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## TELETHON FOR HAITI

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## Telethon for Haiti launched tonight

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THE two-day telethon to raise donations for earthquake victims in Haiti will be launched tonight with a live broadcast from the British Colonial Hilton.

Last week, The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Associations in the Bahamas announced the two-day telethon and concert to rally Bahamian

donations for earthquake victims in Haiti. The telethon will be simulcast live by ZNS, JCN and Cable 12 from the telethon's headquarters at the Hilton from 8 to 10 pm. Persons in New Providence can call 325-6706 and those residing in the family islands can call (1242) 300-0227.

Tribune online editor Jessica Robertson will host the telethon tonight along  
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## Bahamian group seeks temporary migrant plan

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A GROUP of Bahamian activists and artists have launched a letter writing campaign seeking temporary status for all Haitian migrants and the implementation of a long-term immigration policy with respect to Haitians and their children.

porary status, but what about other undocumented Haitian migrants and those who may be seeking refuge from the devastation after the earthquake?" The Prime Minister has indicated that they will be detained and perhaps locked up until they can be deported. "This is unacceptable. Our Haitian brothers and sisters need our help, they need our compassion, and they need our support," Nixon said.

"Our immigration policy towards Haitians has long been deplorable and it's time for us to make serious change. It's time for us to create and implement a sensible immigration policy for

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## Prison escapee is apprehended

An escapee from Her Majesty's Prison Fox Hill was back behind bars last night. Cassius Gibson, currently serving a sentence for four counts of stealing, escaped on Saturday morning. He was captured last night after police, acting on information that the man was at a bar on Baillou Hill Road South, saw him walking north on Baillou Hill Road shortly after 7pm. He was apprehended without incident.

## PREPARING TO HELP EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS



Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

ORGANISERS OF the two-day telethon to raise donations for earthquake victims in Haiti held a last minute meeting at the British Colonial Hotel yesterday ahead of the event which is launched tonight. • SEE STORY ABOVE RIGHT

## NDP threatens legal action over rejection of party 'thumbs up' symbol

By AVA TURNQUEST  
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THE NATIONAL Development Party is threatening legal action against the Parliamentary Registration Department if it continues to reject its application for its party's symbol.

According to party leaders, Parliamentary Commissioner Errol Bethel has repeatedly denied the NDP permission to register the "Thumbs Up" symbol as the party's official logo.

The "thumbs up" was first  
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## Archbishop Lawrence Burke dies at age of 77

ARCHBISHOP Lawrence Burke, SJ, first archbishop of the Bahamas, died in Kingston, Jamaica, at 7 o'clock last night after a long battle with cancer.

Archbishop Burke, 77, died in the retirement home for Catholic priests in the Kingston Archdiocese. He had retired in 2008, four years after being transferred from the Bahamas to take over the archdiocese of his native Kingston.

Archbishop Burke, born in Kingston on October 27, 1932, entered the Society of Jesus on August 14, 1951 at Lenox, Massachusetts and was ordained a priest on June 16, 1964 at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kingston.



ARCHBISHOP Lawrence Burke

He taught at St. George's College, Jamaica, from 1958 to 1969, when he was named Rector of the College. In 1973

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## FML CEO Craig Flowers to donate \$250,000 to Haiti

By NATARIO McKENZIE  
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FML CEO Craig Flowers yesterday announced his plans to help Haiti's earthquake victims with an initial contribution of \$250,000.

Mr Flowers made the announcement while speaking to The Tribune yesterday. "We are just pleased to be at this point where we can step forward and make such a contribution.

"We have decided to initiate a \$250,000 contribution," Mr Flowers said.

"Even though we are making a contribution of a quarter

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LOCAL NEWS

# The ninth annual Sunday School

# RALLY in the ALLEY



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OPPOSITION LEADER and Farm Road MP Perry Christie gives a speech at the 9th Annual Sunday School Rally in the Alley yesterday.



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MINISTER OF EDUCATION Desmond Bannister speaks at the 9th annual Sunday School Rally in the Alley, where seven teachers were awarded for contributions to Sunday/Sabbath School.

By AVA TURNQUEST  
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UNDER the theme "Great is Thy Faithfulness", The Big Harvest Community Sunday School held its ninth annual "Sunday School Rally in the Alley" yesterday. The ceremony dedicated the new Community and Christian Training Centre and presented seven Sunday school teachers with its "Conquering Lion Award".

John Ferguson, director of Big Harvest Community Sunday School, who is also a Chief Superintendent of Police, said: "Through the years [teachers] have

inspired and shared their biblical knowledge and Christian experience with hundreds of persons, including children. Their schools and local churches are beacons of light in their respective communities."

The rally energized the narrow street of Woods Alley, off Market Street with performances by the Royal Bahamas Police Force Band and others. Around 150 people gathered in elegant casual attire to show support for the significant contribution, dedication and perseverance of Sunday/Sabbath School teachers across the Bahamas' religious diaspora towards the growth and development of their schools.

### Congratulated

Minister of Education Desmond Bannister spoke along with Opposition Leader Perry Christie. Both he and Minister of Education Desmond Bannister congratulated Bahamian Sunday/Sabbath School teachers on their effort and commitment towards moral education.

Mr Christie took the opportunity to also address the wider community. He challenged the residents of Bain and Grant's Town to ask themselves how they are going to assist in bringing back law and order to their country.

This year's award recipients were Mr Glenroy Bodie, Mrs Angela Butler, Mrs Monique Bain, Mrs Greta Kemp, Ms Sandra Carey, Ms Alice Armbrister-Phillips, and Mrs Andrea Knowles.

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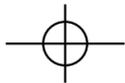
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LOCAL NEWS

CRIME BRIEFS

# New police operation leads to 10 arrests

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THE INITIATIVE is led by Superintendent Ashton Greenslade

NORTHEASTERN Division police are pleased with the results from a new special operation that led them to arrest 10 people for various charges this weekend.

Since its launch early last week, police have recovered four semi-automatic weapons, three .9mm pistols and one .40mm pistol, all with live rounds of ammunition.

The "Take Back Our Streets" operation was launched on Tuesday, January 19. It implements numerous strategies such as increased visibility and greater integration with the community. The initiative is led by Superintendent Ashton Greenslade upon his recent transfer to the Northeastern division.

Royal Bahamas Police

Force Press Officer Chrislyn Skippings said that as its name implies, the aim is to bring greater control to the streets, ensuring a constant,

safe environment for citizens.

Northeastern Division officers executed two search warrants early Saturday morning that led to the recovery of two pistols with ammunition. After searching a home on Allen Drive off Carmichael Road the police took six people into custody; ND officers recovered a black and silver coloured .9mm pistol with two live rounds of ammunition. Police then arrested four persons at a home on Mermaid Boulevard, Carmichael Road after finding a black .40mm pistol with seven live rounds of ammunition behind a heater in the washroom.

Last Thursday ND officers executed a search warrant on a home at Bamboo Crescent and Sisal Road, Bamboo Town which led to the arrest of its 22-year-old male resident. There they recovered a silver and black .9mm pistol

with eight live rounds of ammunition, along with a small quantity of suspected marijuana. Police also confiscated \$1,412 in cash, which is suspected to be proceeds from the sale of dangerous drugs.

The first confiscation occurred around midday on Wednesday, January 20. Northeastern patrol officers secured a chrome and black .9mm pistol and 14 live rounds of ammunition from two men on Baillou Hill Road in the area of Tucker Road. Both men were arrested.

Press Officer Skippings

said: "This operation is very important because it's helping Bahamians realise the importance of giving information. The public has really stepped up to the plate recently in assisting us and providing information. This is our country and we all have to play a vital role in its safety. The Royal Bahamas Police Force is committed to doing our part to the best of our abilities. We are seeking partnership and encouraging the community to do their part as well."

Operation "Take Back Our Streets" is continuing; police are investigating all incidents.

## Woman held up with handgun

POLICE responded to two armed robbery scenes late Friday afternoon. The first took place around 5.45pm when a dark male wearing a white hooded sweater and a pair of dark jeans held up a woman with a handgun. She was walking alone on Devonshire Street. The man fled the area in a burgundy coloured vehicle after robbing the woman of her handbag containing cash, a cell phone and personal items. Less than an hour later police responded to reports of gunshots on Madeira Street in Palmdale. Police report that a man was standing near his silver coloured 2004 Subaru on Alexander Street when he was approached by another man, armed with a handgun who demanded the keys to his vehicle. The man gave the suspect his keys who then fled the area. Police are investigating both matters.

Police have arrested two 19-year-old men of Dignity Gardens in connection with theft from a Bay and Market Street jewellery store yesterday.

Around 2pm, two men entered the Crown Jewellers store and began viewing jewellery. Police report that a man dressed in a red shirt requested to see a specific piece of jewellery under the guise of purchasing. When the employee obliged, the male took the piece of jewellery and fled with his accomplice. The suspects were apprehended by the Police Tourism Unit and police are investigating.

A MAN threatened employees at gunpoint outside the McDonalds Restaurant on Thompson Boulevard and escaped with an undetermined amount of cash yesterday. Police report that around 5am a man ordered employees into the store after which he demanded cash. The man used a towel to cover his mouth and was wearing a gray sweater and a pair of blue jeans. After receiving the money from the company's safe, the man fled on foot in an unknown direction. Police are investigating.

A 24-year-old woman was shot in her right leg during an altercation among a group of males at the Big Bar, Fox Hill Road Saturday night. The altercation took place around 11.30pm. She was taken to the hospital by ambulance. Police are investigating.

A 26-YEAR-OLD man was stabbed at KELO's CLUB in James Cistern, Eleuthera Saturday night. Around 11pm police responded to reports of an argument between two men at the club which resulted in the man being stabbed multiple times in his left arm and back. The man was airlifted to Nassau for treatment and remains in the hospital. Police are investigating, and have taken one man into custody in connection with this matter.

A MAN was shot multiple times in his left leg while on Shrimp Road, Carmichael Road Saturday night. It was alleged that around 7pm he was approached by another man armed with a handgun who fired several shots at him. The man was taken to the hospital by ambulance where he is now in stable condition. The suspect reportedly fled the scene in a gold coloured Honda. Police are investigating significant leads.

TWO MEN were stabbed as a result of an altercation at Mr T's parking lot on Mackey Street early Saturday morning. Police responded to a disturbance shortly after 3am between a group of men which resulted in the two men being stabbed multiple times about the body. The men were taken by ambulance to the hospital. Their condition is unknown at this time. Police are investigating.

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## Haiti's ambassador sees 'silver lining'

RAYMOND Joseph, Haitian Ambassador to the United States, told an American audience that there was indeed "a silver lining" in the devastation that decapitated Haiti.

"What was not politically possible, was done by the earthquake," he said. "We will rebuild differently."

Port-au-Prince, the island's capital, built for 50,000 residents, was home to almost three million. It was a sprawling, cramped, poorly built shanty town with most of its people living cheek by jowl in lean-to huts, scratching for a living. Those who couldn't make it escaped the cauldron of poverty in unseaworthy boats headed for the United States, more often than not ending up in the Bahamas.

Mr Joseph predicted that the new capital would be smaller and better planned and built.

Today world leaders meet in Montreal to discuss the devastated country's future, and chart a plan for its rebirth. But as International Monetary Fund Managing Director Dominique Strauss-Kahn emphasised, although foreign states will be needed for the financing, advice and skills, in the end it was the Haitian people who had to take charge and own their country — no outside government, however well intentioned, would be acceptable. It was also Haitian labour that would be needed to rebuild the new capital, brick by steady brick.

And so the earthquake that the ambassador saw as solving Haiti's thorny political problem, might also have gone a long way in solving the Bahamas' Haitian immigration problem.

When reconstruction starts in Haiti that is where the jobs are going to be — probably far more than in the Bahamas. We can foresee the day when the boats will be headed in the opposite direction — from the Bahamas to Haiti. There might come a time when Bahamian contractors with their Haitian team will be bidding on construction jobs for the new Haitian capital.

In the meantime the American Ambassador to Haiti — Kenneth H Merten — has taken to the airwaves to warn Haitians not to take to the high seas headed for the United States. Not only, he said, was it a risky business, but they would be picked up by the US Coast Guard and returned to Haiti. We hope that our new Ambassador to Haiti will seek out the Haitian station that is still operational and give the same message to those who might be eyeing the Bahamas as a future home.

Those Haitians in the Carmichael Detention Centre have been released temporarily.

When order is established in their homeland their future will be decided. However, anyone trying to illegally land in any of these islands after the earthquake will be arrested and returned to Haiti. This is the policy being followed by many other countries that have Haitian immigrants.

The Bahamas' Haitian problem has been one that has been kept on the back burner for far too long. The present crisis will now force government to formulate a plan and make decisions. Our current policy — or lack thereof — encourages the strong to prey on the weak.

Government is dismayed over the corruption that is creeping throughout its system to "the man" hiding underground who acts as a conduit for the illegal permit to pass from the hand of a civil servant to the illegal immigrant. There has been much lining of the pockets on many fronts. The policeman who will turn a blind eye for a consideration, the neighbour who will keep the secret as the shanty next door fills with newly arrived family members from Haiti. The boat captain who will pocket the poor Haitian's last dollar to risk the ocean crossing. And when the going gets rough will toss his human cargo over the side as so much unwanted ballast. No one knows how many Haitian souls the ocean has claimed. And few rogue sea captains have been caught and punished for their crimes.

The tragic story of mankind goes on and on, the strong taking advantage of the weak.

However, the most tragic story has been silently told by the orphaned children, who — unlike the average child who would be screaming and yelling in horrified terror — just sit quietly, resigned to their fate. Children whose knowing eyes tell a story of quiet resignation — resignation to centuries of suffering, expecting nothing from the world — just quietly accepting the unfair hand dealt them by an unfair world. It's the children's eyes and their quiet demeanor that tell the story of a downtrodden race.

It is now time for government to step in with a policy that will protect our country, which cannot absorb all the needy who want to become citizens, and also the Haitians, who are already here, have put down roots, have jobs and family and should be here.

In addition to rebuilding a nation, Haiti also has to stamp out its own corruption and take better care of its teeming masses.

On both sides of an ocean, shared by our two nations, corruption is at the root of much human suffering — the grinding down of the weak by those in positions of power.

Now is the time to snatch at that "silver lining" and start afresh.

# Getting a true picture of Bahamian economic freedom

EDITOR, The Tribune

As a young attorney who is quite concerned about the state of our Bahamian economy, I read with interest the article in The Tribune on the 21st January, 2010 that reported that The Bahamas has "lost much" economic freedom in 2009 according to the "2010 Index of Economic Freedom" issued by the Heritage Foundation. I note that Mr Rick Lowe of The Nassau Institute agreed with the assessment and claimed that there was an expansion of government in "wrong areas" and that "things are heading in the wrong direction."

Reportedly The Bahamas' sins on the economic freedom front include: reserving sectors of our economy for Bahamians only; requiring prior government approval for the acquisition of land by foreign persons for commercial purposes or for residential purposes when the land is in excess of five acres; requiring prior government approval for all foreign direct investment; maintaining exchange control and maintaining a customs tariff system which it is claimed, serves as a barrier to trade.

I believe it would be difficult to find many Bahamians willing to endorse a change in most of these policies.

Would Mr Lowe sanction campaigns to get Bahamian lawyers, accountants and luxury store owners to agree that foreign nationals be permitted to come to The Bahamas and hang their shingles with no review or approval by the Government?

Would Mr Lowe wish to begin to "educate" Bahamian fishermen and farmers as to the benefits inherent in permitting large fishing and

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agricultural conglomerates from the USA, Brazil, Japan, Spain and Korea to come into The Bahamas and begin their operations just as if they were Bahamian fishermen or farmers?

Suffice it to say, I submit that there is almost a consensus for change in Bahamian economic policy in the area of tariff liberalization — a process the Government has been involved in for almost two decades; and further, a policy gradually reducing exchange control requirements.

As a businessman living and working in The Bahamas, Mr Lowe would be very much aware of the reduction in the number of customs duties from over 130 in 1992 to fewer than 30 today.

He would also be aware of the gradual reduction in the level of customs duty rates from an average of 50 per cent to an average of 25 per cent; and further the dramatic increase in the number of items permitted to be imported into The Bahamas duty free.

As a businessman he would also be aware of the delegation of responsibility for many exchange control matters from the Central Bank to clearing banks; a process aimed at achieving the Government's announced intention of removing exchange control when economic conditions permit and when it is satisfied that the parity of the Bahamian dollar with the US dollar will not be placed in jeopardy.

It is difficult to agree with

Mr Lowe's sentiments that "things are heading in the wrong direction" as far as trade liberalisation is concerned in The Bahamas. It is further difficult to agree with Mr Lowe, that the Government is ignoring world trends in trade and investment matters.

As suggested by Mr Lowe, as The Bahamas signs on to additional international trade agreements such as the EPA and the WTO we will be held more accountable.

The record shows that the Government has signed on to some of these agreements where it was demonstrated that to do so would protect our economic interests in the years ahead.

Most recently, this appears to have been a determining factor in the Government's decision to sign Tax Information Exchange Agreements with members of the OECD and G20 so as to safeguard our financial services sector.

Still, it would be irresponsible for the Government to sign onto trade agreements before the local economy is adequately prepared to meet the demands required by those agreements.

The lesson to be learnt here is that it would be most useful for Bahamians to speak honestly when responding to questionnaires from international agencies like the Heritage Foundation so that a true picture of Bahamian economic freedom is relayed to the world.

There is no barrier to trade and investment when the rules that govern them are clear, enunciated and transparent in their application.

CHARLYNE E SEALY  
Nassau,  
January 22, 2010.

# Must the PLP create a spin on everything?

EDITOR, The Tribune.

It was with little surprise and much distaste that I read the article of January 19, 2010, "PLP hits out at PM." The events in Haiti are fast becoming the worst humanitarian disaster of any kind in the Caribbean in recent memory. By electing for the temporary release of detainees (many of whom are facing a reality many of us will never truly know) Mr Ingraham made a decision on humanitarian and compassionate grounds. His comments made against critics, were based solely on that decision and policy.

The Opposition party has managed to claim, as reported in your paper, "that Mr Ingraham's exclamations are all a device to distract

voters in the Elizabeth constituency from the real issues." As the editorial of 20th January states quite rightly, the PLP are simply stoking the fears and prejudices of Bahamians. Must the PLP, in meeting their own ends, turn this epic disaster into a platform from which to launch their political propaganda?

When going to the polls I hope the good people of Elizabeth remember this new low to which the Opposition party has fallen by its political exploitation of this tragedy.

In these desperate times have the PLP no shame?

C J ANSELL  
Nassau,  
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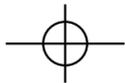


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LOCAL NEWS

# Union hits out at writ filed by 'A-team'

By NATARIO MCKENZIE  
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A WRIT filed in the Supreme Court last week by Nicole Martin and members of her "A-Team" is described as "a wanton abuse of the process of the Supreme Court" by Bahamas Hotel Catering and Allied Workers Union First vice-president Kirk Wilson.

In a press release on Friday, First vice-president of the Bahamas Hotel Catering and Allied Workers Union (BHCAWU) said, "We see this as a nonsensical attempt to defeat the judgment of the Court of Appeal and to prevent the Council from preparing for and carrying out the nominations and elections that was determined by a vote of the council 6 to 4."

The Court of Appeal had set aside the decisions of two separate judges in the protracted union dispute and ordered that the executive council meet and set new election and nomination dates. They met last Tuesday and set the dates by a majority decision of 6-4, lawyer Keod Smith, who represents Mr Wilson and several members of the Executive Council, explained last week.

Lawyer Damian Gomez, who represents Nicole Martin and several other members of the Bahamas Hotel Catering and Allied Workers Union (BHCAWU), filed a writ in the Supreme Court on Wednesday seeking an injunction against Kirk Wilson and others. According to the writ, Ms Martin and others also seek to have the Supreme Court void the election and nomination dates "pur-

portedly" set by the Executive Council last Tuesday. Nicole Martin, Godfrey Brice, Elliot Thompson, Harrison Williams, Darrin Woods, Hubert Saunders, Carolyn Dorsett, Sheila Taylor, Maria Roberts, Lisa Davis-Robinson, Bertram Williams and Ricardo Hepburn are all listed as the first plaintiffs in the action.

"It burdens my heart to have to inform the public and the general membership of the Bahamas Hotel Catering and Allied Workers Union that although on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, the Executive Council of the union had met and fully complied with the judgment of the Court of Appeal, dated January 14, 2010, Miss Nicole Martin and members of the A-team have filed a writ in Supreme Court on January 20, 2010," Mr Wilson said. The council had reportedly agreed by a majority decision that the nomination date for persons vying for officer or member positions on the Executive Council is Tuesday, April 27.

The writ filed on Wednesday states that Ms Martin and others are seeking a declaration that the special general meeting, purportedly convened by the defendants, is *ultra vires* the constitution of the BHCAWU and void. They are also seeking a declaration that the purported resolutions are *ultra vires* the constitution of the BHCAWU and void. BHCAWU President Roy Colebrook, Secretary General Leo Douglas and Treasurer Basil McKenzie are listed as the second plaintiffs. First Vice-president Kirk Wilson, Second Vice-president Lionel Morley as well as Francis Gray assistant treasurer, Brian Collie, executive council member, trustees Ian Neely and Kayla Bodie are listed as the first defen-

dants in the action. Assistant general secretary Raymond Wright is listed as the second defendant.

Ms Martin and others are seeking an injunction against the first and second defendants "restraining them, whether by themselves, their servants or agents or any way howsoever from preventing or attempting to prevent the plaintiffs from participating as candidates in the election of officers of the BHCAWU whenever or if ever such elections are conducted."

They are also seeking an order that "the first defendants meet with the second plaintiffs within such time as the Supreme Court deems just for the conduct of nominations of candidates who wish to participate in elections of officers of the Executive Council" and "an order that the first defendants meet with the second plaintiffs within such time as the Supreme Court deems for the conduct of elections of officers and members of the union."

"Based on the reliefs sought by Ms Martin in that writ action, we see her trying to prevent a much needed audit that is being commissioned by the council in order to ensure that every member of the union has the opportunity to participate in the re-election, whether as nominee, nominator or voter. Mr Wilson claims that in pursuing further court action, Ms Martin intends to re-address issues that have already been adjudicated upon in the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal.

"In these circumstances, members of the council feel compelled to examine further available options to finally end this long outstanding ordeal in favour of the general membership," Mr Wilson said.

# Two arrested for allegedly failing to clear goods with customs

By DENISE MAYCOCK  
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FREEPORT – Bahamian authorities arrested two persons arriving by boat from the United States who allegedly failed to clear goods with Bahamas Customs on arrival in Grand Bahama.

Asst Supt Loretta Mackey reported that two men, ages 43 and 33, were taken into police custody on Wednesday at a canal-front residence in Freeport. According to reports, Police and Bahamas Customs officials received information that a blue and white 36-ft Aventura boat was coming into Grand Bahama from Fort Lauderdale with intent to evade Customs authorities.

Ms Mackey said authorities dispatched a team of officers who observed the vessel with two male occupants onboard.

Instead of going to the nearest Customs vessel clearing, she said, the occupants took the vessel into the Silver Point Waterway and docked at the rear of a residence on Ocean Reef Boulevard.

Customs officers approached the two men and told them that they were suspected of trans-

porting goods not cleared by Customs. During a search of the vessel, officers discovered 46 boxes of Backwood and Black & Mild cigars which came from Ft. Lauderdale. Ms Mackey said the goods were seized and the suspects were taken into custody by Customs officers.

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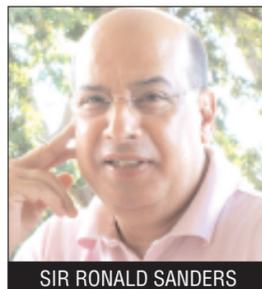
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# Haiti's future must not be more of the same **insight**

## WORLD VIEW

By SIR RONALD SANDERS

*(The writer is a Consultant and former Caribbean Diplomat)*



SIR RONALD SANDERS

THE eyes of the world are focused daily on the terrible images of Haiti on television screens and in newspapers. The consequent flood of humanitarian assistance from all parts of the world has been great and admirable. But, the world's governments and international organisations must also look beyond the present catastrophe to rebuilding the country and establishing a productive Haitian society.

In the forefront of the effort to provide Haiti with the necessary resources to reconstruct the country and revive its society should be France and the United States, the two countries that did the most to batter it to its knees and keep it there after the Haitian people fought for their freedom and declared their independence in 1804. Up until 1947, the Haitian state paid reparations demanded by France for plantations and slaves owned by the French. Then, in 1914 the United States sent in gunboats to enforce payments for loans owed to US banks. US occupation until the 1930's remains a dark stain on the record of US relations with Haiti.

As much as 70 per cent of Haiti's gross domestic product (GDP) was extracted every year for over a hundred years to pay the reparations demanded by France and endorsed by the US and some European nations including Britain. Which country in the world, confronted with similar conditions, would have been any better than Haiti? With only 30 per cent of GDP available for over a century, which country would have built the infrastructure, provided the education and health facilities, and created the conditions for sustainable investment?

It is no miracle that the country has survived this long. It has done so out of widespread and persistent suffering over generations. Millions of Haitians were born into extreme poverty and died in it for two hundred years, their lives nothing but a daily drudge of misery.

Seventy-eight per cent of Haiti's 9 million people have to survive on less than US\$2 a day; 56 per cent of that 78 per cent endure on US\$1 day. In Port-au-Prince, the Capital so badly hit by the earthquake, one estimate suggests that of the three million people who reside there — mostly in unimaginable slum dwellings — more than 300,000 (the entire population of St Lucia, St Vincent & The Grenadines and Dominica in the Caribbean) wake up every day without a penny in their pockets. At the time of the earthquake,

extremely well-funded if it is to make a meaningful difference to Haiti and it will have to be implemented efficiently and effectively — that means teams of people competent in a variety of fields active on the ground for many years with supervision to ensure that funds are not wasted.

The presence at that Conference of former Jamaican Prime Minister, P J Patterson, as the representative of the Caribbean should be welcomed by all. His experience and knowledge both as a political leader and a former head of a Caribbean government will be invaluable.

It has to be said that significant, binding changes are also necessary of the ways that the Haitian government operates. In the past resources have been used by governments to support themselves in power, rather than provide sustainable services to the people. This observation is true of many countries, but in Haiti it assumes far greater significance because of the unremitting poverty and chronic underdevelopment.

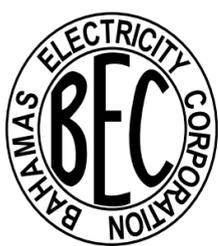
Given past experiences in Haiti, donor countries and agencies will be loath to provide funding that changes little except immediate problems. In this connection, the Rene Preval government and the Haitian legislature have to accept that restoring Haiti's stature in a comprehensive, non-partisan way is their duty as much as providing substantial and life-changing resources is the obligation of the international community.

To restore the dignity of Haiti and to allow it to be a respected part of international society — a right it has been denied since 1804 — requires much money; probably billions of dollars over a ten year period — but it also requires change by the government of Haiti.

There must be a genuine partnership between aid donors and Haitian authorities to build Haiti socially, economically and environmentally on a basis that is sustainable for all the Haitian people. That partnership must include a readiness by donor governments and financial institutions to provide funding without harsh conditionalities, and willingness by the Haitian government to address social and economic needs and not political considerations.

Haiti's future must not be more of the same. Neither Haiti nor the international community can afford it.

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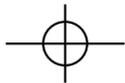
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LOCAL NEWS

# Readers think PLP will win by-election

THE majority of readers taking part in The Tribune's online poll think the PLP will win the Elizabeth by-election on February 16th.

The results of the poll, which appeared on [www.tribune242.com](http://www.tribune242.com), are as follows:

- Independent – 5
- FNM – 181
- PLP – 253
- BDM – 16
- NDP – 4
- Worker's Party – 4
- United Christian Love Revolution Movement – 9

**Posted By: Independent On: 1/21/2010**

**Title: PLP SHOULD WIN**

Is this about politics or is this about leadership. All of the candidates are skilled and qualified but are they leadership material? I believe that both Dr. Sands and Mr. Pinder are the front runners because of party affiliation. If both men were not running for these parties no one would be taking them seriously. Thus we need to realise this is a party election not a bi-election. Elizabeth is a proving ground. I believe that when Mr. Adderley left parliament he betrayed the trust of the people of Elizabeth for personal reasons. If we accept fair-play the PLP should continue to represent the people of Elizabeth. But the world doesn't operate like that. The real reason why Elizabeth should vote PLP is because in the balance of things the FNM has taken away more than they have provided. I don't think they have any vision for the country. Much of their leadership hasn't changed since 1992. We know the PLP is the party that focuses on majority rule and old Bahamian principles, but what is the FNM's excuse. Branville was rising up in the ranks and so is Desmond, but they are being stifled by the Prime Minister. Also look at the race for chairmanship. The PLP had each post contested. That is democracy....at least we know your voice means something in that party. If Elizabeth votes Ryan Pinder we are getting something new and truly he will provide something beyond an antiquated education and old school politics. I would like to see Dr. Sands run in the inner city where I believe he would be more suited as an advocate.

**Posted By: GOD KNOWS On: 1/20/2010**

**Title: WE WILL NOT SELL OUR COUNTRY**

I am a Bahamian and I have the right to ask any question on what's going on in my country. So if the PM has a problem with that I need to vote for the party that I did not vote for in the last election. I am a Bahamian. The PM does not

want us to ask any questions. Mr PM I will vote PLP.

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**Posted By: BAHAMIAN NATIONAL On: 1/20/2010**

**Title: Vote for the PLP in Elizabeth Estates**

I also live in Elizabeth Estates and have been admiring the campaign posters plastered on all of our telephone phones. The PLP candidate can easily be seen at the entrance to Elizabeth. Ryan Pinder's "mug" is also on every poll travelling west towards Seabreeze light.... I guess that is a reason why foreign nationals don't vote in all the Bahamas....comments they post speak volumes about how stupid they really are. Oh.... and Ryan Pinder, the PLP candidate was also the keynote speaker at the rally in your back yard last night!

**Posted By: Foreign National On: 1/20/2010**

**Title: Vote for the FNM in Elizabeth Estates**

I live in Elizabeth Estates and have been admiring the campaign posters plastered on all of our telephone phones. I for one, think the world of Prime Minister Ingraham and who in the dickens is the other guy on the posters? The idiots who put his mug on a poster failed to name the candidate.

This speaks volumes about how stupid the opposition really



RYAN PINDER and Dr Duane Sands



ly is.

**Posted By: stanley Jackson Sr. On: 1/20/2010**

**Title: The Only Real Option**

The PLP and FNM have had decades to "Do something", both have failed beyond any doubt. The only real option The Bahamas has is to somehow get all the little parties together to form a serious opposition to the PLP and FNM. If these other new parties will get their act together and form one party, there would be enough talent between them to put this country on the right track. Meanwhile U.S. news shows huge boatloads of Haitians on their way to the Bahamas...thanks to Mr. Ingraham's stupid actions.

This man is absolutely out of touch with the rest of us. The P.M. even has the nerve to be angry with Bahamians that disagree with his nonsense of letting more unknown Haitians out of detention.

Who are these Haitians? What is their criminal history? How will they survive? Why does he think these people will come back in 18 months for deportation? How many more Bahamians must be displaced and made jobless by illegal Haitians, Jamaicans, Latinos, Chinese, Asians, Africans and anyone else this lousy Government allows to sneak into the Bahamas?

Hubert Ingraham and his family do not have to compete with these illegals for jobs, his children do not attend overcrowded public schools, his family attend private doctors and have never been turned away from a clinic due to over crowding by illegal Haitians. These people do not pay taxes. If we do not pay NIB or other taxes, we are hauled before the courts, humiliated and treated worse than criminals. The Haitian vote is "all important" in Elizabeth. Why the hell should Haitians decide or have any say in who governs the Bahamas?

Both PLP and FNM allowed this situation to spiral out of control to the point where Haitians who care nothing about The Bahamas or Bahamians decide who wins an election. They ride around with Haitian flags on their cars, having no regard for the Bahamas. Enough is enough!

No more Haitians, PLP or FNM! Yes Haiti is in shambles and needs our help, and we should do our level best to help them, but we are not at fault. We did not cause the earthquake and we should not be held responsible to host more Haitians in our country. We are broke, unemployed and in foreclosure, what is Hubert Ingraham thinking? No! No! No! No! No! No! Hubert and Perry can go to hell. We must and will not allow this stupidity to continue.

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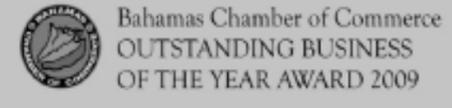
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LOCAL NEWS

FROM page one

### Telethon for Haiti launched tonight

with talk show host Jeff Lloyd. Ms Robertson said that many persons and companies have given their time and resources to make the event possible.

“This is something that has been pulled together in a matter of days. There are so many people and companies that are giving their time resources

and expertise to make this happen,” Ms Robertson said. She noted that The Tribune, Tribune 242 and Tribune radio advertisement time and space had been donated to help promote the relief effort.

“People who have been involved in relief efforts, those who have actually been on the ground in Haiti already will come and share what they have been seeing and what they have been doing to convey the message that this is still important,” Ms Robertson said.

“What we will be doing from Tribune 242 is somewhat of a live blog. What we will do is have someone covering the event in live time and have stories continually being updated and we will use our social media networking to let people know what’s happening. “So, even if you can’t watch the telethon on the three TV stations you will know what’s happening,” Ms Robertson said.

Bahamas Chamber of Commerce President Khaalis Rolle said: “Obviously everyone is aware of the tragedy in Haiti and what we wanted to do was have a coordinated effort on behalf of the business community. “It is a huge effort on behalf of the private sector. Everyone who is participating in this has given of

their time and resources freely to ensure that this happens.”

Mr Rolle said the telethon is being coordinated by Diane Phillips and Associates. A 50-receiver phone bank has been donated by the Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) for the effort.

“It’s a typical telethon format, you have a phone bank you have presentations from different members of the Bahamian and Haitian community,” Mr Rolle said.

“The Hilton actually cancelled paid functions and relocated to be in position to provide the space for this event.

“We have been receiving calls since we publicly announced that the telethon is being held, from people not only in the Bahamas but also in Florida wanting to know how they can participate in this,” Mr Rolle said.

According to Mr Rolle, while the main goal is to raise cash, persons can still donate non perishable items to assist with the relief effort.

Tuesday’s telethon will be broadcast from both the Hilton and Arawak Cay, where a Haiti Relief concert, devised by Ronald Simms and Fred Ferguson, will be going on live. Entertainers such as Tada, Visage, Ira Storr and Sammi Star are expected to perform, as well as many well-known Bahamian spoken word artists.

### Call for status for all Haitians

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Haitians and Haitian Bahamians.

“We need to remember that Haitians have long migrated into the Bahamas and have for a long time been a part of the Bahamas and Bahamian culture,” Ms Nixon said.

She added, “If one supports migration rights and human rights, then we cannot support our government’s policy towards Haitians, and we cannot support the statelessness of Haitian Bahamians.”

“During this time of crisis and into the future, we must continue to call on our government to offer more assistance to Haiti and Haitian people. We need to recognise the crisis in Haiti is happening to us too – people are suffering and dying. We should not discuss the ‘return’ of Haitian migrants until Port-au-Prince is rebuilt and serious efforts are made to truly support and help free Haiti from the chains of debt and poverty,” Ms Nixon said.

Local activist Erin Greene, who is also a part of the effort, said that the group is also calling on the government to grant a period of immunity for all Haitian refugees seeking asylum while Haiti rebuilds Port-au-Prince. According to Ms Greene the campaign was initiated before the government’s decision to release the Haitian detainees from the detention centre.

“We wanted to be an example and create a way for Bahamians to participate, to tell our government what it is we want and what it is we expect of them,” Ms Greene said.

“The letter writing campaign entails a number of ways of action. The first wave of action is that we have drafted a letter and we are asking Bahamians living abroad to write a letter to the Prime Minister, to the Minister of State for Immigration and the Minister of National Security and your MP,” Ms Greene said.

“It is hoped that the campaign will exist outside the immediate Haiti relief effort,” Ms Greene said.

Craig Kemp, who has done mission work in Haiti for several years, said that he too agrees with the initiative. According to Kemp, the government is now in a very crucial position.

“This is the time to regularise all the Haitians who have been living in this country for years. It would be the greatest humanitarian gesture the Bahamas will ever do,” Mr Kemp said. According to Mr Kemp, the government should not only give permanent status to Haitians who have been residing in the Bahamas, but also institute a special court process to deal with Haitian migrants.

Two weeks ago, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham said that 102 Haitian detainees would be released from the Detention Centre and repatriations to Haiti suspended in view of the devastation sustained following the catastrophic magnitude 7.1 earthquake that struck earlier this month.

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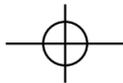
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# Minister of State for Lands and Local Govt tours Andros



**THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION** and the Ministry of Public Works and Utilities designed and built a home economics lab for the Mangrove Cay High School. The building is equipped with stoves, washing and sewing machines. Viewing the finished project from left are: Minister of State for Local Government Byran Woodside; District Superintendent of South Andros and Mangrove Cay Helen Simmons-Johnson; Corporal Portia Bain and the school's principal Anna Clark-Rolle.

**CHIEF COUNCILLOR** Lynwood Saunders (second from left) shows Minister of State for Local Government Byran Woodside (second from right) the barrier wall on which the local government administration in Mangrove Cay spent \$25,000. The wall was built last year in the settlement of Lisbon Creek to stop water from the sea from flooding the nearby road. Also pictured from left: Administrator of Mangrove Cay Gilbert Kemp and Councillor Jeffrey Jolly.



**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT** administration in Mangrove Cay, Andros is creating a new grave site to replace the old public cemetery, which is located too close to the seashore. Inspecting the new site from left are: Family Island Administrator Gary Knowles; Councillor Jeffrey Jolly; Chief Councillor Lynwood Saunders; Minister of State for Lands and Local Government Byran Woodside and South Andros MP Picewell Forbes.

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LOCAL NEWS

# NDP threatens legal action over rejection of party 'thumbs up' symbol

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rejected in October 2008 because it was thought to be too similar to the Progressive Liberal Party's three fingered "crab" symbol and could lead to possible voter confusion.

The NDP hoped it would be able to use the symbol in the Elizabeth by-election and met with the Commissioner earlier this month anticipating that he would reconsider the party's application.

In a hand-delivered letter to the Parliamentary Commissioner on Saturday, Chairman of the NDP Executive Steering Committee Andre Rollins said that the party feels that there was "no similarity between a hand showing three fingers and a hand showing a single thumb."

"Any suggestion to the contrary indicated

that the intelligence of the Bahamian voter is held in extremely low regard," he said.

Mr Rollins argued that in order to function, the political system ideally requires voters to comprehend and remain current with relevant issues; and be also knowledgeable of respective party positions on these issues.

He further stated that the critical analysis skills needed to address certain issues far surpasses competency needed to differentiate between party symbols.

"If we do not believe that voters can comprehend the various party positions on issues, are we then suggesting that we do not expect voters to vote on the issues? If we are to maximize the potential of our nation — socially, culturally, economically and politically — we must first raise our expectations of our people," he said.

# FML CEO Craig Flowers to donate \$250,000 to Haiti

FROM page one

of a million it is not limited to that. We would certainly monitor the conditions in Haiti. Time will certainly allow us to determine the progress that is being made in Haiti and FML and our group of companies will be committed to looking at the situation for a very long period of time," Mr Flowers said.

"We have spoken about an effort to start raising funds for a Christmas package for the children of Haiti. That has already been put together by our team," Mr Flowers told The Tribune.

"The \$250,000 is an opening proposal. We have a team that is going to deal with the immediate distribution of the funds. Once the funds have been allocated to them they will go ahead and make all of the necessary arrangements for the funds to be distributed as quickly as possible," Mr Flowers said.

Mr Flowers said that he is also looking forward to creating a foundation to deal with support initiatives. "We want to look at an overall foundation because I think that that is the most professional way to maintain any type of long term plans where we intend to deal with support. Most companies of our size need to have a foundation, we support so many things," Mr Flowers said.

Craig Kemp, who is a part of the team that will deal with the distribution of the funds said, "I had suggested to Mr Flowers that we look around and see the local efforts that are being done and try to encourage people with matching grants here because in the community there has been such an outpouring and such a great giving here



FML CEO Craig Flowers

locally.

"So we are going to be matching grants to a number of organisations that we feel are doing good work."

"I have been doing a lot of work over the years with different networks of churches and hospitals there and through Sky Bahamas we are going to be doing direct flights to give direct aid.

"Against the backdrop of so many countries and huge gifts and the clogging of that distribution that is happening there we feel that this is the most effective way that we can make the most of the contribution, so we can make sure that it is stewarded as best as possible," Mr Kemp said.

# Archbishop Lawrence Burke dies at age of 77

FROM page one

he was appointed Regional Superior of the Jesuits in Jamaica, the first and only Jamaican to be appointed to that post, which he held until 1979. He returned to St George's College in 1980 as Acting Principal.

He was appointed Bishop of Nassau by Pope John Paul II on July 17, 1981 and on June 22, 1999, was named the first Archbishop of the newly erected Archdiocese of Nassau.

It was under Archbishop Burke that the new St Francis Xavier's Cathedral was planned and built.

On February 9, 2004 Archbishop Burke was appointed the fourth Archbishop of Kingston and was installed on May 2, 2004, at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kingston.

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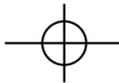
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## CALEB FAIRLY RIDES TO GLORY IN GRUELLING ROAD RACE

# Leader of the pack



**EASY RIDERS:** Cyclists compete in the Pro 1-2 105 mile road race on Sunday.

Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

By BRENT STUBBS  
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**A**FTER failing to crack the top ten in his debut here back in 2008, Caleb Fairly made good of his return visit to the home base of his sponsored

VGM/Felt Cycling Team. Competing with his team, sponsored by Mark Holowesko, Fairly rode away from the pack to win the gruelling Pro 1-2 105 mile road race on Sunday around the western end of the island.

He finished the event in four hours, eight minutes and 16.255 seconds to accumulate enough points to walk away with the

overall title in the three-race combined, including the 42-mile circuit race and individual time trials, both held on Saturday.

"It feels good," said Fairly, who outduelled his team-mate Shelden Taylor for the top spot. "It was the first race of the season, so it was good to come here and do it."

Americans Floyd Landris and Grant Potter both failed to finish the road race and were not eligible for an overall position. Lee Farmer, who competes on the local scene, also dropped out of the race.

The race, organised by Jeff's Auto Repair, returned for the sixth year after a break last year. It was sponsored primarily by Holowesko Partners.

Tampa Bay resident Sheila Lopez, competing for Bike America Racing, repeated as the Women's 1-3 Pro category over her team-mate Karina Kroll.

"I came back to defend my jersey," said Lopez, of the aqua jersey that all of the winners received from the organisers. "It's just so fabulous rising around and looking at the blue waters."

The women's Pro 4 category winner was Emily Anthony, who made her debut here with members of her team from The College of William & Mark in Williamsburg, Virginia.

"I felt pretty good about it. This is actually my first cycling race, so it was fun," she said. "I couldn't ask for a better place to come to ride."



The men's Pro 3-4 category was won by Brian Hill, a member of the I.S. Corp Team, who also competed here for the first time.

### Fast

"This is a well ran race, all of the athletes are fast and so when you have this sort of event, you just have to come ready to compete," said the Maimi Beach resident.

Bahamian Ian Jupp finished 12th overall. Jay Major competed, but he didn't finish after getting off to a fast start.

In the Masters' 40-plus category, Clark Sheehan was the winner. Mark Holowesko was ninth overall as he led a field of Bahamians, including Stephen Holowesko (14th) and Basil Goulandris (15th).

"This was incredible. It's so nice to be down here racing," said the Colorado resident, who spent his honeymoon with his wife in Eleuthera a couple years

ago. Mark Stein, competing for Florida Velo #1, was the winner of the Masters' 50-plus category in his debut here in an extraordinary fashion.

"I got cramped, I got dropped, I had to chase for about five miles, but I fought back on and I watched my second place man until the other groups attacked," Stein said. "So it was a battle until we came to the sprint."

Trevor Rolette, here from Chicago with his parents, was the winner of the junior boys' 15-18 age group division, but he admitted that he got more than he bargained for.

"It was a good race, a lot of fun, but there was a lot of competition because the local guys are really fast," Rolette said. "I definitely hope to be back because the course had a good ocean scenery."

Rolette, 15, won over three Bahamians, Anthony 'Biggie' Colebrooke, Jay Major and Michael Holwesko. Colebrooke, the second place finisher, said it was good.

"I was really glad to compete against the guys to see where I am," said the 14-year-old CC Sweeting ninth grader. "I know now that I can compete with these guys."

Winning the junior's 10-14 category was 14-year-old Tom Dudzik, who was thrilled to have made the trek here.

"It was a lot of fun, the competition was good, but I think I really enjoyed the time trials," he said. "We're from Connecticut, so we had to fly a plane to get here, which was a lot of fun too."

## sports NOTES

### TENNIS BAHAMIANS AT F-3 FUTURES

GRAND Bahamian Davis Cupper Devin Mullings was the only Bahamian to survive the second round of the F-3 Tennis Futures Tournament in Tamarac, Florida.

Mullings pulled off a 6-2, 6-2 win over Graham Edgar from the United States over the weekend, while Justin Lunn lost 6-0, 6-1 to Bjorn Fratangelo, also from the United States. In the first round, Mullings def. American Jeff Zenisek 6-3, 6-1 and Lunn won over Mikkel Paluda-Muller from Denmark 7-5, 6-2. William 'JJ' Fountain, however, lost 6-1, 6-2 to Edgar.

### TENNIS SWEETING SPLIT MATCHES

JESSICA Sweeting, competing for Florida Gulf Coast University Eagles women's tennis team, split her pair of matches over the weekend as they traveled to Orlando, Florida to play the University of Central Florida Knights.

Sweeting, the 5-foot-1 junior from Grand Bahama, won her singles match 6-4, 6-4 over Jenna Doerfler, but she and her partner Katharine Evans lost in doubles to the Eagles' team of Doerfler and Alexis Rodriguez 8-6. The UCF went on to beat FGCU 5-2.

### TENNIS ADDERLEY LOST DOUBLE MATCH

JAMAL Adderley, competing for the University of South Florida Bulls, lost his double header over the weekend in their match-up against Oklahoma in Tulsa.

Adderley, a junior ranked No.90 in the ITA rankings, lost in singles 6-3, 6-2 and he also dropped his doubles match 8-2 as USF eventually lost to Oklahoma.

### BASKETBALL NPWBA ACTION

The New Providence Women's Basketball Association defending champions are still finding a way to win during the regular season.

Over the weekend at the DW Davis Gymnasium, the Lady Truckers prevailed with a huge 70-52 rout over the College of the Bahamas Lady Caribs.

In the other game played, the Electro Telecom Cybots Queens knocked off the Four J's Cheetahs 58-50. The NPWBA will play again on Tuesday night with another double header starting at 7:30 p.m. They will also play on Thursday and Saturday nights.

### BASKETBALL NPBA ACTION

AS the New Providence Basketball Association continued its regular season action over the weekend at the CI Gibson Gymnasium, the Real Deal Shockers shocked the Y-Care Wreckers 83-71.

In the other game played, the B-Reddies shot the lights out against the Outdoor Lighting Falcons in a close 86-84 encounter.

The New Providence Basketball Association will continue its regular season tonight with a double header starting at 7 p.m. They will also play a double header on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights.



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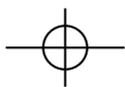
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# Demetrius Pinder wins women's 400 metres

## Four Bahamians compete at the Razorback Invitational

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IT was a busy weekend for our collegiate athletes in the United States.

At the Texas A&M vs University of Texas Dual Meet at the Gilliam Indoor Track and Field Stadium in College Station, Texas, Demetrius Pinder won the women's 400 metres in 46.03 seconds.

Pinder, competing for Texas A&M, booked his ticket to the NCAA Indoor Championships at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville from March 12-13 as he went under the automatic qualifying time of 46.15.

Before he was finished, Pinder also ran the open leg on the Texas A&M's 4x 400 relay team that clocked 3:05.92 to also go under the NCAA automatic qualifying time of 3:06.50.

Also at the meet, Jamal Wilson made his debut for the University of Texas a successful one as he won the men's high jump with a leap of 6-feet, 9-inches or 2.06 metres.

At the Notre Dame Invitational at the University of Notre Dame, Rudon Bastian surpassed the NCAA provisional qualifying mark of 7.50m with his winning leap of 7.64m or 25-03/4 for Louisville.

At the Texas Tech Invitational in Lubbock, Texas, Juan Lewis, a junior at the University of Texas at Arlington, won the men's 400 in 48.11 and 11th in the 200 in 21.78.

Grand Bahamian Olympian Andrae Williams, competing unattached, was third in the men's 600 in 1:10.51. Latoy Williams, now competing for Texas Tech, was entered, but didn't compete.

Instead, Williams ran the third leg on



COMEBACK: Andretti Bain

Texas Tech's 4 x 4 relay team that finished second in 3:08.13 to go under the NCAA provisional time of 3:10.40.

At the Razorback Invitational, four Bahamians competed.

Andretti Bain, making a comeback after his injured 2009 season, was second in the men's 400 in 46.96. The graduate of Oral Roberts University competed for Adidas.

Cameron Parker, the BAAA's 2009 Collegiate Field Athlete of the Year, was

third in the men's triple jump for Allen County community College with a leap of 50-3 1/2 or 15.33m.

Tia Thompson, competing unattached, ran 8.48 for sixth in the qualifying round of the 60 hurdles, but wasn't eligible for the final.

And Marcus Thompson, ran 6.99 for 20th overall for Baylor University in the men's 60, which was not enough to get him into the final.

At the Jack Johnson Classic at the University of Minnesota, Trevor Barry competed unattached as he won the high jump with a leap of 7-2 1/4.

Antonio Bastian was fifth in the triple jump with 43-8.

At the Carle/Health Alliance Classic at the University of Illinois Armoury, Michelle Cumberbatch, competing for Lincoln University, was third in the women's 400 final in 57.21 and got 13th in the 200 in 25.64.

At the Cherry and Subway Invitational, Lamar Delaney won the men's triple jump with a leap of 54-41/2.

And at the Eastern Mega Malt Meet, Laniece Rolle, representing Missouri State, was seventh in the preliminaries of the women's 60 hurdles in 9.51. She ended up eighth in the final in 9.50.

Tasman Evens, a sophomore at Iowa Central, took third place in the men's 60 hurdles in 8.32 ahead of Nathan Arnett, his freshman team-mate, who was seventh in 8.45.

Arnett actually had the best time in the preliminaries of 8.32 for second overall, while Evens was fourth in 8.37.

Arnett also doubled up in the men's 600 for fifth in 1:23.45.

And Sasha Joyce from McKendree State was 14th in the women's 400 final in 66.31.

# Softball federation names senior men's national team

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In preparation for its first national team venture in 2010, the Bahamas Softball Federation has released the names of its senior men's national team.

The 17 member team will participate in the Caribbean American and Central Games qualifier in San Andres, Colombia February 11th -20th.

The Bahamas is one of 15 teams to confirm participation in the tournament which will also feature the U.S Virgin Islands, Aruba, Honduras, the British Virgin Islands, Colombia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Puerto Rico and Venezuela.

Bahamas Softball Federation (BSF) president Burket Dorsett says with the caliber of the men's national team, the Bahamas is well on its way to delivering a standout performance at the CAC Qualifier.

"The federation feels as if it has selected the best possible team to represent the country at this time and we look for them to perform to and perhaps exceed our expectations," he said, "We wanted to assemble a good cross section of talent with our more experienced and younger players. The team has the veteran leadership needed to play at the international level and also the youth to bridge the gap and build a foundation for future national teams. With the high calibre of this tournament we did not want to send a completely novice team."

Dorsett said the veteran pitching should become the strength of the squad and lead to a positive showing.

The selection committee also used their knowledge of the players and that witnessed the workouts. We are especially pleased with the pitching department," he said, "We have two veterans leading the squad but also a wealth of newcomers, five in fact, that will be first time national team members and proved themselves at the ECAS tournament."

The Bahamas opens the tournament February 12th against El Salvador, the second game in section A.

Section A also includes the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Aruba, El Salvador, the Virgin Islands and Panama.

Game two takes place later that afternoon against Puerto Rico, followed by game three on the 13th against Aruba, games five and six on the 14th against USVI and the Dominican Republic, game seven on the 15th against Mexico and the final divisional game against

Panama on the 16th.

The Semifinal rounds begin the following day, with the championship round beginning on the 19th.

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# Man claims he was beaten and choked by officers

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A LITTLE more than a week after The Tribune published explosive claims of police brutality at the Wulff Road police station, another man has come forward alleging he was beaten, suffocated and choked by officers at the Central Detective Unit.

Presley Vildor, 26, claims he was picked up by CDU officers last Thursday from his residence in Pinewood Gardens for questioning in relation to a murder investigation. Mr Vildor claimed he was beaten intermittently for five days until his release on Tuesday, without being charged with an offence.

He claimed he returned to the station that same day with his father to collect personal items when he was arrested and assaulted.

"They intimidate me, threaten me and say they ga buss my lying ass," Mr Vildor said, claiming he was assaulted by about eight to 10 officers, including an inspector and a sergeant.

According to Mr Vildor, the officers pressured him to confess to stealing a cellular phone from a murder victim.

Mr Vildor explained the alleged beatings, claiming he was taken to a large room, marked Investigation Office, and handcuffed to a chair for hours. He also claimed that while one officer gripped his legs, one would hold his shoulders while another officer placed a thick plastic bag over his head to suffocate him.

He said he was struck in the head with a police radio, hit with brass knuckles, kicked, had a chair pressed on his ribs and

choked several times until he passed out.

"One would punch, one would kick and they beat you in the joints and stuff. And they tell me things like 'Yeah don't worry if we don't kill you, we ga make the streets kill you or we ga do things to you to cause your body break down when you get older,'" he claimed.

Throughout the alleged beatings, Mr Vildor claimed the officers threatened to kill him and drown him "in a mop bucket."

During one of the alleged beatings, he said he was forced to sign a statement he did not give to police regarding a murder investigation.

"I had to," said Mr Vildor, when asked why he signed the statement if it was not his own.

On top of the police brutality claims, his lawyer Christina Galanos, of Lockhart & Co, claims that officers at CDU tried to prevent her from seeing him on Tuesday because of his apparent bruises.

Ms Galanos claimed that when she went to interview him around 11 am, an officer reportedly said she would have to wait because Mr Vildor was still being interviewed by an investigating officer. During her more than hour long wait, Ms Galanos said she repeatedly asked to see her client only to then be told that she could not, and that the investigating officer was not there.

Frustrated, she demanded to see the officer-in-charge, Superintendent Leon Bethel, who she said told an officer to take Ms Galanos to her client, after waiting almost two hours.

"I thought it was a clear case of underhandedness, they didn't want to bring him out because they knew he was looking like that," said Ms Galanos, pointing

to her client's bruised face. "And I waited for an hour and when I spoke to the officer-in-charge he had no clue what was going on down there and he was ashamed and he was surprised. And he came to me and he said he is trying to get rid of the corrupt officers from the front desk."

She claimed that the CDU has a reputation of preventing lawyers from seeing their clients, a practice she says that has to be stopped.

"When they tell lawyers they can't see their client my experience is that they're telling you that because they beat the man and scars about their body that they don't want you to see. It's wrong and something has to be done."

When questioned about the allegations, the new head of the CDU, Superintendent Leon Bethel, refused to comment directly.

"Wherever and whenever an allegation is made against any police officer we allow the Complaints and Corruption Unit to investigate and if the complaint is substantiated and there is evidence to the charges, then, of course, the officers are dealt with either in the (police) department or before open court," said Mr Bethel.

When pressed about the status of the officers accused of beating Mr Vildor, Mr Bethel would not comment. Nor would he confirm or deny his reported meeting with Ms Galanos.

"We have to allow the Complaint and Corruption Unit to carry out its duties without hindrance," he said.

Mr Vildor lodged a complaint yesterday with the Complaints and Corruption Unit.

The matter is under police investigation.

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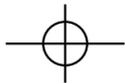
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# Queen's College is 'cooperating fully' with alleged attempted abduction investigation

THE Chairman of the Board of Governors at Queen's College confirmed last night that the school is fully cooperating with the police in their investigation of an alleged attempted abduction of a student from the school's campus. On Tuesday, January 19, a parent of one of the students at Queen's College's primary school reported that an unknown male had attempt-

ed to abduct her son by shoving him in the back seat of a car. The parent reported the matter to the police, and according to the Principal of the school, Queen's College's administration also launched an immediate investigation. According to a statement issued from the school, they are cooperating fully with the police to determine the facts surrounding this

alleged abduction. "We do not treat such matters lightly, and wish to assure the child, his parents and the family of our deep concern. "We further assure them, and all parents, teachers and staff of our continued commitment to ensuring the safety of everyone on our campus. "We await the report from the police," the statement read.

# Bahamian musicians set for Haiti relief concert at Arawak Cay

SEVERAL local Bahamian musicians are expected to perform at a concert on Arawak Cay next Tuesday to rally Bahamians to make donations for the earthquake victims in Haiti. The concert, which will start at 6pm and end at midnight, will be broadcast live from both the Hilton and Arawak Cay during the Haiti relief telethon. Earlier this week, The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Associations in the Bahamas announced a two-day telethon and concert to rally Bahamian donations for Earthquake

Victims in Haiti. The concert, which was devised by Ronald Simms and Fred Ferguson, will feature such artists as, Sammi Starr, Tada, Fred Munnings, Ira Storr and the Spank Band, Ambasah, Tingum Dem, Emily Austin, Nita, Alia Coley, Alison Mason, Keisha Bostwick dancers and the National Youth Choir are also expected to perform. "It is a massive effort but what has made it go more smoothly is the incredible cooperation of everyone involved," Diane Phillips who is coordinating the event said.

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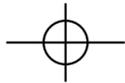
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## \$500k recovery to end wind-up of laundering convict's firm

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

The liquidator of a former Bahamas-based financial institution, whose principal was convicted in the US for money laundering, will be able to complete its dissolution once he recovers some \$519,000 owed to its estate by two investors, with the order freezing client assets having been removed in August 2009.

Clifford Culmer, the BDO Mann Judd accountant and partner, in his seventh report to the Bahamian Supreme Court on the Dominion Investments (Nassau) liquidation, said that apart from returning client assets to their beneficial owners, the only other tasks that had to be completed to ensure creditors recovered all their funds was to recoup the \$519,000 owed.

Some \$352,628 had to be recovered from a Canadian client who had reneged on a previous agreement to directly pay the liquidator's costs, rather than have them deducted from the trust assets held at Dominion Investments, while another \$162,280 had to be recovered in relation to another Canadian client.

"Other than attending to the return of the trust assets held in the Bahamas by Dominion to the beneficial owners, the outstanding matters to be addressed by the liquidator are to obtain recovery of the costs due under the July 28, 2008, Order from those trust assets which have been frozen in Canada to secure payment of an alleged tax liability by the beneficial owner thereof," Mr Culmer said in his report to the Supreme Court.

The other issues were to "obtain a resolution of the dispute with the beneficial owner which reneged on its agreement with the liquidator to pay its share of the costs under the 28 July, 2008, Order direct rather than from the sale of the trust assets".

Mr Culmer concluded: "Recovery of the aforesaid costs will then enable the liquidator to reimburse the estate of Dominion, thus enabling it to have sufficient funds to pay its outstanding creditors and to apply any residual estate to the satisfaction of the sums due under the forfeiture Order made against Martin Tremblay [its former convicted principal] and to bring the liquidation of Dominion to a close."

To recover the \$162,280, Mr Culmer said he had to intervene in a Canadian court case and pursue a claim for funds due to Dominion from a client who had died. The Canadian government had frozen the account to secure alleged tax liabilities, and the liquidator was now in discussions over the release of those funds.

On the other issue, Mr Culmer said the client involved had

## \$471m fund investors to recover just 3.69%

- \* Liquidators of Bahamas-domiciled funds make 'no significant' progress in recovering investor assets for past two-and-a-half years
- \* Funds at centre of one of Canada's 'largest hedge fund scandals', with estimated \$7.7m recovery from BIXS-listed firm
- \* Principals deny responsibility; seek to blame ex-Bahamian fund administrator
- \* Liquidator met with Securities Commission, but no prosecutions started to date

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

Investors in a Bahamas-domiciled investment fund at the centre of "one of Canada's largest hedge fund scandals" are likely to recover just 3.69 per cent of their total \$471.3 million claims, one of their few recovery sources being an investment in a BIXS-listed real estate investment trust (REIT).

Raymond Massi, who with Clifford Culmer, the BDO Mann Judd accountant and partner, is the joint official liquidator for the Olympus Uninvest fund and its formerly Bahamian-domiciled counterparty, Mosaic Composite, said in his bleak 13th report to the

Canadian courts that they and receivers/liquidators in other jurisdictions had made little headway in tracing further assets in the past two-and-a-half years.

The pair, who are liquidating the key companies at the heart of Norshield Financial Group's collapse, estimated as at February 2, 2007, that some Cdn\$31.128 million would ultimately be recovered for investors. As at September 30, 2009, the estimated recovery had increased by just Cdn\$3.3 million or 10.7 per cent to Cdn\$34.448 million.

Most of the latter figure, some 50.5 per cent or Cdn\$17.392 million, is forecast to be recovered from the

Bahamas and Mosaic Composite, the entity into which Norshield investor monies ultimately flowed.

Mr Massi said in his report to the Canadian courts: "To date, the receiver, the joint custodians, the Olympus Uninvest joint official liquidators and the Mosaic Composite joint official liquidators have either realized, or identified additional assets to be realized upon, in the gross aggregate amount of approximately Cdn\$34.4 million....."

"Based on information available to the receiver, the receiver estimates that the gross proceeds of realization will be

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## Brokers seek 'more teeth' to ease unfair competition concern

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

The Bahamas Insurance Brokers Association's (BIBA) president has called for "more teeth" in legislation governing the industry to prevent unfair competition, expressing concern that the increasing trend for carriers to set up their own agencies or 'tied agents' could ultimately lead to independent brokers being excluded from writing business for them.

Vaughn Culmer, who heads Vaughn Culmer & Associates, told Tribune Business that BIBA's members feared the carriers might use their wholly-owned agencies to exclusively write business for them, cutting out all independent brokers and agents.

He added that this would harm small Bahamian businesses and entrepreneurial instincts in this nation generally, and suggested BIBA might start to lobby MPs and decision makers to ensure its members were not ultimately "squeezed out" by the insur-

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- \* Fear carriers' agents will ultimately become exclusive writers of business to their exclusion
- \* Argue such a move would harm choice, small businesses and entrepreneurial spirit

## Food store eyes \$2.9m expansion

- \* Grand Bahama operator assessing 'three to four' locations for lease, in bid to split retail from wholesale
- \* Plan looks for 15,000-16,000 square feet and aims to create 25 new jobs
- \* Decision likely within next three weeks

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

A Freeport-based food store operator is looking to invest \$2.9 million in a 16,000 square foot expansion that will add up to 25 jobs, and is likely to select in "about three weeks" from the three-four locations in the running.

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## Reforms make Planning Bill 'much better'

- \* Government pledges to acquire resources to fully implement legislation
- \* Attorneys and real estate chief urge Senate to make more amendments, 'clarifying and tweaking' some things

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

The Government has pledged to obtain the necessary manpower and other resources to fully implement and enforce the Planning and Subdivisions Bill when it takes effect from July 1, 2010, the private sector's view being that while concerns remain it is "much better" legislation than the previous version.

Responding to questions about whether the Government would be able to enforce all the Bill's provisions, Dr Earl Deveau, minister of the environment, told Tribune Business: "The Government intends to populate the public sector with the necessary experience and expertise to implement the intent and spirit of this Bill."

Tribune Business understands that efforts to this end have already begun, although private sector concerns – held frequently in relation to the Government – include whether the public sector will have the wherewithal and expertise to properly implement all aspects of the legislation. Andrew O'Brien, an attorney and partner with Ginton, Sweeting & O'Brien, told this newspaper: "I'm impressed that the Government has taken time to make changes, and make some substantial changes. It's a bear of a Bill, and there's a lot going on."

"If it is implemented, everybody's concern is: will we have the infrastructure to really put it into effect, or is it going to create another bottleneck in an already overstretched government ministry and infrastructure? We hope it won't."

Mr O'Brien praised the Planning and Subdivisions Bill for "certainly bringing us up to par with developed standards in the world",

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but added that whether the relevant Government agencies would "be able to handle their new responsibilities is the big question". He added: "The idea of having a Land Use Master Plan for each individual island is excellent, so we now have to live up to what we are setting down for ourselves."

Professions impacted by the Bill's provisions, such as realtors and attorneys, gave a cautious welcome to the revised legislation, which will form one of the key cornerstones for development and growth throughout the Bahamas - particularly that which is real estate-related.

William Wong, the Bahamas Real Estate Association's (BREA) president, told Tribune Business that he hoped the Senate would make further amendments when it debated the Planning and Subdivisions Bill, adding that it just needed "clarifying and tweaking" in certain areas. "We agree that the 2010 Bill was a much better one than the 2009 version," the BREA president added. "Now the Bill has passed, hopefully the Senate will consider making further amendments to it."

## Reforms make Planning Bill 'much better'

Mr Wong read out a list of concerns drafted by Sharlyn Smith, an attorney at Sharon Wilson & Co, who also told Tribune Business that further amendments would "make a better Bill even stronger, as opposed to having to go back to Parliament one or two years from now. Still, it's a much better Bill."

Among her concerns, which was reiterated by Mr Wong yesterday, was whether Section 23 1 (f) of the Bill, dealing with zoning by-laws, would prohibit the construction of waterfront property in the Bahamas. A particular concern cited was whether the Bill would allow existing owners of such property to reconstruct them in their current locations if they were destroyed in a hurricane. The Bill states that the "use of land and the erecting, locating or use of any buildings or structures" was prohibited in any area defined as "a significant corridor, coastline or shoreline of the ocean or a lake."

Mr Wong and Ms Smith questioned what impact this would have for developers attempting to sell lots or homes

close to the coastline, and whether they would be able to sell such property. Questions were also asked about whether existing owners of such lots would be able to build there.

Dr Deveaux, when questioned by Tribune Business, dismissed such fears in relation to existing properties as groundless, telling this newspaper the key word was "significant". He added that this clause in the Bill was designed to preserve ocean views and beach access for Bahamians, by preventing developers and homeowners from building right on the coast or shoreline. When apprised of the minister's comments, Mr Wong replied: "The Government needs to explain what they're trying to achieve there, what their reasons are for it, and what it's going to mean for people with waterfront properties. The intent is good. They probably need to clarify it and tweak it a little bit."

Mr Wong and Ms Smith also raised a question over full subdivision approval lapsing after one year if no development had taken place. They queried the impact this would have on buyers who had acquired lots during that year, and banks who had financed these purchases - since both could be left without the land and security over it. They suggested a better course of action would be to call in the performance bond the developer is supposed to lodge with the Ministry of Works to guarantee he will complete the subdivision and all necessary infrastructure, and "enforce the provisions of the development agreement".

In a similar vein, they suggested some headaches might also be caused by the Bill's section 57, which prohibited building in a subdivision until all lots had been connected to the utilities. "At first, this seems like a good provision for consumers. However, upon reflection, it is the consumer and not necessarily the developer who may be negatively impacted by same," Ms Smith suggested.

"Consider a person who would have bought 'lot one' in a large subdivision. Even though there are utilities in place, this person will not be able to build until, say 'lot 99', has utilities. It may be better to call in the bond and enforce the provisions of the Development Agreement to ensure that the subdivision is properly com-

pleted as opposed to delaying a home builder.

"Also, consider the case of a gated community where the developer may wish to construct a wall or a gatehouse while utilities are being installed. This would be prohibited as there are no exceptions. Also prohibited would be the building of a model home."

Mr Wong and Ms Smith also said some of the powers given to the responsible minister detracted from the Bill's aims of consultation and transparency. They pointed as evidence of this to Section 5 (7), in which the minister could give direction to the Town Planning Committee that the latter would be required to implement, and Section 24 on zoning orders, where the minister could override an existing by-law by issuing such an order. And the minister was also able to "prescribe" development controls, in particular relating to downtown Nassau.

"This may cause the efforts made to consult the public to be questioned and it may appear that the Bill is just paying lip service to consultation," Mr Wong said. Tribune Business attempted to contact Dr Deveaux for comment yesterday afternoon, but he could not be reached.

Meanwhile, Mr O'Brien said: "The Government did take to heart comments from law firms, the Bahamas Real Estate Association and made substantial changes to the Bill. One that I'm aware of is that for subdivisions where lots were sold in violation of the provisions in the existing Act, they will be grandfathered in and deemed valid under the law."

"That helps to stem the effect of the recent ruling by Justice Lyons, in which he said transactions done in violation of the Act would be deemed null and void. That's a great relief to the legal profession, real estate agents and buyers. Once the Bill passes, we can be comfortable that people in that situation have valid title."

Mr O'Brien said some of the lot sales - in subdivisions that did not have full Ministry of Works approval - may have occurred over 10-20 years ago. Under the existing Act, although there were fines for developing subdivisions without this, he suggested that they were largely ignored and never enforced, until Justice Lyons's ruling raised questions about whether purchasers still had good title to their lots.

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IN THE MATTER of the real property comprised of 27 acres situated approximately one mile Northwest of the Settlement of Simms, Long Island in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas and having such position, boundaries, marks and dimensions as are shown on the diagram or plan attached to a Deed of Partition dated the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 1993 and made between Ronald Winston Simms and others and now of record in the Registry of Records in Volume 6256 at pages 40 to 52 and edged thereon in yellow.

AND IN THE MATTER of the Conveyancing and Law of Property Act, Chapter 138 of the Laws of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

BETWEEN

LAWRENCE CASE Plaintiff

AND

MICHAEL COLIN QUIRKE Defendant

**ORDER OF FORECLOSURE NISI**

Before the Honourable Justice Cheryl Albury of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth Of The Bahamas  
Dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November A. D. 2009

ON THE APPLICATION of the Plaintiff by Summons dated the 27<sup>th</sup> of July A.D. 2009;

AND UPON READING the Affidavit of the Plaintiff sworn the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July A. D. 2009;

AND UPON HEARING Mr. Roy W. M. Sweeting of Counsel for the Plaintiff, with him Mr. Patrick H. Ryan;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Defendant do stand absolutely debarréd and foreclosed of and from all right title interest and equity of redemption of and in the mortgaged property described in the Schedule hereto UNLESS on or before the 28<sup>th</sup> of January A.D. 2010 the Defendant pays to the Plaintiff in full the sum of US\$877,000.00 owing under the said mortgage.
2. That the Defendant do forthwith deliver up to the Plaintiffs possession of the properties described in the schedule hereto UNLESS on or before the 28<sup>th</sup> of January A.D. 2010 the Defendant pays to the Plaintiff in full the sum of US\$877,000.00 owing under the said mortgage.
3. Failing payment by the Defendant of the aforementioned sum owing under the mortgage, the hearing of the Plaintiff's application for an Order of Foreclosure Absolute is hereby set for the 27 of January A. D. 2010 at 12 'o' clock noon.
4. That the Plaintiff have and is hereby given leave to effect substituted service of the Originating Summons by which these proceedings were commenced (as Amended) and this Order of Foreclosure Nisi, within sixty days of the date hereof by:
  - a) Prominent advertisement thereof in the Gazette on five consecutive weekdays, and;
  - b) Delivery of copies thereof to the chambers of Wayne & Associates, Lockhart & Munroe and Shurland & Co.
5. Proof that substituted service has been effected is to be provided by means of an Affidavit of Service sworn and filed on behalf of the Plaintiff within 21 days after such service, giving details of the advertisement and the dates thereof.
6. That the costs of and occasioned by this application be costs in the cause.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT,

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# Nassau hotels see 20% Xmas room revenue rise

New Providence hotels enjoyed an almost-20 per cent increase in room revenues year-over-year for December 2009, driven by an increase of more than three-and-a-half percentage points in occupancy rates and a \$32.65 rise in average daily room rates (ADR).

Disclosing the December performance for New Providence's 14 major hotels, the Bahamas Hotel Association (BHA) and Ministry of Tourism said the month's average occupancy rate increased from 50.4 per cent in December 2008 to 54 per cent last year.

Together with the \$32.65 ADR increase, a 5.1 per cent rise in hotel room nights sold generated a 19.6 per cent

year-over-year growth in room revenues.

The BHA/Ministry of Tourism said 10 of the 14 New Providence hotels surveyed saw a room revenue increase for December, with 50 per cent of hotels seeing an increase in room nights sold with higher ADRs.

Only 29 per cent of the 14 properties saw a lower ADR

and increase in room nights sold, while just 14 per cent saw a lower ADR and room nights sold. For December 2009, the ADR rose to \$269.20 compared to \$236.55 last year, while available room nights were on par with 2008 due to the RIU's re-opening.

For the 2009 full year, the average hotel occupancy

stood at 60.9 per cent compared to 63.4 per cent in 2008, with the ADR also down from \$246.70 to \$227.63. Hotel room revenues dropped by 16.8 per cent, compared to 19.3 per cent at end-November, boosted by the December results.

However, only two of New Providence's 14 major hotels

saw a revenue increase in 2009, with hotel room nights decreasing by 9.8 per cent. Air arrivals to end November 2009 were down year-over-year by 6.6 per cent, a drop of 61,849 on 2008 figures.

The BHA/Ministry of Tourism said: "The December results support a general improvement trend which

started in September, and has continued with most properties experiencing an increase in occupancy.

"Hoteliers were most encouraged to see the level of improvements in the December ADR increasing by 13.8 per cent over the previous December, reversing a year of declines in every month except September, when a small improvement was experienced.

"Hoteliers hope this will be the start of a trend to bring rates to a level which is operationally sustainable, while continuing to make their products and competitive in order to gain market share through airfare and other value-oriented promotions."



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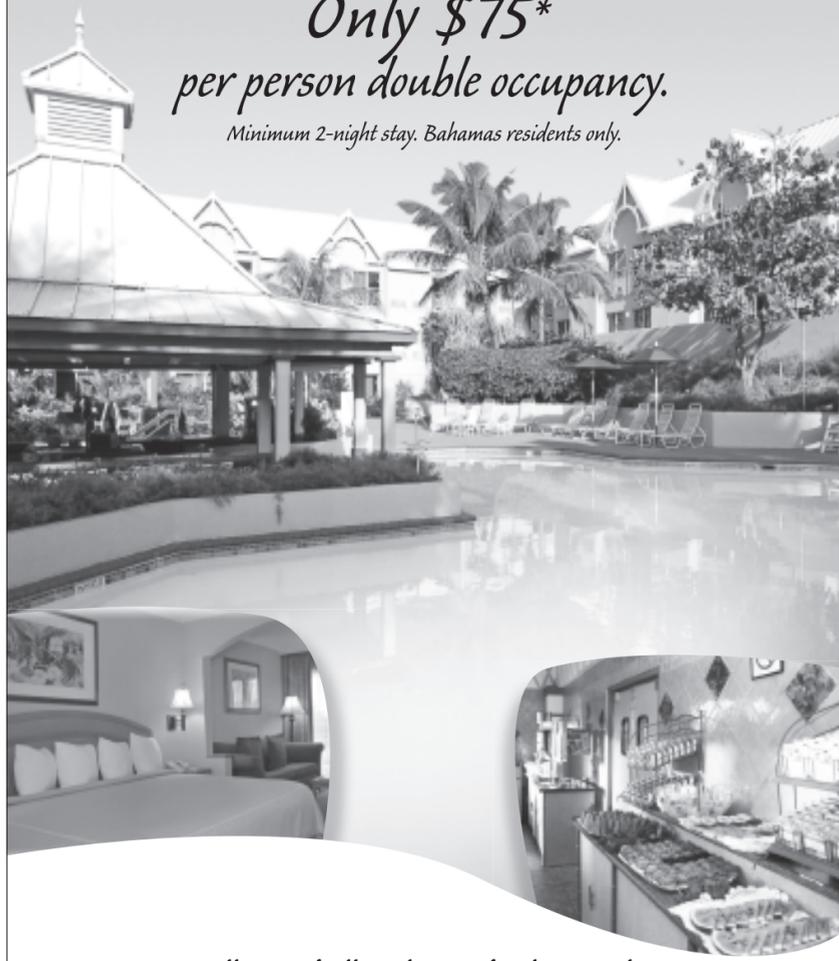
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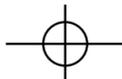
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## BUSINESS

### Indigo lowers prepaid long distance phone card rates to Haiti

By CHESTER ROBARDS  
Business Reporter  
crobards@tribunemedia.net

INDIGO recently decreased its prepaid long distance phone card rates to Haiti in order to make it easier for Haitians to reach their loved ones in the recently earthquake stricken region, said the firm's marketing manager.

Gillian Slatter said last Friday Indigo offered five more minutes of talking time on every five dollar phone card, ten minutes on every ten dollar card and 20 minutes on every 20 dollar card.

According to her, they slashed the rates so that the company would not make a profit on the phone cards, but sell them at cost the Haitian community which before last week's temblor made use of the cards to communicate with family back in Haiti.

Ms Slatter said the rate cut represented a 30 percent discount on the cost of the card.

Indigo also provided phone lines to the Red Cross in order to assist with their communications efforts with their workers on the ground in Haiti.

According to Ms Slatter, the charity organizations phone banks were inundated with incoming and outgoing calls following the incident last Tuesday, after which Indigo stepped in to assure that calls were able to come in through four extra phone lines. "This has been logistically demanding on everyone," she said.

Many firms have stepped up to assist Haiti and the telephone companies have moved to do their part. BTC announced yesterday that it would begin text in donations and it will be a part of a national telethon on Monday and Tuesday. Ms Slatter said their phone discounts will continue until the "further notice". She said the company wants to ensure that things have cleared up on the ground in Haiti.

According to her, by the end of the month the company will assess the situation to know if there is a dire need to continue the phone card discounts. "You know the people are here and they are trying to reach home desperately," she said. "This way they can stay in touch and make sure they know where their relatives are."

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threatened to sue him if the trust assets Dominion held on his behalf were used to pay his share of the liquidation costs.

"This has meant that the estate of Dominion has, as yet, not been reimbursed approximately \$352,628 of the expenses it incurred for the benefit of this particular trust asset," Mr Culmer said.

"The liquidator's attorneys [Lennox Paton] are taking the necessary steps to address and resolve this issue, and it is the liquidator's intention that this particular customer's assets will

### \$500k recovery to end wind-up of laundering convict's firm

not be released until its full share of the costs have been paid, together with such other additional damages and costs as the court determines should be paid by this customer."

The lifting of the freeze order on the Bahamas-based assets Dominion held in trust for its clients, which happened on

August 14 last year, has paved the way for Mr Culmer to return them to their owners. He is now moving to achieve this, and ensure investors get what they are due, by preparing affidavits for each of them to sign. Mr Culmer had previously described the Attorney General's agreement to remove the asset freezing orders as "an exceptionally good outcome".

By negotiating the agreement with the Attorney General, Mr Culmer has also been able to avoid legal costs that would have resulted if he had to ask the Supreme Court to overturn the restraining orders. These costs would have had to be paid by Dominion Investments' clients from the assets that the company held on their behalf.

The court-imposed restraint orders, which were granted on January 31, 2006, and May 2, 2006, had been left in place following Mr Tremblay's conviction because he has yet to pay the \$220,000 confiscation order to the US authorities. Both orders were obtained by the Attorney General's Office, upon the request of the US Justice Department.

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BUSINESS

# Food store eyes \$2.9m expansion

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Jeff Butler, owner of Butler Specialty Foods, told Tribune Business he was looking to lease premises for a second outlet in a bid to split his wholesale operations from the retail side.

He confirmed Tribune Business's exclusive article of last week that sub-leasing part of the Home Centre, the retail outlet owned by BISX-listed Freeport Concrete, was one of the options being assessed.

While he would "rather be on Midshipman Drive", Mr Butler told Tribune Business he was also eyeing sites on Queen's Highway and the former Food Well store on Coral Road, and had even approached Bahamas Supermarkets, operating parent of City Markets, about leasing space in one of its Grand Bahama stores.

"I've just outgrown my premises, so we're looking for a new place with square footage and parking," Mr Butler said. "The Home Centre has both. It depends on how much per square foot they're willing to sell to me."

Butler's Specialty Foods currently operates from 16,000 square feet at its Yellow Pine Street headquarters, and Mr Butler confirmed the company was seeking an "additional 15,000-16,000 square feet". He added that the company had a \$2.9 million budget to cover initial set-up

and inventory costs, plus starting lease payments.

"If I could separate wholesale from retail, I think we will do well," Mr Butler said. "We held back on any price increases when shipping costs went up, so profits dipped, but we held the line and it looks like things are turning around now."

"Probably in about three weeks' time we'll know and make a decision as to where we go," Mr Butler added that Butler's Specialty Foods had not laid any staff member off as a result of the recession, and was looking to hire about 25 extra persons if the expansion came to fruition.

The company's business was split evenly 50/50 between retail and wholesale, Mr Butler said, adding that the company - with its

Canadian and European imports - does "more high-end stuff than anyone else in the country".

Mr Butler said he had spoken with several City Markets shareholders and executives, including Basil Sands and Franklyn Butler Jr, about leasing one of the company's Grand Bahama stores but had never received a positive reply to the proposal.

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#### Qualifications and Experience

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BUSINESS

# \$471m fund investors to recover just 3.69%

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approximately 13 per cent of the retail investors' investments in Olympus Funds. The receiver further estimates that the net proceeds, which ultimately may be available for distribution to the retail investors, could be between 5.5 per cent and 7.4 per cent.

"Other than certain claims against third parties, none of the receiver, the joint custodians, the Olympus Uninvest joint official liquidators or the Mosaic joint official liquidators has identified any additional significant assets since the date of the sixth report [March 2007]."

Mr Massi said he had met with the Securities Commission

of the Bahamas over the Olympus Uninvest/Mosaic affair, offering his "full cooperation and assistance". He added: "Although to date no criminal prosecutions have been commenced by the relevant authorities in connection with the losses suffered by the retail investors, the receiver remains prepared and available to provide any and all assistance to law enforcement agencies and securities regulators in connection with the losses suffered by retail investors."

An annex attached to Mr Massi's report showed that, to date, he and Mr Culmer have recovered Cdn\$11.495 million out of the Cdn\$17.392 million forecast from Mosaic Compos-

ite. These funds include a Cdn\$7.813 million investment in another investment fund; Cdn\$1.053 million in claims from two Bahamas-based liquidations; and Cdn\$730,000 in interest and tax refunds.

And a further Cdn\$1.899 million has been received in dividends from BISX-listed Premier Real Estate Investment Corporation, the mutual fund that owns Freeport's First Commercial Centre and two properties owned by the Coca-Cola producer in both Nassau and Freeport. Mosaic Composite holds a 49 per cent stake in Premier Real Estate, and this equity is the only asset the liquidators have yet to realise. The value of this shareholding, though,

was shown to have deteriorated from Cdn\$6.38 million as at February 27, 2007, to Cdn\$5.897 million as at September 30, 2009.

Premier Real Estate was created by Hannes Babak, a former major shareholder in the First Commercial Centre, and the current Grand Bahama Port Authority chairman. He has nothing to do with the Norshield/Olympus Uninvest situation, and has done nothing wrong in relation to it.

Among Premier's founding directors, although he is no longer on the board, was Stephen Hancock, president and chief executive of Cardinal International, the ex-Bahamian fund administrator for Olympus Uninvest, Mosaic and a number of other entities in the Norshield investment structure.

Norshield's two alleged managing minds, John Xanthoudakis and Dale Smith, have both sought to lay blame for Olympus Uninvest/Mosaic's inflated net asset values (NAVs) at the feet of Cardinal and Mr Hancock, who were responsible for these calculations. There is nothing to suggest, though, that Mr Hancock or his former firm have done anything wrong in relation to the Norshield affair.

The Xanthoudakis and Smith claims were made in their defences to a civil action filed against them in Canada by Mr Massi, who is seeking Cdn\$159 million in damages from the pair over alleged breach of fiduciary duty to their clients by "artificially inflating" the value of investment assets and

diverting them away from the proposed plan structure. The claim is being submitted on behalf of some 1,900 Canadian retail investors.

In his statement of claim, the liquidator alleged that "for most of 2002 and 2003", Mr Hancock was a director of Olympus Uninvest, Mosaic and a collection of entities known as the Channel Funds, established in the Bahamas in the 1990s to act as investment vehicles for Mosaic.

"At all material times, Norshield Asset Management International (NAMI), of which Hancock was a director, acted as the investment advisor and manager to Mosaic, and Cardinal provided accounting services for Mosaic. NAMI and Cardinal reported Mosaic's NAVs relying on the false valuations of Mosaic's assets," the liquidator claimed.

Mr Massi alleged that as at September 30, 2003, the value of Mosaic's non-hedged assets - its investments in the Channel entities - were overstated by 88 per cent or some \$300 million, and should have been closer to \$82 million rather than \$382 million. He attributed responsibility for this to Xanthoudakis and Smith, not Cardinal or Mr Hancock.

In his defence, Xanthoudakis denied responsibility for Norshield's collapse, and said he was not involved in calculating the NAVs for Olympus Uninvest or Mosaic. "The NAV calculations were undertaken by Cardinal International Fund Management and NAV Consulting, which were indepen-

dent and highly-regarded organisations that provided similar services to other major investment funds," he alleged.

Smith's defence followed a similar vein, stating that he was "satisfied" that the NAVs "properly reflected the underlying assets of" Olympus Uninvest and Mosaic Composite.

He based this on "the independence and industry stature of Cardinal International Fund Services" as the fund administrator for both, and its calculation of their NAVs.

Further support for this position, Smith alleged, came from the unqualified audit opinions rendered for the 2002 and 2003 financial years by Mosaic and Olympus's external Bahamian auditors, Grant Thornton and Deloitte & Touche.

Mr Massi's report detailed how Norshield placed retail investor monies into its Olympus Funds, which then invested them into the asset manager's wholly-owned subsidiary, Barbados-based Olympus Bank.

The bank co-mingled retail investor funds with capital received from institutional investors, such as pension funds and financial institutions, placing all monies into Bahamas-based Olympus Uninvest. The latter used these funds to make "substantial investments" in Mosaic, a 'fund of funds' structure, which invested in "both hedged and non-hedged assets".

Mr Massi said that based on Mosaic's last audited financial statements, as at September 30, 2003, the value of its hedged assets totalled \$387 million.

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BUSINESS

# Brokers seek 'more teeth' to ease unfair competition concern

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ance industry's larger players. Referring to last week's BIBA letter outlining these concerns, Mr Culmer told Tribune Business: "We wanted to have some kind of protection against market manipulation, unfair competition, in the future."

"For example, the merger between Family Guardian's and Bahamas First's holding companies, which is being talked about. We don't want to see too many more amalgamations like that, because it narrows choice."

"All the insurance companies have formed their own agents, and it won't be too long before they say those agents are exclusive, and they exclude others from writing business for them."

Mr Culmer said Patrick Ward, president of Bahamas First General Insurance Company and its parent, Bahamas

First Holdings, had told BIBA members during an address to their meeting last Wednesday that "like it or not", they and other small brokers were "going to have to amalgamate to survive in this market".

"We don't look at it in that way. We're going to do everything possible to prevent that. We want to see entrepreneurs and small businesses remain alive," Mr Culmer told Tribune Business.

"As far as competition is concerned, we'd like to see someone put more teeth in the Act to prevent manipulation and unfair competition going forward."

"There is a place for us, and it would be unfair if we were squeezed out down the road. Maybe we need to get a lobby business, pushing for amendments to the Act."

The BIBA president pledged he and his members would "do everything we can

to prevent it, showing we run clean operations and have a place in this market", in addition to proving their added value in terms of a sales/distribution network for life/health and general insurance underwriters.

## Regulate

Mr Culmer acknowledged that Lennox McCartney, the Insurance Commissioner, had nothing in the existing Insurance Act that allowed him to regulate the market for competition purposes.

BIBA, he added, was planning to work closely with the regulator, initiating cross-training days for both its members and the Commission's staff.

There were "close to 40-

plus" independent brokers and agents operating in the Bahamian insurance market, Mr Culmer said, telling Tribune Business that BIBA was attempting to "get a handle on that right now" by obtaining an updated list of licensed operators from the regulator.

BIBA's drive to expand its current membership from 20 to 40, a 100 per cent increase, will be aided by the new Act's provisions.

"When new brokers come into the market, you will see them come to us," Mr Culmer said.

"The Act stipulates that you must be part of a professional society to be licensed under the Act."

The BIBA president said brokers would have no difficulty complying with the Act's

minimum \$50,000 capitalisation requirement. The key issues, he said, were that those wanting to remain as 'brokers and agents' had to keep segregated accounts for the two businesses.

In addition, fees would rise from \$650 per annum for an 'agent and broker' under the existing Act to \$1,000 for both titles, meaning fees would

increase to \$2,000 per annum for such businesses.

Mr Culmer said brokers were client-driven, able to find the best products and premiums to suit client needs. "We're providing gainful employment, and quality people in the industry through education, providing choices for our clients," he added.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT

**IN THE MATTER OF ALL THAT** piece parcel or lot of land situate in Sandilands Village in the Eastern District of the said Island of New Providence and being within the Fox Hill Constituency aforesaid which said piece parcel or lot of land by recent survey comprises Twenty-four thousand Four hundred and Sixteen (24,416) square feet and is bounded on the **NORTHEAST** by the Public Road called and known as "Cox Street" and running thereon One hundred and Thirty-seven and Eighty-four hundredths (137.84) feet on the **SOUTHEAST** by land formerly the property of the Estate of one Dundee Johnson and now or formerly the property of Mary Symonette and running thereon One hundred and Seventy and Two hundredths (170.02) feet on the **SOUTHWEST** by land formerly the property of Hezekiah Demeritte but now or formerly the property of the Estate of Peter Davis and running thereon One hundred and Forty-nine and Forty-nine hundredths (149.49) feet and on the **NORTHWEST** by another Public Road called and known as "Cockburn Street" and running thereon One hundred and Seventy and Five hundredths (170.05) feet and which said piece parcel or lot of land has such position shape boundaries marks and dimensions as are shown on the diagram or plan attached hereto and is thereon coloured Pink.

**AND IN THE MATTER** of the Quieting Titles Act, 1959

**AND IN THE MATTER** of the Petition of William A. Pinder

### NOTICE

#### The Quieting Titles Act 1959

The Petition of William A. Pinder of the Eastern District in the Island of New Providence one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas in respect of: -

**ALL THAT** piece parcel or lot of land situate in Sandilands Village in the Eastern District of the said Island of New Providence and being within the Fox Hill Constituency aforesaid which said piece parcel or lot of land by recent survey comprises Twenty-four thousand Four hundred and Sixteen (24,416) square feet and is bounded on the **NORTHEAST** by the Public Road called and known as "Cox Street" and running thereon One hundred and Thirty-seven and Eighty-four hundredths (137.84) feet on the **SOUTHEAST** by land formerly the property of the Estate of one Dundee Johnson and now or formerly the property of Mary Symonette and running thereon One hundred and Seventy and Two hundredths (170.02) feet on the **SOUTHWEST** by land formerly the property of Hezekiah Demeritte but now or formerly the property of the Estate of Peter Davis and running thereon One hundred and Forty-nine and Forty-nine hundredths (149.49) feet and on the **NORTHWEST** by another Public Road called and known as "Cockburn Street" and running thereon One hundred and Seventy and Five hundredths (170.05) feet and which said piece parcel or lot of land has such position shape boundaries marks and dimensions as are shown on the diagram or plan attached hereto and is thereon coloured Pink.

William A. Pinder claims to be the owner of the fee simple estate in possession of the tracts of land hereinbefore described free from encumbrances. **AND** the Petitioner has made application to the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas under Section 3 of The Quieting Titles Act 1959 to have their title to the said tracts of land investigated and the nature and extent thereof determined and declared in a Certificate of Title to be granted by the Court in accordance with the provisions of the said Act. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that any persons having Dower or a Right to Dower or an Adverse Claim or a claim not recognized in the petition shall on or before the 25<sup>th</sup> of February A.D., 2010 file in the Supreme Court and serve on the Petitioner or the undersigned a statement of his claim in the prescribed form verified by an Affidavit to be filed therewith. Failure of any such person to file and serve a statement of his claim on or before the 25<sup>th</sup> of February A.D., 2010 will operate as a bar to such claim.

Copies of the Filed Plan may be inspected at:

The Registry of the Supreme Court;

The Chambers of Graham, Thompson & Co. attorneys for the Petitioner, Sassoon House, Shirley Street & Victoria Avenue, Nassau, N.P., Bahamas;

Dated the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D., 2009

**GRAHAM, THOMPSON & CO.,**  
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Nassau, Bahamas.

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**IN THE MATTER** of the real property comprised of 27 acres situated approximately one mile Northwest of the Settlement of Simms, Long Island in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas and having such position, boundaries, marks and dimensions as are shown on the diagram or plan attached to a Deed of Partition dated the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 1993 and made between Ronald Winston Simms and others and now of record in the Registry of Records in Volume 6256 at pages 40 to 52 and edged thereon in yellow.

**AND IN THE MATTER** of the Conveyancing and Law of Property Act, Chapter 138 of the Laws of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

**BETWEEN**

LAWRENCE CASE  
AND  
MICHAEL COLIN QUIRKE

Plaintiff  
Defendant

TO: Michael Colin Quirke

Let the above-named Defendant within 14 days after service of this Originating Summons on him inclusive of the day of such service, cause an appearance to be entered for him to this Summons which is issued on the application of the Plaintiff, Lawrence Case of 1511 South East Twenty Fourth Terrace, Pompano Beach, Florida 33062, USA c/o Glinton Sweeting O'Brien, Chambers, 303 Shirley Street, Nassau, Bahamas.

By this Summons, the Plaintiff seeks the following relief:-

1. Delivery by the Defendant to the Plaintiff of possession of all that real property comprised of 27 acres situated approximately one mile Northwest of the Settlement of Simms, Long Island in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas and having such position, boundaries, marks and dimensions as are shown on the diagram or plan attached to a Deed of Partition dated the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 1993 and made between Ronald Winston Simms and others and now of record in the Registry of Records in Volume 6256 at pages 40 to 52 and edged thereon in yellow.
2. Foreclosure of the said real property referred to above.
3. Further and other relief.
4. Costs.

If the Defendant does not enter an Appearance, such judgment may be given or Order made against or in relation to him as the Court may think just and expedient.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August A. D. 2009.

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This Originating Summons was taken out by Messrs. GLINTON | SWEETING | O'BRIEN of Chambers, 303 Shirley Street, Nassau, Bahamas, Attorneys for the Plaintiff.

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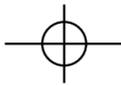
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1.49	1.03	AML Foods Limited		1.16	1.16	0.00	0.283	0.000	4.1	0.00%	
10.75	9.90	Bahamas Property Fund		10.74	10.74	0.00	0.992	0.200	10.8	1.86%	
7.00	5.77	Bank of Bahamas		5.90	5.90	0.00	0.244	0.260	24.2	4.41%	
0.63	0.63	Benchmark		0.63	0.63	0.00	-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
3.49	3.15	Bahamas Waste		3.15	3.15	0.00	0.168	0.090	18.8	2.86%	
2.15	2.14	Fidelity Bank		2.37	2.37	0.00	0.055	0.040	43.1	1.69%	
13.95	9.63	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%	
7.00	5.00	Commonwealth Bank (S1)		7.00	7.00	0.00	0.419	0.300	16.7	4.29%	
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2.55	1.32	Doctor's Hospital		2.55	2.55	0.00	0.627	0.080	4.1	3.14%	
7.80	5.94	Famguard		6.49	6.49	0.00	1.000	0.420	2.40	3.70%	
11.80	8.75	Finco		9.28	9.28	0.00	0.322	0.520	28.8	5.60%	
9.80	9.80	First Caribbean Bank		9.99	9.99	0.00	0.631	0.350	15.8	3.50%	
5.53	3.75	Focol (S)		4.77	4.77	0.00	41.959	0.326	0.150	14.6	3.14%
1.00	1.00	Focol Class B Preference		1.00	1.00	0.00	0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
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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)	6.25	4.00	4.00		0.000	0.480	N/M	7.80%	
0.54	0.20	RND Holdings	0.35	0.35	0.35		0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%	
41.00	29.00	ABDAB	30.13	31.59	29.00		4.540	0.000	9.03	0.00%	
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.45	0.55	0.55		0.002	0.000	261.90	0.00%	
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1.4387	1.3535	CFAL Bond Fund	1.4387	6.30	-1.81			31-Dec-09			
2.8869	2.8266	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.8869	-1.81	-1.81			31-Dec-09			
1.5101	1.4356	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.5101	0.17	5.18			15-Jan-10			
3.3201	2.9343	Royal Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	3.1168	-7.94	-7.94			31-Dec-09			
13.2400	12.6816	Royal Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.2400	4.93	5.90			31-Oct-09			
103.9873	93.1999	CFAL Global Bond Fund	103.9873	3.41	3.41			31-Dec-09			
101.7254	96.4070	CFAL Global Equity Fund	101.7254	5.52	5.52			31-Dec-09			
1.0898	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.0898	5.22	5.22			9-Dec-09			
1.0680	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.0680	3.39	3.39			9-Dec-09			
1.0907	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.0907	5.15	5.15			9-Dec-09			
9.5795	9.1005	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund	9.5795	5.33	5.33			31-Dec-09			
11.2361	10.0000	Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 1	11.2361	12.36	12.36			31-Dec-09			
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## COPING WITH A tsunami IN THE BAHAMAS

**“A tsunami is nothing to play with. With a tsunami you don't have that luxury of time, you can feel tsunami waves within five minutes to an hour from the watch being issued.”**

Michael Stubbs, chief climatological officer at the Department of Meteorology

By TANEKA THOMPSON Tribune Staff Reporter tthompson@tribunemedia.net

LAST week's tsunami scare left many wondering how the Bahamas, comprised of low-lying islands with few high points, would cope with a disaster of such immense proportions.

A tsunami — a series of waves usually caused by earthquakes, volcano eruptions or underwater explosions — can be extremely dangerous to coastal areas. Its massive waves move in excess of 200 miles an hour — faster than humans can run — leaving extensive flooding and death in their wake.

One of the most fatal and devastating tsunamis occurred in 2004, when a 9.1 magnitude undersea quake off the coast of Sumatra spawned waves that killed 220,000 people in countries near the Indian Ocean, including 168,000 in Indonesia.

Tsunami reports usually originate from Asia, but last week the fear struck close to home.

Around 5 pm Tuesday, a massive 7.0 earthquake rocked Haiti's capital city, destroying schools, hospitals, homes, government



buildings, the presidential palace, a prison and leaving hundreds of thousands dead.

On Sunday the official death toll was more than 150,000 in Port-au-Prince alone, with many more thousands dead around the country or still buried under the rubble, Haiti's communications minister said.

The tremors were felt as far away as the Bahamas' most southerly island, Inagua, only 70 miles off Haiti.

A tsunami warning for the Bahamas, Cuba and the Dominican Republic, which shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti, was issued just after 5 pm Tuesday.

Weather experts anticipated that immense waves would flood the southwest Bahamas around 5.46 pm

Tuesday, about an hour after the massive 7.0 quake shook Haiti's capital city. Around 6.30 pm Tuesday, meteorologists' worst fears were calmed when the country's sea levels did not rise significantly.

The warning was dropped around 7 pm.

Although the Bahamas was spared the horror of massive flooding and potential loss of life when the scare did not materialise, one local meteorologist is warning residents not to let their guard down.

Michael Stubbs, chief climatological officer at the Department of Meteorology, thinks it's time for Bahamians and local authorities to create tsunami contingency plans and educate locals on what to do should

the threat become real. Mr Stubbs explained the potential danger.

"A tsunami is nothing to play with," he said. "With a tsunami you don't have that luxury of time, you can feel tsunami waves within five minutes to an hour from the watch being issued."

This would leave little time for Bahamians, many of whom live within a five mile radius of a coast, to flee to higher ground. Seeking refuge may be more difficult in the family islands, where many residents would have to travel long distances to reach a peak, Mr Stubbs said.

"We would have been significantly impacted had the tsunami occurred — first the islands in the southwest Bahamas also our neigh-

bours in the Turks and Caicos — would have been severely impacted had the tsunami occurred in the way it was forecast.

"I think we need to be more alert now, the authorities here in the Bahamas, our focus now needs to include not only hurricanes but we need to pay more attention to earthquakes and the corresponding tsunami and educate the public on what to do if a tsunami happened."

In the Bahamas, people near the coast should seek refuge on higher ground; those who cannot escape a coastal area quickly should seek shelter in a high-rise building, Mr Stubbs suggested.

"If you can't move quickly from the coastal area,

seek shelter in a well-fortified concrete structure like a hotel on at least the fourth or fifth floor because the height of the wave increases as it approaches the coast or shoreline due to the shallow area, or depth of the shoreline," Mr Stubbs said.

He's afraid that most Bahamians — with a history of last minute hurricane preparations — will not understand or take seriously a tsunami threat.

Eastern road resident Dorothy Lowe heard about the tsunami warning a little before 6 pm Tuesday. She said she had no idea what to do or where to go if tremendous waves headed towards the country.

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INSIGHT

# Can the Bahamas cope with a tsunami?



FROM page one

it's coming it's coming'. We're such a low-lying country and we've had such little time to prepare there's not much we can do. It's something that no one has even suggested could happen to us so you don't have a thought to what to do," she told The Tribune.

The country's topography would also present a challenge, made up of mostly low-lying land, should a tsunami hit. The country's highest point is Mount Alvernia, on Cat Island standing 63 metres high.

"There's not that much higher ground," Mr Stubbs said. "Being low-lying puts you in the path of danger. The potential for devastation is minimised the higher the land mass is."

The epicentre of Tuesday's quake was located inland, 10 miles from the capital city of Port-au-Prince. Two strong aftershocks, registering 5.9 and 5.5 on the Richter scale, followed. It was the first major quake to hit Haiti in two centuries.

Tremors were felt as far away as Cuba, Puerto Rico and even Inagua.

Inagua residents were dumbfounded as their homes and cars shook, many of them unaware of what to do.

"My place did shake lil' bit, but I didn't know it was serious until when someone call me and said that was an earthquake in Haiti," Mavis Adderley told The Tribune.

The 75-year-old was at home with her husband at

the time; both had no idea of the anticipated danger.

Mr Stubbs said another earthquake in the region is "very likely to occur again."

He explained that Haiti sits on the periphery of a fault line between the Caribbean and North American Tectonic plates, large slabs of crust that fit together like a puzzle and slide past one another slowly over time.

As the plates move together strain builds up along fault lines at the plates' boundaries culminating in an earthquake.

"Hence the reason why the potential always exists for earthquakes to occur, even in Jamaica (and other) neighbouring countries which also lie on the fault line," said Mr Stubbs.

While the Bahamas was spared Tuesday, our neighbours in Haiti felt the full brunt of Mother Nature's

fury.

An estimated 3 million people were affected by the quake, homeless, seeking food, shelter and medical care. More than 150,000 are feared dead. Government crews have buried 7,000 corpses, taken from the streets, in mass graves, Haitian President René Preval told The Miami Herald.

Aid began trickling into the impoverished country on Thursday, but rubble blocked roads have hindered their distribution to the needy.

Governments around the world have pledged hundreds of millions of dollars in support, with the United States pledging \$100 million in aid.

The Bahamas Government has set up bank accounts at all of the country's commercial banks to accept financial donations for Haiti.



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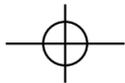
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INSIGHT

# 150,000 Haiti quake victims buried, government says

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti

THE truckers filling Haiti's mass graves with bodies reported ever higher numbers: More than 150,000 quake victims have been buried by the government, an official said Sunday, according to Associated Press.

That doesn't count those still under the debris, carried off by relatives or killed in the outlying quake zone.

"Nobody knows how many bodies are buried in the rubble — 200,000? 300,000? Who knows the overall death toll?" said the official, Communications Minister Marie-Laurence Jocelyn Lassegue.

Dealing with the living, meanwhile, a global army of aid workers was getting more food into people's hands, but acknowledged falling short. "We wish we could do more, quicker," said U.N. World Food Program chief Josette Sheeran, visiting Port-au-Prince.

In the Cite Soleil slum, U.S. soldiers and Brazilian U.N. peacekeeping troops distributed food. Lunie Marcelin, 57, said the hand-outs will help her and six grown children "but it is not enough. We need more."

The Haitian government was urging many of the estimated 600,000 homeless huddled in open areas of Port-au-Prince, a city of 2 million, to look for better shelter with relatives or others in the countryside. Some 200,000 were believed already to have done so, most taking advantage of free government transportation, and others formed a steady stream out of the city on Sunday.

International experts searched for sites to erect tent cities for quake refugees on the capital's outskirts, but such short-term solutions were still weeks away, said the International Organization for Migration, an inter-governmental agency.

"We also need tents. There is a shortage of tents," said Vincent Houver, the Geneva-based agency's chief of mission in Haiti. Their Port-au-Prince warehouse has 10,000 family-size tents, but some 100,000 are needed, he said. The organization has appealed for \$30 million for that and other needs, and has received two-thirds of that so far.

In the aftermath of the 7.0-magnitude earthquake, the casualty estimates have been necessarily tentative. Lassegue told The Associated Press the government's figure of 150,000 buried, from the capital area alone, was reported by CNE, a state company collecting corpses and burying them north of Port-au-Prince.

That number would tend to confirm an overall estimate of 200,000 dead reported last week by the European Commission, citing Haitian government sources. The United Nations, meanwhile, was sticking Sunday with an earlier confirmed death toll of at least 111,481, based on recovered bodies.

The final casualty estimates, which the European Commission said also include some 250,000 injured, will clearly place the Jan. 12 earthquake among the dead-



## Disaster in HAITI

liest natural catastrophes of recent times. That list includes: the 1970 Bangladesh cyclone, believed to have killed 300,000 people; the 1974 northeast China earthquake, which killed at least 242,000 people; and the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, with 226,000 dead.

One who wouldn't die in Port-au-Prince was Wismond Exantus, who was extricated from the rubble Saturday. He spoke with the AP from his

cot in a French field hospital on Sunday, saying the first thing he wanted to do was find a church to give thanks.

He spent the 11 days buried in the ruins of a hotel grocery store praying, reciting psalms and sleeping, he said. "I wasn't afraid because I knew they were searching and would come for me," he said.

With further such rescues highly unlikely so long after the quake, Haiti's government has declared an end to search operations for the living, shifting the focus more than ever to caring for the thousands surviving in squalid, makeshift camps.

The World Food Program had delivered about 2 million meals to the needy on Friday, up from 1.2 million on Thursday, Sheeran said. But she acknowledged that much more was needed.

"This is the most complex operation WFP has ever launched," she said.



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Cherished memories of her will forever linger in the hearts of her **two sons**, Garth and Paul Major; **adopted daughters**, Ester Armbrister and Donna Bethel; **granddaughters**, Indira Major and Patrice Marie Major; **grandsons**, Garth Jr, Damario, Bradley, Garth Fletcher Major (adopted); **granddaughters**, Andira Major, Patrice Major and family; **adopted daughter**, Ester Armbrister; **great-granddaughters**, Yashkira Carey, Raedeana Ferguson, Faith and Destiny Hodges; **great-grandson**, Garrott Major-Carroll; **great-great-grandsons**, Antwan Adams, Elijah Carey; **great-great-granddaughter**, Infine Reed; **niece**, Iva Patton nee Gardiner, Minah Lucas (England); **grandniece**, Nancy McKinney grand nephew, Zacheus Patton; **godchildren**, Brenda Trainer nee Turner; **cousins**, and Melissa Trainer; **special friends**, Thelma Thompson, Sybil Seymour, Ivy Davis, Dot Butler and Erma John-Demeritte, Mrs. Hall and family, Lester, Glastone, Ruth and Gardiner and family; **other numerous family and circle of friends including**, Iva Gardiner Patton, Zack Patton, Lester Gardiner, Glastone Gardiner, Ruth Gardiner, Ruby Bethel-Clarke, Sheila Knowles, Joe Major and family, Evelyn Sands, John, Lucine and Andrew Hall, Ann Adair, Marion Lewis, Joycely Colebrooke, Rosey Newry, Marsha, John, Jimmy, Evangelist Shirley Burrows, Lilly, Kathy, Audney, Millar and Patrick Gardiner, Geneth Gardiner-Brown, Mildred Thompson, Margaret Trotman, Vincent Gardiner, Louella Preschool, Edgar Gardiner, Wesley Methodist, Children, Women's Group of Wesley, "Sargeant", Ruby Clarke and family, Rev. Dr. Robert Colebrook and family; Sharon Colebrook, Dwight, Stephen and Arthur Colebrook, Maxwell, Gregory and Verona Woodside, Bill Wallace, Charles McKinney, Bismark Coakley, John Archer, Willie Francis, "Dingwood", Reginald Saunders, Jervis "Heads" Strachan, Monola Maycock-Neilly and family, Stephanie Wells and family, Wideon Pyfrom and family, Thelma Gay Butterfield and family, Yasmin Smith, Alexander Mackey-Bodie and family, Doris Strachan, Eleanor Newbold and family, Iris nee Johnson Moxey, Thad Gaitor and family, Sherikee Ellis and family and Sandra Grimes and family, Margaret Dillet and Anthony Butlerfield, Thelma Gay; **Special friends**: Attorney Cleopatria Christie, Donna and Cardra Marshall, Dean Patrick Adderley of Christ Church Cathedral, Father Michael Gittens, Priest Viekar of Christ Church Cathedral, Agatha Bethel Cumberbatch, Rev. Dr James Rahming, Bishop Simeon Hall, Rev. Carl Rahming, Rev. Jeffery Wood, Rev James Rahming, Rev. Ruby-Ann Cooper-Darling, Rev. Dr. Levoey Rolle, Carnal Hutcheson Rev. Delaney and family Fred "Papa" Smith, Rev'd Edward Sykes and the Methodist family, Bais Street family and the Community of Governor Harbour, Eleuthera.

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# SUPREME COURT

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS  
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PROBATE DIVISION  
28TH JANUARY, 2010

No. 2010/PRO/NPR/00005

Whereas **LETISHA PANDORA ROLLE**, Attorney by Deed of Power of Attorney for **GARY FELIX ROLLE**, his Lawful Daughter of 5000, Juanta Avenue Pierce Florida, 34946, one of the States of the United States of America has made application to the Supreme Court of The Bahamas, for letters of administration of the Real and Personal Estate of **SIMEON ROLLE**, (a.k.a. **RODNEY ROLLE**, a.k.a. **SIMEON RODNEY ROLLE** a.k.a. **RODNEY SIMEON ROLLE**), late of the City of Miami in the State of Florida, one of the States of the United States of America, deceased.

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(for) REGISTRAR

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THE SUPREME COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
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No. 2010/PRO/NPR/00007

Whereas **ADRIAN DAVIS**, of Sunset Subdivision, Freeport on the Island of Grand Bahama, one of the Islands of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, the son of the deceased has made application to the Supreme Court of The Bahamas, for Letters of Administration of the Real and Personal Estate of **ALEX DAVIS** late of Nina Apartment in the City of Freeport on the Island of Grand Bahama, one of the Islands of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, deceased.

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No. 2010/PRO/NPR/00008

Whereas **RODNEY and GRACE LIGHTBOURN**, both of the Southwestern District, New Providence, one of the Islands of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, the parents of the deceased has made application to the Supreme Court of The Bahamas, for Letters of Administration of the Real and Personal Estate of **ZACHARY TREVOR LIGHTBOURN** late of Emery Street in the Southwestern District, New Providence, one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, deceased.

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PROBATE DIVISION  
28TH JANUARY, 2010

No. 2010/PRO/NPR/00009

IN THE ESTATE OF **ELINOR FOPPES**, late and domiciled of the county of Morris in the state of New Jersey, one of the states of the United States of America deceased.

**NOTICE** is hereby given that after the expiration of fourteen days from the date hereof, application will be made to the Supreme Court of The Bahamas in the Probate Division by **DESMAR A. WHITFIELD**, of the Eastern District, New Providence one of the Islands of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Attorney-At-Law, the authorized Attorney in The Bahamas for obtaining the Re-sealing of Letters of Administration (Short Certificate) in the above estate granted to **SHIRLEY B. WHITENACK**, the Personal Representative of the Estate, Morris County Surrogate's Court, Morristown, in the state of New Jersey, one of the States of the United States of America, Probate Division on the 7th day of February, 2007.

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No. 2010/PRO/NPR/00010

Whereas **HARTIS E. PINDER**, Attorney by Deed of Power of Attorney for **R HARRY WILSON**, of 1904 Coastal Highway, C-7, Dewey Beach in the state of Delaware 19971, one of the states of the United States of America but presently of the Settlement of Gregory Town in the island of Eleuthera has made application to the Supreme Court of The Bahamas, for letters of administration with the Will Annexed of the Real and Personal Estate of **LEOTA PINDER**, late of The Settlement of James Cistern on the Island of Eleuthera, one of the islands of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, deceased.

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No. 2010/PRO/NPR/00011

Whereas **LYNN PYFROM HOLOWESKO**, Attorney by Deed of Power of Attorney for **LANGHORNE BULLITT SMITH**, the Executor of 271 Keller Point Road in the city of Islesboro in the state Maine of the states of the United States of America, has made application to the Supreme Court of The Bahamas, for Letters of Administration with the Will Annexed of the Real and Personal Estate of **WILLIAM W. WOLBACH**, late of 241 Plantation Road in the town of West Palm Beach in the state of Florida, one of the states of the United States of America, deceased.

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## INSIGHT

# Castro: UN should investigate why US, others sent troops to quake-ravaged Haiti

HAVANA

FIDEL CASTRO is questioning why the U.S. and other countries sent soldiers to quake-ravaged Haiti, saying military presence hindered international cooperation, *according to Associated Press.*

The former Cuban president writes that "without anyone knowing how or why," Washington dispatched troops "to occupy Haitian territory," and other nations followed suit.

In an opinion column Sunday in state-controlled media, Castro said neither the U.N nor the U.S. "has offered an explanation to the people of the world."

Castro noted that several governments complained that the troops kept them from landing aid flights and called on the U.N. to investigate.

Bolivian President Evo Morales, a Castro ally, is seeking a U.N. condemnation of what he called the U.S. occupation of Haiti.



U.S. MARINES pile up food and water for the earthquake survivors in Leogane, Haiti. (AP)

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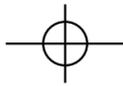
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INSIGHT

# Nursing home in Haiti still waiting on food pledges



HAITI was devastated after the quake struck on the 13th January (AP)

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti



## Disaster in HAITI

THE staff of a nursing home that crumbled in Haiti's Jan. 12 earthquake gave the last of its food to the elderly patients Sunday, and caregivers said they didn't know when or how the next meal would come, according to Associated Press.

"Now the food is finished," cook Jeannine Laurore said as she scraped the last of the mashed corn into a patient's metal dish.

Jan. 17, but they are still waiting for aid groups to deliver on food pledges.

"There's a lack of organization," said Jean Schubert, a volunteer security guard who brought cookies from his house to help feed the old people Saturday night.

Private donors and the nursing home director have brought occasional food deliveries, but the patients lying outdoors on

urine-stained sheets say they have been hungry since the quake.

"I'm eating but it's not enough," said Moise Jean, a toothless man who was going shirtless. "I take it as it comes because I have nothing."

international contingent of doctors funded by the Venezuelan government is evaluating their health.

One Venezuelan doctor, Said Lopez, said none is facing medical emergencies but many will need counseling.

"Many of them have mental problems," Lopez said.

"They have been traumatized by the earthquake."

### Water

There have been some improvements. The Haitian Red Cross is providing drinking water, and an

### Donations

The quake that devastated Haiti's capital also halted the home's food donations from the community. Medical assistance has trickled in since The Associated Press first reported on the plight of the dozens of residents on

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NOTICE is hereby given that **WILSON DONJOIE of SANDY POINT, ABACO, BAHAMAS**, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **25<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 2010** to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

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