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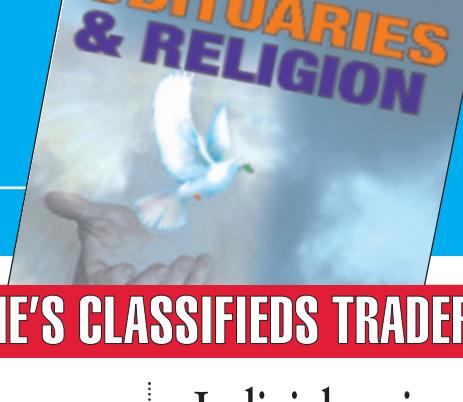
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# ZNS staff vent fury at Minister

Judicial review bid over one-way system should be dismissed – AG

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ATTORNEY General John Delaney argued yesterday that a judicial review application brought on behalf of business owners affected by the Baillou Hill Road and Market Street one-way system should be dismissed.

Mr Delaney, who represents Public Works and Transport Minister Neko

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# fury at Minister

Police on alert as workers try to storm Churchill Building

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ANGRY ZNS employees attempted to storm the Churchill Building yesterday to seek an audience with Minister of National Security Tommy Turnquest.

Police officers had to brace themselves behind metal barricades on Bank Lane as protesters tried to barrel through.

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### LATE BREAKING NEWS

## \$4 BILLION BID FOR ATLANTIS

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A GROUP of Malaysian investors has placed a bid of up to \$4 billion to buy Kerzner International Holdings Ltd, the company which built and operates Atlantis, saying that it "finds the Atlantis properties attractive," according to news reports late last night.

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## FAMILY TRAGEDY: FATHER FOUND SHOT DEAD



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POLICE launched an investigation yesterday after a loving father was found shot dead in his home.

Stunned neighbours in the quiet community gathered together as police cordoned off the home where Keith Nixon, 53, was found dead with a fatal gunshot wound to his head just after 10.30am.

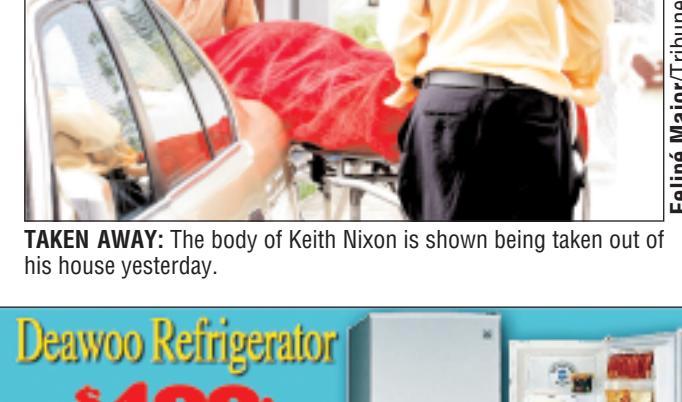
Police press liaison officer Sgt Chrislyn Skippings said a shotgun was recovered by crime scene investigators who have yet to officially classify the death.

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GRIEF-STRICKEN: Keith Nixon's mother Gina Nixon is held by family members at the scene yesterday.



SCENE OF TRAGEDY: Detectives take a gun away.



TAKEN AWAY: The body of Keith Nixon is shown being taken out of his house yesterday.

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## LOCAL NEWS

## • ZNS STAFF VENT FURY AT MINISTER •

# Police on alert as workers try to storm Churchill Building

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Members of the Bahamas Communications and Public Officers Union (BCPOU) and the Bahamas Communications and Public Managers Unions (BCPMU) discouraged their union leaders from leaving the protest to enter the Churchill Building demanding that the minister come to face them.

Protesters sang "We Shall Overcome" and other church hymns on the march from ZNS to the Churchill building. After waiting for about an hour with no show from the minister, they returned to ZNS to conduct a

sit-in for the rest of the day. "We will not stop whether they come down here or not. We are in a fight for our lives. We will not stop until justice is served," said Denise Wilson, BCPOU secretary general.

The unions plan to call for "reinforcement" today, from the National Congress of Trade Unions (NCTU), who have pledged their support.

The march downtown happened a few hours after someone tripped the fire alarm, on two occasions, at the Broadcasting Corporation of the Bahamas (BCB) in order to spark a protest in the parking lot.

Workers filed out of the office around 9am after the fire alarm went off. They were greeted by union leaders. Only "a couple" of workers remained on the job, according to Edwin Lightbourne, BCB general manager.

"As much as you think you are safe, there is no safe haven here. We want to send a clear and concise message that we are in this thing together. We are prepared to stand together to the end," said Ms Wilson on the steps of ZNS.

Police officers and fire marshals investigated the scene and

declared the building safe for work to resume, however employees remained outside to protest the disengagement process currently under way. A heated exchange was reported between union leaders and the general manager.

Workers refused to listen to Mr Lightbourne, who asked them to return to work immediately or face disciplinary action. Some workers returned to work, but at least 60 remained on strike.

"There are proper procedures for strike action, if this is in fact a strike, those procedures were not followed," said Mr Lightbourne.

An investigation is underway as to who tripped the fire alarm on both occasions. Mr Lightbourne said he was surprised by the union's actions as it had been granted a meeting with Chairman Michael Moss that day.

## Doubtful

Both presidents, Bernard Evans of the BCPOU and William Carroll of the BCPMU, said they were doubtful any meeting would take place today unless the minister inter-



RALLY: ZNS Staff members held a rally outside the building after the smoke alarm went off.

vened. Mr Evans said the union wanted word from the minister that he reviewed and accepted their proposal for more "sweetener" in the disengagement packages.

In their latest proposal, the BCPOU asked for an additional six months pay for employees who qualify for full retirement; eight months pay for employees who qualify for early retirement; 12 months pay for employees who served 25 to 19 years; and six months pay for

employees who served less than 25 years.

Mr Evans said they are also looking for the minister to honour his original pledge to redeploy workers.

He said the Prime Minister informed them in September that the government does not have anywhere to place disengaged workers, contrary to what they claim were original commitments from the minister.

More than 30 employees accepted voluntary separation or early retirement packages by the Tuesday afternoon deadline. A board meeting scheduled for today will determine the fate of the remaining employees to be let go.

Mr Lightbourne said he was not aware of any plans at the board meeting to discuss changes to the terms of separation currently on the table.

## List

"We want the list of names: who do they want to go and who do they want to stay. We want them to fill in the slots in the new organisational chart today," said Mr Carroll.

"The majority of workers are staying on the job, but you can't be selfish because you believe you are straight."

"We have to ensure those who leave get their just due."

"If you allow them to go home with pittance then when it is time for you to go you will get less than pittance," he said.

Mr Lightbourne said the primary focus of the board meeting will be to finalise the new organisational structure. Employees set to be disengaged will be informed, and those set to keep their jobs will learn of their new positions and responsibilities.

Mr Evans said they were informed that cheques would be available for workers being disengaged on Friday.

Most of the news team remained on the job throughout the day, according to Tribune sources, so the nightly news broadcast was expected up to press time.

However, there were reports of sabotage at the station.

Tribune sources said footage gathered for an hour-long show about the fatal plane crash last week was mysteriously erased from a computer hard drive.

## ZNS staff hold peaceful demo

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**FREEREPORT** – The entire staff at ZNS held a peaceful demonstration at the Government Office Complex on the Mall to protest the voluntary separation packages that are being offered to employees there.

Employees assembled in front of the building during the lunch hour from noon to 1pm on Wednesday.

Darren Meadows, area vice president of the BCPMU, said the packages offered by the government "pales in comparison" to similar offers that were made to other government employees. "We are not threatening the government; we are peaceful people and we want them to hear and take our plight into consideration just like the others," he said. "We decided to stage a lunchtime demonstration to show that we don't accept the packages that were offered to our members who are being disengaged."

Mr Meadows stated that the packages offered to the Police, Customs, Immigration, and BTC were significantly higher than the two months incentive that is being offered to ZNS employees.

"When we looked at what was offered...in similar exercises, it pales in comparison. The police, customs, immigration and BTC employees got a minimum of one year incentive."

"We want the powers that be, whether it is the minister or chairman, to take another look at the packages being offered to our members," he said.

Meadows explained that many of their members who are near retirement were looking forward to receiving a pension.

He noted that some of the employees who would be affected have been employed for 26, 27, and 28 years at ZNS.

## BID FOR ATLANTIS

## FROM page one

The Bloomberg news agency reported that BMB Group, a firm which manages money for wealthy families in Brunei, Malaysia and the Persian Gulf, made the \$3.4 billion to \$4 billion cash offer for the hotel and casino company in an October 11 letter sent to Kerzner International founder, Sol Kerzner.

Bloomberg claims that it has obtained a copy of the letter.

It is not yet clear how Mr Kerzner viewed the bid. A spokesperson was said to have declined to respond to calls on the matter, according to the Bloomberg report. Rayo Withanage, 32, a co-founder of the six year-old BMB Group along with Brunei's Prince Abdul Ali 'Yil-Kabier, a nephew of the Sultan of Brunei, told Bloomberg that the BMB Group sees Kerzner International and Atlantis "as a very powerful brand."

"If there's going to be another Atlantis, it's going to be in Asia," said Mr Withanage.

Kerzner International also owns the "One&Only" resorts, which exist in The Bahamas, the Maldives and Mauritius, among other locations. The company was taken private in 2006 for \$3.2 billion, plus debt, by a group led by Sol Kerzner himself. BMB Group is based in the Cayman Islands and has offices in New York, London, Kuala Lumpur and Beijing.



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## LOCAL NEWS

DOCTORS BELIEVE THREE-YEAR-OLD EXPERIENCES TRUE SIGHT FOR FIRST TIME AFTER EYE SURGERY

# Tavi enjoys fresh view of the world

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AS a result of a mother's determination that her son should have a vital cornea transplant, three-year-old Tavi Collins now has a "fresh look" at the world.

Following the surgery on Tavi's right eye at Westchester Medical Centre in New York, doctors believe Tavi experienced true sight for the first time.

Mrs Erma Collins' eyes filled with tears as she told *The Tribune* of her deep emotions when she was allowed to remove the bandages from her son's eyes.

"His attitude has changed so much, he's so much happier," she said, her voice wavering with emotion. "Loud noises don't bother him anymore."

"When they let me take the bandage off his eyes, there was an instant change in his whole attitude."

"That's one thing I can seriously say for myself because I saw it with my own eyes – it works – the change was instant."

For one month, Mrs Collins and a skeleton crew of five supporters, appealed every day to the general public to donate "at least one dollar" to Tavi's medical expenses.

The street donations totalled just under \$4,000, and combined with private donations and support from family and friends, Mrs Collins was able to make a \$14,000 down payment on the \$20,000 cornea transplant for Tavi's right eye.

## Private

Though still unemployed, Mrs Collins has now set her sights on affording private development care for her son and raising the money to make the down payment for the transplant on his left eye.

Mrs Collins said: "Now that he can see, our next goal is finding the right environment for him."

"I'm so happy for him. It's just a start, just a starting point for him."

"He plays more – he plays with all his toys now, not anyone in particular, but he's taking a closer look."

"He likes to examine everything. It's like he's looking for the first time, a fresh look."

During Tavi's visit to *The Tribune* yesterday, the mother-of-three beamed with pride as she watched her son examine pencils and smaller objects.

Mrs Collins married Tavi's father last month, and could barely contain her enthusiasm over her son's progress and her optimism for what she considers to be his "fresh start."

Although the five-hour surgery at the medical centre in New York was a success, there is still a chance for rejection. Doctors plan to monitor Tavi for six months before he can receive a transplant on the other eye.

Mrs Collins said: "We went in for surgery on Thursday, and were able to take the bandages off the next day, and it was such a relief that he didn't need any pain medication. He was still groggy on Friday, but by Saturday evening he was running around like nothing happened. They told me it's only a matter of time if I get him in the right environment that he would catch up. It's only finding it – I don't know where to go, I don't even know where to start."

After seeking publicly-funded care, she was told Tavi would not be able to attend a government programme until he was four years old.

However, she is determined not to give up on her son's chances for a healthy and normal childhood.

When he was born, Tavi's eyes were completely white, and the opaque tissue that



**IMPROVING:** Three-year-old Tavi Collins stares inquisitively at the camera, as his mother Erma Collins watches proudly. Mrs Collins told the Tribune of how Tavi's physical capabilities have drastically improved since he received a cornea transplant in his right eye.

Doctors believe Tavi suffers from a rare form of damage to the eye's cornea called Peter's Anomaly.

covered most of his eye balls was identical to the symptom experienced by adults suffering from glaucoma, a disease in which the optic nerve is damaged.

Doctors concluded that while in his mother's womb, Tavi's eyes failed to develop fully for unknown reasons and he was diagnosed with Peter's Anomaly, a rare form of damage to the eye's cornea.

In July during her initial interview with *The Tribune*, the 30-year-old Carmichael Road resident was visibly distressed over her son's increasingly pronounced developmental setbacks and the incalculable debt the family has already incurred from medical expenses.

At eight months old, Tavi underwent surgery, costing \$75,000, that widened his cornea and removed some of the dead tissue from his eyes – however his sight was still severely limited.

Then, Tavi was already three months behind his developmental timetable, and at three years old, he still

could not speak or walk.

It was as if he were just learning.

Now, although still not speaking, Tavi is walking normally and shows greater confidence in his surroundings.

In the period leading up to the surgery, Mrs Collins said a source of comfort for her was a success story from a father whose son had suffered the same condition as Tavi.

## Son

After learning of Tavi's condition, the father reached out to her about his seven-year-old son who had had the transplant done on one of his eyes.

Mrs Collins said the father's story gave her a considerable amount of hope for Tavi's future, as his son was described as "unstoppable" and enjoys a thriving academic and athletic life.

Over the next six months as doctor's monitor Tavi's eye for tissue rejection, Mrs Collins is determined to resume the "Dollar Day"



**THE WAY HE WAS:** A file photograph of Tavi Collins pictured when he came to the Tribune.

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fundraiser every Friday and Saturday at Marathon Mall and the East Street roundabout, in hopes to get enough funds to make a down payment for the second transplant.

She said: "People were so patient, and sometimes it was the same people giving over and over and over."

"It's so many people. Some people donated everyday when they passed."

"Please know how grateful I am."

"We are so grateful for those people that called and met with us, met Tavi, and gave us their support."

"He's going to be fine, once he gets in the right environment, he's going to be just fine."

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**Last of miners is raised safely to surface**

THE last of the Chilean miners, the foreman who held them together when they were feared lost, was raised from the depths of the earth Wednesday night – a joyous ending to a 69-day ordeal that riveted the world. No one has ever been trapped so long and survived.

Luis Urzua ascended smoothly through 2,000 feet of rock, completing a 22-hour rescue operation that unfolded with remarkable speed and flawless execution. Before a crowd of about 2,000 people, he became the 33rd miner to be rescued.

When Urzua stepped out of the capsule, he hugged Chilean President Sebastian Pinera and shook hands with him and said they had prevailed over difficult circumstances. With the last miner by his side, the president led the crowd in singing the national anthem.

One by one throughout the day, the men had emerged to the cheers of exuberant Chileans and before the eyes of a transfixed globe. The operation picked up speed as the day went on, but each miner was greeted with the same boisterous applause from rescuers.

"Welcome to life," Pinera told Victor Segvía, the 15th miner out. On a day of superlatives, it seemed no overstatement.

They rejoined a world intensely curious about their ordeal, and certain to offer fame and jobs. Previously unimaginable riches awaited men who had risked their lives going into the unstable gold and copper mine for about \$1,600 a month.

The rescue was planned with extreme care. The miners were monitored by video on the way up for any sign of panic. They had oxygen masks, dark glasses to protect their eyes from the unfamiliar sunlight and sweaters for the jarring transition from subterranean swelter to chilly desert air.

The miners emerged looking healthier than many had expected and even clean-shaven. Several thrust their fists upwards like prizefighters, and Mario Sepulveda, the second to taste freedom, bounded out and led his rescuers in a rousing cheer. Franklin Lobos, who played for the Chilean national soccer team in the 1980s, briefly bounced a soccer ball on his foot and knee.

No one in recorded history has survived as long trapped underground. For the first 17 days, no one even knew whether they were alive. In the weeks that followed, the world was captivated by their endurance and unity.

News channels from North America to

Europe and the Middle East carried live coverage. Pope Benedict XVI said in Spanish that he "continues with hope to entrust to God's goodness" the fate of the men. Iran's state English-language Press TV followed events live for a time. Crews from Russia and Japan and North Korean state TV were at the mine. Estimates for the rescue operation alone have soared beyond \$22 million, though the government has repeatedly insisted that money is not a concern.

Mining is Chile's lifeblood, providing 40 per cent of state earnings.

The rescue went so well that its managers abandoned a plan to restrict images of the rescue.

That included the surreal moment when the capsule dropped for the first time into the chamber, where the bare-chested miners, most stripped down to shorts because of the underground heat, mobbed the rescuer who emerged to serve as their guide to freedom.

"This rescue operation has been so marvelous, so clean, so emotional that there was no reason not to allow the eyes of the world – which have been watching this operation so closely to see it," a beaming Pinera told a news conference after the first miner safely surfaced.

Chile has promised that its care of the miners won't end for six months at least – not until they can be sure that each man has readjusted.

Psychiatrists and other experts in surviving extreme situations predict their lives will be anything but normal. Since August 22, when a narrow bore hole broke through to their refuge and the miners stunned the world with a note, scrawled in red ink, disclosing their survival, their families have been exposed in ways they never imagined.

Miners had to describe their physical and mental health in detail with teams of doctors and psychologists. In some cases, when both wives and lovers claimed the same man, everyone involved had to face the consequences.

As trying as their time underground was, the miners now face challenges so bewildering that no amount of coaching can fully prepare them. Rejoining a world intensely curious about their ordeal, they have been invited to presidential palaces, to take all-expenses-paid vacations and to appear on countless TV shows. Book and movie deals are pending, along with job offers.

(This article was written by Michael Warren, Associated Press writer).

**Bahamian straw work could start fashion trend**

## EDITOR, The Tribune.

It is amazing to see the number of letters written to your newspaper regarding the saga of the "knock off" bags being sold in the present Straw Market.

Frankly, let me say that the Gucci, Fendi, Prada and all the other big names in handbags that are sold in the legitimate stores on Bay Street are not the bags that most people could afford. If they didn't have those famous names stamped on them, would we even look at them twice, they are not attractive bags at all. Check them out.

If they were not being sold in the fancy stores in New York, Paris and London at such ridiculous prices and they were bags made by Shanika Rolle or Wanda Pratt in The Bahamas would you be spending \$1,500 for their handbags? I don't think so.

The trend to purchase straw bags of Harl Taylor started some years ago when Bahamians found out that Oprah had a bag made by him and that his bags were being sold at one of the "high end" department stores in the USA like Lord & Taylor.

Of course, as fashion usually takes off because someone famous is wearing it, Taylor's straw bags were considered very trendy and sales soared for him here in Nassau.

Some 20 years ago, no Bahamian woman would be caught dead with a Bahamian straw bag at a function or at the office. But look at us today, there are handbags made by other Bahamians besides Harl Taylor which are just as nice as his, and carry names as Rolle, Knowles or Pratt.

I look at these beautifully handcrafted bags and see the potential for our local ladies who are so skilled but

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cannot get the attention of the so-called "knock off" bags sold illegally in the Straw Market here.

I believe that these skilled Bahamian women could be assisted by the Bahamian Government to have a proper workshop and manufacture their straw goods.

There would be no need for the women in the Straw Market to travel out of The Bahamas to buy goods made in China or "knock off" bags.

This would be a "win-win" situation. Straw could be used from our Family Islands, Bahamian women could create fabulous designs here in The Bahamas and there would be lots of competition so the prices would be reasonable for tourists, as well as Bahamians.

Recently I have seen these exquisite Straw bags in stores in Nassau for over \$150. Of course that is a bit excessive, if we would like to sell these beauties in the New Straw Market in 2011. They would have to be lower in price if they want to make money. The Government could help these skilled Bahamians with small loans to set up a good workshop.

We need to support our own and boost our economy.

It would be nice to start the New Straw Market next year on the right foot, with at least 90 per cent of goods, MADE IN THE BAHAMAS. What do you think?

**MARGO GONGORA**  
Nassau,  
October 7, 2010.

**Not a good first impression for tourists**

## EDITOR, The Tribune.

Just returned to the island, and the immigration line was out past the bathrooms.

Booths one through 12 unmanned, leaving booths 13 through 18 for visitor processing and (19)-(20) for locals.

Not a good first impression for tourists.

**PIETER HALE**  
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## LOCAL NEWS

# Memorial planned for plane crash victims

A NATIONAL Memorial service will be held tonight at Clifford Park to honour the lives of the nine men who died in the plane crash in Lake Killarney on October 5.

Organised by Mark Cartwright and Edison Sumner, the event is scheduled to begin at 7pm.

"In memory and in honour of these men, let us burn our automobile headlamps all day on Thursday, October 14, 2010 and remember to say a prayer for the families of the fallen nine," their press statement read.

The deceased are:

- Lavard Curtis
  - Cory Farquharson
  - Nelson Hanna
  - Chet Johnson
  - Junior Lubin
  - Sascha Mildor
  - Devon Storr
  - Delton Roderick Taylor
  - Clarence 'Nat' Williams
- With thousands expected to attend, the event is slated to feature some of the country's top musical and cultural performers.
- Members of Parliament have also been invited to attend.

## Murder suspect surrenders to police

By DENISE MAYCOCK  
Tribune Freeport Reporter  
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**FREEPORT** – Randal Evans Brown surrendered to police late Monday evening after a wanted bulletin was issued for him in connection with Friday's murder in the Arden Forest area.

Brown, 24, accompanied by lawyer Carlson Shur-

land, turned himself in at the Central Police Station.

According to Asst Supt Hector Delva, investigations are continuing into the shooting death of 37-year-old Denny Rolle.

Rolle and a man were involved in an argument at Cora's Place on Sergeant Major Road around 4pm. Rolle was shot in the "upper body" according to police.

He was taken by ambulance to Rand Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Rolle's death is the seventh homicide for the year on Grand Bahama.

ASP Delva said police have discontinued the wanted bulletin for Brown. He thanked members of the public and the media for their assistance.

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## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

THE Cabinet Office has announced that Daylight Saving Time will end at 2am on Sunday, November 7, at which time the Bahamas will revert to Eastern Standard Time.

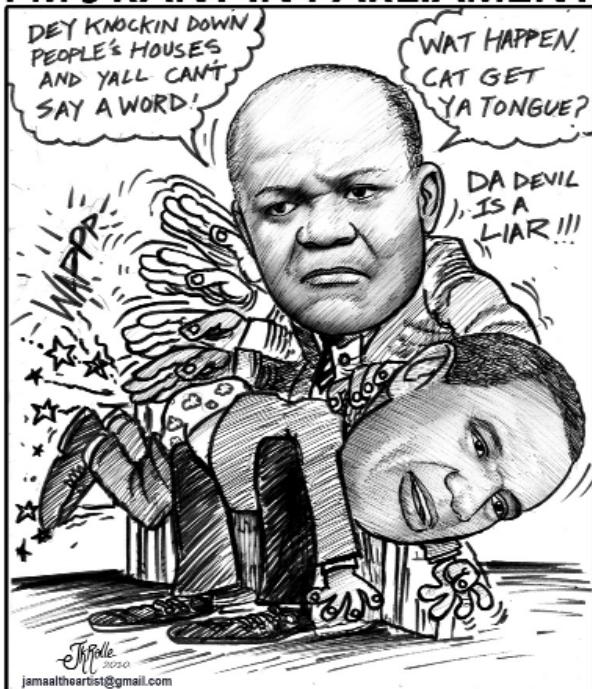
The extension of Daylight Saving Time to the first Sunday in November is in keeping with the policy adopted in October 2006.

Accordingly, Daylight Saving Time is expected to begin the second Sunday in March, 2011.

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## LOCAL NEWS

# Hopes high of economic boost from 'Junkanoo Jam' Basketball tournament

More than 500 visitors expected to visit Freeport

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**JUNKANOO JAM' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RETURNS:** 'Junkanoo Jam', the popular sporting event on the NCAA and local basketball calendars, returns to Grand Bahama, November 25 to 29. On hand for a press conference to announce the 8th annual event were (left to right): Geneva Rutherford, Director of Community Relations, GBPA; Ginger Moxy, Vice President, GBPA; Sean McShane, Director of 'Junkanoo Jam' with Basketball Travellers Inc; Ian Rolle, President, GBPA; Rosalyn Pinder, Manager of Sports Development, Ministry of Tourism & Aviation; David Morley, former president of the Grand Bahama Basketball Federation; and Delroy Boothe, Assistant Director of 'Junkanoo Jam' with Basketball Travellers Inc.

"Over the last eight years we've been so fortunate to partner with some of the industry leaders here on Grand Bahama who share the vision of not only bringing a fantastic basketball tournament down for young players to aspire to, but to also generate funds into the local economy,"

Sean McShane

island each year, which has a tremendous positive impact on our economy," he said.

"Many businesses, such as hotels, car agencies, restaurants, tour operators, etc, benefit from their presence. In fact, an estimated \$400,000 has been spent on-island annually by the partners, stakeholders and participants," he added.

## Significant

The event has also played a significant role in sports tourism on Grand Bahama.

Rosalyn Pinder Manager of Sports Development, Ministry of Tourism & Aviation, said since the introduction of Junkanoo Jam, Grand Bahama has successfully hosted more than 5,000 arriving visitors directly associated with the tournament.

Mr Rolle noted that the tournament has been very beneficial to the economy. He said that it also provides opportunities to build partnerships that benefit residents here on the island.

"This event brings in excess of 500 visitors to our

island each year, which has a tremendous positive impact on our economy," he said.

"The aim was to increase revenue by attracting visitors to the island by means of hosting intriguing sporting events with the hopes of attracting large numbers of tourists in the form of fan followings," she explained.

Sean McShane, Director of "Junkanoo Jam" with Basketball Travellers Inc, was pleased by the tremendous support for the tournament in Grand Bahama.

"We are grateful for the support," he said. "Over the last eight years we've been so fortunate to partner with some of the industry leaders here on Grand Bahama who share the vision of not only bringing a fantastic basketball tournament down for young players to aspire to, but to also generate funds into the local economy," he said.

According to McShane, the tournament is a significant event in the US.

It is "a sought after event in the United States, with a reputation that is second to none," he stated.

Of the eight teams traveling to Grand Bahama, three are returning participants, accompanied by five new teams.

McShane said live media coverage of the individual NCAA games will provide added exposure for Grand Bahama.

David Morley, former president of the Grand Bahama Basketball Federation, who was instrumental in bringing the event to Grand Bahama, said the event will spur interest in women's basketball by local high school students.

"A lot of our young female players come out to the games, with some even travelling from Nassau. And visiting college players are able to interact with our local players and talk with them and offer advice on how they can better their basketball skills," he said.

Mr Morley is encouraging the public to support the event. He is especially urging Physical Education teachers to bring their teams out to the games so they can observe the fundamentals of the game.

## Scripture Thought

### JAMES 2: 1-8

1 My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality.

2 For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes,

3 and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool,"

4 have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

5 Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts?

7 Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called?

8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," [a] you do well;

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## LOCAL NEWS

DOCTORS HOSPITAL ANNOUNCES COMPREHENSIVE BREAST DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING CENTRE

# Latest technology available for women who undergo routine mammograms

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Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among women, exceeded only by lung cancer. Statistics indicate that one in eight women will develop breast cancer sometime in her life. The stage at which breast cancer is detected influences a woman's chance of survival. If detected early, the five-year survival rate is 97 per cent. October is Breast Cancer Awareness month; all women over the age of 40 are encouraged to get their mammograms. It is now very little discomfort, more convenient, and is completed in shorter examination time.

"Selenia digital mammography incorporates revolutionary imaging technology that provides incredibly sharp breast images," said a Doctors Hospital spokesperson.

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**HIGH QUALITY CARE:** Pictured left to right: Andin Edwards, Doctors Hospital Imaging Department with a patient.

reading the images. These features allow the radiologist to evaluate micro calcifications and focus on areas of concern.

Because the breast cushion is 'invisible' to X-rays, it does not interfere with the image quality of the mammogram. By offering women a softer mammogram, Doctors Hospital hopes to increase the number of women who follow recommendations with regular screenings.

"JCI Accredited Doctors Hospital's Comprehensive Breast Diagnostic Imaging Centre maintains a high standard of clinical quality. Services are dedicated to women and centred on their needs and concerns."

Doctors Hospital, said the spokesperson, is committed to the fight against breast cancer. In offering digital mammography, 3-D Breast Ultrasound and Breast MRI as well as percutaneous core needle biopsy and wire localization of non palpable lumps the hospital provides the latest in imaging technology in the region."



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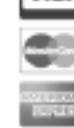
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## LOCAL NEWS

# Company creates scholarship in memory of former employee

CUSTOM Computers officially launched its annual scholarship in partnership with the Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute, identifying the first winner as student Trevor King.

The announcement was made during an awards ceremony attended by Minister of Education Desmond Bannister at Custom Computers on Cable Beach.

The company's co-owner and marketing director Pia Farmer said the scholarship was offered in memory of Theodore 'Ted' Nutt, a long serving employee who died earlier this year.

Mrs Farmer said the scholarship will be awarded each year to a promising BTVI student in need of financial aid who shows great enthusiasm and facility with computers.

"Custom Computers has decided to create an annual scholarship at BTVI because we support BTVI and their efforts. We also know that practical training is very important," Mrs Farmer said.

"Unfortunately one of our dear

Know How team members, Ted Nutt, passed away this year. He was very young and we loved Ted very much as a person. He was always a great worker and he loved passionately what he did. So we decided how best to honour Ted's memory and also continue the tradition of Custom Computers to support education."

Mrs Farmer said that as a part of the scholarship award, Mr King will also be given an opportunity to intern at Custom Computers during vacations to gain in knowledge and practical experience.

On hand for the presentation were Ted Nutt's brother, Niven Nutt, and his son Jesse Nutt, who both said they were moved and honoured by the gesture.

Minister Bannister commended Custom Computers for its generosity and support of excellence in education.

He admonished Mr King to continue to excel in his academic pursuits and advised him to take full advantage of this opportunity.



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**WINNER:** Pictured (l-r) are: Niven Nutt and Jesse Nutt, Minister of Education Desmond Bannister, Custom Computers co-owner Pia Farmer, BTVI student and scholarship winner Trevor King, BTVI financial aid officer Tommy Ferguson.

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##### THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS BAHAMAS REGISTERED STOCK 2015, 2017, 2019 AND 2030 ISSUE OF B\$100,000,000.00

Issued under The Bahamas Registered Stock Act, and authorized by Resolutions of the House of Assembly, 10th June, 2010.

Applications will be received by The Banking Department beginning at 9:30 am on 8th October, 2010 and will close at 3:00pm on 15th October, 2010. Allocations will commence at 9:30 a.m. on 18th October, 2010 and will cease at 3:00p.m. on 19th October, 2010.

If the total subscriptions exceed the sum of B\$100,000,000.00 (Nominal) partial allotment will be made to subscribers, and a proportionate refund will be made as soon as possible after allotment. No interest will be paid on amounts so refunded.

**The date of this Prospectus is October 6, 2010**

The Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas invites applications for Bahamas Registered Stock totalling B\$100,000,000.00. The Stock will be available in a range of maturity dates; the earliest being repayable in 2015 and the latest in 2030. The total amount of Stock offered, the rate of interest and the issue price are given below :-

Rate of Interest	Name of Stock	Amount BS	Issue Price BS
Prime Rate	Bahamas Registered Stock 2015	30,000,000.00	100.00
1/48% Above Prime Rate	Bahamas Registered Stock 2017	20,000,000.00	100.00
1/24% Above Prime Rate	Bahamas Registered Stock 2019	20,000,000.00	100.00
5/32% Above Prime Rate	Bahamas Registered Stock 2030	30,000,000.00	100.00
		<b>100,000,000.00</b>	

The Stock shall be repaid on 19th October, in the year appearing in the name of the Stock.

#### INTEREST

The Stock will bear interest from 19th October, 2010, at the rate shown against the name of the Stock as the percent per annum over the Prime Rate (i.e. the prime commercial interest rate from time to time fixed by the Clearing banks carrying on business in the Island of New Providence in The Bahamas). If there shall be any difference between them, then that which is fixed by Royal Bank of Canada). Interest shall be payable half-yearly commencing on 19th April, 2011 and thereafter on 19th October and 19th April in every year until the Stock is repaid.

#### CHARGE UPON CONSOLIDATED FUND

The principal monies and interest represented by the Stock are charged upon and payable out of the Consolidated Fund and assets of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

##### Issue of Stock

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##### Units

The Stock will be in units of B\$100.00.

##### Applications

Applications must be for B\$100.00 or a multiple of that sum.

##### Application Forms

Applications for the Stock should be made to the Registrar on the form attached to the Prospectus and may be obtained from the Registrar offices in Nassau and Freeport, The Treasury Department (Marlborough Street & Navy Lion Road, Nassau), applications may also be downloaded from the Central Bank of the Bahamas website at [www.centralbankbahamas.com](http://www.centralbankbahamas.com) or any of the following banks:

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#### PUBLIC DEBT

Provisional estimates from the unaudited accounts as at June 30, 2010 show the Public Debt of The Bahamas to be B\$3,957,307,000.\*

#### GOVERNMENT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

The following information is extracted from the unaudited accounts of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

	FY2008/2009p** BS	FY2009/2010p** BS	FY2010/2011p** BS
Revenue	1,324,218,000	1,400,046,000	1,517,159,000
Recurrent Expenditure (excluding Repayment of Public Debt)*	1,422,674,000	1,430,454,000	1,467,170,000
Capital Development Expenditure (excluding loans contributions and advances to public corporations)	139,777,000	208,850,000	227,579,000

\*\* Provisional estimates from the unaudited accounts.

\* The Public Debt amount is inclusive of The Public Corporations contingent liability which as at June 30, 2010 totalled B\$564,465,000.

#### THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS BAHAMAS REGISTERED STOCK 2015, 2017, 2019 AND 2030

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ALLOTMENT NO.

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Nassau, Bahamas

Sir:

I/We hereby apply for the following amount of Bahamas Registered Stock

Insert below the amount applied for in Units of B\$100

Prime Rate	Bahamas Registered Stock 2015	BS
1/48% Above Prime Rate	Bahamas Registered Stock 2017	BS
1/24% Above Prime Rate	Bahamas Registered Stock 2019	BS
5/32% Above Prime Rate	Bahamas Registered Stock 2030	BS

and undertake to accept any less amount which may be allotted to me/us.

I/We enclose B\$\_\_\_\_\_ in payment for the Stock applied for.

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- INDIVIDUALS PURCHASING FOR THE FIRST TIME MUST PRESENT A VALID PASSPORT WITH THEIR COMPLETED APPLICATION.

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2. (Where two or more persons apply as joint subscribers, the additional names and addresses should be given below.)

Ordinary Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name in Full

And/or

Address

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I/We hereby request semi annual interest to be paid to:

Bank Name \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Branch \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

## LOCAL NEWS

# 13th BahamArts Festival to begin on October 29

THE Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation's 13th BahamArts Festival will be held the entire weekend beginning October 29 at the Arawak Cay Culture Centre, executive chairman Edison Key confirmed.

The Festival brings together artisans and artists from throughout the Bahamas in a 'craft village' setting to show off Bahamian-made products, souvenirs and gifts. Arts, crafts, clothing, accessories, jewellery, packaged and processed foods will be displayed across one hundred booths during the three-day event.

There will be Bahamian entertainment featuring the popular Falcon Band. This year's theme is 'Endless Possibilities'. Mr Key told a press conference on Wednesday.

A week of activities has been organised to underscore the role of handicraft in the economy of the

Bahamas, beginning Monday, October 25 with a two-day workshop on specialised and refined plating.

A highlight of the week will be the honouring of 98-year-old veteran Bahamian artisan Louise 'Titta' Bullard during church services at Holy Family Catholic Church, Robinson Road on October 27 at 7pm.

The Bahamas National Craft Association's two-day annual general meeting opens that Wednesday morning at SuperClub Breezes, Cable Beach. Delegations from 30 Family Island handicraft associations are expected to participate.

On Friday, Acting Prime Minister Brent T Symonette will officially open the annual Festival at the Arawak Cay Cultural Centre.

Saturday will feature a mini 'C' class regatta, the popular 'Battle of the Bands' marching band contest, and a Junkanoo Rush-out.

The highlight on Sunday will be the Gala Tea Party, which will showcase the best in tea party décor and table settings.

This will be followed by the Bahamian Gospel Explosion featuring praise teams, gospel choirs, youth choirs and individual artists.

"These are exciting times to be a part of the growing handicraft industry of the Bahamas estimated to be valued in the hundreds of millions of dollars," said Mr Key.

"That is what is spent to import souvenirs and other items for our tourist and for domestic use. Many of these items can be produced right here at home by Bahamians."

"So, through our Handicraft Development and Marketing Department, and armed with the best trainers, we have been throughout the islands conducting courses in the fine art of Bahamian handicraft, utilising in the

main ingredients found in the local environment. It has been a huge success."

Several hundred Bahamians have taken advantage of the opportunity to be trained in straw work, shell work, wood work and other forms of artistic expression, he said.

"Based on the products

coming out of the various islands, Bahamian handicrafts have indeed risen to that next level of expression whereby our ladies' hand bags, for example, are designer led."

"We take note that the multi-million dollar Straw Market downtown Nassau is moving towards completion. Already debate swirls as to what kind of products should be sold there. We are firmly on the side of Bahamian artisans. It is our hope and we pledge to do our best to ensure that our Straw Market be a show-piece to the world of things Bahamian."



DEREK SMITH/BIS photo

**PLANNING:** BAIC executive chairman Edison M Key lays out plans for the BahamArt Festival scheduled for the weekend beginning October 29. Pictured from left are Arnold Dorsett (assistant general manager), Benjamin Rahming (general manager), Mr Key, and Donnalee Bowe (Handicraft Development and Marketing Department).

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#### Requirements / Qualifications:

- Associate's degree in Computer Science or related field
- Proven experience with technological projects and scanning
- Project management skills
- Ability to work independently

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LOCAL NEWS

# Participants praise Fresh

AS THE latest cycle of the Department of Youth's Fresh Start Programme enters its third week, participants lauded the job-readiness initiative and its role in preparing young Bahamians for the workforce.

"This is a great experience that I have had, one that most young people in the Bahamas should go through," said 21-year-old Felecia Williams. "Maybe if more young people would take part, we would have better customer service and attitudes. It also teaches us about writing resumes, cover letters and what is expected of us on the job, especially work ethics and teamwork."

Ian Green Jr, 18, said he learned a lot from the pro-



TABLE TALK: Lionel Elliott (centre), leads participants on a discussion of workplace ethics.

gramme – from the importance physical appearance to sexual harassment and how to "go out and grab the job that you want".

"It also makes me feel good to be here because the Bahamas is lacking young men who want to go out and grab their jobs," Mr Green said.

He added that it was encouraging to see a balance of men and women taking part and to note that his fel-

low male participants were showing an interest.

"We have 47 excited and highly-motivated young Bahamians in this cycle, who are driven to learn what they can to be ready to shine in the Bahamas' workforce," said co-ordinator Lionel Elliott.

### Successful

Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture Charles May-

nard said Fresh Start is one of the Department of Youth's more successful programmes, yielding a high employment rate for participants.

"We want to do our best to help to ensure that young people go into the business world being productive," Minister Maynard said.

The Fresh Start programme was created in 1999

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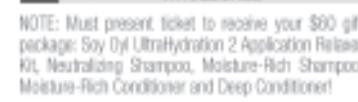
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## LOCAL NEWS

# Start Programme



**GROUP SHOT:** Mr Elliott (centre), poses with participants.

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to address the rising level of unemployment among the nation's youth, following the findings of a 1993 committee appointed to study the special needs of the young people in the Bahamas and make recommendations to the government.

"In an effort to continue to address the concern of long-term unemployment, lack of job search skills and the lack of work place experience among our youth, the Fresh Start Programme was introduced," Mr Elliott said. "It was designed to provide training to young persons between the ages of 16 and 25 years with job search and job retention skills."

Mr Elliott – who has more than 26-years of experience in youth programmes and employment training – said the objectives of the Fresh Start Programme include:

- preparing young persons for employment
- identifying potential employment opportunities
- encouraging proactive job search techniques
- encouraging greater public/private sector collaboration in youth training sponsorship
- developing a tracking system to measure the effectiveness of Fresh Start

Persons wishing to participate in the programme can collect an application form from the Youth Department, Department of Labour, Department of Social Services, any Urban Renewal Office or at various com-

munity and youth centres in New Providence. Mr Elliott said that upon the completion of the community service aspect of the programme, each participant is assigned a six-week internship with a participating private sector company.

## Effective

"Participants are required to perform all task assigned to them in an effective and efficient manner," Mr Elliott said.

"We hope that at the end of internship, companies would grant permanent employment to each of the participants."

"However, if they are not granted permanent employment, the participants' names are kept in a database and are advised of additional employment opportunities."

Minister Maynard said: "The whole programme is designed to give the young participants some basic tips on how to get a job and stay employed, with some training in the various areas of employment."

"Because of the programme's reputation, over the years, and because of the various businesses that partner with this ministry, most of the young people end up becoming permanent at various establishments."

Temika Davis said that she met several interesting young people in the class and appreciated the various instructors.

"I learned about entrepreneurship and I would like to have my own business one day," she said. "The whole programme was a fun experience and all the participants benefited from being a part of this."

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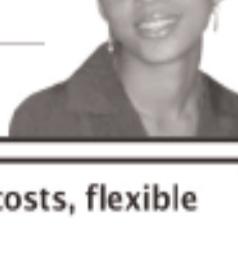
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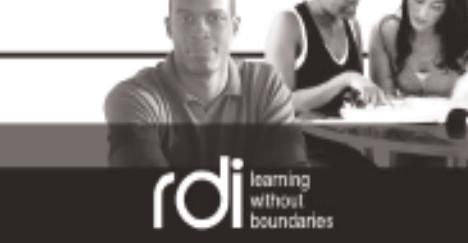
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- Creating network and exchange profiles for authorized users
- Troubleshooting technical and operational problems of users
- Performs general maintenance on equipment weekly

### Requirements / Qualifications:

- Associate's degree in Computer Science or related field
- MCP qualification
- Proven database management skills
- Basics of IP technology & PBX integration
- Ability to support AS/400

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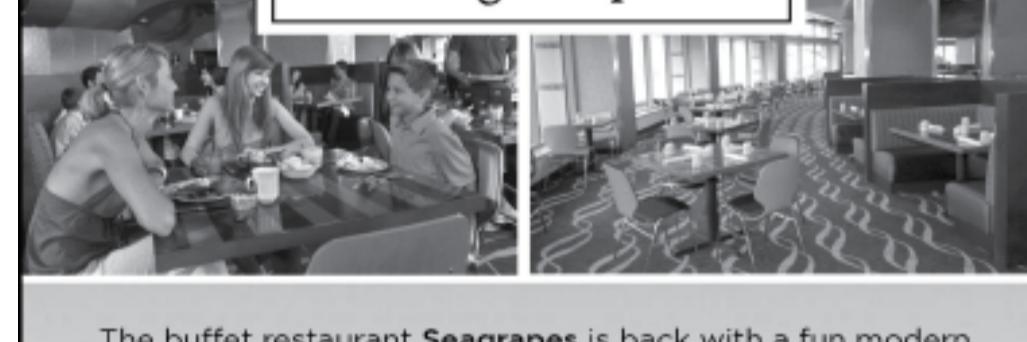
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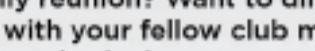


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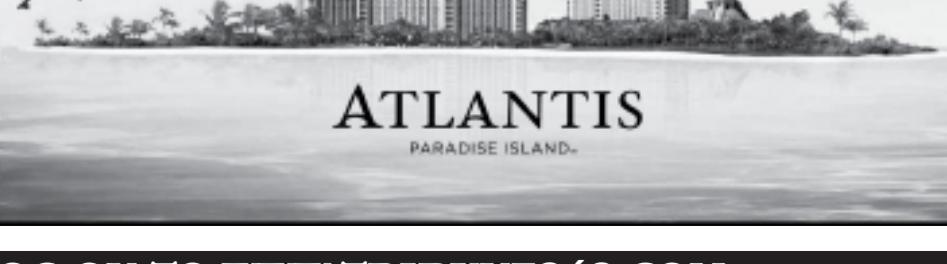
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- Troubleshooting applications to resolve technical related issues including application and data problems
- Administering support requests and participates in developing, supporting and meeting department Service Level Agreements (SLA)
- Installing and deploying SQL databases, creating backup plans, testing disaster recovery scenarios and administering security

### Requirements / Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or related field
- Minimum 2 years experience with databases, SQL scripting, ASP, HTML and .NET
- Minimum 2 years experience in application support in a financial institution
- Sound knowledge of general business principles, and how to translate business needs into quality technical solutions

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### LOCAL NEWS

# Police inquiry after father found shot dead

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"A life has been lost and we want to give the matter a thorough and proper investigation," Sgt Skippings said. "So we don't want to rule anything out at this point."

Relatives shocked by the death said they were unable to make any sense of the possibility of either suicide or homicide yesterday.

"It's a shock because he's such a loving person," said Mr Nixon's 52-year-old sister, Mrs Lenora Dean. "He was very kind, and very loving."

She said Mr Nixon had worked for Tropical Shipping for 26 years before he was let go two years ago.

It is reported that he raised two young children, aged seven and nine, at their home in Misty Gardens, off Cowpen Road, without the help of their mother.

### Dedicated

A neighbour, Mrs Carolyn Hanna, said Mr Nixon appeared to be a dedicated father who took the youngsters to and from school every day without fail.

"He seemed to have been such a good father," she said. "Any man who would take care of his children like that is a good man."

In addition to the young son and daughter who lived with him, Mr Nixon and his wife had two adult daughters and a son.

The two older daughters and son ran to their father's house at around 12.30pm, stopping their car just short of the police cordon. One of his daughters bolted towards her father's house, wailing in grief.

"I'm not going no further; don't touch me," she told police trying to hold her back as she cried out and then doubled-over in tears.

An officer gently escorted the young woman back to the other side of the cordon where her aunt hugged and consoled her, and her grandfather, Mr Nixon's father, stood by with his wife.

Mr Nixon's mother, Mrs Regina Nixon Johnson, joined them around an hour later, weeping as she watched as her son's body was carried to the hearse.

She and other relatives were comforted by Sister Cecilia Albury of St Martin's Convent, an aunt of the deceased, who provided counselling for the family.

"He was a quiet person, very unassuming," Mrs Hanna said. "It's so sad."

Although police did not confirm Mr Nixon's identity, nor classify his death yesterday, officers speaking off the record said the death



SHARED PAIN: Family members hug each other at the scene.

appeared to be suicide.

Relatives and friends speculated about the difficulties with which he might have struggled, but not expressed to those who knew and loved him.

"This is a small neighbourhood where everybody gets to know everybody," said neighbour Devaughn Williams, 53, a psychiatric nurse at Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre.

"This will be a huge shock to the community."

"There's a thing called 'smiling depression', when people may appear well but you don't know what's lurking underneath the surface and the emotions they are dealing with."

"We all have problems, but it's how we cope."

"If someone is feeling like that the best thing to do is to talk, confide in someone, because it's even more difficult when you keep it bottled up."

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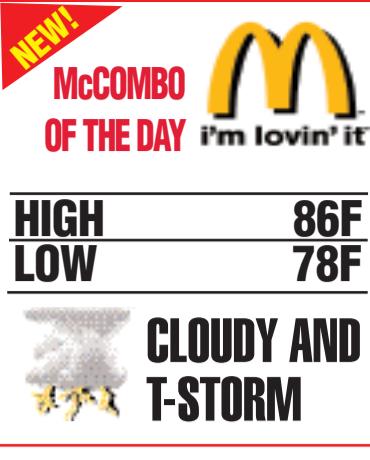
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# ZNS staff vent fury at Minister

Police on alert as workers try to storm Churchill Building

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ANGRY ZNS employees attempted to storm the Churchill Building yesterday to seek an audience with Minister of National Security Tommy Turnquest.

Police officers had to brace themselves behind metal barricades on Bank Lane as protesters tried to barrel through.

Mr Turnquest was attending a Cabinet meeting at the time, and was fully informed as to what was happening at all times, according to secretary to the cabinet, Mrs Anita Bernard. Mrs Bernard said Cabinet ministers could hear the demonstrators outside, but no plan to address protesters was discussed as a cabinet matter.

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Judicial review bid over one-way system should be dismissed – AG

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ATTORNEY General John Delaney argued yesterday that a judicial review application brought on behalf of business owners affected by the Baillou Hill Road and Market Street one-way system should be dismissed.

Mr Delaney, who represents Public Works and Transport Minister Neko SEE page 14

## FAMILY TRAGEDY: FATHER FOUND SHOT DEAD



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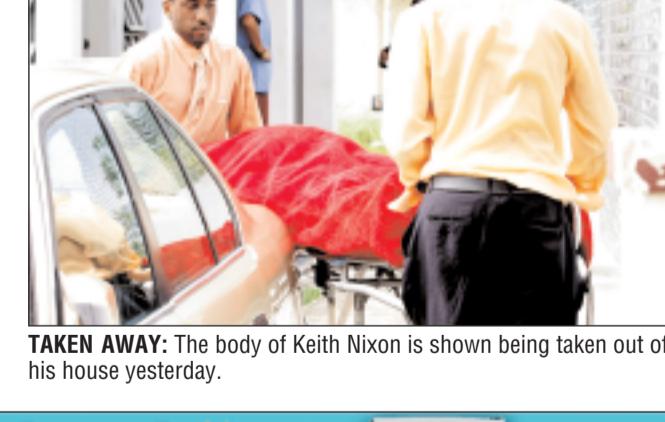
POLICE launched an investigation yesterday after a loving father was found shot dead in his home.

Stunned neighbours in the quiet community gathered together as police cordoned off the home where Keith Nixon, 53, was found dead with a fatal gunshot wound to his head just after 10.30am.

Police press liaison officer Sgt Chrislyn Skippings said a shotgun was recovered by crime scene investigators who have yet to officially classify the death.

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GRIEF-STRICKEN: Keith Nixon's mother Gina Nixon is held by family members at the scene yesterday.



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## • ZNS STAFF VENT FURY AT MINISTER •

# Police on alert as workers try to storm Churchill Building

## FROM page one

Members of the Bahamas Communications and Public Officers Union (BCPOU) and the Bahamas Communications and Public Managers Unions (BCPMU) discouraged their union leaders from leaving the protest to enter the Churchill Building demanding that the minister come to face them.

Protesters sang "We Shall Overcome" and other church hymns on the march from ZNS to the Churchill building. After waiting for about an hour with no show from the minister, they returned to ZNS to conduct a

sit-in for the rest of the day. "We will not stop whether they come down here or not. We are in a fight for our lives. We will not stop until justice is served," said Denise Wilson, BCPOU secretary general.

The unions plan to call for "reinforcement" today, from the National Congress of Trade Unions (NCTU), who have pledged their support.

The march downtown happened a few hours after someone tripped the fire alarm, on two occasions, at the Broadcasting Corporation of the Bahamas (BCB) in order to spark a protest in the parking lot.

Workers filed out of the office around 9am after the fire alarm went off. They were greeted by union leaders. Only "a couple" of workers remained on the job, according to Edwin Lightbourne, BCB general manager.

"As much as you think you are safe, there is no safe haven here. We want to send a clear and concise message that we are in this thing together. We are prepared to stand together to the end," said Ms Wilson on the steps of ZNS.

Police officers and fire marshals investigated the scene and

declared the building safe for work to resume, however employees remained outside to protest the disengagement process currently under way. A heated exchange was reported between union leaders and the general manager.

Workers refused to listen to Mr Lightbourne, who asked them to return to work immediately or face disciplinary action. Some workers returned to work, but at least 60 remained on strike.

"There are proper procedures for strike action, if this is in fact a strike, those procedures were not followed," said Mr Lightbourne.

An investigation is underway as to who tripped the fire alarm on both occasions. Mr Lightbourne said he was surprised by the union's actions as it had been granted a meeting with Chairman Michael Moss that day.

## Doubtful

Both presidents, Bernard Evans of the BCPOU and William Carroll of the BCPMU, said they were doubtful any meeting would take place today unless the minister inter-



RALLY: ZNS Staff members held a rally outside the building after the smoke alarm went off.

vened. Mr Evans said the union wanted word from the minister that he reviewed and accepted their proposal for more "sweetener" in the disengagement packages.

In their latest proposal, the BCPOU asked for an additional six months pay for employees who qualify for full retirement; eight months pay for employees who qualify for early retirement; 12 months pay for employees who served 25 to 19 years; and six months pay for

employees who served less than 25 years.

Mr Evans said they are also looking for the minister to honour his original pledge to redeploy workers.

He said the Prime Minister informed them in September that the government does not have anywhere to place disengaged workers, contrary to what they claim were original commitments from the minister.

More than 30 employees accepted voluntary separation or early retirement packages by the Tuesday afternoon deadline. A board meeting scheduled for today will determine the fate of the remaining employees to be let go.

Mr Lightbourne said he was not aware of any plans at the board meeting to discuss changes to the terms of separation currently on the table.

## List

"We want the list of names: who do they want to go and who do they want to stay. We want them to fill in the slots in the new organisational chart today," said Mr Carroll.

"The majority of workers are staying on the job, but you can't be selfish because you believe you are straight."

"We have to ensure those who leave get their just due."

"If you allow them to go home with pittance then when it is time for you to go you will get less than pittance," he said.

Mr Lightbourne said the primary focus of the board meeting will be to finalise the new organisational structure. Employees set to be disengaged will be informed, and those set to keep their jobs will learn of their new positions and responsibilities.

Mr Evans said they were informed that cheques would be available for workers being disengaged on Friday.

Most of the news team remained on the job throughout the day, according to Tribune sources, so the nightly news broadcast was expected up to press time.

However, there were reports of sabotage at the station.

Tribune sources said footage gathered for an hour-long show about the fatal plane crash last week was mysteriously erased from a computer hard drive.

## ZNS staff hold peaceful demo

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**FREERePORT** – The entire staff at ZNS held a peaceful demonstration at the Government Office Complex on the Mall to protest the voluntary separation packages that are being offered to employees there.

Employees assembled in front of the building during the lunch hour from noon to 1pm on Wednesday.

Darren Meadows, area vice president of the BCPMU, said the packages offered by the government "pales in comparison" to similar offers that were made to other government employees.

"We are not threatening the government; we are peaceful people and we want them to hear and take our plight into consideration just like the others," he said.

"We decided to stage a lunchtime demonstration to show that we don't accept the packages that were offered to our members who are being disengaged."

Mr Meadows stated that the packages offered to the Police, Customs, Immigration, and BTC were significantly higher than the two months incentive that is being offered to ZNS employees.

"When we looked at what was offered...in similar exercises, it pales in comparison. The police, customs, immigration and BTC employees got a minimum of one year incentive."

"We want the powers that be, whether it is the minister or chairman, to take another look at the packages being offered to our members," he said.

Meadows explained that many of their members who are near retirement were looking forward to receiving a pension.

He noted that some of the employees who would be affected have been employed for 26, 27, and 28 years at ZNS.

## BID FOR ATLANTIS

## FROM page one

The Bloomberg news agency reported that BMB Group, a firm which manages money for wealthy families in Brunei, Malaysia and the Persian Gulf, made the \$3.4 billion to \$4 billion cash offer for the hotel and casino company in an October 11 letter sent to Kerzner International founder, Sol Kerzner.

Bloomberg claims that it has obtained a copy of the letter.

It is not yet clear how Mr Kerzner viewed the bid. A spokesperson was said to have declined to respond to calls on the matter, according to the Bloomberg report. Rayo Withanage, 32, a co-founder of the six year-old BMB Group along with Brunei's Prince Abdul Ali 'Yil-Kabier, a nephew of the Sultan of Brunei, told Bloomberg that the BMB Group sees Kerzner International and Atlantis "as a very powerful brand."

"If there's going to be another Atlantis, it's going to be in Asia," said Mr Withanage.

Kerzner International also owns the "One&Only" resorts, which exist in The Bahamas, the Maldives and Mauritius, among other locations. The company was taken private in 2006 for \$3.2 billion, plus debt, by a group led by Sol Kerzner himself. BMB Group is based in the Cayman Islands and has offices in New York, London, Kuala Lumpur and Beijing.



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## LOCAL NEWS

DOCTORS BELIEVE THREE-YEAR-OLD EXPERIENCES TRUE SIGHT FOR FIRST TIME AFTER EYE SURGERY

# Tavi enjoys fresh view of the world

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AS a result of a mother's determination that her son should have a vital cornea transplant, three-year-old Tavi Collins now has a "fresh look" at the world.

Following the surgery on Tavi's right eye at Westchester Medical Centre in New York, doctors believe Tavi experienced true sight for the first time.

Mrs Erma Collins' eyes filled with tears as she told *The Tribune* of her deep emotions when she was allowed to remove the bandages from her son's eyes.

"His attitude has changed so much, he's so much happier," she said, her voice wavering with emotion. "Loud noises don't bother him anymore."

"When they let me take the bandage off his eyes, there was an instant change in his whole attitude."

"That's one thing I can seriously say for myself because I saw it with my own eyes – it works – the change was instant."

For one month, Mrs Collins and a skeleton crew of five supporters, appealed every day to the general public to donate "at least one dollar" to Tavi's medical expenses.

The street donations totalled just under \$4,000, and combined with private donations and support from family and friends, Mrs Collins was able to make a \$14,000 down payment on the \$20,000 cornea transplant for Tavi's right eye.

## Private

Though still unemployed, Mrs Collins has now set her sights on affording private development care for her son and raising the money to make the down payment for the transplant on his left eye.

Mrs Collins said: "Now that he can see, our next goal is finding the right environment for him."

"I'm so happy for him. It's just a start, just a starting point for him."

"He plays more – he plays with all his toys now, not anyone in particular, but he's taking a closer look."

"He likes to examine everything. It's like he's looking for the first time, a fresh look."

During Tavi's visit to *The Tribune* yesterday, the mother-of-three beamed with pride as she watched her son examine pencils and smaller objects.

Mrs Collins married Tavi's father last month, and could barely contain her enthusiasm over her son's progress and her optimism for what she considers to be his "fresh start."

Although the five-hour surgery at the medical centre in New York was a success, there is still a chance for rejection. Doctors plan to monitor Tavi for six months before he can receive a transplant on the other eye.

Mrs Collins said: "We went in for surgery on Thursday, and were able to take the bandages off the next day, and it was such a relief that he didn't need any pain medication. He was still groggy on Friday, but by Saturday evening he was running around like nothing happened. They told me it's only a matter of time if I get him in the right environment that he would catch up. It's only finding it – I don't know where to go, I don't even know where to start."

After seeking publicly-funded care, she was told Tavi would not be able to attend a government programme until he was four years old.

However, she is determined not to give up on her son's chances for a healthy and normal childhood.

When he was born, Tavi's eyes were completely white, and the opaque tissue that



**IMPROVING:** Three-year-old Tavi Collins stares inquisitively at the camera, as his mother Erma Collins watches proudly. Mrs Collins told the Tribune of how Tavi's physical capabilities have drastically improved since he received a cornea transplant in his right eye. Doctors believe Tavi suffers from a rare form of damage to the eye's cornea called Peter's Anomaly.

covered most of his eye balls was identical to the symptom experienced by adults suffering from glaucoma, a disease in which the optic nerve is damaged.

Doctors concluded that while in his mother's womb, Tavi's eyes failed to develop fully for unknown reasons and he was diagnosed with Peter's Anomaly, a rare form of damage to the eye's cornea.

In July during her initial interview with *The Tribune*, the 30-year-old Carmichael Road resident was visibly distressed over her son's increasingly pronounced developmental setbacks and the incalculable debt the family has already incurred from medical expenses.

At eight months old, Tavi underwent surgery, costing \$75,000, that widened his cornea and removed some of the dead tissue from his eyes – however his sight was still severely limited.

Then, Tavi was already three months behind his developmental timetable, and at three years old, he still

could not speak or walk.

It was as if he were just learning.

Now, although still not speaking, Tavi is walking normally and shows greater confidence in his surroundings.

In the period leading up to the surgery, Mrs Collins said a source of comfort for her was a success story from a father whose son had suffered the same condition as Tavi.

## Son

After learning of Tavi's condition, the father reached out to her about his seven-year-old son who had had the transplant done on one of his eyes.

Mrs Collins said the father's story gave her a considerable amount of hope for Tavi's future, as his son was described as "unstoppable" and enjoys a thriving academic and athletic life.

Over the next six months as doctor's monitor Tavi's eye for tissue rejection, Mrs Collins is determined to resume the "Dollar Day"



**THE WAY HE WAS:** A file photograph of Tavi Collins pictured when he came to the Tribune.

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fundraiser every Friday and Saturday at Marathon Mall and the East Street roundabout, in hopes to get enough funds to make a down payment for the second transplant.

She said: "People were so patient, and sometimes it was the same people giving over and over and over."

"It's so many people. Some people donated everyday when they passed."

"Please know how grateful I am."

"We are so grateful for those people that called and met with us, met Tavi, and gave us their support."

"He's going to be fine, once he gets in the right environment, he's going to be just fine."

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**Last of miners is raised safely to surface**

THE last of the Chilean miners, the foreman who held them together when they were feared lost, was raised from the depths of the earth Wednesday night – a joyous ending to a 69-day ordeal that riveted the world. No one has ever been trapped so long and survived.

Luis Urzua ascended smoothly through 2,000 feet of rock, completing a 22-hour rescue operation that unfolded with remarkable speed and flawless execution. Before a crowd of about 2,000 people, he became the 33rd miner to be rescued.

When Urzua stepped out of the capsule, he hugged Chilean President Sebastian Pinera and shook hands with him and said they had prevailed over difficult circumstances. With the last miner by his side, the president led the crowd in singing the national anthem.

One by one throughout the day, the men had emerged to the cheers of exuberant Chileans and before the eyes of a transfixed globe. The operation picked up speed as the day went on, but each miner was greeted with the same boisterous applause from rescuers.

"Welcome to life," Pinera told Victor Segvía, the 15th miner out. On a day of superlatives, it seemed no overstatement.

They rejoined a world intensely curious about their ordeal, and certain to offer fame and jobs. Previously unimaginable riches awaited men who had risked their lives going into the unstable gold and copper mine for about \$1,600 a month.

The rescue was planned with extreme care. The miners were monitored by video on the way up for any sign of panic. They had oxygen masks, dark glasses to protect their eyes from the unfamiliar sunlight and sweaters for the jarring transition from subterranean swelter to chilly desert air.

The miners emerged looking healthier than many had expected and even clean-shaven. Several thrust their fists upwards like prizefighters, and Mario Sepulveda, the second to taste freedom, bounded out and led his rescuers in a rousing cheer. Franklin Lobos, who played for the Chilean national soccer team in the 1980s, briefly bounced a soccer ball on his foot and knee.

No one in recorded history has survived as long trapped underground. For the first 17 days, no one even knew whether they were alive. In the weeks that followed, the world was captivated by their endurance and unity.

News channels from North America to

Europe and the Middle East carried live coverage. Pope Benedict XVI said in Spanish that he "continues with hope to entrust to God's goodness" the fate of the men. Iran's state English-language Press TV followed events live for a time. Crews from Russia and Japan and North Korean state TV were at the mine. Estimates for the rescue operation alone have soared beyond \$22 million, though the government has repeatedly insisted that money is not a concern.

Mining is Chile's lifeblood, providing 40 per cent of state earnings.

The rescue went so well that its managers abandoned a plan to restrict images of the rescue.

That included the surreal moment when the capsule dropped for the first time into the chamber, where the bare-chested miners, most stripped down to shorts because of the underground heat, mobbed the rescuer who emerged to serve as their guide to freedom.

"This rescue operation has been so marvelous, so clean, so emotional that there was no reason not to allow the eyes of the world – which have been watching this operation so closely to see it," a beaming Pinera told a news conference after the first miner safely surfaced.

Chile has promised that its care of the miners won't end for six months at least – not until they can be sure that each man has readjusted.

Psychiatrists and other experts in surviving extreme situations predict their lives will be anything but normal. Since August 22, when a narrow bore hole broke through to their refuge and the miners stunned the world with a note, scrawled in red ink, disclosing their survival, their families have been exposed in ways they never imagined.

Miners had to describe their physical and mental health in detail with teams of doctors and psychologists. In some cases, when both wives and lovers claimed the same man, everyone involved had to face the consequences.

As trying as their time underground was, the miners now face challenges so bewildering that no amount of coaching can fully prepare them. Rejoining a world intensely curious about their ordeal, they have been invited to presidential palaces, to take all-expenses-paid vacations and to appear on countless TV shows. Book and movie deals are pending, along with job offers.

(This article was written by Michael Warren, Associated Press writer).

**Bahamian straw work could start fashion trend**

## EDITOR, The Tribune.

It is amazing to see the number of letters written to your newspaper regarding the saga of the "knock off" bags being sold in the present Straw Market.

Frankly, let me say that the Gucci, Fendi, Prada and all the other big names in handbags that are sold in the legitimate stores on Bay Street are not the bags that most people could afford. If they didn't have those famous names stamped on them, would we even look at them twice, they are not attractive bags at all. Check them out.

If they were not being sold in the fancy stores in New York, Paris and London at such ridiculous prices and they were bags made by Shanika Rolle or Wanda Pratt in The Bahamas would you be spending \$1,500 for their handbags? I don't think so.

The trend to purchase straw bags of Harl Taylor started some years ago when Bahamians found out that Oprah had a bag made by him and that his bags were being sold at one of the "high end" department stores in the USA like Lord & Taylor.

Of course, as fashion usually takes off because someone famous is wearing it, Taylor's straw bags were considered very trendy and sales soared for him here in Nassau.

Some 20 years ago, no Bahamian woman would be caught dead with a Bahamian straw bag at a function or at the office. But look at us today, there are handbags made by other Bahamians besides Harl Taylor which are just as nice as his, and carry names as Rolle, Knowles or Pratt.

I look at these beautifully handcrafted bags and see the potential for our local ladies who are so skilled but

**LETTERS**

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cannot get the attention of the so-called "knock off" bags sold illegally in the Straw Market here.

I believe that these skilled Bahamian women could be assisted by the Bahamian Government to have a proper workshop and manufacture their straw goods.

There would be no need for the women in the Straw Market to travel out of The Bahamas to buy goods made in China or "knock off" bags.

This would be a "win-win" situation. Straw could be used from our Family Islands, Bahamian women could create fabulous designs here in The Bahamas and there would be lots of competition so the prices would be reasonable for tourists, as well as Bahamians.

Recently I have seen these exquisite Straw bags in stores in Nassau for over \$150. Of course that is a bit excessive, if we would like to sell these beauties in the New Straw Market in 2011. They would have to be lower in price if they want to make money. The Government could help these skilled Bahamians with small loans to set up a good workshop.

We need to support our own and boost our economy.

It would be nice to start the New Straw Market next year on the right foot, with at least 90 per cent of goods, MADE IN THE BAHAMAS. What do you think?

These ladies could stock the new Straw Market with bags and other straw articles MADE IN THE BAHAMAS, with Bahamian straw, by Bahamian people and feel proud when they tell the tourists, "No, this is not made in China, this is made right here in The Bahamas."

Bahamian straw work could start a new fashion trend and the tourists could be the ones who could spread the trend of the beautiful straw work all over the world.

Wouldn't that be a boost to our economy with jobs for many people and exports for our country. There are other articles that can be sold in the Straw Market, made right here in The Bahamas.

There are Bahamian candies, pepper sauces, shell-work, paintings, wood carvings, post cards, pottery, spices and so many other beautiful articles that are right here under our noses.

We need to support our own and boost our economy.

It would be nice to start the New Straw Market next year on the right foot, with at least 90 per cent of goods, MADE IN THE BAHAMAS. What do you think?

**MARGO GONGORA**  
Nassau,  
October 7, 2010.

**Not a good first impression for tourists**

## EDITOR, The Tribune.

Just returned to the island, and the immigration line was out past the bathrooms.

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Not a good first impression for tourists.

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## LOCAL NEWS

# Hopes high of economic boost from 'Junkanoo Jam' Basketball tournament

More than 500 visitors expected to visit Freeport

By DENISE MAYCOCK  
Tribune Freeport  
Reporter  
[dmaycock@tribunemedia.net](mailto:dmaycock@tribunemedia.net)

**FREEPORT** - Grand Bahama's economy will get a boost next month when more than 500 visitors are expected to visit Freeport for the annual "Junkanoo Jam" Basketball tournament, injecting an estimated \$400,000 into the local economy.

Grand Bahama Port Authority president Ian Rolle commended Basketball Travellers Inc for its continuing commitment to make Grand Bahama the destination of choice for the annual NCAA tournament.

The tournament takes place on November 25-29 and features some of the best women collegiate basketball players in the United States. Eight teams will be competing in the tournament.

The Grand Bahama Port Authority Limited is one of the major sponsors of the event, which has been held in Freeport since 2003.

Mr Rolle noted that the tournament has been very beneficial to the economy. He said that it also provides opportunities to build partnerships that benefit residents here on the island.

"This event brings in excess of 500 visitors to our

"Over the last eight years we've been so fortunate to partner with some of the industry leaders here on Grand Bahama who share the vision of not only bringing a fantastic basketball tournament down for young players to aspire to, but to also generate funds into the local economy,"

*Sean McShane*

island each year, which has a tremendous positive impact on our economy," he said.

"Many businesses, such as

hotels, car agencies, restaurants, tour operators, etc,

benefit from their presence.

In fact, an estimated

\$400,000 has been spent on-

island annually by the partners, stakeholders and participants," he added.

## Significant

The event has also played a significant role in sports tourism on Grand Bahama.

Rosalyn Pinder Manager of Sports Development, Ministry of Tourism & Aviation, said since the introduction of Junkanoo Jam, Grand Bahama has successfully hosted more than 5,000 arriving visitors directly associated with the tournament.

She noted that the tournament was embraced as an opportunity to further develop

the destination's sports tourism objectives.

"The aim was to increase revenue by attracting visitors to the island by means of hosting intriguing sporting events with the hopes of attracting large numbers of tourists in the form of fan followings," she explained.

Sean McShane, Director of "Junkanoo Jam" with Basketball Travellers Inc,

was pleased by the tremendous support for the tournament in Grand Bahama.

"We are grateful for the support," he said. "Over the last eight years we've been

so fortunate to partner with some of the industry leaders here on Grand Bahama

who share the vision of not

only bringing a fantastic basketball tournament down for young players to aspire to, but to also generate funds into the local economy," he said.

According to McShane, the tournament is a significant event in the US.

It is "a sought after event in the United States, with a reputation that is second to none," he stated.

Of the eight teams traveling to Grand Bahama, three are returning participants, accompanied by five new teams.

McShane said live media coverage of the individual

NCAA games will provide

added exposure for Grand

Bahama.

David Morley, former

president of the Grand

Bahama Basketball Federation, who was instrumental in bringing the event to

Grand Bahama, said the

event will spur interest in

women's basketball by local

high school students.

"A lot of our young

female players come out to

the games, with some even

travelling from Nassau. And

visiting college players are

able to interact with our

local players and talk with

them and offer advice on

how they can better their

basketball skills," he said.

Mr Morley is encouraging

the public to support the

event. He is especially urging

Physical Education

teachers to bring their teams

out to the games so they can

observe the fundamentals of

the game.

## Scripture Thought

### JAMES 2: 1-8

1 My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality.

2 For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes,

3 and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool,"

4 have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

5 Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts?

7 Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called?

8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself,"[a] you do well;



'JUNKANOO JAM' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RETURNS: 'Junkanoo Jam', the popular sporting event on the NCAA and local basketball calendars, returns to Grand Bahama, November 25 to 29. On hand for a press conference to announce the 8th annual event were (left to right): Geneva Rutherford, Director of Community Relations, GBPA; Ginger Moxy, Vice President, GBPA; Sean McShane, Director of 'Junkanoo Jam' with Basketball Travellers Inc; Ian Rolle, President, GBPA; Rosalyn Pinder, Manager of Sports Development, Ministry of Tourism & Aviation; David Morley, former president of the Grand Bahama Basketball Federation; and Delroy Boothe, Assistant Director of 'Junkanoo Jam' with Basketball Travellers Inc.

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## LOCAL NEWS

DOCTORS HOSPITAL ANNOUNCES COMPREHENSIVE BREAST DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING CENTRE

# Latest technology available for women who undergo routine mammograms

WOMEN who undergo routine mammograms at Doctors Hospital now have the latest in diagnostic technology available to them through Digital Mammography, obtainable through the Hospital's Comprehensive Breast Diagnostic Imaging Centre featuring Breast MRI, 3-D Breast Ultrasound and Digital Mammography.

With its Comprehensive Breast Diagnostic Imaging Centre, Doctors Hospital has developed for its patients one of the most comprehensive approaches to women's breast health with physicians and health care professionals who strive to offer timely and comprehensive diagnostic care. The top priority is to help patient's access high quality breast care services as easily as possible, in a timely manner, with the latest technology.

The first healthcare provider in the Region to feature the state-of-the-art system, Selenia™ digital mammography together with the breast cushion, MammoPad® from Hologic™, Doctors Hospital now offers the latest in digital mammography screening technology.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among women, exceeded only by lung cancer. Statistics indicate that one in eight women will develop breast cancer sometime in her life. The stage at which breast cancer is detected influences a woman's chance of survival. If detected early, the five-year survival rate is 97 per cent. October is Breast Cancer Awareness month; all women over the age of 40 are encouraged to get their mammograms. It is now very little discomfort, more convenient, and is completed in shorter examination time.

"Selenia digital mammography incorporates revolutionary imaging technology that provides incredibly sharp breast images," said a Doctors Hospital spokesperson.

"The images appear on the technologist's monitor in a matter of seconds, there is no waiting for film to develop, which means less time in the breast imaging suite for patients. Digital mammography is different from conventional mammography in how the image of the breast is acquired and, more importantly, viewed. The radiologist can now magnify the images, increase or decrease the contrast and invert the black and white values while



**HIGH QUALITY CARE:** Pictured left to right: Andin Edwards, Doctors Hospital Imaging Department with a patient.

reading the images. These features allow the radiologist to evaluate micro calcifications and focus on areas of concern.

Because the breast cushion is 'invisible' to X-rays, it does not interfere with the image quality of the mammogram. By offering women a softer mammogram, Doctors Hospital hopes to increase the number of women who follow recommendations with regular screenings.

"JCI Accredited Doctors Hospital's Comprehensive Breast Diagnostic Imaging Centre maintains a high standard of clinical quality. Services are dedicated to women and centred on their needs and concerns."

Doctors Hospital, said the spokesperson, is committed to the fight against breast cancer. In offering digital mammography, 3-D Breast Ultrasound and Breast MRI as well as percutaneous core needle biopsy and wire localization of non palpable lumps the hospital provides the latest in imaging technology in the region."


  
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## LOCAL NEWS

# Company creates scholarship in memo-

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## Company creates scholarship in memory of former employee

CUSTOM Computers officially launched its annual scholarship in partnership with the Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute, identifying the first winner as student Trevor King.

The announcement was made during an awards ceremony attended by Minister of Education Desmond Bannister at Custom Computers on Cable Beach.

The company's co-owner and marketing director Pia Farmer said the scholarship was offered in memory of Theodore

## PROSPECTUS

### THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

### BAHAMAS REGISTERED STOCK 2015, 2017, 2019 AND 2030 ISSUE OF B\$100,000, 000.00

#### PROSPECTUS

##### THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS BAHAMAS REGISTERED STOCK 2015, 2017, 2019 AND 2030 ISSUE OF B\$100,000, 000.00

Issued under The Bahamas Registered Stock Act, and authorized by Resolutions of the House of Assembly, 10th June, 2010.

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**The date of this Prospectus is October 6, 2010**

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Rate of Interest	Name of Stock	Amount	Issue Price
Prime Rate	Bahamas Registered Stock 2015	30,000,000.00	100.00
1/48% Above Prime Rate	Bahamas Registered Stock 2017	20,000,000.00	100.00
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The Stock shall be repaid on 19th October, in the year appearing in the name of the Stock.

#### INTEREST

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##### Applications

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##### Application Forms

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#### PUBLIC DEBT

Provisional estimates from the unaudited accounts as at June 30, 2010 show the Public Debt of The Bahamas to be B\$3,957,307,000.\*

#### GOVERNMENT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

The following information is extracted from the unaudited accounts of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

	FY2008/2009p** B\$	FY2009/2010p** B\$	FY2010/2011p** B\$
Revenue	1,324,218,000	Approved Budget 1,400,046,000	Approved Budget 1,517,159,000
Recurrent Expenditure (excluding Repayment of Public Debt)	1,422,674,000	1,430,454,000	1,467,170,000
Capital Development Expenditure (excluding loans contributions and advances to public corporations)	139,777,000	208,850,000	227,579,000

'Ted' Nutt, a long serving employee who died earlier this year.

Mrs Farmer said the scholarship will be awarded each year to a promising BTVI student in need of financial aid who shows great enthusiasm and facility with computers.

"Custom Computers has decided to create an annual scholarship at BTVI because we support BTVI and their efforts. We also know that practical training is very important," Mrs Farmer said.

"Unfortunately one of our dear Know How team members, Ted Nutt, passed away this year. He was very young and we loved Ted very much as a person. He was always a great worker and he loved passionately what he did. So we decided how best to honour Ted's memory and also continue the tradition of Custom Computers to support education."

Mrs Farmer said that as a part of the scholarship award, Mr King will also be given an opportunity to intern at Custom Computers during vacations to gain in knowledge and practical experience.

On hand for the presentation were Ted Nutt's brother, Niven Nutt, and his son Jesse Nutt, who both said they were moved and honoured by the gesture.

Minister Bannister commended Custom Computers for its generosity and support of excellence in education.

He admonished Mr King to continue to excel in his academic pursuits and advised him to take full advantage of this opportunity.

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**PHOTO 3166 -**  
Pictured (l-r) are: Niven Nutt

\*\* Provisional estimates from the unaudited accounts.

\* The Public Debt amount is inclusive of The Public Corporations contingent liability which as at June 30, 2010 totalled B\$364,465,000.

##### THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS BAHAMAS REGISTERED STOCK 2015, 2017, 2019 AND 2030

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LOCAL NEWS

# Participants praise Fresh

AS THE latest cycle of the Department of Youth's Fresh Start Programme enters its third week, participants lauded the job-readiness initiative and its role in preparing young Bahamians for the workforce.

"This is a great experience that I have had, one that most young people in the Bahamas should go through," said 21-year-old Felecia Williams. "Maybe if more young people would take part, we would have better customer service and attitudes. It also teaches us about writing resumes, cover letters and what is expected of us on the job, especially work ethics and teamwork."

Ian Green Jr, 18, said he learned a lot from the pro-



TABLE TALK: Lionel Elliott (centre), leads participants on a discussion of workplace ethics.

gramme – from the importance physical appearance to sexual harassment and how to "go out and grab the job that you want".

"It also makes me feel good to be here because the Bahamas is lacking young men who want to go out and grab their jobs," Mr Green said.

He added that it was encouraging to see a balance of men and women taking part and to note that his fel-

low male participants were showing an interest.

"We have 47 excited and highly-motivated young Bahamians in this cycle, who are driven to learn what they can to be ready to shine in the Bahamas' workforce," said co-ordinator Lionel Elliott.

### Successful

Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture Charles May-

nard said Fresh Start is one of the Department of Youth's more successful programmes, yielding a high employment rate for participants.

"We want to do our best to help to ensure that young people go into the business world being productive," Minister Maynard said.

The Fresh Start programme was created in 1999

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## LOCAL NEWS

# Start Programme



**GROUP SHOT:** Mr Elliott (centre), poses with participants.

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to address the rising level of unemployment among the nation's youth, following the findings of a 1993 committee appointed to study the special needs of the young people in the Bahamas and make recommendations to the government.

"In an effort to continue to address the concern of long-term unemployment, lack of job search skills and the lack of work place experience among our youth, the Fresh Start Programme was introduced," Mr Elliott said. "It was designed to provide training to young persons between the ages of 16 and 25 years with job search and job retention skills."

Mr Elliott – who has more than 26-years of experience in youth programmes and employment training – said the objectives of the Fresh Start Programme include:

- preparing young persons for employment
- identifying potential employment opportunities
- encouraging proactive job search techniques
- encouraging greater public/private sector collaboration in youth training sponsorship
- developing a tracking system to measure the effectiveness of Fresh Start

Persons wishing to participate in the programme can collect an application form from the Youth Department, Department of Labour, Department of Social Services, any Urban Renewal Office or at various com-

munity and youth centres in New Providence. Mr Elliott said that upon the completion of the community service aspect of the programme, each participant is assigned a six-week internship with a participating private sector company.

## Effective

"Participants are required to perform all task assigned to them in an effective and efficient manner," Mr Elliott said.

"We hope that at the end of internship, companies would grant permanent employment to each of the participants."

"However, if they are not granted permanent employment, the participants' names are kept in a database and are advised of additional employment opportunities."

Minister Maynard said: "The whole programme is designed to give the young participants some basic tips on how to get a job and stay employed, with some training in the various areas of employment."

"Because of the programme's reputation, over the years, and because of the various businesses that partner with this ministry, most of the young people end up becoming permanent at various establishments."

Temika Davis said that she met several interesting young people in the class and appreciated the various instructors.

"I learned about entrepreneurship and I would like to have my own business one day," she said. "The whole programme was a fun experience and all the participants benefited from being a part of this."

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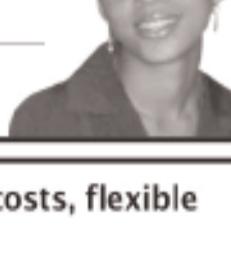
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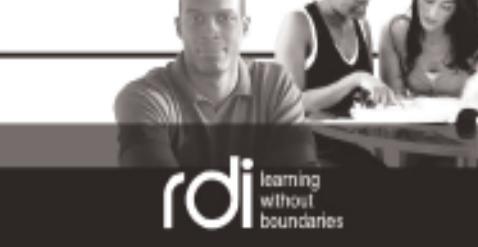
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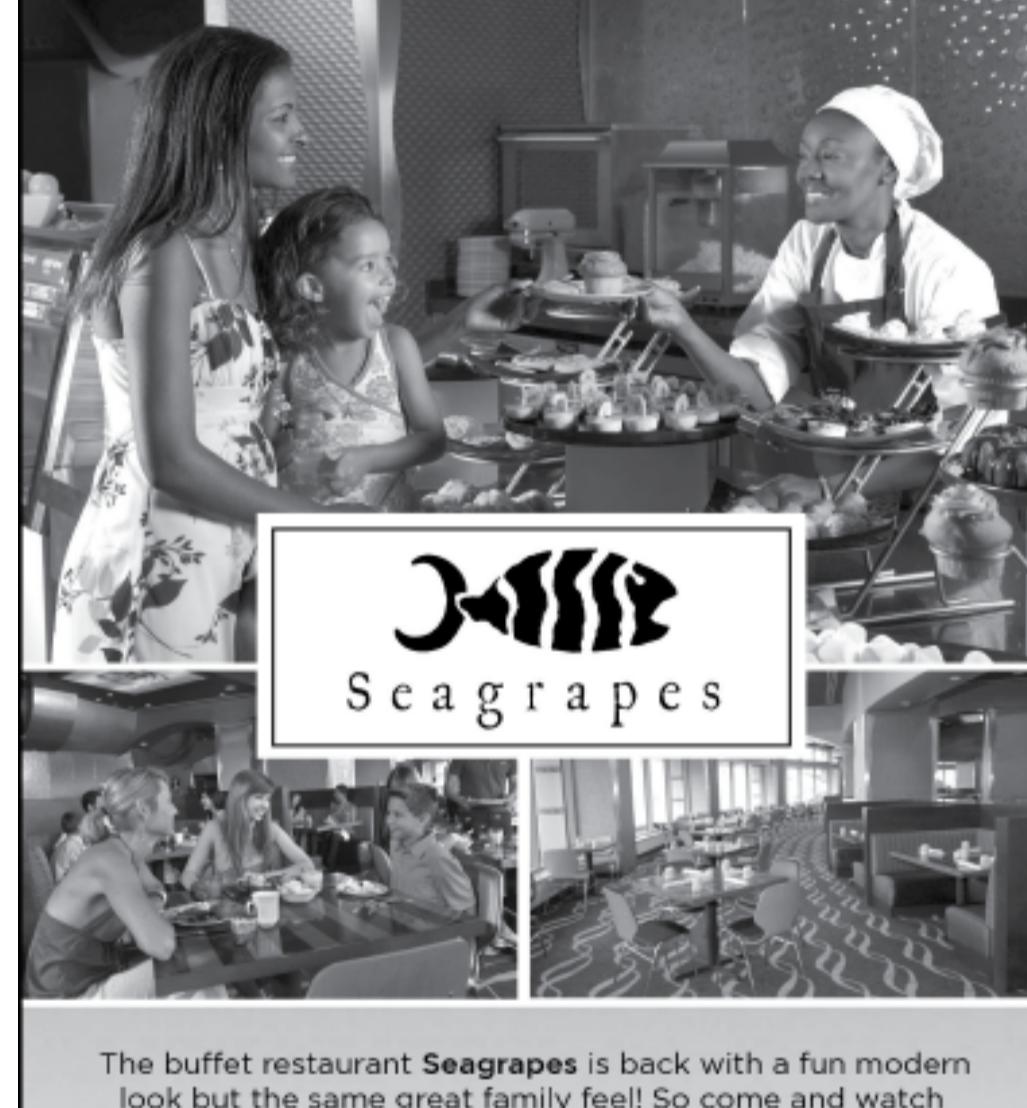
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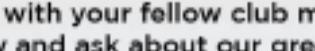
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### LOCAL NEWS

# Police inquiry after father found shot dead

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"A life has been lost and we want to give the matter a thorough and proper investigation," Sgt Skippings said. "So we don't want to rule anything out at this point."

Relatives shocked by the death said they were unable to make any sense of the possibility of either suicide or homicide yesterday.

"It's a shock because he's such a loving person," said Mr Nixon's 52-year-old sister, Mrs Lenora Dean. "He was very kind, and very loving."

She said Mr Nixon had worked for Tropical Shipping for 26 years before he was let go two years ago.

It is reported that he raised two young children, aged seven and nine, at their home in Misty Gardens, off Cowpen Road, without the help of their mother.

### Dedicated

A neighbour, Mrs Carolyn Hanna, said Mr Nixon appeared to be a dedicated father who took the youngsters to and from school every day without fail.

"He seemed to have been such a good father," she said. "Any man who would take care of his children like that is a good man."

In addition to the young son and daughter who lived with him, Mr Nixon and his wife had two adult daughters and a son.

The two older daughters and son ran to their father's house at around 12.30pm, stopping their car just short of the police cordon. One of his daughters bolted towards her father's house, wailing in grief.

"I'm not going no further; don't touch me," she told police trying to hold her back as she cried out and then doubled-over in tears.

An officer gently escorted the young woman back to the other side of the cordon where her aunt hugged and consoled her, and her grandfather, Mr Nixon's father, stood by with his wife.

Mr Nixon's mother, Mrs Regina Nixon Johnson, joined them around an hour later, weeping as she watched as her son's body was carried to the hearse.

She and other relatives were comforted by Sister Cecilia Albury of St Martin's Convent, an aunt of the deceased, who provided counselling for the family.

"He was a quiet person, very unassuming," Mrs Hanna said. "It's so sad."

Although police did not confirm Mr Nixon's identity, nor classify his death yesterday, officers speaking off the record said the death



SHARED PAIN: Family members hug each other at the scene.

appeared to be suicide.

Relatives and friends speculated about the difficulties with which he might have struggled, but not expressed to those who knew and loved him.

"This is a small neighbourhood where everybody gets to know everybody," said neighbour Devaughn Williams, 53, a psychiatric nurse at Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre.

"This will be a huge shock to the community."

"There's a thing called 'smiling depression', when people may appear well but you don't know what's lurking underneath the surface and the emotions they are dealing with."

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# Anna Nicole Smith drug conspiracy case goes to jury

By LINDA DEUTSCH  
AP Special Correspondent  
LOS ANGELES

The Anna Nicole Smith drug conspiracy case, charging her lawyer-boyfriend and two doctors with providing the former Playboy model with excessive amounts of drugs, was placed in the hands of a jury Friday.

In a full week of final arguments, opposing lawyers battled over whether the defendants loved Smith and tried to relieve her pain or fed her addiction to medications to curry favour with a celebrity.

Attorney Steve Sadow, the last defence lawyer to speak, said Smith was the love of Howard K. Stern's life and he trusted the two doctors on trial with him to ease her suffering with prescription drugs.

Witnesses testified during the trial that Smith had chronic pain syndrome and other ailments.

Sadow, who represents Stern, said his client was not qualified to second-guess the doctors who were acting in good faith prescribing drugs for Smith's physical and emotional pain after the birth of her daughter and death of her son.

Jurors were told to select a foreperson then sent home until Tuesday when they will begin deliberations. Monday is a court holiday.

After nine weeks of testimony and arguments, the last word to jurors came from a prosecutor who implored them to convict the defen-



ANNA NICOLE SMITH

dants on all counts.

Deputy District Attorney Renee Rose said the three defendants committed fraud by using false names for Smith on prescriptions and contended the thousands of doses of opiates, sedatives and other pills were prescribed to cater to an addiction.

Stern was complicit in picking up prescriptions on many occasions, the prosecutor said.

Superior Court Judge Robert Perry reminded jurors that the numbers of pills prescribed do not legally prove addiction.

The case is being closely watched by pain management doctors and patients. The judge has remarked there is some concern about doctors under-prescribing pain medication to suffering patients because of legal worries.

Rose and Perry, who had disagreements throughout the trial, clashed again during her rebuttal argument when the judge said she was misleading the jury about some of the

evidence. He threatened at one point to let the defence have another chance at argument if the behaviour continued.

"My concern is I have a prosecutor who is misrepresenting what was said," the judge said.

Rose apologized and said she never meant to misstate anything. Perry told the jury to disregard a section of her argument that may have contained false implications.

In the balance of her argument, Rose claimed the defendants were drawn into Smith's world of celebrity and broke the law in treating her.

"In the real world, your doctor doesn't fly to you in the Bahamas if you're sick and then fly back," Rose said. "It happens in Anna Nicole Smith's world."

Sadow stressed that he was speaking for Stern. But in denying his client was part of a conspiracy, Sadow advocated for all three defendants. Their lawyers spoke earlier.

Stern is charged as an aider and abettor to the doctors' actions. Sadow said that to be convicted, "Howard has to know when a prescription is written that the doctor intended to break the law."

He said there has been no testimony to support that claim. Stern and Drs. Sandeep Kapoor and Khristine Eroshevich have pleaded not guilty to conspiring to provide excessive prescription drugs to an addict and other charges. They are not charged in Smith's 2007 accidental overdose death in Florida.



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### LOCAL NEWS

# Judicial review bid over one-way system should be dismissed – AG

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Grant, claimed the applicants had failed to bring the application for judicial review promptly or within the required period of six months.

Attorney Maurice Glin-ton, who represents the Coconut Grove Business League (CGBL), contends that the grounds for bringing the application arose in March of this year.

Mr Delaney noted that the applicants had delayed 10 years after the decision was made to begin the New Providence Road Improvement Project or after the grounds for bringing the application had arisen. He further argued that the applicants had no good reason to extend the period in which to bring the application, nor have they asked to do so.

The Attorney General also argued that the applicants had not sued Mr Grant in his capacity as Minister with responsibility for Road Traffic. This, he said, took the issue of traffic flow out of consideration. Mr Delaney submitted that the Minister had acted lawfully, as well as reasonably, and had adhered to the prescribed procedures in the Road Act.

The hearing was adjourned to October 25.

The Coconut Grove Business League, which consists of a group of people affected by the roadflow change,



**CONTROVERSY:** Vehicles are shown travelling northbound on Baillou Hill Road. John Delaney is pictured below.



were granted leave for a judicial review last July.

Three of its members, SuperValue owner Rupert Roberts Jr; Arnold Heast-

ie, owner of Heastie's Service Station; and businesswoman Leana Ingraham, have been given authorisation by the court to bring and defend judicial review proceedings on behalf of the league. The March 30 road changes, which made Baillou Hill Road one-way northbound and Market Street one-way southbound, are a part of the government's \$120 million New Providence Road Improvement Project (NPRIP).

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# Judicial review bid over one-way system should be dismissed – AG

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Grant, claimed the applicants had failed to bring the application for judicial review promptly or within the required period of six months.

Attorney Maurice Glin-ton, who represents the Coconut Grove Business League (CGBL), contends that the grounds for bringing the application arose in March of this year.

Mr Delaney noted that the applicants had delayed 10 years after the decision was made to begin the New Providence Road Improvement Project or after the grounds for bringing the application had arisen. He further argued that the applicants had no good reason to extend the period in which to bring the application, nor have they asked to do so.

The Attorney General also argued that the applicants had not sued Mr Grant in his capacity as Minister with responsibility for Road Traffic. This, he said, took the issue of traffic flow out of consideration. Mr Delaney submitted that the Minister had acted lawfully, as well as reasonably, and had adhered to the prescribed procedures in the Road Act.

The hearing was adjourned to October 25.

The Coconut Grove Business League, which consists of a group of people affected by the roadflow change,



**CONTROVERSY:** Vehicles are shown travelling northbound on Baillou Hill Road. John Delaney is pictured below.



were granted leave for a judicial review last July.

Three of its members, SuperValue owner Rupert Roberts Jr; Arnold Heast-

ie, owner of Heastie's Service Station; and businesswoman Leana Ingraham, have been given authorisation by the court to bring and defend judicial review proceedings on behalf of the league. The March 30 road changes, which made Baillou Hill Road one-way northbound and Market Street one-way southbound, are a part of the government's \$120 million New Providence Road Improvement Project (NPRIP).

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## 'Accuracy' fears on Land Registry

\* Attorney expresses concern that all rights and interests in land will not be vetted before entry on system designed to revolutionise Bahamian conveyancing

\* Worries that all power in minister's hands, as Bahamas seemingly opts for land reform route different to other Caribbean nations

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

The Government's planned Land Registry could end up "being less than accurate", a Bahamian attorney warned yesterday, because unlike other Caribbean countries this nation is aiming to enter real estate ownership information without previously "vetting all rights and interests" in every parcel.

Sharlyn Smith, an attorney with Sharon Wilson & Company, yesterday expressed concerns over key aspects of the Land Adjudication Bill and Registration of Land Bill, both of which the Government is currently consulting on and, when passed into

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## \$5bn energy savings goal

By ALISON LOWE  
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Bahamian electricity consumers could save \$5 billion over a period of decades if steps are taken to increase energy efficiency and implement renewable energy technologies in the Bahamas, according to a German company contracted to study the potential costs and benefits of these energy sources.

Dr Ole Langniss, a senior consultant with Fichtner, presented this figure as he gave an insight into his company's work in assessing the potential savings for the Bahamas from the introduction of energy efficiency measures. Fichtner analysed the potential - both technical and economic - for various renewable energy technologies to be introduced, the costs and benefits associated with implementing energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies, and policy recommendations to

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## Sandals eyes new resort purchase

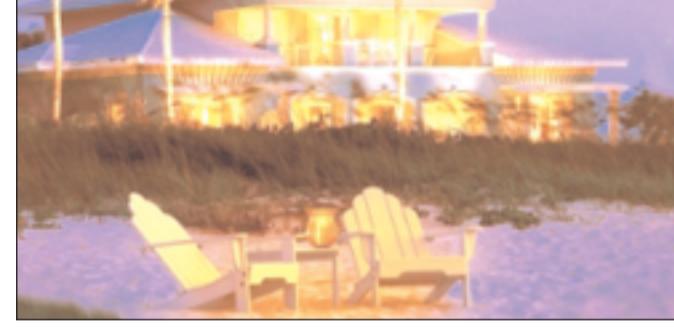
- All-inclusive chain seeking to acquire another Exuma resort from receivership, this time Grand Isle Villas
- Latter's property owners also interested in banding together to make purchase, with 47 of 78 units sold
- Receivership caused 'total shock' and 'immediate panic' in Exuma

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

Sandals is eyeing the purchase of another Exuma-based resort from receivership, this time the \$110 million Grand Isle Villas Resort, Tribune Business can reveal, the situation having caused "immediate panic" and a "total sense of shock" on the island.

The all-inclusive resort chain would be an obvious purchaser of the 78-unit property, given that it sits at the heart of the Emerald Bay resort, which Sandals purchased from a different set of receivers in late 2009 for around \$25 million.

"I believe Sandals would be very, very interested," one source told Tribune Business yesterday. This newspaper understands that the resort



A BEACH VILLA at sunset at the Sands Emerald Bay resort.

chain may have already made an initial offer to acquire Grand Isle Villas, but this has not yet been accepted. Tribune Business also understands that the Lennox Paton law firm, which is acting for the debenture holder of Grand Isle's debt, is also

working on a potential deal to facilitate the property's acquisition by Sandals.

Craig A. 'Tony' Gomez, the Baker Tilly Gomez accountant

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## Sandals all-inclusive model hurts Exuma

- \* Chamber president says economic impact from Emerald Bay opening 'not as anticipated', as no trickle down/spin-off effect for Bahamian firms
- \* Warns that many people now 'shocked into reality', and that island's population 'dwindling'
- \* Exumians move to take control of own destiny, and end 'colonial mentality' that has governed island's development from capital
- \* Fears of 'brain drain' from island

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

Sandals' purchase of the Emerald Bay Resort has not made the economic impact Exuma hoped for, the president of the island's Chamber of Commerce said yesterday, arguing that its all-inclusive nature meant that 'trickle down' and spin-off effects for Bahamian-owned businesses were limited.

Speaking at a press conference to promote the upcoming Exuma Business Outlook Conference, Floyd

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\* National Energy Policy Committee targeting 15% and 30% renewable share of Bahamas' energy mix by 2020 and 2030 respectively

By ALISON LOWE  
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The second draft report of the National Energy Policy Committee has been submitted to the Government, and provides it with "all the information to make an informed decision" on the sustainable energy mix it would like to implement in the Bahamas, the committee's chairman said yesterday.

The National Energy Policy Committee, chaired by Philip Weech, director of the BEST Commission, projects that once approval of the report is given, many of the recommendations and reforms proposed to pave the way for sustainable energy in the Bahamas could be implemented in "eight to 18 months".

Major changes required are the creation of a Sustainable Energy Unit in government to implement, monitor and report on the achievement of policy targets, and generally drive the shift to renewables on the Government side; the resourcing of the independent utilities regulator - the Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA) - as a regulator of the electricity sector; and the creation and implementation of new legislation and updated regulations to incentivise and govern the introduction of renewables and encourage energy efficiency, such as by providing for net-metering that allows consumers to be credited for excess renewable energy they produce in their homes.

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## \$857m resort project: 'Enough is enough'

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

The financier for an \$857 million Bahamas-based resort project has urged the New York State Supreme Court to impose sanctions against the development's former general partner for its "frivolous conduct" in halting the affirmation of an arbitration ruling in its favour, warning that South Ocean "continues to languish" and urging: "Enough is enough."

Connecticut-based hedge fund, Plainfield Asset Management, in its October 12, 2010,



motion against Roger Stein and his RHS Ventures vehicle, described the latter's allegations that it "fabricated the unavailability of a key witness" and coerced a former employee to sign a false affidavit as "one more delay tactic pulled from

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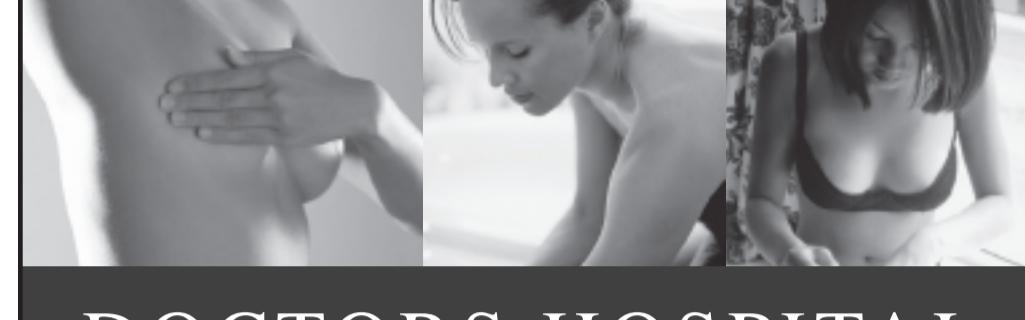
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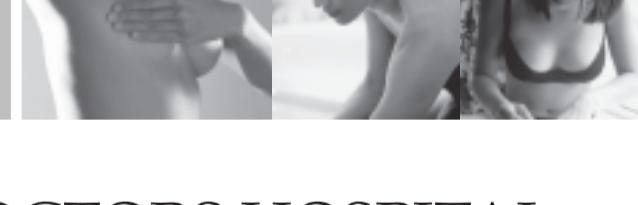
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and partner, declined to comment yesterday when contacted by Tribune Business. David Johnstone, the Lennox Paton partner who acts for the debenture holder, also could not be reached.

Tribune Business understands that Mr Gomez is working on setting up an 'Open Bid' auction for Grand Isle Villas in case any of the potential purchasers fail to come through. Apart from Sandals, another option on the table is a potential offer from Grand Isle's existing property owners, who collectively own 47 of its 78 units - the other 31 remaining unsold.

"I've heard of that strategy," one source said, in relation to the property owners' interests in acquiring Grand Isle outright. "They're very wealthy owners, so much so that they could go ahead and buy it. Both of those strategies - Sandals and the owners - are on the table."

The property owners would have the collective financial wherewithal to obtain the debt

**Sandals eyes new resort purchase**

financing necessary to acquire Grand Isle Villas from receivership. The main creditor/debenture holder is understood to be Textron Finance, the financial arm of the defence contractor of the same name, and it is thought to be in no rush to offload Grand Isle Villas, eschewing a fire sale price in favour of getting top dollar for the luxury resort asset.

That could impact Sandals, given that the resort chain usually likes to make its acquisitions at attractive entry prices, hence the deals for Emerald Bay and the Royal Bahamian.

Speaking at yesterday's press conference to promote the Exuma Business Outlook Conference, Floyd Armbrister, president of that island's Chamber of Commerce, said news of Grand Isle's receivership had created "immediate panic" on the island.

Pointing out that just months prior Grand Isle had been

named as among the leading Caribbean resort properties for occupancy, Mr Armbrister said that "to have the property in receivership was a total shock to the people of Exuma and the economy of Exuma".

He added of the \$10 million property's 60 staff: "Many people are fearful they will be without a job as a result of the receivership. The receiver and the owners appear to be moving in different directions."

"The owners, other than the 31 empty units, want to acquire the property, and other people are trying to buy the property."

Grand Isle Villas' developer was EGI Ltd, whose principals were Pamela McCullough and Jim Clabaugh. They invested heavily in the property's development, and its operations were relatively successful, but sources suggested too much was spent on construction when Grand Isle could have been successful with more modest spend.

As a result, Grand Isle never generated enough cash flow to service its debt repayment obligations.

its viability to be implemented in a cost-effective manner - is biomass, which involves the conversion of biological material, such as wood, into useful energy. Biomass is suggested as a renewable energy source which could, based on present conditions, generate up to 300 gigawatt hours of power per year. Dr Langniss explained that Fichtner undertook studies on the viability of various forms of renewable energy in six Family Islands. Coming out of this analysis, Fichtner found that among the most viable energy projects would be a 20 megawatt biomass energy facility in Eleuthera.

Dr Langniss suggested that a "very important option", which should be considered by the Government, was to interconnect islands like New Providence and Eleuthera so that energy generated in certain islands can be transferred to others where generation capacity is limited.

"We feel this should be investigated further - interconnecting some of the islands - because the (renewable power generation) potential in New Providence, the main load centre in the Bahamas, is quite limited, but on the other islands the potential is huge," said Dr Langniss.

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help the Bahamas achieve a sustainable energy future.

He was speaking as a presenter at a stakeholder workshop entitled *A Sustainable Energy Program for the Bahamas*, being held at the Atlantis hotel on Paradise Island on day one of the Caribbean Regional Energy Forum (CREF) 2010. The forum is expected to draw hundreds of participants from the private and public sector to discuss renewable energy and its future in the Bahamas and the Caribbean in particular.

According to Dr Langniss, Fichtner's research determined that 10 million barrels of oil - equivalent to a cost of \$10 billion US dollars - could be saved over a period equivalent to the average lifetimes of the energy efficient equipment and renewable energy plants that could be introduced into The Bahamas.

Highlighting Fichtner's findings in its recent 12-month study in the Bahamas relating to the potential cost savings associated with the introduction of energy efficiency measures - the replacement of incandescent bulbs with CFLs

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(compact fluorescent lamps), the replacement of air-conditioning units, refrigerators, dish washers, washing machines and stereos with energy star-standard equipment - Dr Langniss said that if all households and hotels were to implement such energy-saving measures, an estimated 26-34 per cent of present power generation could be saved. Energy audits were conducted by the company in a number of private households, hotels and public buildings to provide a baseline for their analysis.

In terms of renewable energy production, calculations by Fichtner revealed that the renewable energy source with the greatest "technical potential" for the Bahamas was wind, followed by photovoltaic (PV) or solar power in an "open field" setting, ocean thermal energy, solar water heaters, biomass, installation of PV cells on buildings, and waste-to-energy facilities.

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## BUSINESS

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## \$857m resort project: 'Enough is enough'

the same playbook" that has repeatedly delayed attempts to ratify the arbitration ruling in law. Plainfield, which has invested \$85 million in the proposed redevelopment of the 375-acre South Ocean resort in southwestern New Providence, alleged that Mr Stein and RHS Ventures had not stopped representing themselves as the project's general partner despite being ordered to cease doing so immediately by the arbitration tribunal.

The hedge fund also alleged that Mr Stein and RHS Ventures had continued to interfere in South Ocean's business affairs, despite being ordered not to do so, and had failed to co-operate in the transition from their control to Plainfield.

In addition, Mr Stein and his various RHS companies were alleged to have failed to pay \$3.634 million back to the South Ocean project, despite

being ordered to do this by the arbitration tribunal within 30 days of the verdict being handed down.

Respondents have done none of these things and are manoeuvring to maintain that state of affairs for as long as possible," Plainfield alleged. "The [ir] Motion to Amend is nothing more than a continuation of respondents' improper efforts to obstruct enforcement of the Award at every step. The unfortunate consequence of respondents' tactics is that the underlying real estate project continues to languish in the Bahamas."

And, for good measure, Plainfield added: "The Motion to Amend is not only baseless and offensive, but also consistent with what the Arbitral Tribunal unanimously found to be

respondent's continuing course of misconduct, misappropriation, deceit and spoliation of evidence.

"In the unanimous award, the Arbitral Tribunal found, among other things, that Stein was not only 'evasive' and 'not credible', but also had secretly destroyed evidence through the use of computer 'scrubbing' software in violation of orders from the Arbitral Tribunal and a Bahamian court in a related action.

"Respondents' prevarications must be stopped. Today is October 12, 2010. The unanimous Arbitral Award held, among other things, that Stein was properly removed as general partner in November 2008, finding that Stein had, inter alia, breached fiduciary duties, misappropriated millions of dol-

lars, and concealed his improper activities.

"Two years after Stein's proper removal as general partner, Stein continues to seek to evade, delay and avoid the consequences of his misconduct. Petitioners submit that enough is enough."

Describing as "baseless" Mr Stein's allegations that it coerced a former employee, Eric Reehl, to sign a false affidavit, Plainfield produced new affidavits from Reehl, plus its external and in-house counsel, Howard Kaplan and Steven Segaloff, all denying that this had occurred. As for the supposed unavailability of witness Niv Harizman, Plainfield said he had been available by phone, but Mr Stein and his attorneys declined to examine him.

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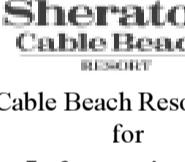
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Armbrister said many Exumians had been "shocked into reality" since the Sandals property re-opened earlier this year, and now recognised that the growth years enjoyed when Emerald Bay was operated under the Four Seasons brand may not return.

"The impact has not been anticipated," Mr Armbrister said, when questioned by Tribune Business about whether the Sandals acquisition, and subsequent Emerald Bay reopening, had produced the projected economic benefits.

"Many people were still in Four Seasons mode," he added, "but were shocked into reality when they recognised those days were gone, and probably gone for good."

Mr Armbrister suggested that the all-inclusive resort model, as successfully practiced by Sandals and other hotel chains throughout the Caribbean, was not the best fit for islands such as Exuma.

He said this was because guests at such properties had not only paid for their airline tickets and room in one package, but also their food and beverage, plus sporting and activities requirements.

As a result, with everything paid for and available on the resort campus, there was no reason for tourists to leave the hotel and patronise nearby Bahamian-owned businesses, eliminating the 'trickle down' and 'spin-off' effects.

"A gentleman and I discussed the impact of an all-inclusive on small economies, and in the discussions we said that 10 years ago, a person coming to the Bahamas with \$10,000 to spend might be spending \$1,500 on his airline ticket, and another \$1,000-\$2,000 on accommodation. The rest of the monies went into the community," Mr Armbrister said.

"But if someone is now staying at an all-inclusive, \$8,000 is going on the ticket and accommodation, and there's just \$2,000 for the local community. That is the type of impact all-inclusives have on the local economy." However, he acknowledged that the demand for all-inclusives among travellers was on the rise across the world.

The combination of the Four Seasons-operated Emerald Bay's failure, which put more than 500 staff out of work (at least temporarily), and the global recession had resulted in Exuma's population shrinking again, Mr Armbrister said.

"The Chamber recognises the island of Exuma has experienced significant setbacks over a number of years," Mr Armbrister said. "Once upon a time, during the Four Seasons era, we had people flocking to the island for opportunities."

Exuma's population had remained relatively flat at around 3,000 for many years, Mr Armbrister said, but at the Four Seasons' peak, the number of vehicle licence plates issued on the island exceeded 3,000, "a definite sign of population increase".

That population, he added, had "dwindled, because every week when the Fast Ferry is coming in people are lining up with their vehicles and moving off the island, resulting in properties being put on the market or into foreclosure".

Mr Armbrister, a realtor by profession, said many of the foreclosed properties were multi-family, abandoned by persons who felt there no longer remained any opportunities on Exuma and had no further use for them.

While employment levels had picked up since Sandals re-opened Emerald Bay earlier this year, hiring some 300-400 persons, Mr Armbrister

said many jobs recently created on Exuma were "domestic and menial, and not similar to those held by locals and Bahamians during Four Seasons."

"There are some concerns that some people working there [Sandals] are doing jobs that locals could be doing."

Mr Armbrister described Exuma's economy as being "in a slow or stop state", with many small Bahamian-owned restaurants appearing to have closed their doors for good, having sold-off much of their equipment.

### Hope

Still, the Exuma Chamber president said much hope remained, especially as islanders were moving to plan their own future themselves, rather than rely on Nassau and other outsiders to dictate the development of their island using a "colonial mindset".

"The Exuma Congress, which is an initiative that has just come to the forefront, was created as a result of the people of Exuma realising the need to assist in determining the direction of the island of Exuma," Mr Armbrister said.

"For far too long, we've relied on direction from people from the capital, and from people selected and elected to govern. From my perspective, it's been from what I would call the colonial mentality - 'This goes there, that goes there' - rather than involve local persons who feel the pain and recognise the direction the island of Exuma and its economy need to go in."

Exuma was "suffering from a brain drain", with its most talented workers unable to find jobs that paid the remuneration they wanted, with the island also witnessing "the deterioration of our physical infrastructure and deteriora-

tion of school and education infrastructure".

The Exuma Congress, Mr Armbrister added, aimed to develop a paper setting out the direction the island's development needed to take, "so the people of the Bahamas and Exuma will be the true beneficiaries of what happens in the island of Exuma".

The Chamber president said Exuma would receive an immediate lift if the Georgetown Dock was relocated or repaired, something that had been under discussion for several years. Land had also been cleared for the construction of a mini-hospital, but "nothing had happened", while a new primary school had been promised for 30 years.

Mr Armbrister said one teacher was teaching across all six grades in Williams Town, while both the high school principal and district education officer were both operating in an acting capacity.

"The high school is in a terrible state of disrepair, and if we do not have an educated labour force, we will have many social ills," he added.

Mr Armbrister added that he would also address the impact of the Real Property Tax Act, and increases to this tax, had made on Exuma's winter residents.

Arguing that "the one policy fits all cannot work", he argued that this Act needed to be tailor-made for different Family Islands, and warned that tax increases took much-needed money out of the economy during a recession.

The Exuma Chamber was also aiming to launch a seminar series, Mr Armbrister said, providing tips on how to survive the recession and create new businesses, since many successful companies were born in such an environment.

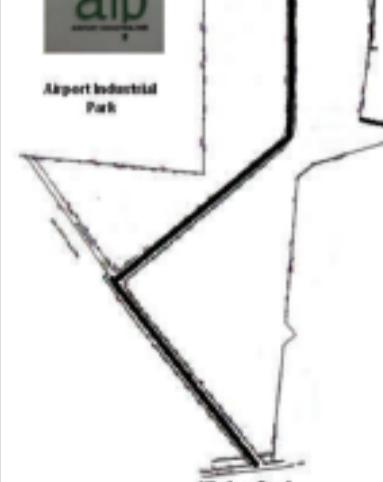
## Announcement

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### Change of Address

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## BUSINESS

# 'Accuracy' fears on Land Registry

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statute, "will change entirely the present system of conveyancing in the Bahamas".

The Land Adjudication Bill, she explained, was an attempt to reform and do away with the concept of generation land, since it aims to grant title over one acre to persons who can show they have been in uninterrupted possession of that real estate parcel for 12 years or more.

Persons in that situation will receive a Certificate of Title to that one acre, or possibly 1.5 acres in certain circumstances. But Ms Smith said that if the amount of real estate involved was, say two acres or five acres, under the Bill's terms the amount of land in excess of one acre would go to the Government.

"That is one concern that has arisen," Ms Smith said, adding that another was the fact that the Land Adjudication Bill sought only to deal with generation property, and did not look at commonage ownership. Another issue she identified was that the Bill appeared to make no provision for documentary title holders wishing to assert their claims to so-called generation property.

Speaking ahead of her address to the Exuma Business Outlook Conference, Ms Smith said: "I will invite the Government to consider another approach that does not limit rights of adjudication to one acre and 12 years."

She suggested extending adjudication under the Bill "to all properties", given that "perhaps this will allow for a more accurate land registry, given the significance the land registry will play in conveyancing in the future".

Ms Smith pointed out that including all Bahamas-based

real estate parcels and properties in a centralised Land Registry was a task that would not be accomplished overnight, as the Cayman Islands had only completed this mission within the last three to four years, despite passing its land registry law as far back as 1971.

Explaining that many Caribbean countries had based their land registration legislation on a model proposed by the UK Foreign Office in the late 1960s, with subsequent tweaks to account for the local situation on the ground, Ms Smith said that a major difference between the Bahamas' proposed legislation and what had been adopted in other Caribbean countries was that this nation aimed to complete the Land Registry before all real estate was adjudicated upon.

"Our proposed legislation differs in a significant way from the model used in other Caribbean countries because there, all the land has already been adjudicated upon," Ms Smith said. "All the rights and interests are vetted before they go on the Registry."

"We appear to not be going that route, and it may lead to the Registry being less than accurate. The Registrar will have to register a conveyance once it is presented, and there is no process to ensure. Under the Registration of Land Act, once a person receives a Certificate of Title and presents it, the Registrar has to enter it on the Register without vetting, even if it's being challenged on the basis of fraud. If it was adjudicated previously, such an issue would not arise."

As a result, she expressed concern that land title documents could be included on the Bahamas Land Registry without any record of ownership challenges, such as via

the Quieting Titles Act. As a result, a vendor might be able to sell property to someone who, having checked the Registry and seen no red flags, purchases it without knowing the title was being challenged on the grounds of, say, fraud.

The Land Registry is intended to show all encumbrances and charges over a specific piece of Bahamian real estate, in addition to providing ownership details and those of mortgagees.

Ms Smith said the Land Registry's creation should shorten the time taken to close real estate purchases and reduce associated costs, such as attorney's fees.

Attorneys normally charge a fee equivalent to 2.5 per cent of the purchase price, but since the Land Registry would reduce the risk associated with title searches (proving clean titles), these fees might come down.

"It will eliminate title searches as we know it," Ms Smith said. "All interests in land will be entered on the registry. Individuals simply have to look at the Registry to see all rights and interests in a piece of land."

Floyd Armbrister, the Exuma Chamber of Commerce's president, yesterday questioned the impact the new legislation would have on the Quieting Titles Act and other statutes.

Comparing the Bahamas' Land Adjudication Bill with legislation already in effect in Trinidad & Tobago, Mr Armbrister said: "A significant difference is that more power seems to be in the hands of the Minister in the Bahamas, rather than the courts, as in Trinidad & Tobago."

Ms Smith added: "The legislation being tabled in Parliament will change entirely the present system of conveyancing in the Bahamas."



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