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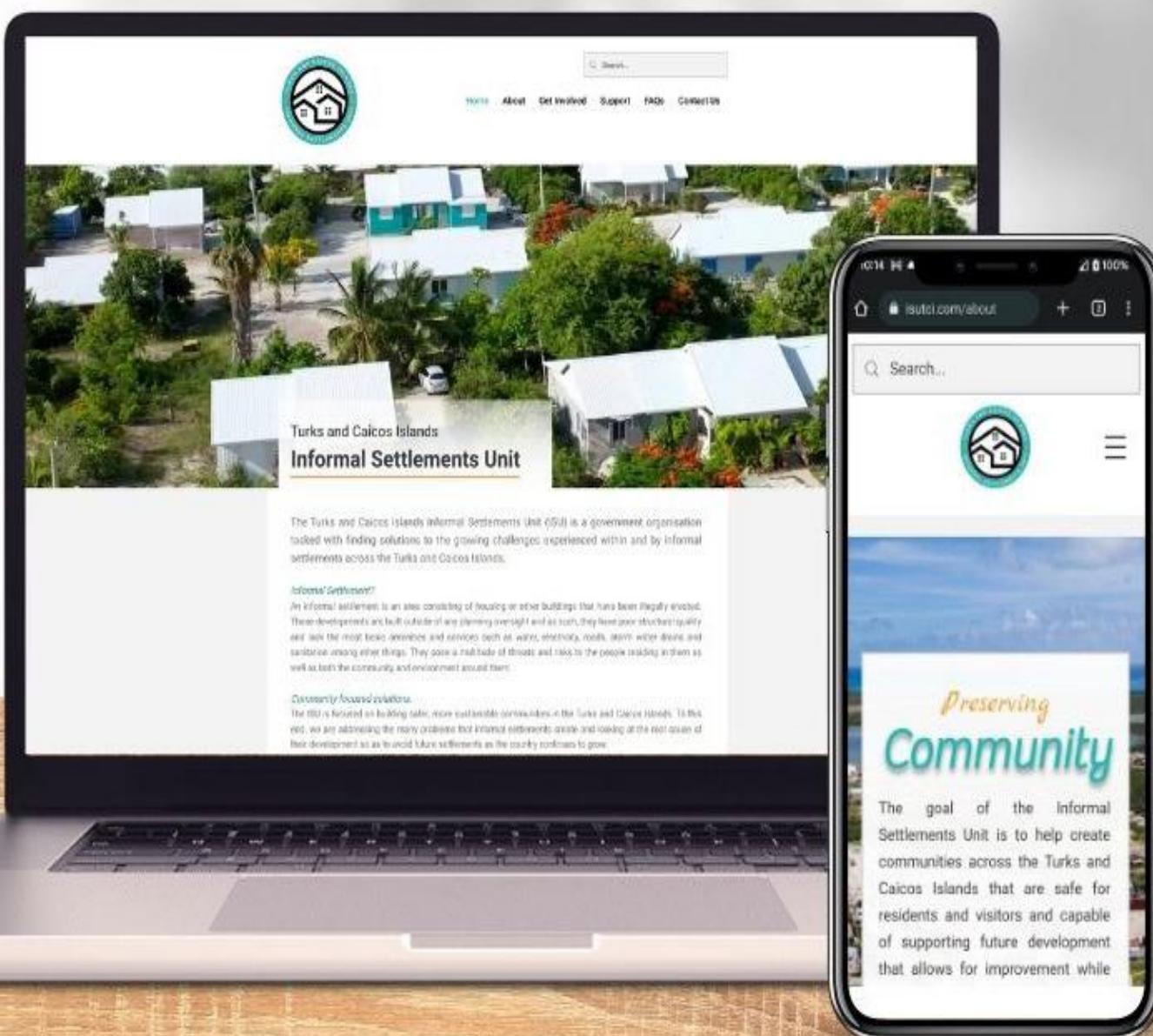
Grace Bay Club Leg of Caribbean Food and Wine Festival

The Grace Bay Club leg of the Caribbean Food and Wine Festival, which signified the kick-off to the annual food and wine extravaganza took place on Thursday, October 12. The event served up a variety of food, wines and spirits, in addition to good music and lively conversations. The evening topped off on a high note with a colorful display of fireworks.





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Finger-losing American Tourist sues local watersports company



A New York Tourist, who lost one of his fingers after his hand came into contact with a sharp implement from an eFoil ride, is suing.

Assegide Mark Getachew, a New York attorney, who was accompanied by his family on the vacation, claimed that SURF TCI Ltd. trading as FLY TCI gave no warning that the apparatus was potentially dangerous.

The plaintiff, who is represented by George C. Missick of Geordin's Attorneys at Law, claim alleges that the accident and his injuries are due to FlyTCI's negligence. Getachew contends that the company failed in its duty to provide crucial warnings and training on the proper use of the surfboard, leaving him and his family exposed to unforeseen dangers.

When contacted, FLY TCI, represented by Conrad Griffith of Griffith and Partners, was initially apprehensive about answering some questions surrounding Getachew's case. However, upon revealing that we were in receipt of the legal claim and that the court document was in the public domain, they responded but declined to give any further comment. "We are aware of and handling any historic events that have occurred within our business thoroughly and efficiently. We follow diligent, and thorough practices as a business and all matters go through the proper legal and insurance channels if and when needed."

Court papers, obtained firsthand, peel back the layers of this case. Details from these documents reveal that on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, Getachew, along with his two children and two additional minors between ages 9 and 15 years, arrived at one of FLY TCI's

operation locations adjacent to Grace Bay Club for a pre-booked e-foil surfing session.

The claim states "The Defendant through its agents fitted the plaintiff and the four children with helmets, life vests, and water shoes before giving a short 10 to 15 minute briefing focused on how to operate the e-foil, with the only safety instruction being a benign reference that they should try to fall to the left, right, or rear of the board, but not the front, to avoid being hit by the board."

"At no time was the plaintiff or any of the children warned as to the nature of the risk or potential serious harm, including the real likelihood of a traumatic bodily amputation, such as that suffered by the plaintiff."

Following the briefing, the plaintiff and the accompanying four children, each equipped with a board, entered the water to commence their e-foil experience. Meanwhile, two of the defendant's employees also took to the water with their own boards to provide intermittent assistance.

However, shortly into the session things took an unfortunate turn as the plaintiff fell off the board. That fall resulted in his right hand being struck by the e-foil blades, which led to the amputation of the top digit of his middle finger on that same hand. Getachew is now speaking out for the first time since the incident. He said, "Had FLY TCI informed us of the extremely sharp exposed parts of the e-foil and the risk of serious injury, including the loss of body parts by one or more prior FLY TCI customers,

I would have never used it and certainly wouldn't have let the children I was with do so."

As per the court documents, the plaintiff attributes his accident to the negligence of the defendant, among other factors. The particulars of such negligence claim include:

- failure to ensure the safety of the plaintiff while he was using the e-foil;
- failure to warn the plaintiff of similar accidents that had occurred involving electric hydrofoil surfboards and the potential risk of individuals suffering serious injuries, including traumatic bodily amputations;
- failure to warn the plaintiff of the inherent dangers involved in using electric hydrofoil surfboards, including the risk of injury from the propellers and the hydrofoil blades; and
- failure to provide proper training on the use of the electric hydrofoil surfboard to the Plaintiff; and failure to remedy any danger.

The Complex World of eFoiling

Research shows that there is a steep learning curve when mastering eFoils. This particular type of equipment, in the simplest of terms, is a motorized board with a mast, and wing - all built of full carbon fiber for maximum durability. Housed inside the board are electronics and a computer with another waterproof casing. There is a space reserved for its battery and charge which plugs into a regular wall outlet.

Meanwhile, the controller of the eFoil wraps around the hand and comes with a trigger for only the motor speed. All other movements like turning and getting lifted are controlled by the body and feet. Most eFoils can reach cruising speeds 25-30 km/h.

The concept of an eFoil has been a controversial debate worldwide for decades. The earliest record of the science behind today's eFoil models dates back to the 1800's. By the early 1900's Alexander Graham Bell managed to successfully create a more efficient model which later evolved into a tool for military use.

Today, eFoiling is marketed as safe and fun for the whole family. However, incidents like Getachew's seem to suggest otherwise. For example, two years ago, an Hawaii family sued a company called WeFoil after their 10-year-old son, a winner of the NSSA West Coast Regional Championships, fell off the equipment, leading to the severance of his thumb by the propeller. Some manufacturers of e-foils have recommended that users should be at least 16 years old.

Experts on efoiling.com say in the world of watersports, injuries are inevitable and those involving eFoils are no exception. They also reveal that eFoiling in shallow water or near the coast elevates the danger.

Sapodilla Bay Beach and Long Bay Beach, are listed as some of the locations for customers to explore.

The Varied World of eFoil Legislation

Amidst all the controversies, Canada stands out as one of the few countries globally that currently prohibits eFoil boards. Any propeller-driven surfboard-type vessels are illegal under Canadian laws and violators face a pricey fine. In Switzerland, eFoils are also banned. Conversely, countries like the United States, Austria, Germany, The Netherlands, France, and Italy have legislation in place to regulate motorized boards.

Most operators, whether it be for personal or rentals, are required to register their eFoils. Some jurisdictions additionally mandate a serial number to be placed on the eFoils and for them to be operated in low-density areas for the safety of other individuals who may be swimming or partaking in other watersports activities.

'I Hope The PDM Are Happy'



Chief Justice Mabel Agymang

It was all teary eyes in the Supreme Court Annex along the Leeward Highway in Providenciales late Thursday morning after Chief Justice Mabel Agymang pronounced a one-year sentence on former deputy premier and minister of finance Floyd Hall and a six-month sentence for former speaker of the House of Assembly Clayton Greene.

A plea by the defense to have the sentences suspended fell on deaf ears, as the judge declared she would have none of it. About half hour after the judgement was handed down, the two were whisked away in a marked police vehicle to the station for processing and to return in the early afternoon for the confiscation judgment.

Hall was sentenced after he was found guilty of bribery, while Greene was sentenced on money laundering charges. Both were found guilty a few weeks prior, by the said judge.

The lawyers for both men filed an appeal into the matter, and for their release, pending the appeal. However, Greene was able to secure his release, but Hall was taken into custody, and at press time, he was not released.

The judge, in her judgement stated that she took into consideration the length of time the case had been going on and the number of character reference letters penned on their behalf.

A confiscation session was held late in the day, where the judge ordered that a little under one million dollars was to be taken from Hall, and \$330,000 from Greene.

Director of Public Prosecution Hon. Eugene

Otuonye weighed in on the matter, bringing clarification:

"Following the conviction of Mr Floyd Hall, former Deputy Premier of the Turks & Caicos Islands, the Chief Justice sentenced him to twelve (12) months' imprisonment.

"The sentence was substantially reduced because of the delays that the proceedings have suffered. The Court also imposed a confiscation order in the sum of \$943,295.00 against Floyd Hall to reflect his benefit from the crime of Bribery of which he was convicted. Mr Hall is to pay that sum within 21 days of the conclusion of any appeal that he may bring and provided the confiscation order survives an appeal.

"Mr Hall will serve six (6) years' imprisonment, if he fails to pay the sum of the confiscation order when it falls due. Bail pending appeal was not considered until Mr Hall makes the appropriate application in that regard.

"Mr Clayton Greene, an Attorney with the firm of Clayton Greene Associates, was convicted by the Hon Chief Justice of money laundering, being monies, he received on behalf of Mr Floyd Hall, some of which he placed into a specially formed client account having also opened a ledger for Mr Hall in a disguised name.

"Similarly, taking into account the delays the proceedings have suffered, the Hon Chief Justice sentenced Mr Clayton Greene to a substantially reduced term of six (6) months' imprisonment. The Court also imposed a confiscation order in the sum of \$330,021.00 against Clayton Greene to reflect his benefit from the crime of money laundering of which he was convicted.

"Mr Greene is to pay that sum within 3 months of the conclusion of any appeal that he may bring, provided the confiscation order survives an appeal. Mr Greene will serve five (5) years' imprisonment, if fails to pay the sum of the confiscation order when it falls due.

"Meanwhile, the Court granted Mr Greene bail pending resolution of an appeal which he indicated he will be launching."

Family members and friends went to the courthouse to support the men. Some of the men's supporters – both men and women - could be seen wiping tears and heard sniffing loudly. Some even went as far as to mention that the trial against the men were politically motivated and fabricated.

One of the individuals in the court room could be heard saying, "I hope the PDM (Peoples Democratic Movement) is happy." He continued, "It was the PDM, who started this @#\$%&*, running to the British for them to overthrow a democratically elected government.

"If you did not like what they were doing, then you should vote them out the next election cycle. You should have done what was done to Dr. Ewing (former premier Rufus Ewing)...do what was done to Sharlene (former premier Sharlene Cartright Robinson). If you don't like them, just vote them out at the next election cycle...don't run to Britain for them to solve our problems, when we can solve it for ourselves."

The Progressive National Party, led by ex-premier Michael Misick, was tilted from office a little over a year in his second term in 2008, by the British Government, and a commission of Inquiry ensued, which, at its conclusion, recommended that Misick and many others, including his deputy Hall, Greene - who was speaker of the House at the time, Lillian Boyce, who was education minister, Jeffrey Hall, who was minister of Immigration, and McAllister Hanchell, a former minister of natural resources.

Boyce, who later pleaded guilty to misconduct in public office, agreed to a financial settlement. Also, her plea erased the original charges, which included: defrauding the government and/or Belongers, conspiracy to defraud the government, conspiracy to defraud the PNP (Progressive National Party), conspiracy to disguise the proceeds of crime, acquiring \$1 million knowing or suspecting it to be proceeds of criminal conduct in an arrangement to defraud the government and facilitating Michael Misick in criminal conduct.

However, during Thursday's judgment, Justice Agymang declared that the Boyce deal should never have been made, dismissing it as a mistake no less than three times, stating that it could not be used in consideration for her ruling against Greene and Hall.

The Boyce deal was made by Justice Paul Harrison, who has since been deceased, paving the way for Agymang to take over the case.

After Harrison's death, application was made for the case against all the defendants to end, but the authorities ruled otherwise.

Terrorism by any standard

There will be several perspectives, analyses, and conclusions about Hamas's attack on Israel.

Many will be hard-pressed not to include the Palestinian cause as the *raison d'être* for Hamas's actions. Others will blame Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's long-held animosity and policies, his history of suppression and denial of the rights of the Palestinians, and more recent actions against West Bank Palestinians for Hamas's attacks against Israel. Yet others will blame Iran, a well-known State sponsor of terrorism and Hamas's benefactor, for launching a proxy war against Israel. There may be some truths in these arguments. But there is no justification for acts of international terrorism, and that's what this is.

At the end of the day, no one can plausibly refute the fact that Hamas's attacks against Israel are acts of terrorism. For that, if for no other reason, the entire international community must condemn the attacks. At the same time, we should not take our eyes off the root causes of terrorism and the conditions in the region which give rise to this constant threat. Primary among the reasons is the lack of a peaceful settlement of the age-old conflict between the State of Israel and the Palestinian people. Nothing short of a two-State solution — with Israel and a Palestinian State living side by side under conditions which guarantee security for both — will suffice.

Almost three decades ago, the international community took the unprecedented decision to reject the so-called political exception to acts which would otherwise be characterised as terrorism. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in its December 1994 Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism (1994 Declaration) set a new precedent for how the international community, all states, should treat acts of terrorism. The UNGA's consensus rejected the then often-used and abused political exception to international cooperation against acts of terrorism.

The 1994 Declaration unequivocally "condemned all acts, methods, and practices of terrorism as criminal and unjustifiable, wherever and by whomever committed", and, most importantly, that "criminal acts intended or calculated to provoke a state of terror in the general public, a group of persons, or particular persons for political purposes are in any circumstance unjustifiable, whatever the considerations of a political, philosophical, ideological, racial, ethnic, religious, or any other nature that may be invoked to justify them".

This formulation rejecting the political exception has been adopted and reiterated by the UN Security Council in its pre-9/11 resolution 1269 (1999) and post-9/11 resolutions 1368 (2001), 1373 (2001), 1377 (2001), and several subsequent resolutions. I worked on some of these resolutions while serving on the UN Security Council, with resolution 1377 being adopted under Jamaica's presidency of the council, convened at the foreign ministers' level, with Jamaica's then Foreign Minister K D Knight presiding. It was generally accepted that the political exception no longer had resonance.

There are certain undeniable facts about Hamas's attacks on Israel. Hamas crossed an international border to wantonly kill Israeli civilians on Israeli territory. This was not an attack against the Israeli military. In the process, citizens of other countries, including the United States, were also killed. Women, children, and the elderly were indiscriminately killed in the attacks. This was an attack that was intended to instil fear in the Israeli population and destroy their way of life.

There were reports, of which I have no means of verification, that women were raped in the process. This attack targeted and destroyed civilian properties. Hamas took civilians as hostages, including women, children, and the elderly and took them by force across Israel's border into Gaza to be used as human shields against possible Israeli military response.

By international and moral standards, much of what Hamas did, and perhaps yet to do, are crimes against humanity. Some of these egregious acts may be characterised as war crimes and subject to the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court. In the meantime, these acts are acts of international terrorism which should be universally condemned and prosecutable in any country which obtains future jurisdiction over any Hamas leader deemed culpable for the planning and execution of these attacks.

It has been common knowledge for decades that Hamas receives a great deal of support from Iran. According to reports, over the decades of Hamas's existence, the designated terrorist group has been funded, supplied with arms, and trained by Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC).

Hamas's arsenal of rockets, which rained terror on Israeli civilians, were supplied by Iran. No independent verification is needed. These rockets cannot be classified as intended for defence of Palestinian territory, whether Gaza

or the West Bank. And they were not used in the past for deterrence. These rockets are offensive weapons, to be used for one purpose only — attacking Israel.

Because of Hamas's dependence on Iran, speculations have been sparked that Hamas would not have taken such bold, unprecedented actions, invasion of Israel, without the acquiescence of Iran.

For a very long time, while Israel has been surrounded by enemies of the State of Israel, partially due to the unsettled Palestinian question, Netanyahu has been seen by many, inside and outside of Israel, as Israel's enemy from within. Yet Netanyahu, despite being indicted on several criminal charges in Israel, continues to use the perpetual fear of the Israeli people and his hard line defence policies to coalesce with Israeli hardliners to hold on to power. The attacks by Hamas have destroyed the facade Netanyahu has built about his uniqueness to protect the Israeli people. When the dust is settled, and the Israeli people have had time to investigate Netanyahu's failure, he may finally meet his Waterloo. In the meantime, the Israeli people, as they always have under difficult circumstances, will come together and respond to Hamas's atrocities. There will be many more casualties on both sides. Most will be innocent civilians. The Israeli hostages taken by Hamas will be on the front line and may be among the first to die. The cost of peace is not war. This attack by Hamas, rather than advancing the Palestinian cause, as some are speculating may be the outcome, will have the opposite effect. The Palestinian cause will be set back yet again.

The international community will continue to go in circles on this issue. One country, the United States, has the power and influence to move this issue to an acceptable conclusion. But domestic politics stands in the way, and there is no political will now or in the foreseeable future to change these dynamics.

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Turks and Caicos Islands Continues To Enjoy Bumper Growth In 2023



Minster of Tourism Hon. Josephine Connolly addressing the SOTC on Wednesday at the Shore Club Resort in Providenciales, Turks and Caicos

Visitor arrivals to the Turks and Caicos Islands continue to grow immensely in 2023, records show.

Addressing international and local journalists at a media briefing on Monday, October 9, at the Caribbean Tourism Organisation's (CTO) State of Tourism Industry Conference (SOTIC), Minister of Tourism, the Hon Josephine Connolly said arrival numbers have matched pre-pandemic

levels in 2022 and are on track to do the same this year with both cruise passenger and airline arrivals.

The islands welcomed 321,423 arrivals via air from January to June 2023 with the United States market leading with 291,070 arrivals. There were 28,709 arrivals from Canada, 4,437 from the United Kingdom and 27,207 from the Caribbean and other territories.

Though there was a 13.37% decline in arrivals from 2019 (502,000) to 2021 (434,863), the Turks and Caicos Islands rebounded in 2022 with 621,913 arrivals, a 43% increase over 2021. In cruise arrivals, the Turks and Caicos Islands welcomed 491,806 visitors from January to June 2023. This is a 51.72% increase over the same period in 2022 which saw 324,161 arrivals.

The total arrivals in 2022 were 734,448 compared to 26,573 in 2021. There were 1.1 million arrivals in 2019 with 532,173 arrivals from January to June that year.

Airlift was boosted with non-stop service from major gateways in the US (Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Miami and Fort Lauderdale, New York, New Jersey, Dulles), Canada (Toronto and Montreal), the Caribbean (The Bahamas, Cuba, Dominica Rep, Haiti and Jamaica) and the United Kingdom (London Heathrow).

Minister Connolly announced that on November 4, 2023, Virgin Atlantic will commence their Inaugural Service, to Providenciales from London Heathrow.

As she looked forward to a successful year for the tourism industry which comprises over 85% of the country's GDP, Minister Connolly said the new marketing and product development strategy goes beyond Providenciales, to build awareness about all the islands, the people, each island's unique natural assets, distinct natural beauty and charm.

She said the creation of Experience Turks and Caicos is to promote all of the islands and the development of tours and attractions to assist islanders to benefit from tourism through culture/heritage tours, local culinary offers and adventure tours, land and water-based activities. Before the beginning of SOTIC, the media were given tours to Middle and North Caicos where they explored Mudjin and Bambarra beaches, got a taste of Turks and Caicos cuisine at Miss B's and sampled cane juice and homemade jams at Isaac Farms.

The media, representing publications such as Travel + Leisure, Condé Nast Traveler, TravelPulse, Insider Report, Travel Press, Travel Courier, Travel Influencer, and Travel Noire, will experience tours to Salt Cay, Grand Turk and South Caicos during the course of the week.

They will also enjoy street food delights, custom-themed drinks, and live entertainment by Provision Band at the popular Thursday night Fish Fry.

Man Charged With Assaulting Police Officer

A 48-year-old man is expected to appear before a South Caicos Magistrate on charges of assaulting a police officer and resisting arrest.

The accused, DAVID CLYDE WILLIAMS, of South Caicos, was charged on October 07th, 2023. The charges against Mr. Williams followed an incident that occurred around 1:24 p.m. on October 06th, 2023, whilst a police officer was executing a Bench Warrant.

The officer was medically examined and discharged. Mr. Williams is due to appear in Court on October 24th.

Superintendent of Police (Divisions and Community Policing) Dwight Gardiner said the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force view seriously any attack on its officers and is warning the public that it is unlawful to prevent officers from carrying out their duties, and anyone who does so will be charged.

"The incident is regrettable. Any person who harms any Police Officer in the execution of their duty will be dealt with swiftly within the fullest extent of the law. The RT&CIPF will not tolerate individuals who are disrespectful or obstruct officers from executing their duties.

"I wish to extend my sincerest thanks to the officer for remaining professional in the face of the incident."

7-Storey Andaz at Grace Bay Breaks Ground

By Vivian Tyson, Editor-In-Chief



Her Excellency Deputy Governor Anya Williams (sixth from left) and Tourism Minister Hon. Josephine Connolly (fifth from left), join Minister for Physical Planning and Infrastructure Hon. Jamell Robinson (third from left), Minister of Home Affairs Hon. Otis Morris (right), Robert Greenwood (second from right), Attorney for the project Sophie Stanbrook (fourth from left); and Thierry Guillot, along with other developers in turning the soil to signal the construction start of the Andaz Turks and Caicos Residences on Grace Bay.

The luxurious Andaz brand celebrated a ground-breaking ceremony for its new resort, the Andaz Turks and Caicos at Grace Bay, solidifying its presence in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

The event, held on Andaz' 5.5-acre property, was attended by a diverse group of individuals, including politicians, legal professionals, and members of the real estate industry. The Andaz Turks and Caicos at Grace Bay is set to become the second branded luxury resort in the country, following in the footsteps of the Ritz Carlton.

This seven-storey development is scheduled to open its doors to guests in late 2025, offering a total of 59 exclusive hotel rooms and 74 sale residences. The resort will boast a wide range of amenities, including full indoor and outdoor spas, an indoor fitness studio, an outdoor garden, a tennis court, a kids' activity club, paddle boarding and sailing facilities, as well

as four restaurants and four bars.

The groundbreaking ceremony received a warm welcome from all attendees, including key figures from the political landscape.

Developer Matt McDonald expressed his gratitude to the Turks and Caicos Islands Government, particularly the Physical Planning Department, for its support in bringing this project to fruition.

McDonald emphasized that the Andaz brand is all about personal style, and the developers are committed to enhancing the Turks and Caicos Islands. Thierry Guillot, Senior Vice President of Operations for Latin America and the Caribbean at Hyatt Hotels Corporation, the managing entity for the Andaz brand, noted that while this will not be the first Hyatt hotel in the country, it will be the first Andaz property in the Caribbean. He also mentioned that there are 30 Andaz properties worldwide, with 13 in

the Americas.

Deputy Governor Her Excellency emphasized that the long-awaited groundbreaking for the resort was worth the wait, as Andaz is a renowned global brand that will add a touch of luxury to the country. She highlighted that the focus for the Turks and Caicos Islands is not merely to construct rooms but to create a sustainable tourism product.

Home Affairs Minister Hon. Otis Morris described the groundbreaking as a momentous occasion, signifying a significant step forward for the Turks and Caicos Islands and a commitment to excellence and innovation in the hospitality industry. He emphasized that the event was about creating lasting memories and remarkable experiences for visitors and guests and underlined the potential for Andaz to contribute to the local economy and provide employment opportunities.

Minister of Physical Planning and Infrastructure Development Hon. Jamell Robinson mentioned that the Turks and Caicos Islands were currently hosting the State of Tourism Conference (SOTC) and expressed the hope that future conference delegates would have the opportunity to stay at the Andaz Turks and Caicos. Robinson described the resort as a testament to innovation, elegance, and unparalleled luxury, setting new standards in the hospitality industry.

Regency Christies International Real Estate, managed locally by Walter Gardiner and Robert Greenwood, will be responsible for selling the property. Gardiner commended the government for its forward-thinking approach in attracting quality developers and investors, allowing the project to come to fruition under the Washington Misick administration.

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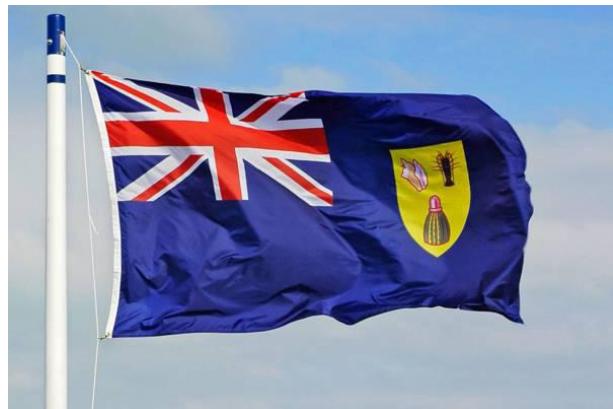
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The 2nd Annual “Made in TCI” Trade Show Returns

November 11



The Department of Trade is thrilled to announce the highly anticipated 2nd Annual “Made in TCI” Industry and Fair Competition Trade Show is back, under the theme “Unveiling Borderless Luxury”, scheduled to take place on 11th November 2023 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at Grace Bay Marketplace. Get ready for an exhilarating celebration of local talent, creativity, and craftsmanship that promises to be bigger and better than ever before. Building on the tremendous success of last year’s inaugural competition, this year’s event is set to be a dazzling showcase of the limitless possibilities of locally produced goods and services. From exquisite hand-made jewellery to delectable beverages, luxurious leather goods, captivating home décor, mesmerising arts and crafts, and even unique to-

bacco products, the “Made in TCI” Trade Show will highlight the best of what the Turks and Caicos Islands have to offer.

The Trade Promotion Song Segment, one of the most exciting features of the event, returns for the 2nd year. Aspiring musicians and performers are invited to create songs that resonate with the theme of local trade, incorporating words like “Trade,” “Market Access,” and “Made in TCI.” These songs, with a maximum duration of four minutes, will be performed live on a grand stage.

A panel of esteemed judges will score the performances. The stakes are high, with fantastic prizes up for grabs:

- First Prize: \$3,000
- Second Prize: \$1,500
- Third Prize: \$500

Unveiling Trade Opportunities in the International Market Competition

For those looking to explore the world of international trade and market access, the competition offers valuable insights into these concepts and their profound impact on exporting goods internationally.

To register in advance for the “Made in TCI” event, participants must meet specific criteria, including being a TCI Belonger, aged between 15-35, and having a product consisting of at least 65% of items derived from or made using materials originating in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Florise Forbes, Senior Trade Officer in the Depart-

ment of Trade, Industry, and Fair Competition, shared, “Our main objectives for this year’s event are to raise awareness about domestically produced goods and services. Also, we aim to encourage the launch of novel services and products and generate sales for participating businesses and exhibitors.”

The prizes for the competition are exceptionally enticing:

- First Prize: \$5,000
- Second Prize: \$2,500
- Third Prize: \$1,000

Join the Excitement!

Don’t miss this opportunity to gain invaluable knowledge and compete for impressive prizes. Be part of the “Made in TCI” Trade Show, an event that spotlights local talent, innovation, and boundless luxury. Event Coordinator and Founder of ANL Luxury Concierge, Tanisha Williams, stated, “We are seeking to bring local awareness to the local community about these wonderful vendors, but more importantly, attract tourists to this amazing event, letting them see what the Turks and Caicos Islands are made of.”

Join us on 11th November at Grace Bay Marketplace for a day of inspiration, innovation, and camaraderie at the 2nd Annual “Made in the TCI” Trade Show. For more information and updates, please visit the event website <https://www.gov.tc/trade/areas/made-in-tci> and follow us on Instagram @ MadeTCI

The logo is circular with a teal border. Inside the border, the text "TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS" is at the top and "INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS UNIT" is at the bottom, separated by a thin line. In the center is a stylized black and white illustration of two houses with gabled roofs and small windows.

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A black smartphone is shown from a side-on perspective, displaying a Facebook feed. The top of the screen shows the time as 3:29, a battery level of 87%, and signal strength. The Facebook interface includes a search bar, a "Posts" tab, and buttons for "About", "Photos", and "More". The main content is a post from the page "TCI Informal Settlements Unit". The post, dated June 12, features a profile picture of a smiling man (Carlos W. Simons) and the text: "Statement By Carlos W. Simons, KC - Strategic L... Informal Settlement Unit." Below the post is a large, partially visible image of the same man smiling.

Informal Settlements Unit Connects with Haitian Community Through the Radio Waves



PROVIDENCIALES, TCI OCTOBER 3, 2023: The informal Settlements Unit (ISU) is continuing its progress with informing the public about the importance of their mission as they reach out to the non-English-speaking communities of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

This intercultural communication has started in the Haitian community via the radio waves. The ISU partnered with a figurehead of the Haitian community, Pastor Solomon Morency, owner of Example of Christ: Radio Creole 95.1 FM, to connect with his listeners and inform them of the organization's efforts.

Speaking on the partnership, Justice Carlos Si-

mons, KC, Strategic Lead of the ISU, said, "We are very excited to partner with Pastor Morency to reach the Haitian community with vital information on our work and the services that are available as we continue our commitment in empowering the non-English speaking residents while helping to mitigate the formation of informal settlements." He continued, "Our organization has taken a proactive approach to address this issue head-on and educate all residents through information. We seek to empower individuals by equipping them with crucial knowledge and resources to navigate the challenges associated with informal settle-

ments."

Pastor Morency has already hosted two live radio shows with members of the ISU and its supporting committees, and he is excited to continue his partnership with the organization to help disseminate information in the Haitian community.

Pastor Morency commented, "I am happy to partner with Justice Simons and his team. Through my station, I have been able to communicate and share important information with the Haitian people here in the Turks and Caicos Islands. By coming down to our station and reaching out to the people, in Creole, it shows how important it is to the ISU that everyone is not only made aware of the situation, but also how to protect themselves against misinformation regarding planning permissions when building their homes or any illegal land deals." Through a translator, Justice Simons, along with members of the Crown Land Unit and the Ministry of Physical Planning and Infrastructure Development, discussed the organization's goal to build safer and more sustainable communities in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

"In an increasingly interconnected world, effective communication is paramount to the work of our organization," Justice Simons said, "and we are excited to continue our collaboration with Pastor Morency to keep everyone informed. We hosted a live call-in show last Saturday, September 30th, where members of the community were able to call in with their questions and concerns, which we were able to answer," he said.

The ISU is also actively updating its website to include both Haitian Creole and Spanish translations to accompany the default English text. A translation into Tagalog is also planned as part of their future updates.

Justice Simons added, "We recognize the challenges faced by non-native English speakers in accessing vital services, information, and opportunities. By making content available in their native language, we are striving to create an environment that fosters understanding, inclusivity, and collaboration."

He continued, "This will be an ongoing effort, and our team will be targeting all these communities through various dissemination channels to ensure that the work and mandate of the Informal Settlements Unit are being shared with all residents, whether English is their first language or not."

For more information on the Informal Settlements Unit, residents are encouraged to visit their office on the 2nd floor of Laporte's Plaza, Downtown, Providenciales, and subscribe to their multilingual website at www.isutci.com on the web.

Residents are also encouraged to follow the organization on their social media pages on Facebook and Instagram @isutci.

Invest Turks and Caicos Agency Appoints Cindy Ewing as Chairman of the Board



Cindy Ewing

Invest Turks and Caicos Agency (Invest TCI) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms.

Cindy Ewing as the new Chairman of the Board. With an exceptional background in finance and

an unwavering commitment to the highest standards of professionalism and ethics, Ms. Ewing brings a wealth of expertise to her new role.

Ms. Ewing's career in the financial sector spans several years, with a proven track record of success at prominent institutions such as Merrill Lynch, Dean Witter, and Bordier Bank TCI. Cindy possesses graduate and postgraduate qualifications in finance and Business management. Her experience in these institutions, coupled with her educational pursuits and her deep passion for contributing to the economic development of the Turks and Caicos Islands, makes her a valuable addition to the leadership team at Invest TCI.

Ms. Ewing is excited to embark on this new journey as Chairman of the Board for Invest TCI. Her appointment as the first female chairperson is a significant milestone for the Agency, and her leadership will play a crucial role in advancing the Agency's mission of promoting responsible investment and fostering economic development in the islands.

Ms. Ewing commented on her appointment, "I am truly honoured to accept the position of Chairman of the Board at Invest Turks and Caicos Agency. My career in finance has provided me with invaluable insights and skills that I am eager to bring to this new role. I am passionate about responsible investment and the positive impact it can have on the economic landscape of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Invest TCI has a vital role in shaping the future of the Turks and Caicos Islands, and I am committed to leading the board in achieving our objectives. Together with our dedicated team and partners, we will work tirelessly to ensure that Invest TCI continues to be a beacon of ethics and professionalism. I am excited about the journey ahead and the positive impact we can collectively make in the Turks and Caicos Islands."

SCOTIABANK TCI WINS “BEST DIGITAL BANK AWARD” FOR 3RD YEAR

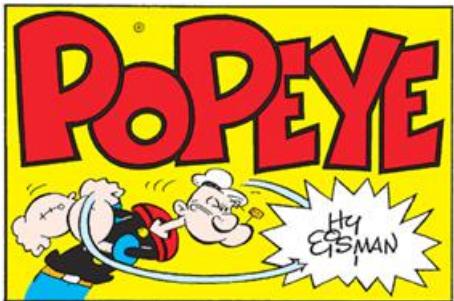
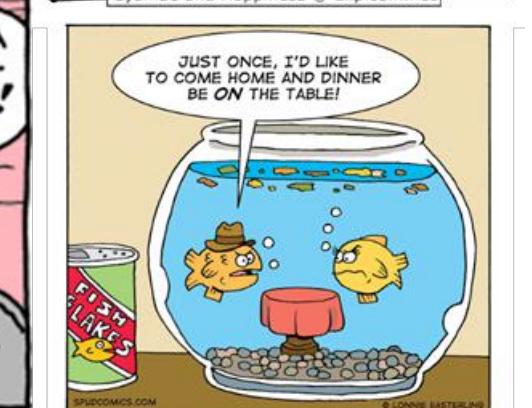
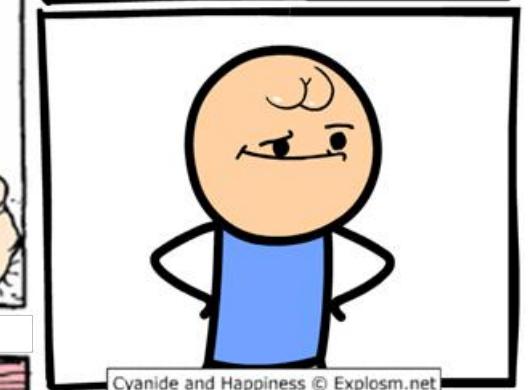
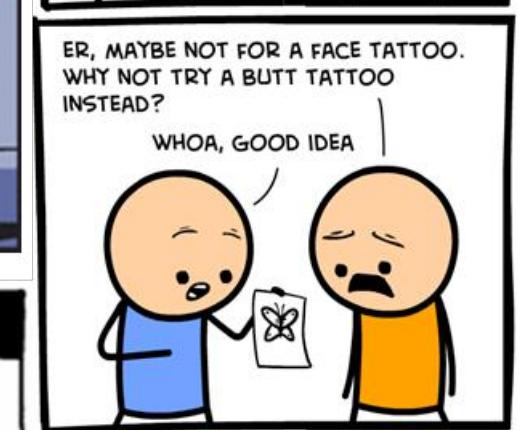
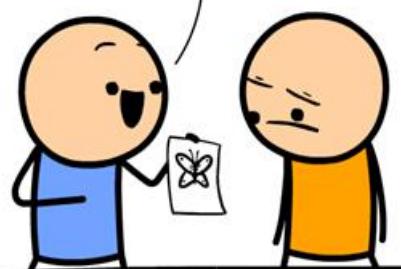
Scotiabank has been named, for the third consecutive year, the Best Consumer Digital Bank in The Turks and Caicos Islands. The prestigious award was made by the highly respected North American finance magazine Global Finance. Scotiabank's operations in The Bahamas, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, and The Cayman Islands also shared the honour. Across the North and Central Caribbean region, the Bank also picked up sub-category awards for the best mobile app. Scotiabank Turks & Caicos has made significant investments in its digital infrastructure, innovating its platforms to deliver higher levels of customer satisfaction. Scotiabank Turks & Caicos' success this year was solidified by its expanded digital banking services, its newly introduced e-commerce business platform, and the launch of new

mortgage pre-qualifications platform. Dr. Suzan Snaggs-Wilson, managing director and country head for Scotiabank Turks & Caicos, has praised her team for supporting the bank's customers during the digital transformation process. She further noted that the digital developments have significantly improved the Bank's customer engagement, satisfaction, and self-service channels.

"We are so thrilled to again receive this Best Consumer Digital Bank Award from Global Finance and we are delighted that our customers have embraced our digital improvements that have earned us this accolade once again. For us, this award is a further testament to our commitment to refining and modernizing the services that we offer all to the benefit of all our valued customers," she noted.

The Best Consumer Digital Award celebrates a number of performance benchmarks, including strategy to attract and service digital customers, success in the onboarding and growth of digital consumers, and web and mobile design and functionality.

Over the past three years, Scotiabank has significantly expanded its online footprint, with more than 70 per cent of all banking customers now onboarded. Online and Mobile Banking now represents its second most utilized banking channel and growth of digital consumers, and web and mobile design and functionality. Founded in 1987 and distributed in more than 150 countries, Global Finance is the gold standard of service excellence in the financial sector.

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CONCH BAR CAVES

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The Conch Bar Caves are one of the largest cave systems in the Caribbean, they are located on the island of Middle Caicos and house four different species of bats. The cave system is named after the village of Conch Bar nearby. Moreover the cave also boasts the skeletal remains of several extinct animals from birds to tortoise.

The cave system is considered mid-sized on a global scale, and is a live cave system. Conch Bar Caves has many of the common cave features found in caves in other regions, including stalactites, stalagmites and columns, along with pools that fluctuate with the ocean tide.

The cave's recorded history started when guano (bat manure) mining began in the 1880s. Guano was in great demand at the time as a fertilizer, and the guano from Conch Bar Caves was exported from the Turks and Caicos. During these initial diggings, skeletal remains of animals and Lucayan Indian artifacts were found, but unfortunately, these findings weren't preserved. Recent archeological excavations at the nearby Indian Cave site uncovered skeletons of extinct animals, including a giant iguana, a tortoise unique to the Turks and Caicos, and owls, hawks and other birds, so the discoveries in Conch Bar Cave were probably much of the same. Carved and painted names and dates from the guano mining period can still be seen in the cave today.

The system spans more than 1.5 miles of underground caverns.

State Of Tourism Conference Kicks Off in Turks and Caicos



Turks and Caicos Islands, October 9, 2023- The Caribbean Tourism Association's (CTO) State Of Tourism Conference (SOTC) commenced with an extravagant welcome reception, showcasing the rich culture of the Turks and Caicos Islands on Monday.

The event took place at the opulent Grace Bay Club, nestled on the world-renowned Grace Bay Beach, certified by the World Travel Awards (WTA), Conde Nast Travel, Trip Advisor, Traveler's Choice and numerous other top international travel movers and shakers as the World's Best Beach.



Attendees included 12 Ministers of Tourism from across the region and numerous delegates and media representatives from both the Caribbean region and the United States.

The reception not only featured captivating cultural performances unique to the Turks and Caicos Islands but also offered a taste of the country's finest local cuisine.

Hon. Josephine Connolly, the Minister of Tourism for the Turks and Caicos Islands, extended a warm welcome to the dignitaries and encouraged them to take time to savor the natural beauty of the country, from its turquoise waters to its powdery white sandy beaches.

Hon. Kenneth Bryan, the Minister of Tourism for the Cayman Islands and Chairman of the CTO, shared insights into the objectives of the SOTC. He emphasized the need to strategize on how the Caribbean region can capture a larger share of the international tourism market, particularly in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Minister Bryan stated, "Post-pandemic, the Caribbean, including the Turks and Caicos, has undergone significant changes. Our responsibility is to closely monitor the trends in business

and guest arrivals in our economies, particularly within the tourism sector. We must continuously seek opportunities for improvement and resolution of any emerging issues. Fortunately, the good news is that there is not much that needs resolution; we are all performing exceptionally well."

He continued, "I am particularly proud of Minister Connolly for her outstanding performance in terms of the tourism numbers. As member states, we engage in this annual exercise to ensure that we remain at the forefront of the global tourism industry.

"We already have a strong market share worldwide, and the exciting part is that we are the most attractive region in the world for tourists. There is still ample room for growth, and we have the best environment, weather, culture, and scenic beauty to offer. Each of our islands possesses a unique charm. Hence, our goal is to leverage evolving media platforms, marketing strategies, and cutting-edge AI analytics to stay ahead of the competition and ensure that all member states, including the Turks and Caicos, benefit from this."

The SOTC promises to be an influential forum

where stakeholders will collaborate on shaping the future of Caribbean tourism, enhancing its global appeal, and driving sustainable growth in the region's vital industry. The event underscores the commitment of Caribbean nations to offering travelers unparalleled experiences and preserving the natural treasures that make the Caribbean a top tourist destination.

The conference kickstarts on Wednesday, October 11, at the Shore Club Resort in Long Bay, and continues on Thursday. However, a number of events have been prepared leading up to the conference.

On Sunday, October 8, a press orientation briefing was held, followed by a tour (via boat) from Turtle Cove Marina to Grace Bay, North Caicos and Middle Caicos. On Monday, October 9, Tourism Ministers and/or Directors from around the region shared destination news and information at official "Destination Media Briefings", which was followed by the welcome reception later in the evening.

On Friday, October 13, the Caribbean Tourism Youth Congress will feature presentations from the region's youth on the future of Caribbean tourism.

Mental Health - a Universal Human Right



This year marked the Department's 9th Annual Mental Health Conference; a pivotal event that was held in observance of World Mental Health Day, which was celebrated on 10th October and is dedicated to advancing mental health awareness, education, and advocacy within the region.

The conference was attended by approximately 60 individuals from both the public and private sector who share a vested interest in mental health. Speakers for the conference included esteemed professionals within the mental health field such as Dr. Anya Malcolm-Gibbs, Mrs. Tonya Greaves and Mr. Pius Adeyinka.

Attendees were able to benefit from a wealth of information shared on supporting mental health in children, understanding the role of family support in mental health recovery and strategies for improving mental health in the workplace.

For World Mental Health Day, the Department of Behavioural Health Services (DBHS), was proud to lend its voice and commitment to the global movement advocating for mental health as a fundamental universal human right.

The international theme for this year, "Mental Health

is a Universal Human Right," underscores the importance of ensuring equitable access to mental health resources for all. As the world grapples with unprecedented challenges, The DBHS stands firm in the belief that mental health is not merely a medical concern but an inherent right that every individual deserves.

Imagine a world where mental health is not stigmatised, where seeking support is seen as a sign of strength rather than weakness. Envision a society where every person, regardless of their background, has equal access to the resources and care they need to nurture their mental well-being.

Unfortunately, the reality is often far from this ideal. Stigma, discrimination, and unequal access to mental health services persist, creating barriers that prevent individuals from seeking the help they need.

Today, we declare that this is unacceptable. Mental health is a fundamental part of our overall health, and it is time to treat it as such. Recognising mental health as a universal human right means acknowledging that mental well-being is not a privilege for the few but a birthright for all.

It means dismantling the barriers that prevent individuals from accessing the care they need, whether due

to socio-economic status, cultural background, or geographic location.

In light of these challenges, The DBHS continues to take proactive steps to champion mental health initiatives within these islands.

We: Promote awareness: through social media campaigns, webinars, and community events, we aim to raise awareness about the importance of mental health, reduce stigma, and encourage open conversations.

Educate: through targeted educational campaigns and community outreach, we aim to foster a deeper understanding of mental health issues, reduce stigma, and promote open conversations about mental well-being.

Provide accessible care: by ensuring that mental health services are free accessible to all, regardless of socio-economic status.

Provide employee wellbeing initiatives: recognizing the impact of mental health on overall wellbeing, workplace programs that support the mental health of the civil servant workforce have been enacted such as mental health assessments/check-ins, brief education discussion, counseling services and recommendations such as mental health days, and resources for stress management.

Community collaboration: wherein we provide resources, support groups, and educational materials that empower individuals to take charge of their mental health.

In conclusion, the Department of Behavioural Health Services urges individuals, organisations, and policy-makers to join hands in creating a world where mental health is recognised as a basic human right. By working together, we can build a society that respects, protects, and fulfills the mental health needs of every individual. For more information about our services or for assistance, contact the Department of Behavioural Health Services, on the following numbers; 338-3613 Grand Turk, 338-3616 Providenciales www.facebook.com/TCIDBHS

EXPERIENCE TURKS AND CAICOS ACCEPTED INTO GLOBAL LUXURY TRAVEL GROUP VIRTUOSO®

Providenciales, Turks & Caicos Islands 2nd October 2023- Experience Turks and Caicos has been accepted into Virtuoso®'s exclusive portfolio of luxury travel partners, comprising over 2,000 preferred suppliers in 100 countries.

According to Racquel Brown, Interim CEO/ Change Manager of Experience Turks and Caicos, inclusion in Virtuoso will present new sales and marketing opportunities to the network's more than 20,000 luxury travel advisors and their highly desirable clientele.

Virtuoso agencies worldwide sell an average of (U.S.) \$25-\$30 billion annually, making the network the most significant player in luxury travel. "Securing a position within Virtuoso's esteemed network is a significant acknowledgment of the distinctive quality and luxury that define the Turks and Caicos Islands. Virtuoso is recognized for its high standards and commitment to excellence, aligning well with our dedication to offering unique and enriching experiences," noted Brown.

"With this new collaboration, we are thrilled to expose Virtuoso's extensive network of advisors

and their affluent clients to the extraordinary amenities and values inherent to the Turks and Caicos Islands. This partnership propels our visibility on the global stage and further solidifies the Turks and Caicos Islands' reputation as a premier destination for discerning luxury travelers worldwide," added Brown.

Experience Turks and Caicos joins Virtuoso's collection of the finest luxury hotels, resorts, cruise lines, airlines, tour operators and other travel entities worldwide.

These partners, which specialize in world-class client service and experiences, provide superior offerings, rare opportunities and exceptional value for Virtuoso clients. These prestigious providers are able to market to Virtuoso clients via network vehicles and to Virtuoso agencies through multiple communications channels and events, including Virtuoso Travel Week, luxury travel's largest worldwide gathering.

Experience Turks and Caicos' acceptance into Virtuoso gives it direct relationships with the world's leading leisure travel agencies in North and Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia-Pacific, Africa and the Middle East.

The Turks and Caicos Islands currently has eight properties that have met the requirements to become Virtuoso properties. They are Amanara, Beach Enclave, COMO Parrot Cay, Grace Bay Club, The Palms, The Ritz-Carlton, The Shore Club, and Wymara Resort and Villas.

For a destination to have a resort or hotel included in Virtuoso's portfolio of luxury accommodations speaks volumes; however for the Turks and Caicos Islands to have eight properties included in Virtuoso's luxury accommodation portfolio is a significant achievement and reason to be known globally as a Virtuoso Destination.

In addition, as a premier luxury lifestyle destination, marketing and promoting through the travel trade is just as crucial as securing bookings. Visitors to the Turks and Caicos Islands often seek comprehensive vacation management — from initial booking to their return journey. Given the post-pandemic landscape, it's essential for destinations, such as the Turks and Caicos Islands, to be effectively positioned within the travel trade marketing funnel and to foster partnerships with industry leaders like Virtuoso.



FEATURED CHURCH

In this edition of NewslineTCI Featured Church, we welcome New Birth Agape Fellowship International, under the auspices of Apostle Cindy Jarrett, founder, Minister, Teacher, Prophetess, Preacher & Apostle.

Apostle Jarrett is also a Legal Marriage Officer in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

A Pentecostal Ministry, New Birth Agape Ministries International believes in the Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

The ministry started in 2009, at a location along Old Airport Road in the country's capital, Grand Turk, but in 2015, transitioned to Providenciales at 233 Millennium Highway (situated in a yellow building with red roofing at the left side of the roadway, passing the Maranatha Academy and heading towards the Millennium Heights Housing settlement).

There are several weekly opportunities at the ministry. On Sunday at 11a.m. is Sunday Morning Service; on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm is Prayer Meeting; and on Fridays at 7pm is Youth Meeting.

You can contact New Birth Agape Ministries International at +1 (649) 245-9807 and leave a message or email at newbirthagapefellowshipintl@gmail.com.



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

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

POACHER FISHING VESSEL INTERCEPTION



Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) fishing is a major threat to TCI fisheries resources undermining national efforts to sustainably use, manage and protect fish stocks and marine ecosystems leading to the loss of both short and long-term social and economic opportunities including food security, livelihoods, exports, and realization of sustainable and inclusive blue

economic growth.

On Wednesday, 4th October, 2023, Officers from the Department of Fisheries and Marine Resource Management, during a mobile patrol in the Great Sand Cay and Endymion Rock areas of the Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI) intercepted a small fishing vessel named "JOHAN-I" with 3

Dominican nationals onboard. The vessel was detained and persons arrested and brought into Grand Turk for processing and await criminal charges.

The Department continues to encourage the public/fishers to report any unusual vessels and to be mindful as to colours associated with illegal fishing vessels.

TCI Approves New Systematic Shutdown Regulation For Disaster Management

In a resolute effort to ensure the protection from loss of life and damage to property, the Turks and Caicos Island Government has approved a new Regulation that will allow a systematic shutdown to be implemented in the event of a hazardous situation such as a tropical storm or hurricane.

The Disaster Management (National Systematic Shutdown) Regulations 2023 are made under section 64(2)(c) of the Disaster Management Ordinance. This new Regulations provide the Government with the legal framework to implement a phased/systematic shutdown of the entire Turks and Caicos Islands or a phased/systematic shutdown of any island that can be impacted by a hazardous event.

The Regulations include the following components: National Shutdown Order, Offence and Fixed Penalty, Staggered Approach, Public and Private Sector Shutdown Procedures, Essential Services and the All Clear/Reactivation Procedures.

National Shutdown Order: The National Systematic Shutdown Regulations which comes into operation on October 20th, 2023 will al-

low H.E. the Governor under the guidelines set out in the Regulations to issue a shutdown order requiring the closure of businesses and services and restricting the movement of persons within the Islands. The issuance of the shutdown order would be in effect for every sector of the Island(s). A shutdown order can be issued after the Turks and Caicos Islands has been issued a 'Warning' notification, for example in relation to a tropical storm or hurricane.

Offence: A shutdown order will be issued with a timeline required for enforcement. Individuals and businesses who fail to comply with a shutdown order may be found liable of committing an offence and can be sentenced to a fine of \$10,000 or imprisonment for two years, or to both.

Fixed Penalty

The Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Officer as the enforcers, can issue a ticket to individuals and businesses found to have been in breach of a shutdown order.

An individual opting to plead guilty can produce the ticket to the Clerk at the Magistrate

Court on or before the date present on the ticket and pay the Fines as follows:

- (a) individuals can be charged a fine of \$500.00
- (b) Businesses can be charged a fine of \$5,000.00.

Staggered approach: The National Shutdown order can be issued utilising a staggered approach to allow for Private and Public Essential Sectors identified in the Regulations to implement systematic closure of operations for as long as possible towards the enforcement timeline. It is intended that this approach will allow national operations to be smoothly transitioned towards closure.

Essential Services: The Regulations identifies essential Services/Agencies for both private and public sector. The general public is encouraged to become familiar with these services/agencies.

All Clear: The Regulations provide the Government with the rights to issue the All Clear for reactivation of the Turks and Caicos Islands. The general public is reminded that residents are required to remain indoors (homes/buildings) until the All Clear is given.

C.A.L.M Lets Talk About It Holds Sessions at CHHS, ALGTHS



A two-day workshop with male population of the Clement Howell High School and the A Louise Garland Thomas High School targeting anger management took place on October 6 and 7.

The session with the Clement Howell High took place at 9:00am, while the session at the A Louise Garland Thomas High took place at 1:00pm.

The workshop was spearheaded by Nixon Dickenson, Events Coordinator and the Boys Club in partnership with Delvin Rogers, CEO Control Anger Limit Madness (C.A.L.M), Miami FL, USA.

C.A.L.M's Mission is teaching people to develop anger management skills and techniques that will help channel their anger in a positive and productive manner, its mission is to equip people with different tools and techniques to help manage their unwanted behavior, through an educational curriculum key. Resources are taught and practiced to help individuals work through their negative behavior.

According to Dickinson, an effective anger management curriculum focuses on providing youth with the skills and strategies necessary for recognizing and controlling angry feelings. The curriculum also assists participants in learning ways to manage their emotions and develop alternative behavioral responses, stating that in most cases, youth with behavioral/angry feelings can learn to get them under control by establishing coping skills.

What is Anger Management?

Dickinson stated that anger management is a psycho-therapeutic program for anger prevention and control.

"It has been described as deploying anger success-

fully. Anger is frequently a result of frustration or of feeling blocked or thwarted from something important. The process of learning to recognize signs that you're becoming angry and taking action to calm down and deal with the situation in a productive way," said.

He aid while most people categorize anger as a "negative emotion", it can be positive.

"If left unchecked or of having self-control, angry feelings can lead to aggressive, yelling at someone or damaging property etc. Angry feelings also may cause you to withdraw from the world and turn your anger inward. Anger can lead to aggression, can make one physically strong or a possible fear of the unknown.

"The need for Youth and Anger helps those to recognize frustrations. Allows youth to express their needs and keeps them calm and in control. Persistent negative thinking, frequent arguments, out of control or frightening behavior, irritation, impatience and anxiety are signs of anger.

"Youth can be taught problem solving skills so they can learn to recognize that they can solve problems without resorting to aggression," Dickenson said.

He pointed out that possible management tips include: Thinking before you speak, remain calm and express your anger/frustration in a positive manner, get some exercise, identify possible solutions, don't hold a grudge and use humor as a way to release tension.

He said the group - Black Male Explorers- is designed to be implemented with all students in grades 7th-12th in learning the important aspects of Anger Management.

He said the group will consist of 10 three quarter of an hour sessions on a daily basis starting in June 2024. He said a date of between June 13th and 24th has already been decided, noting that the sessions would be done in a classroom setting.

He said the group will consist of 30 to 35 young men, who will engage in a Social, Emotional Learning (SEL) style format.

"They will participate in engagement readings, role playing, worksheets and activities, creative writing and expression," Dickenson said.

He said Session 1, which would be the Introduction session, would deal with:

Self-Control;

-Overview of the purpose and goals of the group; and

-Review group rules/expectations; and

-Icebreaker activity.

Session 2 will deal with Emotional Intelligence, which include:

-The definition of Emotional Intelligence;

-Social Awareness; and

-Self Management.

Session 3 will deal with:

-Coping Skills/Socials Skills;

-How to Cope and be Social-Being aware of triggers

-Using diversions; and

-Knowing your warning signs;

Session 4 and Conflict Resolution, and will tackle:

-The definition of Conflict Resolution;

-Building listening skills (understanding how conflict arises from miscommunication); and

-De-escalation (quality solutions to productive outcomes)

Session will deal with Impulsivity, and include:

-Exercising being CALM

-Changing the way you think (check yourself)-Making smart choices; and

-Improve your communication skills.

Session 6 will deal with Communication over aggressive impulse, and included:

-Hostile communication traits;

-Mood swings; and

-Exasperation (irritated/frustrated).

Session 7 will be about Positive Self-Talk, and will include:

-Being optimistic;

-Good character; and

-Learning to forgive.

Session 8 with deal with the Art of De-Escalation (D.E.F.U.S.E), and will tackle:

-Decision making;

-Ensure safety;

-Form Relationships; and

-Utilize Interests-Set Limits-Enforce/Evaluate.

Session 9 looks at Social Emotional Learning (S.E.L.) and will cover:

-Self Management ;

-Responsible decision-making;

- Social awareness (Empathy);

Session 10-Keeping your cool;

-Maintain composure -Have a peace of mind -Reduce friction; and

-Pick your battles.

Dickinson pointed out that the goal of each session is to help reduce both emotional and physiological arousal that anger causes.

"Regardless of each individuals well-being, it is important to get a full understanding of particular target areas and utilize them to navigate through life. You can't get rid of, or avoid, the things or the people that enrage you, nor can you change them, but you can learn to control your reactions," Dickinson said.

Beaches TCI guests enjoy transformative excursion to Enid Capron Primary School



Enid Capron children Celebrations with gifts



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

When families visit Sandals or Beaches resorts, they of course anticipate a memorable get-away with their loved ones. But what many may not be aware of, is the fact that many of these guests who make the Caribbean their home away from home, do not only leave an impression of their footprints in the sand. More impor-

tantly, through a partnership with the Sandals Foundation and United States based non profit-Pack for a Purpose initiative, many of the guests have an opportunity to leave an indelible impression upon the hearts of children, their parents and other members of the community. The Turks and Caicos Islands is no exception.



Some members of team two led by EHS Manager Shuntal Gibson (left)

The partnership with Pack for a Purpose pro-



vides an opportunity for guests staying at Beaches or Sandals resort to make a meaningful contribution by packing and bringing up to five (5) pounds of educational supplies for local communities.

Recently, twin sisters Robbie Ginn and Renee Rice, both of whom are travel agents and members of the Chairman's Royal Club (CRC), traveled with their families to Beaches Turks and Caicos and seized the opportunity to bring a number of school supplies.

The family, accompanied by Sandals Foundation volunteers of Beaches Turks and Caicos (BTC), made a courtesy call upon Enid Capron Primary School where all their gifts were donated.

The resort staff led the devotion, teaching the kids a valuable lesson on honesty through songs and dramatization. It was an interactive session

that allowed students to demonstrate principles of integrity.

CRC Robbie Ginn, who spoke on behalf of the family, affirmed, "We should always seek to do good and help those who are in need because it is only through our love and kindness that we will help to make this world a better place."

Principal, Sophia Garland and Vice Principal, Nellene Swann were on hand to receive the donation on behalf of the school. They thanked the family and the team of volunteers for having considered them. Garland expressed her appreciation for all the help that the institution has received from the Sandals Foundation throughout the years.

"Just this morning a parent contacted me and expressed some challenges. Not knowing exactly where the help would come from, I told the

parent to send the child, we will work something out. This help is right on time," Garland pointed out.

Public Relations Manager, Orville Morgan, in reflecting on the success of the visit shared, "These are exactly the kinds of relationships that we seek to foster between donors of the Sandals Foundation and the community. The guests love to come in and see first-hand, the beneficiaries of their donations and of course it provides a wonderful opportunity for persons to express their heartfelt gratitude when they meet the benefactors."

Enid Capron Primary has seen "Christmas" in September, thanks to the generous donation of CRCs Robbie Ginn, Renee Rice and family. It is activities such as these that inspire hope in the lives of many.

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Beach Word Scramble

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TIBGANH SITU
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Scuba 10. Snorkle 11. Bikini 12. Sunglasses
Bathing 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

Animals in TCI

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

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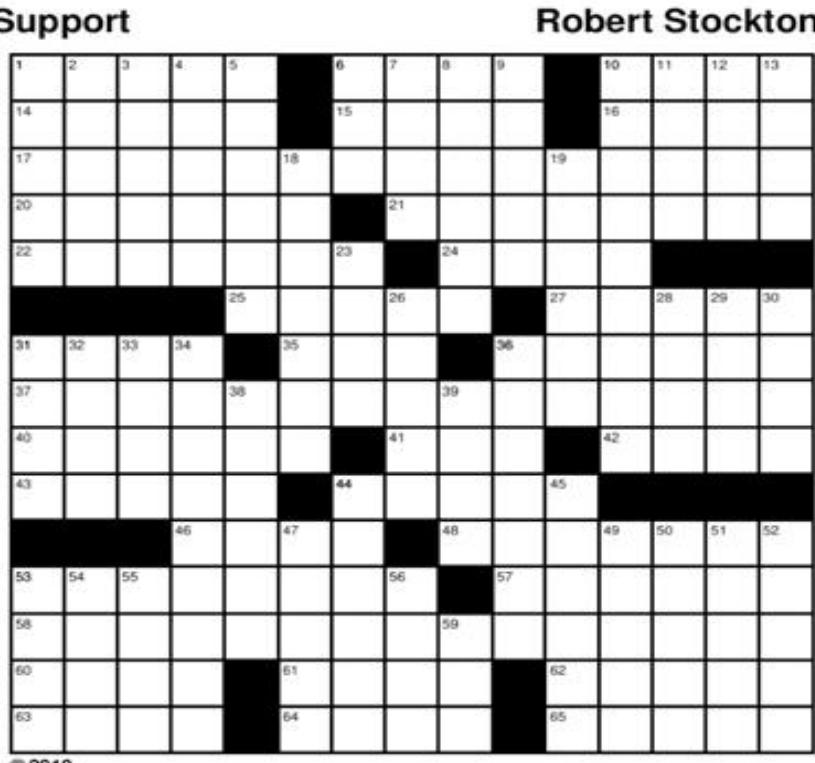
Old Uncle Fred's Tech Support

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

This puzzle was created using CrossFire (<http://beekeeperlabs.com/crossfire>)

Robert Stockton

J of the JOKE WEEK

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

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Tips to stay younger



IT IS no secret that ageing is inevitable, but, since you have to age, why not do everything you can to put it off as long as possible! It turns out that it is more than your genes and the sun that may be ageing you.

Ageing is beautiful. Every wrinkle, crinkle and spot is hard-earned proof of a life well lived. Thankfully, society has come a long way in recent years, and we are more fully appreciating the wisdom and beauty of people in their 40s and beyond.

However, just because you have earned your

stripes or the lines on your face, in this case, it does not mean you do not want to look your very best. The truth is, you can love your age and yourself and still want to know how to look younger.

Here are some tips to look and feel younger:

• STAY OUT OF THE SUN

While it is true that the sun is not the only factor in the overall appearance of your skin, it does play a huge role. In fact, damage from the sun's UV light (UVA and UVB rays) is responsible for about 90 per cent of your skin's visible signs of ageing. UV rays break down the elastin in your skin, causing a saggy and dull appearance, wrinkles, age spots, uneven skin tone, and more.

• DRINK PLENTY OF WATER

Another key to younger looking skin is hydration. You should aim for eight glasses of filtered water each day to keep your skin looking radiant and support optimal health. Dehydration can quickly cause your skin to look dry and dull, emphasising wrinkles and ageing. Drinking enough water each day replenishes your skin's tissue and cells, allowing for younger and healthier looking skin.

• GET SOME SLEEP

Another key to maintaining a youthful appearance is to simply get some rest! When you sleep, your body continuously releases hormones that promote cell turnover and renewal. Use this time to your advantage – this is when you should be using age-defying actives such as retinoids and beta hydroxy acid, which are both powerful exfoliants and wrinkle erasers. But keep in mind that these increase your sen-

sitivity to sunlight, so be extra vigilant with the sunscreen.

• EAT A DIET RICH IN PLANTS

The benefits of a diet heavy in fruits and vegetables are many. They provide key nutrients that help support healthy ageing and keep your body young, both on the inside and out. Fruits and vegetables also up your intake of phytonutrients, which help your body ward off the damaging effects of free radicals found in the environment. Aim to eat a healthy diet consisting of mostly fruits and vegetables, supplemented with whole grains and healthy, lean proteins.

• GET MOVING

Staying active is helpful in maintaining a healthy weight, but did you know that it has been proven to also help you look younger? Research has shown that vigorous exercise, especially high intensity interval training, can slow your ageing at a cellular level by nearly 10 years. But the benefits do not stop there, exercise also increases blood flow, moving oxygen and critical nutrients throughout your body, leading to a more youthful appearance. Further, regular exercise is critical to maintaining strength and muscle mass, which also boasts a ton of health benefits and can add years to your lifespan.

• LIMIT ALCOHOL AND COFFEE

While we love a good martini or latte as much as the next person, and both alcohol and caffeine can have health benefits when consumed in moderation, too much can wreak havoc on your skin. Both can dehydrate your body and rob it of key nutrients. What is even worse is that some of these effects can be permanent.

6 Waist Exercises That Tighten Your Core

You might have seen videos and social media posts promoting waist training devices to trim belly fat and achieve a flatter stomach. These devices—which wrap tightly around the waist and lower ribs—promise to coach your body to shed inches off your midsection. But, if they seem too good to be true, that's because they are. If you're looking for a legit way to strengthen your waist, try this six-movement core waist training exercise routine.

The following series of six exercise movements comprise one set. Repeat the six-movement sequence below three times, resting for one minute between sets.

Benefits of a Stronger Core

In reality, there's no such thing as a quick way to "tighten" your core. And when people think "tighten," they usually mean "strengthen." It takes work, time, and a bit of sweat. Core exercises work when you prevent undue movement along your spine and pelvis as an exercise force is placed on your body—known as engaging your core.

Core-strengthening Exercises

Be patient with yourself as you begin this series. Being consistent with these exercises can help strengthen your core and get you the waist goals you desire.

Side Plank With Twist

Position yourself into a side plank position on your left forearm with your feet either stacked or staggered. Place your right hand behind your head and keep it there while you try to bring your elbow toward the floor. Be sure to tighten your oblique muscles during this motion. Oblique muscles run down the side of your waist and abdomen and connect the ribs to the pelvis. Raise back to starting position.

Repeat the movement for 15 repetitions and then switch sides.

Heel Grabber Waist Exercise

Lie on your back, your feet flat on the ground, and your arms by your sides. Crunch up by raising your chest towards the ceiling. Engage your abs. From here, reach—slide—for your right heel with your right hand. Then reach—slide—for your left heel with your left hand. Keep your abs engaged throughout the movements, and avoid leaning up.

Continue alternating right and left side reaches for 15 repetitions per side.

Jack Knife

Lie on your back with your legs straight and your arms over your head. From here, bring your right arm and left leg up towards each other using your abs, and touch your foot. Then, come to starting position and repeat with your left arm and right leg.

Continue alternating sides until you've completed 15 repetitions on each side.

V-ups and Knee Hugs

Lie on your back with your legs straight and your arms over your head. Move both arms and legs towards each other, so they meet above your waist. Squeeze your abs as you slowly lower down to the floor in a controlled movement. Repeat for a total of 15 repetitions.

Triangle Crunch Core Movement

Start by kneeling on your left leg with your right leg straight to the side. Place your left arm on the floor and your right arm behind your head. From here, crunch your oblique muscles by bringing your right knee towards your right elbow. Control the movement and keep the muscles engaged.

Repeat for 15 repetitions, then switch sides for another 15 repetitions.

Bicycle Crunch

Lie on your back with your hands behind your head and your feet raised. Your knees should be bent at a 90-degree angle. Start the movement by bringing your right elbow towards your left knee and straightening—pushing the pedal—with your right leg. Hold for one second, then alternate to the other leg-elbow combination. Continue alternating between the left and right sides for 15 repetitions per side.

Jamaica wins gold at Robotics Olympics in Singapore



The victorious Jamaica Robotics Team

Jamaica's team after winning gold at the Robotics Olympics in Singapore.

Jamaica's team won gold at the Robotics Olympics in Singapore to take home the Katherine Johnson Award for engineering documentation. The competition was held from October 7 to 10. The award is named after African-American

mathematician Katherine Johnson. Johnson helped to calculate aeronautics that helped guide the return of astronauts John Glen and Alan Shepard to Earth from space. The award is given to the team that best demonstrates the efforts it took them to build their robot.

The team was captained by Johnathan Smith

from Campion College and included Shawn-Michael Ferguson, also from Campion College, Duncan Stanley from Wolmer's Boys' School, Glenmuir High School's Terrance Grant, Kimmi Chan from Hillel Academy, and Taeija-Lee Hall-Watts from The American International School in Kingston (AISK).

Prime Minister Andrew Holness, in a post to his social media pages, congratulated the team on their victory.

"I am immensely proud of Team Jamaica! We won the Gold medal for the Katherine Johnson Award for Engineering Documentation in which the team had to demonstrate its robot-building process," the post read.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Kamina Johnson Smith also commended the team and their teachers on the victory.

"Jamaicans winning gold in the #RoboticsOlympics in Singapore shows how much potential we have in untapped areas! So excited to congratulate these young people! Kudos to their teachers and mentors and many thanks to UJAA [Union of Jamaica Alumni Association] President Wilson and his team for their invaluable support," Johnson Smith tweeted.

The Robotics team was sponsored by the United States-based non-profit organisation, the UJAA.

More than 90% of people killed by western Afghanistan quake were women and children, UN says



An Afghan girl cries in front of her house that was destroyed by the earthquake in Zenda Jan district in Herat province, western Afghanistan, Wednesday, October 11, 2023. Another strong earthquake shook western Afghanistan on Wednesday morning after an earlier one killed more than 2,000 people and flattened whole villages in Herat province in what was one of the most destructive quakes in the country's recent history. (AP Photo/Ebrahim Noroozi)

ISLAMABAD (AP) — More than 90 per cent of the people killed by a 6.3-magnitude earthquake in western Afghanistan last weekend were women and children, United Nations (UN) officials reported Thursday.

Taliban officials said Saturday's earthquake killed more than 2,000 people of all ages and genders across Herat province. The epicenter was in Zenda Jan district, where 1,294 people died, 1,688 were injured and every home was destroyed, according to UN figures.

Women and children were more likely to have been at home when the quake struck in the morning, said Siddig Ibrahim, the chief of the UNICEF field office in Herat, said. "When the first earthquake hit, people thought it was an explosion, and they ran into their homes," he said.

Hundreds of people, mostly women, remain missing in Zenda Jan.

The Afghanistan representative for the United Na-

tions Population Fund, Jaime Nadal, said there would have been no "gender dimension" to the death toll if the quake had happened at night.

"At that time of the day, men were out in the field," Nadal told The Associated Press. "Many men migrate to Iran for work. The women were at home doing the chores and looking after the children. They found themselves trapped under the rubble. There was clearly a gender dimension."

The initial quake, numerous aftershocks and a second 6.3-magnitude quake on Wednesday flattened entire villages, destroying hundreds of mud-brick homes that could not withstand such force. Schools, health clinics and other village facilities also collapsed.

The Norwegian Refugee Council described the devastation as enormous.

"Early reports from our teams are that many of those who lost their lives were small children who were crushed or suffocated after buildings collapsed

on them," the council said.

The maternity hospital in Herat province has cracks that make the structure unsafe. The UN Population Fund has provided tents so pregnant women have somewhere to stay and receive care, Nadal said.

Many people inside and outside the provincial capital are still sleeping outside, even as temperatures drop.

The disproportionate impact of the quake on women has left children without mothers, their primary caregivers, raising questions about who will raise them or how to reunite them with fathers who might be out of the province or Afghanistan.

Aid officials say orphanages are non-existent or uncommon, meaning children who have lost one or both parents were likely to be taken in by surviving relatives or community members.

Earthquakes are common in Afghanistan, where there are a number of fault lines and frequent movement among three nearby tectonic plates.

Women may be at greater risk of being unprepared for quakes because of Taliban edicts curtailing their mobility and rights, and restrictions imposed on female humanitarian workers, a UN report has warned.

Authorities have barred girls from school beyond sixth grade and stopped women from working at nongovernmental groups, although there are exceptions for some sectors like health care. The Taliban also say that women cannot travel long distances without male chaperones.

Aid agencies say their female Afghan staff members are "for now" working freely in Herat and reaching women and girls affected by the earthquake.

UNICEF has launched a \$20 million appeal to help the estimate 13,000 children and families devastated by the earthquake.

WI Academy to face Ireland Academy from November 17



ST. JOHN'S, Antigua – Cricket West Indies (CWI) has announced the match schedule and ven-

ues for the West Indies Academy home series against Ireland Academy.

The series will feature three 50-Over matches and two four-day matches in Antigua from 17 November to 5 December.

The first 50-Over match will be at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium (SVRS) on Friday 17 November followed by the second match at the Coolidge Cricket Ground (CCG) on Sunday 19 November. The third limited over match will be back at SVRS on Tuesday 21 November. Both four-day matches will be played at CCG – the first starting on Sunday 25 November and the second start on Sunday 2 December.

Graeme West, CWI's High-Performance Manager, outlined the idea behind the series and the structure. He noted that CWI continues to prioritize the development of players with the aim to prepare them to play at the highest level.

He said: "We are delighted to host Ireland Academy in Antigua for what will be a highly competitive multi-format series. This series is critical in the players ongoing development and education and we are pleased that it will involve both red and white ball matches. 2023 has provided

the players with some great exposure through the Headley-Weekes Series, the CG United Super50 Cup and the Republic Bank CPL, so this will be a fitting conclusion to the calendar year and provide the squad with clear aims and objectives going into 2024."

West added: "These five matches are not being played in isolation, but form part of CWI's overall high-performance strategy. We want to provide the squad with competitive environments and high-performance platforms that facilitate growth and prepare the players to excel in a West Indies shirt."

MATCH SCHEDULE

17 November: 1st 50-Over match at SVRS

19 November: 2nd 50-Over match at CCG

21 November: 3rd 50-Over match at SVRS

25-28 November: 1st 4-Day match at CCG

2-5 December: 2nd 4-Day match at CCG

IOC suspends Russian Olympic Committee for incorporating Ukrainian sports regions



International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Thomas Bach speaks on the first day of the executive board meeting of the IOC ahead of the upcoming 141st IOC session in Mumbai, India, Thursday, October 12, 2023. (AP Photo/Rafiq Maqbool)

GENEVA (AP) — After nearly 20 months of waging war in Ukraine, Russia was suspended by the IOC on Thursday for a land grab in sports administration.

The International Olympic Committee's executive board imposed the suspension on the Russian Olympic Committee for a breach of the Olympic Charter — a book of rules and principles for international sports

bodies — by incorporating sports councils in four regions in eastern Ukraine.

The suspension does not immediately affect any Russians who are returning to compete in international sports as neutral athletes, including in some qualifying events for next year's Paris Olympics.

Russian Olympic officials provoked the dispute last week by accepting the councils

in Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk and Zaporizhzhia as its members.

"(This) unilateral decision," the International Olympic Committee said in a statement from Mumbai, India, "constitutes a breach of the Olympic Charter because it violates the territorial integrity of the NOC of Ukraine, as recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in accordance with the Olympic Charter."

The IOC didn't suspend the Russian Olympic body for a similar move in 2016, more than two years after the annexation of the Crimean peninsula.

Russian media reported in December 2016 that the sports councils of Crimea and Sevastopol were included as ROC members. International law still recognises the region as part of Ukraine.

Still, the decision Thursday to suspend the ROC appears to highlight rising frustration from the IOC and its president, Thomas Bach, who can ultimately decide to impose a blanket ban on all Russian athletes from Paris.

"(The IOC) reserves the right to decide about the participation of individual neutral athletes with a Russian passport in the Olympic Games Paris 2024 and the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026 at the appropriate time," the IOC said.

TCI Face BVI In Crucial Nations League Match-up



Goalkeeper Sebastian Turbyfield, who had a good game against Dominica, despite losing 0-3, will be depended upon again to have an even better game against USVI

The Turks and Caicos Islands are set to face off against the British Virgin Islands in a Concacaf Nations League match on Monday, October 16, at the TCI field at 4 p.m. This match is a crucial one for the Turks and Caicos Islands as they aim to revive their bid in the league.

Currently, the Turks and Caicos Islands find themselves at the bottom of Group C in League C without any points. They have played two matches in the league so far, and unfortunately, they were defeated by Dominica and the British Virgin Islands. In their most recent game, they suffered a 0-3 defeat at home against Dominica. The first encounter between the Turks and Caicos Islands and the British Virgin Islands, which took place in the British Virgin Islands, ended with a 3-1 victory for the home team. Luka Challwell scored a brace for the British Virgin Islands, and Troy Ceasar scored the other goal, while Billy Forbes netted a penalty for the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Despite the outcome, the stats from that game suggest that the Turks and Caicos Islands were not significantly outplayed. The British Virgin Islands had 52 percent of possession, while the Turks and Caicos Islands had 48 percent. The TCI had one more shot on goal (11) compared to BVI (10). Both teams had three shots on target, with the British Virgin Islands converting all three and the TCI scoring one.

In terms of pass accuracy, both teams were relatively similar, with the British Virgin Islands at 74 percent and the Turks and Caicos Islands at 72 percent. The British Virgin Islands created four corners in that game, while the Turks and Caicos Islands had three.

The upcoming match on Monday marks the start of the return legs in the competition. To

keep their chances alive for advancing to the next round, the Turks and Caicos Islands must win by a margin of two clear goals.

The team will rely on key players, including veteran forward Billy Forbes, along with younger strikers such as Junior Paul, Peterson Evariste, and Roguel Aneston. Midfielders Callum Park, Herby Magny, and Raymond Burey, as well as the solid defense provided by goalkeeper Sebastian Turbyfield, and defenders Wildens Delva, Mackenson Cadet, Christopher Louisy, and Kristen Howell, will be crucial to their efforts. The Turks and Caicos Islands Football Association is hoping for strong support from the fans in the venue to cheer on their team and provide the necessary boost to secure a victory.

The Concacaf Nations League is a tournament that began in November 2017, featuring three tiered leagues (A, B, and C) with four groups in each league. Teams can be promoted or relegated based on their performance within these groups. The group winners of League A enter a knockout competition to determine the champion, while the group winners of Leagues B and C are promoted to the next tier. Relegation occurs for the four teams at the bottom of the groups in Leagues A and B. The tournament also serves as a qualification pathway for the CONCACAF Gold Cup.

The Group A teams are (League A, Group A) Trinidad & Tobago, Panama, Guatemala, Martinique, Curacao, and El Salvador. League A, Group B comprise Jamaica, Cuba, Honduras, Haiti, Suriname and Grenada.

In League A, Group 1, the two teams facing relegation are Curacao and El Salvador. In League A, Group 2, the teams in danger of relegation are Suriname and Grenada.

TCI Sports Commission Launches TCISS Theme Song Competition Season 2023/24

Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands, October 12, 2023 - Turks and Caicos Islands School Sports (TCIIS) Season 2023/24, has officially begun and the TCI Sports Commission is opening the borders of school spirit with music!

The TCISS Theme Song Competition is now launched for girls and boys 9-19 years old. The winning song will be featured in TCISS promotional material for 2023/24 and to top it off, the winner will also be invited to perform the song at one of the TCISS games!

Entry Requirements:

The song must mention the TCISS, Our sports (football, basketball, track and field, softball) and the 2023/24 season.

The total length of any song may not exceed the duration of the provided instrumentals.

Contestants must sing/rap to the provided

pre-recorded instrumental.

Lyrics must not contain any profanity, bias and/or political allusions.

The file type must be mp3 or wav.

Songs can be performed by individuals or groups.

Songs should be submitted to nehislop@gov.tc. The instrumentals can be found here: <https://bit.ly/TCISSLSong2023>

DEADLINE: October 31, 2023

TCIIS 2023/24 Sport Schedule

TCIIS Inter-High School Football Boys, TCIIS Inter-High School Football Girls - September 30, 2023- October 28, 2023 (Providenciales)

TCIIS Inter-High School Basketball - November 2023- January 2024 (All-Island)

TCIIS Inter-High School Softball - November 2023- January 2023 (Season Games- Providen-

ciales. Semi-finals & Championships - Grand Turk)

Track and Field Development Meets - February 2024

TCIIS Inter-High School Track and Field - February- March 2024 (Providenciales)

TCIIS Inter-Primary School Track and Field - March 2024 (Providenciales)

The full TCISS event schedule and further updates can be found on the TCI Sports Commission's website <https://www.gov.tc/sports/our-events/tci-school-sports>.

For the latest news on the TCISS, fans can follow on Instagram (@tcisportscommission) and Facebook (Turks and Caicos Islands Sports Commission). To share your experience with TCISS on social, use the hashtags #TCIIS and #morethanjustsports.

Marjorie Basden Hammer TCIPS 10-0



A hattrick of goals from the fleetfooted Irene Moline and a brace each from Callie Hall and Syniah Forbes carried Marjorie Basden High to a whopping 10-0 win over the Providenciales-based TCIPS on Friday, October 6, the Turks and Caicos Islands Football Association (TCIFA) High School League, at the National Stadium. Moline, sporting the number 16 shirt, scored as early as the second minute of the encounter to give the South Caicos school the lead. She added a second goal in the 10th minute, then completed her treble in the 18th minute. The number 11 Hall scored in the 19th and 33rd minute. Forbes registered her two goals in 37th and 39th minute. Number 9 player Kayley Hall, Crystal Baptiste and Tranee Wilson scored one goal each. Kayley Hall scored in the 21st, Baptiste who is their goalkeeper, scored in the 30th minute, while Wilson, their number 4 player, scored in the 35th minute. Moline was adjudged the player of the match for her team, while Gaelle Mitoura was adjudged the MVP for TCIPS. Marjorie Basden also defeated British West Indies Collegiate 1-0 in another game on the day. Moline, again was the scorer in that game. Her goal came in the 13th minute of play.

Kayley Hall of Marjorie Basden High was adjudged MVP for her team, while Anika Harry was named the British West Indies Collegiate's MVP.

Raymond Gardiner High and A. Louise Garland Thomas High played to a 1-1 scoreline. It was the Raymond Gardiner Number 3 player, Nataillia Robinson, who broke the deadlock in as early as the second minute of play, to give her team the lead. However, the ALGTHS' number 11 player Sendia Marcel, ensured that her team shared the points when she converted in the 39th minute.

Alecia Bobb of Raymond Gardiner High was named her team's MVP, while Marcel of ALGTHS was her team's MVP.

TCIPS was again at the receiving end of another decimating score-line losing 0-4 to Clement Howell High.

All four Clement Howell goals came from Krysann Williams, who opened her account in the 19th minute, extending her tally in the 23rd minute, completing her hattrick in the 25th minute, then went on to register her quadruple in the 38th minute.

Naturally, Williams was named MVP for Clement Howell, while Damendine Simplus was the MVP for TCIPS.

ALGTHS, TCIPS, BWIC Win In High School Football



A goal each from Idelin Gardiner and Lourvens Pervil carried the A. Louise Garland Thomas High to a 2-0 win over Raymond Gardiner High in the Boys segment of the Turks and Caicos Islands Football Association (TCIFA) Inter-High School competition, played on Saturday, October 7, at the National Stadium, Providenciales.

Gardiner, donning the number 9 jersey, scored in the 28th minute, while Pervil, wearing the number 8 shirt scored in the 49th minute. Three yellow cards were issued in this game...two to Raymond Gardiner High and the other to A. Louise Garland Thomas High.

Adler Noel of A. Louise Garland Thomas High was the player served in the 26th minute, while Ronaldo Registre in minute 27 and Kanye Robinson in minute 41, were the Raymond Gardiner players cautioned.

The Most Valuable Player for ALGTHS was their number 7 man Herwins Guerrier, while the MVP RGHS was their goalkeeper Noelson Mauricet.

In another game played on the day, A. Louise Garland Thomas High went down 0-3 to TCIPS High, thanks to a brace from their number 7 player, Charitable Sem.

Sem scored in the 28th and 38th minute of the game, while Joseph Alandy scored in the 33rd minute for the 3-0 shutout.

Ancy Dawens was adjudged the Most Valuable Player for TCIPS in that game, while Daens St. Hilaire was the A. Louise Garland Thomas High MVP.

In another game, Elite High held Clement Howell High to 1-1 scoreline. It was Elite, who broke the deadlock in the 16th minute through their number 16 player Hersley Toussaint, while the Clement Howell number 22 player Emmanuel Lincifort, ensured that his team draw level in the 42nd minute.

In another game, British West Indies Collegiate got by Raymond Gardiner High courtesy of a 2-0 goal margin. Liam Thompson scored both goals in that game. He registered in the 2nd and 9th minute of play and was later voted the MVP for his team.



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Veteran striker Bill Forbes (#7) will be looking to lead the TCI charge.