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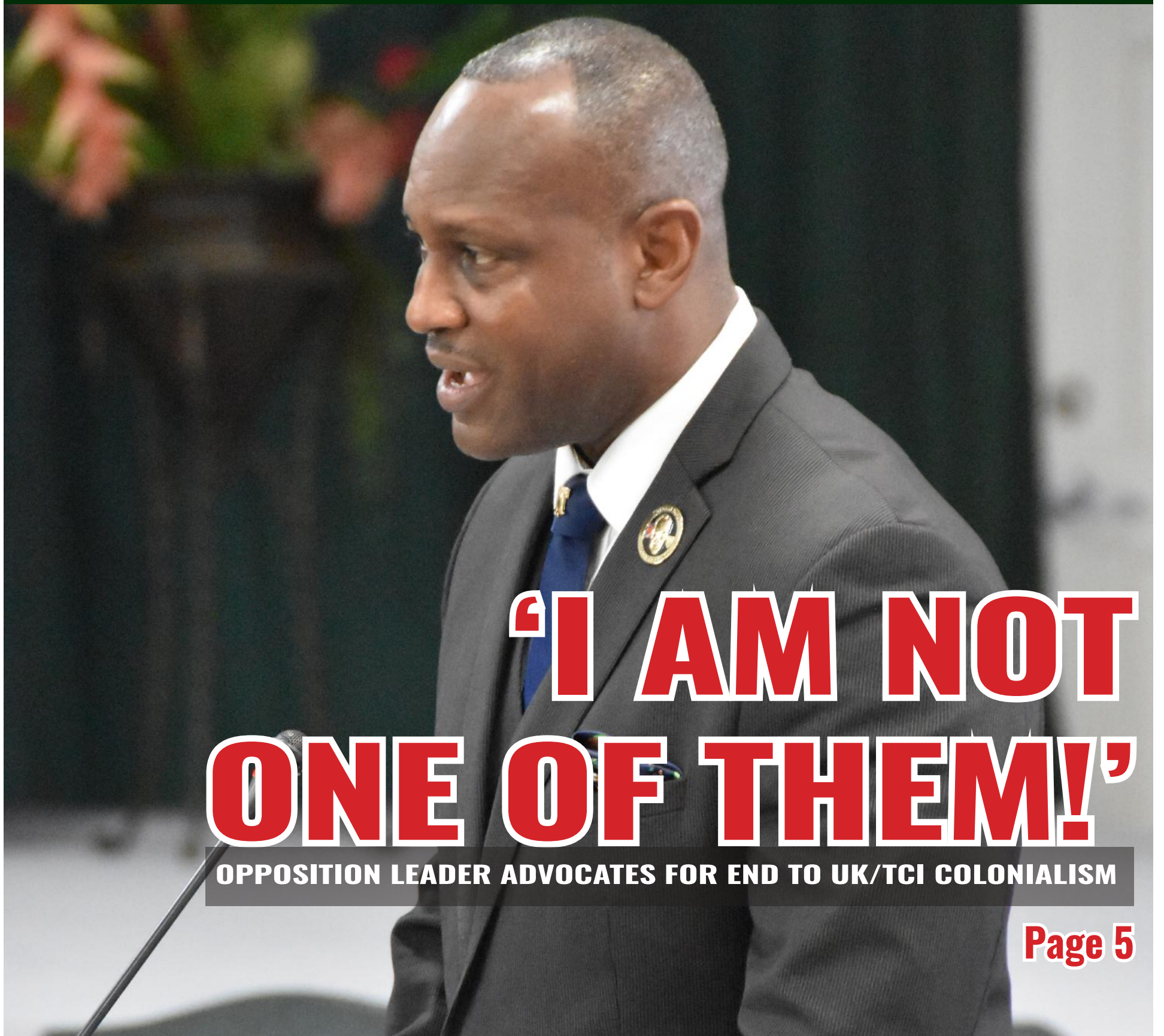
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SCENES FROM THE LOREN GROUNDBREAKING

The Loren – the TCI’s newest ultra luxury hotel broke ground for construction on Thursday, June 15, marking a significant milestone for the renowned hotel chain. The guests at the event included Premier Hon. Washington Misick, Deputy Governor Her Excellency Any Williams, Minister of Tourism Hon. Josephine Connolly, and Minister of Infrastructure Hon. Jamell Robinson. Nnewsline TCI was on hand and captured the moment.



Ceremony For New Governor

The Turks and Caicos Islands on Thursday, July 29, welcomed new Governor Her Excellency Dileeni Daniel Selvaratnam as its 16th head of the political executive. Following the swearing-in in the House of Assembly, a ceremony with the uniform groups followed. That ceremony included the inspection of the guard of honor by the governor, as well as a march-past. The following are photo highlights of the event.



Governor Her Excellency Dileeni Daniel Selvaratnam and Deputy Governor Her Excellency Anya Williams share lens at the occasion



Speaker of the House Hon. Gordon Burton calling the House to order



A member of the Boys Scout, with the assistance of the Sergeant At Arms for the House of Assembly, presents bouquet of flowers to the new governor



A Section of the Audience in the House of Assembly



Governor Her Excellency Dileeni Daniel Selvaratnam making her address



Her Excellency Governor Dileeni Daniel Selvaratnam inspects the guard of honor



Premier Hon. Washington Misick welcoming the new governor



Her Excellency Governor Dileeni Daniel Selvaratnam meets and greets school children on Grand Turk shortly after her welcome ceremony



Governor Her Excellency Dileeni Daniel Selvaratnam taking the salute from Royal Turks and Caicos Island Police Force

New \$28,000 Police Records Processing Rollout Already Bearing Fruit

By Vivian Tyson



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Government is crowing about its \$28,000 new

Police Record processing roll-out, which it said was already bearing rich fruits.

The e-government portfolio has been assigned to the Office of the Premier since February. However, Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance Hon. E. Jay Saunders, who is the tech expert in the Washington Misick Administration, after the myriad of complaints from the public on the snail's pace at which police records were being processed, saw it fit to put his expertise to use, thereby landing the new system.

According to the deputy premier, the new electronic police record processing system, which came on stream on Wednesday (June 28) managed to process a whopping 65 police records under 12 hours.

“The e-government is still under the Office of the Premier, as it has been since Feb. 22. However, as it (police records processing) was a very vexing problem, I decided to use my IT expertise to address it,” Saunders explained. “The new application took three months to develop at a cost of US\$28,000, with the total process, including procurement, taking 6 months.”

He added: “The new Police Records Application was made available for public use (part of the beta testing period) at 8 pm last night (Tuesday). Overnight 65 applications were made and processed. Those applications are now ready to be signed and picked up.”

Saunders pledged to waste no time, going forward, to solve the IT issues that may arise in government.

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use my expertise to solve the most vexing problems, and in doing so, hopefully save TCIG both time and money,” he said.

The following is a statement from the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force concerning the new police records improving efficiency: The processing of police records is done under the ambit of the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force. That entity had become the recipient of harsh criticisms for the slowness with which it processed the records after changing over to an electronic system.

Some customers complained that their police records took up to six months to process, with no tangible answers coming from that office.

In a statement, informing the public of the new rollout, the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force said over the past months it has been working on improving the system, to make it more efficient.

“Over the past months, we have continuously been improving our infrastructural works in order to reduce the waiting period and make the process less cumbersome,” the release stated.

The Police Records Office noted that the new system is slated to become a one-stop shop, where, instead of going to the treasury to pay the processing fee and the post office for stamps, both can be paid for online using a debit or credit card.

“This new system is a testing phase which introduces a one-stop payment system and shorter wait time. Applicants will now have the option of paying online the \$10 Processing Fee and the \$10. Stamp fee via Debit or

Credit Cards.

“The applications are processed and persons can collect their Police Records within five working days. Applicants who don’t have a debit or credit card can continue making payments at the Treasury,” the RTCIPF said in the statement.

The RTCIPF said that the live testing phase would come to an end on July 31, and August 1, the system would be fully operational.

Deputy Commissioner of Police Rodney Adams expressed thanks to Deputy Premier Saunders and his team for feverishly working to achieve the milestone.

“This new system will significantly reduce the timeframe in which records are processed. We expect records to turn around within five days initially. I wish to thank the Ministry of Finance, led by the Deputy Premier and his team, and the Information Technology team supporting us,” Adams said.

He added: “The officers within the Records Department and the IT team of the RTCIPF who have been working around the clock thereby allowing us to reach this milestone, I say thanks.

“I also wish to express my gratitude to the public for their patience. I know at times you were frustrated because of the inconveniences, but there is finally a light at the end of the tunnel”.

In the meantime, the RTCIPF is asking those already applied for a police record and were yet to receive a voucher to re-apply.

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'I Am Not One Of Them'



Governor Her Excellency Daniel Selvaratnam (right) and Chief Justice Mabel Agyemang stand at attention during the singing of the National Anthem and the National Song

"...There are some among us who would want the country to be under British rule forever. I am not one of those persons."

Those were some of the utterances made by Opposition Leader Hon. Edwin Astwood as he gave his welcome speech to new Governor, Her Excellency Dileeni Daniel Selvaratnam, in the House of Assembly on Thursday. Astwood said he believes that time has come for the Turks and Caicos Islands to chart its own course as an independent country, so as to govern its own affairs rather than to be dictated by a foreign power.

"I also believe that the time has come for an elected government, and an elected opposition, to show the people that both can perform their constitutional roles with passion and zeal, while demonstrating that, though being different parties, we are one people."

"I sincerely welcome you (Governor Daniel Selvaratnam) here today in this formal capacity, there are many amongst us who are ready for the Master /servant relationship between the UK and the TCI to come to an end," an apparent dyed-in-the-wool Astwood asserted.

Astwood further emphasized that local leaders should begin to prepare the people for determining their own destiny.

"I believe that it is now, more than at any time in our history, that we as Leaders must prepare our people for Self Determination. The time has come to express our full confidence in our people to lead our country as an independent nation."

"I am a strong believer, Her. Excellency, that ALL people should have the opportunity to think freely, to communicate freely, to manage their own affairs with others free-

ly, to choose who their friends are freely, to choose whom to like and whom to dislike freely, to choose the destiny of the country and the people freely, and not simply be comfortable with relegating ultimate power and control to others, especially to individuals living half a world away," the opposition leader further emphasized.

He accentuated that there should be no way in this dispensation that the TCI people should still have parliamentary and cabinet decisions having to be signed off by and approved by "Those who are not born of here, those who do not live here, those who do not understand the struggles being faced here, and those who do not understand the aspirations of the people living here."

Astwood assured Governor Daniel-Selvaratnam that his speech was not a matter of him drawing the battle line, but rather to be taken as the Turks and Caicos People yearning for the British to see and treat them as equals rather than subjects.

"...That is not meant to be contentious or combative in any way. Many of us look forward to the day when our leaders can dialogue with British leaders as equals, and not as subjects, forming voluntary relationships. "We must be cognizant of, and know, all positions in a historical context. We must know those things that live in the events of the past, and those things that live in us, which are part of us in the present," Astwood noted.

He added: "Knowing the story of our people is knowing our existence and the potential that we contain in ourselves. It makes us see ourselves as being empowered and capable in this world, instead of believing ourselves

to be forever a depended and colonized country.

"Therefore, I recognize all those who had occupied this land we call our home, the Turks and Caicos Islands. To that end, we think of the native Lucayans who occupied this land as far back as A.D 600.

"We think of those who came in 1512 and 1709 and claimed this land on behalf of the Spanish, French, and then the British Empire, while enslaving the Indigenous populations. We think of those who were forced to come here as slaves, from Africa, to work in the salt ponds and plantations.

"We think of those whose families came here as migrants, and we think of those who have come in recent times.

We are remorseful and grateful for all who played a role in our country's journey to this point here today."

Astwood pointed out that, for many in the Caribbean region, including the TCI: "The fight to get to where we are today, has been a very painful experience, because the British rule had been carried out with imperialism, dominance, control, and submission, and many residents of the English-speaking Caribbean are resentful towards the United Kingdom, for this history.

"For much of its early history, the British ruled their empire through terror. The colonies were run as a military dictatorship, often under martial law, and the majority of colonial governors were military officers. "Special" courts and courts-martial were set up to deal with dissidents, and those who resist enslavement and oppression.

"These so-called courts handed out rough and speedy injustices. Normal judicial procedures were replaced by rule through fear; resistance was crushed, and rebellion suffocated. There was the absence of law, other than that decreed by a military Governor.

"From 1804, until no more than a decade ago, we experienced the independence of many Caribbean countries and the democratic celebrations observing these achievements. Many of our Neighbours now celebrate the value of being able to have the determination of the government, the determination of choice, giving power to the population to choose their own destiny.

"Unlike many of the African nations, who never had the opportunity to carry out the process of development before achieving independence, as they went from absolute freedom, to the worst of slavery, and then passed to republics, we in the TCI have had time to learn and adopt best practices, put in place institutions of good governance, earn our own money, and have learned what development really means. Therefore, we must by now be thinking of giving power to the people and to the country."

The unprofessional professional

By Sandra Currie: Originally printed in the Jamaica Observer

Some people in the workplace make life uncomfortable for other employees.

One definition of professionalism states that it is “a person’s ability, competence, and behaviour in a particular profession. It is aiming for high standards, a remarkable performance, and better connections with patrons and co-workers”.

It aims to develop a courteous attitude when interacting with one’s peers at the workplace. It is a style of conduct typically designed to be composed, in control, impartial, cordial, and generous. It combines several traits, not just academic proficiency or polite behaviour. All of this comprises professionalism, but, alas, not all who claim professionalism possess these qualities, despite being super certified and trained to the pinnacle.

The workplace throws people of varying personalities, attitudes, and behaviours together in a space and they are forced to synergise. This synergy has the propensity to produce unmatched success. It can also manifest hell or heaven on Earth depending on where you are hired and with whom you work.

In an office environment, it’s important to be thoughtful when it comes to your interactions, acknowledging

other people’s time and how you treat them. However, you must never lose sight of the fact that people will be people, so lower your expectations when you meet that ‘professional’ with whom you will be required to spend some time, irrespective of how long.

According to Katy Curameng, director of career planning and development at the University of Massachusetts, “In the working world, your professionalism incorporates the way you carry yourself, your attitude, and the ways you communicate with others. Being professional can ensure a positive first impression, successful interpersonal relationships, and a lasting reputation within your organisation and industry.”

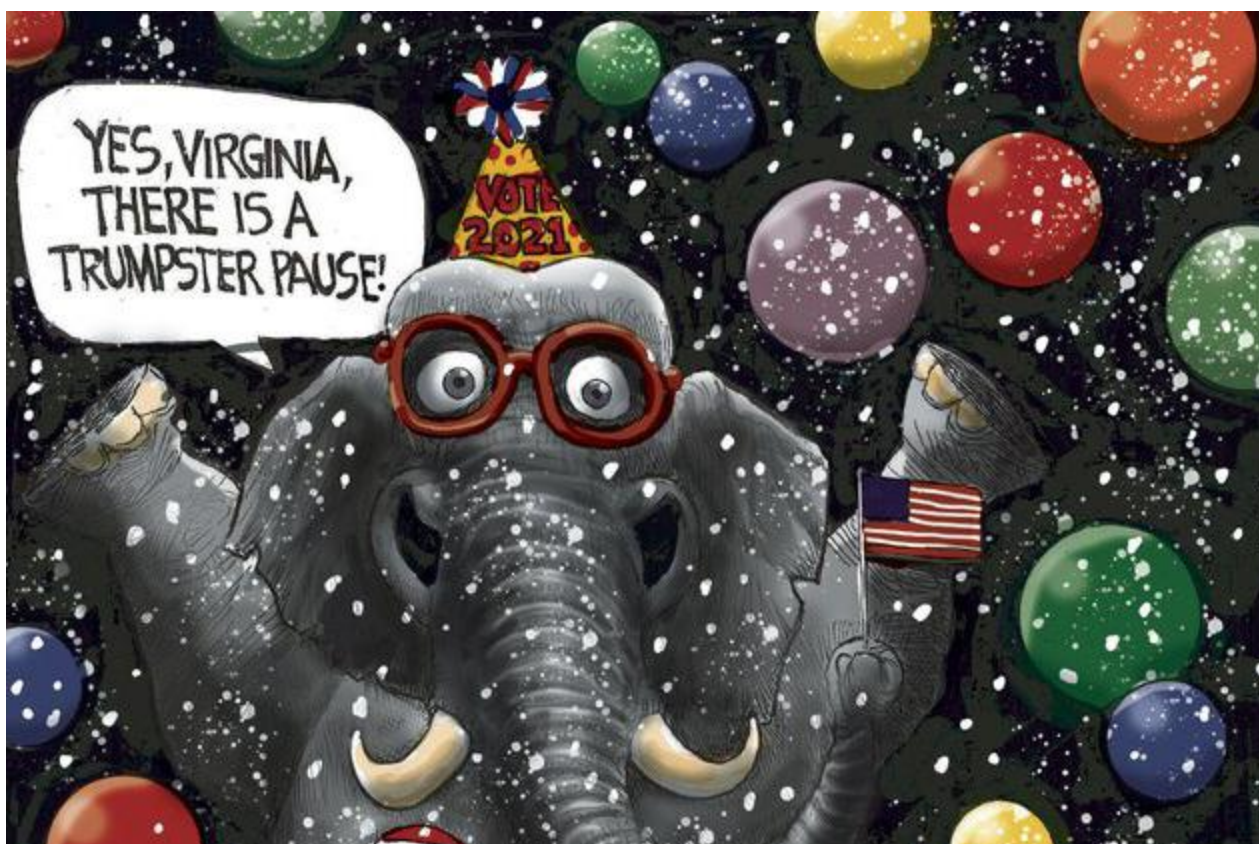
This is the ideal, but in reality, there is always that one office tyrant who is clad daily in a suit masquerading as a professional, demoniacally foaming at the mouth and terrorising all. They totally ignore the importance of workplace etiquette and how critical it is to ensure that their presence not be a burden on others’ work experience while employed to the organisation. The significance of a legacy to be proud of is totally lost as they trudge through the office like an obnoxious drill sergeant who must be saluted at

every turn.

Higher level learning institutions will deliver multiple lectures on the subject of professionalism and its importance. Being a professional requires that the requisite knowledge, skills, and development are displayed in the execution of one’s duties. Seniority should teach an individual something about professionalism, but this is not always the case, despite their possession of a catalogue of degrees “not everyone is trainable. Practising proper workplace professionalism should matter, but this is of no concern to an amoral individual. Employees who act professionally and respect others rarely encounter disagreements or conflicts.

Success and how it is achieved is different for everyone, but engaging workplace decorum can accelerate you regardless of your career goal. If you honour commitments; practise professionalism; and stay dedicated, productive, and respectful of those around you, building an excellent reputation and workplace likeability within your organisation will happen naturally.

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Tourist Board Out; Experience Turks and Caicos In!



DDMO Board Members convene first meeting.

As of July 1, what the country and world have come to know as the Turks and Caicos Islands Tourist Board will cease and will be replaced by "Experience Turks and Caicos", the promulgating arm for the much touted Destination Marketing and Management Organization (DMMO). According to government, the change is aimed to enhance the tourism industry in the region and provide a fresh approach to marketing and managing the destination.

Government stated that prior to the implementation of the transition, Minister of Tourism Hon. Josephine Connolly, along with other officials from the Turks and Caicos Tourist Board, convened a meeting with the board's staff on June 21, 2023. The purpose of the meeting, according to a news release, was to discuss the impending dissolution of the Tourist Board, which was to be debated in the House of Assembly.

During the meeting, staff members were informed about their separation packages, and rectifications were made to address previous miscalculations and misinformation. Connolly expressed disappointment regarding the misinformation provided in previous letters and acknowledged that appropriate legal advice was not sought initially.

However, she emphasized that labor laws and the guidelines outlined in the Turks and Caicos Tourist Board's Staff Policies and Procedures Manual necessitated the provision of separation packages. The board is committed to complying with these regulations.

Miquel Swann, the Immediate Past Interim Director, clarified that initial miscalculations and incorrect advice led to some individuals receiving double payments. He assured the staff that decisions regarding final compensation and separation packages were made in accordance with labor laws and established guidelines.

For her part, Clara Gardiner, Chairman of the Turks and Caicos Tourist Board, expressed the

board's satisfaction with the revised calculations and extended apologies for the miscommunication and misinformation that had occurred. She expressed gratitude to the staff for their dedicated service and pledged to ensure a smooth and transparent winding-up process.

According to government, the introduction of Experience Turks and Caicos is expected to bring fresh perspectives and strategies to promote tourism in the region.

"With this transition, the Turks and Caicos Islands aims to attract more visitors, offer unique experiences, and continue to grow as a sought-after destination. As the new Destination Marketing and Management Organization takes the helm, stakeholders and tourists alike are optimistic about the positive impact it will have on the tourism industry in the Turks and Caicos Islands," the release from the Tourism Ministry said.

On Monday, June 26, Experience Turks and Caicos convened its first-ever Board of Directors meeting, marking a significant milestone in the shaping and coordination of the archipelago's burgeoning tourism sector.

The DMMO, a pioneering public-private social partnership, is said to be looking about ensuring the long-term sustainability and continued growth of the tourism industry in the ten islands of Turks and Caicos.

The Board of Directors, consisting of representatives from both the public and private sectors, convened to deliberate on strategies and chart a course that should solidify Turks and Caicos as a premier global tourist destination.

During the meeting, the board received updates on the recruitment status for new staff and discussed plans to finalise hiring senior executives for the organization in the upcoming weeks.

"As a collaborative initiative, Experience Turks and Caicos, emphasizes the importance of partnerships between the public and private sectors



Minister of Tourism Hon Josephine Connolly

in realising the vision of a sustainable and thriving tourism sector. By leveraging the expertise and resources of both sectors, Experience Turks and Caicos, seeks to foster innovation, strengthen destination management, and enhance the visitor experience," the Ministry of Tourism release said.

The board also explored new marketing and destination branding opportunities, acknowledging the crucial role of effective promotion in attracting discerning travellers to the Turks and Caicos Islands.

"With its pristine beaches, vibrant culture, and breathtaking landscapes, Turks and Caicos is poised to captivate the global tourism market, and Experience Turks and Caicos is committed to showcasing the destination's unique offerings to the world," the release further noted.

The inaugural Board of Directors meeting, according to the Tourism Ministry, heralds a new era in the tourism industry of Turks and Caicos, as Experience Turks and Caicos takes the helm in shaping the future of destination management.

"With its unwavering focus on sustainability, collaboration, and innovation, Experience Turks and Caicos will spearhead initiatives that enhance the visitor experience, elevate destination branding, and drive the long-term success of the tourism sector," the release continued.

It added: "The journey has begun, and Experience Turks and Caicos anticipates a bright and prosperous future for the tourism industry of the archipelago. Stay tuned for further updates on the Ministry and Experience Turks and Caicos' mission to position Turks and Caicos as a world-class destination."

Prisoners Make Second Quarterly Visit To Church



Inmates of Her Majesty's Prison, prison officials and officials of the Grand Turk Methodist Church take time for a photo on Father's Day at the church

The Department of Correction and Rehabilitation continuing its mission to foster positive relationships between the community and the department, when on Sunday, 18 June 2023, it hosted its second quarterly church visit to the Grand Turk Methodist Church for its Father's Day Service.

Among the Department representatives and Ministry of-

officials were Minister of Home Affairs, Hon. Otis Morris, Permanent Secretary Mrs. Bridgette Newman, Head of Secretariat, Ms. Shanetta Thompson, Superintendent Mr. Michael Woodbine, members of the senior management team, officers, and inmates visited the Grand Turk Methodist Church for their Father's Day Service.

Superintendent Woodbine highlighted in his address,

the impact of people being away from their children on Father's Day and public sector workers who often miss significant family celebrations due to their work commitments.

Mr Woodbine also spoke about the difficulties of resettlement, accommodation, employment and community acceptance for ex-prisoners and asked for community support in embracing those returning to society post-imprisonment, in an effort to tackle the occurrence of reoffending and recidivism.

The superintendent spoke of the importance of faith in the prison and the support, hope and opportunities faith offers to all.

During the service, one inmate shared his experience and how incarceration impacted his life and family. This was received by the congregation with cheers along with some tears.

Produce from the farm and other food items were presented to Reverend Claire Robinson for distribution to members of the congregation.

The Department of Correctional Services will continue to provide rehabilitative opportunities for inmates and prepare them for reintegration into society.

TCI Youth Blaze Twitter With Thought-Provoking Repatriation and Home Construction Discussions



An engaging and transformative Twitter discussion took place last night, bringing together prominent leaders and passionate participants to address the pressing issue of repatriation and building a better future for the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Moderated by the esteemed Leo Lightbourne, the event featured a distinguished panel of speakers who shared their insights and perspectives on this critical topic.

Panelist Zhavargo Jolly, a well-known Radio Talk Show Host, emphasized the importance of youth taking proactive measures to become entrepreneurs. He urged the younger generation to be action-oriented, stating, "This generation needs to focus primarily on action! We must create opportunities for ourselves as youth."

Researcher Steven Ulyse shed light on the significance of cultural development, highlighting

the need for a dedicated museum that focuses primarily on the unique heritage and identity of the Turks and Caicos Islands. Ulyse stated, "Having our own museum that represents us as a people is crucial for preserving our culture and fostering a strong sense of identity."

Youth Leader Donnie Gardiner Jr. expressed concerns about the lack of transportation options and limited job opportunities, which are driving young people away. He stressed that it is up to the youth to create opportunities within the country, asserting, "We must take the initiative to build a brighter future for ourselves."

Caricom Youth Ambassador Andy Missick delivered a powerful message, emphasizing the importance of youth returning home to contribute to the country's development. He encouraged collective action through group economics, stating, "If we don't build our country, someone

else will. Let's come together and advance ourselves locally."

Antwon Walkin, Carifta Medalist, highlighted the need to rely less on the government for opportunities and emphasized the power of collective action. He stated, "As Turks Islanders, we must not solely rely on the government for opportunities. We have the ability to come together and create them ourselves."

The conversation lasted two hours, with each speaker allotted five minutes to share their views. Following the panel discussion, an open mic session provided an opportunity for all guests to express their experiences and thoughts, with each participant given two minutes to contribute.

Moderator Leo Lightbourne emphasized the goal of the discussion, which was to explore the challenges faced by the youth and identify tangible solutions. Out of this enriching dialogue, key action steps emerged:

- 1. Establish a National Youth Council to amplify youth voices.**
- 2. Organize more Youth Networking Events to foster collaboration.**
- 3. Pledge to speak positively about local businesses.**
- 4. Nurture National Pride through education and active participation.**

Moving forward, the focus will be on translating these action steps into meaningful change and fostering collaboration to create a brighter future for the Turks and Caicos Islands.

The Twitter Discussion attracted an active audience of 145 listeners and was hailed as a resounding success. The event has ignited a wave of enthusiasm and determination to address the challenges faced by the youth and drive positive transformation within the community.

RTCIPF gets 18 New Constables



Deputy Governor Her Excellency Anya Williams (in red) and Premier Hon. Washington Misick greet the newly minted police officers upon their arrival from The Bahamas



Eighteen newly minted police constables, on June 25th, received heroes' welcome having spent six months training in The Bahamas Police Training School and will join the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force (RTCIPF).

The group, consisting of both men and women, were welcomed by Her Excellency Acting Governor Anya Williams, Premier Hon.

C Washington Misick, Minister of Tourism Hon. Josephine Connolly, and Commissioner of Police Trevor Potting upon their arrival at Howard Hamilton International Airport. Acting Governor Williams expressed her pride in the group for their willingness to serve their country and take on the role of public service in the police force. She reminded them of the importance of serving

with integrity and humility as law enforcers. Premier Misick added that his government is committed to providing all necessary resources for the new officers to carry out their duties effectively.

Commissioner Botting expressed his pride in their achievement and thanked their families for their sacrifices.

"Having met and interacted with you before your departure six months ago, I had high expectations. And you have exceeded such. I am very proud to call you colleagues and welcome back home. Public service is the best service you can give.

"We are taking the fight to the criminals, and your arrival coincides with the assistance the Force needs. We will use your newly acquired skills to keep the TCI safe. Your enthusiasm warms my heart and I, along with the Force Executive celebrate your success. Welcome back home and we look forward to seeing you make a difference in the TCI," Commissioner Botting said.

Five officers received awards following their training. They are:

Constables Receiving Awards

- Salvester Harvey: Baton of Honor
- Marx Berlyn Jean: Directors Award
- Salvester Harvey: Top Gun
- Reny Innocent: Most Physically Fit
- Ronaldo Scafe: Best Drill and Deportment
- Shawna Gray: 2nd place Defensive Driving
- Salvester Harvey: Traffic Award
- Reny Innocent: 2nd Place in Firearms.

On June 22, the 18 graduates were part of a joint passing out parade at Rawson Square, Bahamas.

Deputy Commissioner of Police, Rodney Adams, who was present at the ceremony, addressed the officers, by indicating the baton has now been passed to them, in the office of constable.

"I wish you to remember that you are society's beacon of hope. The decisions you make as officers now will lay the foundation for those that will follow you in the coming years. You now represent your organizations, the Royal Bahamas Police Force and the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force. Make us all proud of what you will do daily as you police these wonderful communities. "As you reflect on the policing principles and standards of professional behavior, remember you are not masters of society. You are servants, you will be carrying out a critical role in your respective communities. You will not only represent yourselves and your families," Adams said.

The We Funk Junkanoo Group greeted the constables as they departed the airport terminal and went to reunite with their families. They will have time to rest before beginning their official orientation.

Consultation On Proposed Amendments To Immigration Ordinance, Regulations Launched



The Ministry of Immigration and Border Services has announced the launch of the public consultations on the proposed amendments to the Turks and Caicos Islands Immigration Ordinance.

The Ministry, working in collaboration with the Ministry of Home Affairs, who has remit for citizenship, and the Immigration and Population Policy Council (IPPC), has concluded its internal reviews of the ordinance and has gained Cabinet’s approval to engage the public on the proposed amendments.

Key highlights are the proposed time limits on work permits, the changes to residency by investment, the increased powers of officers, the vestment of authority in the Director General and the need for persons to carry proof of status producible upon request by an officer.

Additionally, there are new categories of PRC and Temporary Work Permits and the opportunity for Business Visas and some classification of Temporary Work Permits to be purchased at ports on arrival.

The public consultation will be undertaken in three main phases, the first being the publica-

tion of the proposed amendments on June 30th, followed by the launch of an online survey and email address for feedback on July 15th, and countrywide face-to-face live engagement with the public commencing the week of July 17th. The entire process will be brought to a close on July 31st, 2023.

The Minister of Immigration and Border Services, the Hon. Arlington A. Musgrove, in speaking on the initiative states, “My team and I, along with the members of Cabinet, have put in long hours and engaged in deep debate about what improvements should be proposed for the Immigration Ordinance. Likewise, the Chair and members of the IPPC and the management of the Ministry of Home Affairs have also been instrumental in their contribution to this process. “I am now asking that the public make a concerted effort to actively participate in the many avenues for engagement on the proposed amendments and to ensure that they provide feedback so that we all work together to shape the future of our beloved country.”

Notices of the commencement of future phases will be issued in due course and the public is

encouraged to participate in the consultation process.

Please see the attached proposed amendments to the TCI Immigration Ordinance and Regulations 2021.

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Environmental Health Department Begins Garbage Collection Services Registration

The Environmental Health Department in accordance with Environmental Health standards and guidelines is tasked to maintain, manage and implement programs responsible for all aspects of waste management in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

The Department is currently improving its

collection services and seeking residents’ and homeowners’ full cooperation in this endeavor. The continued collection system will involve registering your property with the department and paying a monthly fee based on your property type and frequency of collection.

Therefore, Environmental Health Department encourages all residents are asked to visit the Environmental Health Department Offices to complete the registration forms. For any questions and for further information please contact the department on 338-2143/44.

The Loren At Turtle Cove To Redefine Luxury In The TCI



Ground-breaking for construction of The Loren At Turtle Cove Resort Condos and Villas on Thursday. From Left Mark Sage of Olympic Construction; Hon. Jamell Robinson – Minister for Infrastructure; Governor Her Excellency Anya Williams; Premier Hon. Washington Misick; Walter Gardiner of Regency Christies International Real Estate; Tom McCosker, representative of the Loren Hotel; Tourism Minister Hon. Josephine Connolly; and The Loren Turtle Cove Development Partner, Arik Kislin.

The highly anticipated ground-breaking ceremony for The Loren at Turtle Cove, the third resort under the esteemed Loren brand, took place Thursday, June 15, marking a significant milestone for the renowned hotel chain.

Amidst an air of excitement and anticipation, guests and dignitaries, including Premier Hon. Washington Misick, Deputy Governor Her Excellency Anya Williams, Minister of Tourism Hon. Josephine Connolly, Minister of Infrastructure Hon. Jamell Robinson, gathered at the picturesque site next to the beach, to witness the remarkable event.

Construction is set to commence immediately, and The Loren at Turtle Cove is expected to open its doors to guests in late 2026.

The third resort by the Loren brand aims to set a new standard for luxury hospitality in the Turks and Caicos Islands, combining contemporary design with a deep appreciation for the natural surroundings. The hotel's architectural plans incorporate sustainable and eco-friendly elements to ensure minimal environmental impact. With its striking blend of modern elegance and island charm, The Loren at Turtle Cove promises to be a sanctuary for the discerning traveler, seeking a serene and indulgent retreat. The resort, which will open in 2026, and boasting six beachfront villas, 25 condominium units, and a 34-room resort hotel, will deliver breathtaking ocean views for its astute travelers.

In line with The Loren brand's commitment to fostering connections with the local community, The Loren at Turtle Cove pledges to create numerous employment opportunities for residents.

"We are thrilled to break ground on The Loren at Turtle Cove, our third resort under the Loren brand," said Tom McCosker, representative of the Loren Hotel, calling the ground-breaking a milestone.

He said the construction of The Loren would redefine luxury in the Caribbean.

The first Loren Hotel was constructed in Bermuda in 2017, and according to McCosker, the aim was to establish a boutique brand, and to offer the ultimate guest experience.

Saying that the model exceeded their expectation, McKosker pointed out that the aim was also to ensure that all its rooms were great rooms, with all being on the same level of zenith quality.

"We didn't want to find any location to build on, we wanted to find the best location the destination has to offer. We didn't want to maximize the number of villas and condos, we wanted to optimize the number for the property. And we didn't want to a restaurant to simply be an amenity of the hotel, we wanted it to be the heart and soul of the property and community," he said, noting that that was the idea when they started out in Bermuda.

Governor Her Excellency Anya Williams, said the project does have history in the Turks and Caicos Islands, as a project for that site was reviewed in 2014. "So, we are very pleased that May 2022, we re-approved a development agreement for this project, and that now we are actually seeing a shovel in the ground...because that's what's most important," she said. "We look forward for this development coming to fruition to the investment that's being made. From what we've seen, it is a beautiful property, we look forward to job opportunities that it is going to provide. And even more so, we look forward for persons being able to come to TCI, to enjoy our true natural beauty, as we continue to build brand Turks and Caicos," the Deputy Governor added.

For his part, Premier Hon. Washington Misick said he was looking forward to the resort's ribbon cutting.

"We hope at the opening we will be able to collect taxes," the premier quipped. "So, it is critical that we get the job done."

He said the Turks and Caicos Islands had a big

problem, which is trying to contain all of the development interests targeted towards the country. "We are about creating social synergy. My government wants to see triple bottom sustainability...the environment, the economy, and we must never forget that at the end of the day, it must be about people. It must be about the people who live here, it must be about the people who come here, and it ultimately must be about creating an inclusive environment where everyone could live in harmony. To the extent that that gets out of balance, because of greed or for any other surreptitious motive, it spoils it for all of us," the premier warned.

Walter Gardiner Jr., whose real estate company Regency Christies International Real Estate is responsible for selling the property, dubbed the event a great day in the history of the Turks and Caicos.

"...Not because we are doing another ground-breaking of one of so many projects that happen in the Turks and Caicos. This project is very unique. A few of the unique things about this project that stood out to me, and I want to mention here today. First of all, it is a true low-density product," Gardiner said, emphasizing that all of the rooms will face the water, whether to the beach or the marina.

He said The Loren at Turtle Cove could breathe more life into the local boating industry.

Gardiner also pointed out that The Loren brand is known for supporting local culture, instead of imposing a foreign culture where it plant its stakes.

"It is no better example of that than the fact that this brand chose two local companies to lead the charge for two important factors as it relates to development – and that is construction, which is headed by Olympic Construction and the real estate, which is headed by our company – Regency Christies International Real Estate.

"So, we thank the developers for their confidence in local expertise, and we are looking forward for them embracing other expertise as they develop this wonderful resort," Gardiner said. Development Partner Arik Kislin, who told the audience that he has been working in the TCI for the past 17 years, was proud to have watched Providenciales developed into what it is today. "I feel very fortunate to become part of this community...it is truly a special place," he said. Kislin revealed that when he saw the property some 11 years ago, immediately formed a vision for it.

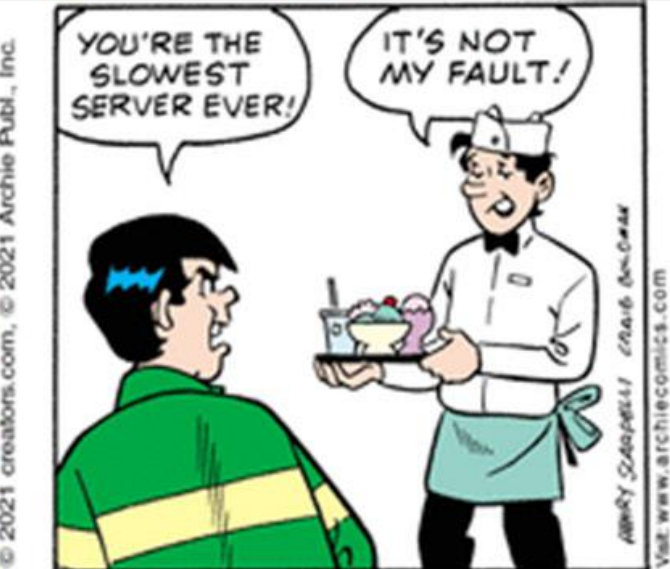
"I have a vision to make sure that this piece of property, and the uniqueness of it would experience something of a six-star joy and a true full luxury experience, low density quality product," he said. He pointed out that in-keeping with the legacy of the former Third Turtle Resort that was raised in the mid-1960s the restaurant that would be built on the property would be called the Third Turtle Café.

Olympic Construction was represented at the event by Gwen Harvey.

Ha ha Ketchum's

Dennis the Menace

Miss NO-it-all



NEWSLINE COMICS

LOOK AT MY BABY, IT'S SOOOOOO CUTE!

NO, LOOK AT MINE, IT'S MUCH CUTER!

WHICH ONE'S MINE!?

Cyanide and Happiness © Explosm.net

Cheshire Hall Plantation

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Thomas Stubbs, brother of Wade Stubbs owner of Wade's Green Plantation (Bellefield) convinced Thomas to seek his fortune in the Caicos Islands. Thomas Stubbs settled on Providenciales (then known as Blue Caicos) in the late 1700s and name his plantation after his home county. The buildings were constructed from locally cut limestone.

Up to the early 1800s, Cheshire Hall was the most important site on Providenciales and at its height was comprised of about five thousand acres and employed hundreds of slaves.

After a few decades of mild success, the boll weevil insect, soil degradation and hurricane damage put an end to the cotton industry in the Turks and Caicos.

HON. RACHEL TAYLOR HOSTS MEN’S & BOYS’ WELLNESS DAY

Member of Parliament for Five Cays (Electoral District 9) and Minister of Education and Sport Hon. Rachel Taylor, and members of her committee, staged the community’s first Men’s and Boys Wellness Day at the Felix Morley Community Centre in Five Cays on Saturday, June 24. There was a great deal of activities, including blood pressure and blood sugar tests, carried out by the TCI Hospital Management and staff. A barber was on hand who was seen busying cutting the hair of several young men from the community. The TCI Community College with its TVET Programme was on hand to demonstrate some of its programmes. They Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force’s Community Policing arm also showed support for the event. There were also a number of fun-filled activities, plus a variety of giveaways. The following are photo highlights of the event.





Full Swearing-In Speech By Her Excellency Governor Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam



Governor for your admirable and dedicated service as Acting Governor over the last three months. Thank you all for your presence here today to bear witness to my swearing-in as the 16th Governor of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

It is a great honour, in which I have pledged to serve, in sincerity, the people of the Turks and Caicos Islands, working with your elected representatives in support of all areas of the nation's life. In this resolve, I will seek to protect the well-being of all and work to support the advancement of national development of the Turks and Caicos Islands for a more sustainable and prosperous future. During the last six months, since my appointment was announced, I had the welcome opportunity to meet Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Premier, Her Excellency the Deputy Governor, the Hon. Attorney General, the Hon. Ministers of Immigration and Health; the Commissioner of Police and a number of government officials. In March 2023, I also had the opportunity to attend the Northern Caribbean Security Summit as part of the TCI delegation, where I spent a valuable three days discussing critical issues of national security with leads from a number of partner agencies.

I glad to now be here and look forward to spending much of my first ten days visiting each of your constituencies to meet as many people as possible. As I make my way through every inhabited island, I will listen and hope to begin to appreciate your rich and multifarious societies; to witness with my own eyes the beauty and diversity of each of the islands; and to learn about the gains and challenges these bring.

I am grateful to elected members for facilitating the tours, which are a key priority for me. I am sure each constituency is unique and only through meeting as many of you as possible, can I begin to understand your respective concerns and ambitions for the

islands and how I must shape my Governorship.

My previous role taught me much about the issues and challenges Caribbean Territories face, our relationship with the United Kingdom and the region more widely. I will build on that experience to deliver the constitutional responsibility I now come to bear. I am acutely aware of some of the issues on your minds, in particular national security, social development, the Constitution and the economy.

My meetings with elected representatives, communities, officials and bodies, over this coming month, will equip The Governor's Office Turks and Caicos Islands me with what I need to help focus my priorities to serve best the interests of the Turks and Caicos Islands. Tackling the present challenge, of ensuring the safety of these precious islands requires, now more than ever, a strong relationship between the police, partner agencies and our communities that they serve.

I will be working closely with all involved, including international partners, to address the stark levels of criminality and much needed justice reforms to tackle this. Through partnership and by ensuring the rule of law prevails, we can ensure appropriate protections, continue to welcome visitors and reassure investors that these islands remain safe and prosperous.

The Archbishop of Canterbury said during the Coronation ceremony of King Charles III: 'We crown a King to serve. The King of Kings, Jesus Christ was anointed not to be served, but to serve. He creates the unchangeable law of good authority that with the privilege of power comes the duty to serve.' As I embark on my Governorship,

I will seek to serve firmly the interests of the Turks and Caicos Islands and commit to taking forward my duties with humility, integrity, and openness. May God bless these beautiful by nature islands Turks and Caicos, and all those who call it home.

Your Honour Mr Speaker, Your Ladyship the Chief Justice, Honourable Premier, Honourable Leader of the Opposition, Your Excellency the Deputy Governor, Honourable Attorney General, Honourable Ministers, Honourable Members of this House, former Members of the House, Commissioner of Police, and ladies and gentlemen of these beautiful islands, Good morning. Mr Speaker may I first thank you for the opportunity to address this House.

Your Ladyship for administering the oath. Honourable Premier and Honourable Leader of the Opposition for your kind welcome remarks and Her Excellency the Deputy

All Temporary License Plates Outdated

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in collaboration with the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force, wishes to advise the general public that ALL Temporary Plates (T-Plates) are no longer valid.

With immediate effect, any vehicle found to be operating with these plates will be ticketed. This will be strictly enforced.

License plates are in stock and available for collection, so please go to the DMV on your respective Island to collect your plates.

The general public is reminded that no vehicle should be operating without the proper license plate attached to the front and rear of the vehicle. Additionally, no vehicle should be operating with an expired decal or expired insurance policy. All drivers must also be in possession of a valid driver's license. Persons are urged to visit the Department of Motor Vehicles to ensure that they are up to date and compliant with the Road Traffic Ordinance. Failure to do so will result in persons being fined.

Please note that the DMV's office operating hours are Monday to Thursday, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm and Friday 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

For more information, contact the Director or Deputy Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles via the numbers or email addresses below:

- Director DMV: wcaley@gov.tc (649)-338-5028
- Deputy Director DMV: jrlaporte@gov.tc (649)-338-5202.

Life Line

FEATURED CHURCH

This week on Newsline Feat-ured Church, we highlight the Church of Christ, locat-ed in Blue Hills, Providen-ciales. The Church of Christ offers several opportunities for weekly worship. On Sun-day at 9a.m. is Devine Wor-ship. At 6:30p.m. is evening service. On Wednesday starting at 6:30pm is Bible Study and prayer meeting. The church is founded on Romans 16:16 – “Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you.” Its bedrock is also built on 2Corinthians 9:1-15. The Church of Christ is pa-stored by Jack Phanor and Patrick Forbes.



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.

<p>Christ is the Answer Ministry, George Alley Off Aviation Drive, Providenciales Tel: 241-8030</p> <p>One Nation Empowerment Center Church Ministry, Suite #12 Alliance Business Center, Princess Drive, Grace Bay, Providenciales. Tel: (649) 244-6194. Email: apostleyoung1952@yahoo.com.</p> <p>Touch of Love Ministries International Center Industrial Park, Five Cays, Providenciales Tel: 941-4903 Fax: 941-7731</p> <p>Abundant Life Ministries International P.O. Box 696 Christian City, Leeward Highway, Providenciales Tel:941-941-4750 Fax: 941-4755</p> <p>Anglican Church Rectory Grant Turk, Front Street, Grand Turk Tel:946-2289</p> <p>Bethany Baptist Church, Blue Hills, Providenciales Tel:941-4803 / 941-5632 / 941-5118</p> <p>Church of God of Prophecy, Lower Bight, Providenciales Tel: 941-8854</p> <p>Bible Study Ministries, Grand Turk Tel:946-1866</p> <p>Calvary Baptist Church, South Caicos Tel:946-3212</p>	<p>Church of God of Propesy, Providenciales Tel:941-3438</p> <p>Roman Catholic Church, Providenciales, Tel: 941-5136</p> <p>Faith Tabernacle Church of God, Providenciales, Tel:946-4073</p> <p>New Testament Church of God, Orea Alley, Grand Turk Tel:946-2175</p> <p>New Testament Church of God, South Caicos Tel:946-3631</p> <p>Methodist Church, Grand Turk Tel:946-2352</p> <p>Healing Waters Ministries, Blue Hills Providenciales Tel: 941-5867</p> <p>House of Prayer Church of God, Long Bay Road Providenciales Tel: 941-8309</p> <p>Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses, Darrell Road, Grand Turk Tel:946-2727</p> <p>Mount Mariah Baptist Church, Conch Bar Middle Caicos Tel:946-6205</p> <p>New Beginning Harvest Ministry, Pond Street, Grand Turk Tel:946-1759</p> <p>New Testament Church of God Orea Alley P.O. Box 495 Blue Hills, Providenciales Tel: 946-1255 Airport Road, South Caicos Tel:231-2402</p>	<p>Paradise Baptist Church, Five Cays, Providenciale Tel:941-4349</p> <p>Revival Faith Center, North Backsalina, Grand Turk Tel:946-2349</p> <p>Salem Baptist Church, Mission Folly, Grand Turk Tel:946-2565</p> <p>Solid Rock Apostolic Ministries International, Discovery Bay Providenciales Tel: 946-5181</p> <p>St. Monica’s Anglican Church P.O. Box 866 Cheshire Hall Providenciales Tel: 946-4046 Fax:946-4046;941-8499</p> <p>Turks and Caicos Mission of Seventh Day Adventists, P.O. Box 803, Providenciales</p> <p>United Pentecostal Church, Brown’s Plaza, Leeward Highway, Providenciales Tel: 956-5852</p> <p>Wesleyan Methodist Church, Blue Hills, Providenciales Tel: 946-4075; 941-4223; 941-3596</p> <p>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@newslinetci.com</p>
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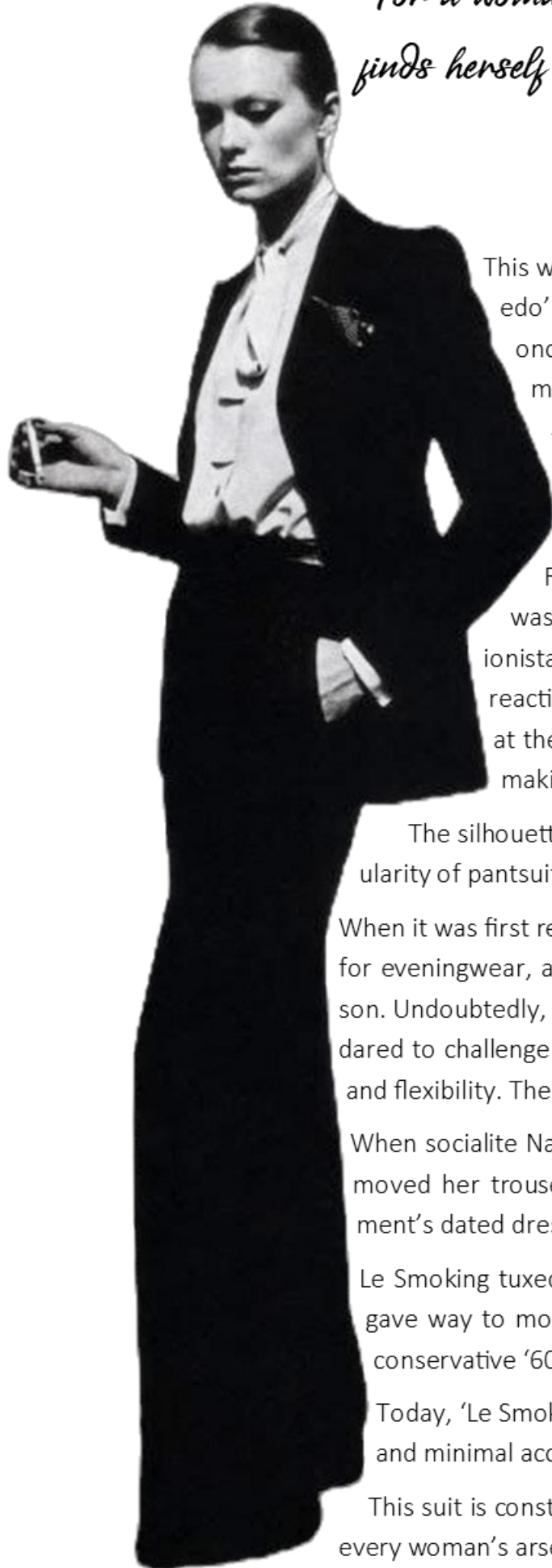
Le Smoking Tuxedo

Le Smoking tuxedo 1966

"For a woman, Le Smoking is an indispensable garment with which she finds herself continually in fashion, because it is about style not fashion."

Fashions come and go, but style is forever."

Yves Saint Laurent



This week, I'd like us to take a look back into fashion history, specifically, 'Le Smoking tuxedo' of 1966. This garment, like the bikini or mini dress, is just another in a long list of once-controversial women's garments which have now blended into the fashion mainstream.

The name nods to the 19th Century men's smoking jackets, whose silk lapels were designed to allow any ash falling from cigars or cigarettes to slide off, keeping the jacket clean.

Revealed in his Haute Couture Fall/Winter 1966 collection, it came at a time when it was frowned upon for women to wear trousers in public. The reactions between fashionistas and the layman were quite different. Fashionistas had overwhelmingly positive reactions whilst the masses did not gravitate towards the new style. Only one was sold at the time. However, the label's younger clientele was quick to purchase it, eventually making the tuxedo a classic.

The silhouette pioneered minimalist androgynous styles for women, as well as the general popularity of pantsuits today.

When it was first revealed, it was the first time that any couturier had presented trousers as an option for eveningwear, and women wearing it were refused entry by some restaurants the following season. Undoubtedly, one of the main reasons 'Le Smoking' was initially controversial was the fact that it dared to challenge the gender regulations of fashion. Today, it exists as a symbol of gender openness and flexibility. The design of the 'Le Smoking' suit at the time was a costume of rebellion.

When socialite Nan Kempner was turned away from restaurant Le Côte Basque in New York, she removed her trousers and wore the blazer as a mini dress, single-handedly mocking the establishment's dated dress code.

Le Smoking tuxedos found their moment to shine when the 70's were entered. That new decade gave way to more adventurous fashions and more rebels willing to try them—a far cry from the conservative '60s.

Today, 'Le Smoking' is a versatile staple for the modern woman—make it classy with some pumps and minimal accessories or go bolder with a crop top underneath and a blood lip.

This suit is constantly being reinvented, solidifying itself as a truly timeless article that should be in every woman's arsenal.

DECR hosts Environmental Stewardship Awards



The Department of Environment and Coastal Resources hosted the Environmental Stewardship Awards, on Wednesday, June 28, coinciding with World Environment and World Oceans Day.

The DECR took the opportunity to honour individuals and organisations that have kindly contributed their assistance to the DECR to further conservation and an environmentally sustainable Turks and Caicos.

This year, 41 recipients were recognised for their stewardship at an event held in Providenciales, after a brief hiatus.

"We are elated to be resuming the annual Environmental Stewardship Awards. When we first acknowledged the community's commitment to environmental issues, in 2014, we did so with deep gratitude to those who assisted us to further our mission and vision of ensuring that the TCI remains 'Beautiful by Nature'," said Director of the DECR, Lormeka Williams.

Director Williams continued: "We are fortunate to be bolstered by a community that cares, a community that tries, and we are

stronger together! Our work at the DECR relies on the collective effort: action, education, presence and concern – We see you and we extend our deepest thanks for all you have done for the Department, and for the broader community".

Guests also had an opportunity to hear about an exciting project the DECR is collaborating with the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) on: Technical assistance programme for effective coastal-marine management in the TCI.

The programme, which is developing an enhanced evidence base to support status assessment and management programmes in coastal and marine environments, provides tools, in-depth support and capacity building to assist decision making in implementing a new TCIG Environment Strategy.

"If you, your school or organisation would like more information on how you can become an environmental steward, or you would like to sign up as a Community Conservation Partner, please contact the DECR's Environment Outreach Coordinator, Amy Avenant aavenant@gov.tc," a news release from the DECR Instructed.

21st Jadot Cup Dinner Raises \$18,000



Patron and Chairman of the TCAAF, Honorable Galmo Williams, raising a toast with attendees of the Jadot Cup Dinner



Patrons celebrating the 21st Annual Jadot Cup Dinner at Opus Restaurant



Her Excellency Anya Williams, Acting Governor of the Turks and Caicos Islands, and several other patrons raising their glasses during the Jadot Cup Dinner



Caption: Winners of the 21st Annual Jadot Cup Golf Tournament



The Most Honest Team at the Jadot Cup Golf Tournament

Twenty-five teams participated in the Turks and Caicos AIDS Awareness Foundation's (TCAAF) 21st Annual Jadot Cup Golf Tournament which commenced at 1:30 pm at the Royal Turks and Caicos Golf Club on June 4th. The attendees of the tournament had an entertaining and exciting afternoon. The celebrations commenced with a Jadot Cup Dinner on Friday, June 2nd at Opus Restaurant hosted by the Wine Cellar. Opus provided a delectable array of dishes that were paired with fine Jadot wines.

The Patron and Chairman of the TCAAF, Honorable Galmo Williams highlighted, "The Turks and Caicos AIDS Awareness Foundation would like to applaud Tony Arata and the Opus team once again for hosting this charitable annual fundraiser which continues to support the Youth Centre and persons living with HIV/AIDS in the TCI. Sean Wilson and the RTCGC team did a fantastic job in hosting our tournament and we truly appreciate their unwavering support." Terry Drummey, the Edward Gartland Youth Centre Chairman, Jadot Cup Chairman, and

TCAAF Director stated that "This year, 100 players participated in our fundraiser and I would like to personally express continued appreciation to our silent auction donors, our hole sponsors and the community of TCI for their contributions which enable the foundation to make impactful strides in executing its mandate. A special congratulation to the winning team members: Ian Miller, Gillian Miller, Emer O'Sullivan, and Tim O'Sullivan." Head Professional Sean Wilson stated, "The Royal Turks and Caicos Golf Club is pleased to be involved in the creation and as the continuous venue of the Jadot Cup. Our staff and members are always eager to support this great cause through the tournament. We look forward to next year's event." TCAAF said it is extremely grateful for the support of the below-listed Silent Auction and Hole sponsors of the 2023 Jadot Cup, who made this year's event a success. They are: Bay Bistro, Caicos Café, Casablanca, Dive Provo, Finishing Touch, Grace Bay Resorts, Grant Thornton, IGA, Miller Simons O'Sullivan, Opus, Projetch, Associated Medical Practice, Casablanca Casino, Dave Parlee, Grace Bay Market, H2O Lifestyle Resort, Hugh O'Neil, K9, Ocean Club, Seven Stars, Waratah, Graces Cottage, Hemingway's, Johann Pretorius, Point Grace, Rock House, Royal Turks & Caicos Golf Club, Tom & Sarah Dieffenbach, Wine Cellar, Wymara Resorts & Villas

Karresa Gardiner Appointed HRMD Human Resources Deputy Director



Gardiner holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Sales & Marketing from DeVry University in Florida, United States, and a Master's Degree in Human Resource Management from the University of Westminster in London, United Kingdom.

The Office of Deputy Governor has announced that Ms. Karresa Gardiner has been appointed to the post of Deputy Director of Human Resources within the Human Resource Management Directorate (HRMD) effective 1 July 2023.

Gardiner holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Sales & Marketing from DeVry University in Florida, United States, and a Master's Degree in Human Resource Management from the University of Westminster in London, United Kingdom. She is also an Associate Member of the Chartered In-

stitute of Personnel and Development (CIPD), a globally respected professional body that governs and sets standards for HR professionals. She has also earned numerous advanced certificates and diplomas from the Continued Professional Development (CPD) Certification Service in various subject areas, including HR Strategies, Leadership & Management, HR Consultancy, Budgeting & Financial Reporting, Compliance Management, UK Employment Law, HRM, Performance Management and other areas. Gardiner brings with her the unique experience of being exposed to the HR field in both the private and public sectors. While in the private sector, Ms. Gardiner worked for Shore Club as a Manager in the Human Resource Department and played a vital role in the day-to-day management of HR operations.

She joined the public service in 2013 as a Human Resource Officer (HRO), responsible for the execution of HR strategies, services, and programs within various ministries. She demonstrated success advising senior managers on a wide range of HR functions.

Following a break from public service to complete her postgraduate studies, Gardiner returned to the HRMD as the Senior Human Resource Compliance Officer, a strategic function with the overall responsibility for TCIG's Performance Management System. In this role, she oversaw implementing and maintaining systematic improvement processes to enhance performance management across the service while ensuring compliance with various HR policies across TCIG.

Gardiner, commenting on her new appointment, stated: "Thanks be to God for opening doors of opportunity. I am truly grateful and excited for this tremendous opportunity to take on new responsibilities in such a vital role. I am passionate about the HR discipline. I want to thank the amazing family and support system I have been blessed with for their unwavering support in my dedication to the human resources profession.

"I am determined to continue contributing my best ef-

forts to re-engineer the efficiency and effectiveness of HR strategies within the public service.

"HR is a complex and vital domain that is always exciting and challenging. As such, I am eager to help improve the Human Resource Management Directorate's (HRMD) internal processes so that we provide nothing but the best service and advice to all our stakeholders.

"Moreover, HR professionals are learners who strive for new ways to solve old problems. I am a committed life-long learner who will continue to grow, which makes me confident and highly optimistic about our HR team's continued success. I look forward to working hard to continue to make a positive impact in my new role."

Acting Governor and Head of the Public Service, Her Excellency Anya Williams, in extending congratulatory remarks to Ms. Gardiner, stated:

"It is with great pleasure that I officially congratulate Ms. Karresa Gardiner on her appointment as the new Deputy Director of Human Resources within the Human Resource Management Directorate.

"Ms. Gardiner has a wealth of experience in the human resources field, including recruitment, employee relations, performance management, training and development, talent management, and benefits administration.

"Her background in serving persons in the public and private sectors has given her a unique advantage in helping her to understand the human resource needs of both sectors.

"My office has set ambitious objectives for the 2023-2024 financial year and beyond, which require successfully recruiting and retaining several vital roles across the government.

"I am confident that our newly appointed Director of the Human Resource Directorate, Ms. Hamilton, assisted by her newly appointed Deputy Director of the HRMD, Ms. Gardiner, will work with their teams to ensure that the government's human resource needs and other objectives are met."

TCIG Signs Agreement With Hamilton Education Foundation

Signing of the Hamilton Education Foundation. From left - Legal Counsel for Invest Turks and Caicos, Ms. Judith Garland; Premier Hon. Washing Misick; Hon. Dr. Rufus W. Ewing, Director and Chairman of The Hamilton Education Foundation; Acting Governor Hon. Anya Williams; and Ms. Yvette Marcelin, Legal Counsel for The Hamilton Education Foundation.



The Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands, on June 15, signed a development agreement with the Hamilton Education Foundation for the construction and operation of the Hamilton University School of Medicine and Hamilton University Medical Center in the Turks and Caicos Islands, to be located in Grace Bay, Providenciales. The signing ceremony was attended by the Premier Hon.

Washington Misick, The Acting Governor, Her Excellency Anya Williams, the Director and Chairman of The Hamilton Education Foundation, Hon. Dr. Rufus W. Ewing. Legal Counsel for Invest Turks and Caicos, Ms. Judith Garland and the Legal Counsel for The Hamilton Education Foundation, Ms. Yvette Marcelin were also in attendance. The Hamilton University School of Medicine and Ham-

ilton University Medical Center will be housed in a purpose-built 46,000 square foot five-story state of the art building in Grace Bay. The institution aims to address the current and emerging health challenges and will provide medical education and training to meet the growing demand for physicians and health care professionals in the Turks and Caicos, the Caribbean region and globally.

In addition, through the University Medical Center and community-based health programs, the university will enhance equitable access to health services through specialist medical programs, medical tourism, transnational education, and collaborative research.

The Hamilton University School of Medicine, the Hamilton University Medical Center, and its affiliated Hamilton University Research Institute are slated to drive health innovation and global health equity and socio-economic transformation of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

The Premier, in his remarks, expressed that the development of the Hamilton University School of Medicine and the University Medical Center will go a long way in achieving his government's commitment to the diversification of the TCI economy through social and economic transformation, while also addressing the health challenges of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

The Acting Governor in her remarks stated that the university, through its health and research programs, will enhance Turks and Caicos visibility on the global stage and recognition as a major player in addressing the global health challenges.

Tips to yield a restful sleep



After a night spent tossing and turning, you wake up feeling like a few of the Seven Dwarves: sleepy and grumpy. Restless nights and weary mornings can become more frequent as we get older and our sleep patterns change. In women, it often begins around the time of menopause, when hot flashes and other symptoms awaken them. Later in life, there tends to be a decrease in the number of hours slept. There are also some changes in the way the body regulates circadian rhythms. This internal clock helps your body respond to changes in light and dark. When it undergoes a shift with age, it can be harder to fall asleep and stay asleep through the night.

We all have trouble sleeping from time to time, but when insomnia persists day after

day, it can become a real problem. Beyond making us tired and moody, a lack of sleep can have serious effects on our health, increasing our propensity for obesity, heart disease, and type 2 diabetes.

Tired of feeling tired? Here are some simple tips to help you get to sleep:

EXERCISE

Going for a brisk daily walk won't just trim you down, it will also keep you up less often at night. Exercise boosts the effect of natural sleep hormones such as melatonin. A study in the journal *Sleep* found that postmenopausal women who exercised for about three and a half hours a week had an easier time falling asleep than women who exercised less often. Just watch the timing of your workouts. Exercising too close to bedtime can be stimulating. Morning workouts

that expose you to bright daylight will help the natural circadian rhythm.

RESERVE BED FOR SLEEP

Do not use your bed as an office for answering phone calls and responding to emails. Also, avoid watching late-night television there. The bed needs to be a stimulus for sleeping, not for wakefulness.

KEEP YOUR BEDROOM COMFORTABLE

Television is not the only possible distraction in your bedroom. Ambience can affect your sleep quality, too. Make sure your bedroom is as comfortable as possible. Ideally, you want a quiet, dark, cool environment. All of these things promote sleep onset.

START A SLEEP RITUAL

When you were a child and your mother read you a story and tucked you into bed every night, this comforting ritual helped lull you to sleep. Even in adulthood, a set of bedtime rituals can have a similar effect. Rituals help signal the body and mind that it is coming to be time for sleep. Drink a glass of warm milk. Take a bath or listen to calming music to unwind before bed.

EAT – BUT NOT TOO MUCH

A grumbling stomach can be distracting enough to keep you awake, but so can an overly full belly. Avoid eating a big meal within two to three hours of bedtime. If you are hungry right before bed, eat a small healthy snack (such as an apple with a slice of cheese or a few whole wheat crackers) to satisfy you until breakfast.

AVOID ALCOHOL AND CAFFEINE

If you do have a snack before bed, wine and chocolate should not be part of it. Chocolate contains caffeine, which is a stimulant. Surprisingly, alcohol has a similar effect. It makes you a little sleepy, but it is actually a stimulant and it disrupts sleep during the night. Also, stay away from anything acidic (such as citrus fruits and juices) or spicy, which can give you heartburn.

DE-STRESS

The bills are piling up and your to-do list is a mile long. Daytime worries can bubble to the surface at night. Stress is a stimulus. It activates the fight-or-flight hormones that work against sleep. Give yourself time to wind down before bed. Learning some form of the relaxation response can promote good sleep and can also reduce daytime anxiety. To relax, try deep breathing exercises. Inhale slowly and deeply, and then exhale.

GET CHECKED

An urge to move your legs, snoring, and a burning pain in your stomach, chest, or throat are symptoms of three common sleep disruptors – restless legs syndrome, sleep apnea, and gastroesophageal reflux disease or **GERD**. If these symptoms are keeping you up at night or making you sleepy during the day, see your doctor for an evaluation.

US Approves Lab-Grown' Chicken Meat

Pieces of Good Meat's cultivated chicken is shown at the Eat Just office in Alameda, Calif., Wednesday, June 14, 2023. The Agriculture Department issued final approvals Wednesday, June 21 to California firms Upside Foods and Good Meat to sell the products, known as "lab grown" or "cultivated" meat.



United States (AP)— For the first time, US regulators on Wednesday approved the sale of chicken made from animal cells, allowing two California companies to offer "lab-grown" meat to the nation's restaurant tables and eventually, supermarket shelves.

The Agriculture Department gave the green light to Upside Foods and Good Meat, firms that had been racing to be the first in the US to sell meat that doesn't come from slaughtered animals — what's now being referred to as "cell-cultivated" or "cultured" meat as it emerges from the laboratory and arrives on dinner plates.

The move launches a new era of meat production aimed at eliminating harm to animals and drastically reducing the environmental impacts of grazing, growing feed for animals and animal waste.

"Instead of all of that land and all of that water that's used to feed all of these animals that are slaughtered, we can do it in a different way," said Josh Tetrick, co-founder and chief executive of Eat Just, which operates Good Meat.

The companies received approvals for federal inspections required to sell meat and poultry in the US. The action came months after the

US Food and Drug Administration deemed that products from both companies are safe to eat. A manufacturing company called Joinn Biologics, which works with Good Meat, was also cleared to make the products.

Cultivated meat is grown in steel tanks, using cells that come from a living animal, a fertilised egg or a special bank of stored cells. In Upside's case, it comes out in large sheets that are then formed into shapes like chicken cutlets and sausages. Good Meat, which already sells cultivated meat in Singapore, the first country to allow it, turns masses of chicken cells into cutlets, nuggets, shredded meat and satays.

But don't look for this novel meat in US grocery stores anytime soon. Cultivated chicken is much more expensive than meat from whole, farmed birds and cannot yet be produced on the scale of traditional meat, said Ricardo San Martin, director of the Alt:Meat Lab at University of California Berkeley.

The companies plan to serve the new food first in exclusive restaurants: Upside has partnered with a San Francisco restaurant called Bar Crenn, while Good Meat dishes will be served at a Washington, DC, restaurant run by chef and owner Jose Andrés.

Company officials are quick to note the products are meat, not substitutes like the Impossible Burger or offerings from Beyond Meat, which are made from plant proteins and other ingredients.

Globally, more than 150 companies are focusing on meat from cells, not only chicken but pork, lamb, fish and beef, which scientists say has the biggest impact on the environment.

Nebraska groom dies one hour after his wedding



Toraze and Johnnie Mae Davis kiss at their wedding ceremony. (Photo via NBC News).

A groom in Nebraska died an hour after his wedding ceremony began.

According to an NBC news report, Toraze and Johnnie Mae Davis walked down the aisle last Monday and promised the rest of their lives to each other.

The newly married couple reportedly went outside to take wedding pictures. Shortly after, the groom fell, and an ambulance responded, turning what was supposed to be a happy occasion into a tragedy.

The groom reportedly died from a blood clot. The "happiest day of their lives turned into a day of tragedy," Monica Miller, the bride's supervisor who was at the wedding, told NBC News.

Friends are now trying to support the bride. An online fundraiser to help with funeral expenses and the couple's children had raised more than \$12,000 as of Friday evening.

"She went from planning a wedding to now planning a funeral," said Miller, who is organising the fundraiser.

Grand Turk Dolphins Are FortisTCI Under 17 Elite Youth League Champs



Leishawn Green from the Provo Lions received the prestigious Golden Glove.



Most Valuable Player went to Rosaria Talbot from the Provo Jaguars.



Kaiden Bobb of the Provo Falcons was awarded the Golden Boot



In an exciting conclusion to the FortisTCI-Sponsored Turks and Caicos Islands Football Association (TCIFA) Elite Co-Ed Under 17 League, the Grand Turk Dolphins emerged as the champions. The season concluded with a thrilling final round group matches, which went down to the wire at



the TCIFA Academy field on Saturday, June 24. The Dolphins, which needed to beat the North Caicos Seals dethrone the Provo Lions, who were close on their heels, did so courtesy of a two nil scoreline.

The Lions, who needed to win their two games did so, but that was not enough to get them over the line.

Throughout the season, a total of 30 games were played, showcasing the talents of young footballers from Grand Turk, North Caicos, South Caicos and Providenciales. The league witnessed a total of 87 goals scored, highlighting the competitive nature of the tournament. Approximately 130 players participated in the event, including national team representatives

such as the under 14 girls, under 15 boys, under 17 girls, and under 20 boys.

Individual players were recognized for their exceptional performances during the league. Leishawn Green from the Provo Lions received the prestigious Golden Glove award for his outstanding goalkeeping skills. Kaiden Bobb of the Provo Falcons was awarded the Golden Boot for scoring the most goals throughout the competition. The title of Most Valuable Player went to Rosaria Talbot from the Provo Jaguars, acknowledging her remarkable contributions to her team's success.

The final standings of the league were as follows: Champions the Grand Turk Dolphins claimed the top spot with 23 points from their 10 games. The Provo Lions secured second place with 20 points, closely followed by the Provo Falcons with 19 points. The Provo Jaguars finished the competition with 14 points, while the South Caicos Mariners earned 7 points from their 10 games. The North Caicos Seals ended their campaign with three points.

The Grand Turk Dolphins' victory serves as a testament to their hard work, teamwork, and skillful play throughout the season. Their success will undoubtedly inspire young football enthusiasts in the Turks and Caicos Islands, fostering a passion for the sport and encouraging the development of future talent in the region.

Real Madrid to Stage 3-Day Youth Camp In TCI



World renown soccer club Real Madrid will be hosting a camp in the Turks and Caicos Islands between July 7 and 9, for children ages seven to 14, and featuring one of the club's legends

José María Gutiérrez Hernández.

The camp will be sponsored by Desarrollos Hotelco, which is also organizing the three-

day free camp.

"The camp will offer a unique opportunity for young players to learn from highly qualified soccer trainers from the renowned Real Madrid team, providing an unparalleled experience and nurturing their skills," Desarrollos Hotelco representative Roberto Stipa in a press release.

Stipa said that the full information of the camp will be unveiled at a news conference slated for the Ritz Carlton on July 6.

"To commemorate the launch of this initiative, we are hosting a press conference where we will provide in-depth insights into the soccer camp and its significance in promoting sportsmanship and skill development among young athletes.

"We are delighted to announce that our esteemed guest for the event will be none other than José María Gutiérrez Hernández, a legendary Real Madrid figure. José María Gutiérrez Hernández, widely known as Guti, is a Spanish former professional footballer who displayed exceptional skills as an attacking midfielder throughout his illustrious career.

"Born on October 31, 1976, Guti showcased his unwavering dedication to excellence by representing Real Madrid in 542 official games, where he also served as vice-captain. His contributions played a pivotal role in the club's success, including the triumphant clinching of three Champions League titles and five La Liga championships.

"Guti's passion for the game extended beyond Spain, as he also showcased his talent in Turkey, playing for Beşiktaş. Additionally, Guti proudly donned the Spanish national team jersey, earning 13 appearances since his debut in 1999," Stipa further stated in the news release.

Calendar Of Events For The TCIFA

The Turks and Caicos Islands Football Association will be embarking on several activities between September and October. The following is the list of activities:

1. "Kick For a Cause"

Corporate 7v7 Football Competition

Date/ Time: Saturday, July 22, 2023 10:00am

Venue: TCIFA National Academy (Turf Field)

2. "Walk-Run-Ride"

Date:Time: September 16, 2023 5:30pm

Venue: TCIFA National Academy (Start and End)- route to be announced.

3. The Inaugural TCIFA Awards Gala Ball

Date/Time: Friday, October 13, 2023 7:00pm

Venue: The Shore Club

Oseta Jolly Are Inter-Primary Cricket Champs



Action from the youth cricket competition



Rawle Gill, Cricket Development Officer at the TCICA presents the championship trophy to Oseta Jolly Primary School.



The competition was fierce both with the bat and the ball.



The females held their own during the tournament.



Albernique McIntosh was named MVP for the tournament.

Friendly Competition after turning back the challenges of the Thelma Lightbourne Primary in the final of the three-team competition.

The match which was played the Downtown Ball Park saw the Kenisha Thompson-coached Oseta Jolly taking first knock and scored 87 runs from their allotted eight overs, with Bradley Singh top-scoring with 46 runs.

In reply, Thelma Lightbourne were skittled out for 32 runs, with the top-scorer getting a mere six runs, giving Oseta Jolly a 55 run win.

Female player, Albernique was named player of the tournament.

Rawle Gill, Development Officer for the Turks and Caicos Islands Cricket Association, and who coordinated the tournament, said the competition was geared towards developing the next generation of cricketers, to keep the national sport alive in these islands. "We had a programme running for 10 weeks. Every Saturday from 9a.m. to 11a.m. So, coming to the end of the school term, we decided to have a playoff among the three schools – Enid Capron, Oseta Jolly and Thelma Lightbourne," Gill said.

He told NewslineTCI that Cricket needs to return to its glory days in the TCI, and that, the tournament was one way of doing so. He said there is currently a gap between the senior players and youth players. And so, having events such as the primary school

tournament was aimed to bridge that gap.

"We are trying to bring back cricket to the Turks and Caicos Islands, because Cricket is the national sport. And, after the senior cricketers would have left, well, we don't have anyone else," Gill lamented. "So, we have to bring the youth in it now. The transition from primary school to secondary school...what we intend to do is to have them register with the TCI Cricket Association, so they would have forms to take home to their parents and then return...so then, when they get into high school, we still have a grip on them, so we can continue with the cricket." Gill pointed out that the aim of the Cricket Association is to pave the way for at least one youth player to be included in the senior team, to help with their development.

"What we are trying to do is that each team in the senior men's competition, should have a youth. Right now, we do not have any youth who has reached that standard. And so, we want to raise the standard so that each team must have a youth player in the future," pointed out, telling us that the aim of the competition was to get them up to speed, so that when the time comes for them to make the transition into the senior team, they would do so seamlessly. "So right now, we are getting them to know the basics and then we are going to change them from the soft ball to the hard ball," Gill said.

Oseta Jolly are champions of the Turks and Caicos Islands Cricket Association Inter-Primary School



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