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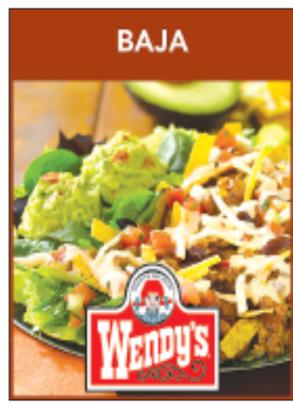
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MINISTER DENIES BTC DEAL HAS BEEN FINALISED

GOVERNMENT officials denied reports yesterday that it has already signed 51 per cent of Bahamas Telecommunications Company over to Cable and Wireless (LIME).

However, according to a source within the government, it is understood that the \$210 million sale was finalised on Friday, January 7.

However, Zhivargo Laing, State Minister for Finance, denied the rumour. "I cannot confirm that, there has been no such thing. When the time comes the government will keep the public informed of any development in that matter," he said.

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Deputy PM makes announcement after first three murders of 2011

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CRIME FIGHT:
Brent Symonette

POLICE launched investigations into the first three murders of the year this weekend as Deputy Prime Minister Brent Symonette unveiled government plans to invest \$8.5 million in the fight against crime over the next six months.

Mr Symonette told hundreds of officers gathered for the annual police church service at Christ Church Cathedral in George Street yesterday that crime had reached unacceptable levels in 2010, with the record murder count of 96 and an increase in gun and violent crime being the worst.

The \$8.5 million will fund three new police squads, of around 30 officers each, to be established by February, as well as an increase in the enrolment capacity of the police cadet programme in New Providence to 72 and establishment of a new police cadet programme in

Grand Bahama.

More resources also will be purchased for the RBPF as well as improved Crime Scene Investigation technology for the Force.

"We as a force remain committed and determined to ensure that the Bahamas is a place where we can all live in

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COMMISSIONER MEETS FAMILIES OF FALLEN OFFICERS

Tim Clarke/Tribune staff



COMMISSIONER OF POLICE Ellison Greenslade greets families of officers fallen from the ranks in a ceremony held at Police Headquarters. The Royal Bahamas Police Force held its Annual Church Service and Parade yesterday.

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UNIONISTS TO HOLD MASS RALLY AGAINST PLANNED BTC SALE TODAY

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A MASS rally of unionists, opposed to the government's planned sale of BTC, is set to mark the anniversary of Majority Rule day, today.

In its Bahamas for Bahamians campaign, the National Congress of Trade Unions is continuing to

spread the word about the meaning behind the 1958 General strike led by Sir Clifford Darling and its connection to Majority Rule Day.

"Today we talk about the fight for majority rule. It seems now we are going to back to colonialism; having to fight for what the forefathers fought for. If we

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PLP 'TO SUPPORT DEMONSTRATION'

THE Progressive Liberal Party plans to support the demonstration organised by union members to protest the sale of BTC and commemorate Majority Rule Day, according to Ryan Pinder, Elizabeth Member of Parliament.

Mr Pinder said an invitation was sent to the party and some MPs were advised to invite their constituents.

Bradley Roberts, PLP chairman, said the invitation from one of the BTC unions was "oral." It was not an invitation to participate in the

programme, but to simply attend the event, and invite PLP supporters.

"I am just going to be one of the many who will be there," said Mr Roberts.

William Carroll, president of the Bahamas Communications Public Managers Union (BCPMU), said invitations were sent out "to the general public", and the unions "did not target the PLP or FNM."

Perry Christie, PLP leader, said he was informed by Mr Pinder that a "communication

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POLICE FORCE ANNUAL CHURCH SERVICE AND PARADE

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ON THE MARCH: Scenes from yesterday's Royal Bahamas Police Force Annual Church Service and Parade.

Officers marched on Bay Street before the service at Christ Church Cathedral which was attended by members of the force, officials and Parliamentarians.



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Mr. McFall's most recent position was that of Assistant Vice-President, Corporate Accounts which he has held since 2003. Mr. McFall has over seventeen years experience in the field of Accounting and has been with Commonwealth Bank since 2001. During his tenure with Commonwealth Bank he served in the capacity of Senior Manager, Corporate Accounts. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Accounting and is a member of the Association of Certified Public Accountants and the Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accountants.

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APPLICATION FORMS

Application forms will be available as of Wednesday, December 22nd. They may be downloaded from www.nibdrugplan.com or collected from the Reception Desk at NIB headquarters, Sir Clifford Darling Complex, Bailou Hill Road, The Drug Plan Office at Wulf Road, Jemi Health & Wellness, Body Zone Fitness, & from The Counsellors Ltd. Marketing Firm on 1st Terrace Centreville.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

All application forms and photos must be returned to The Counsellors Ltd. Marketing Firm, First Terrace Centreville by 5 p.m., **Monday, January 17, 2011**. Please address submissions to: Get Well Bahamas c/o The Counsellors Ltd., Nassau, Bahamas.

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Participants will be selected by Jemi Health & Wellness and Body Zone Fitness. Personal interviews will be conducted with prospective participants before selection of the final 40 participants. NIB will not be responsible for selection of any participants in the Get Well Bahamas Health and Fitness Challenge.



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LOCAL NEWS

Fire Trail residents blame govt over shanty towns

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FIRE TRAIL residents criticised several government agencies yesterday, blaming them for the proliferation of shanty towns in the area.

In a statement released by the Fire Trail Community Association, the Ministry of Works, and the departments of Immigration and Environmental Health were blamed for compromising residents' standard of living by their failure to ensure that the standards set by law are met.

The statement read: "We are simply asking that our government agencies work for us, the taxpayers. As home owners, we were required to get permits and pass inspections to build our houses to code. This was necessary to obtain occupancy

Outcry comes weeks after Mackey Yard fire

certificates which were needed to get utilities. Let's hold all persons living in the Bahamas to these standards."

The outcry by residents comes three weeks after the devastating fire at Mackey Yard - an area on Alan Drive off Carmichael Road which was thought to be one of the oldest shanty towns in New Providence. The fire destroyed more than 100 homes and displaced more than 300 people. While the group expressed its sympathy to the hundreds of persons displaced in the Boxing Day fire, it called on the government to crack down on the remaining three villages in the area.

The statement read: "Inspectors have turned a 'blind eye' towards these villages. By allowing more than one hundred homes to exist without being up to code, they have failed their jobs. The Ministry of Works has also allowed the Bahamas Electricity Corporation to provide electricity to these houses without being built according to the provided codes, being structurally sound, and without the possession of electrical permits."

The group said that due to improper bathroom facilities, the shanty towns pose a great health risk to the entire community.

The statement continued: "This is a concern since some of us must pump well water to our homes."

"I may add that these are not homes that were given to us, but these are new homes that we are paying mortgages on."

"We are concerned about the number of old cars, large piles of bottles and the piles of garbage which attract rodents and pose health problems for this entire community."

The association charged that the Department of Immigration also ignored the movements of illegal persons in shanty towns, which they feel has allowed them to establish themselves in the country.

It added: "This is perhaps the only country in the world where an illegal immigrant can come and without any status, build on government land; get electricity, cable and internet;

run web shops; sell food, drinks and clothes without business licenses and work without work permits. Can you blame them for taking advantage of the slackness and lawlessness that exists in our country?"

The residents also called on the Office of the Attorney General to address the public on their rights as homeowners and how they can protect themselves against trespassing.

The statement continued: "A great number of us are new homeowners who are not yet financially able to fence in our yards or to afford the amount of fencing that is required to keep the residents of these villages from walking through our yards as they move from village to village. This is a major problem for us and we need to know how we as law-abiding citizens can protect ourselves in this situation."

The association is urging persons who share similar views to attend a march on Fire Trail Road tomorrow at 6pm.

The statement read: "This is not about party politics, this is about enforcing the laws of the Bahamas and making it better in the Bahamas for Bahamians again."

REPORTS THAT BAHAMASAIR BAG BEHIND MIAMI BOMB SCARE ARE DENIED

REPORTS that a bomb scare at Miami International Airport was sparked by a suspicious bag unloaded from a Bahamasair plane have been denied by officials at the Bahamian Consulate in Miami.

US network NBC reported on Wednesday the suspicious bag from a Bahamasair aircraft was investigated in Miami after bomb-sniffing dogs sounded the alarm.

The bomb squad was alerted and the concourse at Miami International Airport was evacuated until the carry-on bag had been investigated by the TSA and cleared of containing explosives by 11am, the network's local news website nbc.com reported.

Inspector Wayne Woodside, who is attached to the Bahamas Consulate Office in Miami, investigated the matter on behalf of the Bahamas, said spokeswoman for the consulate Phyllis Johnson.

And he confirmed the matter was in no way related to a Bahamasair passenger, she said.

"For security reasons we cannot reveal the name of the passenger but the name was not manifested to Bahamasair," Ms Johnson said.

Investigations into cause of fatal house fire continue

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FREEPORT - Investigations are continuing into the cause of a house fire that claimed the life of a one-year-old Rajish Cox on Friday morning.

As police officially released the identity of the toddler on Saturday, police press liaison officer assistant superintendent Loretta Mackey said the child lived at two homes, one in Sunset Subdivision, Freeport, and another in Sweeting's Cay, East Grand Bahama.

He was staying in Freeport with his mother at the time of the fire.

Velma Clarke, the paternal grandmother who lives in Eight Mile Rock, spoke with *The Tribune* on Sunday.

She said that her son, Rajish, is very distraught over the loss of his son.

"He is taking it very hard," she said. "Right now, he is resting. And the doctor told us to keep a close eye on him and not to bother him while he is sleeping."

She said her family is trying to cope with the loss.

"We still don't have a full understanding of what happened," she said.

Ms Clarke said little Rajish lived with his mother, who would bring him on occasions to visit with his father in Eight Mile Rock.

"He was a very happy baby. If you see him you will fall in love with him



POLICE at the scene of Friday's fire in Grand Bahama.

right way because he just lay right on your chest; he was a very loving baby," his grandmother said.

Police received a report of a fire at 100 Pioneer's Way West in Sunset Subdivision just after 8am on Friday.

Firefighters responding to the alarm found flames confined to a washroom in the east front section of a grey and white single story house.

After the fire was extinguished, they discovered the toddler inside the washroom, near the door.

The house had severe smoke damage throughout and is no longer habitable. No one was at the residence on Sunday.

Anyone who may be able to assist investigations into the fire should call police at 911, 919 or call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 328-TIPS (8477).

UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS 'NOT ACCURATE METHOD' TO ASSESS ECONOMY

MEASURING unemployment claims is not an "accurate method" to assess the state of the economy, said Shane Gibson Golden Gates Member of Parliament.

Responding to the claims by government officials that the 70 per cent drop in unemployment claims is evidence of a "rebounding" economy with fewer job losses, Mr Gibson said, "this is an outrageous falsehood and gross misleading of the Bahamian people."

The current policy of the National Insurance Board is to pay "only 13 weeks of unemployment benefits to any eligible person," according to Mr Gibson. Since many lay offs occurred early last year, most unemployed people "have exhausted their 13 weeks and are no longer eligible for unemployment benefits," he claimed.

"The absolute truth, based on this 70 per cent drop is that 70 per cent of the unemployed are now destitute, frustrated and desperate. While these persons cry out because they have lost their dignity, the FNM government remains unapologetic and continue to feed them false hope with bogus and erroneous statistics which further insult their intelligence," said Mr Gibson.

He called on the government to "discontinue its inaccurate portrayal of the situation," based on the fact that the drop in claims is a result of the NIB policy and its impact.

"No one can argue the unemployment rate is in direct correlation with the break down of the social fiber of this country and has resulted in a nation of frustrated and desperate people," said Mr Gibson.

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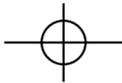
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A false claim made against The Tribune

WE ARE told that last week a talk show host was complaining that The Tribune's editorials were not supportive of the people. The reference, of course, was to the current BTC union's fight against the sale of 51 per cent of BTC to Cable & Wireless (LIME). Our position is that this sale, and all that Cable & Wireless offers, will be the best transaction for the country, and, therefore, for all of the Bahamian people, including BTC employees — especially those who have a good work ethic.

The 40 per cent being retained by government will eventually be offered to the public, so that Bahamians can truly become shareholders in their company.

Dr Donaldson was the guest of the show and his contribution to the discussion was that if anyone knew the history of The Tribune, they would know that The Tribune has never been supportive of the black people's movement.

Dr Donaldson should have known that this was not true. So should his host. But the host laughed it off in agreement, and the show went on with the falsehoods. Today's Bahamians do not know their history, which the PLP tried to rewrite after they won the government in 1965. The PLP story is the only so-called "history" that many of this generation have heard. And they have not bothered to dig further to discover the truth.

The Tribune will be 108 years old in November. It was founded by Leon Dupuch, grandfather of the present publisher, at a time, according to his son, the late Sir Etienne Dupuch, when "there was no racial consciousness in Nassau." Wrote Sir Etienne: "The coloured people were too far behind to be conscious of a destiny. There was not even conflict between the 'haves' and 'have nots.' The island was poor during this period. It was described as a glorified fishing village; no one had a great deal; many working people walked the streets barefooted, but everyone was contented and it was a happy community."

At the time there was only one division in the community — the "Ins" and the "Outs." The "Ins" were the families — most of whom lived on East Hill Street — that were invited to Government House, and The Nassau Guardian, a social newspaper, wrote only for this set. The "Outs," both white and black, had no newspaper, therefore, no voice. At the turn of the century the "Outs" felt the need of a second newspaper. A company was formed to which Bay Street merchants subscribed. Leon Dupuch, who was on the staff of The Guardian, joined the group, and was invited to edit the Watchman. However, Leon soon discovered that this was not the type of newspaper he had envisioned — it was just a newspaper for another social class.

He believed in a newspaper for all Bahamians — white and black of every social strata. And so he quit and, at great sacrifice, started The Tribune. Shortly afterwards The Watchman folded.

Sir Etienne, only four when The Tribune was started, was too small to make any contribution, but at the age of five he pinched an armful of papers — The Tribune was then located on Market Street — walked across East Street, then known as New Road, and eventually established a delivery route as far as Farm Road. This was the first time that black Bahamians had a newspaper.

Although the newspaper was for all Bahamians, it espoused the black Bahamian's cause because this was the group that was the most downtrodden, and certainly had no voice.

The Tribune, either spearheaded or was a part of every social reform in this country. Sir Etienne, as a member of the House of Assembly and the editor of this newspaper, was, for example, very active as a member of Dr C C Sweeting's House committee, which brought in the Bill that established Government High School for black students. Dr Sweeting was a white Bahamian. Again Sir Etienne was among those who supported Mrs Mary Ingraham in her fight for the vote for women.

And then, of course, there was the night on the floor of the House in 1956 when Sir Etienne was almost arrested in his fight to break down racial discrimination in the Bahamas.

He won that fight, but the PLP in their new version of history has dishonestly tried to claim the victory, and even today they pretend that it never took place. It is one date in their litany of dates that they constantly ignore. It is as though that dangerous and tension-filled night never took place.

However, as someone commented years later, if it were not for that night in 1956, the men and women who are now free to walk through those once closed doors, wouldn't be ruling in parliament today. There certainly would have been no majority rule without bloodshed.

It was Sir Etienne's Resolution in 1956 that prevented it.

Sir Etienne assisted the PLP when it was founded. He felt that here at last was a political party that could be an answer to the people's needs. He even assisted them when they decided to send a small delegation to the Colonial Office in London to complain over the way that the UBP had decided to appoint public boards — a battle that they won.

However, they lost the support of The Tribune on their return from England.

We shall reserve that story for tomorrow.

Improve services for ferry passengers waiting to board

EDITOR, The Tribune.

THE Bahamas Fast Ferries company has been in operation for a number of years and I am of the opinion that it has been reasonably successful financially. It has been of great assistance for passengers traveling to the Family Islands which it services and the communities of Eleuthera, Andros and Abaco in particular are very grateful for its existence.

However, it is widely believed that more can be done to accommodate passengers awaiting boarding at the various ports. For instance, at Spanish Wells, Current and Harbour Island there is no terminal where passengers can sit in comfort and wait for the arrival of the vessel. There are no toilet facilities, and, should there be rain or diverse weather, the passengers have nowhere to shelter.

This was especially evident on January 3 at Current for the hapless passengers on the Fast ferry "Sea Wind." Departure time was given for 7pm and passengers began arriving at 6pm. In many instances passengers were dropped off and

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their rides were not in a position to wait with them for the arrival of the vessel. Also, persons with cars for transport to Nassau were not prepared to leave and travel to settlements as far away as Savannah Sound, and then returning. Fortunately, this being one of the winter months there was not the invasion of sandflies and mosquitoes which regularly plague persons at the dock in the summer months. However, heavy draft was falling and some moles were exposed.

After no boat had arrived by 7pm questions were asked and information was received that the boat would not arrive until about 8.30pm. This time was changed on at least one occasion and the vessel did not eventually arrive in the Current until about 9.15pm and the passengers eventually arrived at their destination at 12.45am on January 4. The explanation given was that the vessel had lost an engine.

In the meantime passen-

gers consisting of babies and toddlers, teenagers, pets, senior citizens and other adults were left to wait at the terminal where the only shelter was a rustic building with uncomfortable wooden benches, (which incidentally were not provided by the company), and absolutely no toilet facilities besides the nearby brush. Also, in keeping with its excellent record in North Eleuthera, BEC contributed to the discomfort with at least three power cuts which also affected the oncoming vessel.

Surely it is time that the company provide some services for its passengers, at least comfortable seating and toilet facilities. They could also provide a concession area where refreshments can be sold. This is also a way to provide some employment in the form of persons to clean and sell and also to oversee the facility. I am looking forward to something being done by the company in 2011. Should I also dare hope for improvement to the road approaching the dock site?

JEANNIE THOMPSON
Nassau,
January 6, 2011.

Bahamas National Insurance Board raises taxes again

EDITOR, The Tribune.

WALLETS are a little bit lighter this week as a result of increases in the NIB payroll tax of up to 25 per cent.

There is no doubt many people receive financial help from the National Insurance Board that might otherwise be forced to do without, and that's fair enough if that's why the NIB was created.

But according to the NIB's web site: "Its primary mission was and is to provide income-replacement in respect of sickness, invalidity, maternity, retirement, death, industrial injury/disease, and involuntary loss of income."

Obviously this is paid from the money taken from workers themselves in the first place.

As the political class began to see the votes they might get if they appear to be concerned about the less fortunate, the mission changed as the NIB confirms.

They tell us that: "NIB's added mission in the administration of the country's social security programme, is to provide assistance for needy citizens and to assist with the social and infrastructural development of the country." (emphasis added).

And so as the potential political payoff clouds the original intent of NIB even more, Bahamians will have to be taxed more and more if they are to ever receive the retirement benefits they were forced to "contribute."

What is just as distasteful is the law forces employers to deduct the NIB tax from the pay

packet of employees before they receive it, and then the government spends the funds on buildings or new programmes and bureaucracies that will inevitably deplete the fund as their own actuarial studies report.

There is a better way. The NIB should be converted from a pay as you go system and the funds contributed (in this case it would be a contribution and not a tax) are kept in an account earmarked for each individual that pays NIB, and if a contributor does not want to utilise the government programme, they should have every right to join the private pension plan of their choice.

With regard to help for the poor, find ways to encourage people to donate to private charities.

One possibility is to allow property owners to pay reduced property taxes if they contribute the funds to charitable causes. For example; if the annual property tax rate is \$1,000 the property owner might be allowed to donate \$600 to a private charity in lieu of paying any property tax.

These are not the only potential solutions to helping the poor and protecting individuals retirement funds, but there must be a better way than following the failed "government social safety nets" around the world.

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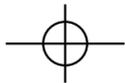


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LOCAL NEWS

Accusations prompt test of water supply

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ASSURANCE:
Phenton Neymour

A TEAM of experts will test the water supply at the Water and Sewerage Corporation's reverse osmosis plant in Grand Cay, Abaco, following accusations that the water is undrinkable.

PLP chairman Bradley Roberts hit out at the Water and Sewerage Corporation (WSC), which he once headed as Minister for Works in the former government, for failing to remedy the high levels of Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) in water supplies at the Grand Cay Reverse Osmosis (RO) plant before December 31 as promised.

But Minister of Works Phenton Neymour accused Mr Roberts of whipping up undue alarm as the WSC reported on December 28 that the quality of the water had improved significantly.

When Mr Roberts issued a public statement yesterday insisting the water was still foul smelling and not drinkable, Mr Neymour contacted customers in Grand Cay who assured him the water was better than it had been before Christmas, he said.

The minister also assured customers the WSC was sending an RO supplier and hydrologist to investigate the cause of complaints as those customers who informed Mr Roberts their water supply is still undrinkable may have had a cross-connection in their water supply.

The WSC's assistant general manager for the Family Islands and area manager for Abaco are also flying into Abaco this morning to investigate the cause of complaints and test for H2S levels at the Grand Cay plant.

Mr Neymour said he believes the WSC is living up to its mandate to provide customers with clean water that is safe to drink, as the corporation hired a new con-

tractor to install a new system when H2S problems arose late last year.

Hydrogen Sulfide is a common problem at water plants throughout the Bahamas as organic matter in the soil gives off the H2S gas, which can build up and make the water undrinkable, as it did at WSC RO plants in Exuma and Acklins under Mr Roberts' watch as Minister of Works, Mr Neymour said.

The colourless, flammable gas, characterised by its rotten egg odour, is considered an extremely hazardous toxic compound and in high concentrations attacks the human body as a chemical asphyxiant, similar to carbon monoxide and cyanide, inhibiting cellular respiration and uptake of oxygen and causing biochemical suffocation; according to website safetydirectory.com.

Because of this, the WSC regularly aerates water at their plants to rid it of H2S, the minister said.

"Hydrogen Sulfide challenges are not uncommon in the Bahamas," he asserted.

"The WSC has indicated that in the Bahamas anywhere between 25 and 30 per cent of the time they experience Hydrogen Sulfide at various levels, so with all of that information, I am indeed shocked by Mr Roberts, because he is a former Minister of Works with responsibility for the Water and Sewerage Corporation, and during his tenure experienced the same challenges throughout the Bahamas.

"So I think it's wrong of him to raise, or attempt to raise, some major alarm.

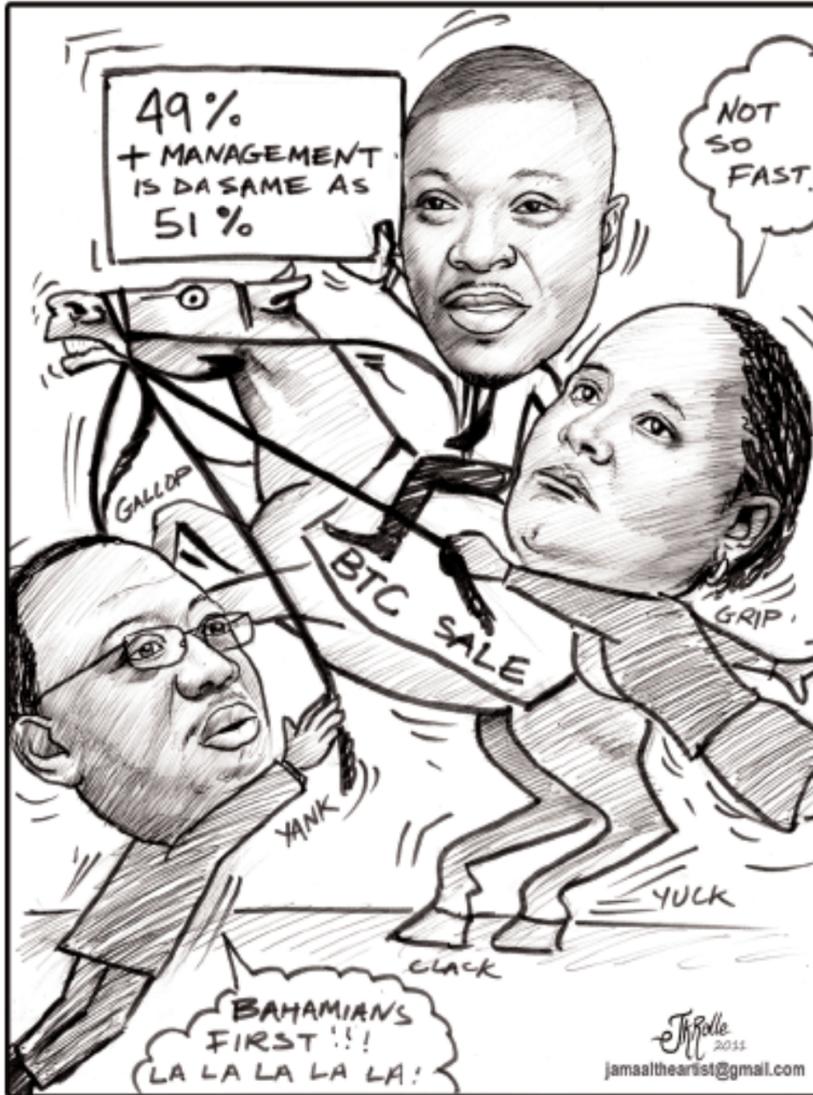
"I feel Mr Roberts should demonstrate some maturity and not try to raise undue alarm where it's not necessary.

"I consider his actions to be political, but not only are they political, but also hypocritical.

"The WSC, in my view, are taking their standard procedures and adhering to them."



THE BTC SITUATION



91 Haitians, 46 Dominicans repatriated

REPATRIATION exercises returned 91 citizens of Haiti to the country's capital Port-au-Prince and 46 Dominicans to Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic this week.

Director of Immigration Jack Thompson said the 72 Haitian men and 19 Haitian women repatriated this weekend included the 57 migrants apprehended in Exuma last Sunday, as well as 34 Haitians found to be living in New Providence without legal status.

Those apprehended in Exuma were found onboard a

sloop near Sandy Cay on the southern side of Great Exuma at around 2am on Sunday, January 4.

They were apprehended by a team of immigration officers and Royal Bahamas Defence Force (RBDF) marines who flew in from Nassau to board the vessel at sunrise. A total of 44 undocumented men and 13 women were apprehended in the exercise and taken to Nassau for processing.

Among the 46 Dominicans repatriated were five men arrested for illegal landing in Abaco, as well as 41 arrested

by the RBDF for poaching in Bahamian waters.

"The Immigration Department along with its other law enforcement agencies remains vigilant regarding the Immigration law," Mr Thompson said.

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LOCAL NEWS

PLP supporters urged to recapture 'the spirit of political idealism'



MAJORITY RULE DAY:
Perry Christie

Majority Rule anniversary

PROGRESSIVE Liberal Party supporters were called on to recapture the spirit of political idealism culminated in the Majority Rule Day of 1967 yesterday.

Party members charged that after 44 years, the dream and promise of economic justice through equitable wealth distribution remains unfulfilled.

Commemorating the anniversary of the historic event, the party hosted a prayer breakfast in the ballroom of the Wyndham Nassau Resort, Cable Beach.

During his keynote address, leader of the party Perry Christie told supporters that the anniversary memorialized an era of the "Golden Age of idealism in Bahamian politics."

"It was an era marked by an extraordinary spirit of selfless struggle and sacrifice," said Mr Christie. "An age that was

marked by a collective desire to be a part of what was clearly understood to be.

"Those were the good old days of Bahamian politics because it was all about uplifting our people and uplifting our country rather than seeing what one could get for oneself," he said. Majority Rule day – recognized on January 10 each year – signifies the end of the governance of the majority of Bahamians by a minority.

Following a general election, the then governing United Bahamian Party was replaced by the PLP, with the support of recently elected Sir Randol Fawkes, a Labour member, and Sir Alvin Braynen, an Independent member.

At yesterday's event, the party leader advised support-

ers to be inspired by the progress made by past generations and to use its momentum to meet the current societal challenges.

Mr Christie said: "We cannot allow this to be an occasion for simple minded remembrance and instead we have to seize this moment. This 44th anniversary is a reminder of the urgent need to embrace afresh the ideals that guided our party in an earlier time.

"Just as the front line warriors of the PLP took on the great challenges of their time and overcame them, we too are now summoned by history to meet the major challenges that confront our society today," he said. The brunch preceded a mass demonstration organized by labour unions for this

evening – the latest demonstration in their continuing argument with the government over the sale of BTC.

Actions taken by the unions seek to commemorate the general strike of 1958, in which thousands of workers took part.

The strike, which resulted in the Trade Union and Industrial Conciliation Act and the creation of the Labour Department, is also credited with influencing Sir Allan Lennox Boyd, then Secretary of State for the Colonies, to order the first constitutional steps toward Majority Rule for the Bahamas.

Additional speakers included party chairman Bradley Roberts and Fox Hill MP Fred Mitchell.

The Fox Hill MP spoke in the absence of Lady Marguerite

Pindling, wife of former Prime Minister, the late Sir Lynden Pindling.

Mr Mitchell chronicled the events that led up to the political and national achievement, highlighting its significance to the PLP and the Bahamian people.

Acknowledging that for many Bahamians – in some respects – there has been regression in the years following Majority Rule, Mr Roberts urged those present to remember the promise of the historic milestone.

"Wherever there is injustice," said Mr Roberts, "be it social, political or economic, we have a responsibility to speak out and to correct it. Wherever freedom is being stifled and replaced with dictatorship and

oppression, we have a responsibility to fearlessly stand against it – this generation has the responsibility of continuing the struggle and fulfilling the promises of Majority Rule which are deeply rooted in the principles of democracy, justice, freedom and fair play which collectively embody the Bahamian dream.

"Your country demands no less of you."

PLP COMMEMORATES MAJORITY RULE ON GRAND BAHAMA



ARTHUR HANNA and Mrs. Anne Marie Davis, wife of Philip 'Brave' Davis, were guests at a prayer breakfast held in Freeport to commemorate Majority Rule Day. West End and Bimini MP Obie Wilchcombe is seen making a presentation to Mrs Davis and Mr Hanna.

By DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREEPORT – The Progressive Liberal Party on Grand Bahama recognized 27 residents here on Sunday while commemorating the 44th anniversary of Majority Rule in the Bahamas.

A prayer breakfast was held at the Our Lucaya Resort on Sunday under the patronage of former Governor General Arthur Hanna.

Those honoured were Patronella Bowen-Simms, Peatrel Russell, Dora Bartlett, Rejoina Martin, Felix Seymour, Violet Pintard-Johnson, Naomi Simmons, Asa Jones, Stanley Simmons, George Curtis, Antoinette Seymour, Lorenzo Bullard, Maurice Moore, Earnest Armbrister,

Addison Culmer, Arlington 'Spike' Mackey, Dennis 'Preacher' Hall, Andrew Munnings, Mable Colton, Edgar Outten, Hilton Bowleg, Lenny Butler, Earl Walkin, Rejoina Curtis, Clarence Bartlett, Granville Garvey, and Mary Wilchcombe.

Philip 'Brave' Davis, Deputy Leader of the PLP, and Member of Parliament for West End and Bimini Obie Wilchcombe were also present and addressed those honoured. Rev. Dr. Keith Russell prayed for the nation, and the Rt. Rev. Cornell J. Moss, VII Diocesan Bishop of Guyana, including the Ceyanne and Surinam, prayed for the Leader of the PLP.

Majority Rule is celebrated on January 10. Carolyn Kinglocke, chairman of GB PLP Convention Organizing Committee, said all Bahamians benefited, in one way

or another, from the historic event that took place on January 10, 1967.

"Majority Rule presented the opportunity for real democracy to come to the Bahamas, underpinned by equality, tolerance, economic justice, social justice, all important elements in the creation of a free, modern, democratic state," she said.

"We pay homage to the personalities and players in this epic struggle. In a hard fought and competitive election in 1967, the PLP delivered the following 18 members to a 38-member House of Assembly. They were: Lynden Pindling, Preston Albury, Clarence Bain, Milo Butler, Clifford Darling, Elwood Donaldson, Arthur Foulkes, Carlton Francis, Arthur Hanna, Warren Levarity, Curtis MacMillan, Uriah McPhee, Maurice Moore, Edmund Moxey, Jimmy Shepherd, George Thompson, Jeffrey Thompson and Cecil Wallace Whitfield.

"Randol Fawkes, who successfully ran as Labour in 1962 and 1967 with the support of the PLP, threw his support behind the PLP and became a member of the first Majority Rule cabinet. He figured prominently in the movement toward Majority Rule," she recalled.

Ms Kinglocke revealed that the upcoming PLP mini-convention is slated for Grand Bahama at the end of January. She noted that Majority Rule is the singular event in Bahamian history that played a significant role in shaping the modern Bahamas of today.

"The significant events leading up and emanating from Majority Rule must become permanently etched in the Bahamian historical landscape as these events define us as a people, reveals what we believe in as Bahamians, and serves as a constant reminder to us of our vision and values," she said.

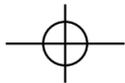
Scripture Thought

Micah Chapter 2 verse 1-5

WOE TO EVILDOERS

Woe to those who devise iniquity, and work out evil on their beds! At morning light they practice it, because it is in the power of their hand. They covet fields and take them by violence, also houses, and seize them. So they oppress a man and his house, a man and his inheritance.

Therefore thus says the LORD: "Behold, against this family I am devising disaster, from which you cannot remove your necks; nor shall you walk haughtily, for this is an evil time. In that day one shall take up a proverb against you, and lament with a bitter lamentation, saying: We are utterly destroyed! He has changed the heritage of my people; how He has removed it from me! To a turncoat He has divided our fields." Therefore you will have no one to determine boundaries by lot in the assembly of the LORD.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Stern finds vindication in Anna Nicole Smith case

By LINDA DEUTSCH, AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After losing Anna Nicole Smith and then a court battle over her estate, Howard K. Stern says a judge's dismissal of convictions in a prescription drug case vindicates both him and the late Playboy model.

"I loved Anna and I cared for her so much. I have no regrets," Stern told The Associated Press in an interview Thursday, hours after the court reversed his two conspiracy convictions for using his name on prescriptions for Smith.

"The regrets I have are for what people caused afterward," he said, referring to multiple legal complications that arose after Smith died of a drug overdose in Florida in February, 2007.

The most agonizing postscript, he said, was the prescription drug abuse charges filed in Los Angeles against Stern, Smith's psychiatrist Dr. Kristine Eroshevich and Dr. Sandeep Kapoor, Smith's general physician. He called the months of trial a nightmare.

Prosecutors had argued that Smith was an addict, and the defendants were feeding her addiction rather than providing prescription drugs for any legitimate medical purpose.

But after a long and costly prosecution, Superior Court Judge Robert Perry threw out conspiracy convictions against Stern and Eroshevich on Thursday, allowing one charge against her to remain but reducing it to a misdemeanor. The jury had already acquitted Kapoor of all charges against him.

The judge concluded that Smith was not an addict by legal definition but was rather a woman seeking relief from chronic pain. He said the jury verdicts suggested they agreed.

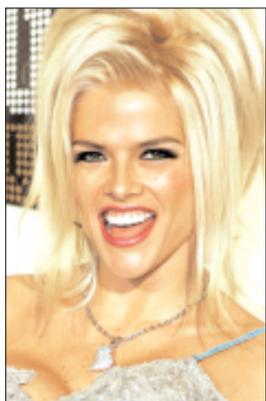
Perry said Stern clearly did not intend to violate the law when he used his name on drug prescriptions for Smith. The judge said the defendants who used false names for Smith were trying to protect her privacy in a manner used by many celebrities.

Stern praised the ruling as "a huge victory and vindication for Anna and the person she really was, not the person the prosecution tried to portray her as."

He called the case "a dishonest prosecution with no purpose but to ruin our lives and for their publicity and political gain."

Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley criticized the judge's decision, saying it "denigrates the substantial investigative efforts conducted by the state Department of Justice and the medical board." He said he would appeal.

Stern attorney Steve Sadow



HOWARD K. STERN and the late ANNA NICOLE SMITH

said his strongest and most unusual defense theme was love.

He told jurors that Smith was the love of Stern's life and he would never have done anything to hurt her.

He said prosecutors at times portrayed Stern as a Svengali trying to control Smith for money, a claim he said was false.

"The love was a fact," Sadow said. "It was the truth and all I had to do was sell the true facts to the jury. They had to understand the relationship between Howard and Anna rather than the false and fictitious relationship the prosecution tried to sell. And of course we had the pictures."

Sadow said the turning point in the trial came when the prosecution imported two nannies from the Bahamas who testified that Smith was in a

drugged, semi-comatose state for weeks after the birth of her child and accused Stern of keeping her drugged.

The defense then produced dozens of dazzling photographs of the blonde beauty from the same time period, showing her vibrant and smiling, cuddling her baby, posing with Stern, celebrating her birthday and participating in their commitment ceremony on a yacht.

Stern said he sometimes marvels at the turn of fate that led him to Smith and the love story that consumed his life. He was her lawyer first and then her lover.

"Back then could I ever have anticipated where I am now? Not in a million years," he said.

At 41, he said he has not had time to evaluate his future or to mourn for his lost love.

He said a bright light in his

life is Smith's daughter, Dannielynn, who he once thought was his. She is being raised by her father, photographer Larry Birkhead.

He said he and Birkhead, who once fought in court, are

now working together on Smith's estate and Birkhead will probably become its sole administrator.

He said he will have visits with Dannielynn and hopes to tell her about her mother.

"She just reminds me of her mom," he said of the 4-year-old child.

"She's a junior version of Anna. Larry is doing a great job with her. She's the happiest little girl you'll ever see."



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(001) Lot #10 in Sandilands Allotment on the western side of Crosswind Road between Seabreeze Lane and Pineyard in the Eastern District of The Island of New Providence. The Bahamas, containing single storey private residence comprising the following: covered entry porch, living room, dining room, kitchen, laundry room, family room, sitting area, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathroom and patio. The total area of land is approximately 7,641 sq ft. Appraised value \$238,900.

(001) Two parcels of land containing 21,120 sq ft, situated on the southern side of East Shirley Street and 100 feet west of its junction with "Shirley" in the Eastern District of the Island of New Providence - The Bahamas. Situated thereon is a Gas Station and Auto Repair Shop. Appraised value \$492,000.

(005) Single Family Residence located on the Northern Side of West Bay Street, and immediately East of Caprice Condominium Complex (Cable Beach). The home of 3,854 square feet consist of 5 bedrooms, 4 1/2 bathrooms, detached building (double car garage) is 600 square feet, with reinforced sea wall, swimming pool & deck. The waterfront property has a land size of 20,994 square feet. Appraised Value \$1,512,571.

(001) All that parcel or lot of land being Lots #10 and 11 in Block 29 of Coconut Grove Subdivision, containing a shopping plaza. The lot is trapezium in shape, 8,163 square feet. Appraised value \$315,000.

(003) All that piece or parcel of lot containing 6,887 sq ft, situated on the Eastern side of East Street North. The property is completely utilized by a commercial building. Eriected on the property is a two storey masonry structure with green area consisting of the following: floor (Ground & Second) - 3,341 sq ft, Storage - 5,320 sq ft, Lunch Room - 715 sq ft, Patios & Walkway - 1,509 sq ft. Appraised value TBA

(003) All that piece or parcel of lot containing 8,075 square feet situated on the Northern side of Sands Lane Fort Newcastle City District. The property is commercially zoned with an old Bahamian style building constructed of wood frame with cement stucco walls. The building consists of the following: Ground Floor, 4 Offices, Reception, Kitchen and Storage. Upper level - 2 Offices, Conference room, 1 Bathroom & Storage. The floor is approximately 2,560 square feet with porch area 190 sq ft. Appraised value TBA

(011) Residential/Commercial property, 1697 137, located Calmwater, Eastern District, New Providence with a size of 4800 sq ft. The property contains a 2 storey 1500 sq ft building, upper level: 2 bed 1 bath apartment, lower level: Beauty salon. The building finishes: concrete block wall, 4" concrete partitions, asphalt shingle roof, tiled floors, wood ceilings, private water system, standard electrical and plumbing fixtures, central air-condition (split system), burglar bees. Appraised value \$191,000.

(011) Two lots #248 & 249 located Dovesville Subdivision, Southern District, New Providence on which an incomplete building is situated. The properties are residentially and multi-family zoned, with graded, incomplete landscaped and fenced in on 3 sides. The building is 4200 sq ft with a 2 storey multi-family at the roof stage with 1 bedroom unit attached. There are accommodations for the upper floor: 4 units 1 bed 1 bath each, 3 units, 1 bed 1 bath each, lower floor - 2 bed 1 bath. Garage converted to 1 bed 1 bath, which is 90% completed with a terrace. Appraised value \$296,000.

(011) Single-family/multi-family residential property situated 1/4 mile east of South Ocean Boulevard in the Western District of New Providence consisting of a portion of lot #15 comprised of 6,472 of an acre containing a 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bathrooms residence and three residences under construction; Appraised value \$250,000.00. Other portion of lot #15 vacant, comprised of 0.574 of an acre. Appraised value \$170,000.

(001) Parcel of land situated in the subdivision of Gleniston Garden 11, 250 sq ft Lot #

9 block 20 in the district of New Providence containing a two-storey residence, ground floor contains a kitchen, dining room, lounge, a family room, a veranda at the front and side with a patio to the back of the house. The upper floor contains 2 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, walk in closet and a storage area with a balcony to master bedroom. Approx size of building 2800 sq ft. Appraisal TBA

(569) Lot #27 of Village Allotment #14 in the Eastern District, containing residence situated on Denver Street off Parkgate Road in the Armo's Town Constituency, New Providence. Property size 2,500 sq. ft. Building size 980 sq. ft. Appraised value \$50,000.

(569) Lot #2 in block #01 Steward Road, Coral Heights East Subdivision situated in Western District of New Providence, approx. size 8,000 sq. ft. with a split level containing two bed, two bath, living, dining & family rooms, kitchen and utility room - approx. size of building 2,650 sq. ft. Appraised value: \$322,752

(569) Lot #20 with residential property located Skyline Heights. Appraised value \$280,000.

(569) Lot of land being lot number 11 in Block number 10 on a plan of allotments laid out by Village Estates Limited and filed in the dept of Land & Surveys as number 142 N.P. and situated in the Eastern District of New Providence. Property contains three bed, two bath residence. Appraised value \$165,000.00

(569) Lot B 50 ft x 115.73 ft situated on the north side of Shell Fish Road, being the third lot west of Fire Trail Road and east of Hamster Road with a one half duplex residential premises. Appraised value TBA

(569) Lot #17 located Village Allotment with fourplex - value - \$590,000

(569) Property situated on Williams Lane off Kemp Road, New Providence, Bahamas containing a two-storey house and an apartment building consisting of 1800 sq ft. Appraised value \$100,000.00

(569) Lot of land situated on Fire Trail Road being a partition of Gladstone Allot #41 New Providence, Bahamas containing townhouse apartment unit and two proposed units (completed as is). Appraised value \$237,714.

(569) All that piece, parcel or lot of land situated on Cowpen Road (1000 ft east of the Faith Avenue Junction) in the Southern District of New Providence, Bahamas containing a duplex apartment comprising of two - 2 bedroom/1 bathroom apartments. Appraised value \$175,000.00.

(569) Lot of land #982 situate on Chestnut St. in Pinewood Gardens in the Southern District of the Island of New Providence with a partially constructed concrete residence thereon. Appraised value TBA.

(569) Lot # 1018 in Golden Gates Estates #2 Subdivision situate in the South Western District of the Island of New Providence containing a single storey private residence 3 bedroom 2 bath. Property approx. size 6,000 sq ft. Building approx size 2,400 sq ft. Appraised Value \$173,175.

(569) Lot # B Block B situate on Rosedale Street in the Casey's Subdivision containing a four bedroom two bath residence. Building size 1,234 sq feet. Property size approx 4,500 sq ft. Appraised Value \$149,000.

(569) Single storey triplex, situated on Lot 615, Mermaid Boulevard, Golden Gates #2 in the Western District, New Providence. Two - two bedrooms, one bathroom units and one - one bedroom, one bathroom unit. The property is zoned as Multi Family Residential, measuring 2,992 sq ft with the living area measuring 2,792 sq ft. Appraised value \$374,192.00

(569) All that Southwestern Mokeye or Hall Part of a Lot of Land being part of a Tract of Land now or formerly called "ANNSTOWN" situate Six Handed and Ten (610) feet Southeast of Kemps Road in the Eastern District of the Island of New Providence aforesaid and set out as Lot #35 containing a duplex. Property size 50 ft x 50 ft. Appraised \$61,000.

(569) Lot # A and B on Northern side of Carmichael Rd. Nassau with building and foundation for a warehouse. Property size 15,780 sq ft. Appraised value \$325,000.

(569) Vacant lot single family zoning. Lot # 21 of the subdivision called "Southern Shores" / Caranaa Subdivision located on Marshall Road. Property size is some 67.66 feet on the sub road and 04.49 on one side, 35.21 at the back and some 85.61 on the other side of 5,475 sq ft of land space. Appraised value \$85,000

(569) Undeveloped lots #4A, 16, 17, 18 and 19 located Chapman Estates, West Bay. Appraised value \$340,000

(569) All that piece parcel or lot of land being Lot #11 of the "Lee Acres" subdivision situate in the vicinity of Sandilands Village in the Eastern District of the Island of New Providence. Appraised Value TBA

(569) All that piece parcel or lot of land numbered Lot #5 being a portion of Lot #24 Crown Grant AR 44 situate Road off Carmichael Road in the Southern District of the Island of New Providence. Property is 5075 sq ft. Appraised value \$50,000.

(569) All that piece parcel or lot of land situated on the northwest corner of Butler's Lane & Bommer Street, Fox Hill in the Eastern District of New Providence. Appraised value: \$57,000.

(723) All that piece parcel or lot of land being Lot # 5 in Block #9 in the Subdivision known as Millar Heights situate in the Western District of the Island of New Providence. Property is 75' x 100' approx 7,500 sq ft. Appraised value TBA

(569) All that piece parcel or lot of land located Coral Heights East. Appraised value: TBA.

(570) All that piece parcel or lot of land known as Lot # 5 being a portion of a larger tract of land known as Lot # 11 of Southern Shores Subdivision situate in the Southern District of the Island of New Providence. Property is 62.22' x 109.29' approx 7,019 sq feet. Appraised Value \$80,000.

sq ft. Appraised value \$325,000.

(569) All that piece parcel or lot of land situate on the East Side of Miller's Road and 2763.50 ft South of Carmichael Rd. being Lot #8 containing a triplex. Property size 60' x 100' (3,000 sq ft) Appraised Value TBA.

(569) Lot #2, Block #5, Englemston Sub-Division, Southern District of N.P. containing a partly completed building. Property size approx. 3,535 sq ft. Appraised value \$64,000

(008) Property containing 3 bed 1 bath home Single Family Residence. All that piece of parcel or lot of land being Lot. Number 2819 lying within the Subdivision known as Cedar Groves Estate situated in the Southern District of the Island of New Providence in The Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Property Size 8,250. Appraised Value \$157,100.00

(569) All that piece parcel or lot of land situate North of Believers Gospel Chapel, Prince Charles Dr. identified as Parcel "B" and containing thereon a four unit Apartment Complex. Property size is 20,531 sq ft. Appraised value \$447,600.

(569) All that piece parcel or lot of land situated in Englemston being Lot #12 and #13 containing an incomplete triplex apartment - Appraised value \$195,000.

(569) All that piece parcel or lot of land situated Pinewood Gardens containing thereon a three bedroom residence. Appraised value \$ 85,000.

(569) All that piece parcel or lot of land numbered Lot #262 Ausaruk Blvd., Elizabeth Estates containing thereon a Three (3) bedroom residence. Appraised value \$110,000.00

(569) All that piece parcel or lot of land numbered 1002 in the area called and known as Pinewood Gardens Subdivision on the Island of New Providence and contains thereon a 1,449 sq ft. building. Said Property is 5090 sq ft. Appraised Value \$179,000

(569) All that piece parcel or lot of land numbered #35 and #36 in Block #23 in the area called and known as Nassau Village Subdivision on the Island of New Providence and contains thereon a 915 sq ft apartment building. Said Property is 5000 sq ft. Appraised Value \$178,000

(569) Lot #201 Ausaruk Avenue of Pylrom Estates Subdivision situated in the Eastern District, New Providence Island and containing thereon a 3-bedroom residence. Lot approx. 6,000 sq ft. (60' x 100'). Appraised value TBA

(011) Lot # 659 on the northeastern side of Malow Street, Elizabeth Estates East Phase 2, Yamacraw constituency, New Providence Island. Lot of the land - 5,085 sq ft. with a 22-year old single level residence, 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom. Appraised value \$94,871

(569) All that piece parcel or plot of land comprising 2,513 sq ft, situated on the Eastern side of Armstrong St. and approx. 30ft. north of Shirley St. containing a two-storey wooden structure. Appraised Value \$152,325

(569) Lot of land on the east side of Miller's Road (now known as Bacardi Rd) and 2,763.50 feet south of Carmichael Rd in the Southern District of the Island of New Providence and containing thereon a duplex (2bed 1 bath). Building is 1,616 sq ft. and property is 8,071 sq ft. Appraised Value \$180,000.

(569) Lot of land being Lot #44 of the subdivision known as Johnson Estate situated in the Eastern District, New Providence, and containing thereon a two storey concrete building. Appraised value \$277,000.

(569) Tract of land situate South of Cowpen Road in the Eastern District, Island of New Providence, containing thereon a fire damaged structure. Appraised Value \$325,000.

(569) Lot of land known as Lot #231 in Treasure Cove Subdivision situated in the eastern District of New Providence and containing thereon a 3-bedroom 2-bath residence with swimming pool and other amenities. Building is approx 1,775 sq ft and property is 6,200 sq ft. Appraised Value \$474,540.

(569) Lot of land in Shirley Heights Subdivision being Lot #6 Block 21 consisting thereon

a 3-bed 2-bath concrete building. Appraised value \$155,000.

(571) Lot Number 223, Coral Harbour Waterways Subdivision, Western District, New Providence containing a split level 5 bed 4 1/2 bath residence. Living space is 5,200 sq ft. Property is 10,634 sq ft. Appraised Value \$982,000

(569) Lot of land being Lot #6 situate in Garden Hills #2 Subdivision in the Southern District of the Island of New Providence and containing thereon a partially completed shopping plaza which measures 8,900 sq ft. Property size is 17,800 sq ft. Appraised Val \$1,076,000.

(569) Lot of land being Lot number 676 in the Subdivision called and known as Pinewood Gardens situate in the East-Central District of the Island of New Providence and containing thereon a 3-bedroom 1-bath concrete residence. Appraised Val TBA

(569) Lots of land being Lots number 309 and 674 in the Subdivision called and known as Stapledon Gardens situate in the Western District of the Island of New Providence, containing thereon rental units. Appraised value TBA

(006) Lot of land situate on the Northern side of Delancy Street with newly constructed 2-1/2 storey office building. Property size is approx. 4,930 sq ft. Appraised value \$992,000.

(501) Lot of land with rental complex situated in Union Village: Nassau, Bahamas. Appraised value \$50,000.

(569) Lot of land situate on the Southern side of Martin St and containing thereon a triplex (2) 2bed 1 bath units and (1) 1bed 1 bath unit and a duplex (2) 2 bed 1 bath units. Property is 7,245 sq ft. Appraised value: TBA

(569) Lot of land referred to as Lot #1 in the immediate vicinity of Golden Gates #1, which is located on the western side of Mutton Fish Drive approx 970 ft south of Bird Road in the Southern District of New Providence. Property contains thereon a Car Wash Shed-573 sq ft, office (Beauty Salon)-204 sq ft, Restaurant and Bar Bldg - 1,490 sq ft. Total property is approx. 5,006 sq ft. Appraised value TBA

(573) Lot of land situate in the Southwestern District of the Island of New Providence and being Lot #13 of the Subdivision called and known as Sunshine Park Estates containing thereon a 60' x 30' foundation for a duplex. Property is 5,000 sq ft. Appraised value \$65,000.

(571) Lot of land being Lot #6 situate in Garden Hills #2 Subdivision in the Southern District of the Island of New Providence and containing thereon a partially completed shopping plaza which measures 8,960 sq ft. Property size is 17,000 sq ft. Appraised value \$1,076,000.

(571) Lot of land situated in Boughton Estates located immediately south of Southern Heights Subdiv. and north of Cowpen Rd. and containing thereon an incomplete duplex bldg. Prop. is 8,737 sq ft. bldg is 1,740 sq ft. Appraised value \$131,000.00

(572) Lot of land situate in the Eastern District of New Providence being Lot #4 Wall Road and containing thereon an office building. Property is 4,500 sq ft. (50' x 90') Appraised value TBA

FREEPORT

(006) Single Story tri-plex building, one 2 bedrooms and two 1-bedroom located on a multi-family Lot No 4, block 3, Shirley Lane, section 1, Bahama Reef Vache & Country Club Subdivision, Freeport Grand Bahama. Property size is approx. 16,621 sq feet. Appraised value \$348,000.

(065) All that piece parcel or lot of land and improvements thereon known as No.3 block 31 Bahama Marina & Section IX located in southwestern city of Freeport Grand Bahama Island. Approx. 13,070 sq ft. or 0.30 acres property contains duplex dwelling. Appraised value \$100,000.

(01-F) Residential Carol Lots 30, 31 & 32, Block 1, Pine Bay Subdivision Freeport, Grand Bahama, containing two storey House, 4 bed, 3 baths Situated on 1.62 Acres of land. Appraised value \$1,372,200

60 Bahama Subdivision VI containing 3 acres located Freeport, Grand Bahama. Appraised Value \$463,914

(108) Vacant Single Family Lot #5 Block F Bahama South Sub, Freeport, Grand Bahama. Appraised value \$35,700

(569) Undeveloped lot #149, Seafan Lane, Lagoon Beach Subdivision, Grand Bahama, 18750 square feet. Appraised value TBA

(569) Vacant land Lot #8, Block #19 at Bahama West Sub Division (Port Area) of Freeport, Grand Bahama Property size approx 25,500 sq ft. Appraised value \$65,000.

(569) All that piece parcel or lot of land being Lot #1, Block N situated in Bahama South Subdivision, Freeport, Grand Bahama. Appraised value \$30,000.

(571) Lot #9, Block 7 Aberdeen Drive, Bahama West Replac Subdivision, Freeport, Grand Bahama, consisting of 12,100 sq ft. Appraised value \$51,000

(569) Vacant property consisting of Lot #894 situated in the Freeport Ridge Subdivision, Section #1, Freeport, Grand Bahama, Bahamas. Appraised value: TBA

(571) Lot of land being number ten (10) Block Number Three (3) Bristol Bay Subdivision, Unit One (1) in the City of Freeport in the Island of Grand Bahama, Bahamas. Property is approx 6.42 acre. Appraised value \$55,000.

(011) Vacant Lot of land located West End Grand Bahama containing 0581 square feet or 20 acres situated in Ginn Sur Mer subdivision, in the island of Grand Bahama. Appraised value: \$575,000.00

(571) Vacant lot of land #476 Versailles Sur Mer Club & Resort, West End Plat No. 3 subdivision, on the island of Grand Bahama, Bahamas. Appraised value \$560,000

(910) Lot #16, Unit 5, Block 22 Clearwater Cove, Lincoln Green Subdivision Grand Bahama, residential property. Appraised value: TBA

VACANT PROPERTIES

NEW PROVIDENCE

(001) Vacant property located 40 ft. east of Balls Alley on the northern side of East Shirley Street and known as "Old Plantation Inc", in the eastern district of New Providence. Property size 7,113 sq ft, with open zoning. Appraised value \$120,000.

(001) Three single-family/multi-family residential vacant parcels of land being Lots # 10, 11 & 12 situated on the Southern side of Fire Trail Road in the Western District of New Providence. Property sizes are Lot #10 - 8,367 sq ft., Lot #11 - 9,015 sq ft., and Lot #12 - 6,774 sq ft. Appraised value: \$85,000 for each lot.

(001) Vacant Lot No. 1A, located on the eastern side of Fox Hill Rd., 235 feet north of Prince Charles Drive, Nassau, Bahamas. The open zoning/multi-family property size is approx. 10,322.05 sq ft. Appraised value \$150,000

(001) Vacant lot of land located West Bay Street, directly opposite the entrance to Chipingham Road, Nassau Bahamas. The property consist of approximately 61,780 sq ft or 1.42 acres. Property has approximately 546 feet of ocean frontage with protected anchorage from the southern side of Anzakav Cay. Parcel A contains 27,800 sq ft and Parcel B contain 34,700. All reasonable offers will be considered.

(569) Lot of land in the subdivision called and known as EASTERN ESTATES in the Eastern District of the Island of New Providence being Lot Number 14 in Block Number 9, property is approx 7,044 sq ft. Appraised Value TBA

(569) All that piece parcel or lot of land being Lot No. 977 in the Subdivision called and known as "PINWOOD GARDENS" situated in the Southern District of the Island New Providence. Appraised value \$65,000

(569) Lot No. 10 - Southeast Corner of Mandarini Drive, Sugar Apple Road, Sans Souci Subdivision. Size: 14,368 sq ft Appraised value \$165,000.

(569) All that piece parcel or lot of land located on Marigold Road in the Subdivision known as Kool Acres. Lot is approx. 7145 sq ft. Appraised value \$93,000.

(569) Vacant lot single family zoning. Lot # 21 of the subdivision called "Southern Shores" / Caranaa Subdivision located on Marshall Road. Property size is some 67.66 feet on the sub road and 04.49 on one side, 35.21 at the back and some 85.61 on the other side of 5,475 sq ft of land space. Appraised value \$85,000

(569) Undeveloped lots #4A, 16, 17, 18 and 19 located Chapman Estates, West Bay. Appraised value \$340,000

(569) All that piece parcel or lot of land being Lot #11 of the "Lee Acres" subdivision situate in the vicinity of Sandilands Village in the Eastern District of the Island of New Providence. Appraised Value TBA

(569) All that piece parcel or lot of land numbered Lot #5 being a portion of Lot #24 Crown Grant AR 44 situate Road off Carmichael Road in the Southern District of the Island of New Providence. Property is 5075 sq ft. Appraised value \$50,000.

(569) All that piece parcel or lot of land situated on the northwest corner of Butler's Lane & Bommer Street, Fox Hill in the Eastern District of New Providence. Appraised value: \$57,000.

(723) All that piece parcel or lot of land being Lot # 5 in Block #9 in the Subdivision known as Millar Heights situate in the Western District of the Island of New Providence. Property is 75' x 100' approx 7,500 sq ft. Appraised value TBA

(569) All that piece parcel or lot of land located Coral Heights East. Appraised value: TBA.

(570) All that piece parcel or lot of land known as Lot # 5 being a portion of a larger tract of land known as Lot # 11 of Southern Shores Subdivision situate in the Southern District of the Island of New Providence. Property is 62.22' x 109.29' approx 7,019 sq feet. Appraised Value \$80,000.

(569) Lot of land being Lot #5 in block #5 in the Subdivision called and known as Balkou Dale situated in the Southern District in the Island of New Providence, Bahamas. Appraised value TBA.

(569) All that piece parcel or lot of land being Lot #5 of the Forest Drive Subdivision situated South of Campendrum Drive and approx. 300 ft. West of Culberts Hill Drive located in the Eastern District of the Island of New Providence. Property is 15,681 sq ft. and is hill top. Appraised value \$201,080.00

(569) Lot of land being Lot #21 Grantanna Subdivision situate in the Western District of the Island of New Providence in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Property is approx 6,505 sq ft. Appraised value \$89,000.

(569) Lot of land being a portion of Lot #5 of block E situated in Garden Hills Subdivision in the Southern District of the Island of New Providence. Property is vacant and measures 9,496 sq ft. Appraised Val \$312,000.

(571) Lot of land being Lot #24 in a Subdivision known as and called "Rhoda's Vineyard" situate in the Southwestern District of New Providence. Prop. is 7,256 sq ft. Appraised value \$98,700.

(569) Lot of land having an area of 7000 sq ft. being Lot #12 Yamacraw Beach Estates in the eastern district of New Providence. From the intersection of Fox Hill Rd and Yamacraw Hill Rd turn onto Yamacraw Hill Road, take the first corner on the right, take the first left and property is second property on the right. Appraised value \$91,000

(569) Lot #2 situated on the western side of Golden Isles Road South of Carmichael Rd. in the Western District of New Providence. Appraised value \$83,000.00

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(001) Vacant property located Bahama South, Block 16 lot 3A, Freeport, Grand Bahama consisting of 24,029.20 sq ft. Appraised value \$2,000.

(002) Vacant Commercial Lot No. 3A, Block

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CARICOM or CARI-GONE? insight

By SIR RONALD SANDERS

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SIR RONALD SANDERS

THE New Year started with a great deal of frustration being publicly expressed over the Caribbean regional integration project which, this year, will have been in construction for forty-three years. Other integration efforts, such as the European Union (EU), which began after the Caribbean Community and Common market (CARICOM), have moved ahead much faster and much more effectively for the benefit of the people of their member countries.

It is understandable, therefore, that, in an editorial, one of the Caribbean's oldest newspaper observed that a majority of people believe that "any official attempt to unite the region as envisaged in the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME) is nothing but reverie and doomed to failure." To be fair the editorial did not trumpet this observation with glee or satisfaction. It said that "as we enter the second decade of this century, we hold fast, nevertheless, to the idea of one region."

So, on the one hand, this editorial, reflecting the views of many, still believes in the notion of a deeply integrated Caribbean - "one region," but it expresses no faith that, after forty-three years, we will see a CSME anytime soon. The editorial identified four contemporary reasons for its lack of faith in any "official" attempt to unite the region.

These reasons were: an unfortunate statement last year by the Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister that her government would no longer be "an ATM" machine for other countries of CARICOM; an injudicious remark by the same Prime Minister that, in the provision by her government of assistance to the islands of St Lucia and St Vincent and the Grenadines she would expect some benefit for the construction industry of Trinidad and Tobago; the more recent suggestion by Prime Minister Bruce Golding of Jamaica that his government favoured setting up its own national final Court of Appeal rather than according to the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ); and that CARICOM heads of government are yet to establish "any executive machinery to enforce" their own policy decisions.

All of these points are valid. There are many more besides. Among them are that instead of getting on with fashioning CARICOM into an effective vehicle to help with the improvement of their people's lives and progressing development in their countries, some governments are busily trying to cultivate relations with other larger countries far beyond the region to try to get what they can while they can. The latter strategy is, of course, unsustainable.

And, as has happened in the past, the governments now flirting, on their own, with bigger countries not on their doorstep will return to the regional fold which is not only their natural home, but also their best hope.

Fortunately, the statements by the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, while indicative of an attitude to CARICOM held by many in that country, were made in the early flush of government.

In the past, other heads of government have made equally hurtful (and not fully informed) comments in other contexts.

The truth is that Trinidad and Tobago is the principal beneficiary of trade in goods and services to CARICOM - benefits are not a one-way street.

This is the message that the government in Port-of-Spain should be delivering to its people.

Also, to those who say that Trinidad and Tobago does not need the CARICOM market, they should be challenged to identify the alternative markets, how quickly could they

be developed if they could be developed at all, and at what cost.

With regard to the statement that Mr Golding has made about establishing Jamaica's own national, final court of appeal instead of joining the CCJ for this purpose, it really is time that someone bells the cat on this as well. As I pointed out in my last commentary ("Time to make up your mind"), by April this year Jamaicans will head five extremely important CARICOM-wide institutions. These are positions for which the Jamaica government fought and other CARICOM countries agreed. What is the message that is being sent to the people of CARICOM by Jamaica? Is it that all is well when Jamaica holds the reins, but it isn't well when other CARICOM nationals are involved? This cannot be so, and Mr Golding is far too intelligent a man and too well informed to hold such a position. The time has come for Jamaica's leadership to cease pandering to the false notion of some special Jamaican capacity, and, instead, spread the true message that this region is one - and one to which Jamaica's contribution has been highly regarded by its Caribbean brothers and sisters.

The quicker that the CARICOM Secretariat, as part of an overall reform of all its activities, is given the resources and empowered to mount a sustained, multi-media campaign throughout the region on how membership of the Caribbean Community has benefitted, and can continue to benefit, the people of each CARICOM country the better. And, every government should regard it as its responsibility and obligation to carry out its own domestic programme of education and information.

Of the four points made in the Editorial to which this commentary refers, the most crucial is its observation that "the decade closed without the establishment of any executive machinery to enforce the implementation of policy decisions by heads of government." This is - and has been for decades - the fundamental problem with the lack of progress of CARICOM in establishing the CSME and even in carrying out a range of activities that are routine in organisations similar to CARICOM.

In his New Year's address as Chairman of CARICOM until July 2011, the Prime Minister of Grenada, Tillman Thomas, said that "the cry for the 'quicken of the pace' was heard" and "active consideration of new governance structures" was given by CARICOM leaders. He offered that "one of the main ideas in taking the necessary steps will be tested in this coming year with the establishment of the Permanent Committee of CARICOM Ambassadors" which, he said, "heralds a new dawn for our Community."

Mr Thomas is right to hold out hope, but it is difficult to see how another layer of national representatives will implement policy decisions of Heads, when ministers and the Secretariat were not able to do so.

The CARICOM vehicle needs an urgent overhaul, or it really will be a case of "CARICOM and gone."



MIKE LIGHTBOURN

REAL ESTATE: A 'LITTLE' BIT GOES A LONG WAY - THE INTERIOR OF YOUR HOME

By MIKE LIGHTBOURN

YOU MIGHT think that the living room or family room is the heart of your home, but in the eyes of potential purchasers, there are at least three other rooms that will demand your attention as you prepare to sell your home for top dollar. Avoiding improvements in the following areas may cost you a lot more than the small investment it takes to impress buyers.

For purchasers, the kitchen is often the most important area, and while you may not need to replace your cabinets, resurfacing or just sanding and painting will go a long way towards improving their appearance. Don't overlook the countertops - this is an immediate eye catcher. If the floor is in poor condition, consider replacing it.

In the bathrooms, fresh paint and new flooring are also fine improvements, but your greatest payoff might come from simply investing a couple hundred dollars in a new mirror and vanity. Make sure the toilets are secure and are in good condition.

The laundry room is often overlooked when it comes to improvements, but purchasers will respond positively if you install built-in shelving and storage. If your laundry area isn't flooded with light, consider upgrading the light fixtures. While you're at it, that fresh paint and new flooring wouldn't hurt here, either.

Trust me that if these three rooms are bright, neat and clean, it conveys the message that you are a responsible seller with pride of ownership, and hopefully worthy of a full price offer.

Tip of the week: Even if your home is in good condition as outlined above, if it is not PRICED PROPERLY it will languish on the market. Remember PRICE, PRICE, PRICE is what it takes if you are serious about selling.

(Mike Lightbourn is president of Coldwell Banker Lightbourn Realty)



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HOUSES/APARTMENTS/COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

EXUMA

(008) Lot #4742 Bahama Sound of Exuma No. 6 a subdivision of land situated at the southeastern portion of The Forest Estate near Southside and The Forest Great Exuma. Property size 10,000 sq ft. Building size 2400 sq ft. Consisting of 2-1 bedroom and bath unit and 1-2 bedrooms bath unit. Appraised value \$219,200.

(569) Lot # 14867 "Bahama Sound" Exuma is located about 10 miles northwest of George Town Exuma and about 1 mile south of Emerald Bay, The Four Seasons Resort and Roker's Point. Located Mt. Thompson and Farmer's Hill. The property is 10,900 sq ft in area with 80 ft frontage on Queen's Highway; the main road. The property contains a partially completed apartment complex with five, 1 bedroom units, 4 efficiency units and 1 shop space. Appraised value \$488,240.

(008) Property containing 3 beds 1-bath home constructed of concrete blocks located Moss Town and number 18 in The Department of Housing Subdivision, Moss Town Exuma Bahamas. Property Size 7853. Appraised Value \$113,000.

(008) Property containing 6 Units 1-bed 1-bath apartment units to First Floor Belt Course. Partially developed properties. All those piece or lots of land being Lot # 1679 and 1680 Bahama Sound Subdivision, Exuma Number 3, Great Exuma. Properties Size: 10,000 sq ft each. Appraised Value \$205,000.

(008) Partially developed property located 80 ft Boulevard, lot# 20, Flamingo Bay Estates near George Town, Exuma, Bahamas. The land is 25,017 square feet and being developed with a two storey apartment complex with a living area of 1770 square feet. The building is completed to the first floor helcourse and all electrical, plumbing and other rough work have been completed on the ground floor. Appraised value \$100,050.

(008) Developed property located lots #1165 & 11106, Bahama Sound #8, Great Exuma. The land is 7,200 square feet containing duplex with a building area of 1,700 square feet with (1) two bed/2bath unit and (1) two bed/1bath unit. Appraised value \$185,376.

(008) Developed property located lot#9786, Bahama Sound #9 situated at the northeastern portion of the Forest Estate in the vicinity of the settlements of Mount Thompson and Farmer's Hill and ten miles south northwest of George Town, Great Exuma. The land is 10,000 square feet developed with a single family residence with 1300 square feet of living area, containing three bedrooms, and two bathrooms. The building is constructed of hand-siding. Appraised value \$154,900.

(008) Lot located about 10.5 miles north-west of George Town, Bahama Sound #8 East lot#9947, a subdivision of land situated at the northeastern portion of The Forest Estate, in the vicinity of Mt. Thompson and Farmer's Hill, Great Exuma, Bahamas. Site contains 10,000 sq ft and is developed with a duplex apartment, containing 2-bed, 1-bath apartments. 2,160 sq ft living area of handplank construction. Appraised value \$198,000.

(008) Lot No. 5596 located Bahama Sound No. 7 east, a subdivision of land situated at the eastern portion of the Forest Estate in the vicinity of Southside and Great Exuma, Bahamas. Containing concrete building consisting of 3 bed 2 bath home building size 1962 sq ft. Lot size 10,900.00 sq ft. Appraised value \$219,050.00.

(008) Lot of land #12975, #14 Bahama Sound, Exuma (situated about 1-5/8 miles southeastwardly of George Town). Containing Handplank building consisting of a triplex partial complete 2-1 bedrooms 1 bath and 1-bed 1 bath units. Building size 2100 sq ft. Lot size 10,000 sq ft. Appraised value \$180,000.

(008) Lot # B-5707 situated approximately 11 miles north west of the settlement of George Town, Bahama Sound No. 7 east. Located between the settlements of Mt. Thompson and the forest, Great Exuma, Bahamas. Containing a triplex of two 1-bed 1-bath units and one - 2 bedrooms 1-bath unit. Building size 1765 sq ft. Property size 4,000 sq ft. Appraised value \$216,980.

(008) Lot No. 9800, Bahama Sound No. 3, a subdivision of land situated at the northeastern portion of the Forest Estate in the vicinity of the settlement of Mt. Thompson and the Forest, Great Exuma, Bahamas. Containing a triplex. Building size 2492 sq ft. Property size 10,000 sq ft. Appraised value \$36,500.

(008) All that piece of parcel of lots of land being Lot No. 6236, Bahama Sound No. 7 East a subdivision of land situated at the eastern portion of the Forest Estate in the vicinity of Southside and Forest, Great Exuma, Bahamas. Property size 10,000 sq ft. Containing a duplex. Building size 1152 sq ft Appraised value \$186,320.

(571) Lot of land being Lot #6582 Bahama Sound #8 East situated at the northeastern portion of "The Forest Estate", Exuma in the vicinity of Mt. Thompson and Farmer's Hill and containing thereon a duplex (2bed 1 bath each side) Bldg is 1,800 sq ft. property is 10,000 sq ft. Appr. val. \$299,090.00.

TOUEN, BAHAMA SOUND NO. 7 EAST

(008) Lot of land #94 x 94 x 150 on Queens Highway just south of Palmetto Point Eleuthera with a two storey stone building containing two apartments. Each unit has 3 bed/2 1/2 bath, kitchen, living room and 3 linen closets. Appraised value \$297,269.

(901) Lot #52 containing 4 bedroom 2bath concrete structure located Triana Shores Harbour Island, Eleuthera. Property size 80' x 120' x 80' 120 ft. Appraised value at \$332,735.

(901) Lot # 57 block # Triana Shores, Harbour Island Eleuthera containing 3 bed 2 bath front room, dining room, & kitchen - concrete structure. 1926.40 sq ft. wooden deck 321.00 sq ft. Property 9609 sq ft. - appraised value - \$448,645.

(901) Lot "K" Barrack Street, Harbour Island containing a 2 storey concrete building with 4 bed 4 bath, dining room & kitchen - building 2634.56 sq ft. property 6963 sq ft. - appraised value - \$479,226.

(902) Registered Legal Mortgage over Lot #84 Banana Beach, Governor's Harbour, Eleuthera with a triplex foundation Appraised Value \$105,000

(560) Tract of land located The Bluff Eleuthera, overlooking the beautiful Bluff Harbour. Property contains four parcels of land with a total area of approximately 151,526 sq ft. Property is ideal for a waterfront development. Contains a tri-plex condominium under construction up to belt-course and a private dock. Appraised value \$1,118,000.

(902) Lot #6 North Palmetto Point Eleuthera containing a 2bed/1bath residence with adjoining incomplete apartment. Property size 8,500 sq ft; building size floor area 1,839.08 + covered porch. Appraised Value \$180,740.

(902) Lot # 54, Lower Boggs, Eleuthera containing 2-bed/1 bath duplex, property size 7,500 sq ft. Appraised value \$146,437

(902) Lot # CA 1, Palmetto Shores, South Palmetto Point, Eleuthera, containing 3-storey 4 bedroom 3 bath house approx. 3,336 sq ft living space; property size 11,888 sq ft. Appraised value \$230,000

(902) Lot south of Palmetto Point on the main Eleuthera Highway, Eleuthera, Bahamas containing a 2 bed, 1 bath duplex unit with gross floor area 1,457.84 each. Property size 1,115 acres. Appraised value \$212,667.

(901) Lots # 12E and 13W of Johnson's Harbour View Estates Subdivision Harbour Island Eleuthera, with a duplex 2 bedrooms, 1 bath each. Appraisal TBA.

SPANISH WELLS

(560) Lot of land #2 Sea View Subdivision, Russell Island adjacent to the settlement of Spanish Wells. Property size 11,323 sq ft, building size 2236 sq ft, containing 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, living room, an eat-in kitchen, dining room, laundry room, covered porch, a one car garage, and a covered water tank. Appraised value \$299,000.

(560) Lot of land in Spanish Wells located between 8th and 9th street near The Islander Shop. Property size 3,634 sq ft. Building (wooden structure) size 1370 sq ft, containing 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, front room/dining room and kitchen. House is in good condition. Proper landscaping with poured concrete driveways & walkway. Appraised value \$155,000.00.

(560) Lot numbers 1 and 2 of a tract of seven parcels between Harbour Road and the Main Public Road near 22nd Street Spanish Wells, Bahamas. Property size 12,428 sq ft, Building size 4516 sq ft, containing 3 bed, 2 bath, living room, an eat-in kitchen, laundry room, covered porch, and a covered water tank. Basement offers a garage, work-shop, play room and small office area. House is in excellent condition Proper landscaping with poured concrete driveways & walkway. Appraised value \$355,179.

(560) Lot of land having the number Two (2) of the Subdivision called and known as Ocean Estates, Russell Island, Spanish Wells. Property size 12,179 sq ft, building size 1976 sq ft. Building is constructed of lumber and hardy plank, containing 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, living room, an eat-in kitchen, dining room, utility room, covered porch, and a two car garage. Also contains a 30,000 gallon rainwater tank. Appraised value \$460,700

(560) Lot #27 in a subdivision of 8 parcels situated immediately east of Ocean Heights Subdivision, Russell Island, Spanish Wells. Property size 12,500 sq ft. Building size 1820 sq ft, containing 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, an eat-in kitchen, living/dining room, laundry room and a one car garage. Covered front entryway an observation deck and a patio. The house is in excellent condition. Appraised value \$314,000.

(560) Lot of land being lot #1, Sea View Subdivision, Russell Island, Spanish Wells. Property size 11,394 sq ft. Building size 2,485 sq ft, containing 3 bed, 2 bath, an eat-in kitchen, living room, dining room and laundry room plus one car garage, covered front porch/entryway and a rear patio/water tank. Property landscaped, with poured concrete driveway and walkway. Appraised value \$375,000.

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(908) Lot #56 located Murphy Town Allotments with dimensions of 109 square feet by 109 square feet containing a duplex with an area of 1,456 square feet and each unit having two bedrooms on bathroom living and kitchen area. Appraised value - 153,000.00

(908) Lot #22, situated on the northern side of S.C. Boodle highway an d approximately five hundred and fifty-eight feet southwesterly from New Hope Baptist Church in the settlement of Mount Hope, on the island of Abaco, containing a residence comprised of 1,500 square feet and three bedrooms and two bathrooms. Appraised value: \$157,500.00

(908) Lot #48 being a portion of Dundas Town Crown Allotments containing a 4-plex located Dundas Town, Abaco. Appraised value \$494,022.00

(908) Lot #21 Dundas Town, Abaco containing a 3 bedroom 2bath wooden structure. Appraised value \$130,000.

(908) Lot#108, Central Pines Estates, Dundas Town, Abaco containing a 3bedroom 2bath residence. Appraised value \$161,425.00

(908) Lot #119 in Section 4 known as C. Curran Point, Abaco containing a 1,614 sq. ft. residence. Appraised value \$240,000.

(910) Lot of land located Man-O-War Cay, Abaco, 5,328 square feet situated near Rugged Hill. Containing 1bed, 1bath with balcony. Appraised value: \$418,000.

(910) Parcel of land known as Joe's Creek 3.5 miles south of Treasure Cay containing 3-42 acres located at Joe's Creek, Abaco. Sea



LOCAL NEWS

Royal Bahamas Police Force National Crime Prevention Office 'Safety Tips for Drivers'



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**MOTORISTS
BEWARE - SCHOOL
HAS STARTED**

UNFORTUNATELY, the beginning of school is also a time when children are at increased risk of transportation-related injuries from pedestrian, school bus, and motor vehicle crashes.

The reason is fairly obvious; there are many more children on the road each morning and afternoon, as well as an overall change in motorists' patterns.

As schools open their doors, it's time for motorists to improve their traffic safety practices.

The following tips can help make this a safe and happy school year for the whole community:

- Slow down. Obey all traffic laws and speed limits.
- Be extra cautious around school crossing areas, slow down and watch for children on the way to school.
- When driving in neighbor-

hoods or school zones, watch for children who may be in a hurry to get to school and may not be thinking about getting there safely.

- The posted speed limit in school zones is 15 MPH from 7:30am - 9:00am and 2:30pm - 4pm.

- Allow children waiting at a pedestrian crossing to cross.

- Be alert and ready to stop. Watch for children walking in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks.

- When using an intersection where children are trying to cross, slow down; make eye contact with the children to determine what they are going to do next.

- Always stop for a jitney or school bus that has stopped to load and unload passengers

- Before entering a pedestrian crossing area, be sure there are no children in the lane or adjacent lanes.

- When passing a parked vehicle, check for children who may run out into the street.

- When approaching a school

bus that has stopped to drop off or pick up students, motorists must stop a safe distance behind.

- When approaching a school speed zone reduce speed below the required speed limit and maintain it until the end of the school zone.

- During school hours Motor Vehicle Laws will be strictly enforced.

Please share this information with every driver in your family.

Let's all work together to have a safe school year.

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The Bahamian Contractors Association is looking for a person to fill the position of
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Good working knowledge with Microsoft Office and relevant Accounting Software-QuickBooks or Quicken.

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US flights canceled, states declare emergencies as blast of icy weather hits parts of the South

JACKSON, Miss.

A BLAST of winter weather pushed across the South on Sunday, coating bridges and roads with snow, sleet and freezing rain and causing hundreds of flight cancelations, according to Associated Press.

The governors of Louisiana, Alabama and Georgia issued emergency declarations. Alabama Gov. Bob Riley said workers had readied snow and salt trucks to help clear icy roads, and he asked all residents to stay home Sunday night and Monday unless necessary.

Mississippi officials warned motorists early Sunday that ice was already accumulating on roads and bridges in many counties, creating hazardous driving conditions.

The National Weather Service posted winter storm warnings from east Texas to the Carolinas.

Daniel Lamb, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Jackson, Miss., said heavy snow had fallen Sunday afternoon from Arkansas to north Mississippi. Other areas of the South saw freezing rain and sleet.

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LOCAL NEWS

PLP 'TO SUPPORT DEMONSTRATION'



SUPPORT: RYAN PINDER

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came out," but he did not speak to any members of parliament about the event.

"I have not invited a single soul out. There is no MP who could say they have even spoke to me about a meeting," he said.

At a prayer breakfast Sunday, Fred Mitchell, Fox Hill member of parliament, encouraged party supporters to support the labour movement, as they did in 1958 during the general strike.

"We have our work to do 44 years after the fact. It is economic empowerment which must now be the clarion call.

"It is a call to serve all Bahamians to make them the full masters of the commanding heights of our economy. That is why we must resolutely and firmly oppose the FNM government's plans to sell BTC in the way in which they are doing it and to support the trade unions in their fight to stop the Leviathan," said Mr Mitchell.

Unionists to hold mass rally against planned BTC sale today

FROM page one

start selling everything back to the former colonisers, England, then we are turning back around to do what our forefathers (decried)," said William Carroll, president of the Bahamas Communications Public Managers Union (BCPMU).

The demonstration is planned for RM Bailey Park at 7pm today. Union leaders promise to reveal "the facts", as they escalate the opposition of the government's planned sale of BTC

to Cable and Wireless Communications.

While some say it is a false comparison to tie the general strike to the current labour movement, there are many historians and political commentators that agree that labour was an important part of Majority Rule.

Historians say Majority Rule was achieved out of the January 10, 1967 general election, when the governing United Bahamian Party and the Progressive Liberal Party won 18 seats each in the House of Assembly.

Sir Lynden was able to form the first black government in Bahamian history, explained Fred Mitchell, Fox Hill Member of Parliament, when Sir Randol Fawkes, "the lone Labour MP", voted to stand with the PLP, and Sir Alvin Braynen, an independent MP, assumed the Speaker's chair.

"The difficulty we have today is a Free National Movement political administration that is set on deconstructing and destabilizing everything that majority rule sought to build which is a country of equality, social mobility and justice for all Bahamians," said Mr Mitchell.

Next to emancipation and independence, Majority Rule is probably "the most significant day that constitutional freedoms were ushered in," according to Perry Christie, leader of the opposition.

"In the union's effort to save the Bahamas against a bad decision I think they must think the significance of (Majority Rule Day) would stir people; pump the heart, beat the soul and get everyone out. It is not a bad decision to have the event on this day," said Mr Christie.

Several major events pre-dating Majority Rule are believed to have influenced it centrally.

The general strike is one of them, and it ultimately gave birth to the Trade Union and Industrial Conciliation Act and the creation of the Labour Department, note some.

January 13, 1958 was the day hundreds of taxi drivers, hotel workers, garbage collectors, tourism industry employees, construction workers, and others, walked off their jobs in a move that brought the economic engine of the country to a "virtual standstill."

While political heavy weights Sir Lynden and Sir Randol Fawkes were major leaders in this culminating effort, it was Sir Clifford,

who in November of 1957, as leader of the taxi union, led about 200 outraged taxi men to blockade the new international airport at Windsor Field forcing flight cancellations, stated political scientist Larry Smith.

The industrial action protested an "exclusive agreement" planned between major hotel operators and a taxi company set up by the Symonette family.

According to the governor at the time, the deal would have established a "monopolily excluding the taxi cab union entirely."

Two months later, with the labour movement still disaffected, and opposition political forces in full support, workers united for the general strike, which shut down New Providence for almost three weeks.

Describing the significance of the labour unrest, Sir Clifford said: "Little did I know on that Sunday morning in January 1958 that the stunning and unexpected aftermath of the general strike would pave the way for the turbulent decade of the sixties, ultimately leading to the freedom of majority rule for all Bahamians."

The new decade of politics would see women's suffrage and other constitutional reforms.

The aftermath included: "International pressure on the Bay Street regime to democratise the country. Within three months a senior British cabinet minister was in Nassau pushing for constitutional reforms, and that October, legislation was passed to set up a labour department and a process for industrial conciliation. The following year saw abolition of the company vote, extension of the franchise to all men over 21, and the creation of four new parliamentary seats (all of which were won by the PLP)," states Mr Smith.

On the timeline of progress, Mr Mitchell includes: 1 June 1942, Burma Road; the 1950 founding of the Citizens Committee and the fight to show "No Way Out"; Sidney Poitier's first film; the 1953 founding of the PLP; the election of Sammy Isaacs, Cyril Stevenson, Randal Fawkes, Lynden Pindling, Clarence Bain and Milo Butler to the House of Assembly in 1956; the General Strike of 1958; the bye elections of 1960; the 1962 election defeat; the constitutional changes of 1964; Black Tuesday on April 27, 1965 and the general election of January 10, 1967.

MINISTER DENIES BTC DEAL HAS BEEN FINALISED

FROM page one

Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding with C&W on December 2, 2010. It is expected to debate the document when Parliament reconvenes on January 19 after the Christmas recess. The House has to approve the sale before it can be finalised.

mous, were sceptical that an agreement was finalised last week as the business plan for BTC had not yet been presented. It was said that only after a business model had been finalised would negotiations with C&W on the contract start.

Meanwhile, a mass demonstration has been organized for this evening as labour unions continue their efforts to prevent the utility compa-

ny from being privatised.

As the unions are opposed to the sale of 51 per cent of BTC to C&W, they are urging government to find a Bahamian consortium to purchase the majority stake in the company.

Last week, it was confirmed that the unions representing BTC employees were in talks with their legal team to file suit against the government to block the sale.

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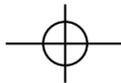
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LOCAL NEWS

Govt's \$8.5m to fight crime

FROM page one

peace," Mr Symonette said. "The criminals this year will be defeated."

His announcement before an audience of officers from the Royal Bahamas Defence Force, Customs and Immigration, Road Traffic Department, the Airport Authority, and high-ranking government officials, was followed with remarks by Bahamas Christian Council leader Reverend Patrick Paul.

He said: "There are too many guns in our streets; gun laws must be enforced and amended where necessary.

"We must ensure persons charged with serious crimes such as armed robberies and murders cannot walk free in our communities until they have been completely exonerated."

Meanwhile police are investigating the deadly shooting of a man gunned down on the porch of a home in Bishop Way, Windsor Place, off Soldier Road at around 6.40pm on Saturday.

Police press liaison officer Sgt Chrislyn Skippings said police were called when gunfire rang out in the area and officers found the man with multiple gunshot wounds.

He was pronounced dead at the scene by Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

A 21-year-old man is being questioned in connection with the homicide.

The second murder inquiry of 2011 was launched just a day after police found the body of a man, unofficially identified by local media as Samuel Allad, 47, lying on a makeshift bed behind the Burger Barn in Carmichael Road at 10.20am on Friday. He had visible

injuries on his back and police classified the death as the first murder of the year later that night.

And late last night, news reached *The Tribune* of another homicide, when a female was shot dead on Wulff Road near the Texaco Service Station.

In addition to the latest murder probes, police are investigating the stabbing of a 19-year-old Nassau Village man attacked by three robbers just an hour after the fatal shooting on Saturday night.

Sgt Skippings said the man was in an area of Soldier Road east of East Street when three men attempted to rob him, and a struggle followed.

The teenager was stabbed several times and taken to hospital by EMS where he has been detained in stable condition.

Police are also looking for the two men who robbed Crazy Ink Studio in the Kennedy Subdivision at around 2pm on Friday. They reportedly stormed the shop armed with a handgun and stole an undetermined amount of cash before driving off towards Pinewood Gardens in the white Nissan Maxima they had parked outside.

Intensive investigations have been launched into all matters and police are appealing for information from the public.

Anyone with any information that may relate to the murders, stabbing, or armed robbery, should report it as a matter of urgency by calling the Central Detective Unit (CDU) on 502-9930/9991, the police emergency line on 911 or 919, or call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 328-TIPS (8477).



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GEOFFREY CHARLES ("SMITTY") HIGGS

Geoffrey Charles Higgs, known better as "Smitty", passed away peacefully on Sunday, 2nd of January, 2011, at the age of sixty-three. He was diagnosed, almost exactly eighteen months previously, with an aggressive brain tumor, but refused to submit to it easily, carrying on, instead, with marvelous *joyeux de vivre*.

Smitty was born the third son of the Hon. Godfrey W Higgs and Suzanne Stoll (formerly Higgs). He attended St. Andrew's School in Nassau and St. Andrew's College in Aurora, Ontario and graduated from the University of Miami. He always had a profound love for his home—The Bahamas. He was a master sailor, legendary spear fisherman, accomplished mischief-maker, and expert raconteur. If he could not be found entertaining friends and family at home, he would certainly be found at Rose Island "celebrating life", as he would say. Always the gentleman, his spirit was unbounded, his concern for others and his enormous ability to lift others up with never a second thought for himself endured until the end. His humble demeanour was outshined only by his smile.

Smitty lives on through his devoted wife Joyce and son Spencer, his brother Peter, his step-sister Anne Ritter, sisters-in-law Judy Higgs, Colette Higgs, and Lynn Vincent, brother-in-law Mark Kleene, mother-in-law Corinne Kleene, nephews Andrew, Chris, and Grouper Higgs, cousins Godfrey E Lightbourn, Roddy Sinclair, Derek Higgs, Christopher Lightbourn, Andrea Brownrigg, and Allison Ferber, and many more relatives, all of whom he loved dearly. He will be missed by many close and dear friends in Nassau and the world over. A funeral service will be held at Christ Church Cathedral, Thursday, 13 January 2011 at 3:00 p.m. All are asked to dress in bright and warm colours as this will be his grandest "Celebration of Life".

If persons should wish to make donations in memory of Geoff, the family would be thankful for your consideration of either the Cancer Society of the Bahamas, P.O. Box 55-6539 or the St. Andrew's College Foundation, 15800 Yonge Street, Aurora, Ontario, L4G 3H2, Canada for the Geoffrey Higgs Fund, the use of which will be chosen by Joyce and Spencer.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Suspect in attack on congresswoman faces five charges

TUCSON, Ariz. Associated Press

FEDERAL prosecutors brought charges Sunday against the gunman accused of attempting to assassinate Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and killing six people at a political event in Arizona.

Investigators said they carried out a search warrant at Jared Loughner's home and seized an envelope from a safe with messages such as "I planned ahead," "My assassination" and the name "Giffords" next to what appears to be the man's signature. He allegedly purchased the Glock pistol used in the attack in November at Sportsman's Warehouse in Tucson.

Court documents also show that Loughner had contact with Giffords in the past. Other evidence included a letter addressed to him from Giffords' congressional stationery in which she thanked him for attending a "Congress on your Corner" event at a mall in Tucson in 2007.

Heather Williams, the first assistant federal public defender in Arizona, says the 22-year-old suspect doesn't yet have a lawyer, but that her office is working to get a lawyer appointed.

Meanwhile, authorities released 911 calls in which a person witnessing the mass shooting outside a grocery store in Tucson describes a frantic scene and says, "I do believe Gabby Giffords was hit."

Loughner fired at Giffords' district director and shooting indiscriminately at staffers and others standing in line to talk to the congresswoman, said Mark Kimble, a communications staffer for Giffords.



REP. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS, D-Ariz.

Susan Walsh/AP

"He was not more than three or four feet from the congresswoman and the district director," Kimble said, describing the scene as "just complete chaos, people screaming, crying."

Loughner is accused of killing six people, including a federal judge, an aide to Giffords and a 9-year-old girl who was born on Sept. 11, 2001.

Fourteen others were wounded, including the three-term Democrat lawmaker. Authorities don't know his motive, but said he targeted Giffords at a public gathering around 10 a.m. Saturday.

Doctors treating the lawmaker provided an optimistic update about her chances for survival, saying they are "very, very encouraged" by her ability

to respond to simple commands along with their success in controlling her bleeding.

Mourners crammed into the tiny sanctuary of Giffords' synagogue in Tucson to pray that she quickly recovered. Outside the hospital, candles flickered at a makeshift memorial. Signs read "Peace + love are stronger," "God bless America and 'We love you, Gabrielle.'"

People also laid down bouquets of flowers, American flags and pictures of Giffords.

One of the victims was Christina Taylor Green, who was a member of the student council at her local school and went to the event because of her interest in government. She is the granddaughter of for-



WELL WISHERS gather outside University Medical center at a makeshift memorial in Tucson, Ariz., Sunday. U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., was shot in the head Saturday during a speech at a local supermarket. (AP)

mer Philadelphia Phillies manager Dallas Green.

She was born on 9/11 and featured in a book called "Faces of Hope" that chronicled one baby from each state born on the day terrorists killed nearly 3,000 people.

The fact that Christina's life ended in tragedy was especially tragic to those who knew her.

"Tragedy seems to have happened again," said the author of the book, Christine Naman. "In the form of this awful event."

Authorities said the dead included U.S. District Judge John M. Roll; Green; Giffords aide Gabe Zimmerman, 30; Dorothy Morris, 76; Dorwin Stoddard, 76; and Phyllis Schneck, 79. Judge Roll had just stopped by to see his friend Giffords after attending Mass.

An unidentified man who authorities earlier said might have acted as an accomplice was cleared Sunday of any involvement. Pima County sheriff's deputy Jason Ogan told The Associated Press on Sunday that the man was a cab driver who drove the

gunman to the grocery store outside of which the shooting occurred.

In one of several YouTube videos, which featured text against a dark background, Loughner described inventing a new U.S. currency and complained about the illiteracy rate among people living in Giffords' congressional district in Arizona.

"I know who's listening: Government Officials, and the People," Loughner wrote.

"Nearly all the people, who don't know this accurate information of a new currency, aren't aware of mind control and brainwash methods. If I have my civil rights, then this message wouldn't have happen (sic)."

In Loughner's middle-class neighborhood — about a five-minute drive from the scene — sheriff's deputies had much of the street blocked off. The neighborhood sits just off a bustling Tucson street and is lined with desert landscaping and palm trees.

Neighbors said Loughner lived with his parents

and kept to himself. He was often seen walking his dog, almost always wearing a hooded sweat shirt and listening to his iPod.

The assassination attempt left Americans questioning whether divisive politics had pushed the suspect over the edge.

Giffords faced frequent backlash from the right over her support of the health care reform last year, and had her office vandalized the day the House approved the landmark measure.

Pima County Sheriff Clarence Dupnik lashed out at what he called an excessively "vitriolic" atmosphere in the months leading up to the rampage as he described the chaos of the day.

The sheriff said the rampage ended only after two people tackled the gunman.

A third person intervened and tried to pull a clip away from Loughner as he attempted to reload, the sheriff said.

"He was definitely on a mission," according to event volunteer Alex Villegas, former Giffords intern.

NASA won't speculate on flight by Giffords' husband

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

THE SHOCKING gundown of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords has left NASA reeling: Her astronaut husband was due to rocket away in just three months as perhaps the last space shuttle commander, and her brother-in-law is currently on the International Space Station, according to Associated Press.

Shuttle commander Mark Kelly rushed to his wife's hospital bedside Saturday as his identical twin brother, Scott, did his best to keep updated on the Arizona shooting through Mission Control, the Internet and the lone phone aboard the space station.

"I want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers, words of condolences and encouragement for the victims and their families of this horrific event," Scott Kelly tweeted from space.

"My sister-in-law, Gabrielle Giffords is a kind, compassionate, brilliant woman, loved by friends and political adversaries alike — a true patriot.

"What is going on in our country that such a good person can be the subject of such senseless violence?"

It was the worst news to befall an astronaut in orbit since Christmas 2007, when a space station resident learned of his mother's death in a car-train collision.

That astronaut, Daniel Tani, was working in Mission Control in Houston last week, in touch with Scott Kelly and the five other members of the space station crew.

The chief of the astronaut office broke the news to Scott Kelly that a gunman had shot his sister-in-law at a political gathering in Tucson soon after it happened.

NASA officials said Sunday it was premature to speculate on whether Mark Kelly would step down as commander of the April flight of the shuttle Endeavour.

But it was hard to imagine how he could keep up with the grueling



THIS UNDATED PHOTO provided by NASA shows Capt. Mark E. Kelly. The astronaut wife, Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., was shot Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011 when an assailant opened fire in an area where the lawmaker was meeting with constituents in Tucson, congressional officials said. (AP)

training in the next three months, primarily in Houston, and still spend time with his wife of three years, hospitalized in critical condition in Arizona.

Kelly's mission is higher profile

than most. Endeavour's final flight will deliver an elaborate physics experiment by a Nobel Prize winner.

For now anyway, it's slated to be the last voyage of the 30-year

shuttle program. That fact alone propelled 46-year-old Mark Kelly onto the cover of this month's Air & Space magazine of the Smithsonian Institution; he shares the cover with the first shuttle commander, moonwalker John Young.

In an interview with The Associated Press last fall, Kelly, a Navy officer and three-time shuttle flier, said it was "timing and luck" that snared him one last coveted commander's seat, not his influential wife. She loved sharing his adventure. "She's excited about going to Florida for the launch," he said then.

Until last month, NASA hoped the Kelly brothers would meet in orbit, a PR dream for a space agency often confronted with bad news.

But after fuel tank cracks grounded another shuttle mission, Mark Kelly's flight was bumped to April. His brother is to return home in March on a Russian spacecraft, so the reunion in space is off.

As for the rippling effects of Saturday's shooting, there is no precedent for anything like this at NASA. Astronauts have had to bow out of space missions over the decades, but never a commander so close to flight and never for something so brutal.

Mark Kelly's co-pilot, retired Air Force Col. Gregory Johnson, could take over. Or NASA could free up another astronaut with flying-to-the-space-station experience.

"It is premature to speculate on any of this," NASA spokesman James Hartsfield said in an e-mail Sunday.

"For now, the focus is on supporting Mark and Scott, and things need to be taken day by day, and all thoughts are with the victims."

NASA Administrator Charles Bolden called Giffords a "a long-term supporter of NASA... who not only has made lasting contributions to our country, but is a

strong advocate for the nation's space program and a member of the NASA family."

Mark Kelly's two teenage daughters from a previous marriage were reportedly with him in Tucson.

The couple met in China in 2003 during a young leaders' forum and married in November 2007 at an organic farm south of Tucson. Giffords, 40, a Democrat, served on the House Science and Technology Committee, and took on NASA affairs while heading the space subcommittee.

She admitted to being nervous at her husband's shuttle launch in 2008. "It's a risky job," she told The Associated Press. "You don't really relax" until touchdown.

Mark Kelly readily accepted his wife's fame.

He considered her the bigger star in the family.

Scott Kelly, who like his brother has two daughters, will end his 52-month mission in March, flying in a Russian Soyuz capsule to Kazakhstan.

On Sunday, Scott Kelly and his crewmates — another American, one Italian and three Russians — kept busy with maintenance work. A busy few weeks are ahead with a spacewalk by two of the Russians and the late January arrival of the first-of-its-kind Japanese cargo ship.

The brothers describe themselves as best friends. Both are Navy captains and former test pilots, and both became astronauts in 1996. They grew up in West Orange, N.J., the sons of police officers.

Neither ever missed the other brother's space launches. Mark was there in October, right at the launch pad, when Scott boarded a Russian Soyuz rocket for the space station.

Both were disappointed when, just weeks later, shuttle fuel tank cracks conspired to keep them apart in space.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iceland summons US envoy over WikiLeaks probe

LONDON

THE American ambassador to Reykjavik has been summoned to explain why U.S. investigators are trying to access the private details of an Icelandic lawmaker's online activity as they try to build a criminal case against WikiLeaks, according to Associated Press.

Revelations that the U.S. Justice Department obtained a court order to examine data held by Twitter Inc. on Birgitta Jonsdottir, an Icelandic parliamentarian who sits on the country's Foreign Affairs Committee, immediately caused consternation in the tiny North Atlantic nation.

"(It is) very serious that a foreign state, the United States, demands such personal information of an Icelandic person, an elected official," Interior Minister Ogmundur Jonasson told Icelandic broadcaster RUV.

"This is even more serious when put (in) perspective and concerns freedom of speech and people's free-

dom in general," he added. Jonsdottir is a one-time WikiLeaks collaborator also known for her work on Iceland's media initiative, which aims to turn the island nation into a free speech haven.

Jonsdottir told The Associated Press she was too overwhelmed to comment Sunday, but in a recent post to Twitter, she said she was talking with American lawyers about how to beat the order — and was drumming up support in Iceland as well.

U.S. Ambassador Luis E. Arreaga has been summoned for a meeting at Iceland's Foreign Ministry to discuss the issue, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Urdur Gunnarsdottir said Sunday. It was not clear when the meeting was taking place.

U.S. Embassy in Reykjavik said no one there would be available for comment until Monday.

The evolving diplomatic spat illustrates the challenge American prosecutors face as they weigh whether to bring charges against WikiLeaks, an international, tech-savvy operation that has angered and embarrassed Washington with a series of huge leaks of classified information.

The most recent disclosure of thousands of secret

State Department cables saw U.S. diplomats being ordered to gather the DNA and fingerprints of their international counterparts, captured backroom dealing over issues such as Guantanamo and rendition, and publicized unflattering assessments of friends and foes alike.

The U.S. says the disclosures have damaged international diplomacy and put the safety of informants and foreign human rights activists at risk.

WikiLeaks has dismissed the claims, but Washington has been trying to find a way to prosecute the group and its leader, 39-year-old Julian Assange, who is currently in England.

A court order unsealed earlier this week revealed that American authorities had gone to court to seek data from Twitter about Assange, Jonsdottir, and others either known or suspected to have interacted with WikiLeaks.

Some of those named in the court order have said they suspect other companies — such as Facebook Inc., Google Inc., and the eBay Inc.-owned Internet communications company Skype — have also been secretly asked to hand over their personal data.

Assange and Jonsdottir have vowed to fight the court order.

ICELANDIC LAWMAKER Birgitta Jonsdottir poses for this photo Feb. 24, 2010 at an unknown location. In a statement, Saturday Jan. 8, 2011, WikiLeaks said U.S. investigators had gone to the San Francisco-based Twitter Inc. to demand the private messages, contact information and other personal details of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange and other supporters. Assange has promised to fight the order, as has Jonsdottir, who said in a Twitter message that she had "no intention to hand my information over willingly." (AP)

RBC Royal Bank (Bahamas) Limited Retail Banking Leadership Appointments



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Mr. Munnings will continue to report directly to Mr. Nathaniel Beneby, President and Country Head, RBC Bahamas and Turks and Caicos Islands.

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Clinton presses Persian Gulf countries on Iran

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates

U.S. SECRETARY of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Sunday that the world must keep pressure on Iran over its suspect nuclear program despite recent estimates that the country may be further behind in efforts to develop atomic weapons than previously thought, according to Associated Press.

Clinton told reporters accompanying her on a three-nation tour of the Persian Gulf that Iran "remains a serious concern" no matter when it might be able to produce a nuclear weapon. And she urged countries in the region that do business with Iran "to do everything within reason" to help ensure the sanctions are enforced.

"We have had a consistent message to our friends in the Gulf that there is no part of the world that has more at stake in trying to deter Iran from becoming the creator and possessor of nuclear weapons than you," she said.

"I don't know that it gives much comfort to someone who is in the Gulf or in a country that Iran has vowed to destroy that it's a one-year or three-year timeframe. So, I think we should keep the focus where it belongs," she said, referring to the sanctions and efforts by world powers to persuade Iran to halt uranium enrichment.

Her comments were the first from a senior U.S. official in response to reports in Israel on Friday that Israel's newly retired spy chief thinks Iran won't be able to build a nuclear bomb before 2015, further pushing back Israeli intelligence estimates of when Tehran might become a nuclear power.

"We don't want anyone to be misled by anyone's intelligence analysis," Clinton said. "This remains a serious concern. We expect all our partners ... to stay as focused as they can and do everything within reason that will help to implement these sanctions."

As recently as 2009, Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak said Iran would be able to build a nuclear bomb by 2011. But since then the projected deadline has been extended. The Israeli Cabinet minister in charge of strategic affairs, Moshe Yaalon, said last week it would take the Iranians at least three years to develop a nuclear weapon.

Many Arab nations share U.S. fears that Iran is using a civilian atomic energy program to hide weapons development. Those concerns were amplified in leaked diplomatic cables released by the WikiLeaks website late last year that revealed deep mistrust of Iran by Sunni Arab leaders who must deal with an increasing emboldened Shiite neighbor.

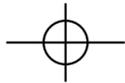
Clinton acknowledged that one reason for her trip to the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Qatar was to try to contain damage done by the release of the classified cables, which have exposed embarrassing secrets and tensions in the region.

Her visit comes ahead of a new round of international talks with Iran, tentatively scheduled for Jan. 21-22 in Turkey. The five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — the U.S., Russia, China, Britain and France — along with Germany will again try to compel Iran to come clean about its nuclear intentions, in return for incentives.

Iran is under four sets of U.N. sanctions because of its refusal to halt uranium enrichment, which can be used to produce nuclear fuel or materials for bombs. U.S. officials believe the penalties are hitting Iran's economy, but want them to be more strictly enforced and would like individual countries to take separate punitive measures on their own.

Tehran insists its uranium enrichment and other programs are meant only for peaceful purposes to generate fuel for a future network of nuclear reactors.

Clinton's trip to the Gulf is her second in as many months. She also attended an international security conference in Bahrain in December. While Iran is always high on the agenda during such visits to the region, her focus this time will be broader.



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22% WEEK ON WEEK SALES RISE AT CITY MARKETS

Despite 38% drop in Xmas top line due to loss of two stores, company says sales have risen 135% since takeover

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

DESPITE Christmas sales dropping 38 per cent year-over-year due to the loss of two stores, City Markets executives told Tribune Business that its top line has averaged a 22 per cent week-over-week increase in the past fortnight, giving them encouragement that a \$100 million target for their first 12 months is "not an unreasonable expectation".

Disclosing that the nine-store supermarket chain's sales had more than doubled, increasing by 135 per cent since the Mark Finlayson-led Trans Island Traders acquired 78 per cent majority ownership in Bahamas Supermarkets on November 10 last year, Philip Kemp, the company's chief financial officer, told this newspaper it was looking to boost customer counts even further through offering an enhanced product mix.

While a more-than-doubling of City Markets' sales since the takeover is not surprising, given how bare the supermarket chain's shelves were due to lack of inventory, Mr Kemp told Tribune Business the company was "pretty much on schedule" in terms of management's expectations.

"Over the last two weeks, we averaged a 22 per cent sales increase week-over-week," Mr Kemp told Tribune Business. "In terms of the Christmas period, we were only down about 38 per cent, which is not bad considering we lost two stores."

Those are the Oakes Field and Village Road outlets, lost after landlord Neil MacTaggart and the company decided to part ways, but Mr Kemp added: "If you look at it from the first week we took over to now, we've seen about a 135 per cent increase in sales. We see our traffic in the stores picking up quite significantly also."

He told this newspaper that City Markets was now focusing on its product mix, ensuring consumers met the majority of their grocery needs with it and were not tempted to look elsewhere.

"If we can close that gap, get to 80-90 per cent of their product mix for the week, we will start to

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Doctors targets 50/50 medical tourism split



DOCTORS HOSPITAL PRESIDENT: Barry Rassin

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

DOCTORS Hospital is aiming to grow and diversify its business mix into an ultimate 50/50 split between its current core and medical tourism, its president telling Tribune Business that moving into the latter area would enable it to "not worry about profitability" following a year when local patient activity dropped off by 25 per cent.

With the BISS-listed healthcare provider's prostate cancer treatment program already in place as its first medical tourism initiative, Barry Rassin told this newspaper that Doctors Hospital hoped to establish a

* Move targeting increased revenue streams that will ensure BISS-listed firm 'does not have to worry' about profitability

* President says recession caused '25% drop in patient activity across the board, with tourist percentage of mix down from 18% to 11%

* Med tourism could help boost staff levels '10-20%', with spinal centre and knee/hip facility possibly both arriving within year

* Targeting 1,000 medical tourism patients in two-three years

spinal surgery centre in Nassau within the next five to six months, followed by a centre for hips, knee and joint replacement - possibly as early as next year.

Describing medical tourism as a "strong part of our future", Mr Rassin said Doctors Hospital would likely

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Customs accused of breaching AG court undertaking

Freeport businessman says latest moves over 'bonded goods sales' an 'attempt to force Freeport into duty-paid world and increase government revenues'

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

A LEADING Freeport businessman has accused Bahamas Customs of breaching an undertaking given by the Attorney General's Office on its behalf by persisting with demands for 'bonded goods sales reports', telling Tribune Business that the situation was imposing "a further depression on post-Christmas trade" in the city.

Christopher Lowe, operations manager at Kelly's (Freeport), told this newspaper that Customs was informing all 3,500 Grand

Bahama Port Authority (GBPA) licencees that with effect from this month, they are required to submit to it on a monthly basis reports on all goods they have sold bonded, or duty-free, to other licencees for use in the latter's business.

This, he argued, meant that Customs was breaching the undertaking the Attorney General's Office had given on its behalf to the Supreme Court that it would not demand 'bonded good sales reports', or impose sanctions for its non-submission, until the substan-

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NEAL & MASSY HIT BY CITY MARKETS 'HORROR SHOWING'

* Bahamian supermarket chain produced \$0.142 per share loss for Trinidad conglomerate, some 75% of all discontinued operations losses

* Blames 'important structural disadvantages' and 'increasing competitive intensity' for turn-around failure

* Wrote-off \$8.156m investment to turn firm around, which included guarantee for Royal Bank loan

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

CITY MARKETS' melt-down under the disastrous former BSL Holdings ownership cost its main Trinidadian shareholder a \$0.142 per share loss for its 2010 financial year, with "structural disadvantages" and "increasing competitive intensity" in Bahamian food retailing blamed for the failure to turn the supermarket chain around.

Gervase Warner, chief executive of Trinidadian conglomerate Neal & Massy, which previously owned 31 per cent of Bahamas Supermarkets' shares via its 40 per cent stake in majority shareholder, BSL Holdings, admitted the company failed to "anticipate" the depth of the problems faced by the then-11 store chain operating as City

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SUPERVALUE 'HEDGES BETS' ON ENERGY, FOOD RISES

* Supermarket chain activating advance bulk buying plans, as owner expects energy costs to 'double'

* Beats Christmas projections by some 2%

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

SUPERVALUE is dusting off plans to bulk purchase in advance in a bid to head off escalating food prices expected to hit later this year, its president and owner also expressing fears that energy prices might "double" during 2011.

With commodity price increases an emerging threat that might knock

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AML's 10% buy back to combat 'severely undervalued' stock

* BISS-listed food group unveils 36-month share repurchase to fight illiquid market

* Chairman says stock 'damn good buy', amid frustration that market does not reflect fundamentals and consistent profits

* '95% of the population don't understand shares', he says, with price dictated by cash-seeking small sellers

* AML Foods prepared to borrow to finance deals, and expects other listed Bahamian firms to follow suit

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

AML Foods has become the latest BISS-listed company to unveil a share buy back program, its chairman telling Tribune Business the move to acquire up to 10 per cent of the stock over a 36-month period was sparked by an illiquid market that failed to reflect the group's return to consistent profitability in a "severely undervalued" share price.

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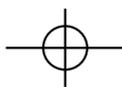
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It was a slow week of trading in the Bahamian stock market. Investors traded in three out of the 24 listed securities, with no advancers nor decliners.

EQUITY MARKET

A total of 34,700 shares changed hands, representing a significant decrease of 36,221 shares compared to the previous week's trading volume of 70,921 shares.

Benchmark Bahamas (BBL) was the volume leader, trading a volume of 30,500 shares to close unchanged at \$0.18.

BOND MARKET

No notes traded during last week.

COMPANY NEWS

Earnings Releases: There were no earnings reports released last week.

Table with 5 columns: BISX SYMBOL, CLOSING PRICE, WKLY PRICE CHANGE, VOLUME, YTD PRICE CHANGE. Lists various stock symbols like AML, BBL, BOB, etc.

BOND MARKET - TRADING STATISTICS

Table with 4 columns: BISX SYMBOL, DESCRIPTION, VOLUME, PAR VALUE. Lists bond symbols like FBB13, FBB15, etc.

INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

FOREX Rates

Table with 3 columns: Currency, Weekly, % Change. Lists CAD, GBP, EUR.

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COLINA REPRESENTATIVES and clients stand in front of a poster declaring the first principle of the company's new Customer Service Pledge. L-R: executive vice-chairman Emanuel Alexiou; customer services manager Julie Dean; clients Margaret Pratt, Monica Porter and Latoya Cooper; vice-president, life operations, Wendy Butler; and customer services manager, Lavaughn Fernander.

BELOW: At the launch of Colina's new Customer Service Pledge at the company's Rosetta Branch, client Raquel Pyfrom (second from left) is greeted by Wendy Butler, vice-president, life operations; Emanuel Alexiou, executive vice-chairman; and Alice Woodside, branch administrator.



Colina's pledge on customer service

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Colina has mounted the pledge on the walls of all its branches to remind staff of the new service motto, 'Service Excellence: Our Policy; Our Promise', since it was launched with a week of cus-

tomers appreciation activities and giveaways at all branches in Nassau and the Family Islands.

Vice-president of life operations, Wendy Butler, said: "Our customers deserve our best effort as well as our respect and courtesy. By placing the customer as the central element of all of our work, we will enhance our culture of customer awareness and sustain the highest quality of customer satisfaction, personal accountability and professional commitment."

Ms Butler said the new service pledge focuses on the needs of clients as human beings as well as patrons of an establishment. "We've recognized that

customer service must be more proactive and go beyond satisfying the customer's basic need," Ms Butler said.

"This means exceeding a customer's expectation by delivering a service prior to the turnaround time whenever possible, or facilitating

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AML's 10% buy back to combat 'severely undervalued' stock

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ary 31, 2014.

The move is designed to support AML Foods' share price for the benefit of long-term investors, such as pension funds and insurance companies; stimulate interest and market demand for the stock, indicate to the market where the company fees the 'true value' should be; and provide more liquidity to existing investors that enables them to sell more easily.

Tribune Business understands that AML Foods' Board and senior management had been discussing initiating a share buy back program for some 18 months, and Mr D'Aguilar said the company might even be prepared to "temporarily borrow" to finance purchases of its own stock if the terms were right.

Pointing to the lack of overall liquidity in the Bahamian stock market, which was making it difficult for buyers and sellers of many stocks to conduct trade, Mr D'Aguilar also lamented the "lack of sophistication" among investors, telling Tribune Business: "Ninety-five per cent of the population don't understand shares."

AML Foods' payment of a dividend last year - the first such payment for seven to eight years - sparked upward movement in the stock price despite the improved fundamentals, and Mr D'Aguilar said the company's market price was too often being dictated by small retail investors needing to sell several hundred or a thousand shares to raise cash at values that did not reflect the group's worth.

He added: "The main reason we're doing it is that the shares are trading at \$0.97, and we feel the stock's severely undervalued."

"We feel it's worth a lot more than that, and given the illiquid market, the lack of liquidity in the market, and the lack of interest in the shares, we felt we'd create a little bit of interest and

a bit of activity at \$1 a share. If no one is prepared to buy it at \$1 a share, which is a damn good buy, the company will buy it."

The AML Foods chairman said the Bahamas International Securities Exchange (BISX) had told the company it must notify the market of a specific amount of shares it would attempt to repurchase, and over what period of time, hence the 10 per cent at three-year period to January 2014.

Telling Tribune Business that AML Foods would "see how it goes", Mr D'Aguilar said: "Given cash flow considerations, we gave ourselves three years to accomplish this goal, and after three years we'll see."

"I expect almost immediately that there will be some bump up in the shares, and if the company is prepared to buy back its shares at \$1, the current market price, it must be sending the market a message. We paid a dividend last year, and that did not cause a bump up in the share price."

"That's the way a sophisticated market works, but it does not seem to work that way here. At Christmas

time, people want money. The price is dictated, not by the fundamentals, but the desire of the small shareholder to sell 1,000 shares to get money for Christmas. That tends to drive the price down, but not for the right reasons. Ninety-five per cent of the population don't understand shares, don't maintain an interest in shares, and that creates illiquidity. People are not prepared to play the market."

Explaining that AML Foods was effectively "creating a market for ourselves" through its share buy back program, Mr D'Aguilar said he expected more publicly-listed Bahamian companies to follow suit "to put the price where it should be."

"I think that's probably the way until people become a little more sophisticated," Mr D'Aguilar told Tribune Business. "I think it's almost necessary, as there are so few trades apart from Commonwealth Bank. I think more companies, who look at their fundamentals, look at what the share price reflects, will go out and announce it."

While AML Foods had not allocated a specific sum

to finance its share repurchase program, Mr D'Aguilar said: "If the opportunity arises, and we think the shares are undervalued, we will go into the market."

Noting that the company was conscious of cash flows and capital expenditures it needed to finance, namely its \$4.5 million Solomon's Fresh Market store in western New Providence, the chairman added: "If the cash is available and the price is right, we will buy it. If we think it's a damn good deal, we will temporarily borrow to take advantage of it. We have no debt, so if a good situation arises and we want to take advantage of the opportunity, we're going to do what we need to do in that regard, and if we have to borrow to take advantage of this, that's what we'll do."

Mr D'Aguilar said the buy back program would ensure AML Foods' share price "doesn't go any lower, and strengthens and trends up to where it should be. We feel that we can provide increased shareholder value by buying back some of our outstanding ordinary shares, and improving earnings and dividends per share."

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hit these kinds of numbers," Mr Kemp said. What we've seen so far is quite encouraging. We're not out of the woods yet, but we've kind of got to grips with this model, so we feel more comfortable.

"Going forward, Christmas was quite encouraging, and we've identified those areas we need to focus on. There's still a

lot of people out there that want City Markets to succeed, and traffic has been quite encouraging.

"We've been on target with expectations. We knew coming in that there would be a lot of challenges. But there's no surprise in terms of where we are at this time; we're pretty much on schedule."

Noting that sorting out lingering refrigeration issues was a "high priority", Mr Kemp said City Markets was still on tar-

get to reach \$100 million in sales during the first year of Trans Island Traders' majority ownership.

"We'd like to," he added of the \$100 million sales objective. "If the growth continues as we are doing now, that's not an unreasonable expectation, but it's very difficult to predict at this point."

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Customs accused of breaching AG court undertaking

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**KELLY'S (FREEPORT)
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tive issues between it and Kelly's (Freeport) are determined by the court.

Kelly's (Freeport) has filed a Judicial Review action of Customs' demand for such a report, and the terms of the undertaking, as read out by the company's attorney, Fred Smith of Callender's & Co, state: "Until judgment in this matter or further Order, neither the Respondent, nor any Customs officer or employee or agent of H.M. Customs, may detain goods, or refuse to process imported goods for entry in the usual way, or refuse to accept returns for Duty Paid Sales, or otherwise take enforcement action against the applicant or other GBPA Licensees, on the basis of non-receipt of duty exempt bonded sales reports or on any other basis not sanctioned by law."

Glenn Gomez, Customs Comptroller, could not be reached by Tribune Business for comment on late Friday afternoon.

However, Mr Lowe told Tribune Business: "In the face of the undertaking by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, that Bahamas Customs will not pursue 'Bonded Sales reports' until the substantive issue of bonded goods reporting is heard before a judge of the Supreme Court, Bahamas Customs is notifying licensees of the Grand Bahama Port Authority that they are now, effective January 2011, required to report on a monthly basis all of their bonded purchases and, in addition, requiring all sellers of bonded goods to report on all sales to licensees.

"Also, a new declaration form called a C14A must be signed by the licensee for each and every monthly invoice submission (purchase), and a C14B declaration by the seller on licensee purchases report."

The C14A, Mr Lowe explained, was effectively for buyers, who Customs is requiring to sign off that they bought all these goods

for use in their own business.

The C14B, he added, requires licensees to confirm that they sold bonded goods to legitimate licensees.

All this, Mr Lowe said, had added to the confusion and consternation caused by Customs' move to require all GBPA licensees to produce a National Insurance Board (NIB) Letter of Good Standing, showing they were up to date on employee contributions, before they would be issued with a 'bonded letter' enabling them to purchase goods duty-free in 2011.

"Already in effect January 1 is the de-facto denial of the right to purchase bonded goods via a new requirement to furnish to Bahamas Customs a 'letter of good standing' from the National Insurance Board in order to obtain an 'Over the Counter Bonded Purchase Letter', which according to Bahamas Customs enables the forging of their requirement for each and every purchase order to be approved," Mr Lowe said.

"Apparently this letter is being issued from NIB in Nassau, and there is some question as to what other Government departments are in collusion with respect to overdue fees or amounts owing by Freeport businesses.

"Also, these letters are slow in coming and are

thereby denying a right by way of Government lethargy or explicit intent.

"This is, of course, a questionable practice which has never been required or enforced, as the right to purchase Conditionally Duty Free is granted to licensees by the Grand Bahama Port Authority, not the NIB."

Asked by Tribune Business about the impact all this was having on Freeport's economy, Mr Lowe replied: "I think a further depression of the post-Christmas trade, because I have a feeling that a number of licensee companies are putting off any work they have that uses duty-free materials until they get approval to purchase for the ensuing year.

"So, practically, it's going to have the effect of delaying construction after Christmas, especially on jobs requiring duty-free materials.

"Licensees are being forced by Bahamas Customs into purchasing materials required by their businesses in a duty paid state, thereby increasing costs but also creating potential legal issues where contracts have been signed for duty free construction or service contracts needing bonded materials."

And Mr Lowe added: "If Customs continues to act unlawfully and arbitrarily, it's going to get pretty rough in Freeport, and ultimately it strikes me as a deliberate attempt by the Government to force Freeport into the duty-paid world and increase their revenues."

Bonded goods sales is a practice whereby Freeport-based wholesalers, such as Dolly Madison, Kelly's (Freeport) and Bellevue Business Depot, are able to sell products to other GBPA licensees for use in their respective businesses only, without any duty being paid to Customs/Government on their sale.

It is a report on this activity that Customs is seeking, but Kelly's (Freeport) and its attorneys are arguing that this has never been requested before, and is not included in any statute law, policy or agreement concerning their relationship.



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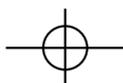
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BUSINESS



Doctors targets 50/50 medical tourism split

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have to add "another 10-20 per cent" to its staffing levels - possibly as much as 50-100 jobs - once medical tourism took off and the hospital's business from residents/tourists returned to pre-recession levels.

Explaining that Doctors Hospital was looking to attract 250 patients per year to the Bahamas through the spinal treatment and surgery centre, Mr Rassin said of the rationale behind the medical tourism move: "Increased revenue streams, pure and simple. The Bahamas is a very small population, and to provide service to a small population we can see it [the effects] now, especially with the recession."

The Doctors Hospital president said the recession's impact had been especially heavy on the business it gen-

erated from providing treatments to visiting stopover and cruise ship tourists.

While tourists normally accounted for 18 per cent of the hospital's patient activity, Mr Rassin said this percentage had dropped to 11 per cent due to the recession and reduction in travel demand. "Half of our tourists we're not getting, and that's the biggest blow to the top and bottom line," said Mr Rassin.

Noting that Doctors Hospital had seen "an almost 25 per cent drop in activity across the board", he explained that the company was looking to build on its existing core business to diversify into medical tourism, reducing its reliance on residents and transient visitors for 100 per cent of its revenues.

"We don't want to rely on foreign visitors and, where business activity drops 25 per

cent as it did last year, not worry about profitability. We want another revenue stream," Mr Rassin said, adding that Doctors Hospital wanted something that "jumps us into profits" in both good and bad times.

"For the Bahamas, the spin-off is fantastic," he added. "Two hundred and fifty cases bringing with them family members, each of those staying in the hotels. It's big for the hospital and big for tourism. I'd like to see us get to a 50/50 ratio, 50 per cent local, 50 per cent medical tourism."

With the High Intensity Focused Ultrasound (HIFU) prostate cancer treatment centre, headed by Dr Robin Roberts, attracting 15-20 patients per month, Mr Rassin said Doctors Hospital was hoping to attract 250 patients annually to each of the spinal and knee/joint

replacement centres during their formative years.

"You're talking 1,000 patients a year, which I think we can get to over two-three years," he told Tribune Business. "That's gigantic business for us. It makes us international. It should take our bottom and top line to a place where we have all the cash we need to make sure we stay up to date with technology."

Doctors Hospital had worked painstakingly over many years to put in place the foundations to break into medical tourism, Mr Rassin said, describing as a "gigantic step" the attaining of Joint Commission International accreditation last June - a standard that signals to Americans that the BISX-listed healthcare provider is the equal of any US hospital in terms of quality care and outcomes.

Building on the HIFU programme's initial success, Mr Rassin said Doctors Hospital was working with Bahamian specialist, Dr Val Grimes, to set-up the spinal surgery and care centre as part of a consortium, together with specialists from Florida and Washington, plus a spinal parts manufacturer.

The consortium's plan was to give overseas patients options as to whether they had their treatment at home or in Nassau. If the latter was chosen, Mr Rassin said a "unique" feature was that the programme brought both patient and surgeon to the Bahamas, an element designed to give Doctors Hospital a market niche and stand out from the competition.

Explaining that it was critical to "get it done right", ensuring that accreditations and quality care were all in place, Mr Rassin said Doctors Hospital was hoping to get the spinal surgery centre operational within the next five-six months. And, with the same partners involved in the knee/hip/joint replacement programme, he added that this might be established "by the end of this year or January next year".

"It's a very competitive business, so we want to focus on niche markets, and no one else is looking to bring the surgeons over," Mr Rassin said.

While the likes of Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia had stolen an early march on the competition, primarily through a cost structure that paid 10 per cent of US salary costs, Mr Rassin said medical costs in the Bahamas were "about 20 per cent less" than in or northern neighbour.

The Bahamas' and Doctors Hospital's competitive advantage, Mr Rassin said, lay in its ability to offer a combination of 20-25 per cent cost savings; quality assurance through the JCI accreditation; and bringing the surgeons to Nassau. "The insurance companies like that combination," he explained.

And, with patients from overseas also set to be attracted through Doctors Hospital's Internet marketing, Mr Rassin said this was "where the spin-offs will be created" for Bahamian doctors and surgeons as the reputation for quality care spread. Bahamian doctors would be the ones doing the operations here, and "that's when the benefits to surgeons will jump".

Tribune Trivia

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January 7th Answer

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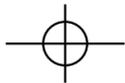


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Neal & Massy hit by City Markets 'horror showing'

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Markets. He also, in his year-end report to Neal & Massy shareholders, revealed that the company invested some \$52.2 million Trinidadian dollars (\$8.156 million in Bahamian/US dollars) in trying to turn Bahamas Supermarkets around during the conglomerate's 2010 financial year.

"We did not anticipate the depth of the economic recession and increasing competitive intensity in food retailing in the Bahamas, which overcame the group's efforts to turn around Bahamas

Supermarkets," Mr Warner confessed to Neal & Massy shareholders.

While it was no secret that Bahamas Supermarkets had "incurred continued losses over the last several financial years", Mr Warner confirmed that Neal & Massy's Board decided to sell the company during the July-September quarter, the last one in its financial year. That coincided with when Neal & Massy stopped investing in City Markets.

Referring to both Bahamas Supermarkets and another loss-making business that Neal & Massy has disposed of, Mr Warner added: "Attempts to turn around

these companies proved unsuccessful as important structural disadvantages were too significant to overcome."

The Trinidadian conglomerate's report noted that Bahamas Supermarkets accounted for 75 per cent or three-quarters of the losses it suffered from discontinued operations in 2010. The Bahamian supermarket chain produced a TT\$0.91 or US\$0.1428 loss per share, with pre-tax losses generated by City Markets standing at TT\$87.818 million or US\$13.54 million.

The latter figure compared to a loss of TT\$19.515 million or US\$3.049 million in 2009. Neal & Massy noted that

it inherited Bahamas Supermarkets as an "underperforming company" when it acquired Barbados Shipping & Trading, the original 40 per cent equity investor in BSL Holdings, which was also City Markets' operating partner.

Its financial statements added: "The net asset value for Bahamas Supermarkets at the end of the last financial year was \$27 million (US\$4.22 million). In the first quarter of the financial year, the group invested a further \$52.2 million (US\$8.156 million) by way of a cash injection of \$35 million (US\$5.47 million) and a guarantee given to Royal Bank of Canada for \$17.2 million (US\$2.69

million) for a Bahamas Supermarket loan.

"On November 10, 2010, the holding company in which the group had invested sold its investment in Bahamas Supermarkets for \$1 and Neal & Massy wrote-off the value

of its investment at the financial year ended 2010."

Also impacted was Barbados Shipping & Trading, Neal & Massy's subsidiary, which suffered a \$16.587 million loss on Bahamas Supermarkets in Barbadian dollars.

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any Bahamian economic recovery off course, Rupert Roberts told Tribune Business that the grocery chain would employ the methods it used in 2008 to try and protect the Bahamian consumer from impending food price increases.

Noting that staples such as cooking oil and tuna appeared to be rising once again, Mr Roberts told Tribune Business he had informed his buying team on Friday afternoon to obtain the latest consumer reports and "buy everything they can" up front before the expected price increases took hold.

He explained that Supervalu "rode it out" two years ago and was "able to hold the prices" by employing a strategy of buying core products, in bulk, in advance. Through "hedging our bets" in such fashion, said Mr Roberts, the chain obtained better prices than if they had left the purchases later, and were able to pass the savings on to consumers.

Supervalu's 105,000 square foot warehouse was more than adequate to cope with bulk inventory purchases, Mr Roberts said, while the grocery chain's suppliers and

Supervalu 'hedges bets' on energy, food rises

wholesalers were well-positioned to inform it in advance of any price hikes.

"We were able to protect the country from price increases that way," Mr Roberts told Tribune Business. "Our people notify us, and we know what to do. The way we do it costs money, and we tie up resources, we tie up space, but if we can hold our prices and competitors can't, we increase volumes and pay for it that way.

"We have the variety and we have the price. We're still on a roll. We were able to protect the country from price increases that way in 2008. We're just planning this now. Some stuff we've bought, we're going to buy more, and see what else is going to take an increase.

"I would think that for the next six months, because of energy costs, I'm guesstimating that prices are going to go up."

While the cold weather in Florida and the Bahamas had resulted in price increases for some produce as a result of supply disruption, Mr Roberts said the six month contracts

and other actions by his buying team had protected Supervalu from the effects.

While perishable goods prices still seemed to be stable, Mr Roberts also expressed fears about increasing energy costs in 2011, after oil prices again broke through the \$91 per gallon barrier towards the end of last week.

Noting that this could impact both Supervalu's electricity and transportation costs, Mr Roberts told Tribune Business: "If energy goes up, freight goes up. One of the bid problems is going to be if energy goes up, and I expect energy costs to double by the end of the year.

"That's going to be a big problem. On the first of every

month I have to write BEC a cheque for \$250,000, and it might increase to \$500,000. I can't ask the consumer to pay for that, you have to cut back. You cannot increase the cost of living, especially in a recession."

While some analysts suggested the recession was over, Mr Roberts told Tribune Business that he estimated it would "take three years for the jobs to come back", unless the \$2.6 billion Baha Mar project and other developments like it were able to "bridge the gap".

The Supervalu owner told Tribune Business that the chain exceeded his Christmas projections by 2 per cent, "which in our business is almost \$1 million". He added that by doing a month's business in a week or two, the supermarket chain's costs were spread out over a greater volume of sales units.

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BUSINESS

Less worried about layoffs, jobholders are spending more

WASHINGTON Associated Press

A STEADY decline in layoffs is giving the vast majority of adults who have jobs the confidence to spend more freely and help energize the economy. They no longer worry so much about losing their jobs.

Their renewed confidence has boosted retail sales — just what's needed to spark what economists call a "virtuous cycle": Higher consumer spending raises company profits, which spurs hiring, which fuels more spending and growth.

Consumer spending is critical because it powers about 70 percent of the

economy. It rose for five straight months through November, kicking off the strongest holiday shopping season since 2006. Many shoppers are showing enough confidence to splurge on new cars: Auto sales rebounded 11 percent in 2010, the first increase since 2005.

"The strongest showing for consumers since the peak years of the last expansion signals that the broader economy is near a threshold of self-sustaining growth," analysts at Citi Investment Research & Analysis wrote last week.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke echoed that point Friday. He told a Senate panel he

sees evidence that a "self-sustaining" recovery is taking hold because consumers and businesses are spending more.

Morgan Stanley economists say 4 percent growth is "likely, perhaps even conservative" in 2011, up from an estimated 3.1 percent last year. Late this month, the government will estimate economic growth for the final quarter of 2010.

Consumer spending is rising because the vast majority of working-age Americans are now breathing easier, despite 9.4 percent unemployment. People who had jobs feared being laid off during the recession, which ended in June 2009,



SHOPPERS ARE photographed on 34th Street, in New York in December. Consumer spending rose for five straight months through November, kicking off the strongest holiday shopping season since 2006. (AP)

and for months after. Fewer worry now, because most companies have stopped cutting staff.

Workers who survived the job cuts of the past three years have begun to conclude: "If they haven't fired me by now, they're not going to," says Michael Koskuba, portfolio manager with Victory Capital Management.

By October 2010, layoffs and other dismissals had sunk to their lowest point since August 2006. In December, employers added just 103,000 jobs — too few even to keep up with population growth. But that was mainly because they're still reluctant to hire, not because they're still cutting jobs.

The number of people applying for unemployment benefits — a proxy for the pace of layoffs — has dropped in the past four months. And economists think employers will finally ramp up hiring this year.

"You've got 10 percent unemployment, and you add another 5 or 10 percent" for discouraged workers or those stuck in part-time positions, because they can't find full-time work, says Doug Hart, a retail specialist at the consulting firm BDO USA. But the remaining 80 percent, having survived the worst of the layoffs, "are feeling more secure about their jobs."

In 2009, consumers across all income groups froze up. The Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics recorded the first annual drop in consumer spending in records dating to 1984.

Now, BDO's Hart says, "The fear factor has subsided."

That's evident among consumers like Monique Aguilar, 27, of Saugus, Mass. Aguilar put off a car purchase last year after the restaurant chain where she's a manager announced layoffs. But there she was Friday at a Chevrolet dealership in neighboring Lynn, Mass., shopping for a new Malibu.

What's changed? She doesn't worry so much about being let go. Her employer's sales have improved, and she's encouraged by reports of slowing layoffs and of companies starting to hire.

"In general, I feel like we're going in the right direction," Aguilar says. "That makes me comfortable in my purchase."

Many households also feel better able to spend because they've sharply reduced credit card and other debt they ran up during the mid-2000s.

Economists say consumers seem increasingly divided into "haves" and "have-nots." The haves are more secure in their jobs. Their finances are solid. So is their credit.

They dominate the high-earning 20 percent of Americans, who contribute nearly 40 percent of consumer spending.

Among managers and professionals, for instance,

unemployment in December was just 4.6 percent — less than half the overall unemployment rate.

The have-nots are struggling with shaky finances and job security. Unemployment is running at 12 percent for transportation workers, for example. It exceeds 20 percent for construction workers.

A 20 percent run-up in the Dow Jones industrial average since July has also skewed the consumer rebound in favor of upper-income shoppers — and the luxury stores that serve them.

"It's a two-tier market," says Doug Roberts, chief investment strategist for Channel Capital Research. The affluent "are beginning to feel more confident because their (stock) portfolios are up."

During the holidays, high-end retailers like Nordstrom Inc. and Saks Inc. reported the strongest sales. Michael Niemira, chief economist at the International Council of Shopping Centers, says luxury sales rise and fall almost in lockstep with the stock market.

After hunkering down during the recession, for example, Jerrie McKennon of Burleson, Texas, last year splurged on a Lexus and two expensive vacations. The main reason was that most of her investment portfolio had recovered from its losses during the financial crisis.

"I loosened up in 2010," she says. "The money we lost came back."

Few expect a return to the carefree spending of the mid-2000s. Falling home prices are weighing on consumers' confidence and their ability to borrow. Nearly one in four homeowners owe more on their mortgage than their homes are worth. Rising gasoline prices and the prospect of higher food prices are also likely to limit spending in 2011.

But analysts at Barclays Capital say a cut in Social Security taxes for workers this year will help them absorb higher gasoline prices. That tax break will put more money in people's pockets — \$1,000 more for an individual earning \$50,000 a year.

Higher spending and growth don't mean the unemployment rate will fall significantly this year. Most economists think it will remain around 9 percent at year's end. Bernanke said Friday it could take up to five years for unemployment to drop to a historically normal rate of around 6 percent.

Still, economists say, more consumers are confident the worst of the job cuts are over. And that points to a stronger economy ahead.

"If you think back to a year ago, we were still questioning whether we'd seen the end of the recession," Niemira says. "So we've come a long way."

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1.40	1.00	AML Foods Limited	1.04	1.04	0.00		0.250	0.040	4.2	3.85%
10.75	9.67	Bahamas Property Fund	10.63	10.63	0.00		0.050	0.200	212.6	1.88%
6.94	5.23	Bank of Bahamas	5.24	5.24	0.00		0.598	0.260	8.8	4.96%
0.58	0.40	Benchmark	0.40	0.40	0.00		-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%
3.49	3.15	Bahamas Waste	3.15	3.15	0.00		0.168	0.090	18.8	2.86%
2.15	2.14	Fidelity Bank	2.17	2.17	0.00		0.055	0.040	39.5	1.84%
12.55	9.62	Cable Bahamas	12.07	12.07	0.00		1.406	0.290	6.6	2.40%
2.84	2.69	Colina Holdings	2.84	2.84	0.00		0.249	0.040	11.4	1.41%
7.00	5.00	Commonwealth Bank (S1)	6.66	6.66	0.03		0.460	0.230	14.5	3.45%
3.65	2.21	Consolidated Water BDRs	2.82	2.76	-0.06	12,000	0.111	0.052	24.9	1.88%
2.55	1.32	Doctor's Hospital	2.54	2.54	0.00		0.627	0.110	4.1	4.33%
6.99	5.94	Famguard	6.07	6.07	0.00		-0.003	0.240	N/M	3.95%
10.89	9.50	Finco	9.08	9.08	0.00	5,000	0.158	0.520	53.8	5.78%
10.60	9.50	FirstCaribbean Bank	10.60	10.60	0.00		0.678	0.350	15.6	3.30%
5.53	3.75	Focol (S)	5.08	5.08	0.00	1,000	0.366	0.170	13.9	3.35%
1.00	12.6816	Focol Class B Preference	1.00	1.00	0.00		0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%
0.30	0.27	Fraport Concrete	0.27	0.27	0.00		0.035	0.000	7.7	0.00%
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1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FB17	100.00	0.00	7%	19 October 2017			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FB22	100.00	0.00	Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FB13	100.00	0.00	7%	30 May 2013			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FB15	100.00	0.00	Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015			
RoyalFidelity Merchant Bank & Trust Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)										
52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
14.60	7.92	Bahamas Supermarkets	10.06	11.06	14.00		-2.945	0.000	N/M	0.00%
6.00	6.00	Caribbean Crossings (Pref)	2.00	6.25	4.00		0.000	0.480	N/M	7.80%
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.55		0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%
CFAL Securities Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)										
41.00	29.00	ABDAB	30.13	31.59	29.00		4.540	0.000	9.03	0.00%
3.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.45	0.55	0.55		0.002	0.000	261.90	0.00%
BISX Listed Mutual Funds										
52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD %	Last 12 Months %	NAV 3MTH	NAV 6MTH	NAV Date		
1.4674	1.3758	CFAL Bond Fund	1.4674	1.99	6.66	1.466000	1.419947	30-Apr-10		
2.9115	2.8265	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.9020	0.52	-0.11	2.886947	2.890013	30-Apr-10		
1.5302	1.4590	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.5302	1.53	4.88	1.514105	1.498375	7-May-10		
3.2025	2.9343	Royal Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	3.0368	2.57	-4.99			31-Mar-10		
13.5654	10.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	13.5654	1.48	5.47			31-Mar-10		
107.5706	100.5448	CFAL Global Bond Fund	107.5706	3.45	6.99	103.987340	103.095570	31-Mar-10		
105.7765	93.1998	CFAL Global Equity Fund	105.7706	3.99	13.50	101.725415	99.417680	31-Mar-10		
1.1034	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.1034	1.25	5.25			31-Mar-10		
1.0801	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.0764	0.79	4.37			31-Mar-10		
1.1041	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.1041	1.23	5.34			31-Mar-10		
9.5795	9.1005	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund	9.4839	1.52	7.41			31-Mar-10		
11.2361	10.0000	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund	10.6709	-0.93	12.33			31-Mar-10		
7.9664	4.8105	Royal Fidelity Int'l Fund - Equities Sub Fund	7.9664	3.23	58.37			31-Mar-10		
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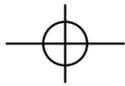
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BUSINESS

Stocks are riding on higher profit margins

NEW YORK Associated Press

CAN Corporate America continue to cut its way to profits?

If you're betting that stocks will rise in 2011, the answer is critical. Profits jumped last year largely because companies ran smarter and squeezed more from workers. Sales are picking up, but probably not enough to keep profits from rising fast in the new year unless companies can get even more out of their workers.

"How can they squeeze costs more than they are now?" asks Howard Silverblatt, a senior analyst at Standard & Poor's. "Are they going to fire more people? We're down to the skeleton."

Professional stock pickers aren't worried. They expect margins, or the profit made on each sale, will near a record this year. By the end of 2011, U.S. companies will be pocketing \$9.50 in profit for every \$100 in sales, or 9.5 percent, exceeding a boom-time record that is considered a bit of an aberration, according to Standard & Poor's. The average over nearly three decades is

\$7.10. A clue as to whether the experts are right comes next week as companies begin reporting their fourth-quarter results. If investors begin to doubt those lofty margins are within reach, stocks could tumble. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 15 percent last year. Experts predict the index will rise another 11 percent in 2011.

The problem with margins is that they have already risen seven quarters in a row. The average margin is now 8.95 percent, nearly two percentage points higher than average.

Margins tend to stay around the historical average for two reasons. When the economy is weak, companies cut workers and exploit technology to boost margins. But there's a limit to the number of people you can lay off and the software you can buy. When the economy strengthens and people start buying what you're selling, you have to hire more people to meet the demand and pay more to keep them. Margins drop fast, often back to the average.

In a report Friday, London analyst Andrew Smithers wrote investors are

fooling themselves that stocks are a bargain with margins so high. He says margins are certain to suffer a large fall. It's a lonely view but it's shared by distinguished company. Jeremy Grantham, the legendary Boston money manager who predicted the housing crash, says margins are abnormal and set to drop.

These two have been saying this for most of the past year and could be proven wrong again. UBS economist Larry Hatheway says companies have learned to operate much more efficiently than in past decades. They use more workers in India and China to drive labor costs down and shop around more for cheaper raw materials and parts.

Then there is the elixir of a recovering economy. People are buying more cars, and they went on the biggest holiday shopping spree since 2006. What's more, the government reported Friday that the jobless rate fell to 9.4 percent from 9.8 percent, though the rate fell mostly because many people gave up looking for jobs.

As companies begin to report earnings this week, watch closely those that

could find it difficult to pass higher costs to consumers. Morgan Stanley strategist Adam Parker, who has written extensively about margins, lists more than a dozen in a report last week, among them Arm & Hammer banking soda maker Church & Dwight Co. and steel

maker Nucor Corp.

Tally Leger, a strategist at Barclays Capital, predicts stocks will climb 14 percent this year on rising margins, but even he is worried. He notes that if the optimists are wrong even a little, the impact on corporate fortunes could be great. Wall

Street analysts see earnings for the S&P 500 hitting a record \$95 a share.

But if the margins they assume are off by a dollar, earnings will come in 10 percent lower. That would be a big blow to a stock market that already reflects high expectations.

American Eagle has used most of \$1.4M Wyo. subsidy

CHEYENNE, Wyo. Associated Press

IT TOOK American Eagle Airlines three months to use 73 percent of a \$1.4 million subsidy that Wyoming awarded the company for its first year of operation at the Cheyenne Regional Airport.

Greater Cheyenne Airport Manager Dave Haring told the Wyoming Tribune Eagle

that the rapid use of the subsidy is not unheard of or alarming.

The airline began nonstop regional jet service on July 15 from Cheyenne to Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.

American Eagle used \$198,359 of the \$1.4 million subsidy for a July revenue shortfall.

The airline is a subsidiary of AMR Corp., the company that owns American Airlines.



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Road Traffic Department is pleased to remind the general public of the established protocols for the Inspection and Licensing of Company Vehicles.

The month of March is traditionally companies' registration month at the Road Traffic Department. In an effort to expedite and ensure a smooth registration process the department advises that registration will commence January 10, 2011. All companies with a fleet of five (5) or more vehicles are encouraged to prepare and submit the required documents on the second (2nd) floor to the Controller's Office in the Clarence A. Bain Building to ensure an appointment for inspection. The Department further wishes to advise that applications will be processed on first come, first come basis.

The following documents are required:-

- (1) Cover note stating the make, model, year and chassis number
- (2) Total number of all vehicles to be licensed
- (3) A copy of the current disc for each vehicle
- (4) Original certificate of insurance (no copies will be accepted)
- (5) Special Permit Letter (Ministry of Works) for all miscellaneous vehicles

Please note that payments can be made in the form of:

- Certified Cheque made payable to the Public Treasury (absolutely no personal/company cheques)
- Visa/Mater Card
- Suncard
- Cash



Kingsway Academy (An Evangelical, Non-denominational, Christian School) Entrance Examinations for the 2011-2012 School Year

High School Division (Grades 7 to 12)

Applications for the 2011-2012 school year (starting in September 2011) are invited for grades 7 to 10.

Testing Date: 8.00 am January 15, 2011

- The high school division supplies a premium offering of courses from grades 7 to 12.
- These include Arts, Sciences, Technical and Vocational Subjects in addition to sound fundamentals in Christian education.
- This school provides one of the most balanced ranges of subject offerings in the Bahamas. Students are prepared for examinations such as BJC, BGCSE, PSAT, SAT, SAT Subject Tests and Advance Placement (AP) tests.
- Accelerated Track - Students with exceptional ability are allowed to accelerate beginning in grade 9 with a view towards college preparatory courses in grade 12.
- In addition, the school provides a wide range of extracurricular activities including all BAISS core sports, Governor General's Youth Award, Junior Achievement, Travel Club, Key Club, Science Club etc.
- The achievements of our students during and after high school speak for themselves.

Elementary Division (K3 to Grade 6)

Applications are invited for the 2011-2012 school year for all grade levels from K3 to Grade 6.

- The elementary division offers a curriculum that blends the A Beka and Harcourt Brace curricula.
- The experience also offers a stimulating blend of extracurricular activities to enhance the academic and social development of your child.

Testing Dates:

- K3 - Saturday, January 15, 2011 at 10.00 am. (must be 3 years old by October 31, 2011)
- K4 - Friday, February 4 and Friday February 18, 2011 from 8.30 am to 1.40 pm. (Must be 4 years old by December 31, 2011.)
- K5 - Saturday, March 5, 2011 from 8.00 am to 1.00 pm. (Must be 5 years old by December 31, 2011)
- Grades 1 to 6 - Saturday, March 5, 2011 beginning at 9.00 am.