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Senior PLP denies buying outside votes

Airport security worker arrested

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AIRPORT police confirmed a security worker at the Sir Lynden Pindling International Airport was arrested on Tuesday in connection with an investigation. The security screener, who is an employee in the transit terminal, was called off the job and handcuffed by the police, according to an eye-witness who is also an employee in the same department. The employee was **SEE page 13**

High-ranking member hits back at allegations

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THE high-ranking PLP member accused of paying off or knowingly encouraging non-Elizabeth residents to register to vote in the constituency on the premise that they would support his party yesterday denied "knowing anything about" such activity. Following closely behind allegations by the Free National Movement and the Bahamas Democratic Movement earlier this week that "senior members" of the PLP or "PLP operatives" had engaged in illicit behaviour in an effort to bolster their chances of winning the by-election, *The Tribune* yesterday confirmed the name of one individual both parties are said to believe was primarily responsible. But the senior PLP in question said that if anyone did round up and pay off non-residents to vote PLP, it was not him. "I know nothing about it,"

he said. Asked why he thought the accusations might be directed at him, he said he did not know.

On Tuesday, Assistant Commissioner Glenn Miller said he had received information about alleged vote buying in Elizabeth but up until yesterday had yet to receive an "official complaint." "We'll do inquiries and hopefully at end of day we hope to get to the bottom of it and say if it's true," said the senior police officer. He denied news reports that he is now in possession of "a list of people who may have committed voter fraud."

In a statement released Tuesday, the FNM claimed it was actively investigating the status of at least 70 voters who registered in Elizabeth "with the assistance of PLP operatives" just before the voter registry was closed, although they do not reside in the constituency.

BDM candidate and leader Cassius Stuart also **SEE page 11**

FILMMAKERS PROTEST MINISTRY'S UK INITIATIVE



ARTISTS, Filmmakers and photographers protest outside of the Ministry yesterday.

FILMMAKERS angered by a Ministry of Tourism initiative to fund UK-produced films about the Bahamas protested outside the Ministry's office yesterday. About a dozen filmmakers and photographers joined Bahamas Film Festival founder and director Celi Moss for the demonstration in George Street, Nassau, calling on the Government to recognise and encourage local talent before extending opportunities to foreigners. The 14 Islands Film Challenge invites 14 British filmmakers to showcase 14 Bahamian **SEE page 15**

Detention Centre detainee shot after alleged attack on officer

By **TANEKA THOMPSON**
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WHAT could have been a violent disturbance at the Carmichael Road Detention Centre was avoided after an officer shot a Cuban detainee in the groin with a rubber bullet.

The Cuban allegedly tried to attack the officer, who fired the disabling shot, with a makeshift weapon, reportedly sharpened bed springs.

The attempted attack occurred, around 1 pm yesterday, during lunchtime.

The detainee was reported to be part of a group of 18

Cubans who began to "violently" shake the compound's fence in solidarity with another Cuban immigrant who was ordered to the back of a food service line yesterday.

According to a police report issued on the incident, staff at the holding facility were dispensing meals to the detainees when a Cuban immigrant tried to jump the food line.

The man was told to get to the back of the line and in response said, "If I don't get my meal, I will cause trouble," police said.

It is reported the male left the food service area and **SEE page 11**

Air Jamaica to stop flights to the Bahamas

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AIR Jamaica is to discontinue flights to the Bahamas, forcing Bahamians to travel through the United States to get to the wider Caribbean.

The route cuts come in the wake of key changes aimed at stabilising the cash-strapped national carrier.

The Jamaican government is proceeding with plans to hand over operations of the airline to Caribbean Airlines after reportedly signing a non- **SEE page 12**

Deputy PM 'has no knowledge' of unpaid Hotel Corporation severance pay

By **TANEKA THOMPSON**
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DEPUTY Prime Minister Brent Symonette said he has no knowledge of unpaid severance pay due Hotel Corporation staff.

He was responding to a statement made by Deputy Leader of the Progressive Liberal Party Philip "Brave" Davis who claimed that employees at the Hotel Corporation have been awaiting severance pay for nearly two **SEE page 12**

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• Shaun Ingraham is an international disaster response consultant who trained with the United Nation Civilian Military Co-ordination (UNCMCoord) programme. He has worked with international logistics teams responding to most of the major disasters that occurred over the last 15 years, including hurricanes Andrew, Ivan, Frances, Jeanne, Katrina and Rita. Mr Ingraham was in Indonesia following the Tsunami in North Sumatra working with the New Providence Community Church and Food For the Hungry International. He is the president of the Rotary Club of Eleuthera and founder of South Eleuthera Emergency Partners. In partnership with the Rotary Clubs of the Bahamas, Rotary District 7020, New Providence Community Church/Centre and Habitat for Humanity, he is currently in Haiti making sure aid and supplies are distributed to those most in need. Mr Ingraham has agreed to update our readers regularly on the progress of his mission and share his thoughts and impressions of the catastrophe in Haiti.

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The decision to come to Haiti to assist with the relief and recovery efforts was not a difficult one to make. However, I must say that the images seen on television made me think twice about my safety. Even up to

the last three minutes before the flight from Odyssey Aviation (Phil and Gavin) took off into the wide blue yonder leaving me and my fellow volunteer fire fighter Tyson on the grass runway in Pignon, I was still wondering if I had done the right thing.

My first contact with Haiti came when I trained with UN CMCoord in the Dominican Republic in anticipation of a catastrophe in Haiti. My second connection came when I was invited to join a team of Habitat for Humanity International staff to develop a disaster response programme here. So when my Fellow Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Eleuthera and the Bahamas and other well wishers whom I will thank publicly later, gave me their full support to travel to

Haiti, it was the affirmation that I needed to begin to make plans.

My first two nights in Haiti were spent in the City of Pignon, which is about 60 miles south of Port-au-Prince and has begun to feel the weight of this catastrophe by having to accommodate and feed and tend to the homeless and wounded from "the port". Some estimates suggest that the population has increased by 75 per cent. One wonders how many more the town can absorb without breaking into chaos.

Local pastor, community leader, Rotarian and Habitat for Humanity International

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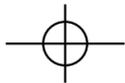
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LOCAL NEWS

Minister won't meet North Eleuthera High parents till next week

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MINISTER of Education Desmond Bannister will not meet with the parents of students of North Eleuthera High School until next week Friday when there is proof of sustained student attendance.

This news did not sit well with the head of the school's Parent Teachers' Association, who said Mr Bannister "broke his word" by not showing up to yesterday's expected meeting on that island.

PTA president Garnell Bethel claimed that there was an agreement between the parents and education officials that a meeting would be held yesterday once all of the students had returned to the school. Ms Bethel said the parents kept up their end of the bargain and were disgruntled that Mr Bannister pulled out of the meeting at the last minute.

"Right now we are disappointed. We were truthful to our word because we made a statement that we were going to send the students to school (yesterday) and that's what we did. As of now we got the message that he has to wait until the children are in school steadily, it has us wondering if he is ever going to

come," said Ms Bethel from her home in Eleuthera yesterday.

Yesterday Mr Bannister told The Tribune by e-mail that he had planned to meet with the parents yesterday but decided not to, because most of the students had not returned to school on Tuesday. He now plans to meet with the parents, provided he is satisfied with student attendance, on February 12.

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"I want to stress, however, that no child should be used as a pawn by adults. When this is done, we hurt our own children. As adults we can communicate without hurting children. Moreover, I will not bend to intimidation attempts. Whenever any adult wishes to engage me I expect civil discourse between adults," he said.

According to education officials, 178 out of 203 students showed up to school yesterday. On Tuesday, 105 students attended classes.

Meantime, the PTA is still demanding answers from the Ministry of Education over the transfer of administrative staff from North Eleuthera High. The school's former principal Debo-

rah Deal and former vice-principal Catherine Collins were transferred to different schools on that island following allegations of child sex abuse.

Their transfers met with vocal opposition from parents, who pulled their children out of the school, leading to the stand-off between the PTA and Mr Bannister.

Aside from allegations already heard by a court that former school security officer Adrian White indecently assaulted eight female students, parents insist that widespread reports of abuse "have nothing to do with" the school or its administrators.

There has been no suggestion that the former principal and vice principal of North Eleuthera High were in any way involved in acts of abuse, and it has been claimed that they were moved to fill vacancies elsewhere in the local school system created by the suspension of other administrators who are accused of not doing enough to deal with the allegations.

"At the end of the day, Mr Bannister needs to give us some answers and clear up some stuff that he said. We still haven't had an answer of why the principal and senior mistress was moved," said Ms Bethel.

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Four men reportedly injured after shooting

A SHOOTING in the Montell Heights area reportedly left four men injured, according to reports reaching *The Tribune* last night.

Shortly before 8 o'clock last night, police got word of a reported shooting in the area that happened in the street about 100 metres west of a nearby high school.

However, details of the shooting were sketchy up to press time.

There were unconfirmed reports that one of the men was shot in the head, however, the extent of the victims' injuries were not known up to press time.

The men were reportedly taken to hospital by EMS personnel.

Ryan Pinder questions FNM candidate's experience



By TANEKA THOMPSON
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PROGRESSIVE Liberal Party by-election hopeful Ryan Pinder questioned if the Free National Movement's candidate possesses the experience needed to help steer the country out of economic turbulence.

While pointing out his own business experience, which he said would allow him to give meaningful economic advice to parliament, Ryan Pinder added that he doubts if Dr Duane Sands could do the same.

"It is clear that the government's economic plans and programmes have failed.

"My experience as an advisor to small businesses, my education on economic matters, and growing up in a family of successful business persons puts me in a position to provide meaningful, visionary and progressive advice that will put the Bahamas on firm economic footing.

"Dr Sands is a great doctor, but I raise the question if he has the expertise and experience to chart a path

to economic success and stability for the Bahamas," said the aspiring politician at last night's PLP rally.

Mr Pinder, a tax attorney, also promised the people of Elizabeth that he will fight for jobs and opportunities for the country's youth if elected to the House of Assembly.

While on the campaign trail, he said, he has encountered many young people who have become disillusioned in the face of rising crime and unemployment.

Mr Pinder outlined plans to establish a job skills bank in the area and help constituents create small business plans.

"I will provide a skills bank to assess where your gifts and talents are and we will put that information to good use and do our best to place you in good jobs. As our economy rebounds I want the youth of this nation to be properly trained and gain the necessary exposure and experience in order to play your role and own your destiny," he told supporters.

Mr Pinder also hit out at the FNM for "reversing" many positive youth projects left in place by the PLP.

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Cultural icon Professor Rex Nettleford dies

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CARIBBEAN cultural icon Professor Rex Nettleford died on Tuesday, just one day short of his 77th birthday.

Professor Nettleford was admitted to an intensive care unit and placed on life support on January 27 after experiencing a heart attack. He was in Washington to attend a fundraising-gala for the University of the West Indies, where he served as vice-chancellor emeritus.

Life support was terminated Tuesday night, according to a medical report signed by Dr Christopher Junker, of George Washington University, obtained by a Caribbean news agency. This was in keeping with Professor Nettleford's wishes.

"Professor Nettleford was one of the great Caribbean minds in the areas of government, education, labour, and culture. He has made this region proud through his exemplary scholarship and creative genius. Brilliant and multi-gifted people such as the late Professor do not come along often in a lifetime or many lifetimes for that matter. He will be sorely missed," said Cleophas R.E. Adderley, executive director, national musical heritage and research, and founder of the Bahamas Youth Choir.

Mr Adderley said he witnessed the work of Professor Nettleford first hand when he was a member of the renowned University Singers in Jamaica, a movement choreographed by the late Professor. He also worked with Professor Nettleford in the 1980s, as president of the Nassau Music Society, when the internationally acclaimed Jamaican National Dance Theatre Company (NDTC) was brought to the Bahamas. Professor Nettleford founded the NDTC in 1962.

"Professor Nettleford lectured tirelessly throughout the region on cultural and social development. He was a commentator on cultural development in The Bahamas and in the region. Professor Nettleford was an advisor to three Bahamian Prime Ministers," said Mr Fred Mitchell, opposition spokesman on foreign affairs.

"The PLP was especially grateful for the advice and counsel that he gave during its time in office. He will be sadly missed," he said.

issued a statement expressing the condolences of party members to the government and people of Jamaica, and to members of the UWI community.

Professor Nettleford is known to have trained many Bahamians, who passed through the UWI at the Trade Union Education Insti-

tute, and in the Extramural Studies Department.

As a Rhodes Scholar, he authored a number of books, among them *Mirror Mirror*, *Manley and the New Jamaica*, *The African Connexion*, *In Our Heritage*, and *Caribbean Cultural Identity: the case of Jamaica*.

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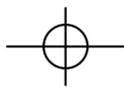
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US may shift on gays in military

WASHINGTON — A cultural shift in the 17 years since Congress passed a legal ban on gays serving openly in the U.S. military had changed the debate even before it was reopened by President Barack Obama.

Colin Powell, for example, who as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1993 was part of the opposition, said Wednesday that for the past two years he has favoured reviewing the current ban.

"Attitudes and circumstances have changed," he said.

For many younger members of the military — those doing the bulk of the fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq — it is hardly a debate at all. Polls suggest they care little about sexual orientation in their ranks.

And views in the wider society have evolved; gay marriage is now legal in five states and the U.S. capital. Opinion surveys say a majority of Americans think it's OK for gays to serve in uniform.

"Do I care if someone is gay? I have no qualms," said Army Sgt. Justin Graff, serving with the 5th Stryker Brigade in southern Afghanistan.

Jason Jonas, a former Army staff sergeant from Tempe, Ariz., said openly gay soldiers served in his intelligence unit and their presence never affected unit morale.

"I don't think it is anybody's right to say who can and who can't fight for their country," said Jonas, 28, who served in Afghanistan before being injured. "Nobody cares. 'Don't ask, don't tell' is kind of a joke."

A major influence in the coming debate will be the stance of the military's most senior uniformed leader, Adm. Mike Mullen. He told a Senate panel Tuesday that he personally believes it is time to allow gays to serve openly. It's just wrong, Mullen said, that gays must "lie about who they are" to defend their country.

Although Obama said he would work to change the law this year, Defence Secretary Robert Gates gave him some extra leeway by telling Congress the Pentagon would need at least a year to implement the changes. Gates' comment gave the impression that he thinks repeal is almost inevitable, although a leading Republican voice on defence matters, Sen. John McCain, opposes the change.

"I fully support the president's decision," Gates said. "The question before us is not whether the military prepares to make this change, but how we best prepare for it," adding that the final decision rests with Congress. In the meantime, Gates said he is seeking latitude in how the law is enforced.

The list of countries that permit gays to serve openly in uniform has grown to 28,

including Canada, Israel, Australia and most of Europe. Many of those nations have troops fighting alongside U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan.

Yet in the U.S., there remains a powerful rhetorical weapon for opponents of lifting the ban — fear that it would weaken a military at war.

It is a question that cuts to the heart of why sexual orientation has been such a sensitive topic in the military in the past — and remains so among those who see repeal of the 1993 ban on allowing gays to serve openly as putting still more stress on a military strained by years of conflict.

Mullen said he shares that concern, even as he became the first sitting chairman of the Joint Chiefs to publicly advocate allowing gays to serve openly. He told the Senate Armed Services Committee "there will be some disruption in the force" if the law is changed.

"Our plate is very full" already, he said. Obama entered the White House as an advocate of repealing the ban, but he let it rest for a year. Last week, in his State of the Union address, he vowed to work with Congress this year "to finally repeal the law that denies gay Americans the right to serve the country they love because of who they are."

When Bill Clinton entered the White House in 1993 he ignited a political firestorm by trying to use his executive powers to end the policy — not written into law at that point — of discriminating against gay service members in the military.

Congress stopped him by passing a law that does not explicitly prohibit gays or lesbians from serving but requires them to serve in silence. If they acknowledge their sexual orientation or engage in a homosexual act, they can be expelled. But if not asked, they need not disclose it.

The 1993 statute calls the military a "specialized society" in which life is "fundamentally different from civilian life." And so it is. But the cultural differences are not necessarily as stark as in 1993.

Walter Slocombe, a defence consultant who was a senior Pentagon policy officer during the Clinton administration, says most military members "won't care one way or another" if the ban is lifted.

All branches of the military struggle to some extent with racial, religious and gender tensions, he noted, but "that's a result of having a military that reflects the diversity of the country."

(This article was written by Robert Burns, AP National Security Writer).

Haiti earthquake is a warning for the Bahamas

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I just can't find words to express my sympathy for the people of Haiti. For an earthquake to suddenly destroy the nation is just unbelievable. I feel deeply for the people. So many thousands have died and are suffering.

God bless the people of the United States, the Bahamas, the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, the Rotary, various churches, different banks and institutions, and all the others too numerous to mention. God bless them all for their humanitarian effort, love, and compassion.

The Bahamas is very close to Haiti. Inagua is only 70 miles from Haiti. Did you stop and think it could have happened here?

Remember Hurricane Katrina back in 2005. It developed off the coast of Eleuthera in the Bahamas and ended up in New Orleans, Louisiana. The destruction and damage it did there was unbelievable. Many people lost their lives.

Don't take things for granted Bahamas, this is a warning and wake-up call! If something like that happened here, whether it be an earthquake or tsunami, it would wipe us off the map forever, everyone would be lost. It would be a total catastrophe.

Port Royal, a city in Jamaica was a haven for pirates. On June 7, 1692, an earthquake

The Toyota recall and my concern for friends, family and fellow Bahamians

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I am very concerned about the safety of my friends, family and fellow Bahamians. I am a Bahamian temporarily residing in the USA to further my education. I watched the US news yesterday and they announced that the automaker Toyota has issued a massive recall and also a suspension of the production of eight of their most popular models. This will no doubt cost the Toyota motor company billions of dollars but it was necessary due to the alarming number of complaints and deaths that have occurred due to this malfunction.

Apparently there are eight models of Toyota that accelerate spontaneously at an alarming rate. There have been thousands of calls in recent months to 911 emergency lines in the USA where drivers have been complaining of their vehicles accelerating out of control prior to accidents which have resulted in injury and at least 2000 deaths in the United States alone. Drivers who own vehicles on Toyota's recall list are being advised about safety measures they can take should it happen to them such as putting the car in neutral if the

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caused two thirds of the city to sink into the Caribbean Sea.

Did anyone stop and consider that we had no hurricanes in 2009. That was God's protection and blessings for the Bahamas. People say the Bahamas is a Christian nation. Is it? New Providence is an island 21 miles long by 7 miles wide and in 2009 we had 87 murders!

If you think the recession is bad, and it is, if the tourism industry and banking industry collapses there will be utter chaos and crime will increase and get worse. Hotels will close down, taxi drivers and straw vendors will suffer. There will be no jobs at all.

Don't be like the ostrich, burying his head in the sand and refuse to see what is going on. It can't happen here. Bahamas, we have no guarantee. Don't take things for granted.

There is too much crime in this little island, killing and hurting people. Too many people have died, families devastated and traumatised and the effects are forever. Nassau used to be a peaceful, loving place to live. There are too many rapes, too many murders, too many robberies, too many killings.

God told Jonah to go to Nin-

evah and preach to the people. Nineveh was full of wickedness, evil and violence. God told Jonah to preach to the people of Nineveh, and the people repented and the whole city of 120,000 was saved.

God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah because of their wickedness, evil and corruption. The only solution is to repent like Nineveh did.

What we need in this country is a spiritual revival before it is too late. Jesus said: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."

Jesus says in the Gospel of St Matthew, Ch 24: "In the last days there shall be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in divers places."

The Lord God is a loving God, and He says in 2nd Chronicles Ch.7 V.14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." If you live by the gun, you will die by the gun. Jesus says in St Matthew, Ch.26 V.52, "For all they that take the sword, shall perish with the sword."

Don't let the devil fool you. Crime does not pay. The Holy Bible says, "Repent!"

TONY G ZERVOS
Nassau,
January 19, 2010.

emergency brake does not work. Detailed information regarding the year and model of cars on the recall list and safety measures can be found on Toyota's website or by simply searching the internet.

When I heard about Toyota on the US news immediately I began to think of back home. I asked myself: "How many Bahamians are at risk of fatality in these vehicles?" and "Who is responsible for informing Bahamians of this recall?" There are dozens of Toyota dealerships in the Bahamas. Bahamians need to be aware of "too good to be true" sales from dealerships who only want to get rid of the faulty vehicles before news spreads throughout the Bahamas! Furthermore, if you search Toyota's website and find that your vehicle is on the recall list you must demand that the dealership in the Bahamas where you purchased your vehicle is responsible for turning in your car to Toyota for repairs. No Toyota dealers and I repeat, **no dealers** can say

to you that there is nothing they can do. If they do you need to put fire under them not individually, but corporately via legal means and the media to force the Toyota dealers in the Bahamas to become accountable. Your lives and the lives of your friends and families may depend on it!

Lastly, I would very much like to know what our government and the Minister of Transport and Aviation, the Hon. Neko Grant intends to do to ensure that the Toyota dealers are held accountable for the sale of the Toyota models listed on the recall list in the past few months. They were fully aware of this escalating crisis, therefore "I didn't know" is not an acceptable response from governmental leaders or Toyota dealerships. We, the Bahamian people, have to make them accountable!

GENEVA (Bahamian studying in the USA)
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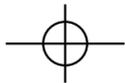
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LOCAL NEWS

Prison Records Dept yet to receive death warrant notice

By NOELLE NICOLLS
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OFFICERS attached to the Prison Records Department say they are yet to receive notice from the government on its intention to read a death warrant to a convict.

One officer told *The Tribune* yesterday: "They have not told us anything. Usually when they do this it is dropped on us last minute. We keep inmates' records - everything pertaining to inmates - so our role would be to amend his record however it needed to be amended."

The government is preparing to read a death warrant to an inmate based on a recommendation by the Advisory Committee on the Prerogative of Mercy, according to media reports.

Last October the committee made a

similar recommendation in the case of murder convict Maxo Tito. No further action was taken, however, because Tito filed an appeal with the Privy Council.

Dr Elliston Rahming, superintendent in charge of Her Majesty's Prison, said he was not prepared to make any statements in relation to the reports of a death warrant being prepared. Meanwhile, anti-death penalty campaigner Paul Moss is claiming that despite the reports, the government does not have the political will to actually carry out executions.

Mr Moss went on to say that if the death penalty is to remain in force, death warrants should be read within one week of a convict being sentenced.



ANTI-DEATH PENALTY campaigner Paul Moss

"We know that if someone languishes in prison for five years without being hanged the court has held that to be cruel and inhumane treatment. If a death sentence is read within one week of the conviction the accused person would then speedily go and have their matters heard on appeal," said Mr Moss, who was one of two failed contenders in the recent race for the leadership of the Progressive Liberal Party. He is still an active member of the party.

The move to read the death warrant could be a public relations stunt to appease pro-hanging voters in the upcoming parliamentary by-election in Elizabeth, Mr Moss added. Five political parties have candidates vying for the seat.

'Tremors' shake H O Nash Junior High

STUDENTS and teachers at H O Nash Junior High experienced a fright on Tuesday when "tremors" shook the school building on J F Kennedy Drive.

The mystery of why the earth seemed to be shaking was not cleared up until the following day when it was discovered that work being carried out using heavy machinery at the adjoining Ministry of Works' property was to blame.

The school's principal Trevor McKay said the tremors were first reported on Tuesday afternoon by a teacher who was sitting in her office at the time.

Shortly afterwards, the vice-principal, Evan Wisdom, who was in a completely different part of the school, said he could also feel the tremors.

Students then reported feeling some shaking.

Ms McKay said with the devastating earthquake in Haiti fresh in everyone's minds, the children were afraid.

The school immediately contacted government officials to investigate the mysterious tremors.

Then yesterday morning, with the cause for the ground shaking still unknown, Ms McKay said they decided that this was the perfect time to stage an emergency evacuation drill.

Representatives from both the Ministries of Works and Education who later vis-

ited the school quickly determined the reason behind the tremors.

"They told us that just what we were feeling, they were feeling at the Ministry of Works. It seems heavy duty equipment, a tractor with a big roller on it, was what shook the ground every time it moved," the principal said.

Ms McKay commended

Tim Clarke/Tribune staff



HEAVY MACHINERY caused "tremors" at H O Nash Junior High.

the government officials, including Works Minister Neko Grant and Education

Minister Desmond Bannister, for their quick response and for assuaging the students fears.

The students of H O Nash returned to class yesterday with their minds at ease.

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Keep up the remarkable performance girls!

Health fair to be held in Pinewood

THE Pinewood Urban Renewal Centre in association with the Health Secretariat of the Ministry of Health will hold a health fair this Saturday from 3pm to 6pm at Pinewood Park on Pinewood Drive.

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Political broadcasting rules in the Bahamas

By LARRY SMITH



WHENEVER an election is in the air, Bahamians seem to take leave of their senses. And the current controversy over political broadcasting rules set by the new utilities regulator (URCA) is a telling example.

This is not to deny that we should pay a lot of attention to any attempt to regulate the media. In fact, this should be the subject of a full-scale public debate going forward — rather than just a closed-door conversation among media moguls.

The question of how we regulate speech during an election has some interesting parallels with the recent US Supreme Court decision on political advertising — the ruling that was sharply criticised by President Barack Obama in his state of the union address last Wednesday. But before we get to those broader questions, a word or two on the local tempest in a teacup is in order.

As a former British colony, our laws and customs generally follow those of the United Kingdom, albeit with an often lengthy time delay. For example, the original version of the BBC in 1922 was part of the British Post Office, and when we set up ZNS in 1937 it was part of the Telegraph Department.

The BBC became a public corporation in 1927, but the Broadcasting Corporation of the Bahamas was not created until

1972, although ZNS became autonomous in 1957. Television in the UK came on stream in 1955, but — and solely for political reasons — we had to wait until 1977 for that to happen.

At the end of the 25-year Pindling regime, in June 1992, the Progressive Liberal Party promulgated a new set of rules for political broadcasting, which have remained in force ever since — through multiple general elections and bye-elections. These are the rules that Perry Christie, the current PLP leader, now condemns as unconstitutional and undemocratic.

So what are these nefarious rules? Well, here's the short text.

First, the content of political election broadcasts has to observe the law on incitement, defamation, copyright and obscenity. Second, parties can buy only six 30-second television and six radio spots per day. And third, all commercials must be produced in-house by the stations themselves using voice-overs by the candidate or a station employee.

"We roundly condemn what URCA has done and we completely reject it," Christie said, adding that the PLP wanted the

freedom to buy as many ads as they wanted on as many stations as they wanted during the campaign leading to the February 16 bye-election in the Elizabeth constituency.

"It is unconstitutional. It is unlawful. It is a bogus and a completely unjustifiable attempt to stifle free and fair expression in a democratic society," Christie said. And he took this position in spite of the fact that the PLP is already heavily indebted to ZNS for political broadcasting aired before the May 2007 general election, when it was the party in power.

Private radio stations were also upset, with Jones Communications CEO Wendall Jones calling the rules "unprecedented censorship." Well, we don't see how that charge can be supported, but we do know that the rules could cause the loss of potential ad revenue. It is well-known that media companies reap huge benefits from political parties during election campaigns.

The utilities regulator fought back, saying it was committed to protecting the public interest by ensuring that treatment of all stakeholders is "proportionate, transparent and fair." The rules at issue are an interim measure, URCA said, which will ultimately be replaced by new content codes required by the Communications Act, which became law last September.

So how will these interim rules be enforced? According to a spokesperson for URCA, if a complaint is made, the station concerned has 48 hours to resolve the issue or refer it to URCA. "We will investigate whether a breach has occurred and give notice to the station for it to remedy the matter. The sanctions of a fine or licence revocation as provided for in the Communications Act would only be used as a last resort."

One remaining point to consider is that although these rules have been around since 1992, they were only selectively, if ever, enforced over the past 18 years because no enforcement agency existed. So this does constitute a major break with past practice, that occurred without consultation. Guaranteed to upset folks, but hardly the stuff of constitutional arguments.

In fact, the rules applied by URCA are similar to those in Britain, where political broadcasting has been regulated since 1947 and a long-standing ban on paid political advertising on radio and TV is in place. Instead of ads, major parties (those that contest at least one sixth of the seats up for election) are offered

a series of campaign broadcasts that must comply with fairness, privacy and decency rules.

The 2003 Communications Act in Britain reiterated the ban on political advertising. The thinking is that by denying powerful voices the chance to skew political debate, the public interest is safeguarded. Sponsorship of programming or cable channels by political parties is also banned, putting politics in the same category as dangerous drugs, pornography and tobacco.

But we are more familiar with this side of the Atlantic, and as we all know, the United States is at the opposite end of the spectrum in this matter. The question we have to answer going forward is this: Are we more concerned about broadcasting as a vehicle of free speech, than we are about the possibility of special interests buying an election? This is a debate which we have largely avoided in the past, but which should now be held.

Many western democracies enforce spending limits on election campaigns. In Canada spending is based on the number of seats a party contests — the Liberals spent \$20 million in 2008. In Britain overall spending for each party is currently limited to \$30 million in a general election. In Europe, campaigns are financed publicly, requiring considerably less money overall.

In the United States, by contrast, it can take hundreds of millions to mount a credible presidential campaign. And although public financing was introduced in 1976, allowing candidates to qualify for matching government funds so long as they observe certain spending limits, candidates (including Barack Obama in 2008) have increasingly been opting out. This gives them unlimited spending rights.

In 2002 the landmark McCain-Feingold Act (also called the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act) set limits on the raising and spending of soft money and restricted the airing of issue ads within 60 days of a general election. And corporations, groups and unions were barred from funding such ads — forcing candidates to stand behind their own ads.

For example, in the 2000 US Presidential race, more than half of the 1.2 million political ads broadcast were produced by special interest groups. And it was widely perceived that in 2002 Democratic Senator Max Cleland lost his re-election bid partly because of negative ads associating him with Osama Bin Laden (on the ground that this war veteran, who lost three limbs in Vietnam, had voted against President Bush's homeland security bills).

The McCain-Feingold restrictions — as light as they were — reflected the same concern about skewing the political debate that is behind the much tougher

British campaign laws. But the US Supreme Court threw out limits on issue ads two years ago and in January they approved unlimited campaign spending by corporations, groups and unions as protected free speech.

"The censorship we now confront is vast in its reach," Justice Anthony Kennedy said in his majority opinion. In his dissent, Justice John Paul Stevens said: "The ruling threatens to undermine the integrity of elected institutions around the nation." And President Obama said the decision would lead to "a new stampede of special interest money in our politics."

According to Justice Kennedy, having government regulate who can speak is essentially allowing candidates and politicians to control speech. Supporters of the ruling say that a lot of spending by different people and groups in an election is called a debate, which is precisely what the constitution protects. Opponents argue that freedom of speech is not about the freedom to spend unlimited amounts of money.

The Bahamas has no campaign finance laws, and there have been periodic complaints about this foreign investor or that big businessman influencing the policy of our politics with large cash contributions. Now that he is out of power, former PLP attorney-general Alfred Sears has called for a bipartisan campaign finance law "to abolish the pervasive practice of secret campaign contributions, often by foreigners and sometimes by disreputable sources, to political parties and candidates during by-elections and general elections."

Will it ever happen? Who knows. But one thing is sure — we will soon be in the midst of a wide-ranging public consultation on rules for political broadcasting. All of the issues discussed above must be considered during this debate.

BEC's Response

Bahamas Electricity Corporation chiefs responded publicly to my article last week on the Wilson City power plant in Abaco. Most of the comments or clarifications were fair enough, but two require some come-back.

The first dealt with the level of public consultation for the plant. The prime minister has already admitted that this was lacking. And civil society groups like Friends of the Environment are adamant about it. Effective consultation is different from simply having an idea that something is going to happen. And the environmental impact assessments for the project were pointless; being clearly an after-thought, not well done, and released long after construction was underway.

The second point was BEC's characterisation of my reference

to heavy fuel oil (which the Wilson City plant was supposed to burn) as "misleading and regrettable." In the article I described HFO as a "carcinogenic residue", and there are numerous oil company safety data sheets posted on the Internet which offer the following warnings:

"Fuel oil may cause cancer. Product classified as a Category 2 carcinogen. Care should be taken to keep exposures below applicable occupational exposure limits. If this cannot be achieved, use of a respirator fitted with an organic vapour cartridge combined with a particulate pre-filter should be considered. Repeated skin contact may cause tumours."

Of course, this only relates to product handling and storage, not the pollution caused when HFO is burned or spilled. Here's a quote about that from the Canadian government: "HFO is a waste product of the refinery industry which emits large quantities of sulphur oxide and fine dust, which has been shown to generate increased toxicological responses following pulmonary exposure in humans and animals."

When HFO is spilled into the sea it congeals and does not evaporate, often floating beneath the surface, making it very difficult to clean up. And while most ships still use HFO, there is currently a proposal before the International Maritime Organisation to curtail the use of HFO in ships due to pollution concerns.

And finally, the BEC response made it appear that HFO is a perfectly ordinary fuel that is used around the world without consequence. HFO-based power plants do operate on every continent, but in countries with strong environmental laws they must adhere to strict emission standards, which do not exist in the Bahamas, by using costly pollution controls — which BEC did not anticipate using at Wilson City and apparently does not use at Clifton.

However, it should be clearly noted that BEC's chairman and some politicians (Utilities Minister Phenton Neymour still appears ambivalent) now say that the Wilson City plant will burn diesel rather than HFO when it becomes operational in June.

According to the US Clean Air Council, improvements in fuel grade can lessen the health and environmental burden from combustion. Diesel exhaust, while still polluting, emits lower levels of particulate matter into the air, which can be more easily reduced with emission control technology.

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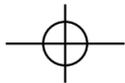
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LOCAL NEWS

Education Minister addresses schools concerns on Abaco



THE MINISTER speaks on his trip to Abaco.

MINISTER of Education Desmond Bannister recently met with stakeholders in Abaco to discuss concerns over classroom overcrowding, campus security and alleged gang activity in some schools of the district.

Mr Bannister's first meeting was held at the Abaco Central Primary School in Marsh Harbour, where administrators, teachers, and parents showed up in great numbers.

In that meeting, some issues which were presented included students not being adequately prepared for grade one; overcrowding in some classrooms; the need for more security officers; alleged gang activity, and lack of parental support.

The minister acknowledged all concerns and indicated that some matters were already being addressed.

He advised that other concerns would be looked into with a view to resolving them in the shortest possible time.

During his trip to the Abaco, Mr Bannister also visited Cooper's Town Primary School, attended a special assembly at Abaco Central High School, and the Abaco District Awards Service.

He said he was proud of Abaco's students for their outstanding achievements and encouraged them to continue to improve their individual performances by concentrating on "the five 'R's" - reading, writing, arithmetic, respect and responsibility."

He was especially pleased to learn that 340 students at Central Abaco High School had achieved a GPA of 2.0 for the school year 2008/2009.

The minister commended Tyler Albury, Alysia Boyce, Deanza Cox, Cicely Gomez, and Taj Anderson for exceptional performances in the Bahamas Junior Certificate (BJC) and Bahamas General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE) examinations.

"We all want the same thing for our children and that is to see each of them receive an education that promotes the highest standards and produces students who are intellectually curious, compassionate, responsible and capable of making a meaningful contribution to the country's productivity, prosperity and peace," he said.

Mr Bannister also stopped by the Bahamas Christian Network (BCN) to be interviewed by Rev Silbert Mills, where he discussed initiatives and addressed various concerns in education which included truancy officers, national examina-



STUDENTS of schools in Abaco listen to the minister.



tion results and corporal punishment.

Accompanying the minister on this visit to Abaco were a delegation of senior officers including Elma Garraway, permanent secretary, Lionel Sands, director of education,

and others.

Minister Bannister was met in Abaco by Lenora Black, District Superintendent, who along with the party attended several school events and met with education stakeholders.

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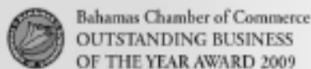
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LOCAL NEWS

Union wants minister to intervene in firing case



DION FOULKES

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abide by the industrial agreement regarding employee terminations.

Mr Lightbourne said the union does not condone drug use, but the employee is entitled to termination pay under the industrial agreement.

"Article 19 of the industrial agreement states that a person will not get pay if you are on probation, and then there are 11 items in Article 23 that states why you don't get pay.

FREEPORT – Members of the Commonwealth Electrical Workers Union (CEWU) are calling on Labour Minister Dion Foulkes to intervene in the case of a long-time employee who was fired from the Grand Bahama Power Company (GBPC) last week.

A worker who was employed with the company for some 37 years was fired last week after testing positive for drugs.

The union claims the GBPC owes the employee termination pay, and met on Tuesday evening to decide what steps to take next in the matter.

CEWU president Leslie Lightbourne claimed that management refused to

Employee

"What the employee was terminated for is not one of the 11 items on the list and management still does not want to give him his termination pay," Mr Lightbourne said.

Obie Ferguson, attorney and labour advisor for the union, said the employee has given almost four

decades of service to the company.

"To summarily terminate a worker (who) has four years left before he is to retire after 37 years of faithful service is a serious matter and we cannot let that happen," he said.

In a statement issued to *The Tribune*, Grand Bahama Power Company confirmed that an employee was released from employment for "just cause involving multiple infractions under the terms of the company union agreement."

The statement added: "The company stated that it has an obligation to its employees to provide for a safe work place. They cited that employees work with high voltages, among high-speed rotating equipment with high pressures and temperatures. In addition, the company indicated that employees are granted access to customer property for meter reading and other technical reasons and that it has an obligation to the general public, its customers and employees to ensure that all of their operations are conducted in a safe manner."

Addressing the relationship between the management and the union, Mr Lightbourne said that it has reached a very low point at this time.

He said that there are several other labour issues involving some 15 employees that remain unresolved since last year. The current industrial agreement expires on April 1, 2010.

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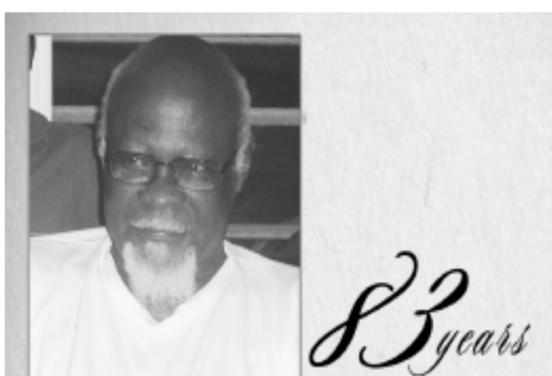
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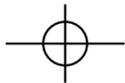
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LOCAL NEWS

Union considers court injunction to stop drug testing of employees

By DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREPORT – The Commonwealth Electrical Workers Union is considering getting a court injunction to stop drug testing of employees at the Grand Bahama Power Company.

Union President Leslie Lightbourne believes the company's drug testing is an attempt by management to downsize staff at the Power Company.

He also feels that the manner in which the company is going about it is wrong, claiming that employees are being intimidated and threatened with termination if they do not comply. "We have an idea that they are trying to downsize, going through employees' files trying to find any means and method to downsize."

"The HR director is calling members on their home phone telling them if they don't take the test they will be terminated. That's how serious it is," he claims.

In a press release the Grand Bahama Power Company management confirmed that the employee was dismissed in accordance with the industrial agreement.

"The process was done in accordance with the industrial agreement that is currently in place and union officials were informed of the termination beforehand," said the company statement.

The company said the employee was dismissed for "just cause involving multiple infractions under the terms of the company union agreement."

It went on to explain that the company has an "obligation to its employees to provide for a safe work place. They cited that employees work with high voltages among high-speed rotating equipment with high pressures and temperature." Also, said the company, "employees are granted access to customer property for meter reading and other technical reasons and it has an obligation to the general public, its customers and employees to ensure that all of

their operations are conducted in a safe manner."

Mr Lightbourne reported that five employees have been tested for drug use. So far, he said, one of those employees has been fired.

A 37-year employee with the company was terminated without pay last week after a drug test.

Grand Bahama Power Company employs 137 workers. The current industrial union agreement expires on April 1, 2010.

Mr Lightbourne indicated that under the industrial contract an employee is entitled to 12 weeks termination pay.

"Article 19 of the contract sets out 11 reasons that an employee is not paid termination pay. Drug use is none of them and so all we are saying is give the guy what the contract spells out."

"We are not condoning drug use, but we can't go against the contract," he said.

Mr Lightbourne claimed the company did not inform the union before commencing drug testing when the contract states that management must first consult with the bargaining agent.

"Right now, they are testing urine for drugs and what they are doing now is taking hair samples, and when you take samples of a person's hair it goes back three or four years," he said.

The last time the company conducted drug testing was 16 years ago, according to Mr Lightbourne.

The CEWU president met with members Tuesday evening. He said they have decided upon two options before taking indus-

trial action against the company.

"One of those avenues we are exploring is to get an injunction against the company to stop drug testing forthwith until we find out what this whole thing is about."

"We are also trying to contact the Minister of Labour to set up a meeting in Nassau with him and the CEO."

"After we have exhausted all avenues, then it is war," Mr Lightbourne warned.

According to the union president, the relationship with management has worsened. He noted that there is little communication with new CEO R Alan Kelly.

"We need to see Mr Kelly, I have met him once and his form of communication is through the e-mail."

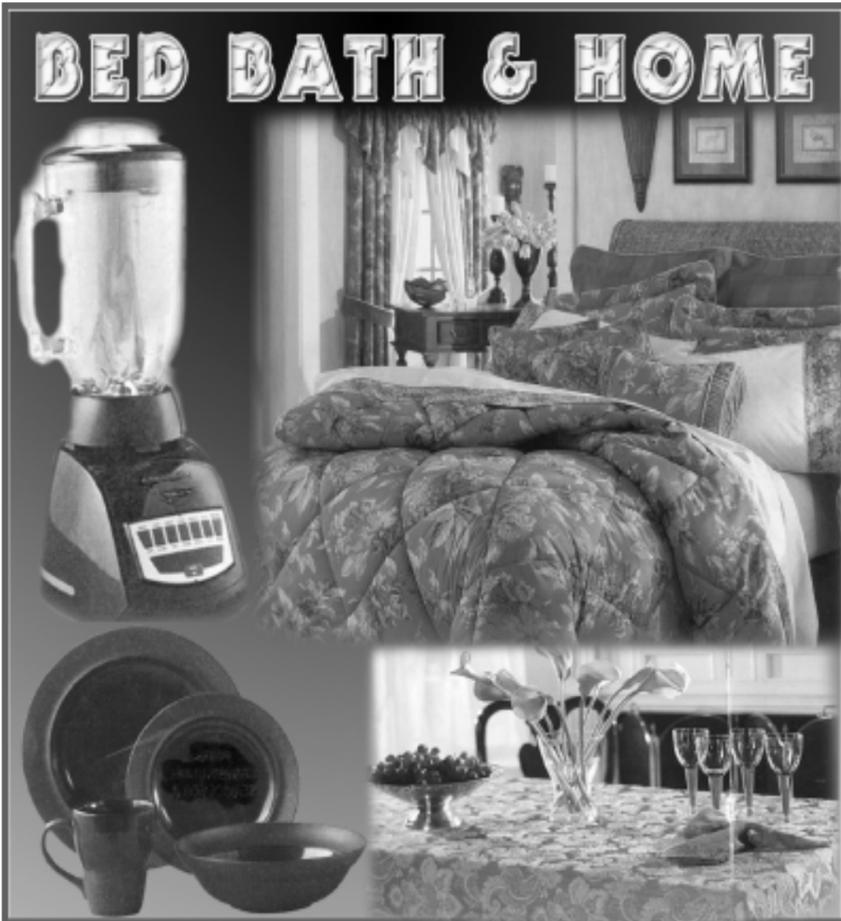
"When I became president I was mandated by the members to restore the relationship and to ensure that a contract is in place before the current contract expires on April 1."

"It has been very difficult to even accomplish those goals because the relationship and what they are doing."

"Had they sit down with us and say we have reason to believe that employees are using drugs, I can't stop them from drug testing, but let me go to my members and inform them about it and let the chips fall where they may," he said.

The power company is owned jointly by Marubeni/Taqa of Japan and ICD Utilities, which each owns 50 per cent of the shares. EMERA owns half of the shares owned by ICDU.

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LOCAL NEWS

Plans for new Bahamian TV channel are revealed

By REUBEN SHEARER
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ELABORATE plans for a new Bahamian television channel were revealed

yesterday. Lincoln Bain, Chet Pratt, Utah Taylor and Erin Ferguson have promised that VTV will take the Bahamas by storm. During a press conference at the British Colonial

Hilton, VTV founder Lincoln Bain said: "We are guided by vision and dedication to become the media vehicle to which Bahamians and cultural expression will be brought up to 21st century standards."

VTV aims to offer 24-hour programming, including morning and late night shows in its line-up. It is projected to debut in the next few months for cable and non-cable subscribers.

The goal of VTV's board is to set itself apart early on from the "typical over-glamorised" news stations, bringing a more holistic approach to a television station, instead of just a community board, and limited programming which some stations offer.

"Our focus is to be the home of Bahamian sitcoms, drama series, soap operas, game shows, reality TV shows, and investigative reporting with or without the Freedom of Information Act," said Mr Bain, the co-host of Controversy TV talk show, broadcast on Channel 12, alongside Utah Taylor.

Dressed in all white, with a white glove on his left hand, Mr Bain said he was proud to announce that he was granted a television licence by the Government.

"Today marks the evolution of Bahamian media," he said. "Our focus is on a level of unprecedented innovation in original Bahamian created programming that seeks to entertain, inform, and to stimulate viewers across the Commonwealth."

A job fair will be held, on a date to be announced, seeking out the best and the brightest in the industry, people in the culture, arts, creators, innovators, writers, producers, directors and make-up artists.

Charles Maynard, Minister of Youth Sports and Culture, said: "Bahamian artists of all disciplines should be jumping for joy today."

Maritime Cadets graduate set to be first female chief engineer

JULIANA Rolle, 19, a graduate of Doris Johnson High School and the Bahamas Maritime Cadet Corps, is well on her way to becoming the country's first female chief marine engineer.

Juliana, who graduated from high school and the Bahamas Marine Cadet Corps programme in 2007, completed the required three months course at Holland College on Prince Edward Island, Canada, and is currently in the last half of her on-ship training, which included studies on two international merchant ships, the *DS Vanguard* that plied between Belgium, Ireland and the US, and the *CIC Belem* that plied between the US, the Caribbean and South America.

Training

Up to December last year, she apprenticed on the Bahamian barge, *The Titus*, that transports water from North Andros to New Providence. She is presently undergoing practical training on an oil tanker, plying the Bahama Islands.

Ms Rolle plans to spend her final six months on a cruise ship before returning to Holland College for a year before she qualifies as a chief engineer.



JULIANA ROLLE

She would be the first Bahamian woman to hold that title.

Ms Rolle praised the work of the Maritime Cadet Corps: "I am proud of the training I got there. The teachers, under the direction of Mr Martinborough, do an excellent job."

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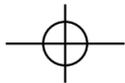
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LOCAL NEWS

Senior PLP denies buying outside votes

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"We believe that before taking that step we have an obligation to get the facts as best we can. So our primary concern is only that persons who are not eligible to vote, that they don't vote. We are endeavouring to obtain as much info as possible through investigative procedures to prevent that happening," he said.



BDM CANDIDATE and leader Cassius Stuart had made allegations against the PLP.

Questioned as to whether he was involved in any respect in "rounding up" individuals to register in the Elizabeth constituency, the senior PLP accused of vote-buying said "all parties involved in the electoral process have been encouraging persons living in the constituency to either register or to transfer in if qualified."

He admitted being on location at the Thelma Gibson Primary School, where new voters were being registered up until the register was closed on January 21.

"I had a conversation with the Parliamentary commissioner there on that night. There was some complaint that the registration process had stopped at a time when it should not have been closed according to the time

that had been advertised," he said.

ACP Miller told *The Tribune* a police team headed by Central Detective Unit chief Leon Bethel had been in the Elizabeth Constituency and was mandated to follow up on any allegations of voter fraud in the run up to the by-election.

ACP Miller added that the information he received regarding the senior PLP this week was the first and only allegation to have reached his desk so far.

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began shaking the fence. "Eighteen of his compatriots joined him speaking in their native language," said the police report.

Defence Force officers tried to quiet the group but as they approached, one of the men broke free of the crowd brandishing a makeshift weapon made of "two modified bed springs partly covered with bedding," police said, and attempted to attack one of the officers.

"The officer, fearful for his life, fired a non-

Detainee shot

lethal rubber bullet which struck the male to the groin area, disabling him," said police.

The report also noted that a doctor, on routine visit at the time, treated the detainee with an ice-pack. The detainee and two others have been isolated from the general population at the holding facility.

Officials report that conditions at the compound returned to normal after the incident. Police investigations continue.

alleged that he has information that a high ranking PLP paid people from the Englerston community and other areas \$100 to register in Elizabeth, with a promise of a further \$100 once their ballot is cast.

Having passed on this information to the police, the Elizabeth hopeful further charged that the party is gathering proof to back up suspicions that the governing party, the FNM, may also have taken illegal steps to tip the electoral scales in its favour on election day, Tuesday, February 16.

Carl Bethel, FNM Chairman, yesterday denied any knowledge of "any such practice emanating from the FNM", adding that he "would not condone (and nor would) the FNM condone any person facilitating either their own or someone else's unlawful registration."

Asked what he made of the BDM's decision to go to the police with their accusations regarding PLP vote buying, and pressed as to whether the FNM would consider doing the same, Mr Bethel suggested the party does not have enough evidence to support an official complaint at this time.

CORRECTION

In the Features Section of Wednesday's *Tribune*, it was incorrectly stated that the bHumane event "A Night With the Arts" will be held at Fort Fincastle.

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Deputy PM 'has no knowledge' of unpaid Hotel Corporation severance pay

months after being sent home from the department last December. Last night, Mr Symonette said he is "not aware of the fact that they haven't been paid."

He said the Government is in the process of currently eliminating the Hotel Corporation, adding that employees from the corporation are either to be transferred to other government agencies or their contracts would come to an end "in the normal course of the law."

"If that hasn't been done it's in the process of being done," said Mr Symonette.

Attempts to reach Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace, the minister responsible for the corporation, were unsuccessful last night.

Mr Davis argued that these employees have bills to pay and are suffering at the hands of a "heartless" Government led by Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham. Mr Davis was speaking at last night's PLP rally in the Elizabeth constituency.

Mr Davis said the Hotel Corporation ceased operations on December 31, 2009. He claimed that employees received one letter dated September 25, 2009 which reportedly said the Government intended to wind up the corporation's operations and to repeal The Hotel Corporation Act no later than the end of December.

Mr Davis said the letter also reportedly read: "Accordingly, I am also to inform you that arrangements will be made in relation to various categories of staff for the settlement of appropriate termination benefits, particulars of which will be communicated to you in due course. The Corporation wishes me to express appreciation to you for your valuable services over the years."

However, the MP for Cat Island claims employees of the corporation "have heard nothing since."

Mr Davis claimed the staff was last paid on December 14, 2009.

"These people have school



BRENT SYMONETTE

fees to pay. They have light bills to pay. They have mortgages. What are they to tell the bank? Hubert Ingraham sent me home? "In a tough economy the Ingraham administration are proving heartless," Mr Davis said.

Air Jamaica to stop flights to the Bahamas

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binding letter of intent last week.

"This fleet reduction has become necessary as we seek to meet our financial obligations, however, Air Jamaica continues to be the best choice for convenient schedule and excellent service as we have ensured that adequate capacity is provided on our core routes," said Bruce Nobles, Air Jamaica's president and chief executive officer.

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Last night the move was criticised by Fred Mitchell, the Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, who said not all Bahamians will be able to obtain US visas to facilitate stop-overs in Miami or other transit destinations to Jamaica.

Mr Mitchell said he is concerned that travel to other Caribbean countries will be restricted for some Bahamians unless other locally-based airlines add the Jamaica route to their service.

"The fact is people will not be able to move from here to the Caribbean, which presents a problem for a lot of people because they cannot get US visas," he said.

Mr Mitchell said it will be interesting to see if any smaller airlines in the Bahamas might be interested in picking up the route.

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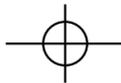
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LOCAL NEWS

Airport security worker arrested

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not charged, but was held overnight for questioning.

The witness claims the arrest was in connection with a January 18 incident, where \$2000 was allegedly stolen from a Haitian national leaving the Bahamas to Haiti, and that more workers are wanted for questioning.

"A senior manager said we are not to search the Haitian flights. When we search them we are being penalised. I got called into the office and the manager said if he catches any one of us bothering with the Haitians we are fired," said the employee, who accused some Haitians of drug trafficking and money laundering.

"The Haitians are going through with 'grands', look crisp off the printer, strapped to their bodies, underneath the lining of their suitcases. Every time we search them they claim money is missing, but we never hear about it until months later. Why wait for weeks later to bring it to the attention of the staff?" she asked.

The worker said management did not make it clear why Haitian flights were being singled out, saying all travellers should be searched.

The story broke amidst a brewing battle between management and staff over worker pay and worker's rights issues.

Another security screener in the domestic division said: "We have been instructed and advised not to answer any questions from outside agencies specifically related to this incident. We cannot comment on anything."

There is no limit on funds leaving the country with passengers travelling on international flights outside of the US, like those to Haiti. The \$10,000 limit is specific to the United States.

A security worker stationed in a different department said complaints from Haitians sparked management to advise security workers not to confiscate any money from Haitians, although their bags should be screened as usual.

"It is not their concern to search for money. It is not their job. Their job is to screen passengers and their bags and to look for prohibited items," she said, also noting that word from management leaked about a police investigation involving workers. She said no one knew if any arrests were going to be made.

The section in the airport for departures to Haiti is the same for countries like Cuba and Jamaica. There is no immigration station in this section, although passenger must go through a security check point.

The worker said Haitians who travel and may have overstayed their time or entered the country illegally are vulnerable to victimisation. She said these Haitians do not complain when employees steal their money in fear of being deported.

"If a Haitian files a complaint and the police are brought in, they may realise the person did not have the proper documents. That person would be detained and deported," she said.

Haitians who are aware of their rights and have proper documentation, on the other hand, complain about the harassment from employees, she said.



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HOUSES

<p>Lot #7 Golden Meadows Subdivision Single Family Residence 2-Bedrooms, 2-Bathrooms Property Size: 5,961 sq ft Building Size: 1,750 sq ft Appraised Value: \$256,000.00</p> <p>From the intersection of Faith Avenue and Golden Isles, travel north on Golden Isles Road to the second corner on the left and the subject is the eighth property on the right. The subject is painted lime green and trimmed white.</p>	<p>Appraised Value: \$180,500.00</p> <p>From Carmichael and Golden Isles Roads travel south to the first corner on the corner on the left and the subject property is the 7th on the right, blue trim white.</p>	<p>Travel east on Prince Charles Drive; turn left into Nassau East North; travel north to the first corner on the right and the subject is the second property on the left on Northwest Corner. The subject is painted green and trimmed green; house# 16</p>
<p>Lot # 91 Sunshine Park Subdivision, N.P. Single Family Residence 3 - Bedrooms, 2 - Bathrooms Property Size: 5,000 sq ft Building Size: 1,874 sq ft Appraised Value: \$166,739.00</p> <p>From the intersection of Blue Hill and Carmichael Roads travel south along Blue Hill Road and turn right on the 2nd Corner (Moonshine Drive); continue to the last corner on the right and the subject property is the corner lot on the left, the subject is painted green trim white.</p>	<p>Lot# 398 Twynam Heights Subdivision, NP Single Family Residence 4 - Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms Property Size: 15,499 sq. ft Building Size: 2042 sq ft Appraised Value: \$304,548.00</p> <p>From Prince Charles Drive travel south along Twynam Avenue and the subject property is the 4th on the right after the first corner on the right.</p>	<p>Lot#187, Twynam Heights Subdivision Single Family Residence 5 Bedrooms, 3 Bedroom Property Size: 6,000 sq.ft Building Size: 2,583 sq.ft Appraised Value: \$317,000.00</p> <p>Travel East on Prince Charles drive to the corner east of Super Value Winston turn right and the subject is the second house on the left. The subject is painted lime green and trimmed white.</p>
<p>Lot# 69, 70 & 71 Barbette's Addition, NP Single Family Residence 3-Bedrooms, 2-Bathrooms Property Size: 9,300 sq ft Building Size: 2,716 sq ft Appraised Value: \$250,000.00</p> <p>Travel north on Adderley Street from Bernard Road, around the bend west onto Johnson Road; turn north onto the third roadway, travel north to the second roadway on the left. Travel pass the cross junction to the fifth house on the right, painted Aqua. The asphalt roadway stops at the subject property.</p>	<p>Lot # 91 Sunshine Park Subdivision, N.P. Single Family Residence 5 - Bedrooms, 2 - Bathrooms Property Size: 5,000 sq ft Building Size: 1,674 sq ft Appraised Value: \$166,739.00</p> <p>From the intersection of Blue Hill and Carmichael Roads travel south along Blue Hill Road and turn right on the 2nd Corner (Moonshine Drive); continue to the last corner on the right and the subject property is the corner lot on the left, the subject is painted green trim white.</p>	<p>Lot #180, Victoria Gardens, N.P. Single family Residence 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bathroom Property Size: 6,000 sq.ft Building Size: 816.50 sq.ft Appraised Value: \$131,529.00</p> <p>From J. F. Kennedy Drive travel south along Gladstone Rd. and take the first entrance on left (former Gladstone Farm), continue across the intersection and continue to the "T" junction; turn left, then another left and the subject property is the 9th on the left.</p>
<p>Lot #93 Yamacraw Shores Subdivision, N.P. Single Family Residence 4-Bedrooms, 2-Bathrooms Property Size: 5,000sq ft Building Size: 2,317 sq ft Appraised Value: \$306,433.00</p> <p>Direction: From Fox Hill Road travel east along Yamacraw Hill Road and turn right on the 2nd corner (Yamacraw Shores Drive); continue and turn left on the 5th corner continue to the "T" junction and the subject property is the 3rd lot on the right.</p>	<p>Lot#179 Yamacraw Shores Subdivision, N.P. Single Family Residence 3-Bedrooms, 2-Bathrooms Property Size: 7,513 sq ft Building Size: 2,012 sq ft Appraised Value: \$260,789.00</p> <p>Direction: From Fox Hill Road travel east along Yamacraw Hill and turn right on the 2nd corner (Yamacraw Shores Drive); continue and turn left on the 7th corner continue to the "T" junction and the subject property is the corner lot on right.</p>	<p>Lot # 91 Sunshine Park Subdivision, N.P. Single Family Residence 5 - Bedrooms, 2 - Bathrooms Property Size: 5,000 sq ft Building Size: 1,674 sq ft Appraised Value: \$166,739.00</p> <p>From the intersection of Blue Hill and Carmichael Roads travel south along Blue Hill Road and turn right on the 2nd Corner (Moonshine Drive); continue to the last corner on the right and the subject property is the corner lot on the left, the subject is painted green trim white.</p>
<p>Lot#23 Malcolm Road East Single Family Residence 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms Property Size: 6,000 sq ft Building Size: 660 sq ft Appraised value: \$126,200.00</p> <p>From East Street South - travel east along Malcolm Road and turn right on Windsor Terrace continue for about 200 ft and the subject property is on the left. The subject property is pink with white trim.</p>	<p>Lot#1081 Pinewood Garden Subdivision, N.P. Pinewood Garden Subdivision Single Family Residence 3 - Bedrooms, 3-Bathrooms Property Size: 6,000 sq ft Building Size: 2,009 sq ft Appraised Value: \$211,000.00</p> <p>From the intersection of East Street South and Pinewood Blvd., travel east on Pinewood Blvd. to the first corner on the left (Thatch Palm Avenue); turn onto Thatch Palm Ave. and travel to the fourth corner on the right (Rosewood Street) and the subject is the third property on the right. The subject is painted pink and trimmed grey.</p>	<p>4 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms Property Size: 6,000 sq ft Building Size: 2,250 sq ft Appraised Value: \$295,675.00</p> <p>From the traffic light at Faith Avenue & Cow Pen Road, travel south along Faith Avenue to the entrance to Faith Gardens; turn left and continue to the last "T" junction, turn right and the subject property is the 11th on the right.</p>
<p>Single Family Residence Lot#70, Fairview Subdivision 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms Property Size: 5,960 sq ft Building Size: 629 sq ft Appraised Value: \$168,000.00</p> <p>From Carmichael Road & Antigua Street, travel south on Antigua Street, turn right at the T-junction, St. Vincent Road, then take the second left into Fair View Heights, Shouven Avenue, then first right, Sharon Court, and the subject property is the first on the left.</p>	<p>Lot#335, Golden Gates Estates#2 Single Family Residence (2) Bedrooms, (2) Bathrooms Property Size: 6,000 sq ft Building Size: 1,690 sq ft Appraised Value: \$207,000.00</p> <p>Travel west on Carmichael Road from Blue Hill Road turn onto the third left Golden Sun Drive the corner after St. Gregory's Anglican Church and before Carmichael Primary School travel south on Sun Drive to the 1st, travel west pass the second corner on the right and the subject fourth property on the right. The subject is painted white trimmed white.</p>	<p>Lot# 7 Block 9 Millennium Gardens Subdivision, N.P. Single Family Residence 3 - Bedrooms, 2 - Bathrooms Property size: 6,732 sq. ft Building Size: 1,275 sq ft Appraised Value: \$170,000.00</p> <p>From Tonique Williams-Darling & Bethel Avenue travel north on Bethel Avenue, take the second right, Lottie Lynch Boulevard (main entrance to Millennium Gardens), then the first right and the subject property is the third on the left, white.</p>
<p>Lot#265, Nauru Crescent Elizabeth Estates Single Family Residence 6 Bedrooms, 1 Bathroom Property Size: 4,928 sq ft Building size: 674 sq ft Appraised Value: \$119,000.00</p> <p>From Yamacraw Hill Road & Australia Avenue, travel north on Australia Ave. take the 9th right, Nauru Crescent and the subject property is the second on the right.</p>	<p>Lot# 10 South Westridge Estates, N.P. Single Family Residence 4 - Bedrooms, 3 - Bathrooms Property Size: 44,870 sq. ft Building Size: 5,204 sq. ft Appraised Value: \$726,250.00</p> <p>From John F. Kennedy Drive & Munnings Road (Westridge entry road), travel southeast on Munnings Road, take the first left, Colridge Road, and the subject property is the 10th on the right.</p>	<p>Lot#723 Pinewood Garden Subdivision, N.P. Single Family Residence 3-Bedrooms, 2-Bathroom Property Size 5,000 sq ft Building Size 1,203 sq ft Appraised Value: \$160,000.00</p> <p>From the intersection of East Street and Pinewood Blvd; travel east on Pinewood Blvd. to the first corner on the left (Thatch Palm Avenue), travel to the 9th corner on the left (Cascadia Street); and the subject is the 14th property on the right. The subject is painted white and trimmed peach.</p>
<p>Lot# 20, Lexington Estates Subdivision, NP Single Family Residence 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms Property Size: 7,206 sq ft Building Size: 1,764 sq ft Appraised Value: \$180,000.00</p> <p>Travel south on East Street and turn right (west) onto Malcolm Road. Drive to the fourth (4th) corner on the right (north). The subject property is the 5th lot on the right side of road. The house is a peach color.</p>	<p>Lot# 1796 Pinewood Gardens Subdivision, NP Single Family Residence 4 - Bedrooms, 2- Bathrooms Property Size: 5,000 sq. ft Building Size: 1,796 sq ft Appraised Value: \$195,000.00</p> <p>Travel west on Thatch Palm Road from Pinewood Drive to the second roadway on the east known as Avocado Street. Travel east to the 19th lot on the south side of Avocado Street. The house is painted white with mustard trim and a mustard colored wall. Thatch Palms Road is the second roadway on the south travelling east from East Street South on Pinewood Drive.</p>	<p>Lot# 453 Pebbles Avenue, Golden Gates #1 Subdivision, N.P. Single Family Residence 3 - Bedrooms, 2 - Bathrooms Property Size: 5,000sq ft Building Size: 2,144 sq ft Appraised value: \$210,000.00</p> <p>Direction: From the intersection of Blue Hill Road and Carmichael Road, take the first left "Lobster Avenue", travel east on Lobster Avenue and take the left "Byrd Road", and turn right onto Mutton Fish Road; travel to the 1st corner on the left "Ocean Street" and continue on Ocean Street to the first corner on the left "Pebbles Avenue" and the subject is House #14 on the left. The subject is painted white and trimmed black.</p>

VACANT LAND

<p>Lot#53, Lower Bogun Beathes Vacant Land Property Size: 10,782 sq ft Appraised Value: \$46,000.00</p> <p>Travel westward on Skyline and Northward Bay Street the subject is the first vacant land after Save More Drug Store on the right hand side.</p>	<p>Lot#6 Cox Close Subdivision, N.P. Vacant Land Property Size: 9,230 sq ft Appraised Value: \$99,000.00</p> <p>From the intersection of Fox Hill Road and Prince Charles Drive; travel south on Fox Hill Road to the first corner on the right (Sandilands Village Road); travel west on Sandilands Village Rd. to the 6th corner on the right and the subject is the seventh property on the right, on the cul-de-sac</p>	<p>Lot # 2 High Point Estate Subdivision, N.P. Vacant Land Property Size: 8,135 sq ft Appraised Value: \$125,000.00</p> <p>Travel east on JFK Drive; at the corner on Theodora Lane and JFK Drive; turn left at the corner east of Imperial Matress; travel south on this road to the top of the hill at the entrance gates to High Point Drive and the subject is the 2nd property on the left.</p>
<p>Lot # 23 Indigo Subdivision, NP Vacant Land Property Size: 7,200 sq ft Appraised Value: \$245,000.00</p> <p>Travel west on West Bay Street to the first roadway on the right after Blake Road. Travel south to the first roadway on the right. The subject property is the seventh lot on the left.</p>	<p>Lot# 17 West Wind Subdivision, N.P. Vacant Land Property Size: 6,160 sq ft Appraised Value: \$117,000.00</p> <p>Enter West Winds Subdivision from West Bay Street. Take the 1st corner on the right (Coral Reef Circle). The subject property is the 17th lot on the right.</p>	<p>Lot# 613 Golden Gates Estate No. 2 Subdivision, N.P. Vacant Land Property Size: 6,730 sq ft Appraised Value: \$79,000.00</p> <p>Travel west on Carmichael Road to Mermaid Blvd. west (Corner opposite Mosque) turn left onto Mermaid Blvd. and travel south on Mermaid Blvd. to the third property on the right.</p>
<p>Lot# 15, Love Estates, N.P. Vacant Land Property Size: 43,560 sq ft Appraised Value: \$245,000.00</p> <p>Direction: From Tropical Gardens Road -travel west along Windsor Field Road and turn into the Airport Industrial Park Road; continue to end of road and turn left at 2nd corner; continue to 1st right continue to "T" junction; turn left and the subject property is the 2nd lot on the immediate right.</p>	<p>Lot# 4 Vanna's Close, N.P. Vacant Land Property Size: 7,949 sq ft Appraised Value: \$85,000.00</p> <p>From the intersection of Faith Ave. South and Marshall Road, turn right onto Marshall Road and travel around the curve to the end of Marshall Road; turn right at the junction and travel to the 9th corner on the right, turn into this Close which is a cul-de-sac and the subject is the eleventh property on the right.</p>	<p>Lot # 148 West Wind Subdivision Vacant Land Property Size: 6,000 sq ft Appraised Value: \$114,000.00</p> <p>Enter West Winds Subd. From West Bay Street. Take the 1st corner on the left (Sea Shell Circle) heading west on Sea Shell Circle take the 1st corner on the left (Star Fish Close). The subject property is the 2nd lot on the left.</p>

APARTMENTS/CONDOMINIUMS

<p>Lot# D" suite in Nauru Subdivision Duplex Townhouse Apartment Each with 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bathroom Property Size: 3,541 sq ft Building Size: 1,200 sq ft Appraised Value: \$230,037.00</p> <p>From Faith Avenue travel west along Cow Pen Road and turn right on the 2nd corner; continue along the road reservation to the 4th property on the left.</p>	<p>Lot # 42 Big Pond Subdivision, N.P. Single Family Residence - 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms - 1,261sq.ft Multi Family Residential Developmet - 14 (1) Bedroom (1) Bathroom units - 3,864 sq.ft Property Size: 3,206 sq ft Appraised Value: \$277,000.00</p> <p>From Blue Hill Road and Tucker Street; travel west on Tucker St. to the first corner on the left; continue around the curve to the right and the subject property is the 12th on the left. The subject is painted white and trimmed red.</p>	<p>From Carmichael Road -travel north along Gladstone Road to Rocky Pine Road turn right and continue to the third corner, turn right and continue for about 1,438 feet and the subject property is on the right. Enclosed with a chain link fence.</p>
<p>Lot#12, Seawall Manor Subdivision, N.P. Duplex Apartment Each Unit with 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bathroom Property Size: 6,410 sq ft Building Size: 1,470 Appraised Value: \$197,563.00</p> <p>From Carmichael Rd. travel north along Gladstone Road and turn on the second corner on the right; continue to "T" junction and turn left; take left lane another left and the subject property is the 5th on the left.</p>	<p>Lot# 9 Blk # 21 Canaw Street Single Family Residence 3- Bedrooms, 2- Bathrooms Property Size: 4,700 sq ft Building Size: 1,660 sq ft Appraised Value: \$291,000.00</p>	<p>Unit 10E in the Victoria Court Condominium, N.P. Condominium 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms Living Area: 1,738 sq ft Appraisal Value: \$280,512.00</p>
<p>Lot # 190 Blk# B Joane Height Subdivision, N.P. Single Family Home (3 - Bedrooms, 2 - Bathrooms) Duplex Apartment - 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom Property Size: 5,000 sq ft Building Size: 2,544 sq ft Appraised Value: \$290,000.00</p> <p>Travel south on East Street South, turn left onto Sapodilla Avenue; travel east on Sapodilla Ave. to the first corner on the right; travel south pass the first corner on the left and the subject is the fourth house on the left, which is a two storey single family residence with a duplex at the rear. (Beige, trim white)</p>	<p>Lot East Windsor Place Soldier Road Duplex Apartment 2 - (2) Bathrooms, (1) Bathroom Property Size: 6,000sq.ft Building Size: 1,590 sq ft Appraised Value: \$172,000.00</p> <p>Travel East on Soldier Road to the intersection near Sugar Kid Bowe Food Store turn right and travel to the end of this street, across the intersection at the curve turn east and the subject is the first property on the left, which is a duplex. The duplex is recently painted blue and trimmed white with enclosed fencing.</p>	<p>Lot #35 Cooper Terrace Fourplex Apartment Property Size: 4,550 sq ft Building Size: 2,304 sq ft Appraised Value: \$314,000.00</p> <p>From the intersection of Komo Road and Bar 20 Corner travel north on Komo Rd. to the first corner on the left (Cooper's Terrace); travel west to Cooper's Terrace to the property which is second to the last on the right. Lime green, trimmed white</p>
<p>Lot # 193 Ridgeland Park West Multi Family Residence Triplex Apartment 1 Bedroom, 1 Bathroom Property Size: 4,860 sq ft Building Size: 1,307 sq ft Appraised Value: \$125,000.00</p> <p>Enter East Street from Independence Drive travelling North to the first left Drive to the T-junction and take the left travelling South; to the second roadway travelling west onto Slave Street. Take the 3rd left onto a road known as Fairfax Street. The property is the second lot on the left on Fairfax Street. The house is light purple trim dark purple.</p>	<p>Lot Rocky pine Road Duplex Apartment Each Unit 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bathroom Property Size: 4,875 sq ft Building Size: 1,716 sq ft Appraised Value: \$218,000.00</p>	

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LOCAL NEWS

The battle for Haiti

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partner Caleb Lucien is optimistic. He says, "We will take them in as they come and provide for them. I believe God will give us the strength to do it."

From Pignon, we travelled a 60 mile road at approximately 30 miles per hour because of the deteriorated road conditions. Upon arriving in the city, we were met by lines of people that snaked for at least a mile and a half. The lines moved off the street and onto an open field where military personnel policed two truck loads of food.

The first ration line was closely followed by a second. There was a third line about a mile and a half long at the US Embassy. People were frantically seeking visas to exit the country.

My first trip around the city came with Fellow Rotarian George Nickolas, who is one of Rotary's on the ground people in Port-au-Prince. After showing me containers of food and medicines supplied by Rotary, George proceeded to take me to at least five different locations where Rotary's shelter box tents had been erected. As we visited the camps George spoke and laughed with the people and listened tentatively to their concerns. Once we got inside the vehicle George expressed his total fatigue and need for rest, due to the fact that he had not rested since January 13. He revealed that he too had been left homeless.

Challenges

At camp after camp of internally displaced people (IDPs) the challenges remained the same – the desperate need for better shelter, food, water, proper sanitation and children wandering around the camps trying to amuse themselves.

As we toured our last camp, I looked at the overcast sky and looked at George; we were both thinking the same thing. What if it rains? Just the thought of this bought chills over my body and I blocked it from my consciousness. I thought of the young infants



PHARMACY in the camp.



CHILDREN sing in one of the camps.



WHAT NEXT for the survivors?

under the linen tents and the old men that lay under the tree and the young women caring for their young babies. The thought was too horrible to bear. I thought of the hundreds of street vendors, who for the first time since the "catastrophe" had come back to their spots beside the road to try to make a living; the elderly that stood in those first food lines and the aid workers desperately trying to distribute aid.

As we passed through street after depressing street, we encountered building after building that had collapsed and has remained the same since

the "catastrophe", these sights becoming more unthinkable as you realised that many souls lay entombed below these concrete slabs. While some of the slabs lay undisturbed, others were being hacked and tugged at by young men and women with their bare hands, trying to unlock the secrets that lay below. Maybe they would find their missing loved ones and be able to give them proper burials. Their faces were white with the dust of the debris.

Contemplating the sheer magnitude of the task ahead – rebuilding Haiti – exhausted me. As I returned to the Habitat for Humanity Haiti's (HFHH) office I tried to comprehend what it will take to "fix" the country. The answer eludes me.

My second tour around the city today was along the same streets but of a different nature. I was with the director of Habitat for Humanity in Haiti, Claude Jeudy, and other disaster response experts from Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI). We were in search of a suitable place to set up a storage site and building and training.

While this was hopeful, I was quickly reminded of what I had heard Claude say earlier: "Before the catastrophe, Haiti needed one million housing solutions. Now we need at least two hundred thousand more." With the average Habitat starter house (single room and bath facility) beginning at \$1,500 and a low income home beginning at \$3,500 (one bedroom, bath, kitchen and dining room) the question was, how do we do it?

He looked me in the eye and said, "Please, help us help the people of Haiti. Let me come to your country and speak to your people. I know they can help us."

Being the spontaneous person that I am, I said, "Of course, I would love to have you come and meet my friends and colleagues." I begin to think, how can we get the family of Rotary, church groups, community groups, contractors and others to step up and at least contribute to a starter home knowing that some of these homes house as many as one dozen people? I am open to suggestions. As night fell and we travelled back to the HFHH office, I noticed that unlike when I had visited Haiti a few years before, people remained on the streets. I asked Claude what was happening. He said that since the earthquake people were sleeping on the streets. Some had no home to go to and others were afraid their homes might collapse while they slept. They prefer to take their chances under the stars.

As I sit on the outer deck of the HFHH office, across the street a black plume of smoke rises from the bright glow of a fire. The smell of burning rubber is in the air. My eyes are burning. This fire is symbolic of the Haitian struggle; it burns for light, cooking, and most of all to give comfort to those whose lives are unwillingly lived on the streets.



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Ian R.C. Kawaley

Ian R.C. Kawaley is a Judge of the Commercial Court, a division of the Supreme Court of Bermuda. Born in Bermuda, he was called to the Bar of England & Wales in 1978, and the Bermuda Bar in 1980. Prior to his appointment to the Bench in 2003, he served as Litigation Counsel to the Bermudian law firms Milligan-Whyte & Smith, and Juris Law Chambers. In that capacity, he appeared before the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal, specializing in insolvency cases with an international dimension. In 2004, he served as the Vice-Chairman of the Justice Review Commission Report, commissioned by then Attorney-General the Honourable Senator Larry Mussen and is currently Chairman of the Law Reform Committee. Justice Kawaley is the co-editor (with Gabriel Moss Q.C., Howard Seife and Nigel Montgomery) of 'Cross-Frontier Insolvency of Insurance Companies' (Sweet & Maxwell: London, 2001). He is a regular presenter at international insolvency conferences, and is the author of numerous articles on commercial, constitutional and public international law.

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Philip R. Wood QC



Eva Hüpkles

Eva Hüpkles is Head of Policy and Regulation and International Banking at the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA which came into operation on 1 January 2009. In her previous position as Head of Regulation at the Swiss Federal Banking Commission, she was responsible for the coordination of regulatory and policy projects and has been extensively involved in the analysis and development of regulatory responses on a variety of issues, including bank reorganisation and liquidation and deposit protection. Prior to joining the SFBC in 1999, she worked at the Legal Department of the International Monetary Fund in Washington D.C. Ms. Hüpkles currently co-chairs the Basel Committee Working Group on Cross-Border Bank Resolution. She speaks frequently at international conferences and academic institutions and is the author of a number of articles on topics related to banking regulation. She is also a member of the advisory panel of the International Association of Deposit Insurers.

Andrew Campbell is Reader (Associate Professor) in International Banking and Finance Law and former Director of the Centre for Business Law and Practice at the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom and a Solicitor of the Supreme Court in England and Wales. His specialist areas are international banking law, with particular emphasis on bank insolvency, depositor protection and banking regulation. He regularly acts as Consulting Counsel to the International Monetary Fund. He is co-author, with Peter Cartwright, of *Banks in Crisis: The Legal Response* (Ashgate, 2002) and a co-author of *Butterworths Annotated Guide to the Financial Services and Markets Act* (Lexis Nexis Butterworths, 2nd ed., 2005). Mr. Campbell is a member of the Editorial Boards of the Journal of Banking Regulation, the Journal of Money Laundering Control, the Journal of Financial Regulation and the Journal of Financial Crime. His latest articles include *Insolvent Banks and the Financial Sector Safety Net - Lessons from the Northern Rock Crisis* which was published in the Singapore Academy of Law Journal in June 2008 and *Lender of the Last Resort Revisited* (with Rosa Maria Lastra) which is being published in the Banking and Finance Law Review summer 2009.



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Andrew Bolton

Andrew Bolton specializes in contentious insolvency matters and commercial litigation, including fraud, asset recovery and professional negligence. Since 2004, Andrew has been consistently ranked as a leading lawyer in various global directories for Litigation, Dispute Resolution and Insolvency and Restructuring. These directories include Chambers Global, Legal 500, PLC Which Lawyer? and IFLR 1000. Most recently, Chambers Global 2009 declared that clients value Andrew's experience, responsiveness and judgment. In the 2009 edition of Legal 500, clients were quoted as saying he is a "powerful litigator".

Prior to joining Appleby in 1997, Andrew worked for Freshfields (now Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer) in London and Brussels for ten years, including a year on secondment to the Bank of England. He became a Partner at Appleby in 1999 and now has overall responsibility for the firm's litigation and insolvency practice in its various offices. Mr Bolton is the author of several publications.

LOCAL NEWS

Filmmakers protest ministry's UK initiative

FROM page one

islands in movies intended to promote the unique character of each island and illustrate the diversity of the Bahamas with the chance of winning a £14,000 prize and having their film shown at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) red carpet event next month.

Bahamians were invited to be envoys to the visiting filmmakers but were not permitted to enter the competition.

The Ministry of Tourism maintains the challenge is one of their big events to create a

buzz about the Bahamas abroad and at the same time create credible non-biased films by foreigners to promote the Bahamas throughout the United Kingdom and the world.



Pace of giving slows a bit for Haiti relief effort

NEW YORK

IN THE three weeks since a catastrophic earthquake hit Haiti, the American public has donated more than \$644 million for relief efforts — yet already there's concern that the generosity will fade even as dire needs persist, according to Associated Press.

"It could be that it's just too hard for people to contemplate all the money that's needed for Haiti and do all the things needed for the American economy at the same time," said Stacy Palmer, editor of the Chronicle of Philanthropy.

"In the immediate aftermath, were fundraisers even necessary?" she said.

"Now it does seem to be slowing down. It's going to be a real test for the charities to make a compelling case to give."

As of Wednesday, according to a running tally by the Chronicle, private donations to major organizations engaged in Haiti relief totaled \$644 million — roughly on pace with some other big disasters of the recent past.

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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.

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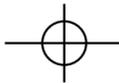
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By **RENALDO DORSETT**
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RHODES scholar and former Florida State star, Myron Rolle, returned to the gridiron to test his mettle against other NFL hopefuls in NCAA's showcase for outgoing seniors.

Rolle played his final collegiate game in the Senior Bowl presented by Under Armour, this weekend in Mobile, Alabama.

Rolle started at strong safety for the South alongside some of the NCAA's brightest stars despite being away from the football field for nearly a year.

Rolle rose to international prominence Rolle, famously put off an NFL career for a year after winning the Rhodes Scholarship.

He completely his bachelor's degree in Exercise Science with a concentration in Pre-Med in just two and a half years at FSU and left last year to study at Oxford University to pursue a degree in Medical Anthropology.

The All-American safety returned to the United States in December of 2009 to begin preparation for the Senior Bowl and the upcoming NFL combine.

At the Senior Bowl, Rolle totalled three solo tackles, but his South squad was blown away by the North, 31-13, at Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile, Alabama.

The teams were tied at three at the end of the first quarter



SOUTH squad defensive back Myron Rolle (4) of Florida State, catches a pass during Senior Bowl NCAA college football practice in Mobile, Ala., on Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010.

and with two touchdowns the North took a 17-13 lead at the half.

While the South remained scoreless, the North scored one touchdown in each quarter in the second half for the final margin.

Rolle and the other Senior Bowl participants used the game as the initial attempt to improve their stock for the draft in April.

Rolle, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, is the 15th ranked player at his position on ESPN.com's Mock NFL draftboard.

Other noteworthy participating seniors included Florida quarterback Tim Tebow and

highly touted cornerback Kyle Wilson from Boise State.

While studying at Oxford, Rolle reportedly kept in shape with the University's rugby side, Varsity Blues.

While at Cambridge, Rolle and his former teammates were forced to contend with a 7-6 season and the retirement of coach Bobby Bowden and defensive coordinator Mickey Andrews.

Whether a career on the football field or in a medical laboratory, Rolle has made his intent clear to give back to the Bahamas, a place he calls his second home.

Rolle and his family have announced plans to build a

medical clinic and sports complex to offer free services to the people of Exuma.

The facility will be built in Steventon, where the Rolle family originates from, and be named the Myron L Rolle Medical Clinic and Sports Complex.

The complex will provide free health services to residents of Exuma, as well as a state-of-the-art wellness and training facilities for athletes and visitors to the island.

The project will be executed in conjunction with the Ministry of Health and the Florida State University College of Medicine, based in the United States.

BAISS moves up championship schedule

THE Bahamas Association of Independent Secondary Schools' Championship matchups will be decided much sooner than previously expected due to a scheduling change.

The second slate of sudden death elimination playoff games will take place today (Thursday, February 4th), and not Monday, February 8th as previously reported at the Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium.

Game one in each championship series will now take place February 8th, with game two, Wednesday 10th and game three if necessary Thursday 11th.

Today's schedule will feature the second versus third seeded matchups in each of the four divisions.

In Junior Girls play, St. Augustine's College Big Red

Machine (6-1) will face the Jordan Prince William Falcons (5-2).

The winner will face the Queen's College Comets who eliminated the Temple Christian Suns.

In Junior Boys, The C.W. Saunders Cougars (7-2) will face the St John's College Giants (6-3), for the right to play the top ranked SAC Big Red Machine in the championship.

In the Senior girls division, SAC (5-1) looks to create a repeat matchup of last year's championship which they won in a thrilling three game series.

To get there they will have to get by the Westminster College Diplomats (4-2) who return several players from a junior girls team that finished as runners-up in 2009.

The Giants look to return to claim their third BAISS championship in a four year span.

In the Senior Boys division one of two teams remain the final hurdle in the Westminster College Diplomats hopes for a third consecutive championship.

The Diplomats will face the winner of the SAC (8-3) and St. John's Giants (7-4) matchup.

The Giants narrowly missed an opportunity at a championship berth in 2009 when they were upset by the Kingsway Academy Saints while SAC looks to return to the Senior Boys championship after years of playoff struggles.

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Club Monica Track Club hosts annual track and field classic



BAAA'S executives pose above with members of the Club Monica Track Club at a press conference on Tuesday at the Thomas A. Robinson Track Stadium.

By BRENT STUBBS
Senior Sports Reporter
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CLUB Monica Track Club will play a pivotal part in the St. Valentine's Day weekend by hosting their annual track and field classic.

It's the seventh hosting of the two-day meet, scheduled for Friday, February 12, starting at 6 p.m. and continuing on Saturday at noon at the Thomas Thomas A. Robinson Track and Field Stadium.

"The classic represents the opportunity to showcase young Bahamian athletes," said head coach and founder Dianne Woodside of the club named in honour of her mother, Monica, and comprising some 70 athletes between the ages of 6 and 19.

More than 700 athletes are expected to participate in the meet, which has received the endorsement of the Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations and will serve as a qualifier for the Carifta Games in the Cayman Islands over the Easter holiday weekend.

Athletes have until Saturday, February 6 to register to compete in the meet by going on line to www.clubmonica.com or do so through one of the club executives or coaches.

Through the support of the parents of the athletes, Woodside said they are able to continue to host the meet, but she also noted that corporate Bahamas has also helped out tremendously.

Coming on board this year as sponsors are Primer Importers, Lewis and Longley Attorneys-At-Law, Bahama Blinds, Royal Bank, d'Albenas Agency, FT Consultants Limited, Bay Street Garage, Anton Neely, who produced the posters and banners and Pro-Active Chiropractor.

BAAA's president Mike Sands said the executives and the council members wished to congratulate Woodside on the formation of the club, which not just focused on athletics, but also academics.

"The BAAA is pleased to congratulate Ms Woodside for the vision of putting on this event, seven years in running, and we wish her every success," he said.

Sands advised athletes, especially those in the Family Islands, who wished to make the trip for the Carifta Games to come out and participate in the meet.

BAAA's vice president Sherwin Stuart said while they were focusing on their youth and junior athletes, they congratulated Woodside and Club Monica for putting on such an event that would showcase their talent.

"We are attempting in the BAAA to re-energise the programme and this is a manifestation of how that can be accomplished by focusing on this fine group of young talent," he said.

And BAAA's public relations officer Alpheus 'Hawk' Finlayson said this meet was just one that provided the organisation in the clubs which made a difference in the country.

"I look forward to them

doing what they have to do and having great competition and getting as many of their people on the junior national teams this year," he said.

Tess Mullings, one of the senior athletes in the club, encouraged the general pub-

lic to come out to the meet and lend their support to the athletes.

"When we have track and field meets like this, it encourages us to do our best on our way to London in 2012 (for the Olympic

Games)," said the hurdles specialist.

And Diamond Dorsett, one of the youngest members of the club, said once the public came out and supported them, they would definitely do their best.

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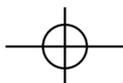
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Barracuda Swim Club wins swim meet

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SHOWN above are the high point winners in the 9-10 age group. From left - Alec Sands of Swift Swimming, who was third; Clement Bowe of the Barracudas, the winner and Nicholas Rahming of Swift Swimming, who took second place.



THE high point winners in the girls 9-10 age group are pictured above from left to right: Charlotte Reed of Swift Swimming, the second place and Lauren Knowles of Swift Swimming, the first place finisher.

THE Barracuda Swim Club held its Insurance Management Invitational Swim Meet this past weekend at the Betty Kelly Kenning Aquatic Center.

The Barracuda Swim Club was the winner of their meet in both the male & female divisions. The club males scored 1369.5 points, followed by Swift Swimming with 434 points. Their females scored 869.5 points, followed by Swift Swimming with 657.5 points.

While it turned out to be a good time for all of the competitors, there were 20 swimmers who attained the qualifying standards for the Carifta Swim Championships.

They are as follows:
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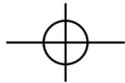


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**Government undecided
whether to apply to all bills
or just Abaco, but latter
solution could be 1.5-2
times existing surcharge**

By **CHESTER ROBARDS**
Business Reporter
crobards@tribunemedia.net

AN ADDITIONAL \$0.30 per day surcharge could be added to Bahamian electricity bills if the Government decides to switch the new Wilson City power plant's fuel from Bunker C to Automotive Diesel, the minister with responsibility for BEC said yesterday.

Phenton Neymour said, however, that the Government has not yet decided whether the surcharge will be added to electricity costs for all BEC customers, or if Abacoians will receive a separate surcharge for the use of the more expensive, but less environmentally impacting, fuel.

Mr Neymour said the BEC surcharge is the same throughout the islands, but if Abaco alone was charged for automated diesel, the costs could be 1.5 to 2 times the daily surcharge.

Mr Neymour said the Government had sought to ease Abaco's electricity woes, stemming from frequent power outages due to a subpar power plant, by building a new, more efficient power plant that would run a cheaper heavy fuel-oil.

He said the Marsh Harbour plant, which burns diesel, alone caused losses of up to \$8 million last year. Meanwhile, an Eleuthera power plant, which is also being replaced, caused losses if a

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**RND/Colina, ABDAB
deals under scrutiny**

- * Regulator 'investigating' several public company deals to determine whether full disclosure made
- * Commission 'extremely concerned with regards to public companies understanding what their obligations are'
- * Sources say Colina to offer to buy out RND minority investors

By **NEIL HARTNELL**
Tribune Business Editors

The Securities Commission yesterday said it was "extremely concerned" about whether publicly-listed Bahamian companies were fulfilling their obligations to properly disclose material events to investors, and was investigating several recent transactions, as this newspaper learnt Colina Holdings is likely to imminently offer to buyout RND Holdings' minority investors.

While not identifying the companies involved, Hillary Deveaux, the Commission's executive director, confirmed to Tribune Business that the capital markets regulator was "investigating" several recent events involving the disclosure of material changes to public



■ **HILLARY DEVEAUX**
companies.

Tribune Business understands that the transactions being probed are Colina Holdings (Bahamas) purchase of a majority stake in fellow listed issuer, RND Holdings, from the latter's chairman, PLP Senator Jerome Fitzgerald. Also under review is the proposed Heineken purchase of the Associated Bahamian Distillers

and Brewers (ABDAB) stakes in Burns House and Commonwealth Brewery, given that ABDAB is listed on the over-the-counter market, and therefore seemingly a publicly-listed company.

In response to Tribune Business inquiries, Mr Deveaux said: "The Commission is extremely concerned with regards to public companies understanding what their obligations are with regard to material changes in the life of a company."

"We are investigating a series of events regarding the disclosure of material changes in the life of a company pursuant to Section 64 of our legislation [the Securities Industry Act]."

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**Ex-Chamber chief urges
Govt: Dilute Heineken bid**

- * Says move to buy out Finlaysons and ABDAB creates opportunity to break-up monopoly/duopoly in Bahamian liquor industry
- * Recalls numerous complaints from small liquor retailers unable to compete with Burns House on product and pricing
- * Says 'not in government's and country's best interests', and 'politically unacceptable', for Dutch brewer to gain 100% of Burns House/Commonwealth Brewery
- * Suggests IPO to Bahamian investors or spin-off of Burns House retail interests

By **NEIL HARTNELL**
Tribune Business Editor

A former Chamber of Commerce president yesterday urged the Government to mandate that Heineken either spin-off Burns House's retail operation or sell a stake in the company to Bahamian investors as a pre-condition for approving the buy-out of the Finlayson family, telling Tribune Business the deal created an opportunity to break-up the monopoly/duopoly environment in the liquor industry.

Dionisio D'Aguilar said it

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DIONISIO D'AGUILAR

**Miami firm
eyes deal for
Norman's Cay
resort project**

By **NEIL HARTNELL**
Tribune Business Editor

A Miami-based private equity firm that specialises in luxury, beachfront resort purchases is in negotiations to acquire the development rights to the previously proposed multi-million dollar Aman resort project on Norman's Cay in the Exumas, Tribune Business can reveal.

The Brilla Group, which acquired the Raleigh Hotel on Miami's South Beach last year, is seeking to acquire the development rights to the several hundred-acre project that were held by the New York/Miami-based Setai Group and its partner, Aman Resorts.

George Smith, the former PLP MP for Exuma, confirmed to Tribune Business yesterday that he was aware of the Brilla Group's interest in Norman's Cay, adding that it might already have reached an agreement with a wealthy group of Bahamian investors who owned the surrounding land.

The Bahamians, whose real estate holdings were originally slated to form part of the Setai/Aman project, are financial executives Mark Holowesko and Gregory Cleare, plus attorneys Martin Solomon and R James Cole.

When asked by Tribune Business about the Brilla Group's involvement, Mr Smith said: "I've heard that group has reached a private arrangement with R James

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**Investors label
Ginn a 'puppet'**

By **NEIL HARTNELL**
Tribune Business Editor

Investors in a \$4.9 billion Bahamas-based mixed-use resort development have accused the developer of becoming "a puppet to give cover" to the refusal of the project's financial backer to further develop the site, into which real estate investors had pumped \$160 million to acquire some 195 lots.

An amended complaint against Credit Suisse and international real estate firm Cush-

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- * Plaintiffs allege \$4.9bn developer now a 'proxy to provide cover' to Credit Suisse and latter's failure to fulfil obligations on Bahamas project
- * Old Bahama Bay manager admits bank's intentions on unsold 630 lots 'key' to West End project
- * Confirms Tribune Business revelations that Ginn 'seeking new capital partners/development entities' to build project's core hotels and casinos

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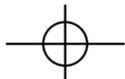
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BY DEIDRE BASTIAN

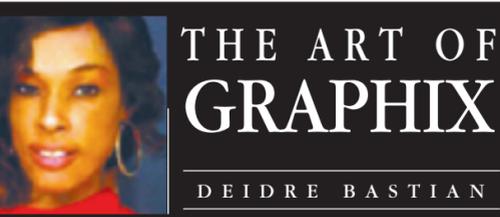
These days, it seems like every designer has a website to showcase their work. While online portfolios are certainly effective, they are expensive to develop, require technical knowledge, and can be extremely time consuming to create and maintain. Additionally, they are not always the best option to showcase print work, and they may display differently from browser to browser and computer to computer.

An excellent alternative is a graphic design PDF portfolio. Many graphic software programs, such as InDesign and Illustrator, have the option of exporting a design as a PDF. This allows the designer to create a custom brochure-style piece showcasing their best work, which can be e-mailed to prospective clients or employers.

Selecting Work

As with any portfolio, perhaps the most important decision is what design work to include. If you are early in your career and don't have a focus (or don't want one), choose your best work across the board. It is OK if you only have design school projects or personal projects to showcase. The work itself, and not necessarily a client or publication name, can impress just as well. However, if you do have some 'real-world' design experience you are proud of, include that as part of your portfolio.

Remember that the goal here is not to show everything you have ever done. Stick with a 'less is more' philosophy, choosing a small selection of your favorite work. Each piece should serve a purpose, showcasing a particular style, technique or industry.



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Before getting into the design, create an outline of what to include in your PDF portfolio. For design you have chosen, consider adding:

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- * Services offered by the designer or firm

The Design

Treat the design like you would any project for a client. Come up with several designs and tweak them until you are happy with the result. Create a consistent layout and style throughout.

InDesign and Quark are great options for creating a multi-page layout, and Illustrator would work well for graphic and text-heavy freeform layouts. Think of the flow of content and start with a quick overview, then go into project examples with all the content you came up with earlier. Try using several images per project.

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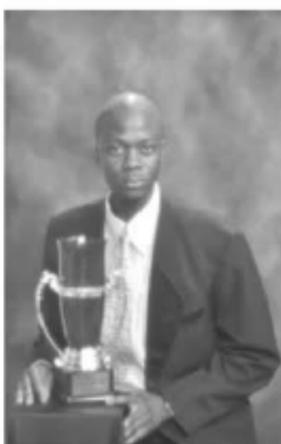
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Crispin is an organized professional who knows his job and is excellent at what he does. He holds honor certificates from the Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute in Computer Repairs and Electronics. Crispin is also a member of the National Vocational Technical Honor Society. He is married and has two daughters. He enjoys basketball and spending time with his family.

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BUSINESS

Engineer Board key for self-regulation

By CHESTER ROBARDS
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THE Professional Engineers Board's (PEB) implementation and corresponding legislation is critical to properly regulating the profession, it was revealed yesterday, given that in years past it has been vulnerable to foreign influxes and unqualified individuals.

Heading a meeting of the PEB at the Bahamas Electricity Corporation (BEC), chairman Michael Moss said the Ministry of Works sought to regulate the profession, but was unable to do little more than oversee the contracts of public works projects.

The Board's creation and accompanying legislation for the "registration of engineers, for the regulation and control of professional engineering and related purposes", will ensure all professional engineers in the Bahamas and those who might come into the country are properly

licensed to work. Mr Moss said there was traditionally no proper regulation of engineers or the Bahamian engineering sector.

With the impending Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union (EU) and Cariforum nations, of which the Bahamas is a part, the ratification of an Engineers Board will be critical to regulating the sector when it is opened up to the establishment of foreign firms here and the movement of Bahamian firms abroad.

Mr Moss said it was imperative for engineers who fall under a special clause that relates to individuals who "may not possess requisite academic qualifications to ordinarily satisfy registration requirement" to register by March 1, 2010. The "grandfather" clause would allow those individuals who have worked in a specific engineering discipline for not less than 15 years to be licensed and regulated by the PEB

under the act. Cyprian Gibson, a Board member, said the PEB will lead to better development projects in the Bahamas and will curtail the need to vet Bahamian engineers through foreign boards of which they are members.

Melanie Roach, another Board member, said the Act also allows for disciplining engineers who are reported to the Board. She said a clearly defined code of ethics is built into the PEB's act.

The list of engineers developed by the Board will weed

out those individuals who are not qualified to work in the sector, and regulate foreign firms coming into this country, who would need a temporary permit and work under the auspices of a registered Bahamian firm.

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similar size. "That is why we are putting in facilities that are more efficient, in Abaco and Eleuthera," said Mr Neymour.

man, also said it was not yet known whether construction costs on the power plant could go down if Diesel is used at the site. He said BEC was in talks with the Germany-based MAN Corporation, which is providing the engines and pipelines for the project, to

see if the heated pipelines needed for Bunker C Fuel-oil can be replaced with pipelines capable of transporting Diesel. The Bunker C pipes are reported to be much more expensive, specialised lines. Mr Moss said, however, that MAN may be too far ahead with the Bunker C lines, for which BEC may

have to swallow the cost. Detractors of the Wilson City power plant, who rallied for government transparency on the project and the use of Diesel instead of Bunker C, said they would pay for the more expensive fuel if there was less impact to the environmentally sensitive area where the plant is being con-

structed. And those Abaco residents opposed to burning Bunker C fuel celebrated a victory when government announced its intent to use diesel instead.

Although government officials refrained from confirming yesterday whether diesel will absolutely replace Bunker C, Minister of the Environment, Earl Deveaux, said it was likely to, as it appears to be more cost effective and less damaging to the environment.

The Minister said he has indicated this to Mr Moss, while the financial and technical implications are still under review.

Clint Kemp, from community action group Abaco Cares, believes the decision to switch to diesel at the \$105 million, 48 megawatt plant has already been made, and has congratulated the community effort by all those involved in



PHENTON NEYMOUR

Abaco Cares who share concerns about the damaging affect of Bunker C on their health and the environment.

But Mr Deveaux and Mr Neymour said they are simply reiterating Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham's December statement that diesel would be considered as an alternative if it is found to be a more cost effective solution.

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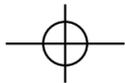
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BUSINESS

\$250k station vows to open TV market

By **CHESTER ROBARDS**
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A NEW all-Bahamian television station called VTV, costing more than \$250,000, launched yesterday, its owner vowing to open the Bahamian media market to locally-produced, casted and marketed shows.

Founder and chief executive, Lincoln Bain, said the television station's intent was to be an evolutionary step for broadcast television in the Bahamas, plus Bahamian film and television producers.

He said Bahamians will be able to go through the processes of pre and post-production with little to no start-up costs, and enter into a profit sharing contract with the station once the show is aired.

The design of VTV's programming model is a bold attempt to foster local ideas and talent, and bring them to a larger Bahamian audience.

Mr Bain said it has not gone live yet because he is awaiting Cable Bahamas' assignment of a channel. However, he said shows are already in the pipeline for VTV's official air date, which will be announced.

He said the Government decision to liberalise the communications sector allowed for the easy establishment of VTV.

The newly formed Utilities Regulation and Compe-

titution Authority gave Mr Bain the go-ahead to launch his channel in just under two months.

"They really took me through the ropes," he said.

When asked what setbacks he encountered in registering a new TV station with the new regulatory board, he said it was an "easy process".

VTV proposes to drive revenue through its video production arm so it can

depend less on ad sales, which most television channels solely rely on.

Mr Bain said VTV is also meant to be an outlet for upcoming filmmakers at high school level, and will feature summer programmes and attempt to establish a credit based course with the College of the Bahamas.

The station will host comedies, dramas, documentaries and news, all produced locally.

Eventually, Mr Bain said, VTV hopes to sell syndications to television stations throughout the Caribbean and Europe.

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Ed Rahming is Managing Director of the Bahamas office. He holds an MBA from the University of Florida and is a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Fraud Examiner and is Certified in Financial Forensics by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He has over ten years experience in providing insolvency, fraud and forensic accounting investigations and litigation support services which he gained while working in the Financial Advisory Services practice with a Big Four accounting firm in their New York, Cayman and London offices.

Mr. Rahming has advised clients on accounting and financial matters under litigation across various industries. He has led or been a team member on international insolvency matters including BCCI and on numerous international forensic accounting matters including Viacom, Ingersoll Rand, IPG - McCann Erickson, Lucent Technologies, the U.S. Transportation Security Agency, and Xerox. He was a lead member of the forensic accounting team that assisted in the defense of the underwriters of more than \$15 billion of WorldCom debt securities in bondholders' actions throughout the United States.

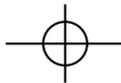
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BUSINESS

RND/Colina, ABDAB deals under scrutiny

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He declined to comment further.

Tribune Business understands that the Securities Commission has already written to RND Holdings and Colina Holdings (Bahamas), the BISX-listed parent of Colina Insurance Company, setting out its concerns and seeking an explanation. Sources also suggested that the regulator wants both companies to publish a newspaper advertisement revealing full details of the transaction to the investing public.

In ABDAB's case, Tribune Business understands that in the first instance the Securities Commission wants to determine whether it is a true public company, and its findings on this point will set out the future course it takes.

The key issue is Section 64 in the Securities Industry Act, which mandates that there be a full disclosure to all investors and the public when there is a material change in the life of a listed issuer, such as a results announcement or major transaction takes place involving it.

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vents insider trading and other market abuses, and safeguards minority investor rights. There is nothing to suggest these have been breached in the RND/Colina and ABDAB transactions, but investors need to be given the full information to make informed decisions.

Jerome Fitzgerald, RND Holdings' chairman, confirmed to Tribune Business that he is due to meet the Securities Commission today to discuss its concerns, but declined to comment further until that meeting had taken place.

Tribune Business, meanwhile, has learnt that Colina Holdings is likely to publish a newspaper ad imminently that will offer to buy-out all minority shareholders in RND Holdings, taking the company private and off the over-the-counter market. Terms of the potential offer are unknown, but when questioned about it, Mr Fitzgerald said: "I know nothing about that at all."

An offer to buy out the RND minority investors, on the same terms as Mr Fitzgerald received - especially price - would do a lot to ease their concerns.

Tribune Business had been contacted by several irate RND minority investors since Colina Holdings (Bahamas) acquisition of a more than 50 per cent stake in their company was announced, arguing that the

level of disclosure was unacceptable since all they knew was that the transaction had happened.

They also questioned why Colina Holdings had not offered them the same terms pro rata that they had given Mr Fitzgerald, since in most markets companies buying a majority public company interest are usually mandated to tender for all shares. That, though, is not mandatory in the Bahamas yet.

Tribune Business noted earlier this week: "It is likely that RND Holdings' minority investors, who suffered through several years of sustained losses during the mid-2000s, the company having a \$2.253 million accumulated deficit at the end of its 2008 fiscal year, the last period for which figures are available, will want more details on the transaction."

"Specifically, they will want to know how all this impacts their investment and its value, and what plans Colina Holdings will now have for their company. They are now investors in a radically different company to the original one, RND having sold its cinema business to Galleria Cinemas in 2004 to pay down debt and reduce cash flow.

"RND Holdings is now effectively a real estate investment trust (REIT) or mutual fund through its RND Properties subsidiary, its only other business being the TicketXpress call centre. Now, not only are the Bahamian minority investors in a different company, but it is one under new controlling ownership to boot.

"Many RND Holdings investors are likely to question whether their ownership stakes have been diluted as a result of the issuance of new shares to Colina Holdings, and are likely to question why they were not given new stock in proportion to their existing holdings - in other words, why they were not offered the same terms, and why no offer has been made to buy them out."

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BUSINESS

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Ex-Chamber chief urges Govt: Dilute Heineken bid

interested in Commonwealth Brewery, and may not want to run/own a liquor wholesaler/distributor such as Burns House. Therefore, some kind of IPO of Burns House shares is likely, although many observers would want a larger stake than 25 per cent to be in public hands, given the control exerted over existing Bahamian public companies by one shareholder or a controlling group of investors.

ABDAB holds a 47 per cent stake in Commonwealth Brewery, and a majority 78.8 per cent stake in the Burns House Group

would "be in the Government's and the country's best interests" to not permit the Dutch-headquartered international brewing giant to take 100 per cent ownership control at both Burns House and Commonwealth Brewery, creating a vertically-integrated brewing, wholesale and retail

group. Arguing that it would be politically unpalatable to allow a majority Bahamian-owned company to pass into 100 per cent foreign ownership, Mr D'Aguilar said the Government had several options it could mandate as a

pre-condition for approving Heineken's purchase of the Associated Bahamian Distillers and Brewers (ABDAB) stakes in Burns House and Commonwealth Brewery. He argued that the Government should either require Heineken to sell a portion of its Burns House/Commonwealth Brewery interests to Bahamian investors via an initial public offering (IPO), or mandate that a Bahamian buyer be found for the ABDAB stakes.

The former appears the more likely course of action, and Mr D'Aguilar added that the Government could also require Heineken to divest and split-off Burns House's retail operations from its wholesale business.

2000, Burns House franchised out many of the retail stores to independent, Bahamian entrepreneurs who would source most of their products from its wholesale operation.

However, the move did not work, and many of the independent stores were subsequently taken back under Burns House ownership. Tribune Business also received calls from the Burns House store franchisees, complaining that the company's wholly-owned stores were obtaining better prices and discounts than they were, leaving them unable to compete.

Meanwhile, Mr D'Aguilar said the Government should be "concerned with two things" when assessing the possible Heineken purchase of ABDAB's stake - the move from Bahamian majority ownership at Burns House to foreign ownership, and whether this would perpetuate the duopoly/monopoly environment in the Bahamian liquor industry.

"Do you want to continue to maintain this monopoly environment that exists in our liquor business," Mr D'Aguilar asked, adding of the Government: "It [the deal] causes them to look at it. Is this an opportunity to break-up that monopoly/duopoly environment."

The other half of that duopoly is the privately-owned, Juan Bacardi-run Bristol Cellars, and Mr D'Aguilar said: "I don't think it will be very popular if Heineken ends up with 100 per cent control. I don't think it will be politically acceptable. Government, in my opinion, should not endorse that."

"I think they should encourage participation by Bahamian shareholders, whether that is through a flotation or whether ABDAB has to sell its interest to a Bahamian group or concern. "At the end of the day, there should be Bahamian participation, and not exclusive ownership and operation by a large Dutch company, because we have enough sectors of the economy controlled by foreigners, primarily the banks, which are the most profitable sector."

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Mr D'Aguilar said that during his two-year stint as Chamber president, which ended in 2009, he was contacted by numerous Bahamian independent liquor store owners complaining that they were unable to compete against the Burns House-owned stores.

"I used to get complaints from small, independent liquor retailers that because Burns House controlled such a big share of the market, they were at an inherent disadvantage, and Burns House was essentially a monopoly on the retail side," Mr D'Aguilar recalled.

"I remember a number of liquor store owners calling the Chamber and complaining about what was a monopoly environment. Because they [Burns House] had so much market share, it was very, very difficult for smaller liquor stores to compete."

"Firstly, they couldn't get product, and secondly the product they did was priced at a level that was not as good as the prices given to the Burns House stores."

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Colin Higgs (Mr.)

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Report urges US to spend more money on biofuels

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A presidential task force recommended spending more money to make biofuels such as ethanol, saying the nation is likely to fall short of mandates for more environmentally friendly energy.

An energy task force presented President Barack Obama with a report outlining how the United States' production of fuel from plants or animals was unlikely to meet the goal Congress has demanded. The current production of 12 billion gallons annually is hardly the 36 billion lawmakers have mandated by 2022. The group recommended more aid for the biofuel industry with a combination of federal dollars and private-sector investments.

"We cannot afford to spin our wheels while the rest of the world speeds forward," Obama said. He also announced a new task force to study coal's

role in the nation's energy needs. Obama remains committed to meeting Congress' goal — which also includes a benchmark of 100 million gallons of biofuel from wood chips or sugarcane this year — but recognizes it is unlikely without significant new measures, an administration official said, speaking condition of anonymity to discuss the president's thinking ahead of a meeting with governors and his advisers.

The biofuel task force — led by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, Energy Secretary Steven Chu and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson — recommended the government make certain that fuels produced with U.S. backing be compatible with the current fleet of cars on the road and that agencies recognize their limits. Otherwise, the efforts would be a waste of time, research and tax dollars, the task force said. Wednesday's meeting was a first step in Obama's push to use the U.S. energy industry as a source for

creating much-needed jobs. Obama mentioned the recommendations at a meeting with governors from coal-producing states, hoping to earn their support for a languishing energy bill and bolster his image as a leader willing to work with Republicans as well as Democrats. "There's no reason we can't work on a bipartisan way to get this done," Obama told governors in the White House State Dining Room.

Many pieces of those proposals are likely to win Republican support on Capitol Hill, where GOP allies have been elusive for a Democratic White House looking to pass controversial cap-and-trade legislation that would limit the nation's emissions.

Wednesday's plan also was likely to find support from GOP governors in states rich in coal and corn, which can be used to produce ethanol. Republican Govs. Jim Douglas of Vermont — the chairman of the National Governors Association — Bob Riley of Alabama and Mike Rounds of South

Dakota met with Obama and Vice President Joe Biden at the White House. Also there were Democratic governors from Wyoming, the nation's top coal-producing state, neighboring Montana, home to vast coal reserves, and six other Democratic governors. Bob Dinneen, president of the Renewable Fuels Association, said the administration was on the right track with its biofuels proposals.

And the National Mining Association welcomed creation of the coal task force, which will be led by Energy Secretary Steven Chu and will include the Environmental Protection Agency. Hal Quinn, the group's president and CEO, said the Obama administration was acknowledging the crucial role coal plays in supplying nearly half the nation's electricity.

Energy has served as a major plank of the president's domestic agenda, finding places on his travel schedule, in his speeches and in his budget proposal released on Monday.

In that plan, Obama's team called for tangible accomplishments that Democrats can champion as they head into a 2010 campaign season that has become more perilous since Republican Scott Brown won a special election to replace the late Sen. Edward M. Kennedy. Officials said their recommendations would build on some \$786 million allocated for environmental projects ranging from ethanol research to pilot programs at biorefineries. The plans also would mesh with Obama's budget proposal, which called for ending oil and gas subsidies, a move that could save \$36.5 billion over a decade.

Gasoline prices rise after supply drop



A WORKER finishes up a fuel delivery at gas pumps in Lynnfield, Mass. Monday, Feb. 1, 2010.

(AP Photo/Elise Amendola)

CHRIS KAHN,
AP Energy Writer
NEW YORK

Gasoline futures rose Wednesday after the government reported a surprise drop in the nation's supply.

This could eventually tug pump prices higher, but so far that hasn't happened. Retail gas prices have tumbled for three straight weeks. The Energy Information Administration reported that gasoline stockpiles fell by 1.3 million barrels last week. Supplies sank as U.S. refineries continued to churn out less fuel.

Gasoline for March delivery gained 1.83 cents to settle at \$2.0362 a gallon on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The EIA report said refineries are operating at the lowest level on record, other than a few weeks in 2008 and 2005 when hurricanes ripped through the Gulf of Mexico and forced many to shut down. The slowdown in American refining comes as higher oil prices squeeze profit margins even tighter. Refineries like Valero Energy Corp. say they simply cannot pass along the higher crude costs to motorists.

Meanwhile, crude prices slipped Wednesday after the EIA said supplies grew unexpectedly last week. U.S. petroleum consumption has been falling since 2007, and the latest government report said the country has been using less every week for the past month. Benchmark oil for March delivery lost 25 cents to settle at \$76.98 a barrel on the Nymex. In London, Brent crude increased 28 cents at \$76.34 on the ICE futures exchange.

Oil made sharp gains earlier in the week as money poured into energy commodities on worries about inflation, said Kenneth Medlock, a Rice University energy economist.

"Massive U.S. debt will persuade people to buy oil contracts and hold them," Medlock said. The pressure to move money into commodities increases every time investors see headlines like Wednesday's Treasury Department announcement that the government will soon reach its borrowing limit, Medlock said.

Congress already has pushed the debt ceiling higher by \$290 billion in December, and it's working on another measure that would allow the U.S. to borrow even more. Retail gas gave up another half-cent overnight to a new national average of \$2.656 a gallon, according to AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. A gallon of regular unleaded now costs about as much as it did a month ago, but it's 76.6 cents more expensive than the same time last year.



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- 1 medium onion, sliced (about 1/2 cup)
- 1 can (10 3/4 ounces) Campbell's Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup** (Regular or 98% Fat Free)
- 1/4 cup milk

1. Stir the garlic powder, paprika and basil on a plate. Coat the pork with the garlic powder mixture.
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3. Add the onion to the skillet and cook until tender, stirring occasionally. Stir in the soup and the milk and heat to a boil. Reduce the heat to low, cook for 5 minutes or until the pork is cooked through. Serve the pork and sauce with the rice.

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Mr. Seymour graduated from The College of the Bahamas with an Associates of Science Degree in Construction Engineering Technology in 1996 and from Florida A&M University in 2000 with a Bachelor's of Science Degree, with honors, in Civil Engineering; where he served as the President of Tau Beta Pi, the Engineering Honor Society in 1999.

He has worked along with Bahamas Hot Mix on Major Transportation Projects in the Bahamas; most notably The Harold Road Dualling and Rehabilitation, The Blue Hill Dualling and Rehabilitation and The Marsh Harbour International Airport Project. He has also worked regionally in Turks & Caicos and Grenada. He is also a member the Bahamas Society of Engineers (BSE) and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

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'It Could Happen To You'

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IN THE 52 pages of her book, 'It Could Happen To You,' Paulette Stubbs chronicles her life from a difficult childhood of emotional problems, including a teenage pregnancy, a self induced abortion, and marriage to a man who turned out to be violent, ultimately forcing her to take her life by the reins.

She says God rescued her from the clutches of physical, emotional and financial abuse.

Ms Stubbs said early on, she was deceived. During marriage counseling sessions, her husband appeared to be the perfect spouse. No one at the church believed her when she revealed his true nature.

"At church he was a totally different person from the man I knew at home," said Ms Stubbs. "He attended all the prayer meetings while I stayed home, so in the eyes of fellow church members, I was the Jezebel wife."

"Many individuals within our society believe that abuse is acceptable, and those who endure it usually blame themselves for the abuser's behaviour and try to change that person."

To avoid this trend in the life of the abused, she stresses these points as keys to live by:

"Ignoring abuse is dangerous; You cannot change an abusive person's behavior; You are not to blame, Get help; and Do not remain silent if you are being abused."

Ms Stubbs said her decision to ultimately leave the abusive environment she endured for years was to demonstrate to her children that her husband's actions were intolerable period, and that they shouldn't be treated that way.

"Walking away from that environment showed my children that they are more important to me than that marriage was," she said. "It also set the standard for every other relationship they may enter, and reminds them that there is no room for disrespect or

abuse, because I no longer allowed it."

Growing up as a competitive child against her younger sister, Ms Stubbs said she grew insecure about herself and at age 15 became pregnant. Ms Stubbs soon married a man who she assumed to be charming, and the best fit for their marriage.

But he soon turned out to be a terrifying, controlling individual, and was extremely overbearing in their relationship. It wasn't until the abuse escalated to a few near-death altercations, one which finally ended in the Emergency Room with a concussion and multiple sustained injuries to her body that she left.

Ms Stubbs recommends the book for anyone entering today's dating arena. 'It Could Happen To You' addresses unhealthy relationships and outlines red flag behaviours of potential abusers and offers helpful tips to prevent individuals from succumbing to a life of abuse.

Reflecting on her numerous near death experiences as a result of being abused, Ms Stubbs said, "those who choose to accept abusive treatment or blame themselves, need to understand that what we continue to tolerate, will never change."

"It is dangerous to ignore abuse of any kind, be it emotional, physical, spiritual or financial. What may begin as a push, or slap today, may ultimately end in death."

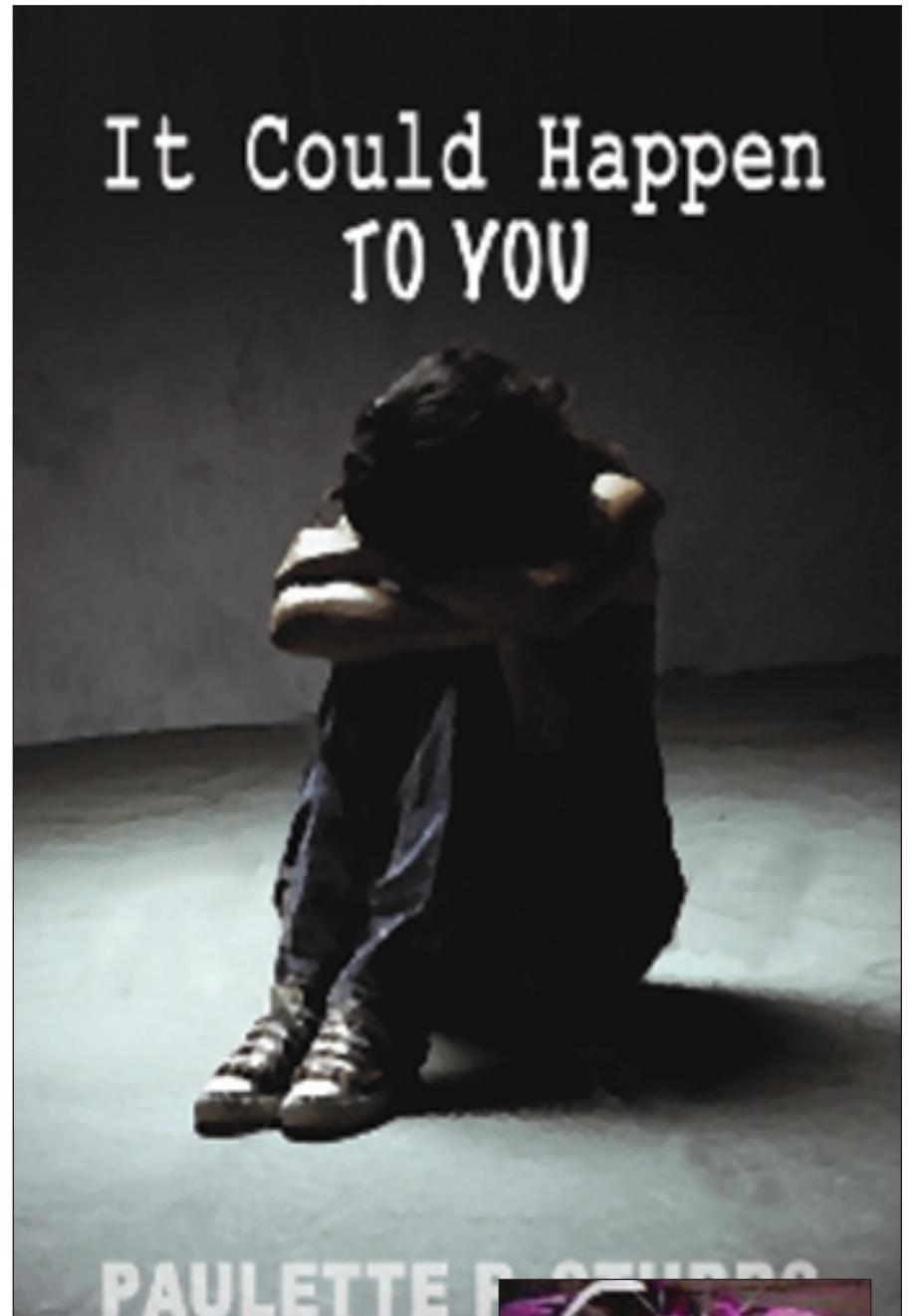
'It Could Happen To You' "is a message of hope and healing to anyone affected (directly or indirectly) by abuse; and for those entering the dating arena, it provides them with tips on how to recognise traits of potentially abusive persons."

"Prevention is key," says Ms Stubbs. "I wish someone else could have given me this information."

Psychologist Dr Barrington H Brennen, Marriage & Family Therapist of the USA highly recommends this read, saying: "I believe that this book can change lives. It is an excellent tool, from a lay person's perspective on the dynamics of abusive relationships."

The official launch of 'It Could Happen To You,' was held on Saturday November 14, 2009 at Chapter One Bookstore in Oakes Field.

Paulette Stubbs currently serves as Deputy Head of Accounting & Operations at a leading offshore bank. She is also the founder of



Heaven Help Us Literature and serves a volunteer to various youth outreach ministries and civic organizations.

Ms Stubbs says, "If this book saves just one life from abuse, then what I have been through would have been worth it."

In closing the autobiographical portion of the book, Ms Stubbs says, "Today, I say to my offender in the words of Joseph, 'You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives,' Genesis 50:20 (NIV)."



Paulette Stubbs

Bullets of love

A FEW weeks ago I attended a Saturday Sabbath worship service at The Capstone Ministries, where Pastor Mickelyn Seymour presides. During this service Father Yahweh spoke through one of his servant's Tanya Leary who blessed the congregation with some inspirational words of encouragement titled (Bullets of Love).

Ms Leary spoke about Bullets of Love vs the bullets of ammunition of destruction that are used in various firearms to inflict injury and in most cases death unto its victims throughout the length and breadth of the Bahamas. Based upon the trend that we're heading as a nation, I'm inclined to write from the view point spoken of last Sabbath - "Bullets of Love."

As a nation on a scale of one to ten, where would you say we are as it relates to our love walk? Or better still where are you in your love walk? One of the most powerful weapons that the enemy is using to inflict severe damages and destruction upon our society is the weapon of hatred; which is birthed from the spirit of carnality.

Watch this! The word carnal in Greek is: sarkikos, sar-kee-tos which is pertaining to flesh, i.e. bodily or temporal. The carnal /natural weapons like guns, knives, etc; are the instruments of destruction that many of our (criminal



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minded) young men have turned to as they wreak havoc in this once peaceable, loving Bahamas.

As a pastor, I'm, somewhat disappointed at the state/condition of our nation as it relates to our love walk with one another. But thanks be unto God ('elohiym, el-o-heem';) for allowing his Holy Spirit to reveal unto me, the how and why we (the Bahamas) are in this spiritually poor and morally decaying condition.

As I'm led to share that which the Holy Spirit has revealed; here's a hard fact that I've come to accept. Whenever Father Yahweh's truth is being revealed, the first set of people that takes offense to the truth and against the chosen vessel of the truth; would be the religious leaders. Selah.

Over the years, through spiritual maturity I've learned not to take the religious leaders offenses personal; as Yahshua Messiah had to suffer the same fate. For it was at the most critical time in His life that he said "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Blinded by their various religious beliefs, 99.9 per cent of the country's religious leaders have no idea of what is taking place spiritually in this nation, as it relates to the high murder rate; the mass killing and the incarceration of the male

seed. Most of today's church leaders seem to be more interested in promoting their agendas; whereas they've become competitively proficient at hosting powerless religious conferences and events, in Jesus' name along with some rhyming clichés.

Meanwhile the enemy is having a field day wreaking havoc in the Bahamas because he (the enemy) is fully aware of the fact that the church leaders of today are filled with eloquent speeches, yet void of the power (exousia, ex-oo-see-ah) that was given by Yahshua to impact the world.

It is evident that the disseminating of God's agape love is of very little or no priority to our leaders. The order and priority of today is financial prosperity and the agenda is to, Get all you can and can all you get."

God's agape love is unconditional. Its the type of love that keeps on giving in spite of; it's the type of love that will cause the giver to give of himself. These are some of the reasons why God's agape love is not being manifested in this country, especially within the religious church.

"Watch this! John.3: 16: For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.

The merciless killings on our streets and the perishing of many families are a direct reflection of the absence of God's agape love and that of his Spirit being ruler and Lord of our nation. So, we (hypocritical ,religious Bahamians) seek to call the earthquake of Haiti God's

judgment Why is it then, that He (God) hasn't wiped the Bahamas of the map as yet?

I make no apology in saying that we've got lots of religious fools in this country, who may academically and theologically know about God; but it is evident by their conditional superficial love walk that they don't personally know and have a genuine relationship with God himself.

In other words these folks know the word of God; but not the God of the word. For if they knew Him, then their love walk toward the downtrodden, hurting and under privileged people would be effective enough to transform this nation.

Here's what the scriptures say, I John.4:7-8: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

Here we are, at the beginning of a brand new year; and like clockwork the religious leaders never fail in giving /proclaiming their pathetic feelings of what they believe God is going to do this year. Yes I know that the contents of this article would offend the religious hierarchy; I also know that today's religious order would have a serious problem with Yahshua Messiah (a.k.a. Jesus Christ) if he was walking the earth today. This year let's get all the religious junk and clichés out of the church, and replace them with God's agape love. Let's counteract the criminal behaviours by arming ourselves with bullets of love and taking it to the streets.

Baptists to flood Texas with Bible CDs by Easter

DALLAS, Texas

THE largest state Baptist group in the nation wants Christ's message of hope heard in every home in Texas — about 9 million of them — by Easter, according to the Associated Press.

That's a challenge in a state as big and diverse as Texas, where more than a third of households speak a language other than English. Besides Spanish, Hindi, Tagalog and Chinese are increasingly heard.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas is promoting a multilingual, multimedia CD that allows folks to listen to key biblical passages in their native lan-

guage.

It's part of a three-pronged campaign dubbed Texas Hope 2010 to convey what "we really believe; that there's hope in Christ," said Randel Everett, the Baptist group's executive director.

Pop one in a car CD player or load it onto an MP3 device and hear the third chapter of John explain how "God so loved the world" in English or Spanish.

Slip it into a computer and download the entire New Testament in one of more than 400 languages, complete with dramatic pauses, sound effects and background music. Organizers say they're not snubbing the Old Testament; the audio is not yet available in all those languages.



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MEMBERS of the First Baptist Church in Shallowater, Texas, are taking part in an initiative by the The Baptist General Convention of Texas to spread Christ's word to every home in Texas by Easter 2010. The group is distributing apple pies and CDs that contain Bible passages.

"I really think that people need to hear the Gospel in their heart language, whether they read and understand English or not, people need to know that God speaks their language," Everett said.

The CD includes a toll-free telephone number and six 2-minute video testimonies of black, white and Hispanic Texans sharing their personal stories, some in Spanish.



Relationships & Time

ONE of the major areas of controversy is the management of time. In all serious relationships, and especially in marriage, there is a need for the prayerful management of time.

1. TIME FOR GOD: There is so much that needs to be prayed about that if you are too busy to pray then your life is really out of control. The enemy has you in a tail-spin. It is the time spent with God that grounds and prepares us to face whatever the day will bring. Time spent at the end of the day in grateful thanks and contrite confession, brings closure and leads to inner peace.

2. TIME FOR THE SPECIAL



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LOVED ONE: Much time is spent at work and away from the presence of this special person who is spouse already or on the road towards such commitment. Even if you are not yet engaged but are dating each other exclusively, a concerted effort needs to be made to have meaningful time together. Consider the depth of your discourse and determine whether it is too shallow to sustain a long-term love.

3. TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN: Those of us who have been called by God to be parents are expected to con-

tinue in obedience as we train them spiritually. Let it be true that they are indeed blessed to have us as their guides and mentors. Make time to listen to them, share with them our wisdom even as we learn from them also.

4. TIME FOR LEISURE ACTIVITIES: Some of these activities need to be spent together and some may have to be pursued separately. The key is to have enough interests in common that you are able to maintain a high level of camaraderie in each other's company. Too much time spent with others can undermine the foundation of your relationship.

5. TIME FOR SPORTS: It is very important that we pace ourselves as we age but we need to be doing something including cardio and resistance training. Physiotherapists are in a position to assist the whole community with

more intentional routines if we are willing to be educated on the subject. As a people we need to know how to prevent injuries from over exertion, misuse of equipment and poor positioning. Let MATTH us look more closely at our approach to aging.

6. TIME FOR MINISTRY: There is always someone who needs our help. We have to make time to love our brothers and sisters in the name of the Lord. There are children, elderly persons, the poor, unemployed and others in our nation and abroad who are desperate for companionship, financial assistance, moral support and spiritual and pastoral care.

We have to tithe our time according to the gift of time that we have been given. Every day is ours only by God's grace. How are you spending the precious commodity called time?

NEW GOOD WILL CHURCH OF GOD RECOGNISES

GWENDYLN CLARKE

• THE NEW GOODWILL Church of God under the leadership of Reverend Denzel Hutchinson recognised one of its eldest members, **Gwendlyn Clarke** (seated in the centre in the white), age 96, in a church service held two weeks ago.

Ms Clarke who has been a dedicated member of the Church of God since 1931 was honoured for her commitment, loyalty and spiritual leadership throughout the years.

Over the years she has served as the usher of the National Convention of the Church of God of Turks & Caciccos.

She has one daughter, one sister, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Both family and friends of Ms Clarke were in attendance at the service to show their love and unconditional support to her.

"It was a well attended and lovely service," Ms Clarke said.



 THE HISTORY OF RELIGION IN THE BAHAMAS

The Plymouth Brethren Movement

DURING the early 1800's, some Christians began to feel uncomfortable about denominationalism, a clerical hierarchy, and certain "compromises" creeping into their churches. They resolved to simply read their Bible and try to gather in the same simple manner as Christians did in the New Testament. Early gatherings originated in Dublin and in Plymouth so others began to call them as Brethren from Plymouth.

The Plymouth Brethren movement was believed to be an independent work of the Holy Spirit - the true church established on the day of Pentecost. The two guiding principles were to be the breaking of bread every Lord's Day, and ministry based upon the call of Christ rather than the ordination of men. They follow and obey the Scripture, refusing to follow human tradition and creed. Others call them Brethren, but they prefer to be called Christians.

In 1827, John Nelson Darby joined this group. Darby saw the church as a special work of God, distinct from the program for Israel. This truth, integrated with his premillennial eschatology, led him to believe that the rapture would occur before the tribulation, and that during the tribulation God would turn again to deal specifically with Israel. Until Darby's time, some Christians believed that the church was a continuation of Israel, and some others believed that the church replaced Israel.

Some years later Darby then an old



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man sat on a bench in Central Park, New York City. His clothing, which had been black, was much the worse of wear. His head, which was bare, was bent forward, and his hat lay on his knees. A much younger man on passing thought him a beggar and dropped a dime in his hat. Darby, looked up from his prayer, and talked long and earnestly with the young man. That conversation led Charles Holder to devote his life to the service of the Lord Jesus.

Methodist Minister, F Moon, reported the visit from an agent of Plymouth Brethren to Current, Spanish Wells and Harbour Island. Cecil Cartwright confirmed that this was Charles Holder, sometimes called 'the crazy preacher', after whom the sect gained the name of Holderites. From 1880, The Holderites held services in private homes and by the Up Yonder Shipyard at Harbour Island until they were able to build their 'Halls'. Nassau merchant Thaddeus George Johnson built the first 'Bible Truth Hall' on Harbour Island and willed it to the Brethren on his death in 1921.

Of course the Brethren were disliked by the Methodist Missionaries as they caused division in the Church and George Lester remarked that 'the Brethren were of the darkest description and a score have joined from here and taken a wicked attitude toward the Church'. Cartwright told the story of the Spanish Wells man, who said of Holder:

"I wish some hailstones would fall

from the sky and split his bald head open."

A few nights later some large hailstones did fall. Instead of Holder, the hailstones fell on the head of the man who had wished him evil and injured him so severely that he died.

After this incident the Brethren spread like wildfire through Spanish Wells and North Eleuthera. A small Brethren group remained faithful at Harbour Island. On Dunmore Street, about 50 yards south of the Wesley Methodist Church, The Bible Truth Hall, under Brethren preacher, Christopher Knapp in the 1930s, operated until the 1980s, when the lack of members closed it down.

Christopher Knapp born 1870 was the son of Calvinist German immigrants from Albany New York. At 19 years old, he went west to study for the Presbyterian ministry in South Bend, Indiana. While in South Bend, he attended meetings at the YMCA (which in those days included "gospel" meetings) and there came to truly know the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. Knapp gave up his purpose of becoming a Presbyterian Minister, and identified himself with the Brethren.

At the turn of the century, Knapp came to the Bahamas and opened up Christ to the folk of these islands - both black and white - who came to have fond appreciation for him. While preaching here and across the straits of Florida in Miami and Key West, he met his future wife,

Helena Johnson (formerly of the Bahamas), and they married on June 3, 1904.

Another Brethren missionary to the Bahamas was August Van Ryn (1890-1982) of Switzerland. In 1916, Van Ryn met Robert Stratton and his Bahamian wife Lilah. Stratton invited him to the Bahamas, where he met Lilah's sister

Persis Roberts. They married and lived in the Bahamas for the next thirteen years - their marriage for fifty six years until death of Persis parted them. Together brother Stratton and August carried on itinerant gospel work, using *Evangel*, a 52-foot yacht which they built.

Van Ryn describes his 1926 visit to Cherokee Sound, Abaco--near the Van Ryn home in Marsh Harbor: "We would talk to anxious souls till late at night and again early in the morning, besides the regular meetings. A number confessed the Lord. And then, toward the end of two weeks, the fishing fleet came in. Long before the boats reached shore, the men aboard were waving their hats and shouting. When we finally heard what they were saying, it was, 'There's been a wonderful revival on our ships; lots of men have been saved.'" While the Lord moved hearts on their boats, unknown to them, He had saved children, wives, sweethearts, or parents back home. What rejoicing! About one hundred were saved in that little town.

Soon they left for Spanish Wells. When those there heard about the awakening in Abaco, they said, "We hope we'll see something like that here." By eight o'clock that morning, 35 souls had been saved while alone in their own homes! The meetings continued and about one hundred were saved. From Spanish Wells, the work spread, "God working without any human preparation, or methods or machinery."

In the 1953 census, the members of Brethren were listed as Harbour Island 20, Spanish Wells 289, Abaco 429, Eleuthera 188 and New Providence 1434 - a total of 2,360. In October 2009 the number of adherents to The Assemblies of Brethren in the Bahamas was listed as 83.

CHURCH NOTES

ACM PREPARES FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

• The 38th annual Anglican Church Men (ACM) conference will be held in North Andros from March 17-21. All Anglican men are asked to register at their parish or contact any ACM council member for more information. Ken O'Brien is the conference chairman he can be reached at kob1150@coralwave.com for more information.

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Teachers in Cat Island hold annual church service

ON Saturday January 23, teachers from the length and breadth of Cat Island congregated at Sea View Seventh Day Adventist Church in Bennett's Harbour for corporate worship and to praise God for his goodness towards them and their ministry.

Many Cat Island teachers participated in the service through scripture readings, and song.

Pastor Fritz Gerald Francois took his text from Psalm 96 and his theme was "Behold the time, seize the moment." Pastor Francois strongly advised teachers to think outside the proverbial box and look for more grand ideas to inspire and teach students. He also discussed the recent disaster that struck Haiti and implored the worshippers to offer assistance and to be ready and observant because the tragedy that struck Haiti could have taken place in any other Caribbean nation.

After the service there was a time of fellowship with the members of the church and the teachers.

