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Egypt military in power grab amid unrest

CAIRO — After two weeks of protests, Egypt's military now has four of its own in the nation's top government posts and thousands of its soldiers providing security in the streets.

The military, already the country's most powerful institution, has taken advantage of the unrest to solidify its authority, using a combination of force and public relations to deliver what amounts to a soft coup in a country where it is widely viewed as the ultimate guarantor of national interests.

Vice President Omar Suleiman, a former army general and chief of intelligence, issued a veiled threat that the army could go even further. He warned that an outright coup could take place if the protests by tens of thousands continue in Cairo's central Tahrir Square.

It was a strong hint that the military could move to impose martial law and snuff out the protests, which have grown since January 25, demanding the ouster of President Hosni Mubarak and the implementation of sweeping democratic reforms.

"We cannot bear this for a long time," Suleiman told a round-table briefing of newspaper editors on Tuesday. "There must be an end to this crisis as soon as possible."

The mention of a coup left the circle of editors in stunned silence, media reports of the meeting said.

Suleiman may have been bluffing, but some analysts believe the military could be left with a limited number of options, especially if the strikes and protests grow in number or intensity. "If this thing continues or grows, the military will have to decide whether to stage a coup and order a crackdown," said Michael W. Hanna, an Egypt expert at the New York-based Century Foundation. "In the meantime, the situation will not change unless the army decides to change it."

Holding so much sway is not new for the Egyptian military. It gave the country all four of its presidents since young army officers seized power in a 1952 coup that toppled the monarchy. It has over the past six decades lowered its public profile, but nevertheless remains Egypt's most powerful institution.

The recipient of \$1.3 billion in annual U.S. aid, it has in recent years ventured into business, strengthening its hand with lucrative government contracts in construction, road building and food production. For decades, its generals have been given key government posts after retirement, including serving in the Cabinet, as heads of government departments, provincial governors and mayors.

"Any successor to Mubarak who does not enjoy the support of the senior military brass will be actively undermined and thwarted by the generals," said Augustus Richard Norton, a Middle East expert from Boston University.

The military's stealth offensive to take control of the country is multi-tiered.

For now, Mubarak, a former air force commander, still stands at the top of the regime, at least nominally. The Egyptian leader rejected calls for his ouster, insisting he serve out his term but said he would not run again for president in September elections. Suleiman, a long-time Mubarak confidant, has become the face of the regime since Mubarak appointed him as vice president soon after the protests erupted. It was the first time Mubarak had named a vice president — and therefore presumed successor — since he came to power in 1981.

Suleiman has taken the lead in efforts to get through the crisis, creating a road map for reforms and trying, so far unsuccessfully, to draw the disparate protest organizers into participating in it. The protesters are deeply wary, fearing Suleiman will use negotiations on reform simply as a cover to force through cosmetic changes that preserve the regime's hold without bringing real democracy.

The vice president has fed that suspicion by repeatedly saying Egypt is not ready for democracy. "We have two options to resolve this crisis: either dialogue and understanding, or a coup," Suleiman sternly warned in the meeting with editors. "A coup can be either beneficial or detrimental, but it could lead to further irrational steps and we want to avoid reaching that point."

In a sign of the military's solidarity with Mubarak, he said the protesters' blunt calls for Mubarak to "leave" were an insult to the armed forces.

"Mubarak is a hero of the October war," he said, alluding to the 1973 Arab-Israeli war when Mubarak served as air force commander. "The military institution takes care of its October heroes and will never forget or relinquish its history."

Egypt's foreign minister, Ahmed Aboul Gheit, warned Wednesday there would be chaos if Mubarak stepped down immediately and the opposition tried to form an unconstitutional government. "Then maybe the armed forces would feel compelled to intervene in a more drastic manner," he said in an interview with "PBS NewsHour." So far, the military's two-week deployment in the streets — the first since it quelled a revolt by conscript policemen more than two decades ago — has projected the image of an institution that is preserving stability. Its pledge not to use force against the protesters won the hearts of many, though some remain wary the soldiers surrounding their protest camp could eventually move to clear them.

An official defended the party's record, saying that, allegations of corruption aside, the party was trying to "build a civilian state." But now, he said, "we are in the middle of a conflict between the military and all other forces, including the party and the businessmen."

Some said that even a Minister should never speak ill of the Prime Minister. Sorry guys even in Cabinet it is not yes, sir, but you have all the rights in hell to oppose but after the discussion and vote you follow the Cabinet policy. The same goes as an MP.

Bernard Evans is acting just like Egypt's Mubarak

EDITOR, The Tribune.

BTC Union President Bernard Evans should read some more history and get his facts straight before making himself look more foolish than he already has. He wants to compare what's going on with the sale of BTC to what's going on in Egypt. Start talking sense. He's the one acting like Mubarak.

First of all Mubarak in Egypt was not elected. Hubert Ingraham was elected on behalf of the Bahamian people to do our business. It is Mr. Evans and his union that is acting in an undemocratic manner threatening to shut down the country because they can't get their own way.

It was union leaders who threatened to shut down the House of Assembly.

It is Mr. Evans who refused to accept a letter from the duly elected Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, who through the constitution and our laws speaks on behalf of the Bahamian people. I guess Mr. Evans is above the law and the constitution and even big-

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ger than the Bahamian people and the PM.

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It is Mr. Evans, who is acting like Mubarak in Egypt, refusing to change and move with the times.

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media years ago.

It is our Prime Minister who is getting the state out of the business of monopolizing the telecommunications sector. This will make the country freer and provide more opportunities for Bahamian consumers, shareholders and BTC employees.

As the democratically elected Prime Minister, Mr. Ingraham has to be concerned with the needs of all Bahamians, not just some. This is the way a democracy works, Mr. Evans, something that you and Mubarak in Egypt are now learning. It is you and Mubarak who are concerned with your own special and narrow interest.

Thank God for democrats like the Prime Minister and those young people and others in the streets in Egypt who want the kind of change that will make their country and our Bahamas freer and more progressive. Wake up, Mr. Evans, you are on the wrong side of history.

AVS
Nassau,
February 9, 2011.

What is all the noise about?

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Really what is all the noise about when a sitting MP of any party makes a statement of opinion of what he feels his/her political party is at?

Surely that is democracy?

I listened over the past two days to comments on the radio shows and most of the time realised just how far some have gone to retain their political gods and where the majority is – the majority being, the thousands who will certainly control the outcome in 2011-2012 whenever the election is called.

Some said that even a Minister should never speak ill of the Prime Minister. Sorry guys even in Cabinet it is not yes, sir, but you have all the rights in hell to oppose but after the discussion and vote you follow the Cabinet policy. The same goes as an MP.

Remember the Act which governs elections interestingly does not allow for the use of a single or as we do

the Torch and the Crab sign for the PLP and FNM candidates – the Act says clearly each candidate will have a distinctive sign different from another candidate.

It then supports that the Governor General will ask the MP so elected who holds the majority of support of the MPs elected there is no mention of a political party. Constitutionally Party polities does not exist.

Whether Branville McCartney was politically correct to comment as he did, he has the democratic right to do that but there is and will be political consequences.

In so many ways the Bahamas is like Egypt there is a substantial pent-up frustration and pressure in our young people, those who dominate but their voice is unheard, aged between 18-38 years, but will it stay so?

Like Egypt they could organise and they can easily cause political change which neither Ingraham nor Christie will like or can change just like Mubarak is

finding out. Our Bahamas lives with the heavy yoke of the supposed past and refusal to follow the all-required principle of adherence to the laws or rules – in the FNM we recall how Mr Ingraham was nominated off the floor of the Convention by Sir Orville Turnquest and totally contrary to the Articles of Association of the FNM obtained an unanimous vote – we remember how after the 2007 election Mr Christie did not follow the Westminster tradition of resigning and leaving it to the MPs elected in 2007 to decide his future.

Politicians have to realise when it is time to retire and move on.

When you have possibly the majority who are disinterested in the Constitutional process and do not register then you are in deep do-do.

Isn't this what is at hand?

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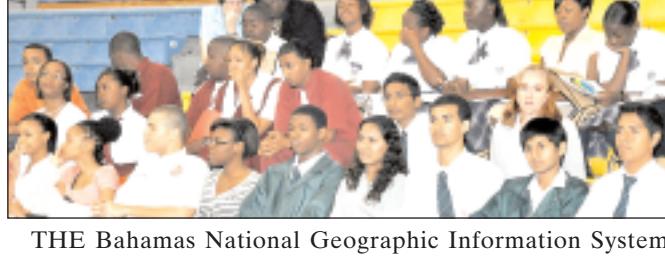
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The event which marked a collaboration between the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of the Environment, and the BNGIS Centre, aimed to promote and advance the practical and efficient use of GIS and associate technologies in the school system.

To better facilitate this mission, a school-wide competition was initiated which included students from C V Bethel, and Doris Johnson Senior High Schools, along with Queen's College and North Andros High School. Students were required to undertake a project, collect and analyse data, and create posters based on the topic of their choice. The Minister of Education Desmond Bannister, who was the keynote speaker, encouraged the participants to use the GIS technology to seek knowledge, share it and act upon it. He indicated that the use of this technology would enable them to edit, analyse, and display geographic information, so that they may make more informed decisions about their neighbourhoods, communities and country.

The Minister also commended Carolann Albury, Director of BNGIS, for her work, and relayed his gratitude for the partnership they have fostered with the Ministry of Education.

The winners of the competition were: North Andros High School (First Place), C V Bethel Senior High School (Second Place), and Queen's College (Third Place).

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The US Embassy encourages visa applicants to beat the summer rush

The US Embassy is strongly encouraging residents of the Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos to apply now for any US visas they may need during the busy summer travel season, particularly for cruise travel.

According to the US Embassy's Consul, Robin Haase, there is currently low-to-no wait time for an interview appointment, leaving potential applicants with plenty of opportunity to apply now for their visas.

In addition, there will be fewer available visa appointments between April 1 and April 15 due a computer software upgrade, giving travellers more reason to apply early.

"If you are thinking about taking the family on a cruise or plan on visiting relatives abroad while the kids are on summer break, we encourage you to take advantage of the slower applicant season by applying for your US visas in February or March," Ms Haase said.

Although most Bahamians can normally travel visa-free if they travel on commercial air carriers at the international airports in Nassau and Freeport, Bahamians who are travelling to the US to board a cruise ship are required to hold valid US visas.

The US Embassy also recommends that travellers not purchase travel tickets until they have their visas in hand.

Ms Haase explained that under the current visa processing requirements, approved visas usually require more than 24 hours to produce, and in some cases longer.

"The majority of successful visa applicants can expect to receive their visas the next business day," she said. "However, if your application requires additional processing or if there's a systems glitch, you may have to wait several days or potentially several weeks after the visa is approved before you receive your visa."

During the busy student visa season (May – September), the waiting period for an appointment increases from a few



VISA REQUIREMENT: Bahamians who are travelling to the US to board a cruise ship are required to hold valid US visas.

days to several weeks or more. To ensure that students from the Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands have the opportunity to attend their classes in the US on time, student visa applicants are given the highest priority for appointment requests during the summer.

Student

"Because of the student visa rush between May and September, the US Embassy is unable to expedite visa appointments for vacation travellers. Exceptions will only be possible in cases of a clear emergency," said Ms Haase.

"If you apply for your tourist visa now, instead of waiting until just before your

trip, you will make sure that you will not miss your cruise or lose your deposit."

The US Embassy offers a detailed step-by-step guide on how to apply for a travel visa. This guide can be found on the US Embassy's website (<http://nassau.usembassy.gov>) under the "Non-Immigrant Visa" tab at the top.

The easy-to-read guide provides information on scheduling an appointment, a link to the visa application form, and suggestions on the types of documentation applicants should be prepared to present the day of the appointment.

"We know that there is inaccurate information out there about the visa process, so we encourage all visa applicants to visit the US Embassy, Nassau's website for official information on applying for a US visa," said Ms Haase.

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Crazy Love film revamped for theatrical release

THE highly-anticipated local film, *Crazy Love*, will have its theatrical release this weekend after undergoing enhancements since it was screened at Bahamas International Film Festival.

A feature-length romantic comedy from Clarence Rolle, Craig Lenihan and Vision Pictures, *Crazy Love* will premiere on Friday, February 11 at the National Performing Arts Centre, Shirley Street.

After a one-time screening as part of BIFF, the film was praised by a sold-out audience. Now, the story line has been boosted by new scenes that will be seen publicly for the first time this weekend.

"Audience members had

nothing but compliments for the film when we showed it in December, but they also shared constructive suggestions on how we could make the film even better," said Mr Rolle, the movie's writer and director.

Suggestions

"We took those suggestions very seriously and added three scenes that make this an even better film than the original version. We wanted to go the extra mile to ensure that new audiences get the best possible product."

Bahamas Film Commissioner Craig Woods said *Crazy Love* is a wonderful interpretation of the Bahamian psyche.

"Rolle showed how bad influences with the best intentions can lead to disaster without sound judgment," Mr Woods said. "He is able to showcase the special emotions which can only be exhibited the way Bahamians can. The film brings out the passion, and often times chicanery between couples. Clarence is a true renaissance man. His interpretations of the Bahamian psyche are fantastic."

Crazy Love follows the lives of three couples as they negotiate modern romance. When the women in the film do not get the things they want out of their relationships, they find inventive ways of making them become a reality.

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THIS weekend, lovers of comedy are in for a sweet Valentine's treat as Wiz-eGuy Entertainment presents another LoveFest show, headlined by world famous comedian Aries Spears.

Known for his irreverent take on modern day topics and celebrities alike, Aries has built a huge following thanks to spot-on impersonations that were a staple on his hit television series, *Mad TV*.

He has also appeared on HBO's *Def Comedy Jam*, Shaq's All-Star Comedy Jam and on *Comedy Central*.

Though he has been touring non-stop recently and working on various film projects, the comedian is very excited to be performing for the first time in the Bahamas and promises to bring the jokes.

Also making her debut performance in Nassau is Leslie Jones, the *Comic View* and HBO's *Def Comedy Jam* alum whose no-holds barred stand-up show has left audiences in stitches.

Toured

Having toured with Katt Williams during the highly successful *It's Pimpin Pimpin* Tour, this comedy diva considers all topics fair game.

Also scheduled to appear live onstage is Drew Thomas, of *Comic View* and *Comedy Central* acclaim as well as comedy veteran R Jay, from Miami.

LoveFest promises to be a night to remember and there will not be a shortage of local talent; Joker's Wild and the Nassau's very own Naughty, who has more than 12 years experience as a stand-up comedian both at home and abroad, will also perform, touching on local topics like only he can while newcomer Mark B will showcase his improvisational skills.

Radio personality Mr K will serve as the host and MC for the evening.

The organisers said general admission tickets are now on sale at the Jukeboxx, Island Cellular, Fine Threads and John's Shoe Store.

VIP tickets are also available only at The Jukeboxx.

The organiers urged patrons to arrive on time as the doors will open at 7.30pm for a 9pm sharp start.

LOCAL NEWS

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ATHLETES

WELCOME: ON Monday, Minister of National Security Tommy Turnquest welcomed Law Enforcement Basketball Tournament team members from the Caribbean and Canada. Mr Turnquest was also a speaker at the opening ceremony for the tournament on Monday night at the Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium.

PHOTO:
Patrick Hanna/BIS

February declared Career & Technical Education Month

IN an effort to help young Bahamians focus on their career ambitions, the month of February has been designated 'Career and Technical Education Month.'

The announcement was made by Minister of Education Desmond Bannister, who said the month would be observed in all public high schools.

"We in education share the desire of the nation to see our country develop and flourish economically and to remain competitive globally," said Mr Bannister.

"In examining the needs of our country, we have come to realise that if we are to progress to the next level, there is a dire need for us to focus on areas of career and technical education and entrepreneurship."

He said the Ministry of Education has a pivotal role in this effort, as the training of the young people is the key to progress.

Mr Bannister said his min-

istry aims to "develop a competent, skilled and competitive labour force to sustain the needs of our country."

Initiatives

He said that several initiatives have been put in place for students who may wish to pursue careers in the technical fields, including an award for the most outstanding school in terms of Career and Technical Education (CTE) advancements at the BJC and BGCSE lev-

els, in addition to recognition of the most outstanding CTE department.

Mr Bannister added that the Ministry of Education is 'committed' to establishing a Career Academy with the objective of preparing students for employment and continuing education at the tertiary level.

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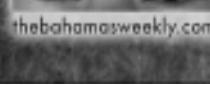
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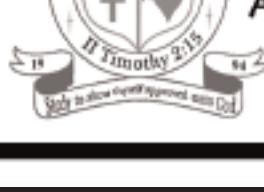
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URCA: BTC 'breaches' retail price regulation

* Blocked from launching Talk It Up card and in non-compliance with some SMP obligations
 * BTC paying 100% of BEC bill for East Street North facility despite using just 25% of power
 * Owing \$587k for 2005 Business Licence, and initially breached Act on Mall Cyber Cell store
 * Insurers want to start settlement talks with Leon Williams

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

The Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) has "failed to comply" with retail price regulation for Significant Market Power (SMP) operators, the sector regulator having issued an interim order to prevent it from selling or marketing its Talk It Up calling card.

This, and a litany of other regulatory disputes, mostly with rival fixed-line operator Systems Resource Group (SRG), were contained in the disclosure letter sent to Cable & Wireless Communications (CWC) as part of the privatisation process, with BTC noting it was running "a non-compliance risk" for failing to meet its SMP obligations with the Utilities Regulation & Competition Authority (URCA).

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BTC paid Cable

\$1.08m to cover

TV expansion

* Sum paid to cover government/BTC share of 75% of \$1.44m project costs
 * BTC forked out \$1m to pre-paid cell customers over network outage
 * Dividends declared to cover \$16m in privatisation costs

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

The Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) has paid Cable Bahamas \$1.08 million to cover 75 per cent of the costs associated with a plan that enabled the latter to provide cable TV services to "all settlements throughout the Bahamas".

The details, and other interesting information on BTC's internal workings, were contained in the Disclosure Letter sent to Cable & Wireless Communications (CWC) by the Government in relation to the privatisation and \$210 million sale of the majority 51 per cent.

Referring to a June 19, 2008, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between BTC and Cable Bahamas, the Disclosure Letter said: "There was a meeting on September 12, 2009, between executives of BTC and Cable Bahamas and the Prime Minister."

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CLICO creditors recovery threat

- Liquidator to 'without a doubt' fight off minor US creditor's \$10.8m 'low ball offer' and bid to submit rival Wellington reorganisation plan
- If move succeeds, little left for Bahamian creditors of insolvent insurer
- US firm alleges Gomez should 'not be given another nanosecond' to liquidate project
- Claims \$73m CLICO investment in project worth 63% of assets is equity, not debt



CRAIG GOMEZ

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

CLICO (Bahamas) liquidator will "without a doubt" fight to ward-off a "low ball" \$10.8 million offer and competing plan to liquidate the real estate project that accounts for 63 per cent of its total assets, his US-based attorney told Tribune Business yesterday.

Ronald Neiwirth, of the Miami-based Flower, White

& Burnett law firm, told this newspaper that he and Craig A. Gomez, the Bahamian Baker Tilly Gomez accountant and partner, would do everything to prevent Wellington Preserve creditor, Brennan Financial, from seizing control of the real estate project's fate - something that would jeopardise recovery for Bahamian creditors of CLI-

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HOME FABRICS DENIES ANDROSIA SALE CLAIMS

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The Androsia fabric company is claiming the sale of a batik material with a "Bahamian" design by a well-known fabric store has "dramatically affected" their operations, with staff hours at its Andros factory allegedly reduced as a result.

Jeff Birch, president of Androsia, said the move by popular fabric retailer, Home Fabrics, has limited Androsia's ability to grow in recent years.

However, Home Fabrics maintains that while they do sell a "batik fabric", Androsia does not have the sole rights to produce such fabric, and the material the store sells is in no way "implied to be Androsia".

Home Fabrics' fabric line which, like Androsia's, appears to have been produced using the "batik" techniques that originated in Indonesia and involve the creation of a design using a traditional wax and dye method, first appeared in the store several years ago.

The fabric's design involves the word "Bahamas" printed on the material, alongside a palm tree.

The controversy over the material has come to the fore with the publication of a letter currently being circulated on the Internet, in which Rosi Birch, one of the founders of Androsia, who had up until several weeks ago been unaware of the Home Fabrics batik, expressed her "disgust" at finding the "foreign-made" material at the store during a recent visit.

She claims the fabric is being passed off as Androsia-made material despite being made outside of the Bahamas, unlike Androsia, which is made in Andros.

But Holly Pinder-Peel, of Home Fabrics, denied allegations that her family's company had unfairly cut into Androsia's profits or that it is marketing its fabric as "Androsia."

Mrs Pinder-Peel confirmed to Tribune Business



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Bottles water firms hit by duty increase

Rates on import parts and materials rise from 10% up to 60% without warning, as Customs moves to aid Bahamian manufacturers

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Several Bahamian bottled water companies have been hit by an unexpected demand for increased import and Stamp duties on items they import as part of their production process.

One water manufacturing company in New Providence yesterday said items such as plastic bottles and boxes, which they have traditionally imported for 10 per cent, are now being landed for 60 per cent import duty.

The change was not announced before it was applied, and has caused serious concern for some companies, who only discovered they would have to pay an increased duty rate when they "reached the dock".

Tribune Business understands that a policy which has existed for sometime but "has not been enforced" with regard to collecting either 45 or 60 per cent import duty on items such as bottles, boxes and labels, which are manufactured by Bahamian companies, is now being acted upon by the Department of Customs.

Glenardo Knowles, an official in the Prime Minister's

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FOOD RETAILER: 'NO TALKS' ON MERGER

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

The owner of Gladstone Road-based Phil's Food Services yesterday denied he was in talks with City Markets principal Mark Finlayson or any other rival in the food retailing business over a possible merger, emphasising the company's future as a standalone business.

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BY DEIDRE M. BASTIAN

It's natural, and certainly happens to the best of us. Is it anything to be ashamed of? We often discover a design, while minding our own business, that makes us stop and ask ourselves: "Now why did this design trespass on my property?" Online design rip-off happens all the time, but is it OK? Absolutely not, as taking the property of an online design is not only wrong, but calling it your own is usually illegal and daylight 'webbery'.

This kind of design desire can usually lead you in one of either two completely different directions. Just like the poles have opposites, and every yang has its darker yin, these two paths can take you on either the path of light or its darker twin. The lighter one leads you towards the lap of inspired luxury, while the darker one points you towards design destruction. For all intents and purposes it is broken down like this...

Two Roads Diverged in a

Don't be tempted by design 'webbery'

Yellow Wood: While experiencing the effects of the design desire, you can either let your passion create a design 'on par' with that which brought about the monster's presence, or you can follow the more uninspired route towards by 'copying the design to call it your own'. (Well, now, that's not good is it?) Make no mistake, there is a big difference between design inspiration and being led down the darker path towards duplication of another's design and placing your name on it.

Inspiration is not a creative force to be taken lightly. When you discover a



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are ways to do that without falling victim to the cataleptic trap of 'borrowing'.

Here's a tip that may keep your work as "inspired from a similar vein", as opposed to "inspired with intent to rip-off". You want to determine what the design is saying, and find that underlying message and unique way to say the very same thing - if possible, "better". This

design that moves you, it is fine to honour and pay homage, but overall you still should desire to have your own voice and style represented in the design. There

way you are being true to the design that initially stimulated you.

Let's look at a few principles that you qualify as mere inspiration, but are actually an outright case of design theft.

Colour Variance – Simply altering the colours does not make this a creation of your own. Nor does changing the hue (colour), which does play a huge role in a design.

Inspired Rotation – Taking a popular design you like and simply rotating it does not change anything, as a 180 degree turn does not change that much.

Design Shemping – Just because the Three Stooges thought they could replace Curly with Shemp, and recycle the rest of the elements, doesn't make it a model for success does it?

Buried Six Feet Under – Taking a design and 'My spacing' it, or burying the original 'borrowed' work beneath miles of superfluous elements is not a way to win.

Rather than being a simple matter of straightforward pilfering, fashion and dance choreography are copied shamelessly on a multitude of levels. Outright theft of entire website designs is constant, and Joe Gillespie, who has been running web design courses since the mid-1990s, tells of one enterprising Californian who ripped off his entire website, changed the name and handed it in as a final year dissertation. "People knew the site and exposed the material, and he was later expelled," he said.

Individual designers will often ask colleagues: 'Can you build something like this,' with reference to another site, rather than create their own. But, like credit card fraud, it is an issue that most companies prefer to keep out of the limelight and rarely gets to a public court.

While allegations of web design theft have yet to make the headlines, it is nevertheless a real issue for designers. One reason is that copyright abuse is a complex issue. There are only so many ways of doing things on the Internet and it is difficult to prove ownership, especially if particular elements have been amended instead of a whole design being copied.

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nor are they envious. The myth persists that if content is put online, it is fair game. Others think that if a copyright is not explicitly stated, it does not exist. In either case, the person who has taken your design likely does not realise that stealing it is illegal and unethical.

In other cases, someone might take your design because they feel it is an excellent example of what a website in "their" niche should look like.

It seems natural that some people steal designs because they are unable to hire a graphic designer, and their only skill is just enough technical know-how to copy a website. The same sometimes happens with freelancers, who have been hired to design a website but lack the skills to do the job, so they copy another's hoping their client has never seen it before.

Many forums and websites make licensed templates available online, with no mention that they are licensed. Subsequently, whenever it is discovered that someone has stolen one of your designs, your first reaction might be to become angry. But step back for a moment and think through your options. The way you handle this situation will largely determine how satisfied you are with the resolution. Let them know the design they are currently using is copyrighted, and that unless they can prove they have paid for it, you need them to take the design or website down immediately.

The honourable thing to do is not rename your version, but pay tribute to the original. Even though it is doubtful you would be tracked down, it can make a real difference on how the rest of the world, including the original designer, views you. A misconception that everything on the web is free - "like a shop window with no glass - and the temptation to design by cut'n'paste, rather than by original invention, is real.

My belief is that, through the Internet's very nature, most designers learn by developing the ideas of others.

But there is a dividing line between taking elements and putting them in a different context and outright plagiarism. Contrary to this concept, Pablo Picasso once said something like ... "A good designer copies, but a great designer steals". Is it a question of stealing and copying...do you agree?

While allegations of web design theft have yet to make the headlines, it is nevertheless a real issue for designers. One reason is that copyright abuse is a complex issue. There are only so many ways of doing things on the Internet and it is difficult to prove ownership, especially if particular elements have been amended instead of a whole design being copied.

Not everyone who steals a design is out to rip you off,

- Donovan

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READERS FEEDBACK

From: Donovan Clarke
Nassau, Bahamas

Dee, it was a good piece, (Difference between Desktop Publishing and Graphic Design). I will show it to my students in class tomorrow.

- Donovan

HOME FABRICS DENIES ANDROSIA SALE CLAIMS

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many, the fabric would be easily mistaken for Androsia.

"Most people would think it is Androsia. The only distinct difference is that it says 'Bahamas' and not 'Androsia' on the material," he said.

Mr Birch claimed that Androsia "was the original designer of bold batik print" of the kind which he suggests the fabric sold at Home Fabrics mimics.

"There are other batik prints, but the bold batik - you can't find it anywhere else in the world," he claimed.

Acknowledging that the company has not laid off any staff, and has also been impacted by the economic downturn, the Androsia president claimed the introduction of the batik 'Bahamas' fabric by Home Fabrics has contributed to a further reduction in demand for the Androsia fabric in recent years.

"Androsia hasn't grown, to be honest, since this has happened. It made a huge impact on fabric sales, and had a dramatic effect on our ability to continue our philosophy of employing poor people," said Mr Birch.



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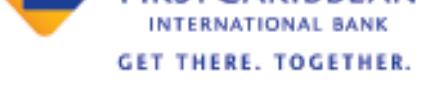
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Chamber chief: 'History will judge' BTC purchase

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KP TURNQUEST



KHAALIS ROLLE

"History will judge" whether the decision to sell the Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) to Cable & Wireless Communications (CWC) was the right choice for the Bahamas, the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation's (BCCEC) chairman said yesterday.

Khaalis Rolle, speaking on behalf of the BCCEC, said it remains to be seen whether Cable & Wireless Communications will be able to achieve the cost reductions which he deems key to passing on savings to consumers.

He said that from his standpoint the main criteria by which he will judge the success of the decision to divest to CWC is whether the cost of accessing telecoms services will be significantly reduced.

CWC in its business plan has suggested that it is targeting a 36 per cent price reduction across all services within three years.

However, Mr Rolle said the cost of paying the salaries of staff currently on payroll at the company is one of the "biggest line items", and unless this is significantly diminished he doubts the extent to which price reductions will be forthcoming.

"Whether or not we're getting the best deal and the best structure on the table remains to be seen, only history will judge that. I question the viability of the entity from a pure business standpoint when you look at some of the decisions that have to be made - for example, the fact that there is a process of voluntary disengagement," said Mr Rolle.

"I got the spirit of the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding), but if I was putting a deal together and had to put a deal together that was based on efficiency and pure business principles, there were some things in it I would change. Reducing operations costs is the only way they will achieve a meaningful reduction in the rates," he added.

Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham previously indicated that CWC had hoped to fire some of the 1,200 staff at BTC once it took over operations at the telecoms provider. However, the Government asked that the extent to which staff leave the company be a "voluntary" process - and paid the price of having to extend CWC's cellular monopoly by an extra year to three years as a result.

International analysts appear to have some of the same concerns as Mr Rolle. Bloomberg news reported that Cable and Wireless Communications' share price dropped to its lowest point in six weeks, falling by 4 per cent on Tuesday, the day that CWC signed the Shareholder and Share Purchase Agreements to buy BTC.

News reports pointed to difficulties being experienced by CWC in its Caribbean operations, which CWC chief executive Tony Rice described as a "very difficult" region for the company, with "tourism spend, and hence consumer and busi-

ness disposable income, significantly below historic levels.

Analysts are quoted as suggesting that the \$210 million acquisition of BTC may have also put a dampener on the company's perception amongst global investors.

"We fret about the costs of restructuring, and how difficult it may prove to lose staff. There has been well-documented backlash from unions to date," Mark James, an investment analyst at Liberum Capital, was quoted to have said.

Logic

Meanwhile, president of the Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce, K.P. Turnquest, said that while "no one can argue against" the logic of BTC being privatised, he "personally" would have preferred the company be sold to a Bahamian grouping, or at the least that there would have been "more Bahamian participation immediately" in terms of shares being offered to Bahamians.

Mr Turnquest said he would urge the Government to divest themselves of their stake in BTC, selling this to the Bahamian people, "as soon as possible".

The Government has indicated that under the terms of its deal with CWC, it will divest itself of 9 per cent of the 49 per cent stake it will continue to hold in BTC this year, and a further 25 per cent after three

years. Another point of concern for Mr Turnquest is the decision to sell to CWC the "infrastructural backbone" of BTC.

He suggested this could have been retained in government hands or in those of a "quasi-government" organisation, as with BTC owning the infrastructural assets that must be tapped into by any potential competitor, this "will be a barrier to entry" for any future operator, notwithstanding the existence of a regulator, the Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA).

However, the Grand Bahama Chamber president added that he hopes the additional information the Government possesses, and which he does not have access to, would justify why the decision was taken not to pursue the option of retaining the Government's interest in the company, and why the sale to Cable and Wireless Communications is in the better interest of Bahamians.

"They have information that I don't have. I presume they've made the best decision they think they can make in the best interest of Bahamians; that it's the best deal they could come up with for the Bahamian people," he added.

Contacted for his view on the deal, Michael Albury, president of the Abaco Chamber of Commerce, told Tribune Business that he, too, would have "preferred if (BTC) had gone to Bahamians", but admits he has

not followed the details of the deal very closely.

Like Mr Turnquest, he can only hope that the Government had additional information to which he is not privy that would explain why it was beneficial or necessary to select CWC.

"I do know some changes had to be made, and on the surface it would've been nice if Bahamians could've been involved in the ownership. There may be reasons why that doesn't work, I don't know. I don't know enough about Cable and Wireless or the consequences of that. I would assume they exhausted the possibility of trying to raise the money locally," said Mr Albury.

Speaking in Parliament when he tabled the agreements between CWC and the Government, the Prime Minister said that "the only way to take BTC forward is to find a strategic partner, a major communications company with scale and experience".

He said Bahamians were "invited to bid if they could align themselves appropriately with acceptable operating partners", and "there was absolutely no restriction on a Bahamian-led consortium making an offer under the sale process we have recently been through."

"We made it clear, however, that we were looking for a bidder or bidding consortium that included a telecommunications business, with a vested interest, not just a manager," said Mr Ingraham.

The Prime Minister said CWC has the "economies of scale and the strength to support BTC in an aggressive competitive environment", and is therefore viewed as a "very strong partner financially and operationally" for BTC.

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CLICO creditors recovery threat

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CO (Bahamas).

Mr Gomez has already initiated legal action against Brennan Financial to prevent it from obtaining a 'preferential' position as a Wellington Preserve creditor, given that it obtained a \$1.445 million judgment against the real estate project within 90 days prior of it being placed into Chapter 11 bankruptcy pro-

tection. And Mr Neiwirth suggested that Brennan's latest move - a bid to take control of Wellington Preserve's fate by submitting its own purchase offer and reorganisation/liquidation plan - was designed merely to "try and put pressure on the liquidator" over the existing court case.

Brennan Financial, in its February 7, 2011, filing in the south Florida district bankruptcy court, is opposing Mr

Gomez's application for an extension of the deadline given to him to submit a plan for Wellington Preserve's reorganisation until April 1, 2011.

The CLICO (Bahamas) liquidator currently has "exclusivity" in seeking to sort out Wellington Preserve's affairs, and its attempting to sell the 545-acre, one-square mile property for around \$50-\$60 million, in a bid to maximise recovery for the insolvent

insurer's Bahamian creditors.

However, Brennan Financial is now asking the court to end that exclusivity, and give it a chance - as a creditor - to submit its own liquidation plan that would pay off all US creditors, who are collectively owed about \$8 million maximum, with a purchase price some \$40 million below that sought by Mr Gomez.

If that happens, Bahamian creditors of CLICO (Bahamas) would effectively receive next to nothing.

Plan

In its filing, Brennan Financial alleged: "Brennan is prepared to move forward with a plan to satisfy all true creditors of the debtor's [Wellington Preserve] estate in full. With the exception of an escrow deposit in the amount of \$35,000, the debtor's sole asset is real property located in Wellington, Florida. The debtor's only real creditors are collectively owed less than \$4 million."

The last claim relates to Brennan Financial's assertion that Wellington Preserve and Mr Gomez are favouring CLICO (Bahamas) and its wholly-owned CLICO Enterprises in the liquidation, not surprising given that some \$73.2 million of the project's total \$78 million debts are owed to the two companies.

However, Brennan is now alleging that the \$73.2 million injected by CLICO (Bahamas) via CLICO Enterprises into Wellington Preserve was equity, not a loan or debt financing, and as such the two Bahamian companies should rank behind it in the list of creditors.

"The debtor has failed to produce a single document

evidencing the indebtedness underlying the debts scheduled for the CLICO entities," Brennan alleged.

Moreover, Brennan asserts that any funds received by the debtor from the CLICO entities constitutes capital infusions in the nature of equity that are subordinate to Brennan and the debtor's remaining creditors."

Noting that there were many purchasers seeking to buy Wellington Preserve for more than \$4 million, Brennan alleged that Mr Gomez had been attempting to liquidate it since 2009.

"It is axiomatic that the debtor is delaying the liquidation of the Wellington property at the prejudice of the estate's creditors in an effort to increase the potential distributions to the debtor's equity holders [CLICO (Bahamas) and the Bahamian creditors]," Brennan alleged.

"Notwithstanding the debtor's motives, the debtor has had at least 18 months already to maximise the value of the Wellington property. Given the debtor's track record in this case, the debtor should not be given a nanosecond of additional time in which to delay the liquidation of its assets."

Offering to implement its own liquidation plan, Brennan said that on January 28, 2011, it had submitted its \$10.89 million Letter of Intent offer to acquire Wellington Preserve to Mr Gomez and Mr Neiwirth.

This, it added, would satisfy fully the claims of all US creditors.

Responding to what he described as Brennan's "low ball offer for the asset", Mr Neiwirth told Tribune Business that the \$10.8 million purchase price was "so low, it was not even worth

responding to".

He added that Brennan was attempting to position itself as a secured creditor ranking ahead of all CLICO (Bahamas) Bahamian creditors, where it would recover 100 cents on the \$1 in its claim, rather than its current status as an unsecured creditor "diluted by the claims of CLICO Enterprises".

Committed

"At this juncture, the Bankruptcy Court is committed to getting the best possible return for creditors," Mr Neiwirth told Tribune Business, adding that even if Mr Gomez lost exclusivity, there was nothing stopping him from pressing ahead with efforts to sell Wellington Preserve to the highest bidder.

"We don't want to let it go too cheaply because it will affect the liquidation entities in the Bahamas."

"We want the best possible price for the liquidation in the Bahamas," Mr Neiwirth added.

"The claims are not very great with the exception of CLICO Enterprises. The real question is how much recovery comes back to CLICO."

Emphasising that Wellington Preserve was located in a high income, affluent area in West Palm Beach, Mr Neiwirth said its "uniqueness" meant Mr Gomez was opposed to "letting it go for bottom feeder prices".

"The problem is this is somewhat of a unique property."

"It's been for sale for a couple of years."

"We've had a couple of contracts fall through, but this is one of a kind, unique in that area, and there is nothing like it there."

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Please note the **deadline** for application is **Friday 11th February 2011**.

Bottles water firms hit by duty increase

FROM page 1B

Office who works with Bahamian manufacturers, confirmed that what is now happening is that "Customs is picking up on" the official policy which has "always been in place". This demands that people importing items produced locally - such as bottles - pay a high "protective" tariff that is designed to benefit Bahamian manufacturers who produce those items.

The policy outlines that the higher rate of duty must be paid unless the person wishing to import the item can present a letter to the Department of Customs confirming that a Bahamian company which produces the item in demand is "unable to meet certain standards, in terms of quantity or quality required".

"We have no objection to you bringing in the item so long as you can provide a letter. There is no point giving a concession to the company to produce the item in the Bahamas, and then giving an exemption to the other company to import the item for little or no duty from abroad," said Mr Knowles.

His position was supported by his superior, acting director of investments, Deanna Gardner.

"In essence, if we know there are Bahamians that can prepare the bottles, boxes and labels that are

required, we seek to encourage the Bahamian industries, so then others who wish to import the exact thing Bahamians are making will not receive a concession," said Ms Gardner.

Applications for duty to be lowered to 10 per cent, or duty free if there is evidence a company needs the product in question in a quantity or quality that cannot be produced locally are supposed to, and will be, considered on a "case by case basis", said the Director.

She added that she was not aware that certain companies have been given the opportunity to import certain items produced in the Bahamas without paying the stipulated "protective" duty rate, and without a letter explaining why they should be able to.

A Bahamian water producer, who declined to be named, said the company and others have "never" been asked to apply for the

lower duty rate until now.

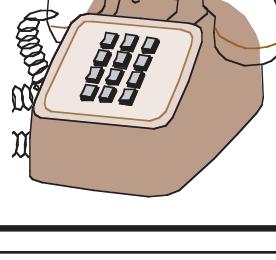
"Nobody did that," said the company executive of the letter demand, adding that the company was still working out how much the change would impact its bottom line.

The moves come as the Department of Customs appears to be enforcing its revenue collection responsibilities more stringently than ever before, as a depressed economy continues to diminish revenue inflows into the Government's coffers aside from a number of one-off stamp tax payments from transactions such as the sale of BORCO in Grand Bahama, the sale of BTC to Cable and Wireless Communications and the Baha Mar deal.

"I think Customs may be being a lot more cautious now in terms of what they are letting in. If it is not pre-approved, then it is not coming in for the lower duty rate," suggested Mr Knowles.

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**Bank of The Bahamas
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of BANK OF THE BAHAMAS LIMITED will be held on Friday, February 18, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Windsor Ballroom of the British Colonial Hilton Hotel, Bay Street, Nassau, Bahamas.

Laura A. Williams
Corporate Secretary



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on or before February 18th, 2011

BUSINESS

URCA: BTC 'breaches' retail price regulation

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filed by SRG, which trades as IndiGo Networks, in relation to its Talk It Up card, BTC said its rival fixed-line voice carrier was alleging that it had "abused its dominant position".

URCA had dealt with this via a preliminary determination and draft order issued on December 10, 2010, "in which URCA finds that BTC has failed to comply with the provisions of section 8 of the Regulation of Retail Prices for Operators with Significant Market Power, and orders that BTC refrain from selling and/or marketing its Talk It Up calling card".

For good measure, URCA is also alleging that BTC breached "paragraph 25 of the retail price rules" in relation to special promotions it has been running.

Elsewhere, BTC had failed to meet the January 31, 2011, deadline on providing separated accounts for its 2009 financial year to URCA, although it is hoping to accomplish this during February.

And, to cap it off, the disclosure letter said: "There is currently a non-compliance risk for BTC for non-compliance with its SMP obligations, as BTC has failed to provide requisite retail volume and sales information to URCA as required."

"This may incur potential fines for BTC. However, it is understood that BTC will comply with all SMP obligations currently outstanding by February 2011, including those relating to accounting separation and the Reference Access and Interconnection Offer (RAIO)."

Other regulatory disputes involve an allegation by Cable Bahamas that BTC breached the terms of its RAIO, while SRG has also claimed that it denied DSL Internet service to its OnePhone customers.

The disclosure letter added that URCA was also conducting a "margin squeeze investigation" over an SRG complaint relating to its ViBe service, but the regulator appeared to have sided with BTC over another SRG contention. This related to inter-island termination rates, with URCA finding it "unlikely that SRG faces higher rates for domestic termination than AT&T faces".

Other highlights from the disclosure letter include:

- * BTC is paying 100 per cent of the electricity bill incurred at an East Street North facility, shared with the Royal Bahamas Police Force (RBPF) and the Prosecutors' Office, despite being responsible for just 25 per cent of consumption

- * BTC was initially in breach of the Shop Licence Act for its Cyber Cell store at the Mall at Marathon

- * BTC still owes some \$587,000 in Business Licence fees for 2005

- * BTC's insurers want to initiate settlement talks with former chief executive and president,

Leon Williams, over his claim for a breach of his employment contract

Taking these one-by-one, the letter said BTC occupied an equipment room and cell tower at the East Street North site which was otherwise "exclusively occupied" by the police and prosecutors' office.

"It was determined in early 2007 that the RBPF, BTC and the prosecutors' office were all feeding off the same electricity services with BTC using approximately 25 per cent, and the RBPF and the prosecutors' office using 75 per cent of the total amount of electricity," the disclosure letter said.

"However, the account for the electricity was in the name of BaTelCo, with BTC previously and currently paying the entire electricity bill. Despite attempts over the last couple of years to regularise the usage of electricity through having separate meters and transferring the electricity account into the name of the Ministry of National Security, nothing has been done."

"BTC has written to the Commissioner of the Police to request the RBPF to take ownership of the supply of electricity and invoice BTC for its portion of the monthly bill. BTC has not yet received a response to this request."

As for the other issues, the disclosure letter said: "BTC had been operating its Cyber World store at the Mall at Marathon in Nassau, New Providence, in contravention of the Shop Licence Act. The shop licence for the store dated November 19, 2004, was issued by the Licensing Authority to BaTelCo, and not BTC."

"The Shop Licence Act prohibits the operation of a shop without a licence granted pursuant to such Act. However, BTC made an application to change the name on the shop licence from BaTelCo to BTC to rectify this, and BTC has been granted an amended general shop licence dated September 14, 2009."

On the Business Licence issue, the disclosure letter said: "The business licence fees for 2005 are still outstanding. PricewaterhouseCoopers, BTC's auditors in 2005, are currently reviewing this. This amount, \$587,000, will be settled following completion of the review by PricewaterhouseCoopers."

Apart from Mr Williams, BTC has also made "a without prejudice offer of \$10,000 to settle" a wrongful dismissal claim brought by Jeffrey Moncur, its former vice-president of customer services, "on the basis that BTC's main witness is likely to be hostile and to support Jeffrey Moncur's case".

Among eight employee-related claims highlighted as likely to be made against BTC, one involved "dismissal for theft of more than \$700,000 of BTC's pre-paid phone cards".

Two others involved dismissals for "breach of confidentiality of customer records", while another two involved "abuse" of BTC's Internet facilities.

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BUSINESS

BTC paid Cable \$1.08m to cover TV expansion

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"The Prime Minister requested that Cable Bahamas provide cable television services to all settlements throughout the Bahamas not already covered, and that BTC facilitate this through their infrastructure pursuant to the terms of the aforementioned Memorandum of Understanding."

Cable Bahamas, the disclosure letter said, was to develop a proposal for the deployment of cable TV services to remote Bahamian islands and settlements, then invoice the Government and BTC for related costs.

The agreement was that the Government would itself pay 50 per cent of the costs associated with this scheme, with BTC and Cable Bahamas equally sharing the remaining 50 per cent.

"It was expected that BTC's share would be approximately \$500,000," the disclosure letter said. "A meeting was held on April 15, 2010, with Minister Turnquest, the minister responsible for Cable Bahamas and BTC. In May 2010, Cable Bahamas presented an invoice of the costs projected to be incurred in respect of such services, being the sum of \$1.44 million.

"The matter is now settled with BTC having paid Cable Bahamas \$1.08 million. This sum represents the Government's portion of 50 per cent of the total costs, of \$720,000, and BTC's quarter share of \$360,000."

To finance payment of the \$1.08 million, BTC's Board of Directors (representing the Government) declared a dividend in the same amount on August 19, 2010.

The disclosure letter, together with BTC's 2009 annual report, which reveals the \$95.7 million in dividends paid to the Government that year, shows how the state-owned incumbent has been used as something of a 'cash cow' by the Ingraham administration, financing numerous privatisation-associated costs as well as cover the fiscal deficit.

BTC declared two dividends, worth more than a collective \$16 million, late last year,



SHAKE ON IT: Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham shakes hands with Cable and Wireless CEO David Shaw as they hold the Memorandum of Understanding.

to cover costs incurred by the Government over its privatisation in 2009 and 2010. The October 21, 2010, dividend of \$14.18 million covered the 2009 privatisation costs, and the December 16, 2010, dividend of \$1.921 million covered last year. The disclosure letter noted that at end-October 2010, BTC held \$71.4 million in cash in 33 different bank accounts, a more than \$10 million improvement on the 2009 year-end position.

Other 'gems' contained in the disclosure letter were the \$1 million that BTC collectively paid to its GSM cellular pre-paid customers as compensation for the network outage that occurred on August 6, 2010. Each customer was given \$5 worth of free credit.

Then there are the ongoing issues with BTC's billing system. "During the implementation of the Cerillion billing system (phase two of which was completed in May and June of 2010) the following issues occurred.

"All customers were not transferred to Cerillion; incorrect or no billing rates were applied for some services; underlying ICMS data was not reliable; customers being ceased and not billed but retaining service

led to services being provided and not billed.

"In order to address these ongoing issues, BTC is in the process of completing switch audits, line plant verification exercises and cleansing underlying data."

The disclosure letter also cast doubt on the security of some BTC customers' information.

"A number of hard copy contracts are currently being stored in boxes in the Customer Services division of BTC, and are not in secure filing cabinets under limited access," it added.

And, detailed among the numerous legal actions BTC is embroiled in, was a January 11, 2011, complaint by Arawak Homes "alleging that BTC has trespassed on property" in the Sir Lynden Pindling Estates area that has been the subject of heavy media scrutiny as a result of a long-running land dispute.

Arawak Homes alleged that BTC had violated a May 2000 Supreme Court order, which prevents it from erecting infrastructure in the subdivision, and claimed that the company "has supplied services to residents in that subdivision who are trespassers as they do not have valid title".

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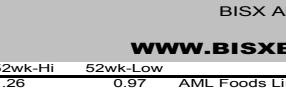
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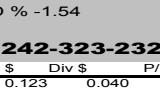
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NOTICE

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT 2000

DOREE LIMITED

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Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 138 (4) of the International Business Companies Act, **DOREE LIMITED** is in Dissolution.

The date of commencement of dissolution was the 8th day of February 2011.

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Liquidator

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BUSINESS

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Phil Lightbourne, responding to Mr Finlayson's comments yesterday that he had spoken to both Phil's Food Services and Robin Hood about the possibility of a merger/consolidation, said that while the City Markets principal "approached me before" and met with him about a year ago, their conversation had progressed no further and he was "in no talks with anybody".

"I am having no conversations with anyone," Mr Lightbourne told Tribune Business yesterday.

"I am in no talks with Trans-Island Traders, Robin Hood, nobody. I'm a stand-alone. I'm a guy who stands alone to give service to the Bahamian people."

Adding that he was surprised at Mr Finlayson's comments, Mr Lightbourne said the two met "a year ago" to "have talks, a conversation, but I'm not in talks to join together, no".

The talks never progressed beyond that

FOOD RETAILER: 'NO TALKS' ON MERGER

initial conversation, Mr Lightbourne added, and told Tribune Business: "Phil's Food Services will remain Phil's Food Services. I think they're [Mr Finlayson] really trying to get AML Foods to bite, so they figured they'd use my name and Sandy Schaefer's [Robin Hood] name."

"No one's talking to me and there will be no talks. I'm in no talks with anybody."

Mr Lightbourne added that business for Phil's Food Services was "going pretty good".

"We're fighting for our share of the mar-

ket. It's a dream I'm fulfilling right now, to feed the Bahamian people," he added.

Mr Finlayson yesterday told Tribune Business that consolidation among the major players in the Bahamian food retailing industry was "essential", explaining that the proliferation of neighbourhood food stores had fragmented the \$600 million per annum market and left the 'Big Five' with around a 55 per cent combined share.

He added that it was "no secret" that he had been exploring alternatives to an AML Foods acquisition/merger, having talked to

both Phil's Food Services and Sandy Schaefer's Robin Hood about consolidation possibilities.

"I think it's essential for all of us in this market," Mr Finlayson said of consolidation. "If you take Phil's and Sandy's operation, and our operation and SuperValue and AML, combined it only comes to 55 per cent of the market, and that's getting smaller and smaller every day."

"There has to be some consolidation among the Big Five to move ahead. I don't think it's been a secret that we have been in talks with Phil's, and also with Sandy."

"If you think about it, they are as bid as AML. Sandy did about \$26 million last year before he did the new store, and Phil's did \$35 million in food alone. That's \$60 million, and AML very roughly does \$70 million in food."

"That's an alternative we've been taking a look at. It's cleaner in the sense that there's no Domino's or heavy concentration on the big ticket items, TVs and so forth."

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS		SUPREME COURT	2010
IN THE SUPREME COURT		JAN 28 2011	No.CLE/GEN/01699
Common Law & Equity Division		NASSAU, BAHAMAS	
BETWEEN			
BONNANT WARLUZEL & ASSOCIES, a Firm			
Plaintiff			
AND			
AMIR WEISSFISCH			
Defendant			
ORDER			
BEFORE the Deputy Registrar Mr. Ernie Wallace in chambers			
UPON THE APPLICATION OF THE PLAINTIFF by Ex Parte Summons filed on 27 th January, 2011.			
AND UPON READING the Affidavit of Simon E. Darville sworn and filed herein on 27 th January, 2011.			
AND UPON HEARING the Attorney for the Plaintiff Carol D. Misiewicz,			
IT IS ORDERED THAT service of the said Writ of Summons be effected by the publication by advertisement of the said Writ of Summons and of this Order on three days in two consecutive weeks in each of the following newspapers, namely The Nassau Guardian and The Tribune and that the said publication be deemed good and sufficient service of the said Writ of Summons on the Defendant.			
Dated this 28 th day of January, 2011			
BY ORDER OF THE COURT			
<i>Ernest Wallace</i> REGISTRAR			

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS		SUPREME COURT	2010
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Plaintiff			
AND			
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Defendant			

Elizabeth THE SECOND by the Grace of God, Queen of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and of her other realms and territories, Head of the Commonwealth.

To: Mr. Amir Weissfisch,
Bacardi House,
Columbia Road,
Lyford Cay,
New Providence,
Bahamas.

WE COMMAND YOU That within 14 days after service of this writ on you inclusive of the day of such service you do cause an appearance to be entered for you in an action at the suit of

Bonnant Warluzel & Associes,
Advocates & Attorneys,
12 Rue de Saint-Victor,
Case Postal 473,
1211 Geneva 12,
Switzerland.

And take notice that in default of your so doing the Plaintiff may proceed therein, and judgment may be given in your absence.

WITNESS The Honourable
Our Chief Justice of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas the 20th day of December in the year
of Our Lord Two Thousand and Ten.

REGISTRAR

N.B. - This Writ is to be served within twelve calendar months from the date thereof, or, if renewed, within six calendar months from the date of the last renewal, including the day of such date, and not afterwards.

The defendant may enter appearance personally or by attorney either by handing the appropriate forms, duly completed, at the Registry of the Supreme Court, Public Square, in the City of Nassau in the Island of New Providence, or by sending them to that office by post.

If the defendant enters an appearance he must also deliver a defence to the attorney for the plaintiff within fourteen days from the last day of the time limited for appearance, unless such time is extended by the Court, otherwise judgement may be entered against him without notice, unless he has in the meantime been served with a summons for judgment.

STATEMENT OF CLAIM

1. The Plaintiff is a law firm carrying on a legal practice from their offices situated in Geneva, Switzerland.
2. The Defendant is a resident of the Bahamas, residing at Bacardi House, Columbia Road, Lyford Cay, New Providence, Bahamas.
3. By an agreement in writing dated 26th July 2010 ("the agreement"), the Plaintiff agreed to provide legal services to the Defendant by representing him in an appeal to the Swiss Federal Court in Geneva, Switzerland, in consideration for which the Defendant agreed to pay for such services on a time spent basis at the usual hourly professional rates of certain partners and associates of the firm having the conduct of the appeal, together with related disbursements including the engagement of agents to translate relevant documents into the French language for the appeal.
4. It was a condition of the agreement that the Defendant should pay for the said legal services ("the legal services") as billed on a monthly basis by the Plaintiff and should pay an advance retainer of Thirty Thousand United States dollars (US\$30,000.00) to the Plaintiff, to be applied by the Plaintiff towards payment of the legal services as they arose, which retainer was duly paid by the Defendant.
5. The Plaintiff provided the legal services to the Defendant in the period between the 23rd July 2010 and the 30th October 2010 and billed the Defendant on a monthly basis pursuant to the agreement by invoices respectively dated 31st August, 1st October and 31st October, 2010. After applying the said retainer, the balance due to the Plaintiff is the sum of One Hundred and Eleven Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty-four Swiss francs (CHF111,654).
6. In breach of the agreement, the Defendant has failed and/or refused to pay the said balance remaining due to the Plaintiff, notwithstanding several demands for payment made to the Defendant by the Plaintiff, ending with a demand letter from the Plaintiff's Bahamian attorneys dated 8th December 2010.
7. In the circumstances, the Plaintiff has suffered loss and damage.

Particulars of Damage

- (i) Balance due for legal services as aforesaid, namely CHF(Swiss francs) 111,654;
(ii) Interest thereon pursuant to the Civil Procedure (Award of Interest) Act, 1992.

AND THE PLAINTIFF CLAIMS:-

- (i) The said sum of CHF(Swiss francs) 111,654, being equivalent to US\$113,168.91 as at the date hereof;
(ii) Interest thereon as aforesaid;
(iii) Costs;
(iv) Such further or other relief as the Court may deem just or expedient.

Dated the 20th day of December, A.D. 2010.

Robert, Isaacs, Ward
Roberts, Isaacs & Ward,
Counsel & Attorneys,
Chambers,
The Rigamo Building,
Bay Street & Victoria Avenue,
Nassau, Bahamas.

Attorneys for the Plaintiff

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Defendant

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ATTORNEY

TAKE NOTICE that MISIEWICZ & CO., Chambers, Suite No. 7, Grosvenor Close & Shirley Street, Nassau, The Bahamas has been appointed to act as Attorney for BONNANT WARLUZEL & ASSOCIES, a Firm, the Plaintiff in this matter instead of ROBERTS, ISAACS & WARD, the Rigamo Building, Bay Street North and Victoria Avenue, Nassau, The Bahamas.

Dated this 19th day of January, A.D. 2011

Misiewicz & Co.
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Chambers, Suite No. 7
Grosvenor Close & Shirley Street
Nassau, The Bahamas
Attorneys for the Plaintiff

TO: The Defendant and/or his Attorneys
Nassau, The Bahamas

TO: ROBERTS, ISAACS & WARD
The Rigamo Building
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BUSINESS

Real estate's 'gaping hole'



Two successful real estate agents - one of them doing \$9.7 million in sales in the last six months - have identified what they call a 'gaping hole' in real estate, the under \$250,000 townhome or condo suitable for the under-35 market.

"There are young profes-

sionals and other first-time buyers who may be property virgins, but they know exactly what they want and we don't have it here," said Ryan Knowles, one of several agents at Mario Carey Realty.

"These people don't need the most prestigious location. They

are willing to trade the three-bedroom with large backyard for a smaller turnkey apartment or townhouse, and they also know they are buying for investment purposes.

"What they want is what we don't have enough of - a one or two-bedroom townhome or condo in a secure community, with maybe a fitness centre, pool and high-speed computer and IT connections. They want 'easy to maintain' so they can walk out, lock the door and not worry about it. They have a lot of interests, they want to get up and go. They want to own a home, not have the home own them."

Demand for the \$200,000-\$250,000 condo or townhome

is so great, said Mr Knowles, that when Hampton Ridge condos went on the market in 2008 with units priced at \$249,000, the project sold out in a few months. "And that was when the housing market was at its lowest," he noted. "Those condos have already appreciated. One re-sold a year later for \$375,000."

Sales associate Matthew Sweeting who, like Mr Knowles is appealing to a young market, agrees. Last week, he sold a property in one day. The asking price: \$249,500. Mr Sweeting presented an offer on almost the day after he listed the property and the seller accepted. Flyers were still going out by e-mail.



MATTHEW SWEETING

Mr Knowles cites another example. "At \$269,000 pre-construction, Vizcaya in Westridge, two-bedroom condos, sold out completely prior to completion," said the agent with three years experience and a sales record of nearly \$10 million in half a year.

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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

JUDICIAL AND LEGAL SERVICE COMMISSION

VACANCY NOTICE

**STIPENDIARY & CIRCUIT MAGISTRATE
OFFICE OF THE JUDICIARY
MARSH HARBOUR, ABACO, THE BAHAMAS**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for appointment as resident Stipendiary and Circuit Magistrate in the Office of the Judiciary (Supreme & Magistrates' Courts), Marsh Harbour, Abaco, The Bahamas.

Applicants must be members of the English, Irish, Scottish or Bahamian Bars or of the Bar of any country of the Commonwealth to which a member of The Bahamas Bar is admitted without examination. In addition, they must be at least five (5) years standing in the Bar or have enrolled and practiced as a Solicitor for at least five (5) years in the above-mentioned countries.

The duties of the post are as set out in The Magistrates Act Chapter 42 of the Statute Laws of The Bahamas and all other applicable Statutes as well as The Common Law, where applicable, and all rules made thereunder, and all other statutory duties which may be prescribed from time to time.

The salary of the post is in Scale JL14 - \$50,550 x 700 to \$56,150 per annum. A Responsibility Allowance of \$4,000 per annum and a Scarcity Allowance of \$7,500 per annum are attached to the post. Housing, along with a vehicle, are also attached to the position.

Serving officers must apply through their Heads of Departments.

Application forms may be obtained from the Judicial & Legal Service Commission, 3rd Floor, Ansbacher House, East Street & Bank Lane, and should be returned to the Secretary, P O Box N-167, Nassau, The Bahamas, no later than Friday, 25th February 2011.

VACANCY NOTICE

**STIPENDIARY & CIRCUIT MAGISTRATE
OFFICE OF THE JUDICIARY
NEW PROVIDENCE and GRAND BAHAMA**

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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Business Licence Act 2010

The new Business Licence Act 2010 will take effect on January 1, 2011. The Act requires that no person shall carry on a business within The Bahamas without the grant of a licence issued in accordance with the requirements of this Act.

Before the expiry of the allowed period of 90 days or by March 31st, 2011 all business owners must bring their business into compliance with the requirements of this Act, submit an application form and pay the taxes as prescribed for that business licence for the current year.

A list of owners that are not compliant by March 31st, 2011 will be published at the end of the 90 day period.

Any person carrying on a business, with fees outstanding, at the time this Act comes into force may enter into a written agreement to pay the outstanding fees, and thereby be entitled to receive a Licence.

Where a business ceases to operate or is sold the Business Licence Division must be so advised by the submission of the appropriate form giving the relevant details.

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BUSINESS

Higher food prices ahead after corn reserves sink

NEW YORK

Americans should brace for higher food prices this year now that demand for corn has pushed U.S. supplies to their lowest point in 15 years.

Higher projected orders from the ethanol industry sent corn futures soaring Wednesday, as corn supplies became the latest commodity to plummet. Low levels of wheat, coffee, soybeans and other food staples have already sent prices surging on the global market.

As those reserves decline, U.S. food companies are warning of retail price increases.

The ethanol industry's projected corn orders this year have risen 8 percent, to 13 billion bushels, after record-high production in December and January, the Agriculture Department said Wednesday.

That means the United States will have about 675 million bushels of corn left over at the end of year. That's roughly 5 percent of all corn that will be consumed, the lowest surplus level since 1996. (One bushel of corn equals 25.4 kilograms, or 56 pounds).

The USDA report measures global supply and demand for grains, oilseeds and other crops. The department said its projections for wheat and soybean reserves remained unchanged at historically low levels.



SINKING RESERVES: In this Sept. 11, 2010 file photo, central Illinois farmers harvest their corn crops near Monticello, Ill. U.S. reserves of corn have hit their lowest level in more than 15 years, reflecting tighter supplies that will lead to higher food prices in 2011.

Villas at Grand Isle, Exuma, Bahamas FOR SALE



31 villas at Grand Isle, located on the island of Great Exuma, within the Emerald Bay master development, are available for sale. With breathtaking views, exquisite interior designs and top of the line furnishings, the villas are distinctively decorated and designed. The units feature 9' high vaulted ceilings, master suites with a private balcony and French sliding glass doors overlooking the beach. All villas include full-sized bathrooms, furnished with a whirlpool tub, oversized showers with seating, marble vanity tops, mosaic tiling and Kohler fixtures. Kitchens include Sub-Zero refrigerators, oven and range stoves, microwaves, wood cabinets, granite countertops and double-basin stainless steel sinks.

Offers will be considered for all the villas or in blocks. The villas are being offered for sale by the Receivers and Managers of the villas.

Interested parties should contact the Receivers and Managers for additional information:

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Real estate's 'gaping hole'

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According to Mr Sweeting, another of the team that created the MCR2 division of Mario Carey Realty, specialising in properties under \$500,000, one feature today's buyers of all ages and financial ability share is the desire for security.

"Today, a gate is not about snob appeal. It is about safety and a sense of security, an intangible comfort that adds intrinsic value to property. And where people used to fear that a one-bedroom would be hard to sell or re-sell, the demand for smaller units is increasing all the time," he said.

In April, ground will be broken on a new development of 36 units in western New Providence, with pre-construction prices of \$280,000. Messrs Knowles and Sweeting both predict an almost instant sell-out.

"We are painfully short of what the young, qualified public wants. Media houses understand it. Shoe stores, places that sell cell phones and tech equipment - they all get it. But developers have been slow to recognise the potential of the youthful buyer," said Mr Sweeting.

As for the starter market firing up the real estate industry, the irony is not lost on the firm's

founder. "After many years with another major firm, I broke off to go on my own to focus on luxury properties, devoting myself to clients in Ocean Estates, Old Fort Bay, Albany and Lyford Cay, as well as transactions of private islands," said Mario Carey. "While the very high end market has had its challenges during the worst of the global meltdown - and now with the additional local tax burden affecting the luxury market - the interesting thing to see is how the local market in starter homes is driving the bulk of real estate sales."

Mr Carey said the lack of available housing has had other repercussions.

"High-priced housing is adding to the brain drain. We have young, educated Bahamians who want to come home, but don't because they say they cannot afford to live in their own country unless they live at home," said the veteran broker.

"You'd be surprised how many qualified buyers there are out there who want to be homeowners. The market is begging for communities of one to two-bedroom townhomes or condos for under \$250,000. It's a good investment vehicle for a developer and a very good sign for the future of the country. I encourage developers to hear this call to fill what these young real estate professionals are calling a gaping hole."

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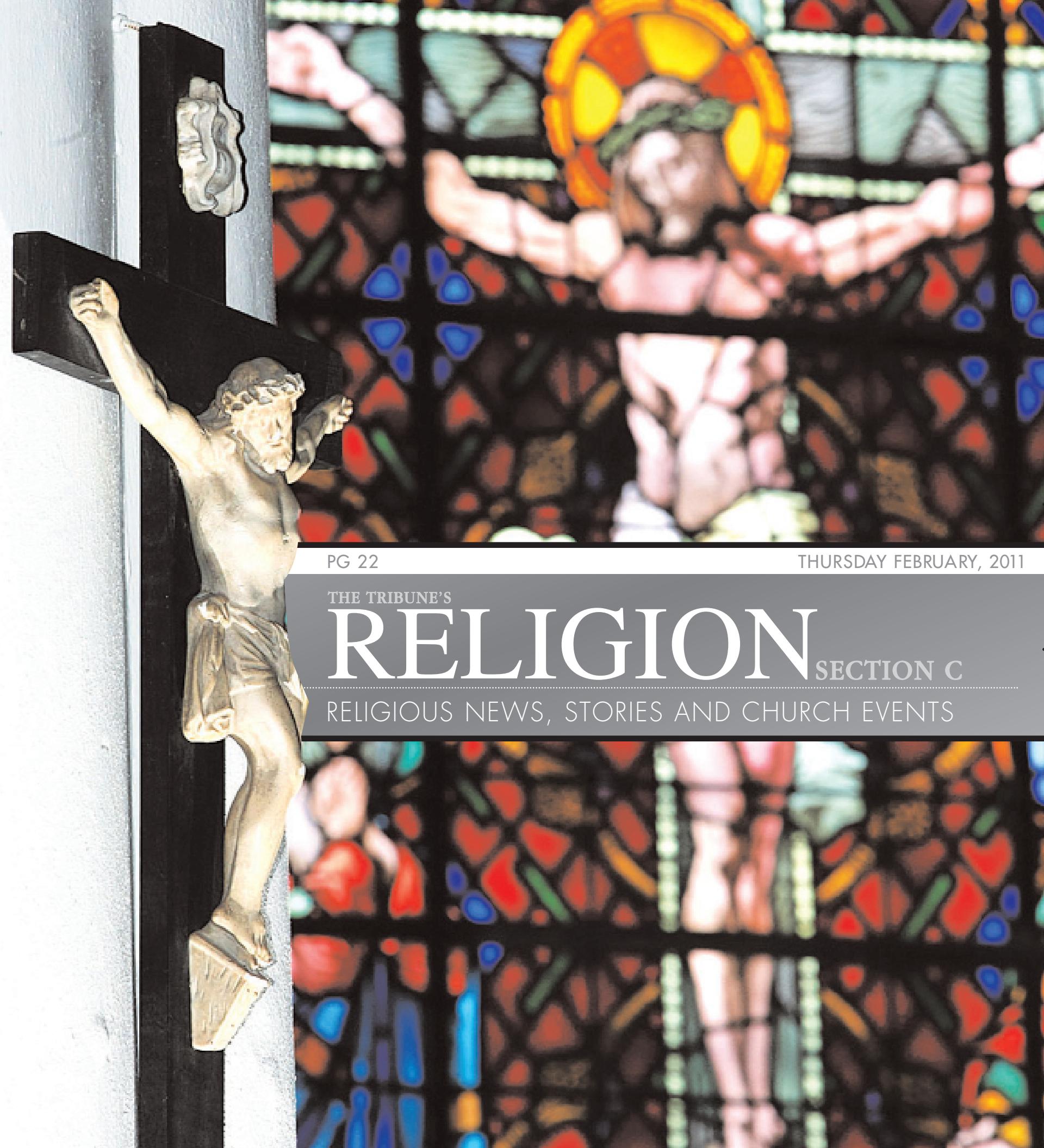
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A vertical photograph on the left side of the page shows a statue of Jesus Christ on a cross. The statue is made of a light-colored material, possibly wood or stone, and is mounted on a dark wooden plaque. The background is a large, colorful stained glass window featuring various floral and geometric patterns in shades of red, blue, green, and yellow.

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY, 2011

THE TRIBUNE'S

RELIGION SECTION C

RELIGIOUS NEWS, STORIES AND CHURCH EVENTS

MEMORIAL SERVICES AND FUNERAL DATES

Memorial services and funeral for the late Bishop Michael Hartley Eldon, the first Bahamian Anglican Bishop of the Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos:

NEW PROVIDENCE:

- Today 7pm – Memorial Eucharist at St Matthew's Church, East Shirley Street
- Friday, February 11, at 6am – A Mass of Thanksgiving at Christ the King, Ridgeland Park.
- Friday, February 11, at 7pm – Memorial Eucharist at St Margaret's Church, Kemp Road
- Sunday, February 13, at 6pm – Memorial Eucharist at St Mary the Virgin, Virginia Street
- Monday, February 14, at 6pm – Memorial Eucharist at St George's Church, Montrose Avenue

GRAND BAHAMA:

- Today at 7pm – Memorial Eucharist at St Mary Magdalene Church, West End

(There will also be several memorial services and island-wide Memorial Eucharists in the Turks and Caicos)

VIEWING, VIGIL AND FUNERAL

- Monday, February 14 at 10am – Bishop Eldon's body will be received at St George's Church, Montrose Avenue.

Public viewing will take place at St George's Church until 5.15pm.

- 5.30pm – Bishop Eldon's body leaves St George's Church
- 6pm – Bishop Eldon's body received at Christ Church Cathedral.
- Monday 6pm to Tuesday 9am – Vigil and public viewing at Christ Church Cathedral
(Hourly celebrations of the Eucharist will be held from Monday 7pm to Tuesday 8am)

- Tuesday, February 15, at 11am – Pontifical Concelebrated Eucharist of Thanksgiving for the life of Bishop Michael Hartley Eldon.
- Procession to follow the funeral
- Live coverage on radio and television
- Live streaming on internet via the Anglican Diocesan website at www.bahamas.anglican.org

HONOURING THE LIFE OF BISHOP MICHAEL ELDON



By JEFFARAH GIBSON
Tribune Features Writer

THE Anglican Archdiocese of the Bahamas is planning several events to honour the life of the late Bishop Michael Hartley Eldon, the first Bahamian Anglican Bishop of the Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos.

There will be a series of memorial services as well as candlelight vigils in the Bahamas as well as in the Turks and Caicos Islands to commemorate Bishop Eldon's life.

Bishop of the Anglican Diocese Rev Laish Boyd said at a press conference yesterday that the planned events will reflect the life and contributions of Bishop Eldon.

"We have put together a series of events that will reflect his life and we are very pleased with how we will remember him," he said.

He also spoke about his personal memories of the late bishop.

"I could say that I remember Bishop Eldon to be a very warm and receptive person. He was always a good listener a deeply spiritual person, extremely knowledgeable and well read. He was a person who could meet you on all levels and engage you and converse with you. He had a vast knowledge of the

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Psalm 55: 22: Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

HAVE you ever been to that place in life where everything seems to be going wrong and you begin to wonder if anybody cares?

If you haven't, I thank God for you. If you have or you're at that place right now, I can assure you without a doubt that God (Yahweh) cares. Not only does He care, but He's willing and able to do for you that which nobody else can.

It's time for you to cast your burdens upon the Lord; as embedded in your burdens/cares are anxiety and stress due to the fact that you've placed a great deal of trust in man (an employer, a spouse, a politician, a religious leader, a family member) to deliver some form of promise he's made.

Despite what you might be facing or going through individually or collectively as a nation, God is yet and will always be faithful to His word.

As you begin to see things through the eyes of the Spirit and not leaning to your own understanding, you will get the revelation of Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end" ... which will propel you even further into casting your cares upon the Lord.

Bishop Michael Eldon

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Bahamas, he travelled extensively and any island he went to he always knew everybody. But not just everybody, he could tell you who your parents were, who your grandparents were, that's the sort of person he was," Bishop Boyd said.

Clergy from other Anglican parishes in the Bahamas also shared their fond memories of Bishop Eldon with *Tribune Religion*.

Father Chester Burton, Rector at St Peter's Parish in North Long Island, said:

"I am really touched by Bishop Eldon and I felt that I did my part. When he first got sick at St Anne's Rectory I was there to assist him. I would lift him out of the bed when it was time for the nurse to give him a bath. It was touching to me. It humbled me. He was my mentor. He would have me making runs for him and I would take him to the office," Fr Burton said.

Father Basil Tynes, priest at St Barnabas Church, said he came to know Bishop Eldon during his ordination.

"I remember him because he ordained me priest. I remember him to be a person



PASTOR
MATTHEW
ALLEN

For whenever God gives His word, here's what He says about it:

Jeremiah 1: 12 – "Then said the Lord unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it."

There are three phases or dynamics that we all would have to go through as we're here on Earth, whether we're Christians or not, rich or poor, black or white.

Either we're presently in a storm, heading into a storm, or just come out of a storm.

These storms can vary as there are many, many storms of life; here's a few: financial storms, relationship storms, marital storms, employment storms, health storms.

FINANCIAL STORM – This storm is so broad and can have so many factors to its origin, to the point that many persons don't fully recover. And as a result the other storms that are mentioned above can derive from an intense financial storm.

RELATIONSHIP STORM – This is that storm which is initiated in most cases from feelings, and as it is well known, feelings have a way of changing. These changes at times brings about an unsettled atmosphere that ends in feelings being hurt, bitterness and pain.

MARITAL STORM – Here's the storm that shakes and disrupts the very fibre/ structure of the family for which at the end of this storm our communities and nation pay a hefty price. This storm devours most of its victims due to a gross misunderstanding of the covenant (marital covenant).

EMPLOYMENT STORM – This storm has a somewhat two-fold effect: the employee's work ethics and morals could create such a negative force that it has the potential to wreak havoc on their employer's business; or the employer could be the worst business person there is to work for due to a great lack of integrity which results in an employee revolving door concept.

HEALTH STORM – This storm is one that also takes its toll on those who are not physically caught in it and at times can be fatal. When children are battling a health issue the parents, family members, community, school, church and everybody is affected.

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FATHER BASIL TYNES

that cared for the clergy and people. He was a pastorally minded person and people mattered above everything else. We got to know him quite well and he was very good at bouncing ideas. The time when he was in the wheelchair he got a good understanding of what disabled people went through and his heart went out to them. He was always giving of himself. He has been missed by all of us since he went into the comatose state a few years ago," he told *Tribune Religion*.

Father Andrew Toppin, priest at St George's Anglican Church, said: "Bishop Michael Eldon was a man who was caring, gentle and had a very big heart that was larger than life itself. Wherever there was a need he saw to it that the need was met. He was concerned for God's people and he will be greatly missed."

Bishop Eldon was ordained as deacon in 1954 and as a priest in 1955. As a young

deacon he taught mathematics at St John's College, being the first Bahamian to teach there. He spent many years making an impact in Grand Bahama as a parish priest. A local school is named in his honour.

He was consecrated Bishop Suffragan of New Providence on June 24, 1971, and became Diocesan Bishop in April 1972, serving in that capacity for 24 years until his retirement in 1996.

Bishop Eldon also served as the founding chairman of the College of the Bahamas' (COB) board of directors, serving from 1975 to 1995.

The funeral service for Bishop Eldon will be held on Tuesday, February 15 at Christ Church Cathedral at 11am. There will also be a public viewing of his body at St George's Anglican Church on Montrose Avenue from 10am to 5.15pm on Monday, February 14.

Likewise, when a spouse is battling an illness of which the medical bills are outside the insurance coverage, the effects are felt far and wide.

No matter the character or nature of the storm Yahshua Messiah (aka Jesus the Christ) is there and not only does He care but will bring you safely through.

Watch this!

Mark 4:37 -39: "And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awoke him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

As you are reading this article, please hear me via the Spirit, whether you're saved or not, He really cares about you.

Here's how the Apostle Peter puts it:

1 Peter 5:7 – "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

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Are you commanding your mornings?

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AS a young boy growing up on the island I would be awakened every morning by my grandmother's early morning prayers. Having little to no knowledge as to why she was doing what she did it somehow placed a fear in me due to her crying and the intensity of her prayer.

The question that stood out in my mind was why she would and so many like her place such a command on their morning through prayer?

Coupled with this real life experience, I've discovered through the study that the Bible is saturated with men and women of God not only addressing God early in the morning, but God performing great works during the early morning periods. Again, what is so significant about the early mornings spiritually?

A few biblical accounts of early morning activity would be when the angels hastened Lot and his family early in the morning to leave Sodom. Also in this same biblical account it states that Abraham stood before the Lord early in the morning (Gen. 19:15, 27).

The Bible also states that Jesus went to the temple and taught the people early in the morning and that Martha and Mary visited his tomb early in the morning.

At this point I was arrested by the thought that there must be some biblical proof that there is a correlation between praying and the early mornings.

Now, the Bible states that there is death and life in the power of our tongue, and that we ought to call those things that do not exist now as though they do exist now.

In essence, God has given us power via our mouths to command things into existence through prayer and confessions.

I now began to partially see why my grandmother was praying with such passion (almost as if she was in a battle) and why she prayed for folks, individually and corporately.

However, God through His wisdom pointed out to me in His word the necessity of these prayers and confessions being addressed early in the morning. I must say it was indeed a profound revelation that I'm sure you'll agree with.

In the book of Job (38:12-13,15), God in speaking to his servant Job said, "Have you commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know His place; that It might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it?"

God is basically asking Job whether or not he had taken authority or command of his mornings. What is so interesting here is not only the fact that God asked about the commanding of the morning by Job, but he further asked Job if he had

caused the dayspring to know his place.

His place! Of course I'm now compelled to wonder if the morning and dayspring are personified as forces working against my day, beginning early in the morning.

If this is the case, then I am responsible for putting these forces in their place by commanding what I desire of my mornings via the power of my tongue (Proverbs 18:21). However, the question still lingers, who is this person that is working in opposition or as an opponent to me during the early morning periods?

Now, before we unveil who this person is, let us look at the consequences of not commanding our mornings and causing the dayspring not to be put in his place.

Remember what God originally asked Job? He said, "Have you commanded the morning since thy days or since you were alive?"

The result of commanding his morning is found in verses 13 and 15. By commanding the morning and causing the dayspring to be put in its place, this will shake the wicked out of the earth or disrupt his plots, plans, ploys and schemes against you. Additional in verse 15 it states that the light of the wicked will be withheld. The word light in this verse got its origin from the Hebrew word "Or" which is literally defined as morning or day break.

So in essence, God is saying that when we command our mornings and cause the dayspring to be put in his place (which has been personified as male) simultaneously we restrain or restrict his morning.

To not do this principle we open our lives to curses. A curse is to be spiritually bound, not able to succeed, prune for failure, disempowered, open to the powers of witchcraft, spell, incantations, but this can only happen if we disobey God by not commanding our morning.

Deuteronomy 28: 45-46 makes this abundantly clear, and it reads, "Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and pursue thee, and overtake thee, until thou be destroyed; because thou did not listen unto the voice of the lord thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee. They shall be upon thee for a sign and a wonder and upon thy seed for ever. Not only will I be affected by not commanding my morning but my seed or children also."

Now let's see who our early morning opponent is and what gives him the right to oppose us for the morning.

Again, you will recall that God asked Job if he commanded the morning and caused the dayspring to be put in his place.

Isaiah 14:12 makes the identity of our opponent abundantly clear; it reads, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O



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Lucifer, son of the morning."

Wow! What a revelation, Lucifer whom we know to be the present day Satan is in fact the son of the morning, so when God asked Job if he had put him in his place, he was referring to Satan.

As a result of this revelation it is not only clear but important why the Bible places emphasis on us not fighting against flesh and blood but against principalities, powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places. Satan being the head over this evil kingdom allotting his evil ambitions through his evil spirits to wage war on us in the early morning because he is in fact the son of the morning.

The words of wisdom for today are

'begin commanding your morning very early in the morning, decreeing that you are above only and not beneath, the head and not the tail'.

Blessed going out and blessed coming in, highly favoured of the Lord, with a host of angels that has been given charge over you to keep you in all your ways and that no weapon formed against you shall prosper. Conclude by binding all of Satan's and his host's plans that have been assigned against you and all that concerns you and that he and his host are under your feet in Jesus' name.

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Love... Peace... Kindness

WHEN WE think about how we wish to be remembered, I hope that these are some of the words that will be associated with our attitude and actions.

It will be a credit to us and bring glory to God.

When I think of Bishop Michael Eldon (who was my next door neighbour in Delancey Street when I was a child), I think of one who loved the church, who tried to promote peace in society, and who showed kindness to so many people.

He had a fantastic memory for names and faces, details of birthdays, and, as expected, dates and details of just about anything related to the church.

In order for us to grow in grace, and represent Jesus Christ to the best of our God-inspired ability, let us consider what these three words – love, peace, kindness – from the list of the nine “fruits of the Spirit” mean to us. They may become lifelong characteristics with prayer and practice.

LOVE: “God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in Him. In this way, love is made complete among



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us that we will have confidence on the Day of Judgment, because in this world we are like him.” (1 John 4: 16b - 17)

Love is concern that goes beyond whether we like the person or not. It has to do with the idea of the rain “falling on the just and the unjust”.

Sometimes love is very gentle, sometimes it has to be a tough love that looks out for the well-being of the group as well. Love is sometimes painful and involves suffering as it did for Jesus Christ.

Often there is much joy as we experience in a happy marriage or contented celibacy.

You may wish to consider the following questions for the rest of the month: Am I a loving person for the most part?

How can I be more loving than I am? How may I spread more love in my family at home and at church?

PEACE: The dictionary offers us definitions such as harmony in relationships, tranquility, freedom from disturbing emotions, and Holy Scripture admonishes us to “seek peace and pursue it”. (1 Peter 3:11b)

The Life Application Bible makes the following points about peace which I have arranged and paraphrased as ABC:

- Anticipate problems and deal with them before they develop.
- Build good relationships by being committed
- Conflicts will arise but face them openly and deal with them immediately.

Questions to consider this month: Am I a relatively peaceful person? How can I work for more peace in my family, school, church and place of employment?

KINDNESS: This is the careful concern for others that builds true communi-

ty. The Bible describes one such Christian community in the following manner: “All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need” (Acts 2:45).

We are called to share what we have and care even when we cannot give. Our prayers show a heart turned toward God and the person’s situation. It may be that during a time of prayer an answer may come: a name to contact, an idea to try.

If love is an attitude and peace is an approach, then kindness is an action motivated by love. How kind are you? What more can you do to show kindness to all who know you?

Love, peace and kindness are three aspects of Christ’s character that come with the presence of the Holy Spirit in us.

If we will be transformed by the work of God living within us, these qualities will begin to flow from us effortlessly. With the mind of Christ forming in us, we will walk in the way that is pleasing to God.

ROWAN WILLIAMS, the Archbishop of Canterbury, says global work to restore the unity of the Anglican Communion continues. In this file photo the Archbishop speaks during the ninth Inauguration of the General Synod at Westminster Abbey, London. Palace officials have announced Wednesday that Archbishop of Canterbury will conduct the service when Prince William and Kate Middleton wed on April 29. (AP)

Anglican leader says work to restore unity goes on

DUBLIN
Associated Press

THE HEAD of the Anglican Communion on Sunday said that work will continue to bridge deep differences within the global fellowship, but he says it will be a lengthy process.

Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury, spoke at the end of a five-day conference in Ireland's capital, Dublin, which was notable for the absence of several conservative African bishops who refused to join a forum which included the head of the US Episcopal Church.

“The fact remains that two-thirds of the body of primates is present, and something like three-fourths or something more expressed their willingness to be present,” Archbishop Williams said.

The unity of the communion has been severely strained by moves in the United States to first appoint an openly

gay priest as a bishop, and then by the elevation of a lesbian to serve as a bishop.

“Of course there is a critical situation in the communion. Nobody would deny that,” the Archbishop said.

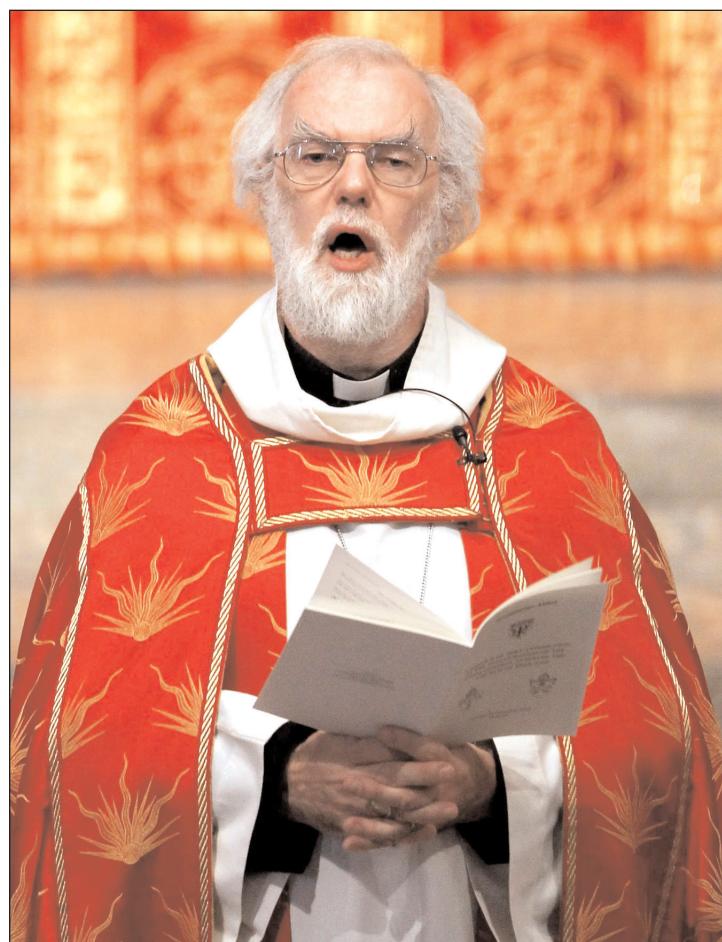
“But that critical situation has not ended the relationships, often very cordial and constructive, among the churches of the communion,” he added.

Bernard Ntahoturi, the Anglican archbishop of Burundi, said the absent archbishops had not withdrawn from the communion.

“They are still members of the Anglican Communion,” he said. “Not attending physically does not mean that you are not participating in the life of the community.”

Archbishop Williams said the Dublin meeting worked to define the role and responsibilities of the primates, and he said efforts to repair division will continue.

“It's a long task,” he added.





ARCHBISHOP Zygmunt Zimowski, Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Pastoral Assistance to Health Care Workers, left, and Vatican spokesman Federico Lombardi attend a press conference at the Vatican, Thursday, Feb. 3, 2011. The Vatican health office announced it will host an international conference in May on preventing AIDS and caring for those afflicted with it amid continued confusion over its position concerning condoms as a way to prevent HIV transmission. (AP)

Vatican hosts AIDS prevention, care conference

VATICAN CITY
Associated Press

THE VATICAN will host an international conference in May on preventing AIDS and caring for those afflicted with it amid continued confusion over its position concerning condoms as a way to prevent HIV transmission.

The Vatican's Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers also said Thursday it was working on a set of guidelines for Catholic doctors, nurses and others who care for people with HIV and AIDS.

Pope Benedict XVI made headlines late last year when he said in a book interview that someone, such as a male prostitute, who uses a condom to prevent HIV transmission might be showing a first sign of a more moral sexuality because he is looking out for the

welfare of another person.

The comments set off a flurry of confusion about whether the pope was justifying condom use in a break with church doctrine opposing contraception. The Vatican insisted he was not.

Monsignor Jean-Marie Mpendawatu Mate Musivi, undersecretary in the Vatican health office, told reporters last week that the Vatican's clarification of the pope's comments would be explained at the May 28 conference, to which the head of UNAIDS and other prominent AIDS researchers had been invited.

"There is a problem of comprehension, of explaining things well and what the pope really said," he said.

He stressed that the church's position about how to fight AIDS goes well beyond the question of condoms and focuses on pre-

vention programs at the school, community and family levels. The church has long stressed that abstinence and monogamous marriages are the best ways to prevent HIV transmission.

As a result of that position though, Pope Benedict's comments surprised many since it marked the first time a pope had even acknowledged that condoms were effective in fighting HIV.

In fact, during a trip to Africa in 2009, Benedict himself had said that AIDS couldn't be resolved by distributing condoms and that on the contrary "it increases the problem."

The pope's new comments though, sparked such confusion that the Vatican had to issue three official clarifications, the last of which came December 21 from the authoritative Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

The Vatican's top doctrine office stressed that the pope was by no means saying condoms could be morally acceptable to avoid pregnancy. But it implied that the intention of a male prostitute to use a condom to prevent disease was less evil than infecting his partner.

Reports of the pope's comments had been greeted with relief among AIDS activists and even among some church personnel working on the front lines in Africa, where UNAIDS estimates that 22.4 million people are infected with HIV.

The church's long-standing opposition to condoms as a form of birth control has drawn fierce criticism given that 54 percent of infected Africans — or 12.1 million people — are women.

Vatican seeks better ties with Islamic institute

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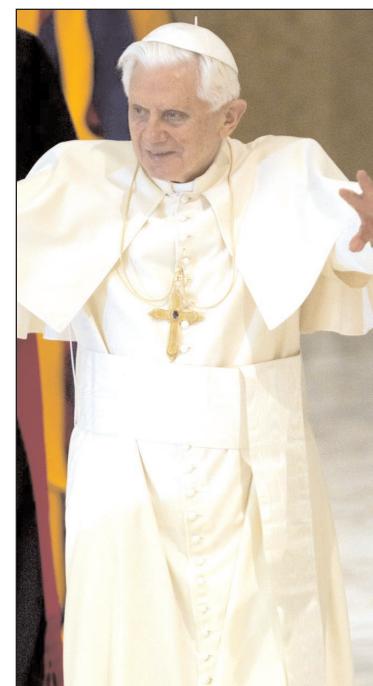
THE Vatican is seeking to repair relations with the pre-eminent institute of Islamic learning in the Sunni Muslim world.

Cairo's Al-Azhar academy froze its dialogue with the Vatican last week to protest Pope Benedict XVI's recent remarks calling for better protection for Christians in Egypt.

The head of the Vatican's office for interreligious dialogue, Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, told the Vatican newspaper last Friday that the Holy See didn't understand what Al-Azhar was so upset about.

He said any careful reading of the pope's remarks showed he was merely asserting universal values about the need for religious freedom.

Tauran said he remained open to dialogue and that regardless, a February meeting with Al-Azhar remained on his calendar.



POPE Benedict XVI delivers his blessing as he arrives for a weekly general audience held in the Pope Paul VI hall at the Vatican, Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011. (AP)

St Mary Magdalene inducts new altar servers



THE St Mary Magdalene Anglican Church in Glintons, Long Island inducted some new altar servers last Sunday. Pictured here is Father Chester Burton, Rector of St Peter's Parish in North Long Island, blessing the new cadre of altar servers.

New Orleans Catholic Archdiocese making historic records available

NEW ORLEANS
Associated Press

IN A development that one expert calls a "monumental contribution" to historians, the New Orleans Catholic Archdiocese is making available online the sacramental records for slaves and free people of colour that date back before Louisiana's 1812 statehood.

"Our sacramental records here in the New Orleans Archdiocese are some of the most detailed you will ever find," Archbishop Gregory Aymond said.

All the records, dating from 1718 to 1812, will be available in the next two years, archdiocesan archivist Emilie Leumas said Tuesday.

"We don't have the resources at the archdiocese to operate a research center," Leumas said. "Through our website we are able to make a PDF image of the original documents containing the records available."

The first five books, written in Spanish by priests in Louisiana's earliest colonial days, are now available at no cost through the archdiocese's web site. They contain the baptismal records of slaves and free people of color, mostly listing only one name for those documented.

During colonial time, the Catholic Church was the recorder of births, deaths, marriages and other stages of life for not only the city's white population, but also

for the slaves and free people of colour.

Colonial law during both the Spanish and French eras required every baby to be baptised. Because of that, there are far more extensive records for slaves and free people of colour in New Orleans than in most of the rest of the country.

"Scholars from all over the world come and do research here," Leumas said. "There is no place else that has that abundance of records that we have."

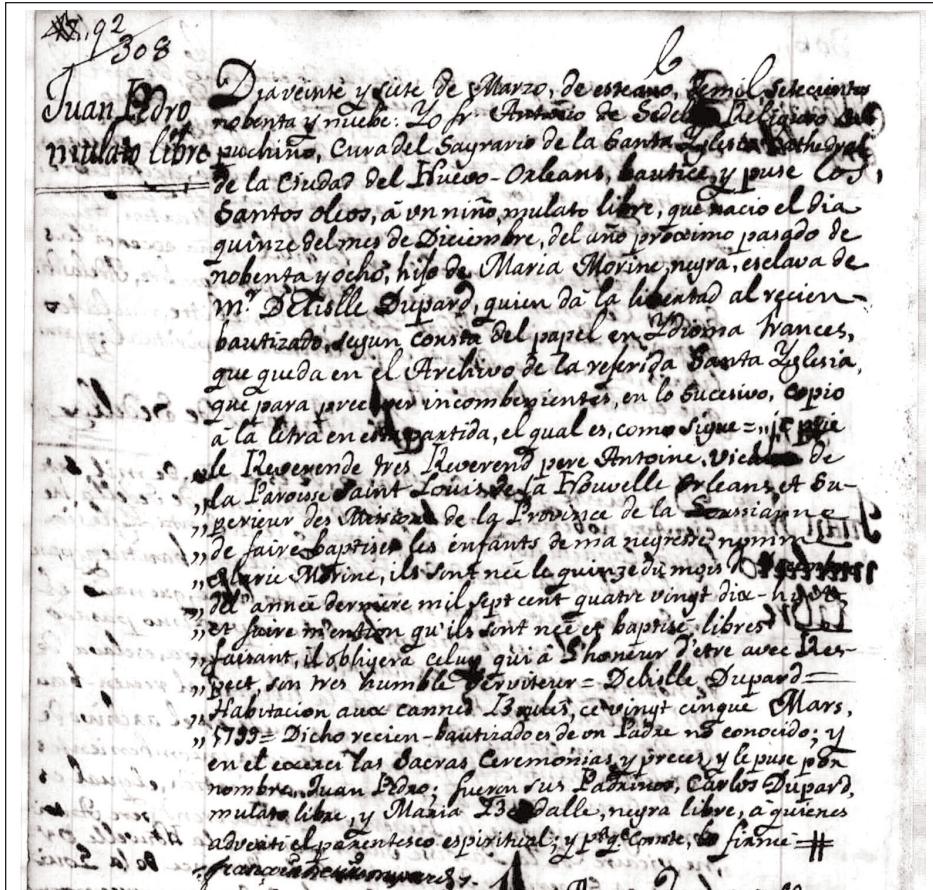
The archdiocese had published 17 volumes of sacramental records for white parishioners in the past, but had not made the records of those without surnames available. Opening those records is a "monumental contribution," said Elizabeth Shown Mills, of Samford University Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research.

The records list the name of the mother, sometimes the father, the sponsor of the baptism, the name of the slave owner and those who witnessed the event. Many of the baptismal records had notations added later such as when the person married, listing the husband, and sometimes an added surname.

"Traditionally, genealogists, historians, and archivists alike have assumed that genealogical research was not possible for ancestors without surnames," Ms Mills said.

That has since been disproved.

Simone Barnes, chairman of the Board



of Directors of Rhode Island Black Storytellers, recalled a 10-year-old girl named Priscilla, who was taken from Sierra Leone in the 1700s and brought to South Carolina on a slave ship. Seven generations later, her great-granddaughter was honoured in Priscilla's native land.

THIS UNDATED photo released Tuesday, February 1, 2011, by the Office of Archives of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, shows a 1799 record of baptism, written in Spanish and French. Sacramental records that date back before Louisiana's statehood of April 30, 1812, are being made available online by the New Orleans Archdiocese. (AP)