informal settlement (s) to which he/she may be assigned;

- Complete survey forms accurately for each person and each dwelling according to instructions;
- Assist any other Surveyor in the performance of his/her duties in any other informal settlement if so directed by the ISU Supervisor; and
- Assist the ISU Supervisor in the performance of such other duties as the ISU Supervisor may determine.

Selection will be based on successful completion of: Training and Evaluation Test and Mock Interviews.

### Exclusions

Persons employed with professional obligations that may conflict with the confidentiality provision within the ISU are excluded.

Those individuals would be persons employed within the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force and the Immigration Department and candidates for elective office in the last general election. The reason given is that the principle that the Survey is that it is a national activity and should be seen as non-partisan.

Persons that do not have or cannot show proof of a clean police record will be excluded.

Application forms for persons applying can be completed by scanning the barcode on the flyer or visiting our website at <https://www.isutci.com/careers>

Creole and Spanish speaking persons are invited to apply.

Preference will be given to persons that are qualified for the job.

All applications must be accompanied by curriculum vitae along with a police record. No application will be processed unless it is accompanied by a police record.

Forms must be completed by November 3rd 2023.

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## Beach Word Scramble

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Scuba 10. Snorkle 11. Bikini 12. Sunglasses  
Bathring Suit 6. Flip Flop 7. Towel 8. Sandcastle 9.  
1. Beach 2. Sand 3. Beach chair 4. Conch Shells 5.

## Brain Teaser

I can't be bought, but I can be stolen with a glance. I'm worthless to one, but priceless to two. What am I?

Answer: Love

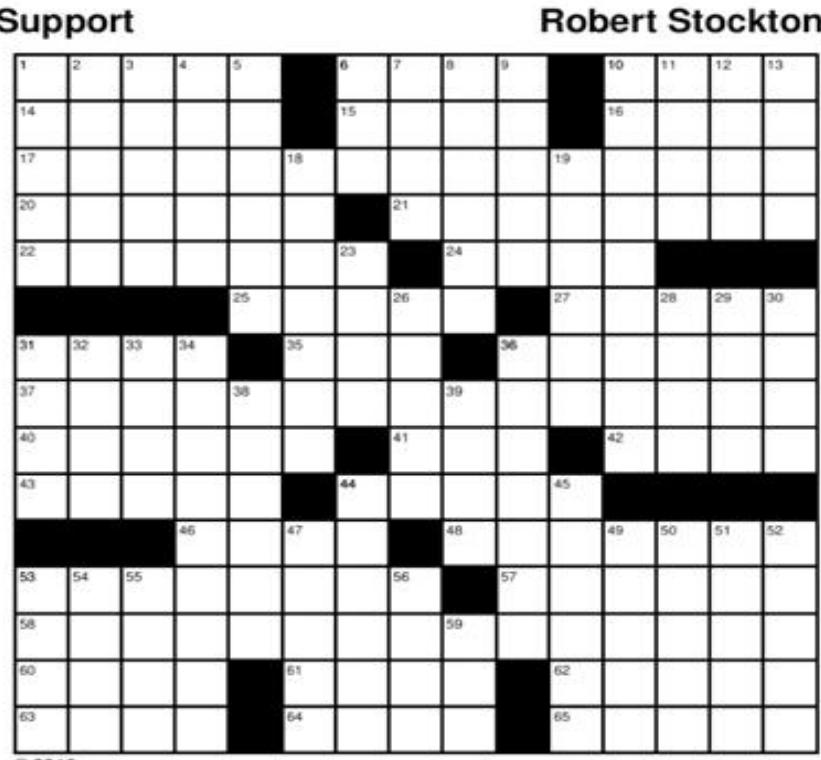
## Old Uncle Fred's Tech Support

### ACROSS

1. Tamale wrappers
6. "Mamma Mia" group
10. Isle of exile
14. Out of touch with reality, metaphorically
15. Consider
16. Creature on a canadian coin
17. HARD DRIVES?
20. Everett of "Citizen Kane"
21. Long foreign films, to some
22. Sawbucks
24. Meredith Wilson's home state
25. Pan-fry
27. Diminish
31. CFO's milestones
35. L33t article
36. BITS?
37. SOFTWARE?
40. Sell off quickly
41. Date
42. "League of Extraordinary Gentlemen" strong man
43. Invention
44. Tennis great Ivan
46. Comedienne Vidale with an eponymous 1993 sitcom
48. Like Anna's students
53. Unwrapped, perhaps
57. Poem part
58. WEB SITES?
60. XM's "The Pet Hour" sponsor
61. Thom who makes treads
62. Pilfered
63. Uno y dos
64. "It's all clear now!"
65. Garments for galas

### DOWN

1. What to do with a flag or a flagon
2. Sam or Tom, e.g.



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3. MONITOR?
4. Sura source
5. What Go players may capture
6. Apply an abacus
7. Nickname for 10 down
8. Place for a propeller
9. Childish retort
10. First Lady to Harry
11. Stadium section
12. Niels the Nobelist
13. Red queen's subjects
18. Filled with fizz
19. "Hold on 'til I'm ready!!"
23. Plaintiff
26. What we have here
28. \_\_\_\_-deucy
29. Be inclined
30. Latin 101 verb
31. Places for EKGs
32. Emulate a dog in summer
33. Kristiania, now
34. Occasional quality of breath or stature
36. Possible subject for a "UFO" photo
38. Havoc
39. Word accompanying a common stick figure
44. Take-off
45. Most modern
47. Swelling
49. Republic south of Sicily
50. Poem postscript
51. Conductor George of the Cleveland Orchestra
52. Soothes
53. Last words
54. Host between Allen and Carson
55. Salinger title lass
56. MOTHERBOARDS?
59. Kind of cone or cat

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## J of the JOKE WEEK

"I've learnt that saying "Oh, this old thing?" isn't an appropriate way to introduce an elderly relative."

## SUDOKU



Donkey  
Rock Iguana  
Flamingo  
Reef Gecko  
Turks Skink  
Dwarf Boa  
Blind Snake  
Fruit Bat  
Conch  
Hermit Crab  
Rainbow Crab  
Anole

## Animals in TCI

D R L B G R J L G B A W M X Y B  
A N A U G I K C O R M N K T A X  
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O D E J R L I M J K R T Q L E Q  
B O H F G U X N S W I T A D X Q  
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W Y C M U M H K G A R A R N L X  
D D D T R B T O O D T Y K K J V  
X G R X R D L D Q D J M B E Y G

# If your breasts could speak, what would they say?



GENETICS PLAY a strong role in breast cancer risks. A history of ovarian or breast cancers on either side of a woman's family sometimes increases the risk of developing breast cancer. According to Dr Andre Williams, haematologist and integrative Oncologist at Teshuva Wellness, when thinking of signs of cancers in women, many people list lumps in the breast as one of the top contenders.

"While it is true that if a new lump suddenly forms, you should get it checked out by a doctor, most breast lumps are perfectly natural. If all you feel are the same bumps in both breasts over a long period of time, you have nothing to worry about," Dr Williams said.

#### BUMPS AND BIRTHMARKS

When it comes to breast health and your body in general, clear skin is healthy skin. The skin on your breasts should naturally be more or less flat and smooth. Again, consistency is key. Bumps and birthmarks that are always present are not a problem.

"A sudden change in the skin on your breasts should be reported to a doctor. This is not a common sign of breast cancer, but may be a different medical issue. Skin changes as a sign of cancers in women are relatively rare. Even so, clear skin is the best indicator of good breast health," Dr Williams said.

When your body is healthy, circulation causes the temperature to be consistent everywhere, including the breasts. Breasts should be warm like the rest of the torso. Reporting any unnatural warmth to your doctor can help prevent breast cancer. Heat could be a sign of an infection or another condition. In general, the tem-

perature of your breasts should feel natural and aligned with your whole body temperature. The only thing that should ever come out of your nipples is milk. If you are not breastfeeding, there should be no discharge from your nipples. Discharge if you are not pregnant or breastfeeding could be a sign of a variety of things, from a medication side effect to cancer.

#### BREAST SORENESS

Also, your breasts should not hurt on a day-to-day basis. As always, there are exceptions to every rule. Many women experience soreness in the breast before or during their period. If this is normal for you, it is nothing to worry about.

Dr Williams said the aim of Teshuva Wellness is to empower women by creating a culture where they can be proactive about their breast health all the time, not just once per year.

By being proactive, women, he said, can also take advantage of breast thermography, or thermal imaging, which is a non-invasive and painless test that doctors sometimes use to monitor for early breast changes that could indicate breast cancer. It works by detecting increases in temperature.

"Thermography does not involve radiation, no pain, no squeezing, no contact with the machine. Instead, it uses an ultra-sensitive camera to produce high-resolution, infrared photographs, or heat images, of the breast. Skin surface temperatures and blood vessel patterns display normal and abnormal physiology," Dr Williams said.

According to him, research studies have also shown that an abnormal thermogram is the

highest known marker of risk for the presence of or future development of breast cancer.

#### FAMILY HISTORY

"An abnormal thermogram is 10 times more significant as a future risk indicator for breast cancer than a first order family history. In the context of breast cancer screening, thermography is FDA approved for use in conjunction with mammography or other imaging modality," Dr Williams said.

A breast thermography can be done as often as necessary, and usually needs two images. "A breast thermography is not affected by patient age, breast size, breast density, implants, breastfeeding or previous breast surgeries. The result is obtained within seven to 10 days, and often describes the health of your breasts, and also provides information about your hormonal balance," Dr Williams said.

"The test cannot confirm that cancer is present. It can only show that there are changes that may need further investigation. If the thermography detects any abnormalities, the person should seek further screening, which may include a mammogram. If a mammogram confirms that a lump is present, the doctor may recommend an ultrasound or MRI scan and a biopsy. Only a biopsy can confirm whether cancer is present," Dr Williams said.

If you notice any changes in your breasts that concern you, talk to your doctor. Most of the time, it is not anything to worry about.

For more information on breast thermography, contact: [www.teshuawellnessja.com](http://www.teshuawellnessja.com); or follow Teshuva Wellness on Facebook and Instagram.

# Billy Forbes Is Male Footballer Of The Year



Kristen Howell was voted Youth Male Player of the Year.



Chanile Butterfield was voted Female Player of the Year.



Rosaria Talbot was voted Youth Female Player of the Year.

Billy Forbes was named the Male Footballer of the Year at the Turks and Caicos Islands Football Association (TCIFA) Awards Gala, held at the Shore Club Resort in Providenciales on Friday, October 13.

Forbes, who is a veteran footballer and the captain of the National Team, received this prestigious award in recognition of his outstanding performance in the sport.

Forbes, in his first year as a professional player, made significant contributions to the Scorpions, helping them secure a championship win. He later played for FC Dallas in Major League Soccer (MLS) and played a crucial role in their journey to the final. Additionally, Forbes had the opportunity to go on trial with the LA Galaxy. Throughout his career in the United States, he garnered numerous accolades, including the title of Most Assist for the Year.

In his acceptance speech, Forbes expressed his gratitude and acknowledged the dedication and hard work it took to reach this point in his career. He reflected on his childhood dream of becoming a professional athlete and moving away from his home to pursue his passion. Forbes emphasized the importance of dedication and perseverance, even during the challenging moments when he considered giving up on his dreams.

The TCIFA Gala and Awards Function brought together a diverse group of over 200 supporters, players, administrators, dignitaries, and special guests from international football. English Premier League superstar Andy Cole, Victor Montagliani - President of Concacaf and Vice-President of FIFA, Philippe Moggio - Concacaf General Secretary, and David Dein - former co-owner of Arsenal Football Club were among the notable attendees. Andy Cole presented the Male Player of the Year Award to Forbes, which was sponsored by F. Chambers Law.

The event also recognized other outstanding individuals in the football community, including promising defender Kristen Howell, who was named Youth Male Player of the Year, and Chanile Butterfield, who received the Female Player of the Year award. Rosaria Talbot, who was voted Youth Female Player of the Year.

Additionally, Aaron Lawrence was voted Male Coach of the Year, and Dr. Yunelsis Rodriguez Baez was named Female Coach of the Year. The ceremony also honored Match Official of the Year Maykey Julessaint and Match Commissioner of the Year Damona Taylor.

Candia Ewing was voted Employee of the Year, and real estate magnate Bengt Soder-



Aaron Lawrence was voted Male Coach of the Year.



Dr. Yunelsis Rodriguez Baez was named Female Coach of the Year.



Maykey Julessaint, was voted Match Official of the Year



Damona Taylor was adjudged Match Commissioner of the Year.



Real Estate magnate Bengt Soderqvist of Provident Ltd. was recognized by the TCIFA for his significant contributions and continuous support to that organization over the years.

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The TCIFA emphasized that the main purpose of the Awards Gala is to raise essential funds to support the development of youth

football across the country. The event featured a "purple carpet" welcome reception, a silent auction, a dinner with live music and performances, celebrity speakers, award presentations, and the announcement of raffle winners. It was a night filled with inspiring success stories and poignant moments.

The TCIFA Gala and Awards Function was made possible through the support of numerous sponsors from various industries and local businesses, including Accu Diagnostics, AIB Hotel & Restaurant Supplies, Bay Bistro, BCQS International and Turks and Caicos Banking Company, Blue Chip Island Suppliers, Body Holiday, Cargo Express, Catchin' Caicos, Conservative Architects, Crackpot Kitchen, CSC Insurance Brokers, Equilibrium Spa, F-Chambers Law, First Caribbean International Bank, FLOW, Future Build Consultancy, Hemingway's On The Beach, interCaribbean Airways, Island Printing, Kool Runnings Prove Chef & Catering Services, Miller Simons O'Sullivan, Missik's Contracting, Moet & Chandon Champagne, Okeano's Charters, Omar's Beach Hut, Opus Wine Bar & Grill, Pelican Bay Restaurant, Royal Jewels, Sport Options, TESS, The Shore Club Turks and Caicos, Spa Tropique, Sun Charters and The Good Ship Atabeyra, The Ritz-Carlton Turks & Caicos, The Tuscany, The Wine Cellar, Tides at Gracebay, Turquoise Wines, and Wymara Resort and Villas.

The event celebrated the achievements and contributions of individuals who have made a significant impact in the world of football in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

# BVI Ends TCI Nations League Hopes



Billy Forbes scoring his first goal via penalty route

The hearts of Turks and Caicos Islands football fans were broken on Monday, October 16, when an extra-time goal from the British Virgin Islands number 14 player Justin Smith, ensured that his team secure 2-2 draw in their Concacaf Nations League at the TCIFA Field.

The draw effectively pulled the curtains on the TCI campaign to advance from the zone. They remain at the bottom of the three-team zone.

Veteran and captain Billy Forbes scored a brace in the game, while the BVI goals were scored by Joshua Bertie and substitute Justin Smith.

A disappointed Coach Ricky Hill blamed inexperience and Naivety on the part of his charges that resulted in the equalizing goal. He said this performance was much better than the Dominica game which the TCI lost 0-3. In that game, according to coach Hill, his team started well but petered out as the game wore on, but in this game, they

Christopher Louisy (right) of the Turks and Caicos Islands makes a tackle against Luka Chalwell of the BVI during their Concacaf Nations League Game on Monday, at the TCI Field





Karl Shand Jr. (right) of the Turks and Caicos Islands attempts to get away from his marker Kavon Caesar of The BVI in their Concacaf Nations League encounter



BVI Goalkeeper Daniel Gilford makes a failed attempt to save a Billy Forbes freekick in their Concacaf Nations League against the Turks and Caicos Islands on Monday



Billy Forbes (number 7) scales the perimeter fence to celebrate with fans after scoring the go-ahead goal in their Concacaf Nation's League match against BVI

started out slow but picked up steam as the encounter wore on.

The TCI went behind in the third minute after the BVI number 10 player, Joshua Bertie got past the TCI defenders and slotted past custodian Sebastian Turbyfield.

Undaunted by the setback, the TCI players, pressed for the equalizers, and created a few chances to do so, while Turbyfield ensured that they did not slip further, with some spectacular saves, and ensuring that the scores were level going into the half-time break.

They press from the TCI resulted in a BVI player bringing down TCI forward Junior Paul in the box, resulting in a penalty in the 27th minute, which Forbes converted for the first of his two goals.

TCI started where they left off in the first half, having lengthy ball possession and making daunting forward runs. One of those runs resulted in a TCI forward being brought down on the edge of the box, giving Forbes the opportunity to score a brilliant freekick, which sparked wild celebration around the venue.

Forbes' celebration, which saw him scaling the perimeter fence and into the bleachers, earned him a yellow card from presiding referee Hakeem Harvey.

The TCI enjoyed good ball possession, which sometimes resulted in some threatening runs. One of those runs resulted in the fleetfooted Junior Paul, while attempting to outpace his opponents, brought down millimeters from the 18 yards line. That tackle rendered him severely injured and making him unable to continue the game.

The resulting freekick by Raymond Burey, however, resulted in quick counter by BVI in the 90+5 minute, resulted in the equalizing goal.

Coach Hill, while clearly expressing his disappointment, heaped praise on Forbes for his two goals, and for his leadership on the field. However, he said team was let down by the inexperienced of some of the other players.

In the meantime, coach for BVI Chris Kiwomya, the BVI coach, expressed his disappointment at not winning the game. He told the news conference that his team got the better chances to score but somehow did not make good use of them. Kiwomya said he was also disappointed with the officiating of the referee, stating that he could have allowed the game to flow freer, rather than stopping the game for every infringement.

TCI will complete their fixture against Dominica away. Even if they won that game, they will not go through, as they will end on four points. Dominica will also play the BVI away. Nothing but a win for either team will suffice.



## BILLY FORBES IS MALE FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

BillyForbes (left) accepts his Footballer of the Year Award from football great Andy Cole. Cole was guest at the event.

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