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Ex-MP held in tax fraud probe

Keva Major attorney: Magistrate Virgill was protecting her court

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THE attorney representing Keva Major in a case involving \$850,000 suspected to be the proceeds of crime told *The Tribune* yesterday that Magistrate Linda Virgill was simply protecting the process of her court when she hit out at a fellow magistrate for issuing an order to seize the funds.

"You can't condemn her from that, every court has a duty to protect its process from abuse. The only people to blame are the Crown. The Crown put them in this position," Mr Kemp said yesterday.

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Lester Turnquest being questioned in police custody

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LESTER TURNQUEST

FORMER FNM MP Lester Turnquest was arrested yesterday by police and up until press time last night was still in their custody assisting them with their investigations into charges of tax fraud that were filed in 2007.

According to sources within the police force, Mr Turnquest was asked to appear at the Central Detective Unit for questioning yesterday when he was later placed under arrest and interrogated by officers. With his attorney present during the proceedings, it is not known if Mr Turnquest was again questioned by police over his involvement with a Canadian company that is being investigated for borrowing money to make charitable donations — putting up minimal equity themselves — and in turn receiving substantial tax credits, or a criminal complaint that had been filed by his former business associate Hywel Jones before his murder earlier this year.

At this time the police maintain that there is nothing to connect Mr Turnquest with their other investigation into the death of Mr Jones who died in hospital on May 11 after being shot in the head twice earlier this month.

Mr Turnquest, police sources claim, could remain in their custody once they have been satisfied with their investigations. However, it is unknown at this time if or when any formal charges will be made against the former parliamentarian.

Last year, officials from Canada arrived in the Bahamas to investigate the Britannia investment company for a "fraudulent tax scheme" that totalled over \$100 million. While the case is chiefly one involving Canadian tax law, and is not a criminal matter, it is not known if Mr Turnquest was again questioned by police over his involvement with a Canadian company that is being investigated for borrowing money to make charitable donations — putting up minimal equity themselves — and in turn receiving substantial tax credits.

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BRENTON SMITH'S FAMILY ATTEND INQUEST



HECTOR AND ROSETTA SMITH outside of Coroner's court yesterday.

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After the proceedings, Brenton's immediate family and loved ones - some clad in memorial T-shirts or buttons emblazoned with the teenager's image - waited outside the courtroom for nearly an hour and a half just to catch a glimpse of Detective Corporal 1476 Kelsie Munroe, the police officer who is

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BRENTON SMITH

Residents hold demonstration at Vopak site

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FREEPORT - Residents of the Pinder's Point settlement held a demonstration at the Bahamas Oil Refining Company/Vopak Bahamas plant site yesterday.

Community activist Troy Garvey and a number of residents gathered outside the oil storage facility demanding answers from executives concerning chemical emissions.

Residents claim an odour emanating from the plant is making them ill. They complain of respiratory problems, skin and eye irritation, headaches, coughing, burning of the nose, nausea, and vomiting.

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Central Bank outlines response to the global financial crisis

THE Governor of the Central Bank yesterday outlined steps taken by the institution to "promote greater resilience and uphold confidence" in the country's banking system in response to new risks identified by the global financial crisis.

Following steps taken in other countries whose financial institutions have been more significantly hit by the financial fallout that began in 2008, Governor Wendy Craig said the Central Bank has "enhanced its efforts to support the resiliency and ongoing safety, soundness and stability of the domestic financial sector."

She was giving the opening remarks at the opening of the Bahamas Institute Chartered Accountants' "Accountants Week" yesterday.

Mrs Craig said: "The Bank's work programme for 2009 and

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Family attend inquest

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Tim Clarke/Tribune staff DETECTIVE CORPORAL 1476 Kelsie Munroe leaves court yesterday.



Tim Clarke/Tribune staff IM CFAMILY AND FRIENDS of Brenton Smith outside of Coroner's court yesterday.

in question would have to answer that charge in another court and would be presumed innocent until found otherwise. He also explained that Mr Munroe, as an interested party in the case, had a right to ask questions throughout the proceedings and make submissions to the court.

During the hearing, attorney Damien Gomez — who represents the Smith estate — was granted a brief adjournment on the grounds that he had only received witness statements from the Attorney General's Office yesterday morning. Mr Gomez told the court that he would be able to begin proceedings the next day once he had the opportunity to study the statements.

Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions in the Office of the Attorney General Cheryl Grant-Bethel said an autopsy report and photographic evidence pertaining to the case would be made available to the interested parties — attorneys for the Smith

family and the officer who is reported to have shot the boy — yesterday afternoon. Attorney Joseph Darceuil represented Mr Munroe yesterday.

Assisting Magistrate Campbell are Ms Grant-Bethel, along with Stephanie Pintard, Anthony Delaney and Inspector Cephas Rolle. Mr Gomez is assisted by Harvey Tynes and Roger Gomez.

Brenton, a graduate of St Augustine's College, was accidentally shot and killed shortly before 8pm, on July 9, as he walked through a popular shortcut in the Village Road area. Police had been chasing two suspected armed robbers who held up the nearby City Market food store shortly before Brenton was killed. After the shooting, the RBPF said it did not suspect that Brenton was in the store during the robbery.

Ten witnesses are expected to be called to testify today.

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Death sentence for 'worst of worst' murder

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Man convicted of killing Quality Discount Store employee four years ago

SENIOR Justice Anita Allen yesterday sentenced a man to death for the murder of a Quality Discount Store employee four years ago, stating that the murder was among the "worst of the worst" and warranted the death penalty.

Godfrey Sawyer, 29, was convicted on June 16, this year of the armed robbery of Quality Discount Store and the murder of Sterling Eugene.

According to evidence produced at the trial, Sawyer went to the store in the middle of the day armed with a handgun and robbed the female employees there, taking the cash trays with him.

Eugene, along with another male employee who had been at the back of the store during the robbery, attempted to stop Sawyer from leaving.

There was a struggle between them outside and Sawyer was able to free himself.

Before running away, however, he shot Eugene in the back and buttocks as the employee tried to get up off the ground. The wounds would prove fatal.

Planned



Senior Justice Anita Allen

Senior Justice Allen noted that in his confession to police, the convict admitted that he had planned and executed the armed robbery to pay his rent.

"His actions clearly show that he planned the armed robbery and took the firearm with him to prevent any resistance to the armed robbery and to kill if necessary to achieve his aim," the judge stated in her ruling.

The prosecution sought the death penalty for Sawyer and submitted that the crime was not only senseless, but brutal, heinous and cold blooded.

Sawyer's attorney Gina Morley, however, had asked the court to find that the murder was not the "worst of the worst" or "the rarest of the rare."

In her sentence, handed down yesterday, Senior Justice Allen stated, "There is no doubt that this case falls into the class of case which the Court of Appeal says is a worse case and for which the most serious punishment may be imposed."

"There is no doubt that this was a cold blooded and savage attack on an unarmed victim and the actions of the convict showed a callous disregard for human life when he shot his victim while he was on the ground."

She noted further that Sawyer has expressed no remorse for the murder.

Senior Justice Allen also noted that this kind of case is too prevalent in the Bahamas today and that the "objectives of sentencing in this case must be firstly punishment and secondly deterrence."

In her judgment, Senior Justice Allen also stated, "I am of the view that this offence is the 'worst of the worst', in that it was committed with a firearm and was committed in furtherance of armed robbery in the circumstances ... I am satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that in this case the imposition of the most severe penalty for murder, namely death, is deserved."

Lorna Longley-Rolle and Eucal Bonaby appeared for the Crown.

Bahamas Public Service Union to hold strike talks

By ALISON LOWE
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The Bahamas Public Service Union will hold an emergency meeting on Wednesday to gauge whether the membership of the country's largest trade union is in favour of holding a strike, its president said.

John Pinder made these comments after going public with his great "disappointment" at Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham for committing to pay the money the government owes to nurses, teachers and doctors — but failing to consider outstanding sums due to numerous other civil servants.

The BPSU chief warned the prime minister not to "take my humbleness for weakness or to think because I respect him I am not strong," adding that

while the union would like to continue to have cordial relations with the government, it is prepared to take industrial action "if this is the only language the government understands."

"I call on all of our members to saddle up their horses and to circle the wagons!" said Mr Pinder at a press conference at BPSU headquarters on Wulff Road. The unionist's position was backed up by opposition spokesman on the Public Service, Fred Mitchell, who accused the prime minister of "cherry picking when it comes to fulfilling the government's obligations to the public service."

Mr Mitchell further charged that Mr Ingraham owes the country an explanation as to "what has materially changed with respect to the financial cir-

cumstances of the country that would allow him to do today what he said he could not do six months ago."

"Is he now engaged in pure politics seeking to fool people that he cares for them when all that he is doing is playing cynical political games with the lives of the Bahamian workers?" asked Mr Mitchell.

Calls to Mr Ingraham and minister of state with responsibility for the public service, Zhivargo Laing, were not returned up to press time yesterday. Both were off the island on official business.

Speaking on Friday on the final night of his party's political convention at the Wyndham Nassau Resort, Mr Ingraham announced that his government is now able to pay outstanding salary increases and other lump sums owed to teachers, nurses

and doctors under their industrial agreements with the government. He added that the government would also seek to begin discussions with the Bahamas Nurses Union over implementation of its members' health insurance, postponed by the government in May in light of revenue shortfalls, prompting a massive sick-out by nurses.

"We gat the money!" Mr Ingraham exclaimed, noting that the public purse had recently benefitted from the receipt of \$66.6 million as a result of the acquisition of the South Riding Point Holdings oil storage facility in Grand Bahama by Statoil Hydro.

In his press statement, Mr Pinder said: "While we celebrate with those unions in having their matters resolved we are very disappointed that the prime minister being the minister responsible for public service, completely disregarded the fact that there are financial items in our industrial agreement dating back as far as 2007 that have still not been resolved."

Mr Pinder pointed to several articles of the industrial agreement that have not been honoured, among them the requirement that civil servants be reimbursed if they take educational courses that are "relevant to their duties and responsibilities."

And he said that the prime minister should adjust Immigration and Customs officers' salaries upwards, in light of plans to implement a shift system for them which would eliminate overtime payments.

"We will now ask him to please make the necessary adjustments," said Mr Pinder.

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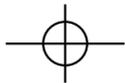


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NEW PROVIDENCE

Armed robberies spree continues

Police say man and woman robbed separately at gunpoint

THE spree of armed robberies that has gripped New Providence continued over Sunday and Monday, as police reported that a man and woman were robbed at gunpoint in two separate incidents.

Around midnight on Sunday, November 8, a man was walking on Hamster Road in the Carmichael Road area when he was approached by two men who had just got out of a champagne Nissan Maxima.

Both men were wearing masks and produced handguns. They robbed the man of a Cartier watch, the keys to his home and the keys to his Honda Accord.

As the robbers fled the scene, they fired a shot which grazed their victim's left foot.

In another incident, a female resident of John Street was held up at gunpoint around 3.50 yesterday morning in her own home.

According to a police statement, the woman was awakened by a man who was armed with a handgun. He robbed her of an undetermined amount of cash and her cell phone.

Police also reported that some time around 12.30am yesterday, they received reports that Sinclair Rental on Carmichael Road had been

broken into. When the police responded they observed that a fence had been cut and that someone had attempted to steal two small motorcycles. "A search of the property conducted by officers discovered a 2007 Kia Sportage ... with another mini-motor bike in the trunk," the statement read. Four juveniles are currently assisting police with their investigations into this incident. In another matter, at around 9pm on Sunday police responded to reports of a shooting in the Union Village area.

Arriving at the scene, officers discovered that a man had been shot in the back.

The victim claimed that while walking in the area near a dead end, a dark vehicle with three male occupants approached him. He said one of the men produced a shotgun and shot him in the back. The victim was taken to hospital by ambulance. He is said to be in stable condition.

In yet another incident, at around 1.30pm yesterday, police reported that a man was stabbed in the head and back while in the Elizabeth Estates area. The man is said to have been involved in an altercation with another man when the attack occurred. Police say they are investigating all these incidents.

Straw market tendering process is set to close

By AVA TURNQUEST

THE government is set to close the tendering process for the new straw market, it was announced yesterday.

This comes about four months after the architectural drawings for the proposed multi-million dollar reconstruction job were unveiled. Minister of Public Works and Transport Neko Grant told the House of Assembly in July that the architectural design work had been completed and that the tendering process was expected to begin in August, with construction to follow immediately in September.

However, acting director in the Ministry of Public Works Gordon Major explained that after the designs were complete, the plan had to be reviewed by the ministry. The government began the tendering process on October 26 and all bids are due back on November 24. The market is still expected to be completed over a 16 to 18-month period.

Centre for Deaf mourns death of Charlise Bain, 15

By MEGAN REYNOLDS
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CENTRE for the Deaf students and teachers held a day of mourning yesterday for the popular and caring student crushed to death in a traffic accident on Friday.

Charlise Bain, 15, was killed when the bus taking her and seven other students home from school collided with a white 1995 Dodge van in Spruce Street, Nassau Village at around 1.30pm.

Seven students escaped the crash with minor cuts and bruises and were treated and discharged from hospital on Friday night.

School principal Tessa Nottage remained with the students and their families at the hospital and has been in daily contact with Charlise's family.

She has known Charlise since she was a toddler and described Charlise as warm, caring, loving, compassionate, and extremely popular among the 35 pupils at the specialist school in Gregory Street, Oakes Field.

Charlise had been outgoing and vocal when she joined the school at age three and developed her potential after receiving a cochlear implant at a Florida hospital soon after. The bright and friendly child remained in Florida with her family for 10 years before returning to Nassau and the Centre for the Deaf in 2006.

Mrs Nottage said: "When she returned from Florida her speech was excellent. She could have been in a regular class, but because our school is so small her mother wanted to keep her here. And she was very popular. She would always give you a word of encouragement if you were down, she was very cheerful and positive."

"She loved home economics, and she really enjoyed pastry making - she could easily have been a pastry chef."

Several students were



CHARLISE BAIN, 15, was killed when a bus taking students home from the Centre for the Deaf collided with a van in Nassau Village on Friday.

informed of her death for the first time yesterday in two assemblies attended by local pastors, police officers, and officials from the ministries of Social Services, Health and Education.

Traumatised

Ministry of Education counsellors have already started to work with those traumatised by the tragedy and held a group therapy session for the crash survivors. Children who have suffered from nightmares since Friday's crash and Charlise's family have also been visited by counsellors at home.

Mrs Nottage said the first day back at school yesterday was difficult for everyone.

She said: "Some students heard about it for the first time so they were crying and we were holding them and making sure they were all right."

"We are doing our best to be

strong for the children.

"It was very traumatic and it will take a while for the counselling to go on, but we are trying our best to give them the counselling they need."

"This is a small family in this school, so we have to bear each other's burden."

Chief Superintendent Hulan Hanna said police have not yet concluded their investigations, but witness interviews are progressing and he is optimistic inquiries will soon be brought to a close.

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Bahamians say: Enough is enough

THERE COMES a time in the life of a people — and a nation — when the line must be drawn and a declaration made that enough is enough. For Bahamians that time is now.

Bahamians are more concerned about the loss of their jobs, about crime, about their security and future, than they are about who or what party is to blame for the sudden upheaval in their lives.

They are more interested in hearing about government's plan to introduce a temporary jobs creation programme to employ 2,500 persons; a student career experience programme; a work study programme for those students in need of financial assistance; of consideration now being given to allocating about \$53,500 to each MP to generate about 10 jobs in each constituency — a total of 410 jobs if implemented. Doctors, nurses and teachers were glad to hear that government, although still in a precarious financial position, can pay what is owed them. As for nurses the Prime Minister has promised to start discussions to agree a way forward for the implementation of their health insurance coverage — a commitment that had to be suspended because of insufficient funds.

"As with most governments throughout the world," said Prime Minister Ingraham, "the government of the Bahamas has had to increase its borrowings and rely on deficit spending to partially sustain living standards: an unsustainable practice in the long run.

"Thankfully, prudence, practised by the FNM government in two terms in office between 1992 and 2002, and discipline now, have given the country some cushion, and will help the path to recovery as the global economic situation improves."

There is now a spurious argument making the rounds that the only reason the PLP administration, under the late Prime Minister Sir Lynden Pindling, lost the government in 1992 was because the 1991 Gulf War dried up visitor travel.

This is partially true. However, the reason this country's tourism industry suffered so badly — compared to the Caribbean islands south of us — during this period was because the PLP government allowed the infrastructure of New Providence, in particular, to deteriorate to such a low standard that we were no longer a desirable destination. Other islands in the area benefitted from our carelessness. Downtown Bay Street had become a dirty, drug-infested shanty town, which visitors shunned.

The Gulf War lasted only six weeks. It was credited with having "the greatest impact on the tourism industry of any inter-

national incident in the last few decades," according to an ILO report. The report said that "international tourism, which had been growing at an average rate of 7.7 per cent in the five years prior to 1991, stalled that year and, though it did not actually decline, showed growth of only 1.2 per cent."

However, although other Caribbean islands held their own during this period, the Bahamas lost and lost badly, not solely because of the Gulf War, but mainly because of the neglect of the country's infrastructure by the PLP government, crime and drugs. In 1992 the PLP lost the government.

Again there is a world crisis — a financial crisis triggered by greed, overspending, corruption and over confident financial "experts" who believed they could fill the ever-expanding debt balloon and it would never burst. But, burst it did. And in bursting it brought the world's financial markets crashing — banks closed, mortgages were foreclosed, homes and jobs were lost — the world was in chaos.

Of course, the Bahamas was hard hit. Not through the fault of any person or government. We are a tourist economy and the simple truth was that with our potential tourists deprived of extra cash, they could not travel. The story of cause and effect is a simple story, a story over which no one has any control. It is a matter of patience, belt tightening, managing what finances we have sensibly, lowering our private expectations and waiting out the market.

One only has to look at the problems US President Barack Obama is having — despite his government's \$787 billion stimulus packet — to revive his country's job market.

This will show Bahamians that politicians who are blaming Prime Minister Ingraham for not doing enough to stimulate our job market, are just making mischief and playing fast and loose with the truth.

The difference between the Gulf War when tourists were lost because of the neglect of our tourist industry, and our present situation is that the FNM government is trying to create jobs by improving our roads and tourism infrastructure so that when the travelling market does snap back, the Bahamas will be ready to welcome its guests. It will be money well invested.

And that is the difference between the present Government and the Opposition. Instead of wasting time with truth-twisting, Government and Opposition — in the interest of the people of this country — would be advised to work towards a common goal to keep the Bahamas on an even keel.

Their political sparring can wait for a day nearer the 2012 general election.

Conventions: Which was the better exercise of democracy?

EDITOR, The Tribune.

We seem never to be satisfied in what to do — I refer to the number of nominations in the PLP Convention to the zero nominations in the FNM Convention — was it much to do about nothing OR...?

The contrast was immediate and obvious, but which was the better exercise of democracy?

We are now in 2009 — if conventions are held every two years then the next ones are in 2011, early 2012, but the General Election has to occur before May, 2012.

Did the Rt. Hon. Hubert

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A. Ingraham not wish to face a vote, where the results would be immediately compared with the majority that Rt. Hon. Perry Christie achieved — was it that silly?

As to the Chairman's position, it seems Mr. Ivoine Ingraham suffers from amnesia, as he was taped where he indicated he had been threatened, but now denies anything of the sort happened and seemingly

goes along with the Ingraham, as in Rt. Hon. Hubert, nomination and appointment by acclamation without any other challengers and quickly closed (by none other than Ivoine Ingraham) the floor to nominate anyone to challenge Rt. Hon. Ingraham's nomination.

Was democracy blindsided this week? Was democracy set-back? Was democracy diverted for the personal agenda of one, man?

ABRAHAM MOSS,
Nassau,
November 6, 2009.

Do satellite and cable TV add to unsocial behaviour?

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Did the advent of satellite and cable television add to the unsocial behaviour?

It certainly would be interesting if the police would complete a study to see whether since the advent of satellite television and cable if there is a correlation that would indicate that unsocial behaviour and violent crime increased as I personally feel it did.

Today our children are exposed to so many electronic games that are violent, zapping the good fella to win and succeed and highly exposing the mind to the negative and embracing violence as a means to win.

Videos are full of violence and tell a subliminal very strong negative story and we wonder with the combination of all of the above why we have such a high crime rate?

Sovereign development to The Bahamas came fast and furious — we moved from colonial status to full Independence in a very short time-frame, just six-years but

were we prepared socially — were our people prepared?

I fully endorse the freedoms of opinion-press, etc, however today regrettably many elements that had so much good potential influences, such as television, were corrupted and more recently we saw the same with access to computers and that electronic world of no barriers.

Capital punishment — a simple comment — within 48-hours of the last double execution/hangings there were at least two further murders.

If you understand the why our people kill you would never propose hanging but then it is all politics.

What do you do if after we hang 10 or more if we have in the meantime a further 20 new murders? Think, Minister, please think.

H HUMES
Nassau,
August 30, 2009.

Junkanoo practice at Fort Montagu kept nearby residents awake until 2.30 a.m.!

EDITOR, The Tribune.

On the heels of the recent town meeting held to discuss the controversial ramp, I am calling on the relevant authorities to ban the use of the public area at Fort Montagu, by groups such as the junkanoo organisation that held practice there tonight.

So enraptured and intoxicated were they by their "musical and cultural" outpouring that they continued their thump-

ing, prancing and brass band farting, to the considerable annoyance and sleeplessness of the nearby residents, until 2.30am before finally being made to disperse.

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LOCAL NEWS

Developers closer to dream of education and recreation centre

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THE PROJECT is being spearheaded by the Butch Kerzner Summit Foundation.

DEVELOPERS of a proposed multi-million dollar education and recreation centre for local youths are inching closer to fulfilling their dream, having been included by the government in a master plan for the re-development of the area surrounding the new national stadium.

The Summit Centre, brainchild of Vanessa Kerzner, widow of late Atlantis CEO Butch Kerzner, is intended to be a multi-purpose site where children can benefit from a myriad of positive experiences, such as school tutoring, access to computers and the Internet, as well as various fitness, music and martial arts lessons.

It is being spearheaded by the Butch Kerzner Summit Foundation, set up by Mrs Kerzner in memory of her 42-year-old husband after his death in a helicopter accident in 2006.

Nick Sagar, one of the co-ordinators of the Summit Centre project, said yesterday that he feels "very positive" about the progress made so far, despite an initial end of year ground breaking schedule having to be set back and formal approval by Cabinet yet to be forthcoming.

The developers anticipate that the centre will be at the heart of what will eventually be Nassau's sporting Mecca – the site of the new national stadium and other sporting complexes off Thompson Boulevard.

"The major development since (February of this year) is that over the summer we had a very positive meeting with the government's planners and the stakeholders in the centre and we've since been given a conceptual drawing which does include the Summit Centre within the Queen Elizabeth Sporting Complex's renovation," said Mr Sagar.

The foundation, which was represented by J Barrie Farrington and architect Jackson Burnside at the July meeting, was forwarded a copy of the master-plan by the government around two weeks ago.

"On it there's the new stadium, a spot for the special Olympics, tennis, athletic village, baseball soccer and golf. All the sporting federations of the Bahamas are represented. It also has a spot for the 'Kerzner Foundation' which would be our Summit Centre. It's actually in a slightly different location to where they had proposed to us, but it's very exciting," said Mr Sagar.

While the foundation expected to have benefitted from a "donation" of public land on which to construct the centre by now, Mr Sagar said the group have not so far received the deeds to the land, having been disadvantaged by their lack of "federation status".

"The big stumbling block for us is that we are not a federation of sport... so it's been hard for (government) to say 'yes you have the land' because really federations that are recognised by the government are more easily granted land.

"We're pushing forward towards getting the deed, then we can make adjustments to our plans based on the actual site itself and then we can go ahead with construction once certain infrastructural work is completed."

The rock-climbing enthusiast said the foundation is trying to speed up the process of accessing the land "by becoming our own federation of climbing so (government) can more easily work with us."

He added: "If we just went to look for (private) land elsewhere realistically we could've been much further ahead in the process but I just think it's so advantageous when we look at all the other facilities that are in and around the Summit Centre within that location.

"It's also important to take into consideration that there's all of these schools within walking distance, so we can expect thousands of school age kids that we're trying to reach out to, to be able to easily get to the centre."

Vopak official denies operation responsible for any illnesses

By DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREEPORT – A senior executive at Vopak Bahamas has denied the operation is responsible for any illnesses experienced by residents of Pinder's Point.

Maxwell Sweeting, executive vice president of Borco/Vopak Terminal Bahamas, said both internal and external operations have been examined at the industrial plant in Freeport, in an effort to disprove allegations that emissions at the refinery are making people ill.

"In regards to the most recent televised statements, we find the claims most unfortunate," Mr Sweeting said. "While we are genuinely concerned and sympathise with the residents of the Pinder's Point and Lewis Yard communities, to date, our investigation... has produced no evidence that holds our operation responsible for any illness and/or circumstances experienced or expressed."

Assistance

Pinder's Point residents claim fumes from the oil storage facility at the terminal have made them ill. They have sought the assistance and representation of local community activist Troy Garvey.

Mr Garvey said several residents are complaining of respiratory problems, nausea, vomiting, fainting, and skin irritation.

He said families are afraid to drink water from the tap

because they suspect it has been contaminated, and that some have reported dust-like particles settling on their vehicles and property.

Mr Sweeting said Vopak has installed a number of emission monitors around the facility and along the fence line to detect emissions.

"We will continue to work at improving our monitoring of emissions and take proactive steps to have no impact on the community. We do undertake detailed investigations in the event there is an incident at our facility," he said.

Mr Sweeting stressed that the company looks forward to having discussions with the residents and remains committed to helping improve quality of life for everyone.

He noted that in the coming weeks, the company will be consulting with community groups, private agencies and the government in an effort to improve public relations and address any concerns.

Pinder's Point residents say they have been complaining of strong odours coming from the plant for the better part of 40 years.

Chemical fumes from other plants in Freeport have been blamed for students fainting, and several years ago such allegations led to the relocation of two high schools.

The Bahamas Oil Refining Company (BORCO) began oil storage and refinery operations in 1965. The company was acquired a year ago by Vopak.

The new owners demolished the old refinery, and are currently expanding the plant's storage capacity.

Plant site is evacuated after fire

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FREEPORT – A fire occurred at Vopak Bahamas yesterday which resulted in the brief evacuation of the plant site on West Sunrise Highway.

Although no one was hurt and the company's fire team was able to quickly extinguish the flames, officials at the Royal Bahamas Police Force's fire branch were not initially notified about the incident.

The fire occurred shortly after 10am when work was being carried out on a pipe, according to a statement issued by the company.

"Our terminal operations/fire and safety team responded quickly, successfully extinguishing the flame and suppressing the small fire within minutes. The fire was not substantial and there were no injuries," the company said.

Vopak said its terminal team executed the standard safety and emergency procedures required for any incident at the terminal.

The company noted that staff members also followed the required safety protocols and the incident never presented any threat to nearby communities.

"We remain very sensitive to the safety and well-being of our employees and residents and are committed to alert and inform them should any emergency occur," the statement said.

FROM page one

Vopak executive Maxwell Sweeting last week denied their operations were responsible for making residents ill.

However, Mr Garvey said he was very disappointed at the company's response to the matter.

"It is a slap in the face to the residents for the company to deny that this odour problem is not affecting the residents of Pinder's Point," he said.

"This has been an ongoing problem in this settlement for over 40 years, and residents are fed up about the situation and want their health concerns addressed."

Mr Garvey said residents have requested on a number of occasions to meet with executives to discuss their concerns and the possibility of relocation from the area.

"There have been no responses from executives concerning their requests, which have fallen on deaf ears.

"Today, residents felt it was necessary to bring attention to their plight by demonstrating here this morning," he said.

Demonstration

The Tribune attempted to reach executives of Vopak, but a spokesman said the company was planning to hold a press conference on the issue later.

Mr Garvey believes the offending odour is Hydrogen sulfide (H2S), an extremely toxic and dangerous chemical gas.

He noted that the gas is colourless and readily dispersed by wind movement.

"It is flammable and highly corrosive, and there are serious health consequences as a result of exposure to the gas," he claims.

He noted that in addition to the many physical symptoms experienced by residents, H2S can also result in loss of consciousness and asphyxiation.

Many people claim the smell is more prevalent during the evening and when it rains.

Resident Carol Pinder complained that the smell is unbearable.

"The scent is always in the house; it is so bad it makes you sick. Two of my children became so

ill that they had to be taken to the hospital," she said

Tanya Allen, a former resident, is calling on the relevant authorities to step in.

"I was a resident of Pinder Point for 28 years, but my mother still live there and I am very concerned about her because she has been having chest problems.

"I definitely believe that something is wrong, and I am pleading to all relevant persons to look into the complaints of residents and to not let their cries go unheard.

Ms Allen believes Vopak should consider purchasing land from residents who are willing to relocate elsewhere.

Resident Laverne Williams said residents need a resolution to this ongoing problem.

"It seems like no one cares about us down here. We have been enduring this for 40 long years, we do not want our children to continue living in this type of environment," she said.

"We need some answers and at least the company should hear our concerns and give us some feedback," Ms Williams said.

Tourism Minister: Bahamas rich in untapped resources

MINISTER OF TOURISM and Aviation Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace delved into the untapped economic potential of the Bahamas during a courtesy call from the new US Ambassador to the Bahamas Nicole Avant.

After introducing Ms Avant to the senior executive team, Minister Vanderpool-Wallace explained that the Bahamas was fortunate to have the third highest per capita income in the western hemisphere after substantially developing only one island of the 700-island chain.

He said the islands have great potential, and the main marketing focus of the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation was to ensure that the world begins to distinguish between Nassau and the rest of the country.

"We are extremely optimistic about the future," he said. "We have the greatest gap between what



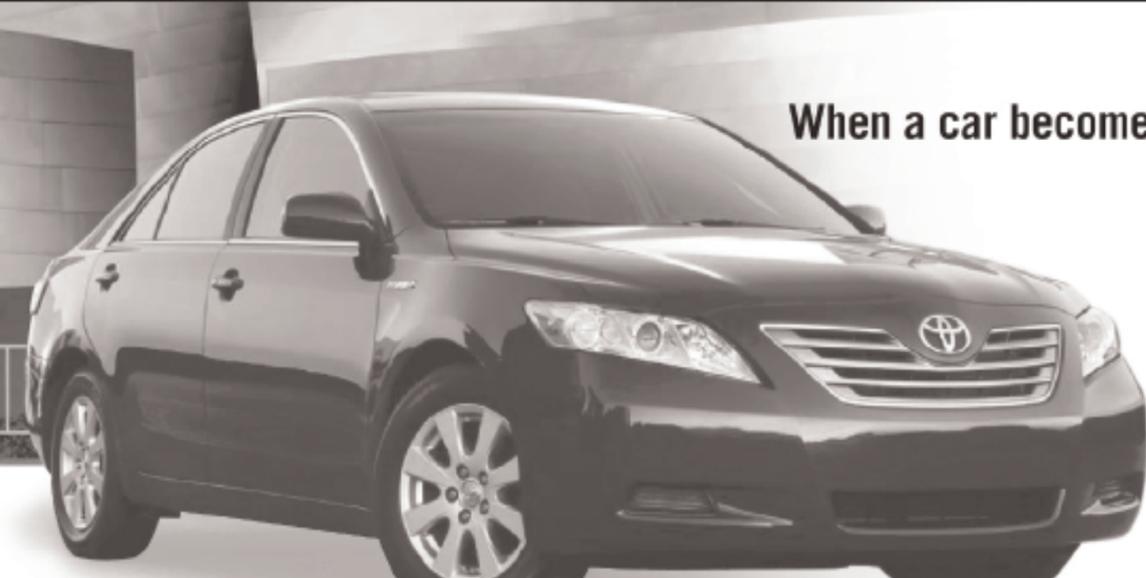
PICTURED (FROM LEFT) are Deputy Chief of Mission in the US Embassy Tim Zuniaga-Brown, Tourism Permanent Secretary Hyacinth Winder-Pratt, Tourism Director General Vernice Walkine, Ambassador Avant and Minister Vanderpool-Wallace.

we are and what we can be, no matter how successful we may be now."

Ms. Avant is the 13th US Ambassador to the Bahamas. She said that she looks forward to

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Politicians must be able to take criticism

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YOUNG MAN'S VIEW ADRIAN GIBSON

SOME time ago, former Chief Justice Sir Burton Hall judiciously advised public office holders that criticism "is an inevitable incident of holding public office in the information age."

Today, there are still many thin-skinned politicians who appear to conveniently forget that politics is a service, not a bootlicking affair.

As I have said previously, we live in an age of political knuckleheads who use theatrics and yak about problems and issues from which they are completely detached and can propose no solutions. The political culture is darkened and polluted by political tribalists in both of the major political organizations, many of whom, in my opinion, are no more than political pickpockets, outright jokers who are seen as political busybodies prepared to say anything to be elected.

Bahamians are tired of political braggarts who they see as intellectually paralysed and who expect credit for nothing.

One of the hallmarks of our democracy is the right to free speech as guaranteed by Article 15 (b) of the Bahamas Constitution. As a columnist, I see the merits and downfalls of both sides of the political divide. Therefore, any politician reading an unfavourable article should heed constructive criticism and improve in areas where they are found wanting by the public. There is no place in local politics for power freaks and I, and many other intelligent Bahamians, are not members of the frightened society of the era of the old PLP.

Since starting to write this column in 2005, I have been

approached by many Bahamians who have been attacked by individuals who do not appear to accept or respect divergent points of view. I have heard stories about persons even having pom-poms shaken in their faces at political events, being referred to in derogatory terms and of having their evaluations and observations trampled merely because they weren't marching in lock-step with one party or another. It seems that there are some political hacks who fail to understand that being FNM or PLP does not mean that they are always right. It always amazes me how some politicians perceive themselves to be sitting atop thrones and smiling down upon the rest of us.

The FNM—the party of Sir Cecil Wallace-Whitfield, Sir Arthur Foulkes, Sir Kendal Isaacs, Hubert Ingraham, and so many other political luminaries—has, over time, become known as the party that opened up the airwaves, that promotes discourse and dialogue and freedom of thought and expression.

After attending a family event last Friday, my father and a neighbour friend convinced me to attend the FNM convention's after party at the Wyndham Crystal Palace hotel. There, I met a few friends, who invited me up to the PM's suite where I briefly mingled with and spoke to members of the current government, including the PM.

Shortly afterwards, I accom-

panied my friend to a suite reportedly rented by former DPM Frank Watson and met quite a crowd, which featured recognizable faces such as Ministers of State Charles Maynard and Phenton Neymour.

At this juncture, Charles Maynard's wife, who I had met several months earlier at the Ministry of Housing, introduced me to her husband. Mr Maynard proceeded — loudly and in the presence of a sea of red-wearing spectators who soon surrounded me — to grill me as to why I had given him a D-minus grade for his ministerial performance and an F for his performance as an MP during my annual ministerial report card in this column last May. Of course, I referred him to the column but, as he persisted on an answer, I began to outline why he had received such a grade—subject to much disruption from the crowd of onlookers — and told him that I stood by my grades. Mr Maynard suggested that my grade on his performance in culture was "informed from elsewhere as he had done more for culture than anyone serving in that capacity before him." The junior minister was also annoyed that I had said in that column that substantive Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture Desmond Bannister had not done well with his mentorship of him as he (Maynard) had performed dismally. The Culture minister then suggested that he was an outright minister of equal footing as Mr Bannister and could not be mentored as they were ministerial equals.

While I do intend to reproduce parts of that three-part column here today, let me note that Mr Maynard was not the only minister to receive low marks.

This occasion can be likened to being in the twilight zone as certain hecklers and members of the rent-a-mob enclosing me were clearly "wet" and asserted that I was either a PLP (which I suppose can be taken as a compliment as it means that members of the FNM, when deserving, are getting their fair share of criticism) or absolutely crazy to give any FNM a D! One even called me an "ass-hole."

In fact, the experience only became more surreal as one of Mr Maynard's associates bombarded me with foolish barbs, engaged in puerile behaviour and proceeded at a point to assault me by infringing upon my personal space and gesturing with a finger (before being sternly cautioned), and outrightly sought to mislead per-



CHARLES MAYNARD

sons nearby. This became a distasteful public spectacle, all transpiring in the presence of the State Minister. There was even a lie floated that Michael Halkitis, the former MP, had once received an A for his performance in Golden Isles. What's more, although I voted in Golden Isles and lived there from 2006 to July 2009, my views as a former constituent went unheard. The experience illustrates the adoption of certain patrician aims by certain FNMs and their mercenaries, many of whom the FNM leadership is known to reject.

In such an environment it is this kind of myopic thinking and belligerent behaviour by political cronies—with the apparent approval of their political masters—that has hindered the progress of this country. The FNM is purported to be the party of the intelligentsia and those who can express their thoughts freely. However, such displays as I encountered is illustrative of how tetchy local politicians, and their followers, are about criticism.

Frankly, such persons could not survive in UK politics where press criticism comes with the office. Every Bahamian should be able to attend any function without being harassed or belittled for their views. The atmosphere of a convention after party is one where power brokers appear, where people of varying political opinions (even those within the same party) must always be treated with a manner of respect—it is a place where politicians must realise that they are under the spotlight at all times.

In Britain, there are numerous ministers of state and parliamentary secretaries. None of them sits in the Cabinet. Today, only the British Prime Minister and 22 ministers/secretaries of state sit in the British Cabinet.

Only in the Bahamas would junior ministers, such as Mr Maynard, sit in the Cabinet—presumably because the PM is hoping to furnish them with genuine Cabinet experience. In many other jurisdictions fol-

lowing the Westminster model this does not happen and junior ministers, who in the Bahamas believe themselves to be substantive ministers, would not even be allowed to drive around with special "CM" license plates. While local ministers of state are designated to have oversight of a particular department—much like Parliamentary Secretaries—several of them fancy themselves as substantive ministers.

In May, I said the following: "Charles Maynard, the chubby Minister of State for Culture, earns a D-minus. It is a disgrace to hear informed cultural icons suggest that the Bahamas may once again not host Carifesta, particularly when the country appears to be in a slump in terms of the arts."

"In 2005, the late Winston Saunders was dispatched to receive the instruments signifying that the Bahamas was prepared to host Carifesta. However, as was felt when the Bahamas withdrew from its hosting duties in 2008, the cultural community seems set for another devastating blow and if it is entirely true that the Bahamas will not host the upcoming event, it will leave the country with a black eye and the impression that it is a culturally impotent state unfit to host international events. At present, there are various sites such as gymnasiums, large church halls/Loyola Hall, hotel ballrooms, performing arts centres, such as the National Centre for the Performing Arts, Fort Charlotte and open spaces and facilities throughout the Family Islands that could make the hosting of this event possible. Surely Mr Maynard and the Cabinet must know that with the Bahamas being a tourism-based economy, in addition to the exposure this event could bring to the Family Islands, there would not be any problems with accommodation because of the availability of adequate hotel rooms and our proximity to the US would also possibly attract visitors interested in seeing the event who would not have otherwise travelled to South America or to an eastern Caribbean country. Hosting this cultural event would be a needed economic boost for the islands!"

"It appears that Mr Maynard is stuck on the idea that culture begins and ends with junkanoo. It is great that the minister likes junkanoo, but why hasn't there been any moves to develop it into a year-round, cultural industry that could be a cultural export taken worldwide with persons who could legitimately describe their occupation as being a junkanooer."

"The culture minister inherited a lot of good projects for which credit should go to Dr Keith Tinker and the Antiquities, Monuments and Museums Corporation. While Mr Maynard is enjoying his travels to various events and creating the illusion of hard work, it appears that local playwrights, folklorists/storytellers, artists, writers, poets and painters are receiving little by way of support. There is a need to focus on developing the stories of the Bahamas that form our identity and have yet to be properly appreciated or recorded. Why isn't locally created art placed in all Bahamian embassies and government offices?"

Truthfully, there has been no cultural renaissance under Charles Maynard. The infantile adulation of those boorish liabilities around him, who appear to be utterly bereft of the qualities required to draw rational conclusions and are seemingly ready to sing hosannas at the mention of Mr Maynard's name, cannot assist the junior minister in making rational decisions about the state of culture.

In my column in May, I also

said that:

"Minister Maynard has not demonstrated his ability to bring new ideas or be responsible for the contribution of new policies to the overall cultural development of the Bahamas. I do credit Mr Maynard with the opening of Clifton—for which I was proud to see that he engaged former Prime Minister Perry Christie who was once at the forefront of the movement to save the site—and for the movement to develop Collins House into a national museum. As a resident of Mr Maynard's constituency, he earns an F for his performance as an MP."

I stand by those comments, and as I survey residents of the Golden Isles constituency, I must note that Mr Maynard must seek greater oversight of the constituency—particularly on Cowpen Road.

Charles Maynard and all other politicians are not beyond reproach and should not become caught up in the wild-eyed adoration of those around them who sometimes appear to live in bubbles themselves. All politicians should have a support system that is critical so that they can avoid political ditches. However, most Bahamian politicians have fostered an environment of yes-men and developed a support system of some of the dumbest and most inward-looking supporters.

Culture is much more than attending an event and giving a drawn-out speech, promoting and shuffling at junkanoo events and/or appearing at every regatta. Young Bahamians are increasingly becoming susceptible to foreign cultures and know little about their own, yet Mr Maynard appears to be riding high on the belief that he has accomplished much in the ministry/department of culture.

As stated so eloquently by Patricia Ginton-Miercholas in an article, there is a fear that the Bahamas will not be recognized for its people but rather for sun and sand. She asserted that using junkanoo as the foremost expression of Bahamian cultural identity is as confining and confusing as it is an incomprehensible medium to relay Bahamian culture. Mrs Ginton-Miercholas also highlighted the erroneous notion by Bahamians that culture is merely festivals and the performing arts. She notes that culture is rather an accumulation of the historical and physical experiences of a people as well as their attitudes and behaviour, whether it's good or bad, and states that culture is always evolving.

I have long urged certain politicians to heed the advice of movie star Robin Williams, who espouses the most credible view that many of today's politicians are "a lot like diapers and should be changed frequently and for the same reason." As noted by a media personality for whom I have great respect—those in politics should be held accountable, and if they wish not to be, then they should adhere to the maxim that "if you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen."

THE BDM AND BNP JOIN FORCES!

I have been reliably informed that the Bahamas Democratic Movement and the Bahamas National Party will merge on Tuesday. A high-level source with the parties told me that the purpose of the move is to field 41 candidates in the next election and to provide a viable third-party force for the electorate. I am also told that until a planned convention in 2010, where the leadership of the party will be contested, BDM leader Cassius Stuart will remain at the helm of the new party.

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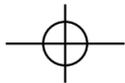
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LOCAL NEWS

Tribune poll: voters not inspired to switch camps after conventions

Readers' comments suggest they are tired of local political scene

BOTH major political parties pulled out all the stops to try and win over the public at their respective national conventions – but if *The Tribune's* latest poll is anything to go by, they had little success in affecting voting habits.

Readers of *tribune242.com* were asked if they saw or heard anything in either convention that would tempt them to vote differently in 2012. Of the 134 people who voted, only 31 said they had been inspired to change camps while an overwhelming 103 said they had not.

In addition, the comments left by readers revealed that many of them are tired of the local political scene altogether.

Not Voting wrote: "After watching the sickening debauchery and scandalous behavior of these old men, as an 18-year-old Bahamian (born and raised), I can safely say not one of these parties will ever make me vote. I won't waste my voting rights on these sad

excuses for politicians. And if you have not learned your lesson after the disgrace that they have caused to be visited upon our nation, then shame on you."

Two Peas in a Pod said "I honestly don't see much difference between PLP and FNM. I don't get the point of these conventions, except as a waste of money that is desperately needed to help during these very rough times. Sure, they have a lot of supporters, but they are still the same. Until they actually work together in parliament to actually help the country without pulling one another down, my view of these political parties won't change."

According to *Derek Dean*, there is absolutely no difference between the two parties. He said: "They get the best

advice in the world and always ignore it because they know better, but more so because the results cannot help them to be elected and re-elected. It's a shame. Examples from me as a 50-year-old include but are not limited to:

- Electricity goes off more now than 40 years ago.
- Water pressure, especially out east, is worse than 40 years ago.
- Telephones still go off when it rains.
- Now that the Internet is available, it is also always down.

"Between incompetent and power drunk politicians, awful technical people, declining tourism and rising debt, the

Bahamas is headed for disaster."

Candece said she feels that "not voting" is the best option. "I haven't heard enough on issues that we have at hand. Why not emulate the American political system and have debates on important issues and town hall meetings with candidates? You get to see how candidates react under pressure and you hear their views on important issues."

A few party stalwarts also joined in on the debate, *Larry* charging that the FNM has "failed the Bahamian people miserably", while *Woodside* insisted that the governing party is "simply the best."



SCENES from the FNM and PLP conventions.



Bahamas hosts Swimsuit USA International Model Search

FIFTY gorgeous ladies from all over the world have travelled to the Bahamas this month to compete in the Swimsuit USA International Model Search.

Presented by the Wyndham Hotel and Crystal Palace Casino, Swimsuit USA and Elite Productions, the model search starts today and continues until Monday.

The top five models will be taking home over \$30,000 in cash and prizes, with the winner receiving over \$10,000 and appearing on the cover of the 2010 Swimsuit USA calendar.

All contestants will appear in the calendar, with the top 16 finalists to be featured on their own individual pages. All photos for the calendar will be shot in the Bahamas and a film crew will be on hand to record the week's festivities, behind

the scenes action and interviews with all 50 models, sponsors and judges for release as an event DVD. Upon release, the DVD is targeted for distribution by Wal-Mart and other select retailers worldwide.

During their stay, all contestants will take part in a week of rehearsals, photo shoots and enjoy all the Bahamas has to offer.

It's not just all work and no play, as the models, along with their family members, friends, judges and sponsors will have plenty of fun in the sun aboard an 80ft Hatteras and a 74ft Viking Yacht set to cruise the spectacular waters of the Bahamas. Everyone will enjoy a day of swimming, snorkelling and a memorable visit to the exclusive Nygard Cay.

Exciting events taking place at the

Wyndham Hotel and Crystal Palace Casino in association with the event include:

- The "James Bond" theme party on the beach on Thursday, November 12 at 7.30pm
- The "Parade of Contestant's" pool-side press party on Friday, November 13 at 2pm at the Wyndham Nassau Resort.

The events culminate with the Swimsuit USA International Model Search Finals to take place on Saturday, November 14 at 8pm in the Rainforest Theatre.

Afterwards, the celebration continues as the winners and all other contestants will appear for an after party at 22 Above located within the Crystal Palace Casino where they will enjoy a night of music and dancing.

All events will be open to the public.

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- (2) Class Licences, Exemptions & Types of Fees &
- (3) Deadline extension for responding to Preliminary Determinations on SMP

The Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA) recently published several documents on its website and these include:

- A Preliminary Determination issued on 19 August, 2009 on the cost of capital associated with the activities of Cable Bahamas Ltd. and Bahamas Telecommunications Company Ltd. (BTC).
- A Preliminary Determination on 1 October, 2009 on the Class Licences, Exemptions & Types of Fees for the electronic communications sector in The Bahamas.
- On 30 September, 2009 Preliminary Determinations set out the types of obligations that in URCA's view would satisfy the obligations to be imposed on those licensees presumed to have SMP, in accordance with s.116(2) of the Communications Act, 2009 (the "Comms Act"). Following initial workshops with the SMP operators, and requests for extension of the deadline from one operator, URCA has extended the timetable set out in the Preliminary Determinations, to allow the operators to respond fully and to submit alternative revised proposals. A revised timetable can be found on the Publications page of URCA's website.

The full text of the submissions received, a summary of responses to the consultation and the Final Determinations can be downloaded under Publications on urcabahamas.bs

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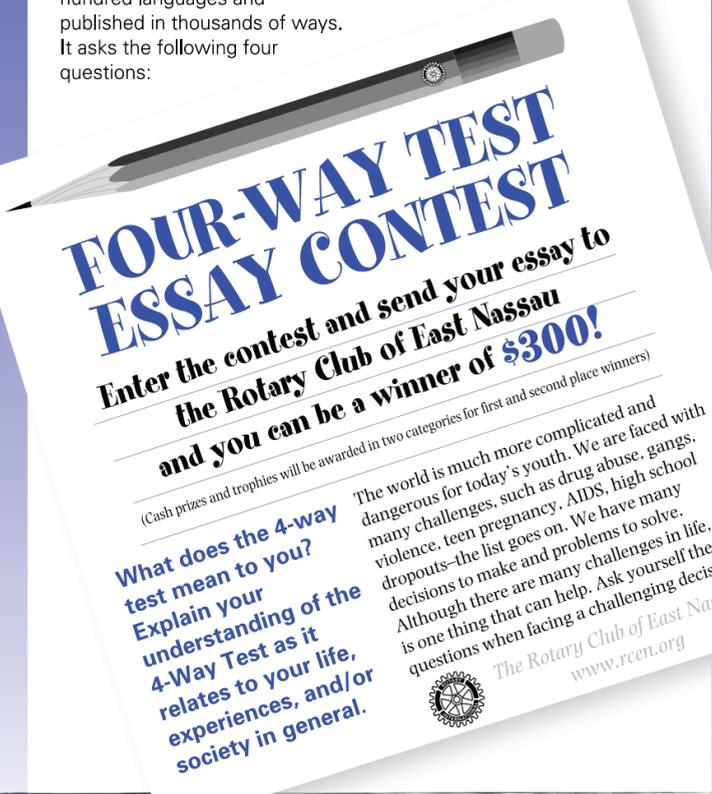
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From the earliest days of the organization, Rotarians were concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is The Four-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor. This 24-word Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways. It asks the following four questions:

The Four-Way Test
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- 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"**



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- The body of the essay must not exceed 1,000 words. Adults may assist the child in filling out the entry form, but not in writing the letter.
- Limit one essay per child. All entries must be received by the Rotary Club of East Nassau before Nov 30, 2009.
- Only essays accompanied by original entry forms clipped from the newspaper will be accepted. Photocopy, fax, carbon or other copies will not be accepted.
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- Winner must agree to a photo presentation which will be published in the newspaper.
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LOCAL NEWS

Ex-MP held in tax fraud probe

FROM page one



HYWEL JONES (above) was a former business client of Lester Turnquest

nal matter, no charges were filed against Mr Jones, his colleagues, Britannia and Hampton. However, Mr Jones was also embroiled in a heated legal dispute with Mr Turnquest — who was once an associate of Britannia Limited — before his untimely death.

Man shot by police is identified

By DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREEPORT — The man fatally shot by police has been identified as Anthony Burrows, 27, of Nansen Avenue. Asst Supt Loretta Mackey said police investigations are continuing into Friday's shooting at Fawcett Lane.

According to reports, the shooting occurred around 11.20pm Friday when police responded to a disturbance at Fawcett Lane.

When officers arrived at the scene, they were approached by a man who was acting in a disorderly manner.

There was a scuffle between police and the man.

THEFT OF COPPER WIRE

Police are appealing to persons with any information on the theft of copper wire to call 350-3107/8 or 352-9774/5.

A reward is being offered to persons with information concerning the theft of copper wiring from ZNS on November 8. Persons with information are asked to call 350-3107/8, 352-9774/5 or 911.

Arrests after \$638,000 of marijuana found

THREE MEN were arrested yesterday after 21 bales of marijuana with a street value of \$638,000 were discovered in the Exuma Cays.

The men, two Jamaicans and one Bahamian, are expected to appear in court later this week.

FROM page one Central Bank

beyond incorporates a number of the themes that have been identified as important risk mitigants by the international regulatory community.

"A key initiative was to put in place enhanced oversight mechanisms for commercial banks, our systemically important institutions. In July of this year, we established a Commercial Banking Unit (CBU), staffed by seven technicians, to focus on sectoral risk themes affecting these firms."

Additionally, Mrs Craigg said the extent to which the Central Bank is able to monitor the level of financial risk a financial institution is exposed to and the quality of their loan portfolio, the Central Bank has made adjustments to the data reporting requirements for commercial banks.

Meanwhile, she said that the Central Bank has taken steps to push banks to focus on improving their own risk identification practices, so that they would know further in advance if they may be in trouble financially.

"Since the beginning of 2009, all banks have been requested to conduct stress tests on credit, liquidity, and other related areas of risk, on a regular basis, as part of their risk management processes.

We intend to closely evaluate the adequacy of these stress tests during our on-site examination exercises," said Mrs Craigg.

The Governor remarked that the Central Bank has also "made considerable progress" in developing the necessary tools to conduct its own independent "stress tests" on banks so as to test their individual resilience and that of the banking system at large.

Given that global firms that have struggled to survive during the financial crisis were

found to be deficient with respect to their risk management practices, Mrs Craigg said the Central Bank has placed "renewed emphasis" on the importance of such practices, saying they "cannot be over emphasized."

Mrs Craigg added that the bank initiated a redesign of its risk assessment process for public banks and trust companies, first created in 2001, to further enhance his efforts in the area of risk. In its next stage, the project will be extended to commercial banks and perhaps international offshore banks and trust companies in the second quarter of

next year. Mrs Craigg revealed that the Central Bank is further looking at enhancing the capital and liquidity standards it demands of banks in light of recent events.

She thanked the accountants for their work that assists the Central Bank in its responsibilities.

"Our collective objective is to identify any shortcomings in our framework and set priorities for addressing them ahead of a future Financial Sector Assessment Programme — a joint IMF and World Bank review — for The Bahamas," said Mrs Craigg.

FROM page one

"I think the Crown has placed the judiciary in a very compromising position."

Magistrate Virgill ordered that the money be returned to Keva Major after the prosecution entered a *nolle prosequi* (no prosecution) which was dated September 23.

The prosecution, however, also presented an order issued by Magistrate Carolita Bethel dated September 22. This was the date the matter was last heard before Magistrate Virgill, and stated that the \$850,000 be held when the matter was withdrawn. Magistrate Virgill, however, questioned how her fellow magistrate knew that the matter was going to be withdrawn and said she would disregard the order as they both have equal jurisdiction.

Mr Kemp said: "It does not lend credence to the principals to be associated with the separation of powers. It doesn't lend credence to the perception of justice. It appears to bring the admin-

Keva Major attorney

istration of justice into disrepute. How would the magistrate possibly know that the Attorney General will issue a *nolle prosequi* before he issues it?"

Mr Kemp said he did not know why the Crown sought to have the money held. But he added: "That is something the Crown is going to have to justify doing in court if it comes to that."

The proceeds of crime case was still pending against Keva Major, 40, when she was extradited to face drug charges in the United States last April. She pleaded guilty to the charges against her in August 2008 and was placed on three years probation meaning she cannot leave the United States.

Magistrate Bethel declined to comment on the matter yesterday. While officials at the Attorney General's Office said that a response was forthcoming, none was issued up to press time yesterday.

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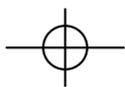
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SPORTS

Softball tourney set for this weekend

THE Bahamas Sunshine Fall Classic committee is scheduled to host its fifth annual Modified Pitch Softball Tournament this weekend at the Baillou Hills Sporting Complex.

Teams from the New Providence Softball Association, the Oldtimers Softball Association, the United States and the Dominican Republic are expected to participate. There will also be a women's slow-pitch division with teams coming in from the United States.

The tournament is set to start 7pm Friday with the first three games being played at the Banker's Field and continues Saturday. The tournament is slated to wrap up on Sunday.

Last year, the Truckers and the New Breed shared the top prizes after the championship game was called off because of rain. The Corner Boyz won the third place prize.

This year, first place will be awarded \$2,000, second place will earn \$1,500 and third place will receive \$1,000. Fourth place finishers will cart home \$500.

There is an entry fee for the tournament. Interested persons are urged to contact Foster Dorsett at 427-3883 or 502-8209, Robert Coakley at 565-8833 or Larry Thompson at 427-5717.



SAC lead off man Lucious Fox lays down a bunt...



ANFERNIE SEYMOUR is hit by a pitch...

Photos by Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

SAC's Big Red Machine eliminate Comets 13-6

By RENALDO DORSETT Sports Reporter rdorsett@tribunemedia.net

THE St Augustine's College Big Red Machine continue to ride the momentum of an undefeated regular season and last night became the first team to earn a berth into the BAISS junior boys' softball championships.

The Big Red Machine eliminated the Queen's College Comets 13-6 yesterday at the Freedom Farm Field of Dreams in the first of two semifinals.

The strength of the Big Red Machine lineup accounted for the bulk of the run support, giving pitcher Blair Seymour the cushion he needed to control the game from the mound.

The scoring flurry began early in the bottom half of the opening inning, when Anfernie Seymour blasted a two run home run to centerfield.

After a Byron Murray single, Arien Seymour drove in an RBI single for a 3-0 lead at the end of the first.

A stingy SAC defense that has been one of the best all season long retired six of the first seven hitters they faced in route to an early lead.

In the second, lead off man Lucious Fox singled to begin the inning, followed by an



COMETS pitcher Romero Cartwright in action...

Isaacs single, and Anfernie Seymour was hit by a pitch to load the bases.

The Comets opted to walk Murray, SAC's power hitting catcher, bringing home Fox to make the score 4-0.

The move proved to backfire when Arien Seymour capitalized on the bases loaded opportunity with a three-RBI triple to clear the infield.

SAC lead 7-0 heading into the top of the third.

The Comets appeared to rally with a possible scoring opportunity in the third, however the Big Red Machine defense would again close the door.

The Comets were able to get runners in scoring position, with no outs in the inning, but failed to capitalize.

Roberto Smith and Romero Cartwright both grounded out directly to Blair Seymour on the mound for routine outs and Gerrio Rahming was gunned down trying to steal third.

The Big Red Machine's strength of the lineup again produced a series of runs in the third to give their team its first margin of double figures.

Anfernie Seymour again drove in an RBI with a double, and for the second time, the Comets coaching staff opted to walk Murray which loaded the bases.

Arien Seymour again capitalized with runners in scoring position with a two RBI double to give his team an 11-0 lead heading into the fourth inning.

The Comets finally reached the scoreboard in the fourth with three runs, avoiding the mercy run rule an extending a comeback opportunity, however their pitching and defensive effort was unable to slow down the Big Red Machine.

Isaacs finished 4-4 with four runs and two RBI, Arien Seymour was 4-4 with two runs and five RBI, Anfernie Seymour was 4-4 with three runs and four RBI, Blair Seymour was 3-4 with two runs and Murray was 4-4 with three runs and one RBI.

Crushers hold off Strikers, improve record to 4-0

By BRENT STUBBS Senior Sports Reporter bstubbs@tribunemedia.net

KYLE 'Flash' Turnquest had an off day, but forward Malik Jones stepped up and took charge of the St Bede's Crushers offense against the St Cecilia's Strikers.

In the battle of the only two undefeated teams left in the Catholic Diocesan Primary Schools basketball league, the Crushers held off the Strikers 39-29 as the defending champions improved to 4-0.

Jones produced a game-high 16 points, including 14 in the second half as the Crushers surged from a 15-10 deficit at the half to drop the Strikers to 3-1.

"It was good to win again," said Jones, who refused to take any credit for his individual performance. "It was a tough game, but we came back hard to win."

Coach Donnie Culmer, however, said he knew this was going to be their early test and he was happy that they passed it with flying colours.

"My best player didn't have a good game today and we lacked some practice coming into this game," Culmer said. "We basically had to play from raw talent."

Turnquest, undoubtedly the most talented player in the league, was held to his season low production of nine, including 3-of-3 from the foul line.

But in his game high honours, Jones was 4-for-12 from the charity stripe. He got the majority of his points either on the fast break or from the extra effort on the boards.

"This was Malik's game. I told Malik I didn't want the Malik from this year. I wanted the Malik from last year when he played a key factor in our victory," Culmer said.

"He stepped up big today, which showed that this team is not just Flash. We just want everybody to know that if they come to hold Flash, we still have Adrian (Mackey), Malik (Jones) and Gregory (Cooper)."

Mackey also helped out tremendously, scoring 10 points and Cooper contributed four before fouling out late in the fourth quarter.

The Strikers, on the other hand, were led by Ingraham with a side high 14 points and Tyreke Colebrooke chipped in with 10. But in the fourth quarter, they lost both Steven Humes and Dikimbe Etienne when they



IVOINE INGRAHAM gets out on a fast break...

needed them the most. "I can't complain. My boys did a good job," said Strikers' coach Leo Delaney. "We just have to go back to the drawing board and get ready for when we play them again."

With the league playing two rounds instead of one this year, Delaney said they will definitely make the necessary adjustments for their rematch.

"We have a lot of things to work on. We have to make sure that we get back because that was where they scored a lot of their points when we didn't get back on defense," Delaney stressed.

Although they opened an 8-3 lead after the first quarter, St Bede's went into a scoring drought for the first time this season when they were held to just two points in the second quarter and ended up trailing 15-10 at the half.

St Bede's continued to trail throughout the third quarter as St Cecilia's, behind the 1-2 punch of Ingraham and Colebrooke, held on for a 19-16 advantage at the final break.

But in the fourth quarter, when the Crushers struck to take a 21-20 lead on a 5-2 run, sparked by two consecutive baskets from Jones, they never looked back.



GREGORY COOPER puts the clamp on a St Cecilia's player...

In fact, they went on another 6-2 spurt, highlighted by back-to-back baskets from Jones and Turnquest before Cooper ended it with a power move inside for a 27-22 margin.

The Strikers made one last gallant effort when Ingraham canned two consecutive baskets

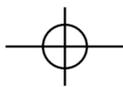
to trim the deficit to 28-26, the closest they came the rest of the way.

After that, Jones responded with two baskets of his own and when he attempted his third straight, he got blocked by Rayshano Spence. But St Bede's was still ahead 32-28.

On one of the biggest plays in the game, Mackey scored a lay-up over Spence. However, he missed the free throw on a three-point attempt as St Bede's surged ahead 36-28.

A final 3-1 run enabled the Crushers to secure a 10-point victory.

Photos by Tim Clarke/Tribune staff



SPORTS

Final softball statistics

THE Bahamas Softball Federation released the final statistics for the National Championship series that concluded on Sunday night at the Baillou Hills Sporting Complex.

Women's Division
Champions - Pineapple Air Wildcats

Runners-up - Bahamasair Flyers
Bronze medalists - Red Bay Rugrats

Championship MVP - Jeanette Hilton - Pineapple Air Wildcats

All-Tournament team

Pitcher - Nerissa Lockhart - Bahamasair Flyers
Catcher - Donette Edwards - Pineapple Air Wildcats

First base - Shental Russell - Red Bay Rugrats
Second base - Raschel Smith - Bahamasair Flyers

Third base - Quatrenda Sears - Bahamasair Flyers
Shortstop - Christine Edmonds-Cooper - Pineapple Air Wildcats

Leftfield - Sophia Smith - Bahamasair Flyers
Centerfield - Kelda Russell - Red Bay Rugrats

Rightfield - Latoya Johnson - Red Bay Rugrats

Round Robin
Batting champion - Latoya Thomas - Bahamasair

Most hits - Movastic Russell - Red Bays Rugrats

Most wins - Vessna Laing - Bahamasair Flyers

Most RBI - Kelda Russell - Red Bays Rugrats

Most wins - Nerissa Lockhart - Bahamasair Flyers

Best ERA - Nerissa Lockhart - Bahamasair Flyers

Men's Division
Champions - commando Security Truckers

Runners-up - Elnet Mariners
Bronze medalists - Abaco Turtles

Championship MVP - Anton 'Bookie' Gibson - Commando Security Truckers

All-Tournament team
Pitcher - William Weatherford - Abaco Turtles

Catcher - Jamal Johnson - Commando Security Truckers
First base - Winston Seymour - Commando Security Truckers

Second base - Orlando McPhee - Commando Security Truckers
Third base - Lyle Sawyer - Abaco Turtles

Shortstop - Marvin Wood - Commando Security Truckers
Leftfield - Van Johnson - Commando Security Truckers

Centerfield - Terran Wood - Commando Security Truckers
Rightfield - Ivan Saunders - Elnet Mariners

Round Robin
Batting champion - Lyle Sawyer - Abaco Turtles

Most hits - Lyle Sawyer - Abaco Turtles
Most runs - Julian Collie - Commando Security Truckers

Most RBI - Orlando McPhee - Commando Security Truckers
Most wins - Thomas Sawyer - Abaco Turtles

Best ERA - William Weatherford - Abaco Turtles



PINEAPPLE AIR WILDCATS have regained the Commonwealth national title...

Wildcats regain title

By BRENT STUBBS
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THE Pineapple Air Wildcats put a stranglehold on their dominance of women's softball in the country when they edged the Grand Bahama Bahamasair Flyers 2-1 in their best-of-three championship series.

In the clincher on Sunday night, the Wildcats routed the Flyers 15-10 to regain the Commonwealth national title they relinquished last year after a dismal season ended without them representing New Providence in this year's round robin tournament.

The Wildcats dedicated the title to coach Alexander 'Zander' Bain, who is recuperating from a serious injury. Bain, confined to a wheelchair, was in attendance to watch his team capture the title.

"It's been a long season, so I'm very happy for them," Bain said. "I didn't have any doubts that they would have been able to do it. It was just a matter as to when."

Bain said although he's slowly recovering, the team's victory has

certainly boosted his morale.

The Wildcats, who lost their only match-up to the Flyers in the round robin as well as game one in the championship series, were simply sensational throughout their line-up.

Jeanette Hilton, voted the most valuable player, led the attack by going 3-for-5 with two RBI and four runs scored. Candice Smith was 2-for-4 with three RBI and two runs scored. Mary 'Cruise' Edgcombe-Sweeting was 2-for-5 with three RBI and a run. Marvella Miller was 3-for-5 with two runs. Hyacinth Farrington was 2-for-4 with two runs. Christine Edmonds-Cooper was 2-for-4 with two runs and Vernie Curry 2-for-6 with two runs.

Marvella Miller pitched through the seventh inning for the win before Edgcombe-Sweeting came from first base to close the door on the Flyers.

Shanek Pinder went 3-for-4 with four RBI and two runs scored to pace the Flyers. Nerissa Lockhart suffered the loss.

"Right now I feel good. I'm excited. This is the first national title for me. I've been waiting on this for a

long time," Miller said. "I'm excited, glad that we pulled it off."

The rest of the Wildcats players were just as elated about the victory.

"It's just a great feeling to know that we are the champions again," catcher Donette Edwards said. "Last year, they took the trophy away from us, but it's a pleasure for us to bring it back to the Wildcats territory. It's all about the Wildcats."

And veteran outfielder Vernie Curry said they couldn't have done it in a better fashion.

"Bahamasair came here and sent a statement to us that they are here to beat us," Curry said.

"How could you beat a team like the Wildcats? I've been playing on this team for 18 years and I have 14 titles under my belt. So you can't just come here and take it away from me. You have to ask me if I'm ready to give it up like we did last year."

The Wildcats say they will be back to regain their title next year with a few younger additions to their line-up.

Finishing third in the three-team field in the women's division was the Andros Red Bays Rugrats.

Safin extends career by winning at Paris Masters

By SAMUEL PETREQUIN
AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — Marat Safin extended his career by at least one more round, saving three match points Monday to beat French qualifier Thierry Ascione 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (3) at the Paris Masters.

The 29-year-old Russian, a three-time winner in Paris, plans to retire after this tournament. He will face

U.S. Open champion Juan Martin Del Potro of Argentina in the second round.

"The way he is playing right now, I don't think I have a chance," Safin said. "I'm going to fight 100 percent. But to win it? I'm not sure."

Safin saved the match points by serving three aces when trailing 5-4 in the third set. He closed the match with a forehand volley on his first match point in the tiebreaker to

improve to 24-4 at the Paris Masters, where he won in 2000, '02 and '04.

"It's probably the best way to save the match points," said Safin, who had 24 aces. "It's not as painful, and I don't have to run around on the court and just hope for the guy to miss."

He broke in the fifth game when Ascione double-faulted and took the first set with a backhand drop volley. After trading breaks in the second set, Safin saved three break points in the sixth game before hitting a forehand long to ultimately force a decider.

Safin, a former No. 1, captured the 2000 U.S. Open and 2005 Australian Open among 15 singles titles. In his best result this year, he reached the semifinals at St. Petersburg 10 days ago.

"The way I'm moving right now is not really the best in my career," Safin said. "It's tough to pick up the bags, to go to the airport, to stay in the traffic, flight, passport control, wait for the bags again. It's very heavy. So I'm happy this is over."

Tomas Berdych, the 2005 champ, beat French qualifier Vincent Millot 6-3, 7-6 (4) after serving 10 aces and breaking three times.

The 247th-ranked Millot wasted a 5-2 lead in the second set and his Czech opponent finished the match with an ace on his first match point. Berdych, ranked 20th, will next face 14th-seeded Tommy Robredo of Spain.

Viktor Troicki of Serbia benefited from Paul-Henri Mathieu's calf injury to advance and will face 13th-seeded Radek Stepanek. Mathieu, who reached the Hamburg final this year, failed to convert a set point and retired when trailing 7-6 (4), 3-0.

"It's a shame because it was very close and I had some good opportunities to break him," Mathieu said. "But I suddenly felt a pain in my calf after a run and it was difficult for me to keep going."

Andreas Seppi of Italy beat Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany 6-3, 6-3, and Ivo Karlovic of Croatia served 21 aces in a 7-6 (3), 6-4 victory over Pablo Cuevas of Uruguay.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

VOLLEYBALL NPVA UPDATE

THE New Providence Volleyball Association continued its action Sunday at the DW Davis Gymnasium with three games played.

In the women's match, the Scottsdale Vixens easily defeated the Cougars 25-6, 25-20 and 25-4. Cheryse Rolle led all scorers in the win with 16 points. Tarea Sweeting finished with six for the Cougars.

In the second match, the Del Sol Saints defeated the COB Caribs in three straight sets 25-23, 25-13 and 26-24. Gabi Laurent led the Saints and all scorers with 10 points. Anwar Johnson led the Caribs with 22 points in a losing effort.

In the final game, the National Fence Intruders took four sets to defeat the Champions Club 25-18, 22-25 25-14 and 25-23. Prince Wilson scored 15 points in the win. Muller Petit finished with a game high 16 points for the losing Champions.

Games are slated to continue Wednesday.

BASKETBALL COB CARIBS IN FLORIDA

THE College of the Bahamas Caribs women's basketball team split their double header, while their men's team suffered a double defeat as they opened their collegiate season over the weekend in Florida.

On Friday night, junior guard Deandra Williams hit a three-point shot with seven seconds left on the clock as the Lady Caribs beat Johns & Wales University 49-48 in dramatic fashion.

The Lady Caribs, however, lost its second game to the three-time NAIA Sun Conference champs Northwood University 81-30 on Saturday afternoon.

For the Lady Caribs, Williams and freshman guard Gabrielle McKinney were the leading scorers in the two games.

As for the Caribs men's team, they lost to Florida College 88-75 and on Saturday they lost to Ave Marie University 71-49.

Senior guard Garvin Lightbourne and freshman guard Devon Clarke led the team in scoring.

Both teams are scheduled to play again November 20-22 in Florida.

The women will play Ave Marie University on November 20 and St Thomas University on November 21, while the men will play Northwood University on November 21 and Johnson & Wales University on November 22.

Both of COB's teams are set to begin play in the New Providence Basketball Association and the New Providence Women's Basketball Association this week and will use those games as a tune up for its series of intercollegiate games.

BASKETBALL AAU PRIMARY CROSS COUNTRY

THE Bahamas AAU Primary Schools is set to hold their Cross Country Championships on 10am November 14 at Fort Charlotte.

Competitors will get the chance to compete in the primary boys and girls (born 2001 and after), bantam boys and girls (born 2000 and 1999) and midget boys and girls (born 1998 and 1997).

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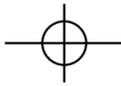


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We are still the champions!

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Truckers roll over Mariners 11-3

Once the Commando Security Truckers got rolling, the Grand Bahama Elnet Mariners couldn't find a pitcher to contain their offensive attack.

Sunday night at the Bailou Hills Sporting Complex, the Truckers went on a rampage as they blasted the Mariners 11-3 to clinch another Bahamas Softball Federation men's Commonwealth championship title.

Unlike the women, the men only played one game to determine the champions.

The Truckers joined the Pineapple Air Wildcats, who regained their women's title after a year's absence, with a 2-1 decision over the Grand Bahama's Bahamasair Flyers in their best-of-three series that also concluded Sunday.

"This one was sweet," said Truckers' manager Perry Seymour during the team's celebrations.

"We had some problems on and off the field with the association and some people talking. But we just showed everybody that don't care what you do, the Truckers are still going to be champions. They only made us play better ball."

Seymour said his Truckers were even more prepared to



COMMANDO SECURITY TRUCKERS (shown) have clinched another Bahamas Softball Federation men's Commonwealth championship title...

play the Mariners because "they bring out the best in us and we just get hungrier and hungrier whenever we play them."

Case in point. The Truckers forced the Mariners to pull ace Brian 'The Ninja' Neely in the first inning as

they got their offensive attack rolling.

In fact, the Mariners used three pitchers, but neither was able to slow down the Truckers, who had at least five players producing some big numbers.

Marvin 'Tougie' Wood

went 2-for-3 with a run batted in and two runs scored, Julian Collie was 2-for-2 with three RBI and scored a run, Martin Burrows was 1-for-2 with two RBI and a run scored, Winston Seymour 1-for-2 with a RBI and a run and Stephen 'Slugger' Brown 1-for-3 with a RBI and run scored.

However it was Anton 'Bookie' Gibson who was named the most valuable player of the championship. He rebounded from a slow start to go the distance for

the win on the mound.

In a losing effort, Ricardo Rolle was 1-for-2 with two RBI and two runs scored, while Ivan Saunders was 2-for-3 with a RBI.

Talented outfielder Terran Wood said that their practice and hard work paid off in the long run and they are going to cherish this for a while because a lot of people counted them out all season long.

Marvin Wood, who anchored the team on the field at shortstop, said after

they lost their opening game in the round robin to Abaco, they got refocused on the mission and they achieved their goal to repeat as champions.

But he took it a bit further. "We just had to show the association and the federation that the team that prays together, stays together," he said. "All they need to do is take this team and a couple other players on the national team and we can bring back some sort of medal."



SIMONE STURRUP

Swift swimmer sets three new national records

AT the Barracuda Swim Meet this weekend at the Betty Kelly Kenning Aquatic Center, Simone Sturrup set three new national (Bahamian) records.

Sturrup, representing Swift Swimming, set the records in the 50 meter freestyle in 30.44 seconds, the 100 meter freestyle in 1:06.72 and the 50 meter butterfly in 34.07.

Sturrup is expected to travel to the Florida Winter Swimming Championships in two weeks to represent Swift.

American Larsen wins 23rd Conchman Triathlon

AMERICAN Stefan Larsen emerged as the overall champion of the 23rd annual Conchman Triathlon held Saturday at Taino Beach, Grand Bahama.

Larsen, 39, topped the field of 64 individual competitors with an accumulated time of one hour, 10 minutes and 18 seconds in the one kilometre swim, 25K bike and 5K run that covered a total of 31K.

Following Larsen was the first Bahamian Mark Davies, 49, who clocked 1:16:41. Coming in third and the second Bahamian finisher was Simon Lowe, 26. He did it in 1:17:32.

The first female finisher was Kadesha Culmer. The 17-year-old was 13th overall in 1:29:45. The second female finisher was Vicki Stafford, 43, in 1:37:57. She was 21st. The third female finisher was Lisa De Lusignan, 46, in 1:40:35 for 23rd.

The first male finisher in the swim was Grand Bahamian Michael McIntosh in 12:34. Larsen was the first to complete the bike in 37:47 and he also crossed the line first in the run in 19:50.

Culmer came out of the water as the first female in

13:31. But Stafford edged her out in the bike in 48:56. De Lusignan did the same in clocking the fastest time in the run in 25:20.

Winning the male under-16 category was Grand Bahamian John Silvera in 1:39:46. American Vanja Sikirica clocked 1:19:45 to take the 17-29 division, while Dale Winner won the 40-49 in 1:22:50. Mario Carey won the 50-59 in 1:22:17; Chris Baker took the 60-69 in 1:41:43 and American John B. Mayer won the 70-99 in 1:50:52.

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Grand Bahamian Ashleigh Akehurst won the female 17-29 division in 2:05:51; American Kristen Welsh took the 30-39 in 1:50:49; Grand Bahamian Elizabeth Risch took the 40-49 in 1:49:31; Laurie Tichel of Grand Bahamian won the 50-59 in 1:58:13 and American Harriet Hoskyns-Abraham won the 60-99 in 2:10:50.

In the team competition, the winning combo hailed from Grand Bahama. They were Brendan Carrol, Wayne Archer and Delroy Boothe, who did 1:14:00.

Another Grand Bahamian team of Mark Rawlings, Rowshan Jones and Kevin Morris were second in 1:18:25 and the New Providence team of Christy Winner, Dale Winner and Harry Winner in 1:23:28.

A total of 27 teams competed.

The team of Andrew Hindley, Alex Sutherland and Adam Bethel won the 16-and-under category in 1:50:15 and the male open division was won by the team of Brendan Carrol, Wayne Archer and Delroy Boothe in 1:14:00.

Winning the female 16-and-under division were Alichierre Kemp, Geordinell Thurston and Rachael Brown in 1:44:55 and Joanna Evans, Cath Hindley and Cath Hindley took the open division title in 1:30:18.

In the open mixed category, the team of Raevan Rahming, Glenward Bailou and Don Laing won the title in 1:34:08. The first family was Christy, Dale and Harry Winner in 1:23:28 and in the 135+ combined ages, the winners were Mario Carey, Mark Davies and Gregory Lowe.

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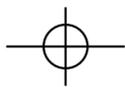
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Yacht registry launch 'before end of year'

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

THE Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) is hoping to launch its mega yacht registry "before the end of the year", its chairman told Tribune Business yesterday, believing the facility will "round off" this nation's private wealth management service/product offering.

Speaking to this newspaper from London, Ian Fair said: "The mega yacht registry is very actively under way, and there are a lot of moving parts to it. It's a very high priority, and we're hopeful of having it before the end of the year."

"We want to do it; the Government wants to do it; and all are very supportive of the idea. It's just a matter of putting it all together. There's great progress being made, and we're hopeful of being able to launch it by the end of the year."

The mega yacht registry is also being viewed as a natural extension to the Bahamas' existing 1700-strong bulk shipping registry, the world's third largest, and a tool to attract mega yacht owners, managers and charterers to register their vessels in this nation.

In addition, a mega yacht

World's largest cruise vessel lists on Bahamas' 1,700-strong bulk shipping registry

registry has obvious links to the Bahamas' high-end second home market, given that these property owners are also likely to own this class of vessel.

The links to the Bahamas' financial services industry, with its private wealth management specialisation, are even more obvious, as the owners of mega yachts are its target client market. A mega yacht registry in the Bahamas could also encourage themselves to domicile in this nation, and follow their assets here.

"The key reason behind it is that it rounds off the Bahamas' offering from a wealth management point of view," Mr Fair told Tribune Business. "It's one area of the market that we do not have a big slice of, because they've been going elsewhere. We need to be able to offer that

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100% rise in fraud inspection requests

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

A Bahamian forensic accountant yesterday said he had seen a "100 per cent" increase in requests for him to carry out fraud examinations over the past two years, attributing this rise in part to the tighter controls and vigilance being exercised by employers to conserve cash in a recession.

John Bain, forensic partner at HLB Galanis Bain, told Tribune Business that over the past two years he had been summoned by both private and public sector entities to examine "case after case" of suspected fraud, resulting in the doubling of request levels.

He explained that the alleged cases he was summoned to investigate not only involved the theft of cash by employees, for example, but also the inappropriate use and misappropriation of company assets.

However, Mr Bain said he was unable to say whether the rise in suspected fraud cases was due solely to the recession and contracting econo-

my, as "some of the frauds I'm looking at are from five years ago and more".

"The companies now are more careful, and because the money is tight companies are implementing tighter controls," Mr Bain told Tribune Business, implying that improved detection and vigilance were at least partly responsible.

"Companies are bringing in experts, implementing tighter controls. It's an increase in detection, new methods and new technologies. Frauds are ongoing by nature. People get bold and some have been going on for a very long time."

Still, Mr Bain acknowledged that the economy could be playing its part in increasing internal and employee theft/fraud, due to the needs of some to maintain a certain lifestyle/.

"I think the economy in itself may cause people used to a certain lifestyle and income to do it more," he added. "You have a guy used to taking care of his wife or girlfriend at a certain level, and they'll find creative ways to get the money."

The intense financial pressures caused by the economic

crisis have led to an increase of fraud, according to a survey of experts conducted by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE).

In its 2009 report, *Occupational Fraud: A Study of the Impact of an Economic Recession*, the ACFE found that:

* Employees pose the greatest fraud threat in the current economy. When asked which, if any, of several categories of fraud increased during the previous 12 months, the largest number of survey respondents (48 per cent) indicated that embezzlement was on the rise.

* Lay-offs are affecting organisations' internal control systems. Nearly 60 per cent of Certified Fraud Examiners who work as in-house fraud examiners reported that their companies had experienced lay-offs during the past year. Among those who had experienced lay-offs, almost 35 per cent said their company had eliminated some anti-fraud controls.

* Fraud levels are expected to continue rising. Almost 90 per cent of respondents said they expect fraud to continue to increase during the next 12 months.

White collar crime value rises 160%

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THE DOLLAR value associated with white-collar crime in the Bahamas appears to have increased 160 per cent year-over-year, according to Royal Bahamas Police Force statistics, with the value of such reported crimes reaching a possible \$16 million by year-end 2009.

However, the data showed occurrences of white collar crime seemed to have seen a marginal decrease in the first six months of 2009.

Speaking at the Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accountants' (BICA) Accountant's Week, Bank of the Bahamas International's credit risk specialist, Anthony Johnson, revealed the statistics, which suggest a continual rise in white collar crime.

Mr Johnson also revealed through past and recent newspaper articles that police were aware of - and actively investigating - white collar crime in this country.

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Tour operators hit at cruise lines' 'failed commitments'

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

THE cruise industry's main representative body has "not lived up to any commitment" that it gave to Bahamian tour operators and the Government at an October 2008 meeting, a body speaking for Bahamian businesses said yesterday, asserting that the Minister of Tourism was already fully aware of the issue confronting the sector.

Responding to Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace's criticisms of their "bizarre behaviour", the Bahamas Association of Shore Excursionists (BASE), in a statement sent to Tribune Business on behalf of its Bahamian tour operator/excursion provider members, said there were enough written communications, meetings and discussions involving the industry, the cruise lines and the Ministry of Tourism to "create a volume".

"We strongly believe that besides the obvious frustration with this process that far too much damage has been done to legitimate Bahamian businesses that employ hundreds of Bahamians, payout millions in annual payroll and

Reply to minister's comments on 'bizarre behaviour'

other expenses for us to be bantering around about details that have been before us for so long," BASE said.

"It is time that our elected or appointed Bahamian leaders understand that their primary duty is serve not to be served. If there is nothing on the table for us as Bahamians then tell us that up front, and stop giving us reason to have hope when all we do is go to meeting after meeting, write note after note, while the other side gets everything they have asked for.

"We have been very supportive of the Ministry's efforts over the years and will continue to be, but as long as the playing field continues to tilt away from hard-working Bahamians, any right-thinking Bahamian should have a problem with policy decisions that are taken that do not take into effect the devastation or benefit to the local economy."

BASE quickly added that

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Water & Sewerage's debt to BISX firm up \$1.5m to \$6.2m

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

THE Water & Sewerage Corporation's accounts payables owed to its main BISX-listed water supplier increased by \$1.5 million to \$6.2 million during the 2009 third quarter, the Government-owned entity having indicated it will be in arrears and unable to pay down the outstanding balance for the remainder of the year.

Consolidated Water, in yesterday's 10-Q filing with the

Consolidated Water again warns about potential Nassau water supply cut-off, as Government-owned entity indicates unable to pay down on arrears for remainder of 2009

Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC), warned that if the Water & Sewerage Corporation did not maintain timely payments to it or increase the sums involved, its Bahamian subsidiary would lack the liquidity/cash flow needed to finance its operations.

If such a scenario came to

pass, although Consolidated Water gave no indication that it would, then the company's Blue Hills reverse osmosis plant - which supplies the bulk of New Providence's daily water with some seven million gallons per day - might have to reduce its output or

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Business leaders to speak at 'Visionary' summit

BTC expands VoIP offering to firms

THE Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) has expanded its Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) offering from residential to business customers, unveiling its Business Vibe product.

Business Vibe is a VoIP solution, which is voice transmission over a broadband Internet connection instead of a standard phone line designed for use by all businesses. BTC is arguing that the product will increase business efficiency and reduce costs.

Business Vibe is an extension of the Vibe Unite residential and VoIP product, and BTC said it offers improved network performance, lower overhead costs, enhanced worker productivity and a competitive advantage for all businesses.

"It will provide businesses with immediate savings on their long distance calling costs," said Marlon Johnson, BTC's vice-president of marketing. "Switching to BTC's Business Vibe VoIP product can help businesses lower their monthly expenditure on telephone services while increasing both the flexibility and reliability of their communications systems."

BTC said VoIP systems were especially helpful to start-ups and small to medium-sized businesses, as they allowed them to compete more effectively with competitors regardless of their size.

Private Banking, Cable Bahamas and Bloomberg are sponsors for The Nassau Conference 2009.

The Conference steering committee includes conference chairman Andrew Law from International Protector Group; Arthur Strommer, Credit Suisse Nassau Branch; Clifford Johnson, PricewaterhouseCoopers; Dominique Lefevre, SG Hambros; Jan Mezulanik, Pictet Bank and Trust; Wendy Warren, Bahamas Financial Services Board; and Anastacia Johnson, AIBT.

SEASONED business leaders and speakers will address the 2009 Visionary Business Leaders and Entrepreneurs Awards Conference on December 2, 2009, which aims to help businesses survive the recession and prepare for economic recovery.

Among the speakers at the conference, which is being held at the Sheraton Nassau Beach Resort, are Zhivargo Laing, minister of state for finance; Jerome Gomez, fund administrator of the Bahamas Entrepreneurial Venture Fund and a principal in the chartered accounting firm Baker Tilly Gomez; Dionisio D'Aguiar, immediate past president of the

Bahamas Chamber of Commerce, president of Superwash Laundromat and chairman of AML Holdings; and Tennyson Wells, president of Sanctuary Investments (the owners of Yuma Estates, Lyford Hills and South Seas land developments).

Major

Other major speakers will include Dr Myles Munroe, president of Bahamas Faith Ministries International; Sandy Schaefer, president of Robin Hood; and personal branding and professional communications expert, Stacia Williams, president of

Total Image Management.

Various government organisations responsible for the development and promotion of Bahamian businesses, entrepreneurship and tourism have also been invited to participate.

The business conference is being organised by Visionaire Marketing, a marketing and public relations firm, and sponsored by the Bahamas Entrepreneurial Venture Fund, which was established by the Government in 2005 as the vehicle to manage the Government-funded Venture Capital Fund.

Other major sponsors include Sanctuary Investments; Super Wash Laun-

dromat; and Milo B. Butler & Sons, with special gift donations by Atlantis, Robin Hood and Bahamasair.

"Such a conference is needed at such a crucial time in our nation, when many business owners continue to struggle to keep their doors open and unemployment continues to be a major concern," said Visionaire Marketing in a press release.

A major highlight of the 2009 Visionary Business Leaders & Entrepreneurs Awards Conference will include the Visionary Awards luncheon, in which various business persons will be recognised for business excellence.

Ex-bank inspector to unveil 'offshore' findings in Nassau

The Central Bank of the Bahamas' former inspector of banks and trust companies, whose newly-authored *Final*

Report of the Independent Review of British Offshore Centres has just been released, will be commenting on the

report's implications for the Bahamas when he speaks at The Nassau Conference 2009.

"I will be identifying the key changes from the events of the last two years as they have affected all off-shore jurisdictions," said Michael Foot, now chairman of Promontory Financial Group UK. "I will then pick out those aspects of public policy and regulation that will help ensure that a jurisdiction like the Bahamas remains competitive in the decade to come."

Mr Foot was asked by the UK Chancellor of the Exchequer to conduct a review of the long-term opportunities and challenges facing the British Crown Dependencies (CDs) and Overseas Territories (OTs) as financial centres.

His report covers a number of important areas that impact on the future sustainability of these jurisdictions, and sets out a series of standards that Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories will be expected to meet.

The report said British offshore financial centres must ensure they meet international standards on tax information exchange, financial regulation, anti-money laun-

dering and countering the financing of terrorism, as well as ensuring, they put their public finances on a firmer footing by diversifying their tax bases.

Mr Foot's presentation, *The Rapidly Changing World of Offshore Centres*, is one of six presentations and panel discussions at the Conference, which is being held on Wednesday, November 18, at the British Colonial Hilton. The discussions include:

* A panel discussion on the Bahamas' status and strategy towards Tax Information Agreements, led by Zhivargo Laing, minister of state for finance, with follow-up commentary by John Delaney, Higgs & Johnson, and Arthur Strommer, Credit Suisse Nassau Branch.

* A panel discussion on Tax Amnesties covering the US, Brazil and Italy, and featuring Robert F. Hudson Jr, Baker & McKenzie LLP; Humberto de Haro Sanches, Uihôa Canto, Rezende e Guerra Advogados, and Franco Polloni, BSI Bank.

* The benefits of Economic Permanent Residency with Stephen Wall from the Scor-

prio Partnership.

* A presentation entitled *Private Wealth Management: What does the Bahamas need to do to get better and smarter?* featuring consultant Bruce Weatherill, who has previously been involved in strategy development for the Bahamas.

* And a panel discussion on the next generation of Bahamian Entrepreneurs in Financial Services, featuring Wendy Craigg, governor of Central Bank of the Bahamas, and Hilary Deveaux, executive director, Securities Commission of the Bahamas.

The registration fee for the Conference is \$500. Persons can register online at www.nassauconference.com or by calling AIBT at 356-3898.

Under the theme *Private Wealth Management: The Changing Dynamics*, this year's conference represents the Association of International Banks and Trust Companies in The Bahamas' (AIBT) fifth year of lead sponsorship for the event.

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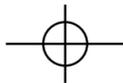
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Accountant profile rises

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ACCOUNTANTS will have a more prominent role in guiding financial institutions in the post-recession environment, the Governor of the Central Bank said yesterday, taking on a renewed and more robust position in regulatory standards in the Bahamas and abroad.

Wendy Craigg, speaking at the opening of Accountant's Week, held by the Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accountants (BICA), said the economic crisis has "catapulted the profession on to centre stage once again".

Ms Craigg said that in the aftermath of the financial crisis, the need for accountants and better accounting standards was more crucial than ever, as large institutions - such as those that collapsed during the credit crisis - required tougher supervision. "To say the least, these developments have raised

questions about the adequacy of risk management models, exposed gaps in regulatory frameworks, and cast doubts on the adequacy of regulatory capital to sustain losses," the Central Bank governor said.

"In addition, weakness in corporate governance, especially in relation to risk assessment and management and business ethics, has emerged as a contributory factor in the loss of confidence in the financial services industry."

Ms Craigg said the Financial Stability Board (FSB) and G-20 have developed a list of financial system reforms, which include: Strengthening the global capital framework by building stronger buffers into the financial system, including capital, liquidity and provisioning; making global liquidity more robust, and increasing bank resilience to system-wide liquidity shocks; strengthening accounting standards; and improving compensation practices.

BICA will begin its peer

review programme in January 2010 in an attempt to adhere to those international accountancy practices.

In the peer review programme, Bahamian accounting firms will be subject to a quality assurance check every six years, which will also allow those firms in public practice access to material that would help them engage in best practices.

All accounting firms engaged in public practice and licensed by BICA will be subject to a peer review by members of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), a globally recognised body.

The ACCA will scrutinise all firms, including large international firms, such as Deloitte & Touche, and will report their findings to a body selected by BICA.

Ms Craigg said the Central Bank had formed the Commercial Banking Unit (CBU) to enhance monitoring of large exposures and the quality of the loan portfolios.

"We have made adjustments to the data reporting requirements for commercial banks, and have introduced quarterly credit meetings, geared towards maintaining close surveillance of developments in their credit and treasury risks," she said.

"Importantly, we have expanded our efforts to require that banks focus on and improve their risk identification practices.

"Since the beginning of 2009, all banks have been requested to conduct stress tests on credit, liquidity, and other related areas of risk, on a regular basis, as part of their risk management processes.

"We intend to closely evaluate the adequacy of these stress tests during our on-site examination exercises."

Ms Craigg said a recent collaboration between BICA and the Group of Financial Sector Regulators will ensure auditing and accounting standards/practices will be more closely scrutinised, and possibly reformed.

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White collar crime value rises 160 per cent

"White collar crime is a major issue in the community," he said. "White collar crime is alive and well."

According to Mr Johnson, reporting this type of crime and securing a conviction in such cases depends on the moral fabric of a community, but they are rarely brought to light due to the veil of secrecy that shrouds many corporations in the interest of shareholders and investors.

Police statistics cite "Fraud by false pretenses" as the leading offense investigated by their Business and Technology Crime Unit. There were 166 instances of this kind of crime investigated by police in 2008, while there have been only 79 in the first half of 2009.

Other white prominent white collar crimes include:

Counterfeit arrests - 13 in 2008 /11 in 2009

Stealing by reason of employment - 121 in 2008 / 47 in 2009

Stealing by reason of service - 145 in 2008 /72 in 2009

Forgery - 26 in 2008 /10 in 2009

Possession of false documents - 28 in 2008 /11 in 2009

Mr Johnson added that white collar crimes cost the US \$300 billion annually, recalling cases such as the

Bernard Madoff Ponzi scheme and Martha Stuart's insider trading conviction as those types of crime.

He suggested that though these types of offenses may not be covered by the media, they do occur within big Bahamian businesses and financial institutions.

Mr Johnson said many of these crimes were settled internally within institutions, so as to retain their integrity. Some were never uncovered, having been concealed through complex transactions or never coming to a conviction because the accused have enough money to hire the best legal counsel.

However, he said both Senior Assistant Commissioner, Marvin Dames, and former Minister for Public Safety and Immigration, Arlington Butler, at different times revealed that white collar crimes in this country were on the rise.

Mr Johnson said Mr Dames alluded to real estate fraud being one of the main types of white collar crimes in the Bahamas.

He added that this kind of crime can also cause the misuse of scarce resources, undermine a country's competitive position and cause a contagion effect leading to more white collar crimes.

"The moral fabric of society is threatened by the reluctance of individuals to disclose white collar crimes," said Mr Johnson.

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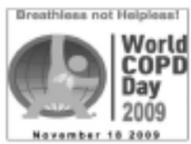
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BUSINESS

Tour operators hit at cruise lines' 'failed commitments'

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it did not want to start a public row with Mr Vanderpool-Wallace, and was hoping that he would come through for the organisation and its members and meet with them, as he had done on numerous occasions before.

Mr Vanderpool-Wallace had previously told Tribune Business that BASE and its

members had failed to supply him with a letter setting out all their issues and concerns, something he had requested, so that he could then "address head-on" the matter with the cruise lines.

Yet BASE argued that the minister already had all the necessary information "at his finger tips", making the letter unnecessary. It said Mr Vanderpool-Wallace's con-

cern about the number of Bahamian-owned tour operators/excursion providers who were being dropped from cruise line itineraries showed he was fully aware of the problem.

Meetings

And, in addition, BASE said that numerous meetings, e-mails, phone calls and let-

ters had been held and exchanged with various Ministry of Tourism staff, leading them to question how Mr Vanderpool-Wallace was unaware of their concerns.

Referring to an October 2008 meeting involving the Florida-Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA), its member lines (Carnival and Royal Caribbean), the Ministry of Tourism, other gov-

ernment ministries and Bahamian tour operators, BASE said a similar meeting had been hosted six weeks before in Nassau, hosted by Mr Vanderpool-Wallace.

"Both meetings were born out of a meeting organised by the Ministry of Tourism's director of cruise development after she was advised of our growing concerns regarding relations with cruise lines," BASE said.

"Those attending that meeting ranged from the then new permanent secretary in the Ministry of Tourism, to several senior Ministry of Tourism managers, and representatives from the Attorney General's office, Immigration, Port Department, Customs and several other government agencies that deal with cruise lines.

"Out of the Trinidad meeting, in which the minister was an extremely active participant, came a commitment from the FCCA leadership, who at this point appear to get unfettered support from the Ministry of Tourism, and BASE to set up follow up meetings with individual lines to address and find solutions for these concerns. The Ministry of Tourism is fully aware of the fact that the FCCA has not lived up to any commitment made as of today; neither have they been made to

come to the table."

BASE said that every time it had requested to meet with Mr Vanderpool-Wallace, another member of the Ministry of Tourism had been sent to speak with them.

"As for the letter that outlines the concerns we echoed for the past four years, dating back to the previous administration - which, incidentally, did the very same thing, promised dialogue and open, honest and thorough discussion, but never did anything - it defies logic that the minister would say this, especially as that letter complete with suggestions and recommendations has been in his office for quite some time now," BASE said.

"We met with one of the minister's appointed staff, got clarification and then submitted the information. BASE will reserve further comment on the content of that submission pending what we hope to be a reasonable response from the minister as to our meeting date....."

"And for us to have been echoing our concerns for as long as we have to our leaders without reasonable response is simply undemocratic, and does not reflect the values that should be driving our country, openness, transparency and trusted leadership."

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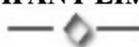


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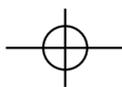
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BUSINESS

Yacht registry launch 'before end of year'

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service as well.”
In addition, a Bahamas registry could also generate increased business for marinas and service suppliers to mega yachts, in addition to boosting government revenues.

Dr Earl Deveaux, minister of the environment, said the BMA was looking to increase its current \$14 million revenues by 25-30 per cent in the next few years, the mega yacht registry forming a key plank in this strategy.

Mr Fair told Tribune Business that the BMA was also intending to assist in the creation of a Bahamian aircraft registry, another product that linked into the provision of wealth management services, although its current focus was on the mega yacht registry.

He added that the Bahamas had not yet maximised its potential in the maritime industry, yet there were “tremendous opportunities” to grow what was already the third-largest contributor to this nation’s gross domestic product (GDP).

Mr Fair said increasing employment for Bahamians was central to the mega yacht registry plan, adding: “What we’re looking to do is anything we can to increase employment opportunities.”

Pointing to the Cadet Corps, which the BMA supports, Mr Fair said the organisation was attempting to get more Bahamians involved and employed in the global maritime industry, given that the International Maritime Organisation had identified “a great shortage” of quali-

fied marine officers and mariners - both now and in the immediate future.

Chairman

The BMA chairman said the Bahamas’ maritime heritage, its existing industry and having the world’s third largest shipping industry all “points to encouraging more Bahamians to taking up

employment in this area”, helping the current unemployment problems in this nation.

Mr Fair said that once appointed, among the “key roles” for the BMA’s new director will be “to further raise the profile of the industry”. Despite the global recession, new ships were still being built and launched, and “we’re obviously keen to get

our fair share of that”.

Despite the Bahamas’ emphasis on quality over quantity, Mr Fair said the BMA was still keen to grow the bulk shipping registry. Among its latest additions is Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines’ Oasis of the Sea, “the biggest cruise ship in the world” and a “highly innovative vessel”.

“The cruise ship industry is

a vitally important part of our portfolio,” Mr Fair explained. “It’s only 15 per cent of our full registry, but we’re the world’s largest cruise ship registry and it gives us profile.”

Mr Fair and three other executives will be attending the upcoming Cruise Line International Association Forum to further cement the BMA’s position in this sector.

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BUSINESS

Water & Sewerage's debt to BISX firm up \$1.5m to \$6.2m

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cease production altogether.

Consolidated Water said: "Consolidated Water (Bahamas) accounts receivables from the Water & Sewerage Corporation were approximately \$6.2 million as of September 30, 2009.

"We believe that the accounts receivable from the Water & Sewerage Corporation are fully collectible, and therefore have not provided any allowance for possible non-payment of these receivables as of September 30, 2009."

Yet the BISX-listed reverse osmosis supplier added: "We have been informed by these

representatives that while the Water & Sewerage Corporation expects to pay us approximately \$1.2 million each month, which approximates Consolidated Water (Bahamas) monthly billings to Water & Sewerage Corporation, the Water & Sewerage Corporation will continue to be in arrears on its payments to Consolidated Water (Bahamas) for the remainder of 2009.

"Consolidated Water (Bahamas) derives substantially all of its revenues from its contract with the Water & Sewerage Corporation and is dependent upon timely collection of its accounts receiv-

able to fund its operations.

"If the Water & Sewerage Corporation does not maintain the timeliness and/or increase the amounts of its payments to Consolidated Water (Bahamas), this subsidiary may not have sufficient liquidity to adequately fund its operations.

"If this occurs, Consolidated Water (Bahamas) may be required to decrease the amount of water it supplies the Water & Sewerage Corporation to the minimum required amount under the contract or, if liquidity problems become too severe, cease its production of water altogether. Such developments could have a material adverse effect on our results of operation and financial position."

Consolidated Water's problems with accounts receivables owed by the Water & Sewerage Corporation are nothing new, the issue having been an ongoing one since 2008.

The Government was

forced to increase its 2008-2009 Budget subsidy to the Water & Sewerage Corporation from \$19 million to \$30 million during its mid-term report, with most of the additional \$11 million earmarked to pay debt owed to Consolidated Water and other reverse osmosis suppliers.

Yet accounts receivables owed by the Water & Sewerage Corporation are starting to rise again, providing further evidence of a cash-strapped government agency that is in a financially precarious position. As at June 30, 2009, the Water & Sewerage Corporation's receivables were \$4.7 million, indicating that they had increased by \$1.5 million during the 2009 third quarter. And this despite an \$8.7 million payment made to Consolidated Water by the Water & Sewerage Corporation in the second quarter, representing the infusion of additional taxpayer monies to pay down debt.

However, there was better news for Consolidated Water

elsewhere in its Bahamas operations. Its bulk water operations, which include the Nassau-based Blue Hills and Windsor reverse osmosis plants, saw their gross profits increase by 41.5 per cent for the nine months to September 30, 2009, rising from \$3.028 million last year to \$4.287 million.

As a percentage of revenues, gross profit margins increased from 13 per cent for the first nine months in 2008 to 22 per cent for the three quarters to September 30, 2009.

Apart from improvements in its Cayman operations, Consolidated Water said: "The higher gross profits for our Bahamas operations reflect improved operating efficiencies for our Windsor operations located in Nassau, New Providence.

"We constructed and commissioned new feed water wells and replaced the reverse osmosis membranes on 50 per cent of our production trains at our Windsor plant, effective September 2008, and replaced the reverse osmosis membranes on the remaining production trains at the Windsor plant during the quarter ended June 30, 2009.

"These capital expenditures have improved the energy efficiency of the Windsor plant. In addition, last year

we implemented an improved feed water pre-treatment regime at our Blue Hills plant in Nassau, which has reduced electrical power consumption at that plant. Our bulk segment gross profit percentage for 2009 also benefited from a reduction in diesel and electricity prices."

Rick McTaggart, Consolidated Water's chief executive, said: "We are pleased with the improvements in operating efficiencies that we have been able to achieve in our Bahamas operations and with the operating performance of the company in general."

However, a \$164,000 increase in bank charges, resulting from the conversion of Bahamian dollars into US currency, impacted Consolidated Water's general and administrative expenses. Those costs in the third quarter alone amounted to \$87,000.

Meanwhile, Consolidated Water confirmed that its Bahamian subsidiary had replaced a previous Royal Bank of Canada with one offered by Scotiabank, again for the same \$500,000 amount.

Although no borrowings had yet been made under the facility, it was secured on the company's assets and had an interest rate of Bahamian Prime plus 1.5 per cent.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
New Providence

NOTICE

IN THE ESTATE of LEONARD VERNON CHEE-A-TOW late of Winton Highway in the Eastern District of the Island of New Providence one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claims or demands against the above-named Estate are requested to send the same duly certified to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of November, 2009 after which the Personal Representatives will proceed to distribute the assets of the Deceased among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which the Personal Representatives shall then have had notice.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that all persons indebted to the said Estate are requested to make full settlement on or before the date hereinbefore mentioned.

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NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claims or demands against the above-named Estate are requested to send the same duly certified in writing to the undersigned on or before Friday, the 27th day of November, A.D. 2009 after which the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall have notice.

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INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

(No.45 of 2000)

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**Alrena Moxey
Liquidator**

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11.80	9.90	Bahamas Property Fund	10.75	10.75	0.00		0.992	0.200	10.8	1.86%
9.30	5.90	Bank of Bahamas	5.90	5.90	0.00		0.244	0.260	24.2	4.41%
0.89	0.63	Benchmark	0.63	0.63	0.00		-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%
3.49	3.15	Bahamas Waste	3.15	3.15	0.00		0.125	0.090	25.2	2.86%
2.37	2.14	Fidelity Bank	2.37	2.37	0.00		0.055	0.040	43.1	1.69%
14.20	9.92	Cable Bahamas	10.00	10.00	0.00		1.406	0.250	7.1	2.50%
2.88	2.72	Colina Holdings	2.72	2.72	0.00		0.249	0.040	10.9	1.47%
7.50	5.26	Commonwealth Bank (S1)	5.74	5.65	-0.09	10,000	0.419	0.300	13.5	5.31%
3.85	1.27	Consolidated Water BDRs	2.88	2.90	0.02		0.111	0.052	26.1	1.79%
2.85	1.32	Doctor's Hospital	2.51	2.55	0.04	10,000	0.625	0.080	4.1	3.14%
8.20	6.28	Famguard	6.50	6.50	0.00		0.420	0.240	15.5	3.69%
12.50	8.80	Finco	9.30	9.30	0.00		0.322	0.520	28.9	5.59%
11.71	9.87	FirstCaribbean Bank	9.87	9.87	0.00	300	0.631	0.350	15.6	3.55%
5.53	4.11	Foccol (S)	4.34	4.34	0.00		0.326	0.150	13.3	3.46%
1.00	1.00	Foccol Class B Preference	1.00	1.00	0.00		0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%
0.45	0.27	Freeport Concrete	0.27	0.27	0.00		0.035	0.000	7.7	0.00%
9.02	5.49	ICD Utilities	5.59	5.59	0.00	800	0.407	0.500	13.7	8.94%
12.00	9.95	J. S. Johnson	9.95	9.95	0.00		0.952	0.640	10.5	6.43%
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate	10.00	10.00	0.00		0.156	0.000	64.1	0.00%

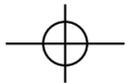
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Last Sale	Change	Daily Vol.	Interest	Maturity
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00		7%	19 October 2017
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00		7%	30 May 2013
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015

52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Weekly Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
14.60	7.92	Bahamas Supermarkets	10.06	11.06	14.00		-2.246	0.000	N/M	0.00%
8.00	6.00	Caribbean Crossings (Pref)	2.00	6.25	4.00		0.000	0.480	N/M	7.80%
0.54	0.20	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.35		0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%

52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD%	Last 12 Months	Div \$	Yield %	NAV Date
1.4038	1.3344	CFAL Bond Fund	1.4038	3.72	5.20			31-Aug-09
3.0350	2.8266	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.8266	-3.86	-4.88			31-Oct-09
1.4957	1.4226	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.4957	4.30	5.13			23-Oct-09
3.5399	2.9343	Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	2.9343	-13.33	-17.11			31-Oct-09
13.2400	12.3870	Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.2400	4.93	5.90			31-Oct-09
103.0956	100.0000	CFAL Global Bond Fund	103.0956	3.10	2.52			30-Sep-09
100.0000	99.4177	CFAL Global Equity Fund	99.4177	3.12	2.76			30-Sep-09
1.0000	1.0000	CFAL High Grade Bond Fund	1.0000	0.00	0.00			31-Dec-07
10.5884	9.4740	Fidelity International Investment Fund	9.4740	4.17	4.18			31-Oct-09
1.0757	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.0757	3.86	5.30			30-Sep-09
1.0364	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.0364	-0.24	0.22			30-Sep-09
1.0709	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.0709	3.24	4.54			30-Sep-09

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52wk-Hi - Highest closing price in last 52 weeks	
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Today's Close - Current day's weighted price for daily volume	
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P/E - Closing price divided by the last 12 month earnings	
(S) - 4-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 8/8/2007	
(S1) - 3-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 7/11/2007	
YIELD - Last 12 month dividends divided by closing price	
Bid \$ - Buying price of Colina and Fidelity	
Ask \$ - Selling price of Colina and Fidelity	
Last Price - Last traded over-the-counter price	
Weekly Vol. - Trading volume of the prior week	
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B O D Y A N D M I N D

Hitting the right note for charity

Bahamian musicians raise funds for the Cancer Society

By JEFFARAH GIBSON

IT seems that the artists of the Bahamas, whether they are portrait painters, sculptors, or musicians, are all on a mission to 'give back'.

This time around, three talented Bahamian musicians will hold a recital titled "A Pristine Affair" to raise funds for the Cancer Society of the Bahamas.

The event is presented by the Cancer Society with Nautilus Water as a major sponsor and under the patronage of Governor General Arthur Hanna.

This benefit concert, which aims to also raise more awareness of cancer, will feature Dr Cleveland Williams (baritone) and Nikita Thompson- Wells (soprano), both highly trained Bahamian opera singers, and pianist Audrey Dean-Wright. It will be held this Thursday at 7pm at Christ Church Cathedral.

The show will include highlights from the opera 'La traviata' by Giuseppe Verdi - based on the novel 'The Lady of the Camellias' by Alexandre Dumas (the younger) published in 1848 - and from Porgy and Bess, the 1935 American folk opera by George Gershwin.

The musicians will also perform old-time Negro spirituals. Organisers hope the concert will become an annual event which will continue to aid the Cancer Society as well as other charitable organisations in

the Bahamas.

Dr Williams told *Tribune Health* that he chose the Cancer Society as the beneficiary of the concert because of his admiration of the organisation's "fathomless contributions" to the Bahamas.

"The Cancer Society was chosen because I admire the work they have done over the years. They have done countless things for people of all age brackets, and for that reason they were chosen," he said.

Dr Williams said the concert has also given birth to the first opera company in the Bahamas which will be launched early next year.

"The Nassau City Opera will be launched in February 2010 and will continue to put on shows and donate to charity," he said.

The public is encouraged to attend the event which promises to be a fulfilling and entertaining night.

"I want to encourage the public to come out and support the event because it will be an entertaining show for a very good cause," he said.

The concert was put on for the first time last year. It was a huge success, but Dr Williams said the audience wanted more. For that reason organisers have added a few more performances to this year's lineup.

He anticipates that this year's concert will be even more successful than last year's.

Tickets are available at Logos Book Store, the Juke Box at the Mall at Marathon and at the Cancer Society of the Bahamas. Or visit www.bahamastickets.org.



GEORGE GERSHWIN



R E Barnes/PHOTOS

EACH year, the Heart Ball Committee hosts two fundraising events, the Heart Ball and the Annual Tea Party/Fashion Show. These events generate funds that aid in the repair of hearts of children.

Annual Heart Ball Committee Tea Party and Fashion Show to raise funds for children with heart defects

UNDER the theme "Tea Around The Universe", the 2009/10 Heart Ball Committee kicks off its fundraising events and is inviting the public to participate in the Fourth Annual Tea Party and Fashion Show.

The event, which will be held at 2.30pm on Sunday, November 22 at Government House, seeks to raise funds to help treat children with heart problems.

A donation of \$25 per person is requested. Teas will be provided by Beth Stuart of Beth's Kitchen and Island Rose Teas Ltd. In addition to the fashion show, there will be a hat parade, a table decorating competition and an in-house raffle, with lots of prizes and surprises.

The event will commence with a greeting from one of the co-chairwomen followed by an exciting fashion show moderated and coordinated by Phyllis Albury-Garraway.

Seasonal trends from various designer houses such as the Seventeen Shop, Bahama Hand Prints, Envy Me Fashions, and Anita's Place will be on display. Casual wear, church, evening, and formal

attire will be shown by models of varying sizes. Hats will be modelled from Judy's Hat Shop, and jewellery will be displayed by Master Jewellers and Nadia Campbell Jewellery.

Each year, the Heart Ball Committee hosts two fundraising events, the Heart Ball and the Annual Tea Party/Fashion Show. These events generate funds that aid in the repair of hearts of children. This year's team, like that of the Miss Universe pageant, seeks to represent countries from around the globe, since heart disease is the number one killer throughout the world.

The Sir Victor Sassoon (Bahamas) Heart Foundation was established in 1961 to assist the children of the Bahamas who are medically challenged, specifically those who are born with heart defects.

Being a non-profit organisation, the Foundation relies heavily on the generosity of others to meet its goals.

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(L-R) WENDELL Gardiner, sales manager, Bahamas Supply Agencies Limited; Mr Bethell; James Darling and Azaleta Ishmael-Newry, marketing director, Bahamas Supermarkets Limited/City Market.

ALTHOUGH Omega-3 fatty acids have been known as essential to normal growth and health since the 1930s, awareness of their health benefits has dramatically increased in the past few years. The heart health benefits of the long-chain Omega-3 fatty acids — DHA and EPA Omega-3 — are the best known.

These benefits were discovered in the 1970s by researchers studying the Greenland Eskimos. The Eskimos consumed large amounts of fat from seafood, but dis-

played virtually no cardiovascular disease. The high level of Omega-3 fatty acids consumed by the Eskimos reduced triglycerides, heart rate, blood pressure, and atherosclerosis.

Closer to home, a City Market customer, Mr Bethell, was advised to take Omega-3 to improve his heart health and, following a recommendation, chose the soft gel manufactured by Natrol. Mr Bethell was also the winner of Natrol's 'win an iPod Touch' competition.

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“Black Crabitis”

DIFFERENT cultures refer to the “black crab” syndrome in different ways. Some call it “crabs in a bucket”, others call it “crabs in a barrel”. No matter what it is called, the definition of the term is consistent.

When you observe a large number of crabs in an upright receptacle, typically none of them can escape.

The reason is that each crab tries to escape the bucket by doing whatever it can to elevate itself out of the bucket. This includes using other crabs that are closer to the top as leverage. The trouble with this approach is that if all the crabs are using the same tactic, none of them can escape.

In researching this phenomenon, one writer asserted that when the Africans were taken from Africa to North America, the Caribbean and South America, various tribes were thrust together and slowly the displaced Africans stopped working as a family or part of a group. It was asserted that their mindset was eventually influenced by their captors who forced survival of the fittest versus collective survival.

Eventually the old values of lifting each other up or “standing on the shoulders of ancestors” were replaced by divisive philosophies that lead people to depend on the “dog eat dog”



By YVETTE BETHEL

way of being, or activities that diminish some so that others can raise themselves up.

As a result of these philosophies in our present-day cultural context we adopt an approach in business where we never let the “left hand know what the right hand is doing.”

This is an obvious trait that perpetuates mistrust, caution and individual survival as opposed to support, trust, openness and collaboration.

One way the “black crab” syndrome manifests itself in business is through the lack of mentoring and coaching. Managers and supervisors constantly complain about employees being too dependent and not making decisions. These managers do not realise that they are creating the situation.

For instance, a manager has a deadline and an employee is taking longer than appropriate, so instead of using this as a developmental opportunity, the manager takes the work and completes it himself.

The manager then gets overwhelmed with the added responsibility

of work that was originally delegated and appears to be unproductive, always complaining about employees and the volume of work.

In these circumstances, employees are not developed because they are not given the opportunity to try or even understand the delegated work request.

When this happens, no one wins.

Other “black crab” situations are clearly evident where employees point out the errors of other employees or they complain about each other to their bosses. If they all do this to each other, no one wins unless you have discerning leaders.

In both of these examples, individual survival outweighs the need for the survival of the collective.

Building a System of Support

Building a system of support can start at an individual level. If you perceive someone to be in a better position than you and this evokes an unproductive emotion within you, it is time to make a paradigm shift so that other people’s success won’t negatively affect you.

If you fall within this category, you perceive things from a place of limitation and lack and these thoughts lead to unproductive thoughts of impossibility, hopelessness, resentment of yourself and jealousy of others.

On the other end of the spectrum, there are some of you who witness

success in others and this inspires you, teaching you that you can achieve your goals.

Emotional intelligence skills of emotional literacy, navigating your emotions and optimism can help you to make your internal adjustment.

Emotional literacy helps you to identify your emotions and emotional navigation helps you to move around these emotions so that you can respond in a way that helps build collaboration.

Optimism is a skill that moves you from a place of powerlessness to empowerment with the ability to perceive opportunities.

From a team building perspective, “black crab” work environments tend to be devoid of trust and mutual support and rife with office politics.

In these environments, leaders are not effective at picking up the leadership mantle so the “every man for himself” value system pervades the work place.

Another one of the first steps in building collaboration is to identify if the leaders are the right people to take the team forward. If so, they should be developed, if not, the right team leaders should be appointed.

In addition to performance, one of the leaders’ primary objectives should be to hold members of the team accountable to supportive behaviour through coaching, aligned reward and recognition, and if necessary, corrective action which could

lead to termination or reassignment.

One of the underlying assumptions in creating a high performing, mutually supportive team environment is that the decision makers are not afraid to make the tough calls.

Many decision makers are very aware of who is obstructing the flow of collaboration but they are unwilling to make the tough decision, rationalising their hesitation by putting significant weight on the positive contributions of the persons creating barriers.

This decision making process focuses on individual, short-term results as opposed to collective, synergistic, long-term results and rewards.

The “black crab” phenomenon can be transformed through the right leadership competencies.

Most leaders already know the “Black Crab” way when they see it so they need to take a stand by developing a focus on collective performance enhancement, introducing the right accountabilities, facing resistance to change and making tough decisions designed to consciously transform the culture of the work place.

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GREEN SCENE

By Gardener Jack



STRAWBERRIES grow well during the cool season and taste far better than those imported.



LOOSE-leaf lettuce in the garden allows you to pick what you need whenever you need it.

COOL WEATHER CROPS

NOW is the perfect time to start growing those vegetables that need cool conditions in which to perform at their best. These include spinach, garden peas, lettuce – and strawberries.

Leaf spinach grows quickly if grown in well-manured soil but is very susceptible to attacks from gnawing insects that ravage the leaves.

Use a soap solution to deter the insects and then give the spinach leaves a good wash before using. Remember to sow the whole package because you need lots of spinach, especially if you are going to cook it.

Spinach can be bitter if it does not have enough organic content in the soil. It also needs plenty of water to maintain rapid growth. Once cut it will re-leaf readily. You may have to cut spinach every day even if you do not use it every day. Store the leaves in a paper bag in the refrigerator for up to three days.

Garden peas are also called sweet peas

or English peas. They were the first vegetables ever to be canned and the first to be commercially frozen. The plants are vinous with tendrils that grasp for support. The most productive peas are grown on trellises or netting.

Besides the regular garden peas there are snow peas and mangetout peas, both of which allow you to eat the pod. Strange to say, snow peas grow better in the Bahamas than regular or edible-podded peas.

Peas benefit from being picked the day they are ready and your crop will last much longer if you pick regularly. If you inadvertently leave any pods on the vine and they dry, the vine will begin to die.

Heading lettuce is successfully grown in the Bahamas when the weather is really cool. Too much warmth makes the leaves bitter. Heading varieties are best grown from the seeds of tropical cultivars. Boston or

bibb lettuce can be readily grown but cos or romaine lettuce are usually a failure, producing coarse and bitter leaves.

Non-heading or loose-leaf lettuce varieties are the most reliable performers. It used to be that only romaine and iceberg lettuce were available in stores but these days you can buy packages of loose-leaf lettuce with leaves that are green, bronze and red, a pretty presentation.

My favourite loose-leaf lettuce is Black-Seeded Simpson. The leaves are green and mild-flavoured and the plants are cut-and-come-again. Grow Ruby as well if you like a coloured salad mixture.

Lettuces need compost-enriched soil, and because their roots are not large they should be watered regularly.

Strawberry plants can be obtained from your local nursery and should be set out six to eight inches apart in rich, well-manured soil. By the end of the season (after Easter) the plants will have established runners that produce new plants. These can be preserved through the summer and will

give good fruits next year. Third or subsequent generations will, however, tend to be low in productivity and fruit size. For the home gardener it is best to use new plants every season, along with last year’s runner production. Strawberries benefit from regular watering and side dressings of fertiliser.

The economics of homegrown strawberries is impressive. A strawberry plant costs about as much as a supermarket punnet but will give fruit for about six months. Your home strawberries may be smaller than commercial varieties grown near the Gulf coast in Florida but will be far tastier. One of the distinct joys of home gardening is being able to munch on fresh strawberries during your early morning inspection of the garden.

Once our cool weather crops have been established we can truly say that our winter garden is complete. Hopefully we will spend more time picking harvests than weeding.

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By SUSAN DONALD DC

Health Care vs Sickness Care

I believe people confuse health care with sickness care. These two are not the same. The sickness care is the idea that if I feel fine, I must be fine. This may be true or not. What about the guy who has never been sick, but drops dead of a heart attack at the age of 40? Was he really healthy? I don’t think so. To make matters worse, let’s consider the individual who knows he has poor health, but believes he is too busy to take the proper steps to correct it. Another sign of sickness care is the masking of symptoms with medication. The problem with this approach is it rarely looks to the actual cause of the problem. If the root cause is not removed, the problem will persist and continue to deteriorate your health even if you don’t feel it.

This concept is absolutely true when it comes to spinal conditions. Most spinal problems begin early in life with minor injuries that were never properly treated. Treatment is usually neglected because the symptoms or pain disappears after a short period of time. Unfortunately, pain is a poor indicator as to whether or not there is a problem in the spine. You don’t feel a cavity in your tooth until it grows and completely destroys your tooth, then it becomes painful. But the majority of you see a dentist twice a year so that won’t happen. That is what you should do with your spine.

Get it checked at least twice a year. That is what health care is.

You don’t know how many time people come to the office with intense pain somewhere in their spine. After questioning, it becomes clear that they have had similar pain, but not as intense or after reviewing the x-ray I realise that it is a neglected old injury.

This is seen all too often because most people believe that if it doesn’t hurt, it doesn’t exist. It’s a classic case of sickness care.

At some point we must be pro-active when it comes to our health. We need to realise that our current state of health is a reflection of our past decisions, and actions. When we fail to maintain our spine you should not be surprised when our spine shows failure, and begins to break down. Your spine is an important part of your life, don’t take it for granted, choose health care for it.

It is the best decision for a flexible and pain free life.

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THE COACH APPROACH

Personal Growth: Are you out of touch?

“We all want to become successful in our lives, to grow and become self-actualised; but, most of us do not use or improve our natural potential.”
~ Unknown ~



By Michelle M Miller, CC

more marketable.

It is said that if you are teachable, trainable, learnable and coachable you can become unstoppable, the problem is that people want unstoppable living but they don’t want to endure the process.

It is this idea of getting something for nothing that hinders personal growth. Authentically successful people know the value in developing themselves and do it as often as they take a bath.

Take a look at the Bahamian work force: if you analysed the amount of time persons have been on their jobs, the positions they have held and assessed the depth of their personal growth over the time period, you will find that very few have moved in a northern direction.

No Goals = No Growth

Without goals there can be no real growth; personal growth is a process that produces positive, personal change from the inside out.

Assess yourself:

- How much of your income do you spend developing inner-self?
- What books have you read in the last month?
- What new concept have you learnt?
- What are you really good at?

It is important to appreciate that you can only express what you actually possess. Learning and growing is a wonderful thing that most adults are particularly good at telling children to do while they themselves are not growing, instead they remain stuck doing the same thing in the same way.

You cannot effectively teach or help another if you are not learning anything new, it is a disservice to others and to yourself.

Make up your mind to map out smart goals for your growth and commit to the process.

Final thought – Life, it is said must be invested in before it can give any returns. It’s just like getting on board a flight, you can’t just show up, you must also check-in, otherwise you will not get the boarding pass to pursue your dreams.

My life has certainly had its fair share of setbacks, many of which seemed bigger than I could bear, but through my continuous development I found ways to face my growing pains.

Investing in my growth provided the leadership and articulation exper-

tise that allowed me to embrace incredible opportunities, against all odds.

Too often, we find ourselves sitting and waiting for our ‘ship’ to come in, and even though it’s right on the horizon, we are either unprepared or unwilling to swim out to meet it.

Personal growth is not for a select few, anyone, from anywhere, can become whatever they will to be. If you feel stuck or stagnant in your transition, connect with your inner-self and find ways to move forward.

No doubt, it will take more than the same old - same old to thrive in today’s global market. If you are not in the habit of improving your inner-self you will surely find yourself out of touch and eventually out of time.

To make the most of yourself, make it your priority to regularly assess whether or not you are getting better at life. Remember, at any point you can make the decision to become better and make something better happen.

Now is the time, don’t just sit there, do something!

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