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Child sex abuse claims probed

Education chiefs investigate allegations of teenage prostitution and suicide attempts

By ALISON LOWE
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EDUCATION chiefs are investigating allegations of a large sex abuse scandal involving school children in Eleuthera.

After charges were brought against two men in the space of four months last year in connection with the alleged abuse of two separate groups of 17 children in the area - eight girls and nine boys - additional probes by officials have uncovered further widespread allegations of sexual abuse of children by adults within the local community, it was claimed.

Among these, *The Tribune* has learned that five girls in Eleuthera were evaluated by officials after it was alleged that they were involved in a teenage prostitution ring and there are fears that incest may

also be a major problem. As it implemented an action plan to begin to deal with the emerging crisis throughout the second half of last year, the Ministry of Education was forced into even higher gear towards the end of 2009 and into 2010 following an explosion in suicide attempts by boys and girls attending Eleuthera schools.

According to Minister of Education Desmond Bannister, to date there have been nine such attempts since September of last year, with three in this month alone.

Compounding the seriousness of the situation, *The Tribune* understands that numerous allegations of "intimidation" and "interference" with and of children on the island who may have spoken out about abuse are also a major focus of the Ministry and the

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Government minister receives death threat

POLICE were put on alert yesterday after Charles Maynard, the Minister of Youth, Sports, and Culture, received a death threat at his office. According to sources within the police force, the minister received a letter shortly after 2pm that was allegedly written by someone or a group claiming to be "the brothers." In the letter, the culprits described how the Minister and his wife will be attacked before they put a gun to his head and kill him.



CHARLES MAYNARD

The police were notified and a number of people at

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'HELP US HELP HAITI' TELETHON



Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

THE 'HELP US HELP HAITI' TELETHON in full swing last night at the British Colonial Hilton. The two-day event, which is raising money for earthquake victims in Haiti, was broadcast live on several TV channels. It continues tonight.

Govt to start 'swine flu' vaccination programme

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THE government is set to commence a national vaccination programme for the H1N1 "swine flu" virus - aiming first at protecting those who would be most at risk should they contract it.

Having received an initial batch of 30,000 vaccines, purchased through the Pan

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Philip Davis' former campaign general plans to challenge him in next election

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A FORMER campaign general for the Progressive Liberal Party's deputy leader Philip "Brave" Davis has announced his intention to challenge the MP in the next General Election, claiming the area has suffered far too long without "good and qualified representation."

Ezra Kelson Russell said



Ezra Kelson Russell

that "God willing" he will be the next Member of Parliament for Cat Island, Rum Cay, and San Salvador because he is the "man with the plan."

In his former capacity as the chairman of Mr Davis' election campaign in 2007, Mr Russell said he has no time to "bad mouth" either the PLP or the FNM as his intention to run has nothing to do with "bad blood" or any grudge with the area's current MP.

"I am coming with a mis-

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Police tackle car robberies in Cable Beach

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THE Western Division police command is taking a proactive approach in 2010 to prevent car robberies in the Cable Beach area.

Superintendent Elaine Sands, Commander of the Western Division, said the public should be vigilant when travelling at night.

The police have detected a trend, based on a number of robberies in 2009.

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LOCAL NEWS

AMERICAN SCIENTISTS SPEAK AT PUBLIC MEETING ORGANISED BY ABACO CARES

Toxic substance experts answer Wilson City power plant questions



ABACO RESIDENTS hear what should be done to protect communities and the environment from emissions.



CONCERNED: Abaco residents attend the meeting on the Wilson City power plant.

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ABACO residents concerned about the environmental impact of the Wilson City power plant had their questions answered by the experts at a public meeting organised by local activist group Abaco Cares.

American scientists specialising in the control of toxic substances such as the heavy oil fuel Bunker C destined to be burned at the Bahamas Electricity Corporation's 48 megawatt power plant from June this year explained what should be done to protect communities and the environment from emissions.

And director of technology and special projects at The Cape Eleuthera Institute Graham Siener explained how alternatives to fossil fuels can be used in the Bahamas as the institute's Island School has run on 100 per cent renewable energy sourced from solar panels and wind turbines for the last 10 years, and distributes energy to the national grid.

Overwhelming public interest in the power plant was shown at a government meeting about the Wilson City project attended by around 1,000 Abacoians in September.

But conflicting information fed to residents left many still searching for answers about the potential harm posed by Bunker C and what should be done to protect Abaco's fragile ecosystem.

Wilson City is in the centre of a vast area of wetlands and

mangrove creeks linked by one of the most dense networks of blue holes in the country's 700 islands, second only to the blue hole systems in Andros.

Scientists studying the East Abaco blue holes have reported how the BEC road to the plant has filled in at least two, and perhaps as many as 12, in construction of the new power plant road.

And blue hole expert Brian Kakuk, founder and director of the Bahamas Caves Research Foundation who has done over 2,000 blue hole dives, explained how the blue holes are intrinsically linked and activity in one is very likely to impact others.

In East Abaco the creek systems and blue holes in The Bight of Old Robinson, Cherokee Sound and Snake Cay, three areas surrounding Wilson City, are all connected by this network and the Bahamas National Trust and Abaco environmental education organisation Friends of the Environment is seeking to protect all three as part of an East Abaco Creeks National Park.

Proposal

A proposal has been compiled with public support gathered at a series of meetings over the last two years in which residents called for the areas to be protected in response to pressure from developers.

Friends executive director Kristin Williams explained how all three areas are of equal ecological value and scientific interest and are all critically important for the survival of commercial and recreational fishing. Mrs Williams said: "Even though the power plant is going there, these areas are really important habitats and need to be protected."

"The Bight of Old Robinson has the highest density of blue holes second to Andros and could be the most important nursery for juvenile Nassau grouper and spiny lobster on the entire island of Abaco."

"The biggest threat is large-scale development, so by protecting it, by leaving the area

as it is and allowing people to use it as they do, the juvenile habitat will be protected, and that's the purpose of the proposal."

Mrs Williams was one of seven speakers who gave presentations to around 150 Abaco residents attending the meeting on Thursday.

The concerned Abacoians were shocked to learn from US infrastructure engineering and environmental services firm NTH Consultants that proper regulation of Bunker C emissions would cost more than using more expensive diesel fuel.

And they were told many of the systems that should be put in place to protect human and environmental health are not being installed at Wilson City.

Katie Feeny from the Clean Air Council explained how particles from Bunker C are inhaled and harm the lungs in ways that diesel emissions do not. NTH Consultants representatives also pointed out how the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) on the site made no mention of the threat to endangered migratory birds, and specifically the Kirtlands Warbler migrating from Michigan to the Bahamas every year.

Mrs Williams said: "The reason why they held the meeting was so residents could stay educated about what is happening from the experts, independently from what the government tells us, so we are all aware of what is happening and what the potential dangers are."

Responsible Development for Abaco (RDA) sought an injunction to stop development of the power plant but was denied by the Supreme Court, however the group represented by Fred Smith, QC, did receive permission to launch Judicial Review proceedings in a bid to prevent the plant's construction.

Minister for the Environment Earl Deveaux maintains that the modern power plant being built by MAN Diesel is not limited to use of Bunker C and will be able to burn cleaner fuel in the future.

Haitians on sloop land in the Coral Harbour area – reports

A GROUP of Haitians onboard a sloop landed in the Coral Harbour area last evening, according to reports reaching The Tribune news desk.

Immigration, Defence Force and police officers were said to be combing the area last night in search of the Haitians who were reportedly onboard the sloop.

When contacted last night, Immigration Director Jack Thompson said that initial reports he had received suggested that six immigrants had been caught, but he could not confirm how many may have been onboard the sloop.

"The information we received suggests that there was in fact a landing. A number of Immigration, Defence Force and police officers are still looking in the Coral Harbour area," Mr Thompson said last night.

Man jailed for possessing firearm, ammunition

A 32-year-old man, who was charged with possession of a firearm and ammunition back in 2007, was sentenced to two years in prison on Monday after pleading guilty to the offences.

Basil Clarke pleaded guilty yesterday to possession of an unlicensed .357 magnum and five .357 bullets. Clarke, who appeared before Magistrate Carolita Bethel in Court 8, Bank Lane yesterday, pleaded not guilty to the charges and was sentenced to two years in prison on each count. The sentences are to run concurrently.

According to police, the

firearm and ammunition were found on Tuesday, October 2, 2007, in an apartment off Blue Hill Road where Clarke resided.

Clint Kemp

IN two articles which appeared in *The Tribune* on Monday, Clint Kemp was incorrectly referred to as Craig Kemp.

The Tribune apologises for any inconvenience this error may have caused.

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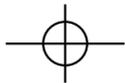
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LOCAL NEWS

Man accuses police officers of assault and wrongful detention

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A FATHER-of-three has accused officers at the Nassau Street Police Station of assault and wrongful detention.

He claims the alleged attack has reawakened a dormant heart condition, leaving him with an irregular heartbeat.

The father said he was never put under arrest, but was nevertheless locked in a holding cell overnight.

In a complaint filed with the Royal Bahamas Police Force's Complaints and Corruption Unit, the father claims that officers came to his home and took him in for questioning on December 29 after he failed to return his son to the boy's mother after a scheduled visit. He claims he peacefully accompanied the officers to the Nassau Street Police Station.

The man said he explained to the officers that a court had granted him custody of the child every other weekend and on holidays, but that he hesitated in returning the child after the last visit as the boy complained of abuse.

The father said he took the boy to the Department of Social Services and was told by a case worker to keep the child away from his mother while the agency investigated his claims.

After a 30-minute interview during which he explained all this to the officers, the father says he asked if he was free to leave.

"An officer stated that I was not being detained nor under arrest, and that they only wanted to return the child to the mother. I then proceeded towards the

door and before I reached the door (the officer) launched forward and slammed me in the chest and ear with both hands, asking me 'Boy you crazy?' the man told *The Tribune*.

He claims he was then told to accompany two officers who were going to take the child to the station. The man said that when he refused, he was thrown into a cell without explanation.

The next day, he said, officers told him that he was being charged with contempt of court.

Court

However, when he got to court the next day, the man said, he was not charged with anything but simply ordered to fulfil his child support responsibilities and return the boy to his mother until a custody hearing.

"I feel that I was wrongfully incarcerated, wrongfully arrested and wrongfully detained with all my rights violated as I was not cautioned nor informed of any arrest or charges and assaulted," he claimed in his report. "I did not resist arrest, did not try to escape or act disorderly. . . To warrant any form of assault."

The officer-in-charge of the station at the time has since been transferred; messages left for him were not returned up to press time.

The father also hit out at the Department of Social Services for its "failure" to properly investigate repeated claims that his child has been physically and sexually abused.

He told *The Tribune* that for years he has come up against "roadblocks" and unsympathetic personnel at the departmen-

t's Child Welfare Section.

"It is always like a closed door for me when I am trying to find out the welfare of my child as it relates to Social Services, his mother and me. I've made official complaints about four times and unofficial complaints, and I always run into roadblocks and it has always caused friction between me and certain (employees) at Social Services," said the father, who thinks he is being discriminated against because of gender.

Carolyn Hepburn, deputy director of the Department of Social Services, would not speak directly about the father's case but said sometimes when a parent is dissatisfied with the outcome of an investigation, they blame the system.

"When people cannot have their own way, they would like to blame you or me," said Ms Hepburn, who oversees the Children Services Section. "If there is a complaint my officers would have gone out and checked the situation out, they would have instructed the mother that these are the concerns. Once they find that the complaint is unfounded, then you speak to the man. A case worker isn't on the case 24 hours but they advise parents that they have to provide adequate care for the child."

She said parents who are unsatisfied with the way case workers handle complaints should take the matter to the police or hire a lawyer.

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Readers want govt to do more to tackle by-election loophole

Latest Tribune poll results

TRIBUNE readers think the government should do more to prevent people who no longer live in Elizabeth from voting in the upcoming by-election.

It came to light last week that the government is unsure how many residents registered as living in Elizabeth at the time of the last general election might have moved away. Those among them eligible to vote would still have an "Elizabeth" voter's card and would therefore be technically free to vote on February 16.

Election officials have acknowledged the problem, but said all they can do is appeal to the conscience of those to whom the loophole applies.

Thirty-five of those who took part in the latest *tribune242.com* poll agreed that more should be done in an official capacity to correct the problem, while only two disagreed.

Agreeing that something official has to be done to rectify the problem, *Joe Blow* said: "I'm sure the parties are working hard on the ground to identify these people who technically still can vote but shouldn't - so they can make sure they provide them with some sort of incentive to do so."

According to *Visthanae*, the situation is "a mess". The reader said: "We need to have more independent boards. Why everything have to be so political in the Bahamas?"

"The politicians and lawyers have really messed up the Bahamas."

Amir Thompson said: "There is no price you can put on a fair elections, even if a loophole exists that will allow people not living in the constituency to determine the outcome."

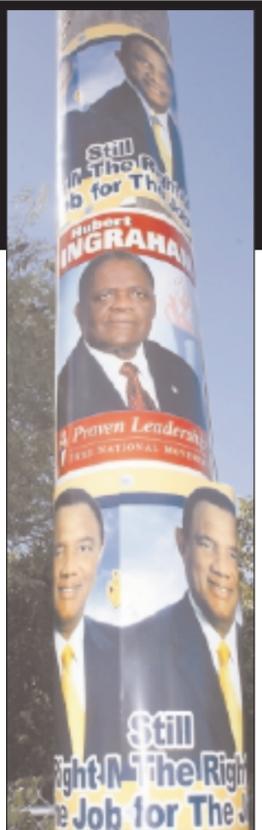
"That is what was fixed in the early 60s and should be fixed now. That's why we have courts."

"But the very fact that the politicians, who control elections, are not doing anything about it suggests they are keeping their options open."

"The silver lining in this is that the parties will have to do their groundwork and make sure that this does not happen."

However, *Man in da street* feels that tackling the problem would be a waste of time and resources as the outcome of this by-election cannot shift the balance of power in parliament.

He said: "Any money saved from this exercise could further be spent on a number of existing pressing challenges for the greater good of the people and this nation. Feed the hungry and help the poor and unemployed instead."



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The fraudsters in cyber space

AS THE Bible reminds us, the poor we shall always have with us. It could have added — and so have we the crooks, who crawl out of life's nooks and crannies whenever they spot a window of opportunity.

This wonderful world of the web — blogs, face book, twitter, you name it, the geniuses have created it to help us stay in touch with our neighbours. These instant communication devices are ready made for slippery fingered pickpockets who stalk in the shadows of cyber space ready to pounce on anything that will turn a fast buck.

On the morning of January 13 we received on our e-mail — which usually takes a full morning to clear — a message that needed a "Swift Response!!!"

With all the exclamation points to emphasise an emergency, it immediately caught our attention. It was from a damsel in distress, who apologised for not letting us know beforehand that she was making a trip to the UK. We could not understand why a total stranger would be apologising for not keeping us abreast of her travel plans, but then stranger things do happen.

Apparently, the lady was stuck — "with some difficulties" — at Royal Victoria Dock in England. Her main difficulty was that on the way to the hotel she had misplaced her bag containing her valuables. "I feel so ashamed," she moaned.

Although her bag was missing with her valuables on the way to the hotel, by some strange Houdini act, the hotel already had — remember she was just on her way to the hotel — her passport and other belongings, which management was holding pending payment. Whoever this little fraudster is she did not think the sequence of her movements through logically. How could hotel management possibly be holding her passport and other valuables when, by her own admission, she was just on her way there when she lost them?

Anyway, that was her story. But this was the clincher and the whole purpose of sending her e-mail to our address and other "undisclosed recipients" —

"I will like you to help me with a loan of (\$3,250) to pay my hotel bills and return home."

These people must think that the world is filled with fools like themselves. She ended her tongue-in-cheek plea with the promise made by all glib tongues: "I promise to pay back upon my return; Let me know if you can be of any assistance right away. E-mail me A.S.A.P. Thank you so much."

Of course, we can be of tremendous assis-

tance, we have forwarded her request to the police. We think they'll be happy to help her.

The request came in the name of a local person, who one of our reporters discovered yesterday is the assistant librarian at St Andrew's School. The librarian said she was tricked into giving out her information on an online request form, ostensibly from Yahoo asking her to update her account. Having innocently given the requested information on the form, her e-mail was hacked and about 30 of her associates around the world — some as far away as Russia, China and Canada — received the "Swift Response" plea.

We thought that was behind us. But the little devil is persistent.

Yesterday morning, the first item on our e-mail to be cleared was a "how are you doing today?" note from Stephen G Dean, M.B.A., B.A., CM., Police Superintendent, Commander-Southeastern Division Royal Bahamas Police Force.

Supt Dean was also sorry that he had not informed us about his travel plans to the UK to participate in a programme. He too was stranded. England must have suddenly become a strange place for stranding people and causing them to lose their wallets — maybe it's this "red alert" they have put out warning people to beware of terrorists. Seems we now have a cyber terrorist right in our midst.

Anyway, poor Supt Dean, according to the e-mail, is now stranded in England having lost his wallet — again he was on his way to his hotel when this mishap overtook him. He urgently needed a soft loan —£1,500 or \$2,471 — which he would return on his return home.

We put the dunce's cap on our fraudster, who foolishly lacked the imagination to change the stranded story.

Within days of each other we received the same stranded-lost wallet-need-money-urgently story.

Anyway, we picked up the telephone and spoke with Supt Dean who was on duty at his station's desk. Ours was not the first call that he had received yesterday morning about the same matter. Needless to say an all out investigation has started.

However, let this be a warning to the public — fill out no form on line asking for personal details.

Cyber space is a wonderful information thoroughfare, but it has to be used with intelligence to avoid the black holes into which users can be sucked along the way.

I condemn this unconscionable college practice

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Kindly print the following for the benefit of your readers and the nation at large.

It is still early in the college's Spring semester.

As usual, the unpleasant but essential task of purchasing college text books arises.

The information which should have been available online or otherwise at least two or three weeks prior to the opening is trickling in.

It is not the fault of the individual student in this regard but completely that of the college itself and a lacklustre COBUS administration which has failed to effectively address the matter.

The student in question is a graduate of Saint Augustine's College, whose administrative genius allowed them to provide book lists, etc for the September term, at the end of June.



It is not unreasonable to expect to purchase three text books during the course of a semester, perhaps even four. The good fortune, however, abruptly ends there.

The books and their COB prices are as follows: Intermediate Accounting - 12th Ed @ \$ 113.25, which I purchased online @ \$21.99 (incl s&h) for a "like new" copy; The Exploration of Economics - 4th Ed @ \$182.85, available online @ \$73.99 (incl s&h) and also like new; and finally, Essentials of Managerial Finance - 14th Ed @ \$178.95, also available online @ \$127.99 (incl s&h) and "good" to go.

The cited examples, believe it or not, are far from the worst case scenarios.

In the past, I have purchased quality used books starting at less than \$1.00 and landed \$130.00 COB text books for as little as \$10.00. With the additional customs duty and brokerage fee the potential savings remain significant.

I condemn this unconscionable practice by the college and call upon a supposedly caring government to remove with immediacy all tariffs and other obstacles preventing or impeding the acquisition of these educational items so that Bahamian students and their parents by extension will no longer have to bear this burdensome, unethical and ungodly practice.

ROBIN GOOD
Nassau,
January, 2010.

Yet another example of uneducated prejudice

EDITOR, The Tribune.

The nonsense spewed by the eloquent John W in his letter to the editor of Friday is yet another example of the prejudice and childishness that permeates our society. While admitting the limitations of capital punishment, he freely supports another inhumane method of punishment that has little or no evidence of effectiveness in dealing with crime in a society (a quick online search will provide many studies that find no correlation and in some cases the opposite is found to be true, where corporal punishment only makes matters worse).

Revenge is a reasonable human response and given the recent levels of crime, one can almost say it is justified. But Mr John W is clearly not looking for revenge. He prefers a sick show to satisfy some sort of base need

that only a psychiatrist would be able to help him with. Besides being pointless, gangsters dressed up as women is sexist and degrading (towards the gangster and women). And what difference does it make if a woman does the flogging? Is this supposed to make the show more entertaining for Mr John W or is he just trying to find a way to release built-up prejudices towards women?

Mr John Q talks about crimes that jeopardise the greater advancement of the country, but his bigoted vitriol is part of the reason that our country is failing to advance. Crimes will continue until we can learn to treat each other with respect and that must start with each and every one of us.

R KNOWLES
Nassau,
January 22, 2010.

PM correct in reply to PLP over consultations on Haiti

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I suggest Prime Minister Ingraham was totally correct in his reply to the PLP over consultations on Haiti and the Heads of Government meeting on the invitation of the President of the Dominican Republic yesterday.

Do you gate-crash? Sorry PLP, wrong this time.

Yes it would not have killed anyone if the PM called Mr Christie to get his opinion as a courtesy but part of an official delegation uninvited sorry, gate-crashing.

Reading the official release, not the version from the Prime Minister, it certainly suggests that this meeting could easily have been held using the Conference Centre on East Street Police Headquarters via video-telephone — saved all those officials driving out to Odyssey for the PM and entourage to fly to

Dominican Republic and then await his arrival coming back. Really should the Commissioner of Police, Secretary of Cabinet, other Permanent Secretaries, Head of Protocol be required to be on hand every time the PM leaves and returns to The Bahamas?

We certainly never do that for the Head of State, His Excellency the Governor-General. It seems CARICOM is in no hurry to arrive at some decision as the Heads decided to meet in April...there is obviously no urgency but the RBDF and the two 60 metre patrol craft are on stand-by ready to sail with two Commando Platoons to do something in Haiti.

If only we could stop this school boy bullying....tit for tat!

W THOMPSON
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LOCAL NEWS

Police superintendent is latest target of email scam

By NOELLE NICOLLS
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POLICE Superintendent Stephen Dean, Commander of the Southeastern Division, has become the target of an email scam aimed at obtaining thousands of dollars from his friends and associates.

Someone impersonating Supt Dean sent an email to all his contacts claiming that the senior officer lost his wallet while travelling to the United Kingdom on an unspecified programme.

The email included a customary salutation to a friend and an apology for not previously advising the recipient of the trip.

"I would like you to assist me with a soft loan urgently with the sum of 1,500 GBP which is about 2,471 USD to sort-out my hotel bills and get myself back home. I will appreciate what you can come up with and I promise to pay you back as soon as I return," stated the email. It ends with Supt Dean's name and list of credentials.

When contacted about the

scam, Supt Dean said he had been notified about the emails and that a full investigation had been launched.

The cyber-attack on Supt Dean is the latest in a series of similar incidents brought to the attention of *The Tribune*. Earlier this month, Peggy Stroud, assistant librarian at St Andrew's School, was the target of another scam.

Ms Stroud said that about 30 of her associates from around the world – some as far away as Russia, China and Canada – received an email entitled "Swift Response!!!"

from an impersonator using her Yahoo! account.

She said her email was hacked after she filled out an online form, purportedly from Yahoo!, asking her to update the account. The form used Yahoo's colours, fonts and logos. She said it stated that Yahoo! was seeking to cut down on delinquent email accounts, and wanted users to update account information. The form asked that she submit her password.

Ms Stroud said about three or four hours after filling in the form, her account was hacked, her password was changed and her friends started receiving fraudulent emails.

"It was my fault. I gave them my password. Lesson learned – never give anyone your password, because no one reputable will ask for it. Fortunately there was nothing important in my email. It just put a lot of people through inconvenience," she said.

In the case of Ms Stroud, the fraudulent email stated she was travelling in England and had lost her wallet. She was unable to return home, because the hotel confiscated her passport and other belongings pending payment, it claimed.

"I will like you to help me with a loan of (\$3,250) to pay my hotel bills and return home. I promise to pay back upon my return; let me know if you can be of any assistance right away. Email me ASAP Thank-you so much," the email said.

Online personal information

scams are known as "phishing scams" and involve email messages that appear to be from a legitimate company or individual, asking for information to be updated or verified. Scammers use the information to commit identity theft or extort money.

"As long as they are asking you for a password that should be a red alert. You should not give out your password. Any Internet vendor that needs your password should have it. It is different if they want you to verify your street address or number, but they should have your password," said Earnest Miller, chief executive officer at Micro-Animations Ltd, a technology consulting firm.

Internet users should err on the side of caution whenever being asked for money. In the case of someone impersonating a friend, Mr Miller said, individuals should try to contact the friend by telephone or on another email contact. "Unfortunately, normally when that should happen the person would already have grabbed a hold of the mailbox, so if you emailed them back they would respond. You should have an alternate contact for the person, like a phone number or another email address," he said.

As an added precaution, Mr Miller said, Internet users should periodically back-up their email contacts. Once an email account is hacked, legitimate users are often blocked from their accounts, thereby losing all their contacts.

Man taken to hospital after stabbing

POLICE are investigating a stabbing incident at Eight Mile Rock.

According to reports, sometime around 2am on Friday a 20-year-old resident of Holmes Rock told police at the Eight Mile Rock Police Station that he was stabbed by a man while at Sunset Village.

The victim was taken to the Rand Memorial Hospital, where he is listed in stable condition. Police are continuing their investigation.

UPDATE ON TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

The 43-year-old victim who was injured in a traffic accident on Thursday, January 21, on the Grand Bahama Highway is listed in critical condition at the Rand Memorial Hospital.

Two charged with assisting illegal landing

THE Department of Immigration was successful Friday in charging two Bahamian men before the courts with assisting in an illegal landing in contravention of section 47 (1) of the Immigration Act. The two Bahamian captains, Anton Edgecombe and Nigel Sands were intercepted by the Royal Bahamas Defence Force's Police Marine Officers off Montagu Bay at about 10.10pm on Tuesday, January 19. Six Chinese nationals were discovered onboard, three males and three females.

The two Bahamian captains pleaded not guilty and was each given \$50,000.00 bail with one surety.

The Chinese pleaded guilty and were each fined \$300 or six months in prison if they fail to pay their fine.

The Department said it is committed to prosecuting, in a timely manner, all persons charged with contravening the Immigration laws of The Bahamas.

Murder convict pleads for leniency

A MURDER convict pleaded for leniency yesterday following a resentencing hearing.

Lindy Cartwright, 32, was convicted and sentenced to death in May 2000 for the December 1997 shooting death of Denton Forbes.

Cartwright's death sentence was quashed by the Privy Council in July 2006 and he was re-sentenced by Senior Justice Anita Allen yesterday to 30 years imprisonment from the day he was convicted.

The judge also took into consideration his good behaviour and the time he had spent awaiting trial, saying that Cartwright would now serve 13 and a half years.

However the convict pleaded for a lesser sentence, asking the judge to be more lenient on him.

Senior Justice Allen said she had already made her decision and admonished Cartwright to use his remaining time in prison wisely.

She pointed out that murder is a serious offence and told Cartwright that he could not expect to take the life of another and get away with a slap on the wrist.

Cartwright was represented by attorney Dorsey McPhee. Attorney Anthony Delaney represented the Crown.

Police tackling Cable Beach car robberies



Felipe Major/Tribune Staff

SUPERINTENDENT ELAINE SANDS, Commander of the Western Division, speaks to the press yesterday at the Western Police Station.

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there has not been a New Year spike, police chiefs want the public to be aware in order to protect themselves against any continuation or potential increase.

The trend of robberies involved victims being followed home, or observed when parking at the food store, beach area, or other public places.

After individuals get out of their cars and enter their home or businesses, the robber breaks the car window and snatches valuables from the seat.

Robberies are often swift, conducted in less than one-minute, said the police command. Nissan Sentra and Honda motor vehicles are primary targets.

"Don't expose valuables on car seats. Be vigilant about who is parking next to you, who is moving around in parking lots. Come together as a community to help us to minimise incidents," said Supt Sands.

Women in the western division are the primary victims. Handbags, blackberries and other valuables have been stolen. No locations were identified as hot spots, and the perpetrators do not have a specific profile. Police say the incidents have primarily been random.

Supt Sands identified the Cable Beach

area as a popular entertainment spot, where residents travel home late at night. She said residents are advised to contact a family member or neighbour when they are returning home at night, so someone is on guard. They should also refrain from using cell phones when parking and walking at night, so they can be fully alert to their surroundings.

Scouting the area before pulling into one's home was another recommendation offered by the police. If residents suspect anything out of the ordinary, they should proceed to the police station and seek assistance. Once the manpower is available, residents will usually be able to obtain an escort home.

There have been several arrests in the area, but the police are not confident that the incidents are related, or that an organised criminal network is at work. There have been a few incidents of armed robbery and car thefts.

"One crime is too many for this area," said Assistant Superintendent (ASP) Kemmie Hinzey, Crime Manager for the Western Division. ASP Hinzey was appointed to the post just over a week ago to assist with crime fighting in the area. He said several strategies have been put in place by the police to manage the situation, and the public should not panic.

Airport runway 'perfectly safe'

By TANEKA THOMPSON
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DESPITE deciding against implementing safety precautions aimed at avoiding plane crashes like the one in Jamaica last month, local airport officials say the main runway at the Lynden Pindling International Airport is perfectly safe.

On December 22 an American Airlines Boeing 737 crashed at Kingston's Norman Manley International Airport, slid off the wet runway and nearly fell into the sea after overflying the specified landing zone.

Although no one died, more than 40 of the 145 passengers on board had to be taken to hospital, most suffering from broken bones, according to the Jamaican press.

In a recent edition of *USA Today*, it was reported that many airports in the Caribbean and Latin American lack basic safety standards such as runway grooving to funnel away water and enhance braking and "safety zones" of open land at the end of each runway – which are designed to prevent crashes like the one in Kingston.

LPIA does not have an open land zone at the end of its main runway and although it is a recommendation of the United Nation's International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), one official at Nassau Airport Development Company (NAD) thinks it's unnecessary.

John Terpstra, NAD's vice-president of operations, is con-

fidant that the runway's length is more than adequate for accommodating large jets.

"At LPIA we have a very long runway designed to accommodate very large planes so our runway can easily accommodate large Boeing 737s," Mr Terpstra said. "Our main runway is over 11,000 feet long and for airports close to sea level like LPIA that's a long runway indeed".

He added that LPIA's main runway is 2,400 feet longer than the runway in Kingston, and explained that if pilots "land where the intended landing area is, they should have more than sufficient runway length and braking areas".

He added that while the runway is not grooved as recommended, it is "crowned" a feature which also directs water to the edge of a runway.

"Some airports will provide grooving if there is (inadequate) drainage but where you have good crowning like we do at LPIA, it's not necessary," said Mr Terpstra. "Bottom-line is that even during heavy rainstorms the crowning and length of the runway provide very effective braking service at LPIA."

The airport has two runways, the main strip which is 11,353 feet long and a secondary or crosswind runway which is 8,273 feet long.

According to the *USA Today* report, at least 29 commercial airports in the Caribbean and Latin America lack safety zones at the end of runways.

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A celebration of Kevin's life will be held at New Providence Community Church on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010.

The time will be announced at a later date.

Concerns over huge mound of dirt at Bahama Rock site

By DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREEPORT - A huge mound of dirt has been hauled around the Warren Levarity Highway, sparking concerns among residents of West Grand Bahama.

The site, which is located on the island's north shore, is being prepared by Bahama Rock for the relocation of its offices to the north side of the highway.

Walter Reed, general manager of Bahama Rock, told The Tribune when contacted on Thursday that the company was granted a permit to build up the area.

"We have been hauling and directing dirt across the road under a permit we received back in 2007 to build material up over there.

"It is a building permit, it is not an excavation permit - it's where our office is going to be relocated to," Mr Reed said.

He could not say when the area would be ready for relocation.

"It is hard to say when it would be completed. It is going to take some time. The original plan was a couple of years but with the downturn in the market it will take a little longer.

"It (the mound of dirt) poses no danger to fishes and wildlife over.

"It is just like filling your backyard," he explained.

However, residents believe that the towering mound of dirt is being used as a barrier for the preparation of dredging on the north shore.

The Committee of Concerned Residents of West Grand Bahama is opposed to the proposed expansion plans by Bahama Rock across the Warren Levarity Highway, and urged Environment Minister Earl Deveaux not to grant the company approval for the expansion.

When contacted, Minister Deveaux told The Tribune that he was not aware of the huge mound of dirt piled up across the highway.

"I have no idea about the

"I will be coming to Grand Bahama next month for a shipping conference from the 9-12 and I will meet informally with residents concerning all the information available on the Environment Impact Assessment on the proposed expansion project by Bahama Rock."

Minister of Environment Earl Deveaux



dirt, I was not aware of that," he said Thursday.

Mr Deveaux said that he cannot speculate whether the company has started any expansion work across the highway.

"I will be coming to Grand Bahama next month for a shipping conference from the 9-12 and I will meet informally with residents concerning all the information available on the Environment Impact Assessment on the proposed expansion project by Bahama Rock," he said.

Dave Barr, a committee member, does not believe that the company is piling dirt to build up the area to relocate its offices.

"We think it is a blind screen. When they were dredging on the southern side of the street they put those big mounds up so the public could not see what was going on.

"We are afraid that they are doing the same thing on the northern side where they have piled mounds dirt up so the public cannot see what is going on and start dredging again," he said.

Barr said residents are vehemently opposed to the expansion project. He noted that some 3,000 signatures were on a petition opposing the project.

"Mr Deveaux came here in 2008 and met with residents at a town meeting in which he promised us that he was going to be getting back to us in early 2009 as to what was going to be happening with the expansion of Area 4, which on the northwestern side of WLH.

"It is 2010, and Mr Deveaux has not gotten back to us in any official forum pertaining to our concerns," he said.

Mr Barr claims that residents have suffered property damage from the constant underground blasting by Bahama Rock. They claim that vibrations have caused structural damages to homes in the Eight Mile Rock area.

Bahama Rock is owned and operated by Martin Marietta Materials which owns quarry plants in the US and Canada.

The rock mining plant in Freeport is the company's largest facility, which exports aggregate products primarily used in the construction industry.

In 2008, Bahama Rock officials held town meetings in West Grand Bahama discussing their plans for proposed expansion on 1,000 acres of land in Eight Mile Rock.

During that time, Mr Reed denied that the company's blasting was responsible for damage to the homes in the area, pointing out that vibration levels are monitored and are well below the international standard levels.

The town meetings were a prerequisite for the company's Environmental Impact Assessment. Martin Marietta Bahama Rock is applying to the Government for approval to excavate large areas of Eight Mile Rock that will allow for future development of another deep harbour.

Bahama Rock has excavated and dredged the Freeport

Harbour for major expansion of the container port on the south side of Warren Levarity Highway.

Residents fear that the excavation on the north shore will destroy the remaining fresh water lens in Eight Mile Rock, and underground cavern systems, and affect mangroves and fish nurseries on the north shore.

"We are about saving our country, land, and our environment. We cannot continue to let foreigners come in here and dupe us with a little bit of money.

"The money they leave in our country is a drop in the bucket for what they get and after they get it they leave total destruction behind."

"We need to get people in our government who are mindful of this and who are not only persuaded by big bucks.

"When we dredge and export aggregate we are selling our land. When they dredge up all our land where are we going to live, when they dredge up mangroves that stop surges during hurricanes we are left vulnerable and these people will pack up and go back home."

Mr Barr claimed that Martin Marietta Bahama Rock has made billions. According to the company's website, the company's earnings for 2008 was \$176.3 million.



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THE Bahamas Kennel Club is lending its support to a new animal rights group's efforts to ensure that

dogs rescued from certain death are properly cared for.

The Kennel Club donated \$500 to BAARK! to go

towards the construction of kennels at the Bahamas Humane Society (BHS) for dogs saved from the Gov-

ernment Pound, where around 50 unwanted animals are killed every week.

BAARK! is funding the care of these dogs, which are up for adoption at BHS headquarters in Chippingham.

The Kennel Club will be hosting its annual BKC Dog Show at the Botanical Gardens on March 20 and 21, and organisers say it will be a great family fun-day featuring agility classes and a rally event.

Entry forms for the show are available at most local vet offices, and anyone interested in dog training classes can contact the BKC's Tonya Sturup-Gay at 394-3086.

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LOCAL NEWS

COB unveils seven step process for new president



FROM LEFT ARE: members of the Advisory Search Committee: Ms. Miriam Sands, staff representative; Judith Whitehead, College Council Deputy Chair; Timothy Baswell Donaldson, College Council Chair; Cheryl Simms, COB Vice President, Finance and Brooke Sherman, student representative.

THE Council of the College of the Bahamas yesterday unveiled a seven step process designed to find the College's next president.

COB's current President Janyne Hodder announced last December that she will be stepping down on June 30, after serving in the post for four years. At a press conference at the college yesterday, Council Chairman T Baswell Donaldson said that on January 13, the council approved the process by which it would seek candidates and identify the next president of the College.

"The Council determined that this process was to be clear, inclusive and accountable, and that it should also protect the confidentiality rights of potential candidates.

"This seven step process is new to the College, but in many ways very similar to university presidential searches anywhere," Mr Donaldson said.

"I would like to stress that this process is open to everyone, and that we invite anyone who considers themselves qualified to lead this institution to submit their interest to us; be they here in The Bahamas or living abroad," Mr Donaldson said.

Outlining the process, Mr Donaldson said that step one of the process involves a request for proposals to search firms. He said that that step is complete, as advertisements have been placed in local newspapers. Companies have until February 5th, to provide the college council with their proposals. The second step involves that appointment of an advisory committee. Mr Donaldson noted that the Council has determined that the search process would be conducted by an advisory search committee that will be responsible for reporting to the College Council.

"The next step is for the committee to get to work. First, we expect to review the proposals and select the search firm. We also expect the advisory search committee, with the assistance of the search firm, to finalize a presidential 'profile', in accordance with the vision and goals of The College at this time. After this, advertisements for the position will be placed in The Bahamas and abroad," Mr Donaldson said.

Step four of the process involves the actual recruitment stage. "The advisory search committee, with the assistance of the search firm, will conduct widespread recruitment activities, both through advertising and direct recruitment of candidates. Following this, a preliminary candidate list will be developed. This list will come as a result of appli-

cations, nominations and other direct recruitment activities," Mr Donaldson said.

"Then, the search firm will conduct the necessary initial screening and reference inquiries and produce a list," he added. The next step he said is the evaluation process.

"From this list, the advisory search committee, with the support of the search firm, will develop a short list of candidates that it wishes to interview. Once these first interviews have been concluded, the committee will decide on the two or three candidates it wishes to present to the community," Mr Donaldson said.

"The next step will be for candidates to meet the community. The committee will decide, as part of its deliberations, exactly how these meetings will occur

but it is Council's intention that candidates have the opportunity of meeting with stakeholder groups and that stakeholders have the opportunity of giving feedback on these meetings. Once feedback has been received and the committee has met again, it will then make its recommendation to Council," Mr Donaldson said. The final step, he said, is when the Council will determine whether it supports the recommendation.

"If so, it will seek the approval of the Minister of Education in accordance with the terms of the College Act. At this point, discussions with the preferred candidate will be held to ensure provisional acceptance of an offer should one be made. Once all these steps are complete, the Council will make the appointment," he said.

Philip Davis' former campaign general plans to challenge him in next election

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tion, to represent the good people of Cat Island, Rum Cay, and San Salvador. The people here have suffered for too long. They say that Brave doesn't have a house in the area, he doesn't live in the constituency, and a lot of his supporters are upset that they don't see him. They are telling me that Ezra if you do not run, we will not support the PLP and Mr Philip Brave Davis in the next election," he said.

Having already met with religious leaders on the island and their many civil servants, Mr Russell said he has considerable support in the area having been the "front man" for the PLP in the area for decades.

As such he said, if he were to be successful in a general election, he would use his influence in the House of Assembly for the betterment of Cat Island, San Salvador and Rum Cay by providing better linkages and avenues for cultural tourism. In addition, Mr Russell added that he would create a proper sporting facility in the far flung islands that would improve the lives of the children, as well as upgrading the many now derelict government offices.

"I live in Cat Island. The people here can find me to talk to me or meet with me on a daily basis. I live in the constituency. I know what the people are going through. They can identify with me because I go through their same pains on a daily basis."

The prospective candidate said he will be travelling to San Salvador on February 9 to begin his campaign, having already done a roll call on the island to feel out his level of support there.

"I am a people person. We are independent people. We think in and outside the box. And we don't have no time to smear nobody. The government and anybody else should be thinking of taking care of its people. It is the government's job to make sure the infrastructure is there. That is all we want. And I will ensure that we get it," he said.

Attempts to reach Mr Davis for comment on this matter were unsuccessful.

Child sex abuse claims probed

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police. Mr Bannister said the government is "deeply concerned" about alleged sexual abuse of school age children in North Eleuthera, evidence of suicidal tendencies and has acted forcefully to reduce the risk to children going forward and ensure those who may have been emotionally damaged get help.

In light of signs that some adults on the island have been willing to "cover-up" for others who have perpetrated abuse against children, he also urged that the community "must face head on" the troubling issues affecting children that have been raised by recent investigations by the Ministry of Education's intervention specialists and police.

"The community must come on board," said Mr Bannister. After North Eleuthera High School security officer Adrian White was charged in June of last year with indecently assaulting eight girls there, a "crisis intervention" counsellor was sent to the island last year in an attempt to reach out to a number of children whose emotional and social well-being was suspected of having been damaged by what was happening on the island.

As a result of this action and the formation of a local Advisory Group by the Ministry charged with taking a proactive approach to identifying and ensuring assistance for children who may have suffered or be at risk of abuse on the island, a plethora of further child sex allegations were brought to light.

In October 2009, Navardo Johnson, 29 of Hatchet Bay Eleuthera, was charged with having sexual intercourse with nine boys from the area.

Since that time education officials have been alarmed by claims that a specialised intervention officer sent to the island, trained in advanced counselling methods, may have been undermined in her efforts to help children affected by abuse.

Yesterday various senior education officials were transferred within the Eleuthera school system after District Superintendent for the Ministry on the island, Rudolph Smith, was sent on extended leave in the wake of allegations that he might have fallen down in his duties as abuse allegations surfaced.

In a major shake up for the area's education system, the Principal of Preston Albury High School Kirkwood Cleare was assigned to take the departing official's place, while Deborah Deal, principal of North Eleuthera High School was transferred to fill the position left by Mr Cleare and the Principal of Spanish Wells High School was moved to the North Eleuthera High School to take Mrs Deal's place.

However, this step by the Ministry did not meet with the approval of all. Many parents of students at the North Eleuthera High School gathered outside the school yesterday, from which Principal Deborah Deal and Vice Principal Catherine Collins were transferred, protesting the removal of the Principal.

PTA President Garnell Bethel said the Principal was

"doing a great job" at the school, which she had headed since September 2009, and they saw no need for her to be removed.

Some parents kept their children out of school yesterday as they called for the return of the principal.

However, Mr Bannister was not impressed with this behaviour and said that while he intends to visit Eleuthera to further address the Ministry's concerns there he will not do so while children are out of school.

Mr Bannister said the Ministry is emphatic in its approach to dealing with the troubling circumstances that have arisen in Eleuthera, particularly in light of the recommendations made in the recent report by the parliamentary Select Committee appointed to investigate what went wrong when similar allegations of abuse came to light in Grand Bahama's Eight Mile Rock High School last year.

That report noted that despite an awareness of the complaints being made, teachers, administrators, other staff and parents "dropped the ball" on the matter, losing opportunities to prevent further abuse.

Yesterday Assistant Commissioner of Police Hulan Hanna said: "We take all allegations very, very seriously and whenever they come to us and however they do they will get proper and focused police attention.

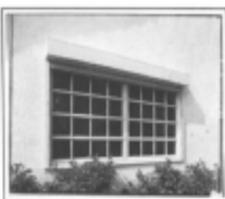
"Over the last several months police have received any number of allegations of sexual abuse and persons placed before courts. We are continuing with other investigations of that nature," he added.

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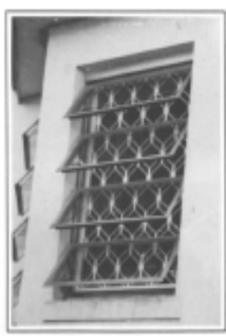
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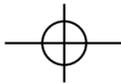
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Perfect ten

Lundy leads Diplomats to 77-62 victory

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WIN number 10 may have been the hardest to come by for the defending BAISS senior boys' champions, but with an incredible second half from their leading scorer, overcame a halftime deficit to remain undefeated.

Marako Lundy scored 26 of his game high 28 points in the second half to lead the Diplomats to a 77-62 win on the road over the Kingsway Academy Saints yesterday in a rematch of the 2008 championship series.

The Diplomats outscored the Saints 16-6 over the final two minutes, and Lundy fittingly scored the game's final basket just as time expired.

Led by Lundy, the Diplomats outscored the Saints 51-28 in the second half to remain undefeated on the year.

Eddy Swain scored six points in the first to lead Kingsway to 13-12 advantage after the first.

With the Diplomats starters in early foul trouble, the Saints took advantage in the second, expanding the lead to as much as eight.

As the Saints threatened to pull away, the Diplomats went on a 6-0 run to trim the deficit to a single point capped by a steal and layup from Travis Rolle which made the score 26-25 with 1:34 left to play in the half.

The Saints responded with a 7-1 run to end the half and regain a commanding lead.

Devardo Rolle successfully converted a three point play, Mikhail Rolle nailed a jumper from the baseline, and Reginald Ferguson capped the run with a steal and dished an assist behind the back to Rolle who finished for a 33-26 lead.

After enjoying their highest scoring quarter in the second when they outscored the Diplomats 20-14, the Saints offence struggled to get going in the third as they scored just 8 points and saw the Diplomats surge ahead.

With their regular starters back on the floor, Lundy and the Diplomats opened on a 15-2 run to take control of the game.

Lundy opened the third with a three pointer from the left wing, and scored nine points in a row, capped by a fast break layup to tie the game at 35.

Shaquille Bain gave the Diplomats their first lead since the first quarter, with a running layup.

At the end of the run, John Kemp's layup gave Westminster a 41-35 lead.

Ferguson finally broke the scoring drought for the Saints with a floater and dominated the final two minutes of the quarter to keep the Saints in striking distance.

The heady point guard followed with a steal and fast break layup to bring the Saints within a basket, 41-39.

After Lundy made his second three of the quarter and added a fast break layup, Ferguson raced down court with five seconds remaining to finish and acrobatic double clutch layup as the Diplomats took a 46-41 lead into the final period.

The Saints momentum carried over into the fourth and a 9-4 run to open the quarter regained the lead.

Ferguson tied the game at 47 with a fade away jumper and after a free throw by the Diplomats; the Saints took the lead when Weston Saunders converted a three point play for a 50-48 lead.

Lundy tied the game at 50 with two from the free throw line and Rolle gave the Diplomats the lead for good with his steal and bucket on the ensuing possession.

After falling behind 57-50, the Saints again worked their way back into the game on the defensive end of the floor.

A layup by Swain trimmed the deficit 61-56 with 1:51 left to play, but the Saints would pull no closer.

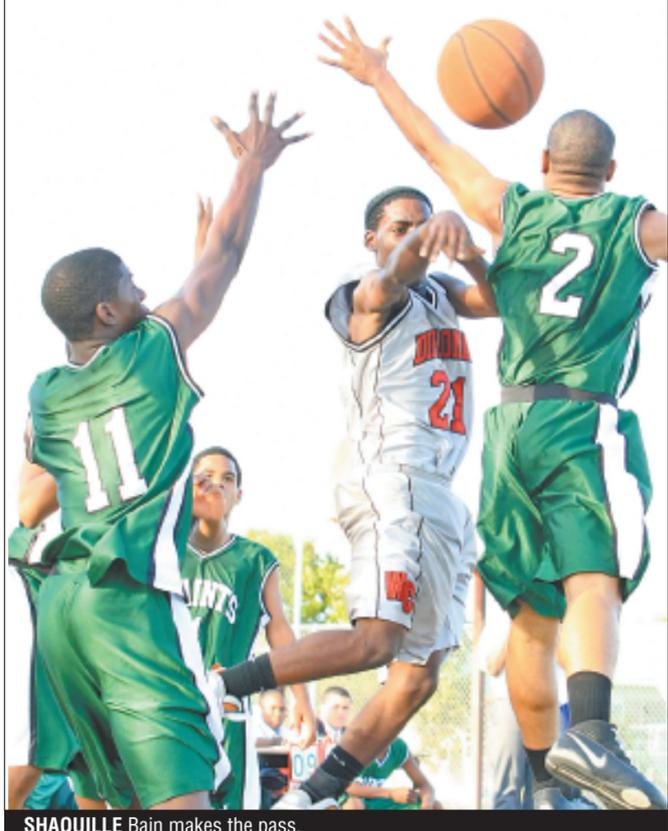
Lundy led all scorers with 28 points, Mackey added 14, Kemp finished with nine, Brian Rose chipped in with seven and the Diplomats survived an off day from Bain who finished with just six.

Ferguson was one of four Saints in double figures with a team high 16 points.

Swain finished with 13, Rolle added with 12, Saunders chipped in with 10 while Devardo Rolle added eight.



WESTMINSTER Marako Lundy drives to the basket.



SHAQUILLE Bain makes the pass.

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VOLLEYBALL

NPVA FINALS

THE New Providence Volleyball Association hosted game one of the ladies' best-of-five championship series and game two of the men on Sunday at the DW Davis Gymnasium.

In the ladies' affair, the Johnson Lady Truckers came out with a vengeance and took the first two sets 25-23 and 25-19. But the Scottsdale Vixens would not die and they won the next two sets 25-20 and 25-20.

That set the stage for the fifth and final set as the Vixens secured the match with a 15-5 victory to go up 1-0 in the series that will continue with game two on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Cheryse Rolle led the Vixens with 13 points. Kelsie Johnson also had 13 kills in a losing effort for the Lady Truckers. In the men's match, the National Fence Intruders went into game two with a one game advantage after defeating the Scotiabank Defenders in a marathon 5 set on Friday.

This time, however, the outcome was different as the Defenders convincingly disposed of the Intruders in three straight sets 26-24, 25-15 and 25-14.

Shedrick Forbes led the Defenders and all scorers with 14 points to tie the men's series at 1 game each. Prince Wilson once again led the intruders with 9 points, this time in a losing effort.

Game three will be played on Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.

CRICKET

PEPSI AMERICAS TOURNEY

THE Bahamas Cricket Association is preparing to host the International Cricket Council's Pepsi Americas Region Division 2 Cricket Tournament at Haynes Oval.

Teams from Brazil, Panama, Suriname and the Turks & Caicos Islands are due here for the tournament that is scheduled to begin on February 1.

On Saturday, Brazil will play a warm-up match against a select team from the BCA at Windsor Park, starting at 10 a.m.

The teams coming in will reside at the Royal Palm Hotel on Bay and Nassau Street. Officials from the BCA will be town for the duration of the tournament.

Opening matches for the tournament on February 1 have the Bahamas against Brazil at Haynes Oval and Suriname against Panama at Windsor Park.

Below is a list of the players selected for the Bahamas team, managed by Irving Taylor with Mohamed Allie as the coach and Gary Brathwaite as trainer.

Gregory Taylor Jr., captain; Ryan Tappin, assistant captain; Howard Roye, Marc Taylor, Johnathan Barry, Jermaine Adderley, Ashmeid Allie, Gary Armstrong, Albert Peters, Narendra Ekanayake, Dwight Weakley, Renford Davson, Gregory Irving and Lee Neville.

BASEBALL

JBLN RESULTS

THE Junior Baseball League of Nassau continued its regular season action over the weekend at St. Andrew's Field of Dreams with the following results posted:

Tee Ball - Grasshoppers def. Knights 21-18; Raptors def. Sand Gnats 21-11 and Sidewinders def. Blue Claws 22-7.

Coach Pitch - Diamondbacks def. Cubs 18-15; Angels def. Padres 8-2 and Athletics def. Pirates 6-1.

Minor League - Orioles def. Royals 10-6; Mets def. Rockies 8-4 and Brewers def. Red Sox 13-8.

Major League - Marlins def. Indians 8-4 and Mariners def. Reds 9-7.

Junior League - Twins def. Rays; Dodgers def. Yankees 10-9.

Senior League - Nationals def. Giants 10-0 and Phillies def. Tigers 16-0.

TRACK

PINDER WINS MEN'S 400M

IN Monday's Tribune, it was incorrectly stated that Demetrius Pinder won the women's 400 metres at the Texas A&M vs University of Texas Dual Meet. It should have read that Pinder won the men's 400 metres.

The Tribune apologises to Pinder for the error.

TOUR OF THE BAHAMAS

FARMER FINISHED

IN Monday's Tribune, it was stated that Lee Farmer, who ride on the local scene as well as Americans Floyd Landris and Grant Potter failed to finish the grueling 105 mile road race at the Tour of the Bahamas on Sunday.

The trio actually finished the race with Farmer coming in 22nd, Potter 23th and Landris was 32nd. The trio, however, did not place in the final point standings that combined the three races, including the circuit race and time trials held on Saturday.



SPORTS

Fraternities host charity basketball tourney for Haiti

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THE Greek Fraternities in the Bahamas are also joining in the relief effort to assist the earthquake victims in Haiti.

The Phi Beta Sigma is organising a Charity Basketball Tournament that will include the Alpha's, Q's and Kappa's on Saturday night at the Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium.

DeMario Minus, president of the Alumni Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma, said all of the black Greek letter organisations have agreed to come together and put on the tournament to help

"These four organisations are very competitive, always challenging each other, but this will be a time for them to come out and show some love and unity," said Minus, a former basketball star for the St. Anne's Blue-waves.

"All of us have members of various organisations like the New Providence Basketball Association which should make it a very competitive tournament. We have guys as young as 20-something and guys who are as old as 50-something, so it should be very interesting."

The tournament format calls for two initial games with the two winners advancing to play in the championship game and the two losers will square off in the consolation game.

Only the championship game will be played under regulation rules. All of the other games will be played

using the running time.

It's expected that the Alphas and the Kappa's will clash in the first game at 6 p.m. In between the entertainment, the Phi Beta Sigma's will play the Q's.

The entry fee will be \$5.00 for adults and \$2 for children under age 12. All proceeds, including the income from the concession stand, will be donated to the Bahamas Red Cross Society in aid of the Haitian earthquake relief fund.

Jermaine 'Clutch' Adderley, one of the members of the organising committee, said they are also expected to have some guest entertainment, while the fraternity groups will put on a step show.

The Rev. Enoch Beckford, Historian for the Bahamas fraternity and a big brother of the Phi Beta Sigma, is expected on hand to give his blessing. Rev. Beckford is pastor of the Mt. Carety Union Baptist Church.

Haitian Pastor France George, a member of the Mt. Tabor Full Gospel Baptist Church, will also be in attendance and will provide an update on the devastation in Haiti.

"We will have entertainment upon entertainment, so don't miss this event because this is not for us, but for humanity and our Haitian brothers who are desperately in need," said Adderley, an outstanding volleyball player.

"We are all apart of each other, so we believe that no matter what colour you are, whatever your age, nationality or religion, we all have a commitment to each other, especially in a time of need."



Tyrone Brice/Photo

PLAYERS are shown above during a scrimmage game at the Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium as they prepare for Saturday's charity game.

Tour of the Bahamas will 'benefit the local sport'



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WHILE they didn't have a direct involvement in the organisation of the Tour of the Bahamas, the Bahamas Cycling Federation said the event should definitely benefit the local sport.

"I think we did very well as far as the local competitors are concerned," said federation president Roy Colebrooke, who pointed out that there were competitors entered in every category except for the females.

"So I think we are doing

extremely well and with this being a travelling year to the CAC Games and the Commonwealth Games, our guys are gearing up and are ready to go. Everybody has intensified their training to ensure that we make a good showing at these games."

Colebrooke, who will serve as the chef de mission for the Commonwealth Games in October in India, said the federation is expected to select a 4-6 member team to represent the country.

Barron 'Turbo' Musgrove, the president of the New Providence Cycling Association, said this should be an exciting calendar year with the amount of events they have scheduled, leading up to the national team travel.

"For the first time in a long time, we are going to have more than 50 cycling events for the year," he said. "In addition, the Family Islands is also going to have their own events."

"So what this is going to do is allow the persons who want to cycle to cycle because we will have a variety of races from short to long, plus we will bring back the mountain bike racing and the time trials."

Throughout the year, Musgrove said the association have planned a series of races for both the competitive and recreational cyclists, which he said will boost their programme.

"The association, itself, has taken the attitude to promote the sport more as a family oriented sport, so we intend to get more families involved and we hope to bring in more juniors as we also get them involved," Musgrove said.

"We will also be working with a number of the local companies in terms of trying to get them to come out and stage some events for their companies as well."

Right now there are a number of clubs that interested cyclists can come out to the one-mile cycling track at the Baillou Hills Sporting Complex and get involved in.

Those clubs are the JAR, Potcakes, Warlords and Brown's United, but Musgrove said it's their intention to try and build another 4-5 clubs before the year is over.

"We figure if we build more clubs, we can sustain the sport and get more people involved, which will strengthen the association

and push the federation even higher," Musgrove proclaimed.

"We just had the Tour of the Bahamas, which kicked off our calendar year, but we hope to travel to the Family Islands and even invite more international cyclists from Florida and even the Caribbean Islands to come in and compete in some of our events."

Musgrove said this will only help their potential national team members to be better prepared for the challenge that lay ahead when they do go off to compete on the international scene.

Tracy Sweeting of the Potcakes Cycling Club said although he didn't get to finish the gruelling 70 mile road race at the Tour of the Bahamas on Sunday, he felt it was a learning experience for him.

"I went out front with the big boys and I tried to chase them," said Sweeting, one of the top local cyclists. "I should not have done that. But this just give me more experience so that when I do get to compete with them again, I won't make the same mistake."

"I will just stay midway in the race and let the other

guys do what they have to do and then I can strike at the right time. I just lost it today because I got carried away and tried to strike too early and that cost me."

Sweeting, a former distance runner, said he ended up just doing about 30 miles or two laps before he had to withdraw from the race in the masters category.

While he didn't finish, a number of Bahamians actually did. Turning in the best performance was Lee Farmer, who rode in the 105 race for the Pro 1 and 2. He ended up in 22nd place.

In the Masters 40 category, event sponsor Mark Holowesko finished ninth, while Stephen Holowesko was 14th and Basil Goulardris was 15th.

Laurence Jupp competed in the Category 3-4 and was 15th overall. Jay Major, one of the top junior competitors, also competed in the category, but he withdrew after completing two laps.

Major, however, got third overall in the junior boys 15-18 division behind arch-rival Anthony Colebrooke. Michael Holowesko was fourth. Liam Holowesko ended up third in the juniors 10-14 division.

BRAJAXBA tournament results

BRAJAXBA hosted its first tournament for the year over the weekend at the National Tennis Center. The tournament focussed on players between the ages of 5-10 and turned out to be a success with a lot of new faces competing.

• Here's a look at the results



LUKE Podleski celebrates his victory in the mini-tennis tournament.

ROUND ROBIN RESULTS

Kyundra Meadows	4-1
T'Najh Hinsey	4-1
Luke Podlewski	3-2
Zayne Strachan	3-2
Emma Weech	1-4
Berto Black	0-4

Semi-finals

Zayne Strachan *def.* Kyundra Meadows 11-8
Luke Podlewski *def.* T'Najh Hinsey 13-11.

Finals

Luke Podlewski *def.* Zayne Strachan 11-7.

SHORT COURT 8'S ROUND ROBIN RESULTS

Sidney Clarke	3-1
Tobi Obrewano	3-1
Maya Weech	3-1
Emma Weech	2-2
Berto Black	0-4

Marla

Finals
Sidney Clarke *def.* Tobi Obrewano 4-0

SHORT COURT BOYS 10'S ROUND ROBIN RESULTS

GROUP A	
Sandeep Gail	2-1
Jacobi Bain	2-1
Bryll Seymour	1-2
Trenton Smith	0-3

GROUP B

Gabby Sastre	2-1
"Mani" Webb	2-1
Kyle Rolle	1-2
Trenton Fowler	1-2

Semi-finals

Sandeep Gail *def.* "Mani" Webb 4-1
Jacobi Bain *def.* Gabby Sastre 4-2.

Finals

Sandeep Gail *def.* Jacobi Bain 5-3.

SHORT COURT GIRLS 10'S ROUND ROBIN RESULTS

GROUP A	
Crystal Rolle	3-0
Erica Grant	2-1
Jewel	1-2
Ashely Loibman	0-3

GROUP B

Tyler Strachan	4-0
Jana P	3-1
Kendra Meadows	2-2
Vashti Culmer	1-3
Monique	0-4

Semi-finals

Crystal Rolle *def.* Jana P 4-0
Tyler Strachan *def.* Erica Grant 4-0.

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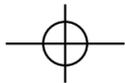
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LOCAL NEWS

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DR HUBERT MINNIS speaks to the media yesterday.

Govt to start 'swine flu' vaccination programme

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American Health Organisation and the Ministry of Health at a cost of \$250,000, the Government is now advising the public to check the newspapers and local television channels in the coming days for advice on where and when, and on what basis, vaccination injections will be administered.

Yesterday, Health Minister Dr Hubert Minnis noted that global health officials have now determined that certain people are more at risk of serious complications or death as a result of contracting the H1N1 virus, and it is those the Bahamas government will want to vaccinate first.

Those who fall into this category are: pregnant women, infants between the ages of six months and two, school-age children between 10 and 19 with underlying health conditions — such as asthma and other lung diseases, heart disease, cerebral palsy and seizures.

Healthcare workers and teachers also will be offered the vaccinations under the first phase.

"The Government of the Bahamas has continued to monitor the impact of the pandemic of influenza (H1N1) both worldwide and within The Bahamas. While health officials have recently reported that the number of new influenza-like illnesses is beginning to decrease we are still in the early part of the influenza season, and we must remain vigilant in the event that a third wave occurs later in the season.

"For this reason we are strongly recommending that persons in the at-risk groups take advantage of the vaccination being offered," Dr Minnis advised during a press conference to announce the programme at the Ministry of Health yesterday.

"Parents are urged to have their infants and toddlers vaccinated. It is important to remember that in order to be fully protected they must receive a second dose of the vaccine one month after the first dose. While health care providers will make every effort to schedule return visits, it is important for parents to keep the appointment so that these children are protected to the greatest extent

possible," he added.

People 10 years and older will only require one dose of the vaccines to receive its full benefit.

The vaccination injection will be free and offered through local community health clinics in New Providence, Grand Bahama and the Family Islands.

"Influenza, be it seasonal or pandemic, does kill hundreds of thousands of persons worldwide every year. We in the Bahamas are doing our best to protect our citizens and residents," said Dr Minnis.

To date, 41 cases of swine flu have been detected in The Bahamas. On the advice of global health authorities, officials have now "stopped counting" new cases, the Health Minister said yesterday, and are only testing for it in cases where people are hospitalised.

Seeking to assuage any concerns about health risks potentially associated with the vaccine, the Minister said: "Let me assure you that the only difference between this vaccine and the seasonal influenza vaccine is the strain of influenza which is being targeted.

"The manufacturing process is the same."

Nonetheless, Dr Minnis did identify two types of person who should necessarily avoid the vaccine — those who have had allergic reactions when administered vaccines previously, and those who are allergic to eggs.

Dr Minnis said another batch of vaccines are expected to arrive soon. When this happens, the programme will be extended to cover more Bahamians "as soon as possible."

However, the Health Minister noted that in other countries mass purchases of the vaccines have resulted in criticisms of wastage of public funds as the demand for the protection it provides waned in the face of signs that the H1N1 pandemic was not as serious as first projected. The Bahamian government will be seeking to avoid ending up in the same situation, he said.

Besides checking local newspapers and television stations for updates on where the vaccine can be obtained, members of the public can also contact the Department of Public

Health at 502-4737 or 502-4716, or their nearest community health clinic.

Government minister receives death threat

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the Ministry were among those fingerprinted to ascertain who the author of the letter might have been.

While it may not have any bearing on the police investigation, it should be noted that the Ministry has recently carried out a restructuring exercise where new personnel were being brought in from outside the department.

Attempts for an official report from the police were unsuccessful up to press time last night.

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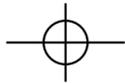
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Bahamas services offering awaiting Caribbean's nod

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THE BAHAMAS' SERVICES offering for the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), which it initialled yesterday with the European Union, still awaits the approval of other Caribbean nations that have also signed the agreement, the minister of state for finance said yesterday.

Zhivargo Laing told Tribune Business that following the signing, implementation of the Bahamas' services offer, which could allow Bahamians to set up businesses within European Union (EU) states, is still awaiting CARIFORUM approval. This will come via the joint EU-CARIFORUM body to oversee the EPA agreement, which has yet to be established.

After months of negotiations with the EU and an extension, which subsequently saw the Bahamas asked to revise its initial services offering, the new submission must still undergo a review by a council consisting of appointed representatives from Caribbean member states also taking part in the EPA. That council has yet to be formed.

According to Mr Laing, the final services offering, which was included in the documentation initialled by the Government and European Commission officials, bore a close resemblance to the Bahamas' National Investment Policy, which outlines sectors of the economy that are exclusively reserved for Bahamian investment.

Under the EPA, sectors of the Bahamian economy will be opened up to European investment, and the same will be made available to Bahamians who wish to expand their firms into the European market or develop new firms in those countries.

"It means that we have signed an agreement that opens the European market to Bahamian business," said Mr Laing.

"Those businesses that want to sell products and services in those markets can do so on the basis of the terms in the agreement."

The Government has developed a list of service sectors that will be open to European investment and development. However, the

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Port purchaser 'not pursuing' St Georges

* Due diligence focusing on 'convincing' Mid-Atlantic that acquiring Sir Jack's interest gives it Board/operational control

* Sources say \$95m offer made to St George estate, as PM replies to aspiring buyer

By **NEIL HARTNELL**
Tribune Business Editor

The potential purchaser of the Hayward family's 50 per cent Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA) stake last night said its due diligence would focus on whether this would give it "operational control", adding that it was "not pursuing" an acquisition of the St George estate's equity interest.

Joe Rosetti, Mid-Atlantic Projects' senior managing director, said failing to acquire the 50 per cent stake held by the late Edward St George's estate would not be fatal to its purchase bid or plans for the GBPA and its Port Group Ltd affiliate, due to the belief that Sir Jack Hayward had management control.

Auto dealers boosted by just 25% sales fall

By **NEIL HARTNELL**
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Bahamian auto dealers yesterday urged the Government to reassess the tax brackets applied to new car imports, as they sensed signs of a mild turnaround in buyer demand after 2009 fourth quarter sales only declined 25.05 per cent against their 2008 comparatives.

The fourth quarter decline was less than the almost-30 per cent year-over-year drop that Bahamas Motor Dealers Association (BMDA) members experienced during the 2009 third quarter, leading Fred Albury, a senior executive with Executive Motors, to declare: "I think we've seen the bottom and are starting to see a bump up."

"October and November were a bit rough, but December and January so far have been not bad. I think the bottom has been seen, and we ought to see a little upward trend...."

"It's going to be slow, but overall I think 2010 will be better than 2009. We think the second half will be the better part, and if most of the months turn out like January I'll be pretty pleased."

Mr Albury said the initial signs of improved consumer demand would "help us plan our inventory levels better".

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ness last night, Mr Rosetti said he would be in Grand Bahama at the "tail-end of this week" to conduct due diligence on the GBPA/Port Group Ltd in earnest, having been delayed after being caught up in a recent auto accident.

He added that Mid-Atlantic Projects hoped to complete its acquisition of the Hayward Family Trust's interest by mid-May 2010.

Asked whether Mid-Atlantic Projects was still seeking to acquire the St George estate's interest, despite its Bahamian attorney, Fred Smith QC, stating that his clients will not deal with the company, Mr Rosetti replied: "We did meet with them [the estate] at their request, but we are not pursuing that option at this point."

"We would be happy, not most happy, because of Sir Jack having the operational control, and there's potential for more ownership. We'd be able to get a foothold there, and start doing what our partners want in terms of additional investment."

Sir Jack, on the Hayward Family Trust's behalf, obtained Board and management control at the GBPA/Port Group Ltd due to him having similar control at their holding company, Cayman-domiciled Intercontinental Diversified Corporation (IDC).

IDC, in turn, is owned 50 per cent by Seashells Investments, Sir Jack and the trust's wholly-owned investment

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* BMDA members urge government to reassess tax brackets on industry, arguing that inflation has rendered lower ones meaningless, and higher ones counter to government's environment and efficiency policies

* Dealers eye price increases of anywhere between 10-15%

Hotels 'about 18 months' away from full recovery

* But BHA president warns industry employment 'one of the casualties' of recession, with sector unlikely to re-hire many of 2,000-3,000 let go

* Hotels need to get back to 'preferred position' of close to annual 70% occupancy rate, compared to last year's 60%



ROBERT SANDS

By **NEIL HARTNELL**
Tribune Business Editor

The hotel industry is "about 18 months away" from a position where it can start to exceed 2008 comparative numbers, the Bahamas Hotel Association's (BHA) president said yesterday, as he warned that sector employment was likely to be "one of the casualties" of the recession.

Robert Sands, who is also Baha Mar's senior vice-president of external and governmental affairs, said the industry's employment levels were likely to take much longer to

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Cruise line mulling Grand Bahama move

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Celebration Cruise Lines is mulling whether to switch its 500-cabin cruise ship from Nassau to Grand Bahama, it confirmed yesterday, telling Tribune Business that a decision has yet to be made despite US media reports that it was a 'done deal'.

The official who spoke to

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* Celebration eyes switch from Nassau to Freeport, impacting Bahamian client base

* Minister sees potential shift as boosting stopovers, and allowing US visitors to bring vehicles on car-carrying vessel

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shares, its stock price closing down by \$0.01 at \$1.14.

BOND MARKET

Some 268 FBB Series D bonds traded on the Bahamian exchange last week, representing a total par value of \$268,000.

**COMPANY NEWS:
Dividend Notes:**

FirstCaribbean International Bank (CIB) has declared a dividend of \$0.16 per share, payable on January 25, 2010, to all ordinary shareholders of record date January 15, 2010.

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EQUITY MARKET

AML Foods (AML) was the sole decliner, trading 7,500

EQUITY MARKET — TRADING STATISTICS

BISX SYMBOL	CLOSING PRICE	WEEKLY PRICE CHANGE	VOLUME	YTD PRICE CHANGE
AML	\$ 1.14	-\$-0.01	7,500	-2.56%
BBL	\$ 0.63	-\$-	0	0.00%
BOB	\$ 5.90	-\$-	0	0.00%
BPF	\$ 10.74	-\$-	0	0.00%
BSL	\$ 10.06	-\$-	0	0.00%
BWL	\$ 3.15	-\$-	0	0.00%
CAB	\$ 10.00	-\$-	0	0.20%
CBL	\$ 7.00	-\$-	295	0.00%
CHL	\$ 2.72	-\$-	0	0.00%
CIB	\$ 9.99	-\$-	0	0.00%
CWCB	\$ 2.58	-\$-0.16	0	-9.47%
DHS	\$ 2.55	-\$-	0	0.00%
FAM	\$ 6.49	-\$-	1,000	0.00%
FBB	\$ 2.37	-\$-	0	0.00%
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FCLB	\$ 1.00	-\$-	0	0.00%
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Stocks turn higher as Bernanke's prospects improve

NEW YORK

The major stock indexes rose Monday, as momentum shifted in favor of the reappointment of Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, according to Associated Press.

Investors want a sign that Bernanke will remain in control of the Fed because that would make a big shift in interest rate policy far less likely.

Democratic Sens. Max Baucus of Montana, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and Dianne Feinstein of California said Monday they would support his appointment. Presidential adviser David Axelrod said Bernanke has enough votes to be confirmed. Last week, several Senators expressed doubt about Bernanke's reappointment, which had seemed assured.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 24 points after losing 552 points over the previous three days. The Dow skidded from Wednesday to Friday of last week as President Barack Obama stepped up his campaign to tighten oversight of banks. Signs last week that Bernanke's appointment could be in trouble contributed to the big drop.

Bernanke's term expires on Sunday, and the Senate is expected to vote on his reappointment this week.

BOND MARKET — TRADING STATISTICS

BISX SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION	VOLUME	PAR VALUE
FBB13	FBB Series C Notes Due 2013	0	\$1,000
FBB15	FBB Series D Notes Due 2015	268	\$1,000
FBB17	FBB Series A Notes Due 2017	0	\$1,000
FBB22	FBB Series B Notes Due 2022	0	\$1,000

INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

FOREX Rates Currency	Weekly	% Change
CAD	0.9455	-2.68
GBP	1.6113	-0.92
EUR	1.4134	-1.75

Commodities Commodity	Weekly	% Change
Crude Oil	74.15	-5.36
Gold	1,094.00	-3.26

International Stock Market Indexes Index	Weekly	% Change
DJIA	10,172.98	-4.12
S & P 500	1,091.76	-3.90
NASDAQ	2,205.29	-3.61
Nikkei	10,590.55	-3.57

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BUSINESS

Bahamas services offering awaiting Caribbean's nod

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list was not readily available at the Ministry of Finance, and will require Cariforum approval for it to be released.

Mr Laing said the Government has been busy revising laws addressing Customs issue in order to fully accommodate the EPA, which has a section governing free trade between the EU and Cariforum countries, of which the Bahamas is a part.

He added that there are initial costs involved in the Bahamas preparing for EPA implementation, though he could not say how much government would have to invest in the changes.

"The initialing is a conclusion of the negotiations with the Europeans," he said. "There has to be a joint Cariforum meeting that ratifies this."

Mr Laing alluded to the EPA expanding hospitality offerings, opening up the Bahamas to more European-styled resorts that would appeal to a new niche market.

"Europe is the largest contiguous market in the world, and provides us the opportunity to attract new investment from Europe," he said.

The private sector will now have permanent representation on the Bahamas Trade Commission through the President of the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce. Mr Laing said the positioning of a private sector figure in the Trade Commission will afford the private sector up-to-date information on the implementation process.

Merchants 'find their way' to greater sales

By CHESTER ROBARDS
Business Reporter
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MASTERCARD yesterday announced its commitment to continuing the 'Find Your Way' programme launched in late 2008.

Patricio Rubalcaba, vice-president of strategic partnerships, told Tribune Business that numerous vendors have come on board since the programme launched, including Atlantis, which is tailoring activities around the promotion in order to give more value to their guests.

According to a release by MasterCard, cardholders visiting Nassau/Paradise Island enjoy exclusive discounts and special offers when they use their cards to shop at 36 merchants affiliated with the programme.

Pleased

"The Ministry of Tourism was pleased to partner with MasterCard last year when this program was initially proposed," said Vernice Walkine, director-general of Tourism.

"At that time it was

intended to be a one-year campaign, but it was so well received by visiting cardholders and the local merchant community that MasterCard agreed to re-launch with several new participants.

"We are glad to once again partner with MasterCard this year to help enrich the destination experience and provide prospective visitors with yet another good reason to make the Islands of the Bahamas their destination of choice."

Competitive

Mr Rubalcaba said the programme, which gives card holders exclusive offers at merchants across the Bahamas, is designed to make the destination more competitive.

He said the programme has led to a positive shift in sales for some businesses. And as many as 36 merchants are represented by the programme.

The Find Your Way promotion also offers card holders the opportunity to enter into a sweepstakes every time they swipe their card at participating businesses.

Mr Rubalcaba said the Government has been extremely receptive to the programme.

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BUSINESS

Port purchaser 'not pursuing' St Georges

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Board/management control at the latter, despite the St George estate's objections, arguing that FMS is holding its 50 per cent IDC stake in trust for it.

Jack and the Hayward Family Trust's management/Board control is valid, and will withstand any legal challenge by the St George estate, is the focus of Mid-Atlantic and Mr Rosetti's investigations.

"That is the substance of our due diligence - to convince ourselves that is true as it relates to operational control," Mr Rosetti told Tribune Business. "I expect to get into the due

diligence process in a very committed way at the tail-end of this week, and going forward the due diligence process will be on schedule." If everything went well, Mr Rosetti said Mid-Atlantic Projects' acquisition of the Hayward stake would be completed by mid to end-May 2010.

response was non-committal, wanting to obtain more details of who Mid-Atlantic were, where their financial backing was coming from, and their plans for the GBPA, Freeport and Grand Bahama - essentially the same general concerns harboured by Freeport residents.

"It was a very ambivalent letter," a source close to the situation told Tribune Business.

"It was basically 'push me, pull me'."

"It was not negative, not positive. It was not one way or the other."

Tribune Business was told that Mid-Atlantic Projects was viewing the Prime Minister's letter as a positive, given that it did not reject its attempt to buy into the GBPA/Port Group Ltd.

Mr Rosetti, though, told Tribune Business that he was not aware of - and had not seen - such a letter, although the auto accident had meant his involvement was temporarily limited.

As to Mid-Atlantic's plans for the GBPA and Freeport, Mr Rosetti said: "We're giving that a lot of thought, and hopefully we'll be able to tell the Prime Minister we're in the right position to do that."

Offer

This newspaper had been told by sources close to developments surrounding the GBPA that Mid-Atlantic had made a tentative, unsigned \$95 million offer to acquire the St George stake, submitting a list of accompanying due diligence requirements.

"I don't want to get into that," Mr Rosetti said, when pressed by Tribune Business. "No official offer has been rendered by me."

"I'm the one that would render it. There was some discussion of numbers, but no specific offer came from us."

Tribune Business also understands, from informed sources, that Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham has officially responded to Mid-Atlantic Projects' interest via a letter.

It was suggested that his



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Property Size: 5,800 sq ft
Building Size: 2,206 sq ft

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Property Size: 3,360 sq ft
Building Size: 911 sq ft

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Property Size: 32,670 sq ft
Building #1 Size: 2,375 sq ft
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Property Size: 9,600 sq ft
Building Size: 2,390 sq ft

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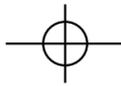
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Property Size: 1,475 sq ft
Building Size: 1,412 sq ft

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BUSINESS

Hotels 'about 18 months' away from full recovery

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recover than occupancies and room rates, with resort properties unlikely to re-hire many of those let-go.

The BHA president's comments are the starkest warning yet that the estimated 2,000-3,000 hotel industry workers who lost their jobs in the run-up to Christmas 2008 and beyond are unlikely to all regain the same posts when the hotel industry - and wider Bahamian economy - sees an upturn in its financial performance. Mr Sands said many Bahamian resort properties had generated efficiency gains from being able to do "more with less", and going forward would place the emphasis on obtaining increased productivity from their existing workforce, rather than adding to staff numbers.

"The employment issue will take much longer to resolve and get back to those pre-recession levels," Mr Sands told Tribune Business. "We'll get to where we were on occupancies and room rates quicker than to where we were on employment levels."

"Companies are looking for increased productivity with less, but at points in time they will add to their employee numbers where business demand dictates."

"I believe one of the casualties in this whole economic downturn is that we will not get back to the same employment numbers we were at pre-recession. The employment of those persons, and other persons, will be absorbed by new business ventures driven by demand for those businesses."

Following the late 2008 downturn, Mr Sands said Bahamian resort properties had placed "a tremendous amount of effort on enhancing production with less, rather than working with more".

He added: "The 'new normal' is that it has forced us to work smarter, employ best practices allowing us to do more with less, be creative in how we attract business and pay attention to outlays in terms of operational expenses in an effort to be more efficient going forward."

"The way we did business a year ago is changing, even as we do business today. This period introduced a whole new approach in the way we operate, just to remain viable."

For 2009, New Providence's 14 major hotels achieved an average monthly occupancy of 60.9 per cent, compared to a 63.4 per cent average for 2008. Mr Sands said that to be "operationally sustainable", for most resorts "the preferred position is closer to 70 per cent".

When asked how close Bahamas-based resort properties were to getting back to pre-recession occupancies and rates, Mr Sands told Tribune Business: "I think we're about a year-and-a-half away - about 18 months."

"It will take us this year to gain some ground, the first quarter of next year to get back to where we were, and the mid-quarters to begin to exceed 2008 numbers."

Data published for the first eight months of 2008, immediately prior to the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy and Wall Street crash, highlights just how badly the Bahamian hotel industry was affected when these figures are set against their 2009 comparatives. For March, which last year contained the Easter holiday, the average occupancy rate at the 14 major New Providence hotels dipped to 69.7 per cent compared to the previous year's 81.2 per cent.

For the same month, the average daily room rate (ADR) fell from \$315.41 in 2008 to \$269.14 in 2009, with revenue per available room (RevPAR) down at \$187.51 compared to \$256.10 in 2008.

As a consequence, room revenues declined by 27.9 per cent year-over-year for March 2009, reflecting a 15.5 per cent drop in room nights sold and a 13.5 per cent fall in air arrivals. March was a slightly extreme example for the first eight months in 2009 but, apart from January and April, which suffered room revenue falls year-over-year of 16.8 per cent and 10.6 per cent respectively, all other months saw declines in this category of 21 per cent or more.

The 2009 figures only began

to exceed their comparatives in September, largely due to the weakness induced by the Wall Street collapse, coupled with fears about hurricanes impacting the Bahamas.

Still, for the 2009 full-year, the average RevPAR generated by major New Providence hotels fell from \$156.29 in 2008 to \$138.66 last year, the year-end turnaround not enough to compensate for the performance during the first three quarters.

Mr Sands said the figures released by the Ministry of Tourism and BHA were an aggregate of all New Providence-based properties, and were heavily weighted towards Atlantis and Kerzner International's high-end properties. "I would say that for most properties, if they can average on an annual basis occupancy rates in the mid to high-60 per cent, and an average rate in excess of \$100 per night, your head should be above water," he added.

Occupancy rates were, on average, well below this level in 2008, holding in the 50-low 60 per cent ranges, and Mr Sands said that improving this position and generating increased demand was the main priority for most resorts, as opposed to rates.

The BHA president said that apart from the recession, other factors such as the threat of hurricanes may have impacted occupancy levels at a particular point, but he acknowledged: "We need to

get back to those 2008 aggregate levels, and not judge by 2009. It appears that hotels are achieving forecasted levels for this year, which is showing some growth over last year, so for the first three weeks that is a positive indicator.

"2009 was not a year we want to celebrate in any way, but it should certainly be a bottom benchmark for us, not a ceiling."

Mr Sands said that while indicators were showing signs of a turnaround, and that there could be improvements "in the third quarter and fourth quarter of this year", the Bahamian hotel industry wanted to see a trend of sustained, monthly occupancy and room rate increases year-over-year before pronouncing that a sustained recovery was occurring.

Many resorts were also involved in promotions and other initiatives to stimulate demand, Mr Sands adding that a true test of any rebound would be if it lasted beyond when this support was reduced. "Emphasis is being placed on workplace development and customer satisfaction," the BHA president added. "Most properties in the Bahamas have committed, notwithstanding the softness of business, to an approach that they don't want any customer leaving the destination unhappy. That will go a long way to retention and positive word of mouth in the marketplace."

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Common Law & Equity Side

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 25th 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

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 1811 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 25th 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 4th day of August A. D. 2009.

REGISTRAR

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



JOB VACANCY

SENIOR LEGAL COUNSEL

A well established conglomerate on the Island of Grand Bahama is seeking a Senior Legal Counsel to assist in various areas of its Legal Department. The position will report to the General Counsel for the Grand Bahama Port Authority, Limited and its Group of Companies.

Qualifications and Experience

- Judicial degree along with international expertise
- 10 or more years of commercial transactional legal background, along with combined in-house and law firm legal experience
- Relevant litigation experience in civil and commercial litigation matters
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- Strong presentation and negotiation skills, solid business instincts and judgment, and outstanding written and verbal communication skills
- Creative and flexible problem-solving skills
- Ability and interpersonal skills to relate with internal and external customers, including government, business professionals, the community, corporate executives and managers, and contribute to strategic planning

The key functions of the successful candidate are

- Assist the General Counsel in developing and implementing all legal and corporate governance policies
- Lead various projects including litigation management; direction of leases, deeds of release, and conveyances; privacy and employment matters, corporate governance, domestic and international compliance and other matters requiring legal support
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- Assist in providing legal representation on international local projects at preliminary stage of negotiations and throughout development
- Provide legal counsel and advice regarding various corporate business transactions to ensure compliance with Bahamian Law and company policies and procedures

All applications **MUST** be submitted on or before the 1st February 2010. Salary and benefits commensurate with qualifications and experience.

JOB VACANCY

UNDER LEGAL COUNSEL & COMPLIANCE OFFICER

A well established conglomerate on the Island of Grand Bahama is seeking Legal Counsel & Compliance Officer to assist in various areas of its Legal Department. The position will report to the General Counsel for the Grand Bahama Port Authority and its Group of Companies.

Qualifications and Experience

- Judicial degree along with international expertise
- 7-10 years of commercial transactional legal background, along with combined in-house and law firm legal experience
- Strong transactional and general business and commercial law experience, including drafting and negotiating commercial contracts and licenses
- Relevant litigation experience in civil and commercial litigation matters
- Results-oriented, with skills to influence change and drive compliance within the Legal department and throughout the Grand Bahama Port Authority, Limited and its Group of Companies (including relevant regulatory and corporate compliance expertise and experience)
- Strong presentation and negotiation skills, solid business instincts and judgment, and outstanding written and verbal communication skills
- Ability and interpersonal skills to relate with internal and external customers, including government, business professionals, the community, corporate executives and managers and contribute to strategic planning

The key functions of the successful candidate are

- Provide legal, compliance, and overall assistance to the General Counsel and Legal Department
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- Assist with managing the company's internal function and staff
- Provide and maintain the Corporate Affairs of GBPA, PGL and the Group of Companies
- Participate in complex business transactions and negotiating critical contracts
- Play a key role in managing risk and helping to make business decisions.
- Experience in the preparation of Leases, Deeds of Release, Conveyances, etc.

Interested persons should send curriculum vitae and supporting documents to:

The Grand Bahama Port Authority, Limited

P.O. Box F-42666

Freeport, Grand Bahama Island

Or

GENERALCOUNSEL@GBPA.COM

All applications **MUST** be submitted on or before the 1st February 2010. Salary and benefits commensurate with qualifications and experience.



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SUPREME COURT

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
THE SUPREME COURT
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.

Notice is hereby given that such applications will be heard by the said Court at the expiration of **21** days from the date hereof.

DESIREE ROBINSON
(for) REGISTRAR

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
THE SUPREME COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
28TH JANUARY, 2010

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.

Notice is hereby given that such applications will be heard by the said Court at the expiration of **21** days from the date hereof.

DESIREE ROBINSON
(for) REGISTRAR

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
THE SUPREME COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
28TH JANUARY, 2010

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.

Notice is hereby given that such applications will be heard by the said Court at the expiration of **14** days from the date hereof.

DESIREE ROBINSON
(for) REGISTRAR

PROBATE DIVISION
28TH JANUARY, 2010

No. 2010/PRO/NPR/00009

IN THE ESTATE OF **ELINOR FOPPE**, 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.

DESIREE ROBINSON
(for) REGISTRAR

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
THE SUPREME COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
28TH JANUARY, 2010

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.

Notice is hereby given that such applications will be heard by the said Court at the expiration of **21** days from the date hereof.

DESIREE ROBINSON
(for) REGISTRAR

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
THE SUPREME COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
28TH JANUARY, 2010

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.

Notice is hereby given that such applications will be heard by the said Court at the expiration of **14** days from the date hereof.

DESIREE ROBINSON
(for) REGISTRAR

BUSINESS

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Most Bahamas-based new car dealers ordered their new inventory four to five months in advance of when they needed the vehicles on their lots, most, "with the exception of one or two", having allowed stock to run relatively low in order to avoid having an over-supply on their lots.

"Now, having fresh inventory coming in, that in and of itself will help government revenues considerably, because auto revenues represent a considerable chunk of import taxes," Mr Albury said.

However, both he and Rick Lowe, Nassau Motor Company's (NMC) operations manager, told Tribune Business that the Government should reassess the various tax bands applied to new car imports, explaining that inflation and price increases meant that no models were in the lower ranges.

"The BMDA has requested in the past that the Government revisit the duty bands," Mr Lowe said. "All those cars that fell into the lowest band in the early 1990s, when the tax policy was implemented, are now out of that range due to inflation.

"It may be time for the Government to reassess that, espe-

Auto dealers boosted

cially if they want to get people into more environmentally-friendly, fuel efficient cars." These vehicles are relatively more expensive, falling into the 75 per cent and 85 per cent import duty brackets, which increases their costs and actually runs counter to the Government's fuel efficiency and environmental policies.

"The BMDA has asked them to consider that in the past, but they haven't done so for whatever reason," Mr Lowe told Tribune Business. "With the way the country's revenues are going, I don't think they'd even consider it, because they're so desperate for revenue."

The US dollar's weakness on the international currency markets has exacerbated this situation, forcing Bahamian new auto dealers to pay more for their vehicles, costs that will ultimately be passed on to the consumer.

Mr Lowe said Nassau Motor Company was looking at 15 per cent price increases "in some cases" on the models it was set to sell in 2010, while Mr Albury said Executive Motors was looking at 10-12 per cent price increases on their Japanese auto brands.

These price increases also have the effect of pushing some imported models into higher import duty brackets, increasing costs for Bahamian auto dealers who, in turn, pass them on to the consumer.

"There will be price increases," Mr Albury told Tribune Business. "I would say, from what I've seen in the last 15 months and what I anticipate in the market to March, [there will be] about 10-12 per cent increases on Japanese brands."

He added that Executive Motors had already seen the tax implications of such price increases, the Toyota 4runner having gone from the 60 per cent band in 2008 to the 75 per cent and 85 per cent tax brackets. "That's an area the Government might need to look at, in that it's not reviewed those tax brackets since they were implemented in the early 1990s, and make allowances for inflation and increases in prices," Mr Albury said.

"What I'd like to see is one standard level across the board." He explained that this would encourage consumers, presently restricted by high taxes - and subsequent prices - to purchase more expensive vehicles, as a 65 per cent duty rate would be more favourable than 75 per cent or 85 per cent.

Mr Albury added that the Government also needed to examine incentives to encour-

age Bahamians to purchase smaller engine, more fuel efficient cars. Despite being less expensive than other models, Bahamians were still purchasing large engine cars.

The Executive Motors official said Bahamian motor dealers had to find their niche, adding that sales to the taxi driver and jitney market had helped the company to "weather the storm". It had also "put tremendous effort" into its service and parts departments, believing an opportunity had existed to garner business there.

Meanwhile, Mr Lowe said there were signs that new car sales had "stabilised", despite "definitely seeing increases" in prices for all Nassau Motor Company (NMC) models - something that would require consumers to come up with greater downpayments.

"Everyone expects stable or very little growth over the next year," Mr Lowe said. Adding that it was likely to be this way for some time, he said: "It's probably in the long-term, medium-term before numbers get back to where they were. A lot of people have suffered."

"There appears to have been some levelling off at the end of the year. Hopefully, it will stay level or there will be a slight increase. It seems to be stable from the numbers I'm looking at."

Mr Lowe added that many BMDA members were not replacing terminated or retired employees.

SUPREME COURT
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COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
NASSAU, BAHAMAS
2009
CLE/GEN No. 1169

Common Law & Equity Side

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 25th 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

ORDER OF FORECLOSURE NISI

Before the Honourable Justice Cheryl Albury of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth Of The Bahamas
Dated the 25th day of November A. D. 2009

ON THE APPLICATION of the Plaintiff by Summons dated the 27th of July A.D. 2009;
AND UPON READING the Affidavit of the Plaintiff sworn the 22nd day of July A. D. 2009;
AND UPON HEARING Mr. Roy W. M. Sweeting of Counsel for the Plaintiff, with him Mr. Patrick H. Ryar;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Defendant do stand absolutely debarred 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 28th 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 28th 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 Sturland & 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,

REGISTRAR

This Order was drawn by Messrs. Ginton Sweeting O'Brien of Chambers, 303 Shirley Street, Nassau, Bahamas, Attorneys for the Plaintiff.

Temple Christian High School

**Entrance Examination
2010 - 2011**

Temple Christian High School will hold its Entrance Examination on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6th, 2010 at the school on Shirley Street from 8:00a.m. - 12noon for students wishing to enter grades, 7,8,9 and 10.

Application forms are available at the High School Office. The application fee is twenty five dollars (\$25.00). Application forms should be completed and returned to the school by Friday, February 5th, 2010.

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BUSINESS

Cruise line mulling Grand Bahama move

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said the Government has considered the benefits of a car-carrying cruise vessel that could transport vehicles from the US to Grand Bahama for the duration of a guest's stay. However, he said the law regarding this was still being reviewed.

"We have the opportunity to be able to resume a business we had a few decades ago, with cars coming and driving around," said Mr Vanderpool-Wallace.

He added that the Celebration's move was part of the move to focus more on Grand Bahama.

According to the Palm

Beach Post, the cruise line plans to move its home port to Palm Beach, which would bring it closer to where the majority of its US client base resides, Orlando.

Mr Vanderpool-Wallace said this would bring the ship closer to a large client base. Palm Beach also has a community of high net worth and retirement age individuals.

Though the Minister acknowledged that Celebration's Bahamian and Nassau-based client base, which has taken advantage of the ship's 10 bag limit to accommodate their shopping needs, will be impacted by the move, he is confident there could be a boost to stopover visitors for Grand Bahama.

The Palm Beach Post also reported that the Celebra-

tion cruises will develop two, four, and six night packages with Our Lucaya, starting at \$150 per person for a double occupancy room.

The article insists that the Celebration's move to Palm Beach had been sealed, with the Port Commissioner hailing the deal, "which comes a decade after the Port of Palm Beach broke ground on a passenger cruise terminal that cost more than \$26 million, but has sat largely unused ever since".

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **ESSANCIEL VALNOR of Coral Reef Estate #3, House #68, FREEPORT, GRAND BAHAMA**, 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 **26th day of JANUARY, 2010** to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **DORILIEN HOMERE of Coral Reef Estate #3, House #68, FREEPORT, GRAND BAHAMA**, 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 **26th day of JANUARY, 2010** to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

INSIGHT

For the stories behind the news, read *Insight* on Mondays

PREMIER COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Directors of **PREMIER COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION LIMITED** has filed with the Bahamas International Securities Exchange for an extension to report the September 30, 2009 audited financials. This extension request was due to additional work required as a result of the change in auditors. The extension has been granted to March 8, 2010 and audited financial statements will be published in two major newspapers on or before that date.

Ivlynn Cassar
Secretary

NOTICE

SEYMOUR INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT INC., AN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANY

Notice is hereby given that the voluntary dissolution of the above company commenced on the 22nd day of January, 2010. Articles of Dissolution have been duly registered by the Registrar General's office, P.O. Box N-532, 50 Shirley Street, Nassau, Bahamas. The Liquidator is A.J.K. Corporate Services (Bahamas) Limited, whose address is Suite 11, Bayparl Building, 18 Parliament Street, P.O. Box AP59205/3352, Nassau, The Bahamas.

Legal Notice NOTICE

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (No. 45 of 2000 Section 138) QUQON INVESTMENTS LTD.

I, DELLERESE M. GRANT, Assistant Registrar General of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, do hereby certify, pursuant to the International Business Companies Act, (No. 45 of 2000 Section 137) that the requirements of the said Act in respect of dissolution were complied with by **QUQON INVESTMENTS LTD.**

An International Business Company and that accordingly the said Company is dissolves this 18th day of December, 2009.

Given under my hand and seal at Nassau in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas this day of December, 2009.

Assistant Registrar General

Legal Notice NOTICE

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (No. 45 of 2000 Section 138) DARE INVESTORS LIMITED

I, DELLERESE M. GRANT, Assistant Registrar General of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, do hereby certify, pursuant to the International Business Companies Act, (No. 45 of 2000 Section 137) that the requirements of the said Act in respect of dissolution were complied with by **DARE INVESTORS LIMITED.**

An International Business Company and that accordingly the said Company is dissolves this 18th day of December, 2009.

* Formerly **ULTIMATE CHAMP PTE LTD.**

Given under my hand and seal at Nassau in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas this day of December, 2009.

Assistant Registrar General

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS 2009 IN THE SUPREME COURT Cle/qui/1563 Common Law & Equity Division

IN THE MATTER OF that parcel or tract of land being Lot No. 18 of the Hopetown Point Development situate approximately one (1) mile North of Hope Town Point on Elbow Cay one of the Abaco Cays in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas

AND

IN THE MATTER OF The Petition of **Richard Elliott and Mary Elliott** under the Quieting Titles Act, 1959.

NOTICE

The Quieting Titles Act, 1959

The Petition of Richard Elliott and Mary Elliott both of South Beloit, Illinois one of the States of the United States of America in respect of:

ALL THAT parcel or tract of land being Lot No. 18 of the Hopetown Point Development situate approximately one (1) mile North of Hope Town Point on Little Elbow Cay one of the Abaco Cays in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas which said piece parcel or lot of land is bounded on the North by Lot Number 63 and running thereon One Hundred and Thirty Two and Fifty-six hundredths feet (132.56') on the East by a road reservation Twenty (20) feet wide called and known as Lobsterpot Lane and running thereon One Hundred and Thirty feet (130') on the South by Lot Number 19 and running thereon One hundred and Forty-nine feet (149') more or less and on the West by Nathan's Bay and running thereon One Hundred and Six and Thirty-seven hundredths (106.37') feet which said piece parcel or tract of land has such position shape boundaries marks and dimensions as are shown on the diagram or plan filed in this matter and is thereon edged in Red.

Richard Elliott and Mary Elliott claim to be the owners in fee simple in possession of the said land free from encumbrances and have made an application to the Supreme Court in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas under section 3 of The Quieting Title Act, 1959 to have their title to the said 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.

A plan of the said land may be inspected during normal office hours in the following places:-

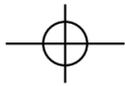
- (a) The Registry of the Supreme Court in the said City of Nassau
- (b) The Chambers of E.P. Toothe & Associates, in the city of Nassau, Attorneys for the Petitioners
- (c) The Office of the Commissioner at Marsh Harbour, Abaco.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person having an Adverse Claim or a claim not recognized in the Petition shall on or before the 12th day of March, A.D., 2010 file in the Supreme Court and serve on the Petitioners 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 said 12th March, A.D., 2010 will operate as a bar to such claim.

Dated this 19th day of January A.D., 2010

E.P. TOOTHE & ASSOCIATES
Attorneys for the Petitioners
Chambers,
Suite 104A, Saffrey Square
Bank Lane & East Street
P.O. Box N-9306
Nassau, Bahamas

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1.49	1.03	AML Foods Limited	1.16	1.14	-0.02	6,000	0.283	0.000	4.0
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	0.250	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	1.408	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%
3.65	2.21	Consolidated Water BDRs	2.60	2.58	-0.02	0.111	0.052	23.2	2.02%
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	0.420	0.240	15.5	3.70%
11.80	9.25	Finco	9.28	9.28	0.00	0.322	0.520	28.8	5.60%
10.45	8.90	FirstCaribbean Bank	9.99	9.99	0.00	0.831	0.350	16.8	3.50%
5.53	3.75	Focol (S)	4.77	4.77	0.00	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%
103.9873	93.1929	Freeport Concrete	103.9873	103.9873	0.00	0.035	0.000	7.7	0.00%
6.13	5.00	ICD Utilities	5.59	5.59	0.00	0.407	0.500	13.7	8.94%
10.50	9.95	J. S. Johnson	9.95	9.95	0.00	0.952	0.640	10.5	6.43%
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.156	0.000	64.1	0.00%
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1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00	7%	Prime	19 October 2017	
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00	7%	Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022	
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Fidelity Over-The-Counter Securities									
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Weekly Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E
14.60	7.92	Bahamas Supermarkets	10.08	11.06	14.00	-2.246	0.000	N/M	0.00%
8.00	6.00	Caribbean Crossings (Pref)	2.00	6.25	4.00	0.000	0.480	N/M	7.80%
0.54	0.20	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.35	0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%
Colina Over-The-Counter Securities									
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%
BISX Listed Mutual Funds									
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1.4387	1.3535	CFAL Bond Fund	1.4387	6.30	6.30			31-Dec-09	
2.8266	2.8266	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.8266	-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	93.1929	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	
1.0690	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.0690	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	
7.7171	4.8105	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund	7.7171	40.05	40.05			31-Dec-09	
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		Royal Fidelity Int'l Fund - Equities Sub Fund							
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Weighing the pros and cons of **DIET PILLS**

By JEFFARAH GIBSON

MANY persons desperate to lose weight are turning to diet pills instead of exercise to shed unwanted pounds.

Ads for quick fix products promise to revitalise energy and help users become happier healthy people. But can they really deliver, and help one to lose those extra pounds and maintain their new body weight?

Andrew Chan health coach and fitness manager at Jemi Health & Wellness Center told *Tribune Health* that he frowns on the idea of using these anti-obesity drugs to help with weight loss, since the best way to shed those pounds is to do it naturally.

"I don't believe in diet pills at all. And I will not encourage anyone to take diet pills," he said.

When these pills are taken, they work by increasing the heart rate he said.

"Most diet pills have ingredients that speed up the heart rate. So for instance if a person is already overweight this mean that their heart is already beating at a slightly abnormal level, and taking the pills on top of that causes the heart to speed about two times faster," he explained.

"Also exercising alone increases the heart rate, so exercising on top of an already increased heart rate can cause serious problems."

When this pressure increases on the heart, Mr Chan explained that it can and has resulted in a heart attack.

An online article published by msnbc.com on May 1, 2009 titled "FDA warns dieters: Stop Hydroxycut use now" reported that US government officials warned dieters to immediately stop the use of the popular diet pill since it had been linked to cases such as serious liver problems and caused at least one death.

"That was not even the first time Hydroxycut had been recalled. When the manufacturers first introduced Hydroxycut it was recalled because there were so many complaints from persons saying they have been experiencing heart attacks.

"When the pills were recalled the first time they changed the formula, and then it was

recalled for a second time, which shows that there is something wrong with using them," Mr Chan said.

Some people who are struggling with weight loss, become ecstatic when they hear of personal testimonies from friends or family members who have taken diet pills. And while these drugs can work in some instances, its not as simple as taking a pill and waking up the next morning ten pounds lighter.

"In life when you want to reach a goal you must work for it, you can't sit around do nothing and expect to get everything handed to you on a silver platter. This is the same way with weight loss, even if you take the pills it must be accompanied by proper diet and exercise which in fact will cause you to lose the weight even if you don't take them," Mr Chan said.

And since the pills contain ingredients like caffeine, there is a possibility that dependency can occur when a person ceases to take the pills.

And what people may not know is that diet pills have side effects as well. They may come in the form of mood swings, heart problems, kidney problems, potential dependency, and metabolism disruption just to name a few.

"The side effects that are associated the use of the pills is even worse than the weight problem one might have," Mr Chan said.

He said if persons insist on taking the pills, they should consult with a physician beforehand.

And although dealing with a weight problem might be a difficult task, Mr Chan said that you can never go wrong with proper diet and exercise.

"Its just that simple and it is a lifestyle process that persons must adapt, you cannot just exercise to lose the weight because after you lose the weight and stop exercising, pounds will return. But the important thing to remember is that things take time, and it might take a much longer time doing it the natural way, in the end you won't have nothing to worry about," he said.

"So go to a doctor get a full body examination, and then seek a nutritionist, or a fitness personnel. Make time for the important things in your life and then you will see the changes beginning to occur.

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The Rewards

THE suggestion that there are 'rewards' attached to sex may trouble some people. It makes it sound so cold, calculating and heartless. But surely no one would disagree that the first reward is to be able to express our love and to feel it in return. It is by savoring the scent, and the movement of energy passing from one to the other, that allows us to feel love and acceptance. It is natural and nature's way of allowing us to demonstrate our feelings both verbally and non-verbally. Isn't that what we have grown to believe from romantic dreams and novels? The love making that brings two lovers together to reach that pinnacle of unified love.

We are surprised then when we later hear that men primarily have sex for pleasure and women for love? Does that mean that men have it 'just for fun' and we can not guarantee the love? Are women not supposed to enjoy sex at the same time as showing love? Which is more accurate the romantic imagery or the other that doesn't quite sound like love? So many mixed messages contribute to an already complex set of emotions.

The fact that sex can work as relaxation, a distraction, and just plain 'feels good' is a bonus. Due to the rise in mood receptors in our brain it is often used as a comfort and coping mechanism for some people. The warm fuzzy feelings in the afterglow undoubtedly add to seeing yourself and your partner in a positive light.

The saying 'use it or lose it' rings true, particularly for post menopausal women. The increased blood flow to the pelvic region during sexual



By MAGGIE BAIN

arousal enhances blood to the arteries and genital tissues. If left to Mother Nature the vagina would shorten and the tissue would become thinner and drier, due to loss of estrogen. The byproduct of that can be pain and irritation on intercourse. There are topical products to counteract this problem, but if we can help ourselves we can prolong one more change to our aging bodies.

Studies to see if women live longer if sexually active have been difficult to assess due to additional medical problems. However, medical professionals know that anything that keeps us physically active, and gives emotional gratification, can only add to our overall health.

The physical feeling of fullness, tingling and throbbing in the pelvic area, when sexually aroused, lets us know we are 'turned on'. It reassures us we are healthy and everything is working to order. We quickly learn that sex will relieve the increasing tension. It is interesting to note that women need 'a release' just like men.

A great deal of women's pleasure, and motivation to have sex, is for one of the ultimate prizes—the Big O. Unlike men we are blessed with our own 'pleasure organ', the clitoris. Additionally, we have a thickened area, full of nerve endings, about 2"

in on the front wall of the vagina called the G-spot. Whether you are able to achieve either type of orgasm, or both, adds a dimension to your love making which can be further developed over the years. It is only achieved by knowing your body, understanding what position, stimulation and level of arousal will allow an orgasm to come to you. Mentally chasing an orgasm is often self defeating. Learning how to relax, and letting it come to you, will open a whole new world of pleasure.

Today's women have sex for pleasure, plus they have the luxury of choosing an appropriate time to conceive. As we close this discussion today we need to acknowledge the ultimate reward, which is the creation of a new life. From the short time of ovulation, and the changes within a woman's body to increase the opportunity for conception, is a miracle in itself. Then, the incredible journey of healthy sperm, deposited in the vagina, making their way to join a healthy egg and the formation of an embryo. Without a doubt the greatest reward has to be our beautiful children and the passing on of our genes to future generations.

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GREEN SCENE

By Gardener Jack



THE shooting star bears spectacular flowers that, alas, last for only three or four weeks.

Fireworks display in the garden

FROM the middle of January to the middle of February the shooting star tree (*Clerodendrum quadriloculare*) puts on its magnificent display that resembles an explosion of fireworks.

A shooting star tree in full bloom is one of the most magnificent of all plants. Alas, like many real firework shows, the display is all too brief.

In the Marsh Harbour area of Abaco there were perhaps two or three clerodendrons; now there are hundreds. Not only are they attractive trees, they are easy to propagate from root suckers.

So easy, in fact, that the owner has to take great care that a mini forest of clerodendrons does not take hold.

When not blooming, the clerodendrum is a very attractive shrub growing to about 10 feet.

The elongated leaves are coarse and able to withstand drought quite well, green on the top surface and purple below.

A slight breeze causes the predominantly green-showing leaves to flash glimpses of purple, a lovely combination.

It is the flowers that stun, however. They produce masses of flowers that terminate in petals that turn back on themselves.

Another descriptive name for the clerodendrum is starburst.

The virtue of easy propagation may very well be a negative factor. Were the plant to transfer to the wild it would propagate so easily that it may become an invasive species.

Care should be taken if children are around because the plant is poisonous.

If you have a clerodendrum I would suggest you remove and destroy root suckers as they appear.

Do not leave the chore for too long as, once established, the suckers are hard to get out of the ground.

Clerodendrum quadriloculare grows best in full sun or partial dappled shade and is very undemanding as to soil type or general maintenance.

Avoid pruning the tree after October as this will interfere with the tree's blooming cycle.

The record warm temperatures of December gave way to an extended cool period during the first two weeks of January.

Nothing, except for fire, affects the foliage of plants more than the wind.

Those cold breezes of early January ripped banana leaves to shreds and then turned them yellow.

My young breadfruit tree is looking positively anaemic and the young mango and longan leaves are suffering.

Several fruit trees shed their leaves in early winter and these are more able to cope with the debilitating effects of the wind.

In my first article of the new year I should have mentioned that January is a good month to plant onion seeds.

Onions respond to the length of each day and grow better and bulb fatter when the days are growing

longer.

I do not grow bulbing onions but scallions and other forms of non-bulbing onions also do better after December than before.

Winter is a fine time to start growing Irish potatoes. You will find that those sold in stores are developing clusters of 'eyes' and these can be cut away from the potato and planted independently.

Allow the slips containing eyes to dry for a few days and then dip each into a very weak solution of bleach.

Plant your slips bud-side up about five inches deep after ensuring that the soil below has been well worked over.

Leave the hole open and add soil little by little as stalks grow from the slips. Mound the soil around the base of the plant once the foliage is well above ground.

Within two to three months the foliage will begin to die off. This is harvesting time.

If your potatoes are on the small side you are blessed with 'new' potatoes, a gastronomic gem.

I find that the red varieties of potato from the supermarket are the most reliable producers but it also makes sense to try some of the more exotic and expensive potatoes like Klondike purple and fingerling.

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THE COACH APPROACH

Preventing anti-social behavior: What is the first step?

"Around the world, Life-Skills Education is being adopted as a means to empower young people in challenging situations. It is an interactive process that supports the adoption of healthy behaviour."

UNICEF



By Michelle M Miller, CC

There is no question that young adults are facing considerable amount of challenges to their healthy development.

When it comes to the issue of anti-social behavior there seems to be no real dialogue regarding ways in which it can be prevented.

Most adults seem to have taken the position that this behaviour is somehow more effectively remedied after it has developed; rather than before. As such, solutions thus far have been reactive at best.

And so despite the many young people that are systematically locked away from mainstream society, acts of anti-social behavior continue; as more young adults fall into similar patterns.

What is the ultimate objective of this process?

ARE THEY ADEQUATELY PREPARED?

We are taught that prevention is better than cure. When it comes to the social development of our young adults; are they prepared to prevent? Do they possess the skills?

Traditional education focuses mainly on academic intelligence; which is measured by the passing of an exam. But how do we measure a child's innate potential? How do we assess their view of the society in which they live? How do assess how they learn?

The first major problem that children face is that the majority of adults are outer-directed; always looking for answers and solutions outside themselves.

This habit of looking outward rather than inward is passed on to our children; and just like the adults, children learn to compare themselves with others and in most cases they judge themselves unfavourably.

This feeds low self-esteem, lack of confidence and builds a small sense of self. When a child feels inadequate or incapable; they develop a negative disposition, which shows up as anti-social behavior.

And so the first step to prevention begins with **Preparation**. How prepared is your child?

In most instances, children are ill-equipped to face real life challenges. The bulk of their learning is academically driven. But in the real world, they need skills beyond the classroom; such as how to get along with others, how to navigate

their emotions etc.

Life is a multifaceted experience where things are always changing. Without essential life-skills, it will be struggle for them to take their rightful place and successfully achieve their dreams, goals and aspirations.

FINAL THOUGHTS...

To experience a new result, we need a new formula. Every child has the right and deserves the chance to learn, grow and develop into the person that they desire to become.

When a child feels confident about who they are, about their skills and their ability to manage themselves, they are less likely to develop an anti-social disposition.

We however must ensure that they are exposed to those essential skills that aptly prepare them for life in a world without borders.

Academic intelligence alone is no longer sufficient. To thrive in the real world, demands life-skills that build confidence and sense of self.

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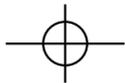
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Bahamian woman in Japan

For one year and three months I had the opportunity to live and work in Tokushima, Japan. I worked as an English Language Coordinator at Seiko Gakuen for children ages three to six. Join me as I explore the land of the rising sun from a Bahamian's perspective.



By COFFI MCPHEE

Japanese flags. The taste was actually not bad. It was actually pretty good everyone liked it and we won the prize for the most original. It's amazing what you can do with a little imagination and tomato paste.



PART 7

TYPHOON

Being in a typhoon here is a completely different world from a hurricane in the Caribbean, (a hurricane and typhoon are the same thing they just called it a different name here). At home there is traffic jam for hours and you can see plywood on the back of every car. The food stores are full and a tin of corn beef goes up to almost 9 dollars. People get off from work on Wednesday to get ready for a hurricane on Saturday.

In Japan it is totally different. Nobody seems to really care and it is business as usual even if it is a Category 4 hurricane. I told my coworkers that I have to go buy some candles and water for the storm and they all looked at me if I was crazy. I probably made them think that we live in trees. But I explained to them this is how we prepare for a storm. As I type this paragraph there is a hurricane outside. Yes a hurricane (typhoon) and I am at work in the summer with no kids it's like a ghost town.

In the Bahamas, if it rains too hard we go to work late if we even go at all. In Spain, we get sent home for 3 hours to sleep everyday in the afternoon. In France, if a holiday falls on a Wednesday you would often get Thursday and Friday off. In Canada, if it snows too hard everything shuts down.

Not here. Be it rain, snow, sleet, monsoon, typhoon or earthquake

your behind has to come to work. This is probably why Japan has the world's second largest economy.

BAHAMIAN MEETS JAPANESE MEET RANDOM CUISINE

Last month I took part in an Iron Chef competition where they put you with random people in a team; give you a certain amount of money and time (2 hours) and everyone has to cook using the same surprise ingredient.

We were able to bring a secret ingredient from our home kitchen but of course I don't cook so I didn't have anything special to bring.

Unfortunately I didn't inherit the Cynthia- Marietta cooking gene (they were my grandmothers). I figured that I would be paired with someone who brought something but we were all in our twenties living alone and not chefs. The secret ingredient was eggplant. I have never eaten eggplant.

So I did what any Bahamian would do when forced to cook something and they have no idea what to do. Bought typical Bahamian ingredients and I put some oil in the pot and fried down some onions, green peppers, garlic and tomato paste and fried that eggplant down.

Everyone said how good it smelled. Hahahaha. Next we added some salt, some soy sauce and some other Japanese thing and put cheese on the top. Boiled some cabbage and stuffed the cabbage with the eggplant creation. To hold it together we put toothpicks on top with red and yellow pepper and little

VENDING MACHINES

If you like cheap beer and cigarettes Japan is the place for you. You don't have to go to the bar or to the newspaper stand if you want to buy cigarettes or beer. You they have them right there for you in the vending machines. They even sell hot dogs. But who would want to buy a hotdog from the vending machine? Only God knows how long its been there.

I first asked my coworkers if they have a problem with underage drinking and smoking seeing as they are so readily available with no police officers checking your ID. They were like nope not at all. If you have something so easily accessible the need to have it disappears.

Maybe that is what they should do in North America demystify the need to drink. When I was 8 my dad let me taste his Guinness so I wouldn't feel as though I had to sneak a drink when I got older. The first time I had it I remembered that it tasted like something died in my mouth. And I thought if alcohol is an acquired taste why would you want to drink something that taste bad until you like it? Didn't make any sense to me at 8 and honestly still doesn't make that much more sense at now. My dad method worked. To this day I can't stand the taste or smell of Guinness.

"Travel is more than the seeing of sights; it is a change that goes on, deep and permanent, in the ideas of the living."

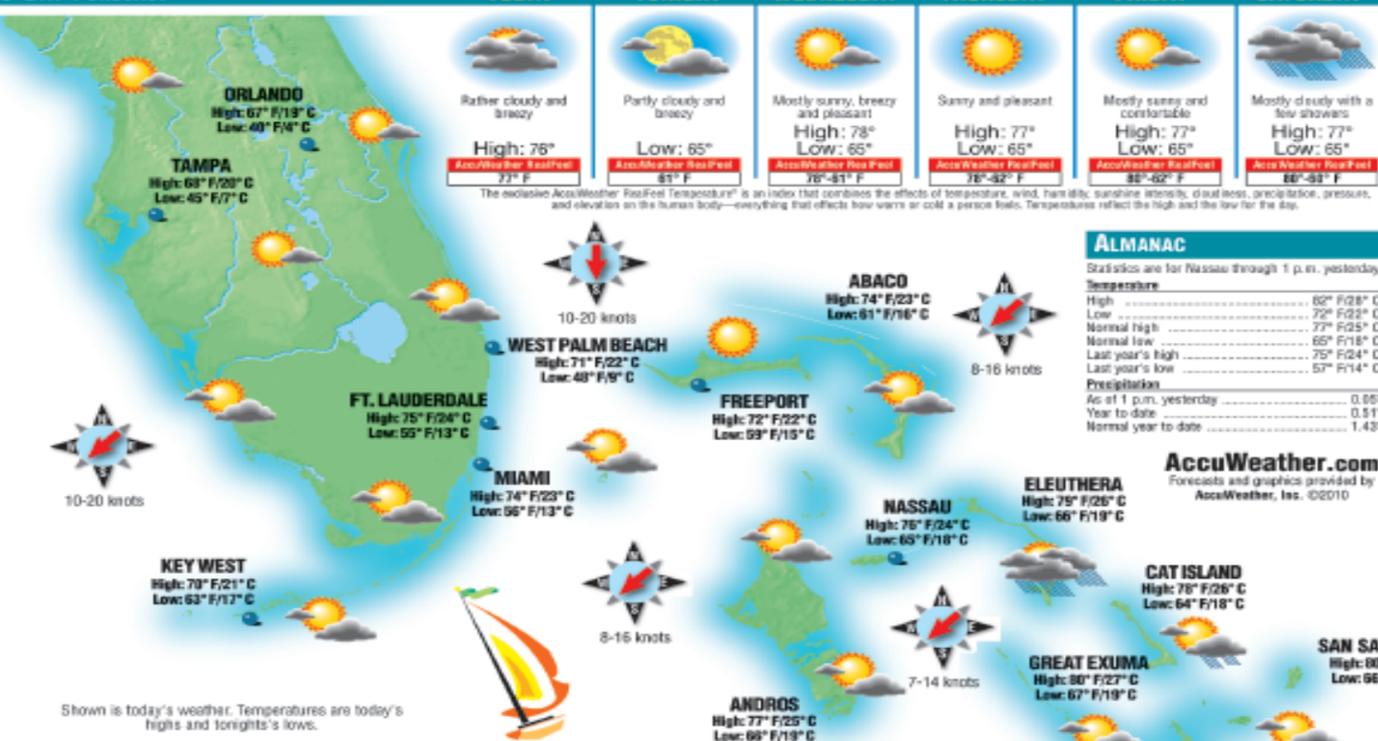
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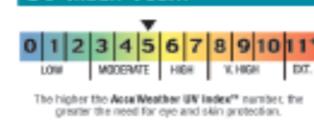


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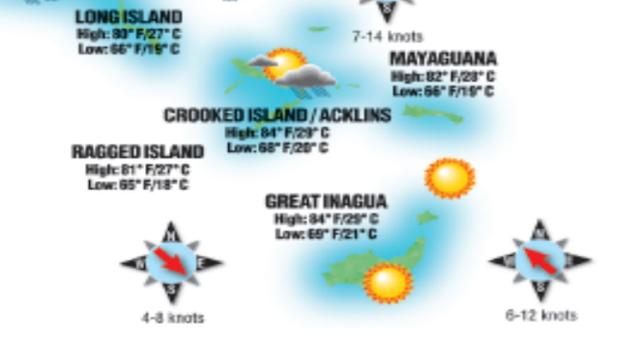
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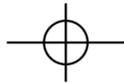
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Hair trends of 2010

By JEFFARAH GIBSON

RIHANNA inspired mohawks streaked with gold, asymmetrical bob-cuts with blonde highlights, and edgy chic razor cuts are just a few of the hot looks that are in full effect for 2010.

And these are among the most popular hairstyles that Bahamian women are test driving.

Once upon a time, it was difficult to find women "rockin" colours like pink, blue or blonde, but now they are stepping out of their comfort zones, walking out in confidence, and embracing their sexy, mix-and matching colors, and showing off their huge personalities at the same time.

Most women will probably say "forget clothes my hair is more important."

However most women can agree that when the hair is shaped into the perfect style that accentuates the physical structure of the face, it adds to the outer beauty of the person.

Though fashion and hair magazines are filled with sexy sleek styles, it is important for women to select a hairdo that actually fits the face.

There are some cuts and hairstyles that might look great on one person, and not so good on another, so it is important to choose a style and hair colour that compliments facial structure and skin tone.

Tribune Woman spoke to a few of the local stylists who gave their take on the most

requested hairdos and got the "411" on the latest psychedelic crazes in hair trends.

Rhonda Cartwright at "Hair Works: Paul Mitchell Salon for Women and Men" said women are being more creative and incorporating their own flavour into hairstyles.

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front caps, wraps, and Rihanna inspired mohawks.

"When it comes to the mohawk there are a variety of textures that are very popular. But of all the soft, and curly mohawks are the most popular. These looks give the style a more elegant feel to the hair," Ms Bain told *Tribune Woman*.

"And although the lace front caps have been in style for nearly two years, they are still very hot today. Women are especially wearing the lace front caps in long and wavy,

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Bob cuts are being spruced up with bangs as they add that extra edge to the look. But if you opt for a bang make sure it suits the face, and the cut.

"There are much variations in the bob cuts, there are some where the sides are longer than the rest of the hair, and there are some that are layered, it is whatever the person wants," she said.

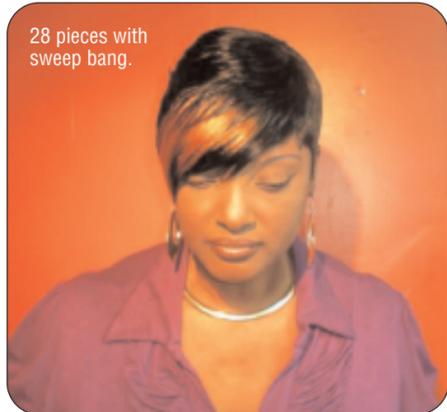
At the Finesse Barber and Beauty Salon owner Margo Bain said some of the most popular styles she has seen are the laced

short and sleek styles. You can basically do anything with them and they last very long."

At Nubian Natural Hair Salon Kay Joseph hairstylist said they have been seeing a number of popular trends in natural hairstyles.

"We have been seeing women wearing their natural hair in dreadlocks, and people have also been wearing this style in weaves. Also the twist are very popular streaked with a different colour is also very common as well," she said.

Hair trends are ever-changing and choosing a new hairdo and colour can make you feel beautiful inside and out.



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