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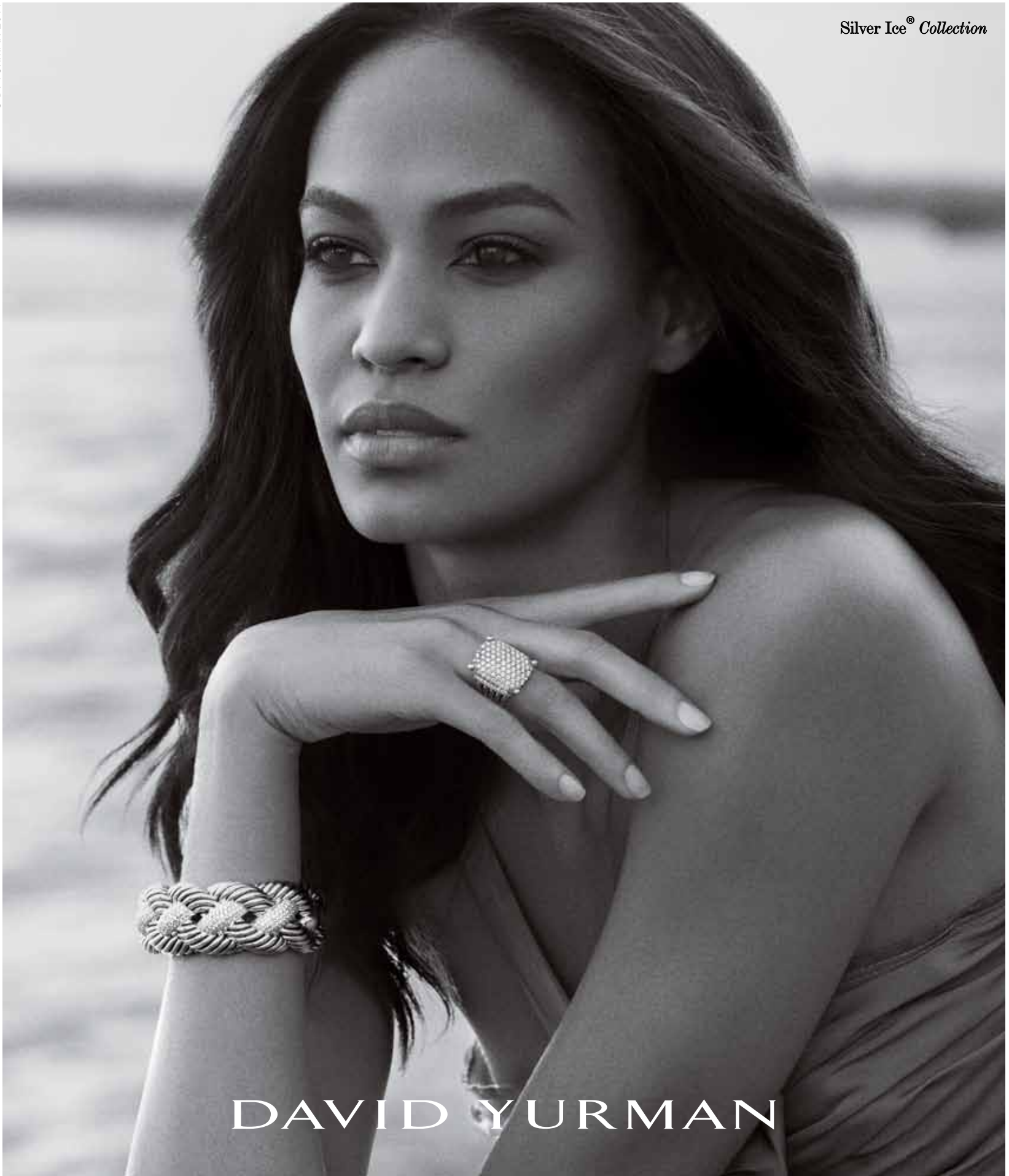
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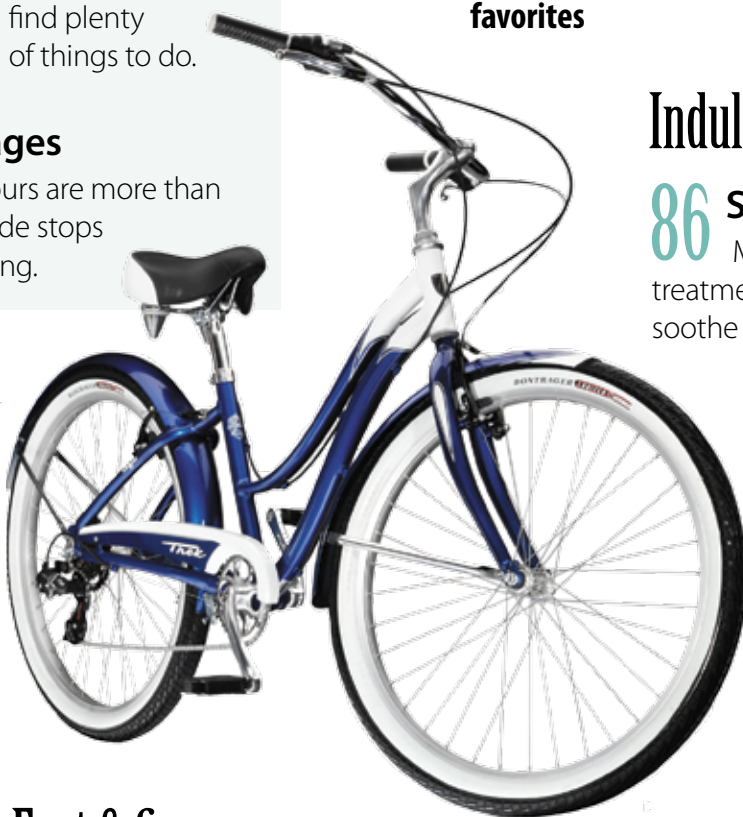


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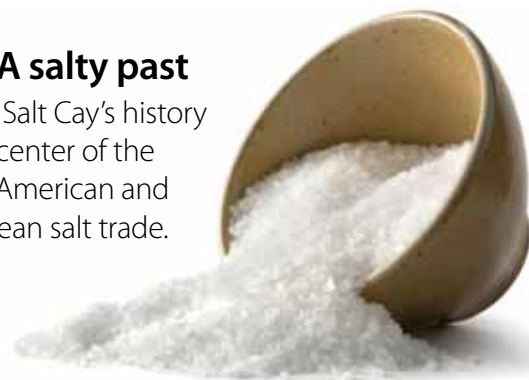


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One day

That is all it took. Just one swim in the ocean, one ride in Uncle Tom's taxi, one friendly check out girl at the IGA, just 24 hours of being in Turks & Caicos and I knew it was the place for me.

It took another five days to convince my husband, but no arm twisting was involved.

One might expect it was the overwhelmingly tranquil ocean waters or the miles of soft sandy beaches, but what captivated my heart was the soul of the country wrapped up inside the people and the way of life.

On the last day of our two-week vacation, I watched my husband — who normally saw his children only a few hours a week thanks to a 14-hour-a-day corporate job — being as playful as a child, enjoy digging in the sand and having buckets of water poured over his back by a giggling one year old.

One day in Turks & Caicos and I knew we had found a place where we could enjoy being a family as much as the surroundings.

Just a short while later — still giddy with a condition I coined, "Vacation euphoria" — we landed at the Providenciales Airport with two small children in tow, ready to embrace all the islands had to offer.

Contrary to what one expects of the Caribbean, the pace of life we live here is pretty fast. But, in the moments that matter most, we have found ourselves embraced by a community that supports one another.

It is the values, warmth and sense of community that inspired me to create this magazine. A culmination of people and things that make Turks & Caicos an amazing place. In all the big, and more importantly, small ways ordinary people are inspired to do some very extra-ordinary things.

Through this magazine, I found my chance to share the beauty of Turks & Caicos that I found on that one day, three years ago. Not only on the beautiful beaches and in the picturesque ocean, but in a genuine beauty that comes from a much deeper place.

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NOVEMBER



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Caribbean Food & Wine Festival

This two-day culinary extravaganza includes a welcome dinner featuring Chef Beau MacMillan, who beat out Bobby Flay for the Iron Chef America title. The inaugural festival will be a food and wine tasting experience showcasing the flavors of the islands. It culminates Saturday with a Gourmet Safari dinner, highlighting signature creations from five of Providenciales' top restaurants. The event, Nov. 4 and 5., will include wine representatives from award-winning cult wine maker Duckpond Cellars and master sommelier Geoff Kruth.



Conch Festival

Nothing is more essentially Turks & Caicos than the annual Conch Festival. The beautiful shells and the tasty creatures inside are tightly woven into the culture and history of the islands. The festival, set for Nov. 26-27, always features a weekend full of activities on Providenciales.

The marquee event of the weekend is the "conch-etition." The island's best chefs participate in a hotly-contested tasting competition judged by a panel of experts as well as the festival attendees. With Mojito-making contests for bartenders and competitions for conch blowing, conch knocking and a conch hunt in the sea, there are plenty of activities to entertain.





DECEMBER

Maskanoo

Get ready for a carnival atmosphere and a night of tasty fun: Maskanoo 2011 is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 26.

Created to showcase TCI's cultural heritage for residents and visitors alike, Maskanoo attracts record crowds to the Grace Bay area to enjoy music, food and fun. An afternoon start means youngsters can take part, too.

Music is a major component, with local bands and a mystery guest guaranteed to liven up the festivities.

With its unique insight into island culture and eco-friendly attitude, Maskanoo is a must-attend event.



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MAY Windvibes

Be amazed at the gravity-defying exhibition of skill at the sixth annual Windvibes Kiteboarding Tournament in May. A party on the beach is sure to break out!



FEBRUARY Valentine's Day Cup

Small boats make for big fun at this annual model sailboat race that also offers attendees a chance to explore the beauty of Middle Caicos.

JUNE Fools Regatta

The annual Fools Regatta in June promises a day of sunny skies and cool breezes. Set in beautiful Grace Bay, the event is a fabulous experience whether you are sailing or cheering from shore.



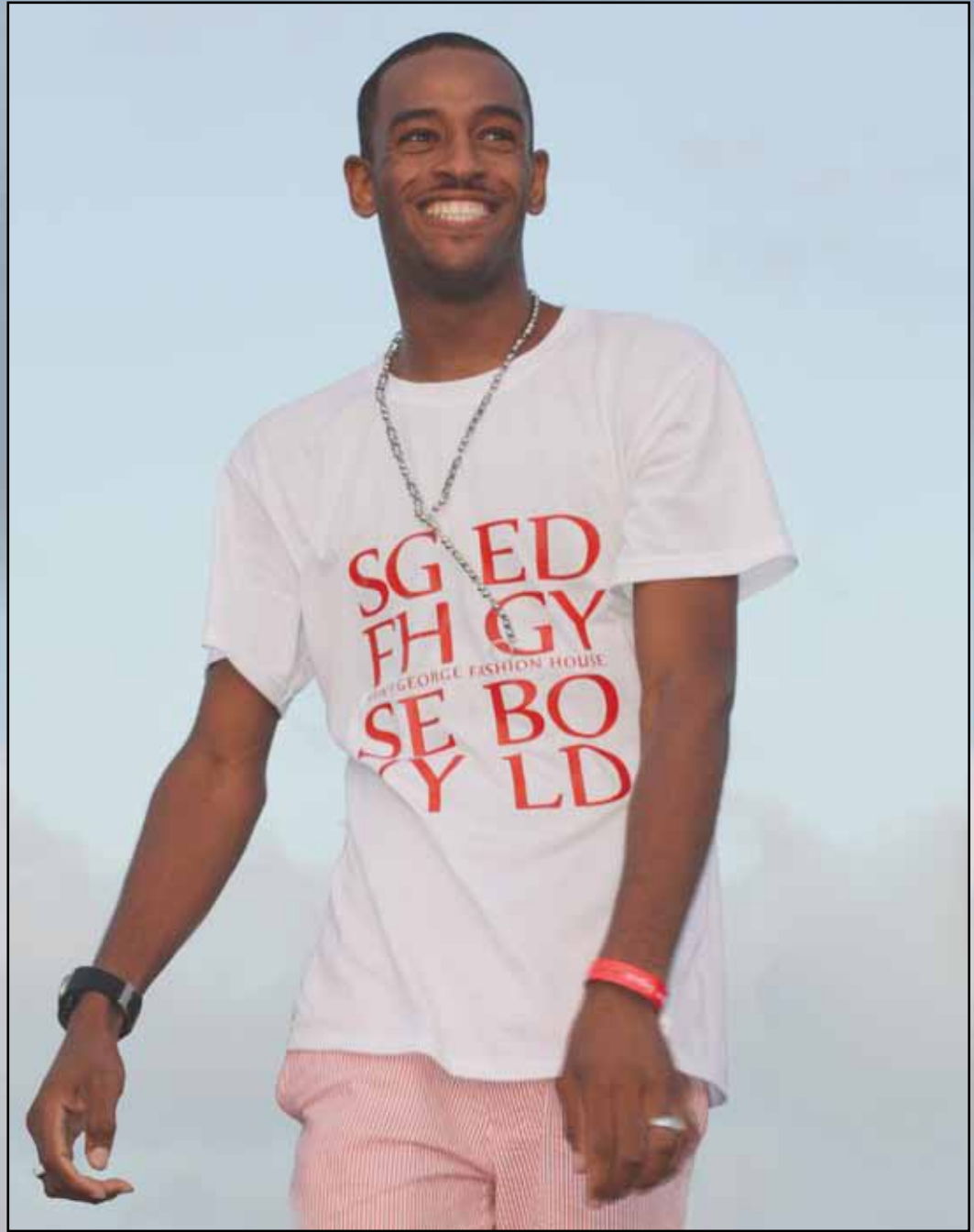
JULY Race for the Conch

The Race for the Conch ecoswim is an open-water race that draws high-level participants, and offers kids an opportunity to participate too. It's sure to be a glorious day of white sand and blue water.



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EDGY SEXY BOLD

“Get up, go and get it” is Kazz Forbes’ motto and he has certainly proven that by starting his own fashion label, Saint George Fashion House.

High-end fashion is how Forbes describes his creations. “With that said, I envision fashion conscious and business savvy ladies and gents adorned in my creations.” He premiered his first collection representing the TCI in June at the 2011 Caribbean International Fashion Week in New York.

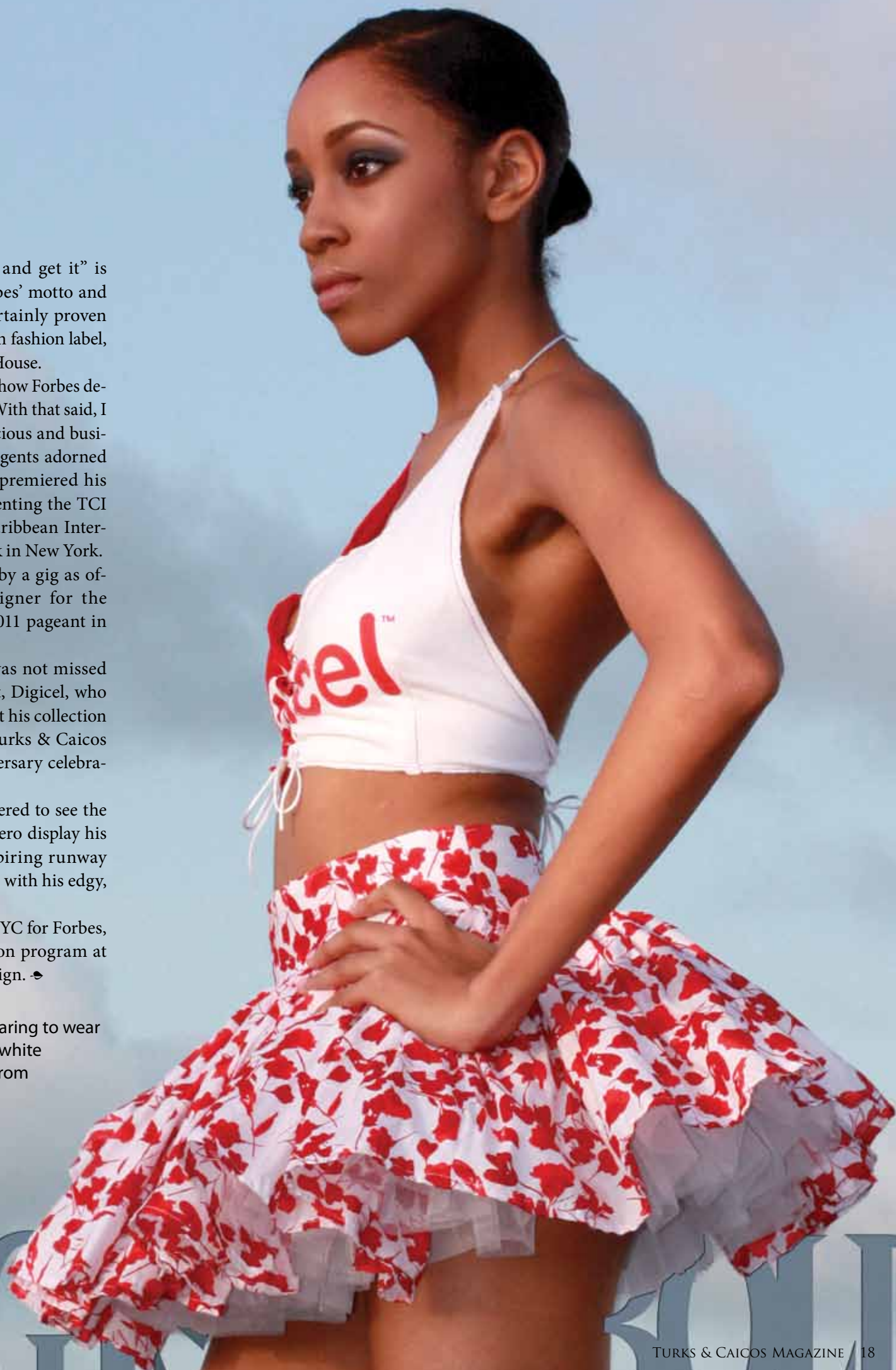
This was followed by a gig as official swimwear designer for the Miss Earth Canada 2011 pageant in August.

All the notoriety was not missed by local telecom giant, Digicel, who asked Forbes to present his collection for the first time in Turks & Caicos during their 5th anniversary celebrations.

A giant crowd gathered to see the young, local fashion hero display his craft. Using local, aspiring runway models, Forbes wowed with his edgy, sexy, bold designs.

Next, it is back to NYC for Forbes, who will start a fashion program at Parson’s School of Design. ➔

Fashion that it takes daring to wear includes this red and white two-piece ensemble from Kazz for Digicel.





A model gets ready backstage before her turn on the runway. The feather jewelry was also designed by Kazz.

Kazz Forbes

■ **Born:** South Caicos to the late George and Sarah Forbes.

■ **Educated:** South Caicos, Grand Bahama and Providenciales.

■ **Inspiration for SGFH:** The name is a tribute to his late father, George, which is also Forbes' middle name.

■ **Who would he like to wear his fashion:** Catherine Zeta-Jones, Beyonce, Anderson Cooper, Tyrone 'Ty' Hunter and Rihanna.

■ **Biggest dream:** Being a successful internationally renowned business mogul.

■ **Favorite place in TCI:** Bell Sound Beach in South Caicos.



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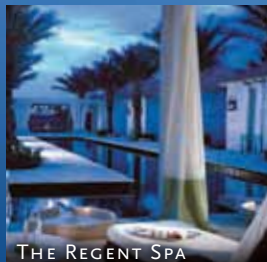
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Wades Green Plantation photographs by Alistair Turbyfield



Wades treasures

There are few places in the Turks & Caicos where the land tells stories about its deeper past. People lived here and there, perhaps dropped anchor in this cove or that one, but few left lasting physical evidence of their time on these islands.

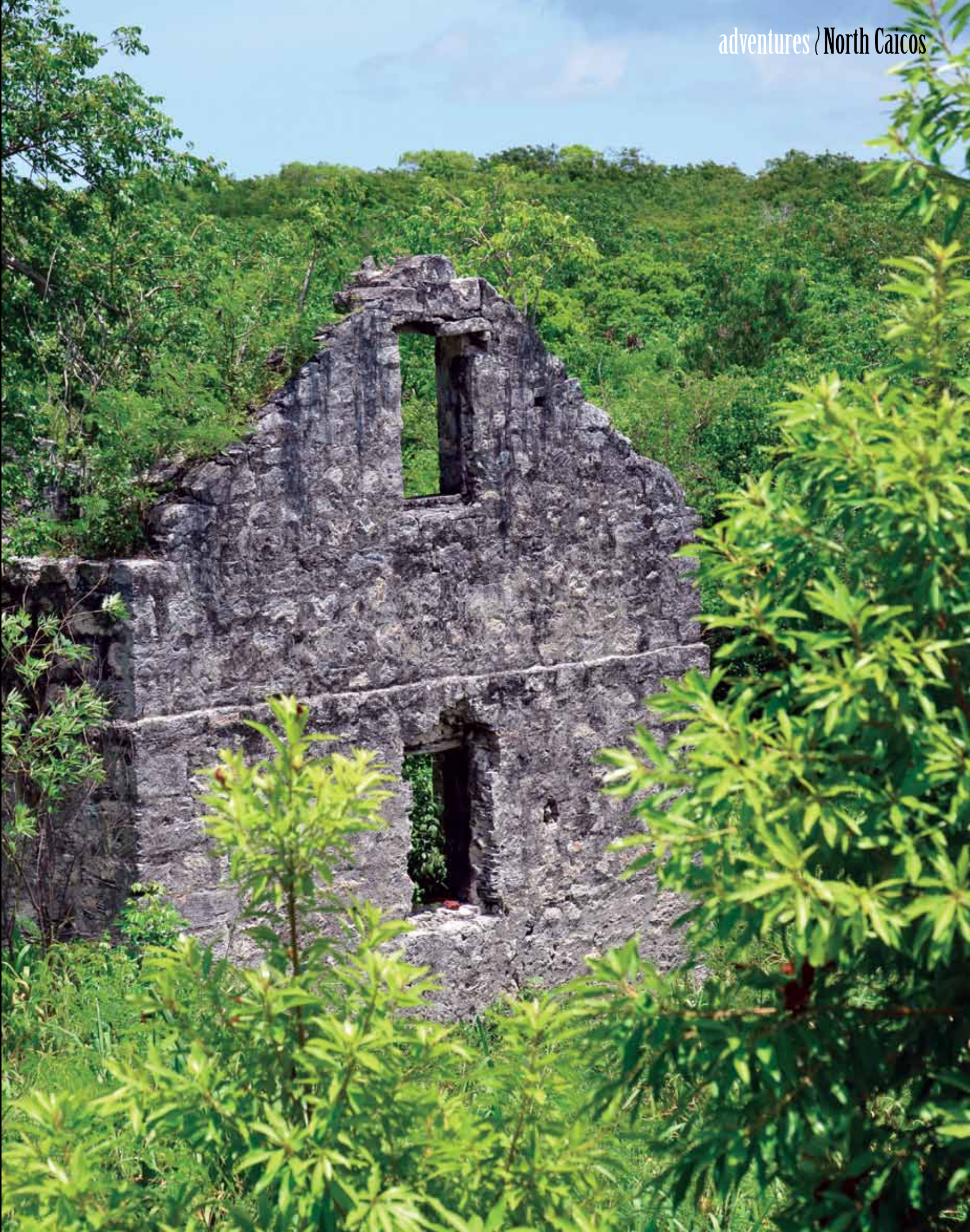
Remnants of the islands' short-lived but significant plantation era – which brought the ancestors of so many Turks & Caicos natives to the West Indies in the late 18th century – are particularly difficult to spot.

Today, the best-preserved plantation is Wades Green, a former cotton-farming operation on North Caicos. Its story begins in the southeastern United States during the American Revolution, where the conflict with Great Britain was less a clash between armies and more like a bloody civil war between neighbors.

After the British defeat, 62,000 American Loyalists fled. The majority headed north to Canada, but thousands of Southern loyalists resettled in the West Indies, sometimes after a stop in British-controlled East Florida. Many of these Southern Loyalists were planters who arrived in the Caribbean with their valuable slaves in tow.

One of those Loyalist refugees from East Florida was Wade Stubbs, probably a Georgian

Fleeing the United States after the American Revolution, British Loyalist planters dreamed of building empires of sea island cotton on North Caicos.





Wades Green Plantation, where hundreds of slaves once labored, is losing the battle against native vegetation.

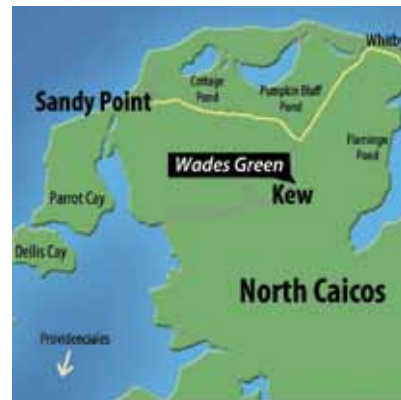


A flowering plant has taken over a metal pot, creating a garden feature in the wild.

Tory militia officer of some rank (judging by the size of his land grant – the second-largest of 332). His compensation order from King George III on March 27, 1789, entitled him to “860 acres on the island of Grand Caicos (now North Caicos), one of our Bahama Islands, bounded on the West by James Misick’s land, easterly by Catherine Davis’ land and vacant land, and southerly by salt marshes.”

Stubbs and the other Loyalist planters quickly turned slave labor into relative wealth, developing plantations on Providenciales, North and Middle Caicos that produced valuable sea-island cotton for an emerging export trade.

Initially these plantations flourished, and the Caicos economy looked valuable enough to the



British Empire that after withdrawing from Haiti in the 1790s, it fortified a coastal artillery battery on a small cay overlooking North Caicos in order to keep the French away.

But success proved fleeting. Yields fell to an infestation of weevils. A devastating hurricane struck in 1813. And local topsoil

The journey

- Wades Green is one of several plantations in the Turks & Caicos, but is the best preserved.

- To get to the plantation, take the TCI Ferry from Providenciales. The ferry makes the 25-minute trip to the dock at Sandy Point on North Caicos five times a day. A taxi can take visitors to the plantation.

- Once there, well-marked and easy-to-walk trails will take visitors around the site. The tour takes about two hours.

- Pack water, insect repellent, sunscreen and a camera. (A picnic is nice, or head to the Barracuda Beach Bar for lunch!)

– never great to begin with
 – suffered under the leaching demands of cotton production. Disheartened and bankrupt, the islands' first wave of American expats sailed away in the early 1800s.

Wade Stubbs proved tougher than most, buying up the holdings of departing planters. At his death in 1822, Stubbs owned more than 8,000 acres on Providenciales and North Caicos, plus more property on Middle Caicos. The bulk of his estate went to a cousin (also named Wade Stubbs), who lived at Wades Green until about 1850.

But Stubbs' greatest gift to the Turks & Caicos was undoubtedly a human one: more than 380 slaves whose children represented the first generation of native-born Turks & Caicos Islanders. Most of today's natives can trace an ancestor back to Kew, the settlement founded by those slaves after abolition in 1833.

Wades Green never regained its prominence, although the government reclaimed the Stubbs house in 1885, turning it into a combination courthouse, jail and magistrate's quarters.

It eventually fell to ruin, rotting in obscurity until it came under the protection of the National Trust, which today encourages tours of the property. Walking down the silent path that leads to the estate under the cover of native greenery, one can sense the unspoken stories embedded in its quiet surroundings – the whispered memories of an emerging nation and its people.☛



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On my travels through North Caicos, I happened upon the classic Caribbean beach bar imagined in a vacation dream. The Barracuda Beach Bar & Grill is a spot that should find its way on to any North Caicos itinerary.

Strolling up to the somewhat rustic looking cabana, I was a little unsure what would await me at first, but I was delighted to discover that it was a small treasure on the green island's map.

Visiting or living in the Turks & Caicos, we are spoiled by a variety of true gourmet restaurants, but every now and then you find a diamond in the rough that is not waiting to be turned into a sparkling jewel.

I was immediately greeted by a local gentleman seated in the corner, already enjoying the complimentary million-dollar view. He was cozy in his chair, drinking a beer from a bottle wrapped in a cooling koozie on the warm summer day.

As I sat, just taking in the surroundings, I found myself admiring the bar's simplicity and felt an air of time having stood still here. My newfound friend – who comes in every day – told me how Clifford, the bar's owner, had built it himself. He had done his part by helping Clifford thatch the roof after collecting the branches from a native tree. I felt at ease and comfortable, something you find almost anywhere you land in the TCI.



The Barracuda, with a funky, casual atmosphere and a beautiful view, is one of North Caicos' only beachside bars.





Enjoy a refreshing drink under the shade of a thatched roof or a tasty fish burger, one of the house specialties.



The bar

- The Barracuda Beach Bar & Grill is located in Whitby, North Caicos - right on the beach.
- The beachside bar is part of the Pelican Beach Hotel.
- Friday nights, it is the place to be,

with live music it is 'the' local hangout.

- Clifford and Susie Gardiner, North Caicos natives, own the hotel and bar.
- Susie is famous for her North Caicos bread. You can find her in the kitchen most days, just follow the aroma.



Bright shutters are a classic Caribbean touch.



Owner Clifford Gardiner was also TCI's first pilot.



A wooden version of the bar's namesake.



Paddle a kayak

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Search for starfish

Starfish or sea stars big and small can be found just steps from the beach. These friendly creatures can survive out of water for 5 days. Just be sure to put them back!

Go camping

The Kids Town at the Grace Bay Club heats up Friday nights when the kids hit the beach for the popular “kids only” campout from 6 -10 p.m.

Kids starting at age five celebrate a traditional camp fire on the beach with a bon fire, hot dogs and s’mores, astronomy lesson, scavenger hunt, and a movie.



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Beach babies

Among the best things about Turks & Caicos are the protected beaches that are perfect for small children to enjoy.

The offshore reefs mean most days the waves are gentle and the tide is an easy ebb and flow.

With clear, comfortably cool water to play in, and white sand to build castles with, the islands offer a wonderful environment for children and families.



beach

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Tanya Streeter dives without tanks: She can hold her breath — and swim — for seven minutes.

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under
 the sea
 over
 the edge
 around
 the world

Tanya Streeter makes a career – or two – out of exploring planet Earth

Tanya Streeter has a unique perspective on the Turks & Caicos Islands: cold, dark and high-pressure.

That's the view from 525 feet down, just off the reef at Grace Bay, where Streeter's descent line disappeared into a 7,000-foot abyss as she set the no-limits freediving world record in 2002. It's an otherworldly, painful place, suspended above dreamlike depths where up-and-down can lose their meaning, and where the weight of the ocean presses in on a diver at more than 230 psi.

It is not a place you'd choose to linger, particularly when you've

reached it on a single breath, without scuba gear, and there's that whole distance to cover again before your lungs get any relief.

Competitive freediving produces such rare experiences, and for years Streeter was among the best, combining freakish athletic ability with a calm mind that enhanced her ability to saturate her bloodstream with oxygen before big events. Yet what's remarkable about Streeter is that for all her success as a competitive freediver, her career really took off after her retirement in 2006.

Since then, she has worked continuously on environmental

documentaries for the BBC, taking viewers into an underwater realm she can explore without apparatus. Two of her most recent projects will take her career — and ability to bring awareness to the causes she cares most about — to a new level.

In May, Streeter spent a week in the African bush of Botswana as part of a new Discovery Channel series appropriately named “Alone in the Wild.” For Streeter, who has taken herself to the ocean’s extremes, the adventures in the bush pushed her in a new dimension.

“I have always felt at home in the sea, more than that - protected. In the African bush, I felt utterly vulnerable,” she explained.

Literally growing up in the ocean, Streeter says while she keeps her wits about her, she generally is relaxed and comfortable within the womb of the ocean. In the African bush it was a different story. “In the bush, it was safest for me to be on high alert at all times.” However, she says she would expect the local bushmen to feel just as uncomfortable in her sea as she did in their world.

The experience exemplifies the freediving world-record holder’s life philosophy to redefine your limits. While she feared the idea of being alone in the bush, she used her experience to turn that fear into determination.

“It was a sensation I grew used to when I was freediving competitively. I had many fears then as well, but I always got to a point where I realized that it was a waste of energy to be afraid and I simply had to stop and convert that fear into positive energy to be applied to the task at hand.”

In diving, that was getting down and back up again safely. In Botswana, it simply was surviving through every hour of the day.

Her current project is a high-definition documentary film for the Plastic Oceans Foundation, scheduled to hit theaters in 2013. Streeter became a patron of the foundation that is fighting to bring awareness to the frightful damage that the wasteful usage of plastic is causing to the ocean

In 2002 in the Turks & Caicos, Streeter set a world record by diving 525 feet on a single gulp of air.



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“ I have always felt at home in the sea, more than that — protected. In the African bush I felt utterly vulnerable. ”



Braving the African bush for the Discovery Channel show “Alone in the Wild,” Streeter and winter Olympian Amy Williams started the journey together, then went their separate ways. Streeter spent seven nights in Botswana’s Okavango Delta. The show will air later this year in the U.S.



Plastic Oceans

Based in the U.K., Plastic Oceans works to focus awareness on what many believe is one of the largest threats to Earth's oceans: plastic waste.

Through entanglement, ingestion and transport of invasive species, plastic pollution has significant and adverse impact, particularly on marine life and coastlines, the group says, pointing to data that shows that billions of forms of plastic waste — such as the millions of one-use plastic shopping bags used every hour — makes its way into oceans and waterways, where it literally chokes the life out of them.

The group has assembled a team of the world's top scientists and filmmakers to produce a documentary, scheduled to premiere in 2013.

The team is headed up by award-winning film producers, Jo Ruxton and Lizzie Bewick, both of whom were involved in productions such as *Blue Planet*, *Saving Planet Earth*, *Pacific Abyss*, *Big Cat Diary*, and *LIFE*.

Accompanied by scientists and engineers, the team will travel to some of the most remote parts of the planet, documenting the environmental issues associated with plastic and its impact on humans and some of the Earth's most spectacular animals.

To learn more about Plastic Oceans, visit www.plasticoceans.com.



and marine life.

“Knowing how terrible plastic is for the environment, and how much of it winds up polluting the world's oceans, it makes my stomach turn, and I feel compelled to educate people on what simple, easy changes they can make in their lives to reduce the demand for, and use of, plastics.”

Empathy is what Streeter hopes to invoke in viewers through her work, opening our eyes and hearts to the necessity to protect our planet as a whole. “I think that if we show empathy towards both environments we will naturally have a greater respect, and therefore desire to protect them.”

The Austin, Texas, resident (now a wife and mother) travels the world for her work and causes, yet she has remained inextricably linked to Turks & Caicos since her record breaking dive in 2002. By her estimation, she's visited here about 10 times over the past decade.

Her continuing romance with the



While filming a Plastic Oceans documentary in Sardinia, Streeter helped scientists with ground-breaking research to show toxin levels in dolphins.

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Streeter and her daughter enjoy paddleboarding on one of her regular visits to teach freediving at TCI's Amanyara resort.

TCI might have something to do with her childhood.

"I am so incredibly lucky to have been born in the Cayman Islands and to have spent so much time over the years in Turks & Caicos," Streeter said. "There are many similarities, of course, especially culturally, having remained British dependent territories and being English-speaking. In terms of their topography, Provo in particular is similar to Grand Cayman, and below the surface of the water, the two island nations are highly comparable, although I would venture that TCI has more dive locations, as there are so many more islands."

Streeter describes TCI as an up-and-coming Cayman, about 15 years behind in terms of development.

"It's like taking a refreshing step back into the past when I visit TCI, and what the islands lack in sophistication, they make up for with authentic local charm."

Streeter's Discovery Channel premier is expected this fall, and with an upcoming feature film on the environment, you certainly will be seeing more of her, whether it is on the small screen, on the big screen or right here in Turks & Caicos, where she just enjoys being a part of the local underwater scene. 🐠

World-class

■ Streeter is a ten-time world record breaker in the extreme sport of freediving. She was the first person ever to freedive to 160 meters in the "no limits" discipline, during which her descent was assisted by a heavily weighted sled and her ascent was made using a liftbag that she activated at the bottom. Her no limits record has yet to be surpassed.

■ Her 10 freediving world records span six years and seven disciplines, including five absolute records where she surpassed male competitors. She was the first woman in sports history to beat men's world records.

■ In 2000, she was inducted into the women diver's hall of fame.

“I always got to a point where I realized that it was a waste of energy to be afraid and I simply had to stop and convert that fear into positive energy...”



Sony Cyber-shot DSC-TX10

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Dr. Carlton Mills encourages children at Adelaide Omeler Primary School to work hard at their studies.

grace bay gives back

It's a sweltering September morning, and after hops on two successively smaller boats, a utility-cart jaunt across Parrot Cay and a sometimes bouncy bus ride to the far horizon of North Caicos, Dr. Carlton Mills and eight members of the Grace Bay Resorts Community Foundation roll to a dusty stop in front of a hardscrabble school yard.

Philanthropy has its public face, one put on carefully to draw

media attention to their cause, and that face certainly has its place in the GBR Community Foundation's work (more on that later). But here in green-and-hazy Bottle Creek, the largest of the island's three traditional settlements, philanthropy's less-visible face shows up coated in sweat and bug spray aboard a squeaky school bus on the silent doorstep of Adelaide Omeler Primary School.

Mills and the foundation

Community Foundation works for the islands' children



Students in native costumes share their pride in their home island of North Caicos at Charles Hubert James Primary School.



Logistics are key for North Caicos deliveries. One recent trip by Grace Bay Resorts Community Foundation required two boats, a couple of golf carts and a school bus — with plenty of loading and unloading along the way. Parrot Cay provided transportation and employees of both resorts donated hours on a summer day to ferry book bags and office supplies to the island’s schools.



volunteers descend with their remaining cardboard boxes of school supplies and stand blinking in the bright sunshine for a moment as a white-haired woman approaches from the village with a quizzical look.

“What are you doing here?” she asks one of the employee volunteers, a North Caicos native, before leaning in and enveloping her in a familiar hug.

That’s local retiree Auntie Gwen, and she proceeds across the concrete schoolyard with the volunteers, chatting and laughing as they tote their cargo of donated school supplies to a cinderblock classroom where faculty and students have assembled in the tropical heat. As the volunteers file in, the students break into spontaneous applause.

Mills says a few words, the children queue politely in neat blue uniforms, the teachers admonish and prod, and the Grace Bay Resorts volunteers hand out yet another load of crisp new backpacks.

It’s the least choreographed of the three school presentations they’ve made in the previous 36 hours, but near its conclusion a parent shows up unexpectedly bearing fresh-made coconut cake for the foundation volunteers. Everyone smiles, hugs and handshakes are exchanged all around, and when it’s all over, the volunteers linger longer than they must.

Mills spent five years as a school principal on this sparsely



Mark Durliat, CEO Grace Bay Resorts

populated island before heading off to Providenciales and a career in politics that included two years as Minister of Education. He emerged from the country’s constitutional crisis with his reputation intact, and in 2009 reached an important conclusion: the nation’s future will hinge on how well its schools connect young people to the hospitality industry, which makes up roughly 85 percent of the local economy.

In the summer of 2009 that conviction led him to a meeting with top executives of the Grace Bay Resorts. Mills was looking to improve his

“I think the schools are starving.”

dr. carlton mills

understanding of the hospitality business and its training needs. GBR was looking to improve its community-outreach program.

Several weeks later, two things happened. Mills took a job as Manager of Talent, Growth and Community Affairs for Grace Bay Resorts, and the active but scattergun Grace Bay Resorts Community Foundation found a focus.

“Looking back on it, when we started we were all over the map,” said GBR CEO Mark Durliat. “As we began to see the impact of our efforts... it became more and more obvious that we would be more effective if we narrowed our focus to education.”

Mills took Durliat and others on tours of remote schools across the nation, driving home the need with a simple message: “I think the schools are starving.” The Turks and Caicos government operates 10 primary schools and four high schools across its far-flung islands, and budgets for education have yet to recover from the economic and political misfortunes of 2008-09.

With Mills leading the way in the fall of 2009, the foundation provided several higher-education scholarships and adopted two schools on South Caicos. In Year Two, the scholarship program expanded, the foundation adopted two more schools on North Caicos, and expenditures rose to \$100,000.

But the foundation was already



stretching its limits. Its budget dropped slightly this year, even as it added a fifth adopted school. The constraints reinforced what foundation leaders already knew: even with donations from their guests and property owners, even with the volunteer efforts of their employees, they had taken on a task that couldn't be accomplished alone.

Yet there they were during the first week of the academic year in September, a dozen-or-so volunteers making the rounds to their five adopted schools, delivering more than \$6,000 in backpacks, plus hard-to-come-by school supplies and the implied value of their success to the community.

The team welcomed Provo's Ianthe Pratt Primary School into the GBR Community Foundation family on Sept. 6 in a ceremony that involved



Charles Hubert James Primary School Principal Darlene Lightbourne and Adelphine Pitter share a hug. Pitter, resident manager for Grace Bay Resorts, grew up on North Caicos.

plenty of singing and media coverage. "We're only asking one thing of you," Dr. Mills told Ianthe Pratt students

before commencing the book-bag giveaway. "Work hard."

It was by design, not coincidence, that the event attracted considerable local media attention. The next stage in the effort is finding private sector partners – even if it means giving up control of the effort.

"My real hope in this is that other companies will join in," Durliat said. "If other companies have the same mindset that we do, they'd just say 'Let's get on board.' Then it becomes an industry effort, not just ours alone." He intends to reach out formally to some of his peers in early 2012.

In the meantime, Mills and the foundation will continue to make their rounds, reminding young TC Islanders in remote places that the eyes of a nation are upon them. ♡



Children at Charles Hubert James Primary School show off their new backpacks.

What's on your bucket list?



South
Caicos

Catch a yellowfin tuna
while deep sea
fishing



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Renew wedding
vows on the beach



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Hold'em
tournament



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of the Caribbean's
top courses



Salt Cay

Watch a whale
breach out
of the sea





Sue Hammill works on a canvas at a PaintFest event held at Providenciales Children's home.



More than paint

Hospital walls become
a community canvas

After years of island hopping around the Caribbean, Dick and Sue Hammill decided Turks & Caicos was the place they wanted to call home — at least their second home. While they loved everything about the islands, the relationship quickly became as much about giving as it was about getting.

In 1996, when the Hammills asked their travel agent for a little less-traveled Caribbean destination with great beaches, the answer came back quickly: Turks & Caicos.

“We had spent time on many other islands (Cayman Islands, Aruba, Barbados etc.) but they were all too congested,” explains Dick, a retired Home Depot senior vice president. “After we retired and our adult kids came for a visit, we all agreed — this would be a great place to have a family destination.”

It did not take long for the couple to settle into island life.



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Dozens of students, volunteers and staff participated in the Provo Hospital art project.

Making friends was easy because of the laid-back nature of the environment.

Before long, the Hammills had some ideas about how they could make a difference in the community that had welcomed them so warmly.

As soon as they saw two hospitals were to be built in the Turks & Caicos, they arranged for a meeting with the developers of the hospitals to see if there would be interest in having Hospital Art PaintFests in the new facilities. Hospital Art is a global organization in which the Hammills were involved back in Georgia. The hospitals loved the idea.

“The organization has colorful paintings in over 2,000 hospitals in 194 countries, so given our love of the islands, we decided to meet with the appropriate people, underwrite the project and make it happen,” Dick said.

The Hammills organized PaintFest events in the two state-of-the-art hospitals shortly before they opened in 2010. Local students,

hospital staff and volunteers joined together to bring color to the hospital walls.

For the Hammills, it was a touching experience.

“We especially enjoyed working with the kids who were just as excited about the paintings as the ‘big people.’”

The results? Lobby murals, canvas paintings throughout the hospitals, and butterflies adorning ceiling tiles. This year, the Hammills held PaintFest at the Provo Children’s Home, giving its residents and staff the opportunity to participate.

Since then, the Hammills and Hospital Art crossed Canada by train, stopping in most of the major cities, holding PaintFests in hospitals from Halifax to Vancouver. An idea that started through friends in Turks & Caicos.

For Dick and Sue, Turks & Caicos is now more than just a place in which they have a second home, it is a community of which they have become a part. ➔



Providenciales residents Dick and Sue Hammill brought PaintFest to the Turks & Caicos

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Q What do you look forward to the most when coming to TCI?

A Slower pace, wonderful surroundings, seeing friends again and the rum drinks.

Q What is the funniest question people ask you when you tell them that you are going to TCI?

A So, where is Turks & Caicos? I’ve heard of it, but don’t have a clue where it is.

Q What do you always bring with you when you come to TCI?

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Growing a dream

Organic fruits and vegetables in most countries are a relatively new trend, stocked in grocery stores by popular demand. In North Caicos, there is a simpler term for the same natural, home-grown produce: a garden.

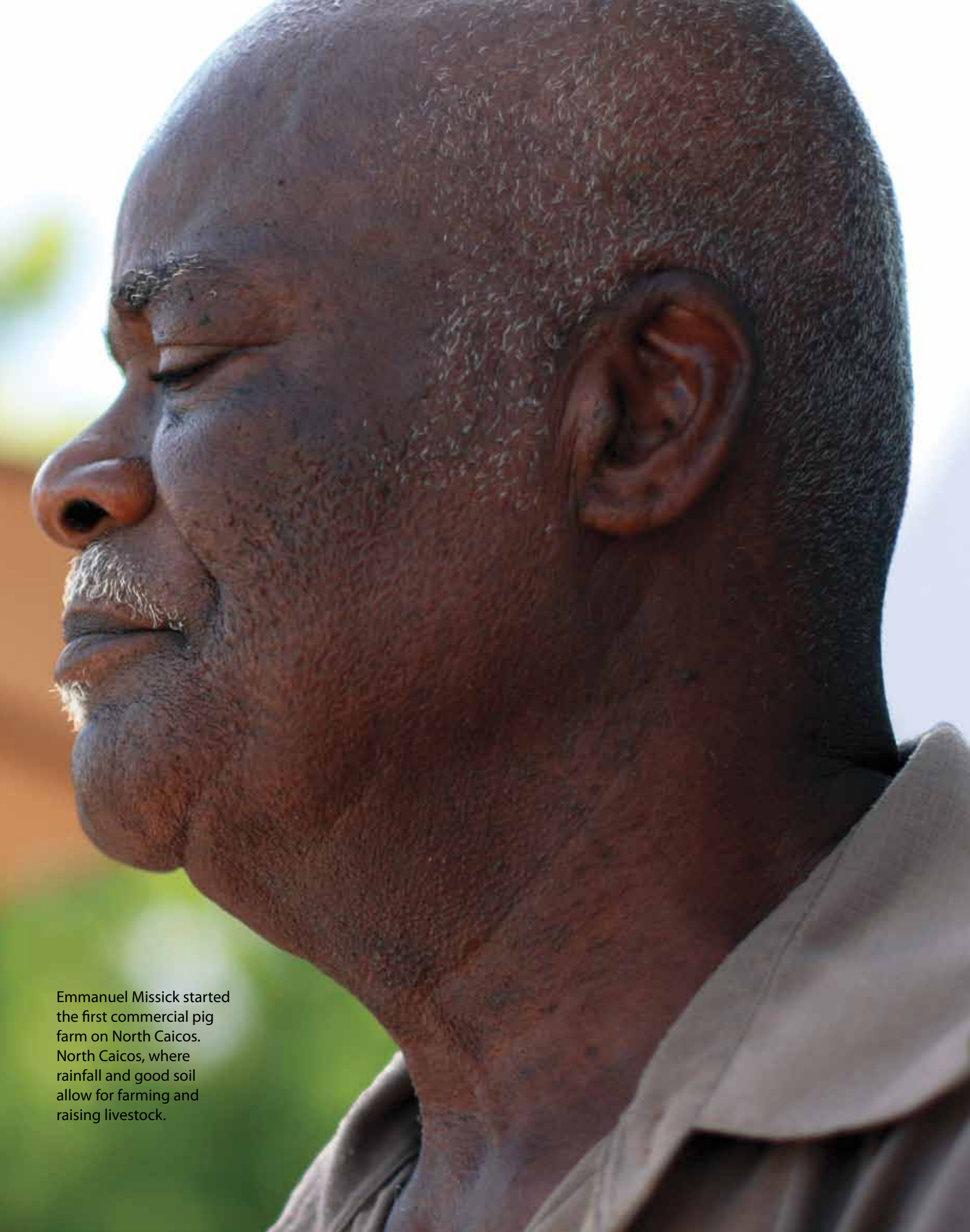
Sugar cane, corn, watermelons and tomatoes almost seem like they are part of the natural vegetation, growing in nearly every family's garden.

Growing your own vegetables was simply a part of life on North Caicos, the greenest island in the Turks & Caicos chain.

For decades, fish was the hottest commodity coming out of the Turks & Caicos Islands after salt and Sea Island cotton. Exotic items such as bananas, papayas and mangos came from faraway places such as Haiti or the Dominican Republic on trade ships after days at sea.

Those days of trade are long gone, as goods in the modern world arrive by airplane and commercial ships. Today, the





Emmanuel Missick started the first commercial pig farm on North Caicos. North Caicos, where rainfall and good soil allow for farming and raising livestock.



Farmer's markets are increasingly popular on the island of Providenciales, where residents are keen to 'buy local.' The Turks & Caicos imports millions of dollars in produce each year. North Caicos farmers envision a thriving farming industry that returns those dollars to the local economy.

most populated island of Providenciales is serviced by large grocery stores filled with aisles and aisles of products from around the world, including everything from Idaho potatoes and California grapes to kiwi from New Zealand.

On North Caicos, 25 minutes away from Provo by ferry, the grocery shops are more humble and they still enjoy the natural goodness of their locally grown products.

Several community farmers are determined to support the local economy by growing a fruitful farming industry, which is starting to take root.

Emmanuel Missick's Green Acres Farm recently expanded to include pigs, enough to feed everyone on North Caicos, he has said.

Courtney Missick, a Kew farmer and president of the Farmer's and Community Association on North Caicos, has been working with the government to bring education about farming to residents who are interested in getting involved.

The government also is cultivating a new idea in Kew. Plans are being developed to turn a small, government-sponsored farm into a research center, creating resources to help farmers, including finding the best types of produce to grow and providing low-cost seedlings to be put into production.

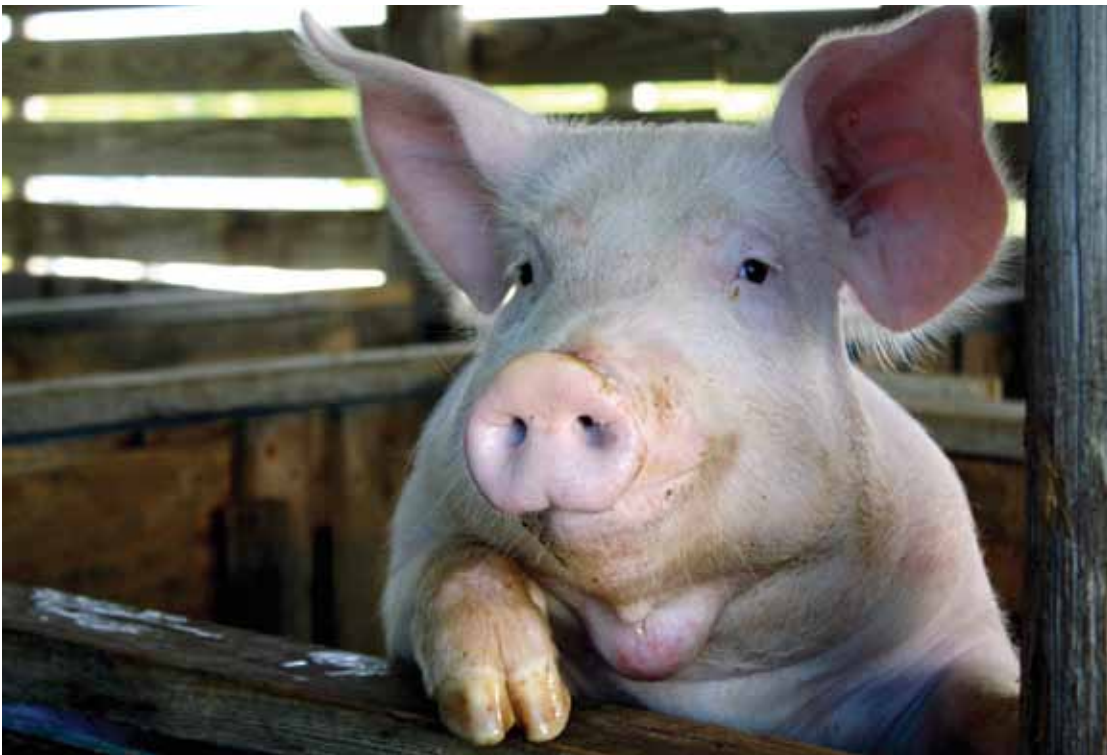
Turning a home-grown hobby into a flourishing industry is not a small task, but North Caicos farmers are determined to see this idea bloom into reality.

Bananas and plantains thrive in the warm and wet climate of North Caicos.





Corn, peppers, tomatoes, sugar cane and pigs share the farm on the island of North Caicos.





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Kimble Skov

vice president,
PIMCO Investment

Turks & Caicos may be the perfect place to get away from it all, but that doesn't include leaving behind sound investment advice.

The island boasts several international, full-service banks and access to some of the world's best financial advisors.

Scotia Private Client Group (SPCG) recently brought heavyweights PIMCO Vice President Kimble Skov and Jim McGovern, CEO of Canada-based Arrow Capital to the Regent Palms Resort on Providenciales to talk about trends in the bond market and other topics of intense interest in the current global economy.

With insight from the firm's advisors Alan Greenspan and Gordon Brown, PIMCO is preparing for a mixed upcoming nine months in the markets. Skov preached practicing "safe spread."

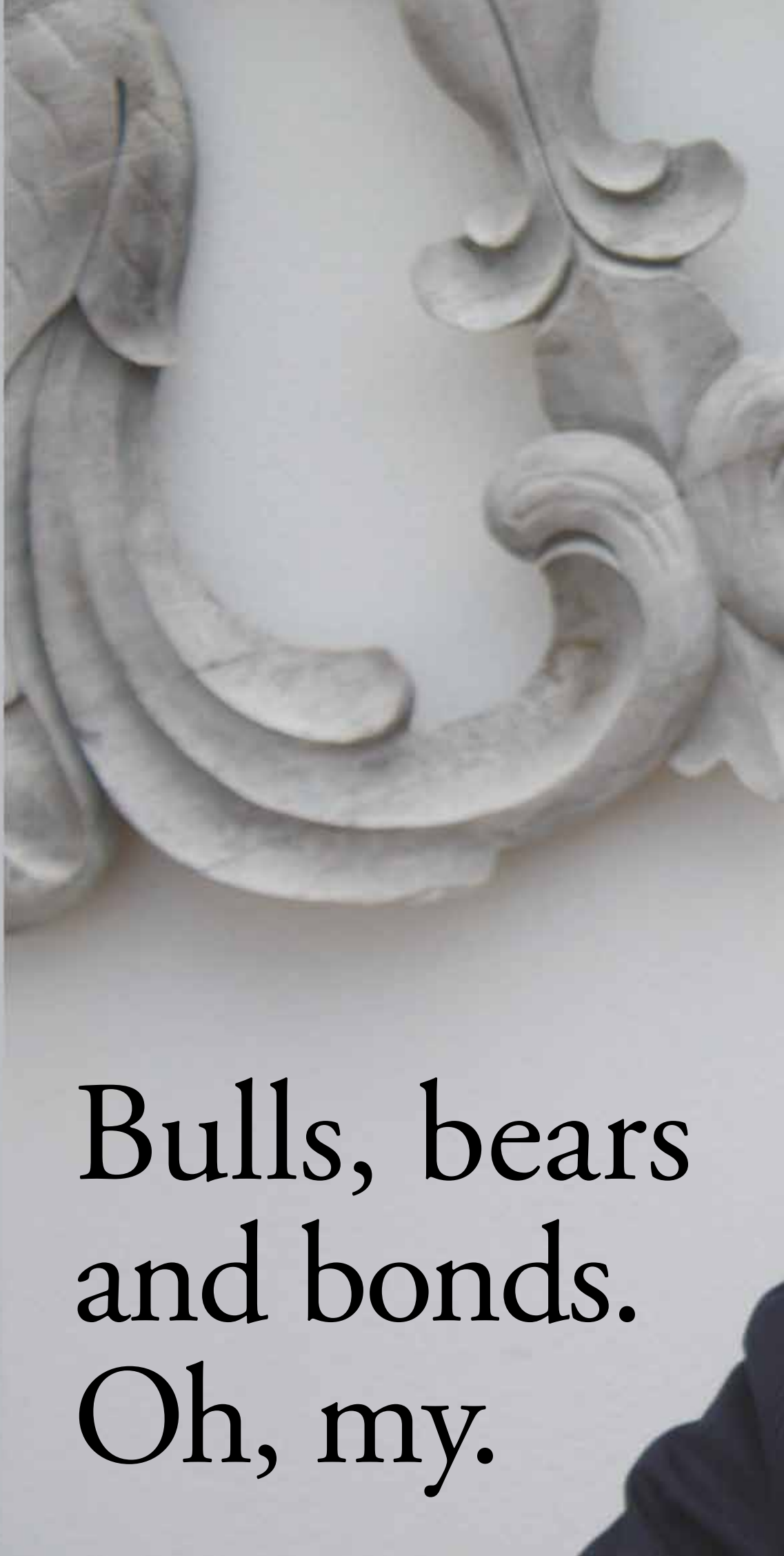
"We are longterm investors," he said, explaining the benefits of safe yield bonds.

With \$1.3 trillion (USD) in Assets Under Management and more than 1,400 employees worldwide, PIMCO is a powerhouse. Investment legend Bill Gross founded the company in 1971 and has grown it with thoughtful leadership and innovative investment solutions across a broad range of asset classes.

The session closed with a round-table discussion on which emerging markets were worth keeping an eye on.

"We have a sophisticated group of clients in the Turks and Caicos, with broad, international perspectives," said Kevin O'Sullivan, Investment Advisor with SPCG, who organized the event.

"People come here to enjoy the sun and beaches, but there are a few who also come to invest shrewdly in an international jurisdiction. They like to be able to meet people like Kimble and Jim in a relaxed environment. You might call it Wall Street on the beach."



Bulls, bears
and bonds.
Oh, my.



A market & brand stage a comeback

Shortly after the credit crisis implosion in September 2008, I merged Connolly Zahm Properties into Turks & Caicos Sotheby's International Realty, with the goal of creating the leading real estate company in the region. After a good run with CZP, I figured that the market would go through a difficult period and that the successful, surviving brands would need to be stronger in order to succeed.

So we merged in June 2009, and were greeted to five consecutive months of zero commission business. It was quite a painful fall from grace. But we were quietly confident in our plan, and kept plugging away until the market came back. Then, this past season, the glacier cracked, and our market enjoyed the first sustained momentum since mid-2008, which was highlighted by the sale of two luxury villas more than \$6M and \$10M, respectively. In fact, our Multiple Listing Service shows a more than 25% increase in sales volume over the same period in 2010.

So our recovery is (humbly) in progress, with good price value, more realistic sellers, improved purchaser confidence, strong property quality, booming tourism, a committed private sector and a stabilizing government. Internationally, Turks & Caicos continues to grow as a high-end brand unto itself. This is evidenced by the tremendous increase in flights to the destination, from a variety of international gateways.

We have gotten up, dusted ourselves off, and begun to move forward, after the fall. We are humbled and hopefully wiser, with the unshakable belief that the Turks & Caicos remains a desirable, growing brand and a force to be reckoned with over the long term.



Joe Zahm is president of Turks & Caicos Sotheby's International Realty and a 20-year veteran in TCI tourism, development and real estate.

REVIVAL



Newly built Haven House has all the amenities needed to escape life's stress, including views of an untouched beach.

Photos: Steve Passmore of Provo Pictures



The home's master suite boasts stunning views from its own private ocean-front balcony.

haven

/'hāv·ən/ noun

1. a harbor or port.
2. any place of shelter and safety; refuge.
3. A spectacular beachfront home in Long Bay, Turks & Caicos.

With miles of pristine beaches and clear, turquoise waters, it is not surprising that there are many homes with breathtaking views on Providenciales. But, it's not common to find a newly built house on the market - a haven for those with a distinct taste for the beautiful things in life.

Located on one of the most serene residential beaches on Providenciales, Haven House is an impeccably appointed beachfront home situated on two acres of land. Artfully placed on a ridge overlooking Long Bay's



most pristine and private stretch of beach, Haven House features stunning vistas with ever changing shades of turquoise.

The six bedroom home spans three generous levels, but what really impresses is the dramatic outdoor living space. An entertainment and lounge area surrounds the infinity-edge pool. In addition, a separate beachfront cottage provides ample room for guests.

The gated property is lushly landscaped with tropical trees and flowers, including fruit and banana trees. The Caicos Marina is located nearby allowing boat lovers ease of access and services for any size watercraft or yacht. ☛



The white marble master bathroom includes his-and-hers vanities and an oversized rain shower.



A fully equipped media room with a bespoke bar round off this extraordinary home in Long Bay Beach, which offers a private beach experience just ten minutes away from the heart of Grace Bay.



Haven House

- 220 feet of beachfront and two acres in Long Bay.
- The 7,000 square-foot house spans three levels.
- A separate beachfront house provides quarters for guests.
- Two large basement rooms could easily accommodate a wine cellar or private gym.
- Listed for \$7.9 million, Nina Siegenthaler, Turks & Caicos Sotheby's, 649.231.0707.



Recently sighted in the Turks & Caicos: The elegant Hinckley T40



Cruising in the Caribbean



Sleek and elegant, Hinckley T40 has plenty of power



When in Turks & Caicos, you might as well travel in style. The jet-driven Hinckley T40 offers all your heart may desire for the job: pure elegance paired with superior technology allowing for comprehensive exploration of the islands or relaxing picnic cruises.



The countless calm, white sand beaches in Turks & Caicos would inspire any boater to seek adventure and seclusion. The T40's twin jet-drives are ideal for the purpose, given their draft of only 27 inches, ridiculously low for a boat of this size. A cruising speed of 29 knots and top speed of 34 knots make it a complete pleasure for the little child resting in every captain to "go the extra mile."

of the captain's true skills – providing easy access to the several deep-water marinas spread across the Turks & Caicos.

There are plenty of deserted beaches to explore, with Turks & Caicos comprising more than 40 cays. (Makes you wonder if the number in the T40's name is a coincidence?)

The patented Hinckley JetStick® gives a new meaning to the concept of effortless maneuvering. The boat literally turns on a dime - regardless

"As a functional design and as a stylistic statement, there is not one element that isn't perfect," Hinckley says about its boater's dream. Indeed, we tend to agree. ☛





BIKE TOURS of the ISLANDS

Whether you are a casual cyclist or looking to roll on the road for miles and miles, Caicos Cyclery has a tour for you. Choose a bike, choose your route and get ready to ride.

This issue, Turks & Caicos magazine is featuring the Java Cruise, a little jaunt that takes you along paved roads on Providenciales, with a stop for lunch at the Green Bean restaurant and then on to an afternoon of snorkeling. A perfect island day!

The rides

- ◀ Java Cruise 6.4 miles
- Long Bay-Shore Club 5 miles
- Java Ride 12 miles
- Ride for Ribs 12 miles
- North Caicos, Half Day Tour 30 miles
- Power Man 36 miles
- North & Middle Caicos, Full Day Tour 67 miles

PROVIDENCIALES



1. bike

A cruiser is a good choice for relaxed pedaling around the streets of Providenciales.



Go for a ride

What better way to explore the island than on a bicycle? Cycling is an emerging activity on the island, with plenty of avenues for exploration.

Caicos Cyclery offers a range of rental bikes, from top-of-the-line Trek Madone road bikes to comfortable, around-town cruisers. The shop also has mapped routes that cater to the rugged athlete and the hey-I'm-on-vacation sightseer. Tours include additional activities such as dining and snorkeling and provide visitors and residents alike with the opportunity to explore the islands of North and Middle Caicos.

The truly brave can pedal around on their own and enjoy all the island has to offer. Just mind the roundabouts! ➔

2. eat

From tasty wraps and fresh salads to decadent cookies, Green Bean has it all.



3. snorkel

End your adventure with a swim alongside local sea residents.



In the bag



Cool things for a day at the beach



Ocean Potion SPF 50

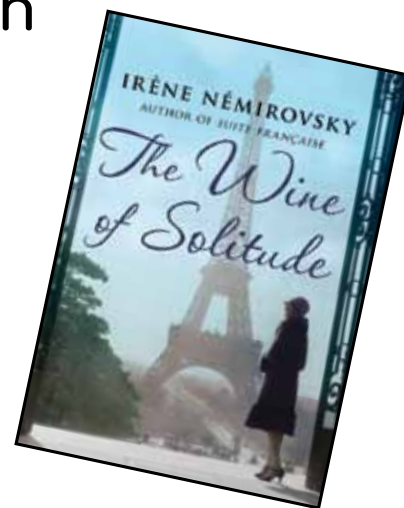
Reliable protection from harmful rays is a must. Ocean Potion is a broad-spectrum sunblock with anti-oxidant vitamins and sea plant botanicals.

Where to buy: Flamingo Pharmacy

The Wine of Solitude

This is the story of an upbringing that produces a young woman as hard as a diamond, prepared to wreak a shattering revenge on her mother. What could be a more perfect beach read?

Where to buy: Unicorn Bookstore



Sassy Beach Bag

A roomy bag is an essential for carrying beach must-haves.

Where to buy: Rumeurs Boutique



Sun Bum Lip Balm

Warning: This Sun Bum lip balm can be deliciously addictive! It protects lips from sun and salt. The tasty banana flavor is a tropical treat.

Where to buy: Nautique Sports



Zico Coconut Water

Coconut water has been a cool, nutritious treat for thousands of years and now modern science concurs that it's good for you, with more potassium than a banana.

Where to buy: Graceway IGA



Roberto Cavalli Sunglasses

Unique touches such as the signature snake have made Roberto Cavalli Sunglasses the go-to shades for trendsetting eyewear.

Where to buy: Just Jais

Beach wrap-around

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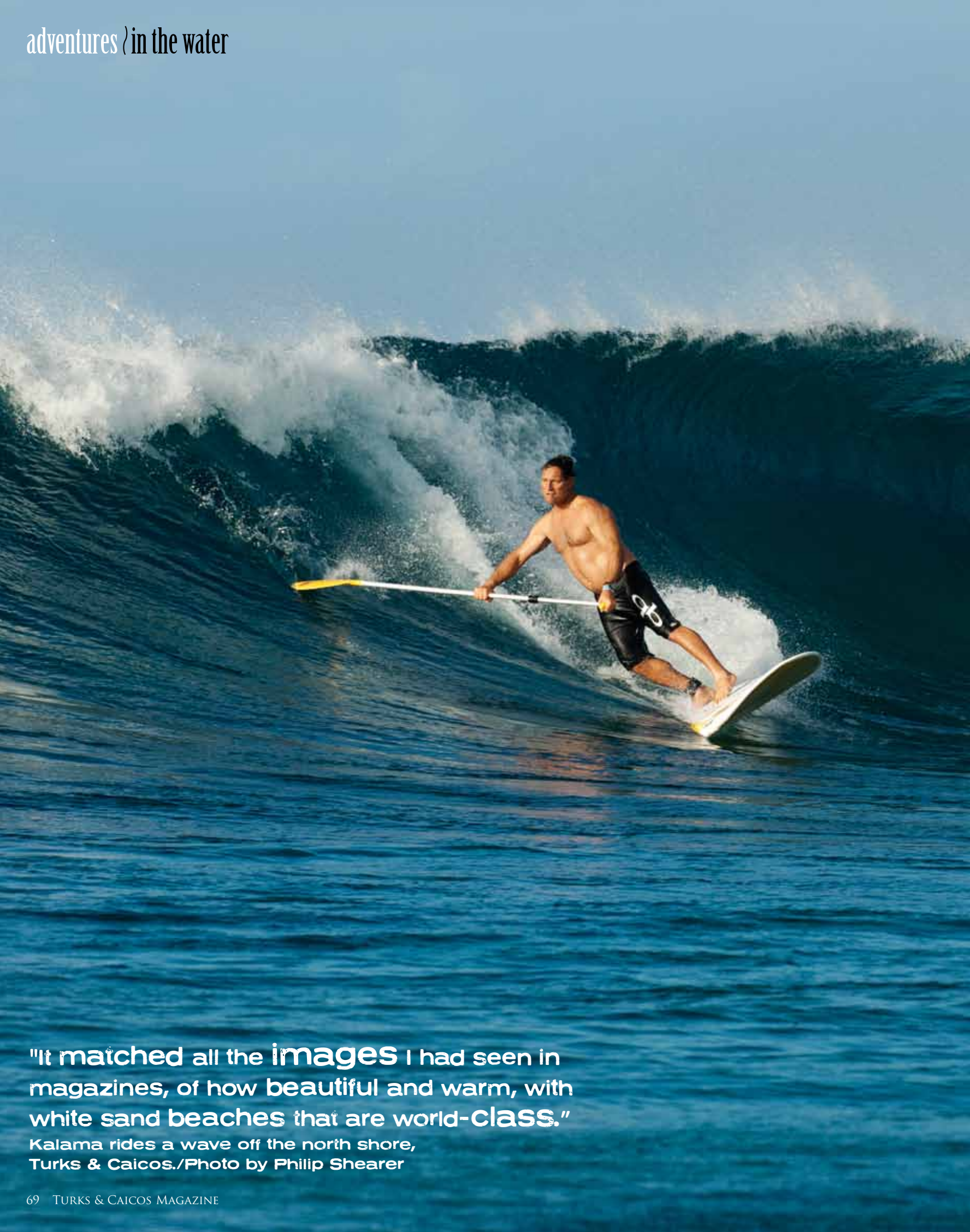


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"It matched all the images I had seen in magazines, of how beautiful and warm, with white sand beaches that are world-class."

Kalama rides a wave off the north shore, Turks & Caicos./Photo by Philip Shearer

SUP

Dave Kalama didn't exactly invent stand-up paddleboarding but his gonzo-surfer reputation certainly gave the new sport early exposure and a needed boost. After pioneering tow-in big-wave surfing with buddy Laird Hamilton (in the feature film *Riding Giants*, that's Kalama racing down 60-foot waves) his participation in SUP helped turn a fringe Hawaiian pas-time into a global craze.

"Sure, I would like to say I'm the guy as much as the next guy, but even if I were, so what?" Kalama wrote. "I'm just glad I'm one of the lucky ones that gets to do this sport as my job." Kalama travels the world teaching and exploring, and his first Kalama Camp with Provo's Big Blue Unlimited sold him on the Turks & Caicos.

Dave
Kalama
wants you
on **board**

It is a great work out, but that's masked by having so much fun

TCIM: What was your first impression of the TCI?

DK: It was more arid than I thought it might be, but once I got down to the water and saw some of the bays and saw how turquoise the water was ... it lives up to all the pictures and descriptions of how picturesque it is.

TCIM: Were there any standout moments from your visit here?

DK: I was really impressed by the quality of surf. I didn't know it would be that good and there would be that much of it. I don't want to give away the location of the gold chest, so to speak, but from what I saw when I was there; there's a cache of untapped surf that I think warrants more expeditions.

TCIM: To what kind of person would you recommend these islands?

DK: Anybody who is into any type of watersport — kite, wind surf, kayaking, SUP, body surf, floating (*laughs*). It's ideal for a watersport vacation. With the temperature of the water and air being as comfortable as it is ... you don't need to wear a wetsuit. Just put some sunscreen on ... and you're good to go.

TCIM: Why is paddleboarding such a great sport?

DK: The simplicity of just having a board and a paddle. You can see the reef, you can see the fish swimming under you, whereas in a canoe or especially on a surfboard... it's hard to see what's beneath you.

SUP is extremely physical – it's a great workout – but that's masked by having so much fun you don't realize how much exercise you're getting.

TCIM: Will you be coming back?

DK: Kalama Camp last November really went well. Absolutely planning to come back. 🍌

Dave Kalama



DARRELL WONG PHOTOGRAPHY

Paddleboarding

TCI Style

Though athletic and fiercely competitive, Dave Kalama is no longer interested in surfing contests. Though famous within his sub-culture, he shuns trappings of fame. What others see as sport, he sees as art.

Through his Kalama Camp partnership with Philip Shearer of Big Blue, Kalama is baking those attitudes into the emerging SUP culture of the Turks & Caicos: not just an expanding extreme sport, but also a graceful, low-impact way to get in touch with a unique natural environment.

Ray Azemard, a young Big Blue Unlimited SCUBA guide and SUP instructor from Grand Turk, gets it. "Stand-up is my favorite," he says as he leads beginners into channels that penetrate the mangrove islands across from Leeward.

"You can see so much better than in a kayak (he points out lemon sharks, sea turtles and pufferfish in one 90-minute lesson), and what you see is beautiful."





Kalama glides past well-established mangroves, which serve as a nursery for many types of marine life.



It has the **wind** for wind sports guys – the wind and **kite surfers** – and the people who do **downwind stand-up paddleboarding**. Then it also has protected bays for **kayakers** and adventure **paddlers** who can go out and **see** sting rays and paddle out to the Iguana Island, **explore** little waterways through the **mangroves**. **[Turks & Caicos]** is really **perfect** for all the **adventure** paddle sports. //

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need is
this →

There are plenty of opportunities to rent boards and paddles on the island. Get a lesson, take a guided tour or explore on your own. It's up to you!



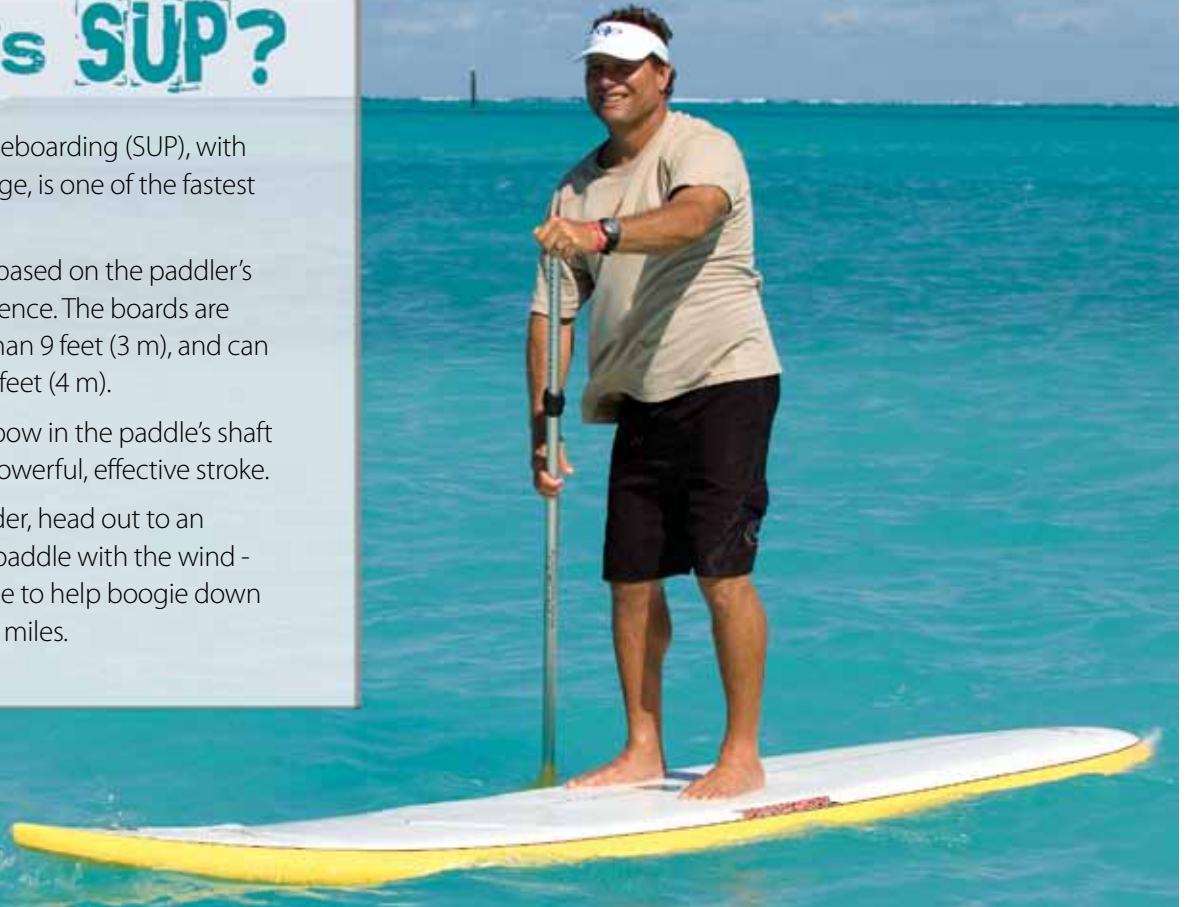
Mana Wood Deck paddleboard and Kaholo paddle, both from Naish and available on island at Big Blue.

The clarity of the water provides opportunities to easily see creatures such as turtles, needlefish and stingrays.

what's SUP?

- Stand-up paddleboarding (SUP), with its Hawaiian heritage, is one of the fastest growing
- Board sizes are based on the paddler's weight and experience. The boards are generally longer than 9 feet (3 m), and can be longer than 12 feet (4 m).
- The angle or elbow in the paddle's shaft provides a more powerful, effective stroke.
- Try a downwinder, head out to an upwind spot and paddle with the wind - using it as your aide to help boogie down over the waves for miles.

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Private eden

A new real estate trend answers a growing demand

Asking someone how they ended up in Turks & Caicos is almost a rhetorical question. Most will smile and reply that they came once on a holiday and never really left. Since the sixties, people the world over, from all walks of life, have found themselves falling in love with Turks & Caicos.

This diversity is mimicked in the variety of residential and vacation properties available in the islands. Everything from a simple studio condominium or rustic cabin, to the super luxurious 10,000 sq. ft. villa is available for the taking. There is no arguing that there is something for every taste.



Tamarind Villa on the private island of Parrot Cay offers plenty of privacy for its owners and renters.

However, trends over decades of development have molded those offerings, shifting the focus from the simple to the more luxurious, from the Caribbean beach shack to the artfully furnished condo. The most recent desires are demanding a new generation of private vacation homes snugly tucked away inside a full-service resort.

In more recent years, choices were limited to buying your own private home with the beauty of privacy, but the often beastly task of managing the property. Alternatively, buying a condo inside a managed resort meant trading some privacy for peace of mind and additional income potential through rentals.

Today, the best of both worlds is making its mark: merging the two concepts, emanating in the chance to enjoy that slice of heaven you ordered, delivered by your own personal butler.

The private island destination of Parrot Cay has been offering this type of top service in a private, yet branded villa for years. Individuals and superstars, such as Donna Karan and Keith Richards, have found solace in the island's privacy, paired with a welcome level of service and amenities.

Amanresorts has been equally successful since opening in 2006 with the uber-chic Amanyara Resort on



At the Shore Club Villas, owners can rely on a butler to provide services they may need.

the secluded Northwestern shores of Providenciales. Amanyara offers its villa owners everything a hotel guest would expect and more, including their own butler and chef.

Renowned resort brands such as Como Shambala and Amanresorts fly their flag over the property and deliver on a promise of service quality and a transcendent experience level. The villas' owners need not worry about

maintenance, security, staffing or even stocking the fridge. The resort provides renters for these villas through their extensive marketing and PR network and receives a portion of the revenues for their trouble. At the end of the day, everyone benefits.

More and more developments are recognizing the advantages of the new trend and are adapting the approach to fit their concept.

Shore Club developer Stan Hartling has recently amended his development on Long Bay – originally slated for seven condo buildings - to combine both condos and privately owned villas, each benefiting from shared amenities, staff servants as well as the resort's management and marketing team.

“The rental demand for private villas has increased sharply over the past years,” Hartling said. While many are seeking the privacy offered by a vacation property, they also want to come on vacation and relax, he adds. “What they don't want to do is spend time worrying about maintenance, or arranging for cooks and butlers and airport pickups. The experience of using your own villa that is within a resort setting with private staff is unparalleled.”

At the new Shore Club, expected to break ground this winter, customers — be it condo or villa owners — will have access to the resort's beach, pool, spa, restaurant and the tennis courts. They'll be able to select the level of service they desire and trust in the resort management to handle the details. And should owners decide to rent out their property while they're off-island, the resort provides the marketing and fulfillment for a fee, allowing owners to recoup some expenses. “Having a private fully serviced villa that can earn rental income when you're not using it is a natural progression from the success of the condo ownership model in Turks & Caicos.”

The islands are evolving constantly with the market demands, placing the great fundamentals of accessibility, weather and beaches on center stage. With stunning private villas, 5-star condos and fully-managed, yet private resort villas, the destination can fulfill nearly everything a heart may desire. ♡



Private villa owners inside a resort environment can relax and enjoy their vacation, while resort management and staff take care of all the details.

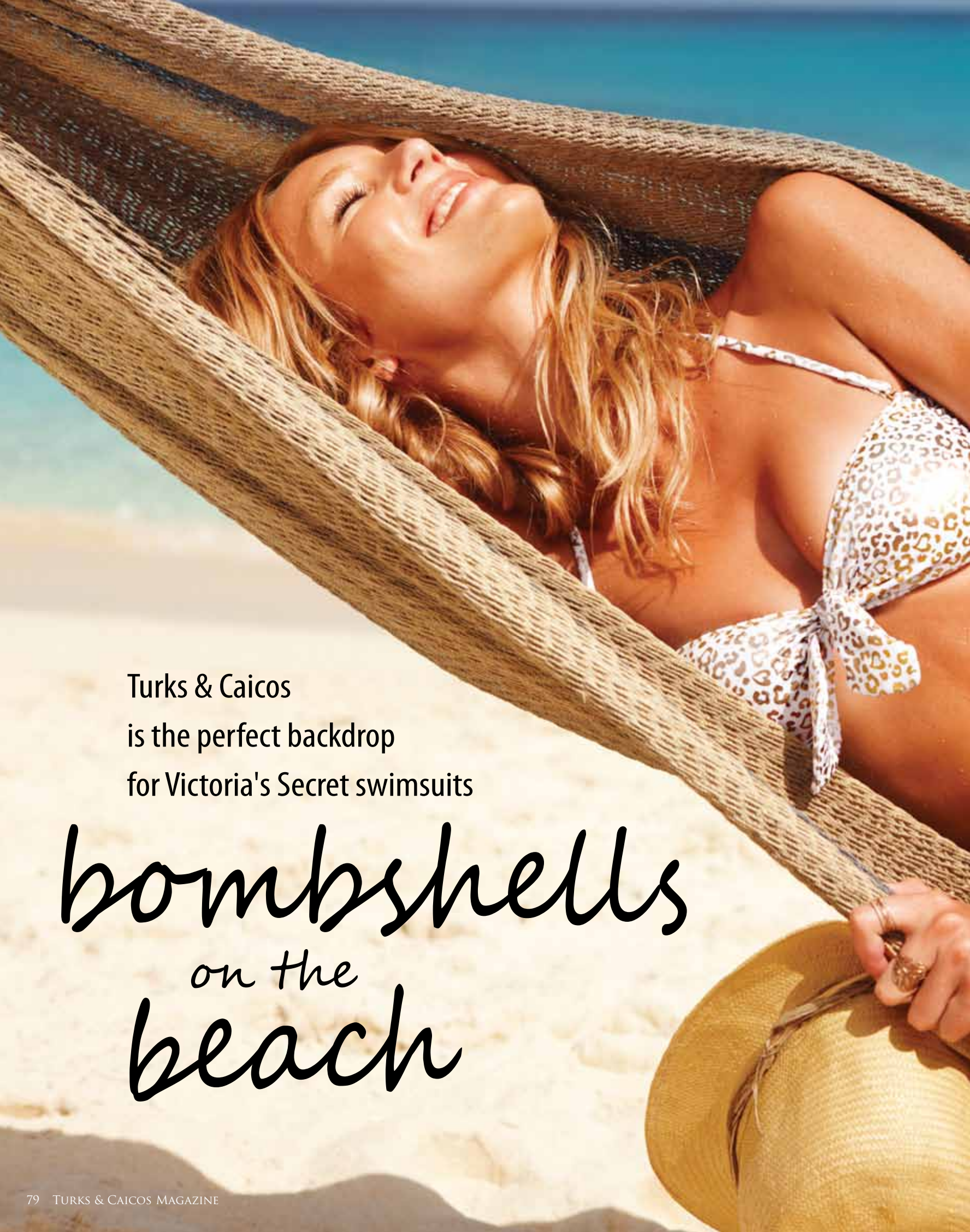


The private butler and chef servicing an Amanyara Villa are expertly trained by Amanresorts ensuring a relaxing experience.



The villas at Amanyara are spread out across several individual pavilions featuring a refreshingly contemporary architecture. Maintenance and upkeep is well cared for by the resort.





Turks & Caicos
is the perfect backdrop
for Victoria's Secret swimsuits

bombshells
on the
beach





Amanyara Resort on Providenciales is one of the favorite locations for Victoria's Secret to shoot photos of swimwear fashion.

Island Angels

Is Turks & Caicos the secret 'behind' bombshell bikinis?

Literally, yes! A little-known secret is that the beautiful backdrop that makes Victoria's Secret Angels glow in those sexy swim styles is the white-sand beaches of Turks & Caicos.

Dozens of recent Victoria's Secret swimsuit catalog shots were captured with supermodels splashing around in the crystal clear waters near the exclusive Amanyara Resort on Providenciales.

Ann O'Malley, executive vice

president, Brand Creative Services for Victoria's Secret Direct, describes the TCI as the perfect spot for more reasons than one.

"The color of the water is beyond compare — it has the most beautiful shades of turquoise, blues and greens. The crystal clear waters also allow our models to work in the water comfortably which helps us capture more editorial shots. We also love the white sandy beaches that reflect light beautifully in photos."

But the location is ideal for more

than just the beaches. "One of the things we love so much about Turks & Caicos is its close proximity to New York. There are direct flights from JFK to Providenciales and we get there in approximately three hours."

Nearly all Victoria's Angels, the celestial name given to Victoria's Secret supermodels, have had the chance to enjoy the warm waters in the TCI. Alessandra Ambrosio, Erin Heatherton, Lily Aldridge and Candice Swanepoel have been seen soaking up the sun on the beach at Amanyara. ☺



Animal motifs get a new twist with shimmer and hot colors. Miraculous Push-up Halter, \$78. Very Sexy Pink Tiger Lowrise, \$38.



2012 trends

We received a sneak peek into what is hot in the Victoria's Secret closet for 2012

■ **Let it roar:** Animal prints

■ **Catch their eye:** Sparkle and shine

■ **Dazzle them on the beach:** Bright colors

Previous: Candice Swanepoel loves the look of the Beach Sexy Metallic Heart design, Bandeau \$28. Lowrise, \$21. Next, we find out what she loves about Turks & Caicos ...

Tropical brights and beaded details let you sparkle in the sun. Alessandra Ambrosio is in the Very Sexy Rosie Bling U Neck, \$62, and Lowrise, \$38, a fab new style that debuted in October!





The Miraculous Push-Up Halter boosts your curves. Paired with the Ruched Waist scoop bottoms, this Very Sexy Core bikini is guaranteed to add spice to a day at the beach. Top, \$58. Bottoms, \$38

Candice on Turks & Caicos

Recently we caught up with cover model Candice Swanepoel to find out what she loves about her visits to our island paradise.

Q What do you look forward to when coming to Turks & Caicos?

A Peace and tranquility, the beach, of course, and the fresh food.

Q Which locations did you shoot on in Turks & Caicos and what was special about them?

A We shoot mainly at Amanyara, which is one of my favorite hotels in the world. The water is crystal clear and it's just an amazing environment to work in.



Q Did you have the chance to visit other places besides Amanyara?

A Just a few different beaches, but next time I'd like to go for a holiday and explore a little more.



Q What did you do during your downtime?

A Our work days are often long so I rarely get extra time to relax when I'm there with Victoria's Secret, but if I do get downtime, I love to lay out at Amanyara Beach or go for a fun dinner at da Conch Shack.

Q What are your hobbies and do you get to enjoy them on shoots?

A Swimming, dancing, lounging. Yes, I get to do all three.

Q What industry trends do you see for fashion and swim suits in particular?

A I'm obsessed with swimwear, it's so important to feel sexy, yet comfortable at the same time. I think people are going to start wearing a lot of bright colors which always look great with a tan. I like a lot of the one pieces this season, because they double as a top. Throw on some shorts and that's all you need.

Another trend I love is mixing and matching. So you can choose a floral or animal print top with solid bottoms. I always mix my bikinis.



Beaches & bombshells

Victoria's Secret is almost synonymous with lingerie, the sort usually worn behind closed doors. The new collection of sexy swimwear is designed to be on the beach, by the pool or anywhere.

We talked with Nicole Gibbons, director of communications and events for Victoria's Secret about the company's philosophy behind their swimsuit line:

What is the secret to Victoria's Secret swimwear?

No one knows a woman's body like Victoria's Secret so swimwear is a very natural extension of our brand. We've offered swimsuits since the mid-80s and over the years have integrated our best-selling bra technology into some of our key swim styles. One of our most popular is the Miraculous swim top, which adds two cup sizes for the ultimate cleavage enhancement.

Finding the right bathing suit can be a chore. What's different about Victoria's Secret?

Shopping for swimsuits at Victoria's Secret is such a great experience because our assortment is so large. We offer more than 500 styles and from sexy bikinis to more demure one-pieces there's truly a suit for every woman in our collection.

Women can shop in our catalogue, online at VictoriasSecret.com or at our stores across the U.S. and Canada.

Our suits are also affordable. You can find a complete bikini for as little as \$24!

Another great feature of shopping Victoria's Secret Swim is that many of the bikini tops and bottoms are sold as mix and match separates so women can find the suit that perfectly fits their body type. Also, many of the tops come in bra sizes, so if you know your size, you're sure to have a great fit.

We try to make the swimsuit shopping as painless as possible. ♡



Glittering turquoise waters and white sand are the perfect backdrop for this sassy leopard look. Very Sexy Animal Stud Stringkini triangle top, \$42. Stringkini bottoms, \$42.



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Have you ever been rubbed down from head to toe with crushed up conch shells? Me neither, until now.

I love trying new things — especially those that are unique to the place I am in, and this one really rubbed me the right way (pun intended).

After reading that the Regent Palms spa was selected as one of the top spas on Condé Nast's best list, I had to try it out.

I immediately understood why thousands of well-travelled readers were spot on. The 'Mother of Pearl Exfoliation' treatment is one of a kind. Being expertly cared for by the therapist who had crafted the secret concoction on site, it was a unique and revitalizing affair. This was the nourishing experience I was hoping for my body, but much more than I expected for my soul.

A tingling sensation on the skin during the treatment lead straight into a feeling of healthy freshness and elevated energy levels. A full-body

moisturizing application with Sonya Dakar lotion restored my skin and left it silky smooth. It ended with a raindrop shower as I continued to lie in a serene, but rejuvenated state. I had never experienced a horizontal shower before, but hope to again, soon. I emerged from the specialized treatment room feeling relaxed and alive.

The friendly staff made a strong argument for extending the stay to enjoy the steam room or sauna and sip some jasmine tea until a state of utter relaxation set in. Overlooking the Barbadian style courtyard, I hardly remembered what I had planned to do next.



Regent Palms award-winning spa uses crushed conch shells to gently exfoliate and soften skin.





Relax & enjoy the view

Thalasso Spa at Point Grace

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Lobster season brings out the creativity for island chefs. These sliders are perfect for an evening party.

Chef Wolfgang von Wieser's improbable journey from the bright heights of his profession to the relaxed sands of Grace Bay began with a phone message from his doctor. No details, just *Wolfgang, I need to talk with you*, ominous music implied if not explicitly provided.

That was 2008, in Las Vegas, where Executive Chef Wolfgang ran all the restaurants at the luxurious Bellagio hotel, his operations alone accounting for a \$325 million annual revenue stream. He'd drive in at 8 with his secretary rattling off his morning schedule over the phone, spend the day attending to an endless series of details, feed 4,000

people, then limp home, bleary, around 10 at night. He had embraced the stress-fueled lifestyle with vigor, but on that day, as he stared mortality in the eye at his doctor's office, he recognized its end.

"I was seven years at the Bellagio, and my blood pressure was up, my sugar was up, and there comes a point in your life when you say, 'So what?'" he remembers. "I was sitting there in the waiting room and I was looking at the ceiling, and honestly I thought there was worse news coming than what (the doctor) told me. And I was turning 50. You look at your private life, and my first marriage didn't work out. Part of this, I had to blame



Von Wieser's move to the islands has given him more time to be creative. Here a lacework of cheese tops soup hors d'oeuvres.

“ I don't need to prove anything anymore, and I want something that is good for heart and soul and body. ”



The Bellagio in Las Vegas

my career. Part of this was me, you know.”

So he took a few months to wrap things up, then walked away, just walked away from his perfectly tuned, fiercely professional, 800-employee cuisine machine on the Vegas Strip. He figured he had the money to spend a year wandering, so he set off to the South Seas, to Europe, and told his corporate suitors to call back when his year was up.

He gave marriage a second try that fall, and had just returned from the honeymoon when a recruiter called with news of an intriguing opening. “He said it's beautiful and it's

paradise, it's in the Turks & Caicos. And I said ‘Where?’”

The chef's courtship with the Grace Bay Resorts lasted several weeks, but in the end he told his recruiter “I don't need to prove anything anymore, and I want something that is good for heart and soul and body. And he said ‘This is the right thing for you.’ So he convinced me.”

Now Chef Wolfgang's days begin with a swim near his home at Leeward on Providenciales, followed by coffee with his wife and their two Saint Bernards. He drives a rattling 1994 Isuzu five minutes to the Grace Bay Club for the morning staff meeting, and

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Von Wieser's popular Tomato Salt can give a bowl of fresh strawberries a flavor-enhancing kick.

most afternoons he sneaks home for a few hours between lunch and dinner. Since the dinner crowd on Provo tends to turn-in early, so does he.

It's not the constant stress-buffet he left behind in Vegas, but it's still work. As Food and Beverage Director for Grace Bay Resorts, he's responsible for multiple restaurants at Grace Bay Club and The Veranda.

The quirks of working in the Turks & Caicos – where fine-dining jobs weren't an option for previous generations – figure into his life in surprising ways, too.

It's back to basics as he teaches aspiring local chefs the lessons he accumulated in a career that took him from western Austria to Switzerland, England and the United States.

His boss, GBR CEO Mark Durliat,

suspects his “superstar” chef faces his share of frustration due to the young nation's inexperience and somewhat relaxed style. But if Wolfgang is frustrated, it doesn't show as he walks around the dining area at Grill Rouge, his tanned face breaking easily into a smile as his employees call out “Hello, chef!” He says he likes the team he's building, and sees great potential in the country.

Whatever the trade-offs, he certainly seems to be enjoying his kitchen time in the Turks & Caicos, exploring new ideas (such as the flavored salts featured on the next page) and reinterpreting global trends.

Fresh and local? Absolutely – but only when he can find local produce that meets his standards. Those long, vaguely literary menu descriptions

from last decade? Not here. Trendy vs. simple? The best dining experience he can remember was a dish of olive oil, mozzarella, and tomatoes so fresh from the vine they still exuded the warmth of the afternoon sun.

What people forget is that there are only a few basic cooking techniques, he said, and that creativity in the kitchen comes from applying them, over and over.

“The challenge now is, don't forget the basic cooking techniques, and don't forget to teach the guys to cook Spaghetti Bolognese. It's simple, but some of the places, they can't get the simple things right.”

And if you think about it, getting the simple things right is exactly what he's been doing ever since that ominous phone message four years ago.☛



Wolfgang von Wieser

■ Group Director Food & Beverage Operations, Grace Bay Resorts, setting culinary direction at Grace Bay Club: Anacaona; Grill Rouge; Krave; Infiniti Bar; and The Lounge and Pool Bar. At Veranda Resort: Marin; Grill Bleu; Sky Lounge; and M-Bar, meeting & banquet facilities.

Previously

■ Executive Chef at Bellagio: Culinary operations of 20 food and beverage outlets, including two Five-Diamond Restaurants, four Four-Diamond Restaurants, a Two-Star Michelin Restaurant, and two One-Star Michelin Restaurants for Bellagio resort in Las Vegas. Managed \$325 million in annual food and beverage revenues.

■ In his 17 years with Four Seasons, Chef Wolfgang opened restaurants across the globe, including locations in Toronto, Vancouver, Melbourne, Santa Barbara, Mexico City, Lisbon and Berlin.

■ Cooked in Arosa, St. Moritz, Monte Carlo, London, and Ascona.

■ He has cooked for the world elite, including Queen Elizabeth II, Nelson Mandela, the Rolling Stones and Bill Clinton.

A dash of flavor

Since salt production put the Turks & Caicos on the world trade map in the 18th and 19th centuries, one might assume that Chef Wolfgang von Wieser's fascination with this basic substance arises from local tradition. And one would be wrong.

His interest in sodium chloride predates his arrival in Providenciales by roughly four years, and began in Las Vegas when he picked up a copy of Mark Kurlansky's 2003 book "Salt: A World History." The global market for gourmet salt was just taking off, and Chef Wolfgang wanted to know more. His conclusion: Much of the buzz around cooking with specialty salts was just hype.

Salts are roughly 97 percent sodium chloride and 3 percent other minerals that while they do affect taste, what really matters is the size and shape of the natural crystal, he says. For proof, he cites an experiment in which a group of master sommeliers was asked to distinguish between gourmet salts dissolved in water. Once the crystals melted away, he said, "Nobody could tell the difference between anything."

But while specialty salts are useless in most cooking applications, they truly shine in providing an unexpected finishing touch to



a dish. Fascinated by the potential, Wolfgang began tinkering with the idea of flavoring salt crystals – a lengthy process requiring quite a bit of patience.

Over the years, he's produced a unique series of flavored salts, and, since his arrival in the Turks & Caicos, he's based all of them on crystals harvested on historic Salt Cay. His inventions include Porcini Mushroom Salt, Tomato Salt and Chocolate Salt.

But where can you find them?

"Well, in my kitchen," he says, gesturing toward his digs at the Grace Bay Club. But they're also available for sale sometimes in the passenger lounge beyond the security checkpoint at Providenciales International Airport.

"It's my hobby," he says. "But maybe, it's my retirement."



Chocolate Salt bursts on the tongue and surprises the palate.



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Turks & Caicos' salty past



Situated at the southern most end of the Turks Islands chain, Salt Cay is pummeled by the forceful waves of the North Atlantic, which brought water — and salt — inland. The small island was once the center for the North American salt trade, which brought wealth and change to the Caribbean.

1600s Inhabited during the pre-Colombian period by Lucayan Indians, Salt Cay was rediscovered by the Spanish in the early 16th century.

When the natural salt pans were discovered in 1678, Salt



Cay and Grand Turk became the center of the North American salt trade. The salt trade gave people a reason to once again inhabit the Turks Islands.



the Caribbean and North America.

At first, workers came seasonally, but by the mid-1700s, Bermudians permanently settled in the Turks Islands. During the salt era, most of the infrastructure found today in Salt Cay was built. The White House



(above) is a remnant of days long past.

In the late 18th century, business was booming, with significant investment and improved processing in order to produce more salt. Much of this salt was exported to the United States and Canada to preserve fish caught off of New England and Nova Scotia.



Cay and Grand Turk became the center of the North American salt trade.

The Turks Islands salt trade was vital to Bermuda, whose early economy was predicated on trading throughout the West

1700s Salt was raked, bagged and loaded onto ships along the shores of Salt Cay and Grand Turk and shipped throughout

1800s The discovery of salt in North America in the 1830s began the demise of the Turks Islands' salt trade.

1900s In 1950, the British Government nationalized the salt industry in the Turks Islands, taking over the operation on Salt Cay from the Harriott family who had run the business for more than 100 years.

The industry ended completely for Salt Cay in 1972, resulting in the economic collapse and a mass emigration.



The sun lights up the salt flats on Salt Cay, where capturing the mineral from sea water was a major industry for more than a century.





Mixing fruit & spice: Mmm, that's nice!

Nosben Clerisier,

Coco Bistro, Grace Bay

Six days a week, this talented mixologist is serving up his very own Caribbean inspired cocktails at Coco Bistro, recipes he tests out on his customers. "These are not recipes from the Internet, I invent them myself," he proudly proclaims.

Nosben spends his days learning about the business and his nights practicing what he learns. A second year student of the Turks & Caicos Community College on his way to a degree in Hotel and Tourism Management, this mover and 'shaker' has dreams of owning his own restaurant someday.

"It is hard work," but well worth it, he says, when guests enjoy the fruits of his labor.



Rum drinks are the standard of the Caribbean and Rum Punch is sure to be found everywhere in Turks & Caicos, but Clerisier's drink offers a tasty twist on an old favorite.



Best DJ party

Gansevoort

While it might not be in Miami, Gansevoort's famed Bagatelle all-night party is where it is at in Turks & Caicos. Everyone who is anyone can be found at Bagatelle on Friday nights, where a very hot DJ spins until the last guest goes home.

What we like: Famous DJs rock the house one night a month.

Good to know: Be sure to check Gansevoort TC on Facebook or follow @GansevoortTC on Twitter for the latest and greatest event news.



Knock-out punch

Coco Bistro

This is not your average Caribbean Rum Punch. The Coco Bistro Punch was created by their very own Nosben, bartender extraordinaire.

Nosben created this popular drink using some very special ingredients. You will have to be very charming to find out what, he keeps the recipe his little secret.

What we like: Service is top notch

Good to know: 946 -5369. Closed Monday.





Dinner & a view

Anacaona

Anacaona serves delectable dishes for dinner seven nights a week, but its the view that will keep you coming back. Chef Wolfgang von Wieser has brought back simple dishes that everyone loves, a perfect pairing with the breathtaking view.

What we like: You can't beat the sunset cocktails.

Good to know: 946-5050. Reservations recommended



Iron chef

Chef Paul Newman

Our very own chef-owner of Coyaba, Paul Newman, was crowned the winner of this year's Hot and Spicy Iron Chef Competition held in Toronto in September. The competition was judged by a number of celebrity chefs and Food Network stars including: Host of Iron Chef America Kevin Brauch.



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Surf and turf is a classic that gets a Turks & Caicos twist at Hemmingway's: Spiny lobster, steak and a view of the turquoise sea.



A canopy of stars Parallel 23

You can feel the romance in the air when entering this garden restaurant. Parallel 23, located in the lush gardens of the Regent Palms resort, lights up after dark, creating the perfect ambiance to enjoy a quiet evening for two or just about any special occasion.

What we like: Try the chefs menu, it is always the perfect combination of delicious courses.

Good to know: 946-8666. Elegant dining



Finest fritters & shrimp da Conch Shack

No visit to the Turks & Caicos is complete without a visit to this island hot spot. Located right on the beach in Blue Hills, the first Providenciales settlement, da Conch Shack keeps your taste buds rockin' with every style of conch and fish.

What we like: The Conch platter offers all the fried conch favorites.



Best-kept secret

Grace's Cottage

Hidden away in the garden at Point Grace, Grace's Cottage is a favorite of island residents. Combining a unique blend of Caribbean ingredients and gourmet cuisine, this little secret is one you will want to share.

What we like: Many of the choices on the extensive wine list can be enjoyed by the glass.

Good to know: 941-7743. Elegant dining



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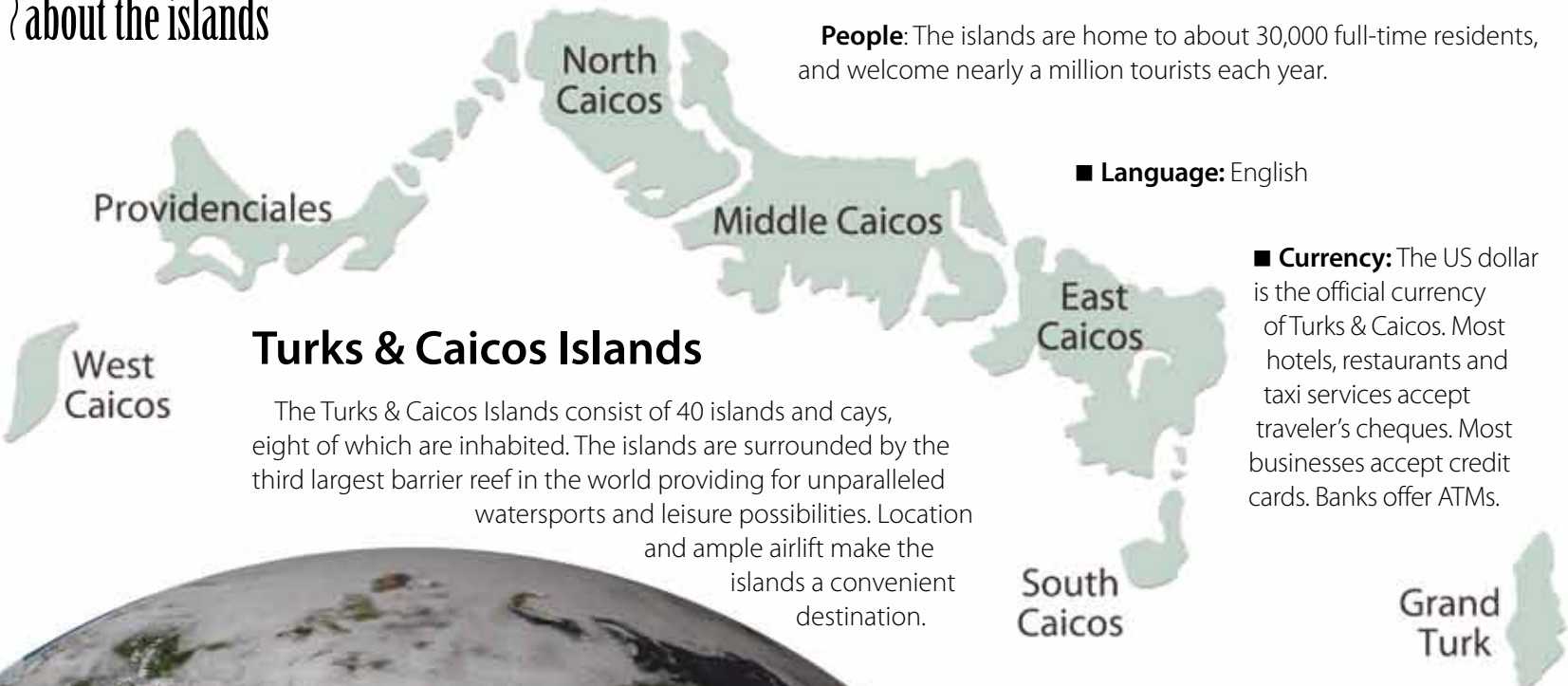


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People: The islands are home to about 30,000 full-time residents, and welcome nearly a million tourists each year.

■ **Language:** English

■ **Currency:** The US dollar is the official currency of Turks & Caicos. Most hotels, restaurants and taxi services accept traveler's cheques. Most businesses accept credit cards. Banks offer ATMs.

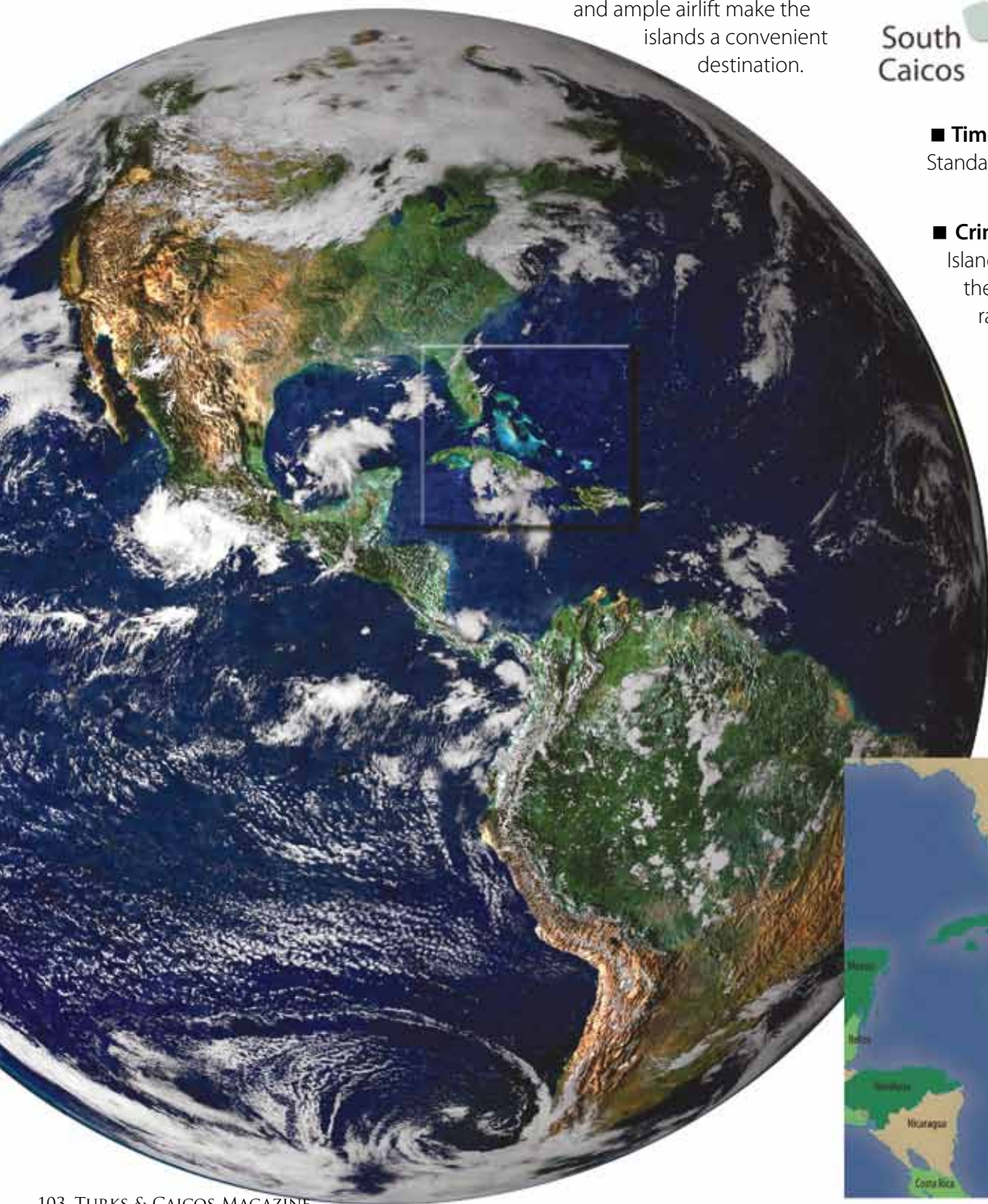
Turks & Caicos Islands

The Turks & Caicos Islands consist of 40 islands and cays, eight of which are inhabited. The islands are surrounded by the third largest barrier reef in the world providing for unparalleled watersports and leisure possibilities. Location and ample airlift make the islands a convenient destination.

■ **Time Zone:** Eastern Standard Time.

■ **Crime:** These Islands boast one of the lowest crime rates and highest crime-solved rates in the Caribbean.

■ **Climate :** The average temperature ranges between 80° and 90°. Water temperature in the summer is 82° to 84° and, in winter, about 74° to 78°. A constant trade wind keeps the climate at a very comfortable level. In an average year, the Turks & Caicos has 350 days of sunshine.



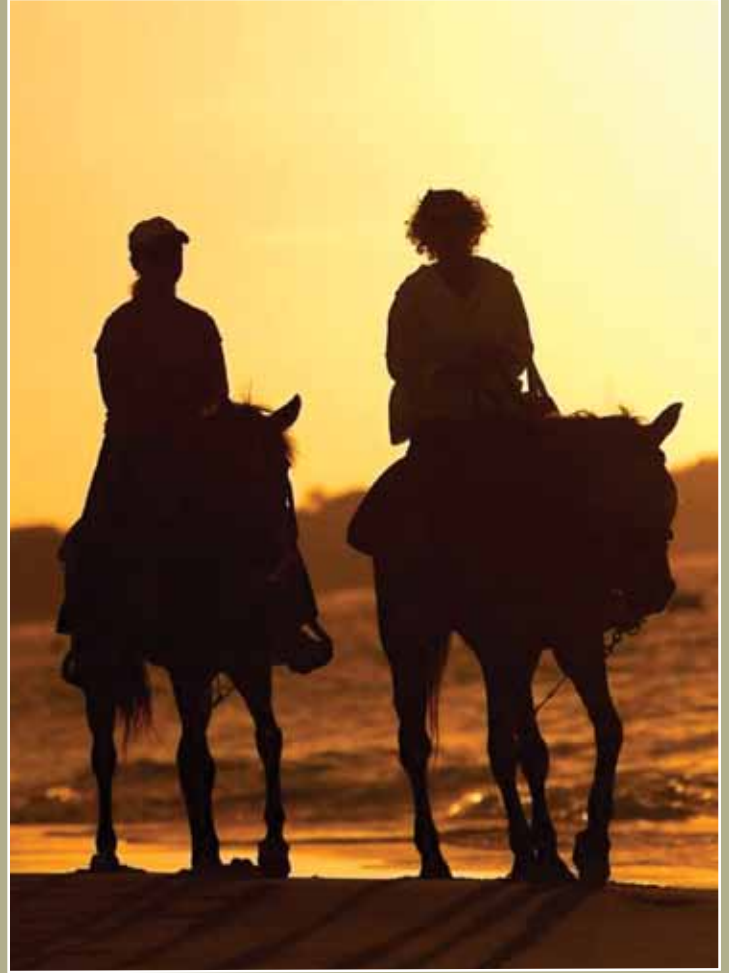
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