

LOCAL NEWS

NDP vows to stick to principles after Rollins' decision to join PLP

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JOINING PLP: Andre Rollins

THE NATIONAL Development Party has reaffirmed its commitment to "principles, not pragmatics" following Andre Rollins' decision to join the Progressive Liberal Party.

In response to Dr Rollin's suggestion that the third party also merge with the official opposition, Renward Wells, leader of the NDP, explained that such a move would involve deep changes to its policy of supporting a true democratic process.

Mr Wells said: "If the PLP or the FNM were serious about democracy in this country, and democracy not stopping at the door of their political party, then there would be no need for the NDP."

In an interview with *The Tribune*, the third party denied reports published yesterday that Dr Rollins had been forced out of the party or that he had been its leader.

Mr Wells said: "He felt that it was more pragmatic for him to join one of the major parties, so he's going with his pragmatism; we are about

principles and we will remain to be about these principles."

He explained that since Dr Rollins resigned from the post of chairman of the party's executive steering committee in April, the party's momentum has not slowed.

The party held a debate and convention in November, during which members elected a leader, deputy leader and chairman.

Mr Wells said: "For us this is not unexpected. He came to us, we entertained him, heard what it was he had to say, he informed us that he was resigning from the party and we've moved on. This party had long since moved on, we wish him all the best in his endeavours."

Dr Rollins tendered his resignation to the party in a meeting on Tuesday night and announced his intentions to join the PLP yesterday.

In a press statement, Dr Rollins invited the NDP to

join the PLP, which he feels is the party that best encapsulates their principles and philosophies.

Dr Rollins said: "This will provide the most realistic means of translating NDP ideas into national policies and programmes that are crucial for significant future growth and development. It is my view that the Progressive Liberal Party is the only major political organisation that meets this fundamental criterion."

In response to Dr Rollins' suggestion, Mr Wells added: "Give every member the opportunity to vote as to who should lead those parties, and the people in the constituency the right to choose who they would like to represent them. If they deepened democracy then we would know that they would be serious about the second part of our mission, which is empowering the Bahamian people."

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PLP 'WILL RESCUE ECONOMY FROM FNM MISMANAGEMENT'

WHEN the PLP government wins the next general election, it will rescue the economy from the "mismanagement" of the FNM, Elizabeth MP Ryan Pinder told party supporters at a rally in his constituency last night.

Mr Pinder said the Bahamas is still in the worst economic slump since the 1920s, and the global recession is not solely responsible.

"It is the lack of vision of the present government which has made our condition even worse. Their response is to borrow, borrow and borrow some more. So much so that it will be our children who will be straddled with the task of having to repay our debt," the Elizabeth MP said.

He also blamed the FNM for failing to manage the crime explosion in recent years.

"Governments are elected to lead, particularly in the face of a monumental crisis which continues to escalate. Good governments, like the one you had under the Christie PLP administration, implement strategies to get at the root causes of delinquent behaviour.

"This FNM government, however, is also bankrupt on vision in this regard. We need change and we need it now," Mr Pinder said.

He promised the crowd that when the PLP wins the next election, it will put in place programmes to accelerate the economic recovery of the Bahamas. He urged the people of his constituency to prepare themselves to take advantage of the upcoming opportunities.

"We will put in programmes that prepare you to succeed, prepare you to understand how to grow your business, prepare you to be in the best position to secure that employment opportunity.

"We will leverage the community efforts we developed over the last year to implement crime prevention programmes so you can be confident that Elizabeth is a safe place to live, a safe place to succeed. In this upcoming year we will work in partnership to prepare for opportunities," said Mr Pinder.

MAN ACCUSED OF STABBING FORMER GIRLFRIEND APPEARS IN COURT

A 25-YEAR-OLD man accused of stabbing his former girlfriend on Sunday was arraigned in Magistrates Court yesterday charged with attempted murder.

Devon Adderley of Rockcrusher stands accused of the attempted murder of Lashan Smith. Smith, 23, was stabbed on Sunday while stopped at the traffic lights on Jerome Avenue and Chesapeake Road.

Adderley was not required to enter a plea to the charge. Prosecutor Godfrey Brennan objected to Adderley being granted bail, claiming that he had made death threats to the victim.

Adderley's attorney Michael Kemp noted that Adderley has been on bail for 10 years on an armed robbery charge.

Mr Kemp also told the court his client alleges that the victim's sister, who is a police officer, has been harassing him.

Magistrate Derrence Rolle ordered that Adderley be fitted with an electronic monitoring bracelet.

He was ordered to be at home by 7pm each day and to stay away from the complainant and witnesses.

The case was adjourned to March 15.

Opponents of BTC sale 'should band together'

THE fight to have BTC remain in Bahamian hands is a political one, and all who oppose the sale of the company to Cable and Wireless should band together, Fox Hill MP Fred Mitchell told a crowd gathered at the Prince Charles Rally site during the opposition party's rally on Tuesday night.

Mr Mitchell accused the FNM of proposing to "sell the furniture to save the house," saying that the legacy of Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham is one of "destruction."

He also chided the government for attacking union leaders who are "simply acting in the best interests of their members."

"I would advise union leaders however that this is a political battle and the forces must come together not stand apart if we are to win.

"All of us must stand together. There is no point in arguing that because the PLP stands with you that makes you PLP. We are fighting for the nation: not PLP or FNM," Mr Mitchell said.

He said that the country is in a "strange place" where the leaders of the country are attacking their own citizens because those citizens dare to say they do not want BTC sold.



BTC FIGHT: Fred Mitchell

"The Minister of Labour says because the union president called for an Egypt moment, that the union president is fomenting violence.

"I too support an Egypt moment which had nothing to do with violence. It was a peaceful movement by people of that country to remove a dictator from office.

"The only violence in that

campaign was violence by the state against its own people. Does the Minister of Labour propose the use of violence against his own people in Nassau? We have a history of peaceful dissent and civil disobedience in this country and it is time to employ that tool," the Fox Hill MP said.

Mr Mitchell said that when a government cannot hear, it must feel the voice of the people.

"Recently, they published an article in the newspaper by a group calling itself Consumer Voices Bahamas. This is one of a number of FNM front organisations.

"They said they held a poll and most people support the FNM's decision to sell BTC and oppose the PLP's position.

"That poll is not worth the paper it is written on. The fact is you don't need a poll to hear the noise in the market place.

"People do not want BTC sold to Cable and Wireless. Which part of 'No' does the FNM not understand?"

"This is the same mistake they made in the referendum of 2002," Mr Mitchell said.

He said that the issue is not whether BTC should be sold but to whom should the government sell it and on what terms.

PLP leader praises 'winner' Ryan Pinder



ELIZABETH MP: Ryan Pinder

PERRY Christie, leader of the Progressive Liberal Party, celebrated the one year anniversary of the Elizabeth constituency by-election at a party rally last night.

He praised Ryan Pinder, member of parliament for Elizabeth, for proving himself in his first year in office to be a "winner."

"Make no mistake about it: Ryan has proven himself to be a key member of the new generation of future leadership that is taking shape within the PLP. I expect even greater things of this young man in the years to come. Indeed I am confident that

Ryan Pinder is destined to play an important, possibly even an historic, part in the next generation of leadership that is emerging within our great party," said Mr Christie.

To Senator Dr Duane Sands, former Elizabeth candidate, he said "bring it on" in the next election.

"The result next time will be no different, except for one thing. The next time around, Ryan will beat Duane so bad, Duane will give up politics for good and return to the operating room where he belongs.

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ROTARY CLUB INTERNATIONAL KEEPS AN EYE ON STUDENTS



SAMIE PETITFRERE, a sixth grade student of Naomi Blatch Primary School, gets her eyes tested by Ron Redner of Roswell Rotary yesterday. Rotary Club International conducted eye examinations at the school and will be visiting more government schools this week.

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A dedicated brother and sister leave scene

SHE WAS brilliant, charming, hard-working, loyal and caring. Her life was dedicated to the education of Bahamians, because as she said recently “a well educated populace is the only sensible ingredient to ensure the successful development of society.”

Keva Marie Bethel, the only daughter of the late Hon. Sidney Eldon and his wife, Rowena (Winnie), was determined to follow in the footsteps of her brother, Michael, four years her senior. Michael was already establishing an outstanding scholastic record, having been accepted as a student at St Catherine’s College, Cambridge.

In September, 1956, an age when it was not usual for girls to leave the Bahamas for studies abroad, Keva Eldon became the first Bahamian woman to enter Cambridge, reading Modern Languages at Girton College.

In December 1983 she became the first woman — second Bahamian — principal of the College of the Bahamas. By then the College was entering its ninth year. At her installation ceremony, brother Michael, by then the first Bahamian bishop of the Anglican Diocese delivered the installation prayer. He was the founding chairman of the College of the Bahamas Council serving from 1976 to 1995. Together, brother and sister guided the college through its formative years.

In August, 1995 on her 60th birthday she officially retired, but was encouraged to continue as College president on a year-to-year contract. However, in August, 1997, she announced that she would officially retire at the end of the 1998 academic year. She looked forward, she joked, to finding out how it felt to be “deliciously bored.”

However, Dr Keva Bethel, president emeritus of the College, was too vibrant a woman to entertain boredom, not only was she active on many boards, but she and Dr Gail Saunders, former director general of Heritage, were now the College’s first resident scholars. Dr Bethel was researching the history of Education in the Bahamas and the development of the College, and Dr Saunders was continuing her research on the history of race relations. It is understood that Dr Bethel had completed the draft for the first chapter of her book and was busy reading the College Council’s minutes. They were both fascinated, said Dr Saunders, going through the pages of The Tribune and Guardian for that period. It is hoped that her daughter, Nicolette Bethel Burrows, herself an accomplished scholar, will now complete her mother’s work.

However, the loyalty to the very end that brother and sister had for each other, and Keva’s dedication to her brother when he fell seriously ill and could no longer care for

himself was not only heroic, but inspirational. Bishop Eldon retired in 1996, due to failing health, after 24 years as bishop. Six years ago he lapsed into a coma and was cared for by nurses at his sister’s home. Although he knew no one, brother and sister had such an affinity of spirit that Keva felt that Michael was aware of her presence. He followed her with his eyes. He listened as she read to him daily. She discussed topics she felt would interest him and she held his hand. At times she was convinced he squeezed hers. However, doctors could see no sign of awareness. She felt he was aware — at least of her.

When his insurance ran out, Keva struggled financially to support him. Eventually the Anglican Diocese made arrangements with the Princess Margaret Hospital and for the last two years, he was a patient there. Every afternoon his loyal sister with the books they both enjoyed was at his side. She read to him, she talked to him and she held his hand. Late last year she told him that she would be leaving for a short while. She was not well, but she would be back. She left for MD Anderson in Texas where she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer — no cure, but treatable. Her friends were amazed at how resigned she was to her fate. There was no questioning of “Oh, God why me?” There was nothing like that said Dr Saunders, “She never complained, never questioned it, she just took it in her stride.”

But the spirit of brother and sister seemed to be one. When she started to fail in Doctor’s Hospital, so did he at Princess Margaret. He was leading the way for her to follow. It seemed she was just hanging to life to make certain that he was safely in the arms of his Maker. He died at 12.50am, Monday, February 7. Keva seemed relieved when she was told.

At about 5am on Tuesday, February 15 — the same day of brother Michael’s funeral — “at around 5am Keva Marie stepped out of her body and moved on to better things,” daughter Nicolette announced to her friends.

Later that day during her brother’s funeral service a moment of silence was held to honour his sister.

Brother and sister — prelate and educator — had left the Bahamian scene together. And as Governor General Sir Arthur Foulkes said of him when speaking on behalf of the Bahamian people, he could have also said of her — they both understood that “education was fundamental to developing the people of the country they loved.”

Our deepest sympathy goes out to their family. May they be consoled to know that this country has lost two leaders who have made Bahamians very proud.

Duane Sands will be a good addition to the Senate

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Dr. Duane Sands will be a wonderful addition to the Senate.

He is a very well trained and experienced doctor who has served his country and our people for many years including with trauma patients as Director of Accident and Emergency at PMH.

Not only has he helped to save lives as a surgeon, having performed the first open heart surgery in the country, he has also been an advocate for sustainable and expanded health care for all Bahamians. He has also served as PMH’s Chief of Surgery.

It is so good to see highly accomplished people at the top of their fields engaged in the political process at the highest levels.

It reminds me of the appointment of Vincent Vanderpool Wallace to the



Ministry of Tourism. He is of course one of the best in the field of tourism in the region and perhaps around the world.

Just like Mr. Vanderpool Wallace’s entry into politics, Dr. Sands’ appointment bodes well for our politics and should encourage others like him to make such a sacrifice and a contribution.

Instead of so many people complaining from the sidelines, they should get involved and like Obama says, be the change they want to see.

It’s easy to complain and be cynical. It’s much harder to make a difference. Our political system is as good or as broken as our efforts to get involved.

Both PLPs and FNMs

who have met Dr. Sands as a person, doctor or as a candidate will attest to his integrity and his care and concern for people regardless of their political beliefs. Just as he served on various public boards in the past, he is now Chairman of the Mortgage Corporation.

Dr. Sands not only has a social conscience, he also has common sense in terms of getting things done.

I look forward to hearing the voice of this capable and patriotic Bahamian who has a progressive spirit and is committed to the social development and welfare of our people.

He has demonstrated his commitment to The Bahamas in action and in service, not just in speeches and public relations gimmicks.

BLS
Nassau,
February, 2011

Saddened by death of my friend Paul Bower

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I was saddened by the death of my friend, Paul Bower, and share in great measure the grief of his widow, Ericka and sons, Nigel and Bobby.

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CHESTER THOMPSON
Nassau,
February 10, 2011.

Trade unions and temper tantrums

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Re: ‘We’ll turn country into small Egypt’. Tribune – February 9, 2011.

THE childish temper tantrums of trade unions may be an indication of how far a country has progressed toward national maturity.

KEN W KNOWLES, MD
Nassau,
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Allegations left Bishop Fraser 'feeling wounded'

By NATARIO MCKENZIE
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BISHOP Earl Randy Fraser said yesterday he was left feeling "wounded" after allegations surfaced that he had sexual relations with a young girl whom he had agreed to counsel.

Fraser, who was back on the witness stand yesterday, said that after the allegations came to light during a confrontation at his church on Palm Sunday 2006, he requested a one year leave of absence.

"During that time I was very wounded, wounded in spirit and emotions. I was like a bleeding shepherd. It's difficult for a bleeding shepherd to tend to his flock," Fraser said.

Fraser, senior pastor at Pilgrim Baptist Temple in St James Road, is accused of having sex with a 16-year-old girl between July 2005 and February 2006.

Fraser described Palm Sunday 2006 as a day he will "never forget."

"Our service was desecrated by outsiders. It was interrupted and serious allegations were hurled at me," he told the court.

That morning, he said, following the 8am service, he received a voice-mail on his cellular phone. He said the person, who claimed to be an aunt of the complainant, said: "I'm coming up there today."

According to Fraser, the woman said she was bringing the police with her.

He told the court that he summoned the complainant's grandmother and another aunt into his office and asked them where the complainant was.

He said that the aunt told him that she was in the bathroom crying and would not come out.



BISHOP Earl Randy Fraser

Fraser claimed he went to the bathroom to get her but she was not there.

He told the court that he found her crying and trembling inside the car of one of the church members.

Fraser said that he asked her what was going on and she said she did not know.

He said that the complainant's aunt and grandmother were also puzzled.

Fraser went on to testify

that about 15 minutes into the 11am service, two people stormed into the church.

He said that the woman he identified as the complainant's mother was shouting, but he could not understand what she was saying.

According to Fraser, the woman's brother asked, "Where the pastor is?" before he was removed from the sanctuary by some male congregation members.

Fraser claimed that inside his office, the mother began to speak to him directly, charging him with having sex with her daughter for \$30 a week.

According to Fraser, the woman shouted, "You going to pay my mortgage off, \$40,000."

He also told the court that an aunt of the complainant added that if their mother became ill, he would pay her medical expenses.

Fraser claimed he just sat in the chair and said nothing. "I felt very disturbed, disappointed and humiliated," he said.

The Watchman and His Message Ezekiel 33:1-7

Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them: 'When I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from their territory and make him their watchman, when he sees the sword coming upon the land, if he blows the trumpet and warns the people, then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But he who takes warning will save his life. But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.'" So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me.



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Poll: Majority of Abaco residents back sale of BTC

THE SECOND in a series of Consumer Voices Bahamas polls were conducted over the weekend, when CVB travelled to Abaco to ask residents how they feel about the privatisation of BTC.

The poll was conducted at Marsh Harbour, Murphy Town, Treasure Cay, Cooper's Town and Fox Town.

Marlene Minus, chairperson of CVB, and two executive members of the group conducted the poll.

The purpose was to ascertain consumer opinions on the government's plan to privatise BTC and also to identify major areas of concern with regard to telecoms ser-

vices.

"Yes or no" answers were given to the following questions:

- Do you support the government's plan to privatize BTC?
- Are you satisfied with the services offered by BTC?

The age, gender, race, and address of the respondents was also collected.

Ninety-seven persons, or 57 per cent of the 170 persons who participated in the poll, said they support privatisation.

Fifty-one persons, or 30 per cent, do not support the sale. Twenty-two individuals, or 13 per cent, are undecided.

Abaconians said BTC needs to improve customer service, and signal strength and quality, particularly in the community of Bahama Palm and the southern end of the island.

There were also concerns about a shortage of phone lines in German Town and a slow response to repair requests.

The first poll was conducted on January 28 on Bay Street, Nassau, and surveyed 236 individuals.

The majority of those polled in New Providence also supported privatisation.

The CVB said it will continue to hold surveys in other Family islands.



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LOCAL NEWS

Four US vets blocked from assisting local spay/neuter clinic



VENEZUELAN, FRENCH SEIZE HUGE DRUG HAUL
CARACAS, Venezuela Associated Press

VENEZUELAN and French authorities have seized 3.6 metric tons of cocaine aboard a vessel in the Caribbean Sea.

Venezuelan Justice Minister Tareck El Aissami says seven suspects were arrested during the anti-drug operation off Venezuela's coast. Venezuela is a major hub for gangs that smuggle Colombian cocaine to the United States and Europe.

El Aissami said Wednesday that Venezuela is cooperating with foreign governments to fight drug smuggling. He called Tuesday's bust "a tough blow" to traffickers. U.S. officials have accused President Hugo Chavez's government of lax anti-drug efforts.

Chavez counters that his government is doing everything possible to stem the flow of drugs through Venezuela.

By DENISE MAYCOCK Tribune Freeport Reporter
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FREPORT — The Humane Society of Grand Bahama is "very disappointed" that four US veterinarians have been blocked by the Department of Agriculture from assisting with a local spay/neuter clinic.

Tip Burrows, managing director of HSGB, said concerns about the visiting vets and the clinic were raised by the Bahamas Veterinary Association.

Although the vets are on the island, she said they are unable to do any work even after taking vacation time to attend the clinic.

"Four US veterinarians and four vet technicians... gave up vacation time and paid their own way here to donate their time and expertise for a cause they believe strongly in," she said.

"The Bahamas Veterinary Association apparently feels that with three Bahamian vets now in Freeport, those vets could do "thousands" of spays and neuters in a year through the Grand Bahama Port Authority's spay/neuter voucher programme."

"The GBPA has put a cap on the funding for spay/neuter, and the new budget would allow for a maximum of 800 spays and neuters in a year's time," she said.

Ms Burrows believes that 800 is not enough, and estimates that there could be more than 6,000 dogs and cats potentially breeding on the island.

The Humane Society's animal shelter on Coral Road is full and the organisation was counting on the assistance of the four vets, who along with their two local Bahamian vets, were lending their expertise to the clinic.

The organisation is hoping to perform some 2,000 surgeries per year to decrease and control the unwanted animal population on the island.

The four-day clinic started on Monday at Eight Mile Rock, where many persons cannot afford to have their pets spayed and neutered, thus contributing to the stray animal problem in West Grand Bahama.

The Humane Society and the Kohn Foundation announced last week a field clinic at St Stephens Parish

Hall. Shelter vets, Bahamians Dr Dawn Gibbs and Dr Chante Wildgoose, and four US vets, Robin Brennen, Bridget Barry, Deb Campbell and Tanya Perry were to perform the surgeries.

Ms Burrows said she have tried contacting Dept of Agriculture officials concerning the decision taken regarding the US vets, but has been unable to reach anyone.

Animals

She said the GBPA is the only Bahamian entity that has ever funded spay/neuter programmes on the island. She noted that their funding is meant for Freeport/Port area, and not meant to cover animals outside of Freeport.

According to the Humane Society official, over 30 per cent of the shelter intake are

animals from West Grand Bahama.

"You have only to drive from Eight Mile Rock to West End to see the scope of the problem. There are many animals belonging to residents of West Grand Bahama that will never be brought to Freeport for sterilisation unless the HSGB picks them up.

"We do not have the funding, resources or manpower to do this on a regular basis, hence the need for this clinic. This field clinic has been funded by Humane Society International, Amigo's Fund, and many caring individuals, both local and abroad.

"We are especially grateful to Humane Society International and Amigo's Fund which have both provided generous grants; we are still short of our estimated budget, however, which is why your help is more important than ever. Our good friends

at Waugh Construction are donating the venue, which is the empty storefront next to Commonwealth Bank in the Harbour West plaza,

where City Market is. The entrance to the clinic will be through the gate between the back of the bank and the Texaco station," she said.



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SIMON DEACY, the national manager of the 'No Witness, No Justice' programme in England and Wales, enjoys jankanoo.

Criminal justice expert gets taste of BahamaHost



THE man entrusted with the victim and witness care programme in the courts of England received special care from Bahamian friends this month, as he experienced the BahamaHost programme.

Simon Deacy, the national manager of the "No Witness, No Justice" programme in England and Wales, got a close encounter with Bahamian culture as Pastor Ivan Rolle and his wife, Ruthanne, hosted him for a day.

Mr Deacy, who was in Nassau as the facilitator of a witness care conference, worshiped with the Rolles at Comfort House Ministries. He also participated in a jankanoo rush and enjoyed a meal with the Rolles.

The Rolles said it was a pleasure to host Mr Deacy as he worked to help Bahamians improve the care given to victims of crime and witnesses of the court.

Mr Deacy is pictured at Comfort House Ministries and taking part in a jankanoo rush.

BahamaHost is a long-standing project that pairs hospitable Bahamians with visitors interested in immersing themselves in local culture.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

SOMALI PIRATE GETS MORE THAN 33 YEARS IN PRISON

NEW YORK
 Associated Press

A SOMALI pirate who kidnapped and brutalized the captain of a U.S.-flagged merchant ship off the coast of Africa in 2009 was sentenced to more than 33 years in prison Wednesday by an emotional judge who told him he deserved a stiff punishment for leading a crew of armed bandits bent on committing "depraved acts."

U.S. District Judge Loretta A. Preska choked up as she read at length from letters written by Capt. Richard Phillips and traumatized sailors who were aboard the cargo vessel commandeered by Abdiwali Abdiqadir Muse.

The recent spate of piracy on the Indian Ocean and elsewhere "is not a Disneyland-esque problem," she quoted Phillips as saying. "These are not Johnny Depps. They threaten seamen's lives, repeatedly. ... They deprive us of the rights that they themselves complain about."

Another officer from the ship, Colin Wright, appeared in person to urge the judge to impose a lengthy term. He recalled being shot at and held at gunpoint by Muse and three other pirates.

"What happened to us was terrible," said Wright, 44. "I'm not the same person I was and I never will be."

Muse pleaded guilty last year to hijacking, kidnapping and hostage-taking charges. Before he was sentenced, he apologized to the victims, claiming he was a desperate, small-time player in a Somali piracy syndicate that has collected millions of dollars in ransoms.

"I'm very sorry for what I did," he said through an interpreter. "I got my hands into

something that was more powerful than me."

Preska imposed the maximum prison sentence of 33 years, nine months. She noted that prosecutors had described the pirates as experienced, coordinated and sadistic — even playing Russian roulette with their hostages — during the five-day siege of the Maersk Alabama.

"They appeared to relish even their most depraved acts of physical and psychological violence," she said.

Muse, wearing a green crew-neck shirt and khaki pants, stared straight ahead and showed no emotion as the sentence was announced.

The defendant's mother, speaking to The Associated Press by phone Wednesday before the sentencing from his hometown in central Somali, had predicted he would be brave.

"From what I know of him, he won't cry — although he is a kid — because he is stronger than a crying child," she said. "In his life, he passed through a lot of hardships. ... Men are sharpened by hardship."

Muse's father, Abdiqadir Muse Gedi, said he wanted U.S. officials to "let him take his term in Somalia."

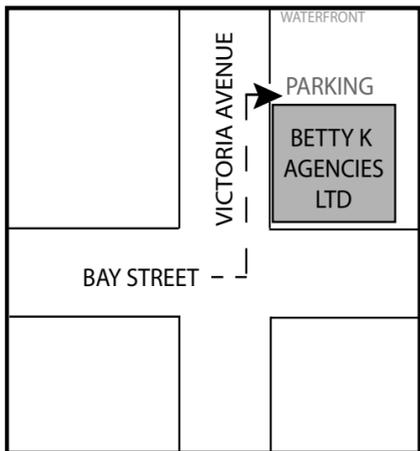
The federal prosecution in Manhattan was part of a stepped-up effort to stem a wave of 21st century piracy by seeking justice in U.S. courts, at times using 19th century maritime laws.

Late last year, a Virginia jury found five other Somali men guilty of exchanging gunfire with a U.S. Navy ship off the coast of Africa. Scholars called it the first piracy case to go to trial since the Civil War, when a New York jury deadlocked on charges against 13 Southern privateers.

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Anastacia Papageorge wins Nassau's Junior Young Chef competition

ANASTASIA Papageorge has won the 2011 New Providence Junior Champion Young Chef Contest.

Anastacia impressed the judges – chefs Joseph Swoboda of Sandals, Tiffany Barton of the Wyndham and Devin Johnson of the Sheraton – with her tasty "Island Sea Barefoot Rice" and "Bahamian Junkanoo Rush Cake."

The 14-year-old ninth grade student of LW Young Jr High School, earned a total of 424.5 points with these two dishes.

Jasmine Glinton of Anatol Rodgers High School placed second with 420 points with her entries, "Lobster Bisque" and "Sapodilla Coconut Cake with Fruit Filling."

Peter Outten of AF Adderley Junior High School came in third with 403.5 points for "Outten's Dumpling Soup" and "Seasoned Junkanoo Rice."

The contest, held at AF Adderley, is a preliminary to the 19th Annual All Island Champion Young Chef Finals, scheduled for March 16 at AF Adderley for juniors and March 17 at Government High School for seniors, with over \$3,300 in scholarships available.

"The top two New Providence juniors move on to



JASMINE GLINTON of Anatol Rodgers High School placed second.

Photo/Deandra Ferguson/PS News/Features

the National Junior Champion Young Chef competition," explained Sharon Ferguson, Ministry of Education home economics officer, who co-ordinates the event with PS Advertising and Public Relations throughout the nation's schools.

For the ninth year, there are cash prizes for the winners: \$250 for first, \$150 for

second, \$100 for third and \$50 for fourth.

"National senior champion young chefs will receive \$1,500, \$750, \$300, and \$200 respectively," said Keith Parker of PS Advertising, which has been co-ordinating the event since its inception.

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ANASTASIA PAPAGEORGE of LW Young Jr High School won the 2011 New Providence Junior Champion Young Chef Contest.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Church in shanty town rent 'shock'

Bahamas. These are the papers showing the land was turned over from the Treasury to the Ministry of Housing. I don't know of any other papers that could be characterised as legitimate papers," he said.

The Ministry of Housing is proceeding with plans to transform the shanty town into a new subdivision, known temporarily as Fire Trail. Two

homes in the middle of planned roadways are to be demolished this week. The residents were given notice by the Ministry of Housing several weeks ago.

Bishop Davis explained the church's only involvement was to collect the money and turn it over to Ms Burns.

"We do mission work in that area and in our effort to help

the people it came to our understanding that she owned the property. We were trying to help the residents to try to develop proper housing. We suggested since she owned the land that she make available to them portions. We were not aware of the government's plans," said Bishop Davis.

Despite public animosity

expressed over Haitian villages, Bishop Davis said of his church's ministry: "This is the church, the church of Jesus. Our job is to preach love; to preach salvation. Our church is filled with Haitians from top to bottom. There is no division in our church. Those who come to us are a part of us. We embrace them. These are our brothers and sisters.

"We carry ourselves in the church and the community in the name of Jesus to spread the message of Jesus. We are not immigration, this is the church of Jesus. Our people know my heart and our job is to lift whoever we come in contact with. We try to preach Christ with them so when they go back they can become servants of Jesus and lift their brothers and sisters. It could be that they come here to hear the message of deliverance, of liberation, to receive the message of Jesus," he said.

The Ministry of Housing met with residents of the area in question and Haitian pastors early last year to inform them of the government's plans. To the best of his knowledge, Mr Rolle said Bishop Davis was "not involved in any meetings."

"I was even amazed that someone had the nerve to charge people on the land that was published in the newspaper as belonging to the government. Since last July we have said to the residents this is the land that belongs to the Ministry of Housing and this is what we propose to do," Mr Rolle said.

According to Ms Burns, the Baillou family formerly farmed the land for 30 years. They had "a big beautiful farm" with "beautiful bananas," she said. They have been asking for payment from residents for years, with little success.

"There were other people round there fooling them. They said they were paying them. We asked them if those people brought any paper. We did. Last year we went there three times," she said.

Earlier this week, Mr Rolle said many Haitian villages sprung up "because people on these properties either worked for someone or paid someone who was a Bahamian national." He said the genesis of some villages is a Bahamian who may have farmed the land and hired one or two Haitian workers.

He said the general involvement of Bahamians in the growth and development of Haitian shanty towns is "always the story that is not printed," and in many cases, Bahamians are facilitators.

Residents of Bois Pen, for example, the Haitian village off Joe Farrington Road, said there are at least two Bahamian landowners who manage land in the village. One is said to collect \$10-15 rent on a weekly basis from residents.

Ms Burns said claims that only Haitians are being asked to pay are a "lie." She said



'SHOCKED': Bressil Rolle

"After the government informed them to move, she still asked for the balance. All they have is a receipt. She says if they pay the balance she will give them the lease agreement and get a stop order on the government," Father Roland said.

Mr Rolle said the ministry could not be of much assistance for the residents wanting to get their money back.

"Who is it that can help them? We were not involved. They know who they gave their money to and they can contact the relevant authorities to cause them to get their monies back. We are not associated with the collection of funds or monies from Haitians or anybody else," said Mr Rolle.

Bishop Davis is well known for his involvement in the "miracle water" phenomenon of 2005. The product first came to light in a press release published by Bishop Davis that said that a man who was "pronounced dead" later "came back to life" as a result of the water with the "potential to bring about miracles." The water was sold by the "Singing Prophet" Bishop Lawrence Rolle from Bishop Davis' church.

Bishop Davis was most recently in the news in 2009 denying claims that he had profited from an allegedly questionable land deal involving Crown land.

According to documents, Bishop Davis' church authorised Arawak Homes to create the low cost housing subdivision, Ross Davis Estates, from 3.75 acres of Crown land granted by the government to the church for \$2,500. Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham raised the alarm over the deal because the land had originally been granted during his former administration "to build an old folks home."

Former Prime Minister Perry Christie confirmed that it was he who signed off on the variation to the original Crown land grant that created a housing subdivision instead of the intended old folks or community home.

Bishop Davis' church has been involved in missionary work in the Haitian communities neighbouring the church for 40 years. The day before the Mackey Yard fire, Bishop Davis said the church ministered in the village.

"We give them clothes. We employ them. We have a school here, and many of them are enrolled. We educate and provide food and help them with their documents.

"I have made many trips to Haiti so I know first hand what their life is like in Haiti and what it is like here," said Bishop Davis.

attempts to collect money from Bahamians squatting on the land have been unsuccessful. Government Yard is said to have the highest number of Bahamian residents than any shanty town in New Providence.

Neither Ms Burns nor her associate, Mr Baillou, are members of Golden Gates Assembly. Bishop Davis said he did not know her and had never seen her until she brought "documents" to the church to show the land was owned by the person on whose behalf she acted.

The church had "no relationship with Ms Burns other than we understood she owned the property and we were trying to help the people," he said.

Ms Burns said she approached Bishop Davis because "they would listen to him." She said he was willing to help because he knew the "terrible living conditions" and he believed something needed to be done to help.

"Apparently they respect him to listen to him more than me. They did not give me the money in my hand. When I went to Bishop Davis the girl in the front desk said there is an envelope here. I said how much is it, she said I don't know. I said let me open it then, in the envelope everything came up to \$1,300 with the names of those who pay. They leave it there. I know the girl is a decent girl, she wouldn't steal any money. She said she gave them a receipt," said Ms Burns.

Father Vilfort Roland of the Queen of Peace Parish, a Catholic church on Fire Trail involved in Haitian ministry, questioned the Bishop's involvement: "Why did the Bishop come into this matter?"

Father Roland said the residents, most of whom have only paid a deposit, trusted the arrangement because of Bishop Davis' involvement.

PLP leader praises 'winner' Ryan Pinder

FROM page three

He may be a good doctor, but he really is no politician. And when it comes to Elizabeth, Dr. Sands is a man without a future. And you can tell him, I said so!" said Mr Christie.

He called on the party machinery to ready itself for the upcoming general election.

"We need to begin now to mobilize in earnest for the next General Election. It ain't long now. I expect that now that Baha Mar is beginning to roll and other projects are in the works, the Prime Minister may call an early election. We must be ready for it if he does! If he doesn't call it and instead goes deeper into his term, we will have lost nothing by having prepared for an earlier contest," said Mr Christie.

"But whether he calls the General Election later or sooner, either way, I am supremely confident of one thing and it's this: With God's help and yours, we will be the next Government of The Bahamas! There is no doubt in my mind about that," he said.

Mr Christie said the "internal bickering and back-biting" must therefore stop. We need to come together in unity and in common purpose on all and in each of the constituencies. Unity must be our watchword. Common purpose must be at the core of all our preparations. There is no time to lose. We have to get ready now. There is much to be done and the time we have to do it in is dwindling fast."

Mr Christie congratulated the newest cross-over PLP, Dr Andre Rollins, on joining the party. One year after being a National Development Party (NDP) candidate in the Elizabeth Constituency bye-election Mr Rollins decided to join the PLP.

"We welcome him in our ranks - we know him to be a well trained intelligent young Bahamian with a solid vision for The Bahamas and strong ideas of how best it can be governed. We know the soul searching and analyzing that he has gone through and we are pleased that at the end of a long and thoughtful process he has chosen the PLP as his political home," said Mr Christie.

"I want you all to know that, as the leader of the PLP Dr. Rollins has joined us without discussing with me any preconditions or concessions of any kind. His approach pleases and impresses me and it leads me to say that I am most sincere in my belief that there is a role for Dr. Rollins in the public affairs of our country and I look forward to our holding productive discussions with him," he said.



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JAILED: Leroy Leonardo Deleveaux outside of court yesterday.

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lifestyle.”
According to reports, District School Superintendent Julian Anderson, who has responsibility for WPP, confronted Deleveaux on January 4 and inquired about his post at the school.
He had said Deleveaux was unable to produce paperwork, but explained he was sent to Grand Bahama by another education official and his paperwork would be coming in

Man jailed for posing as teacher

short order.
After following up on the matter, Mr Anderson said the accused was unable to produce any paperwork.
Deleveaux, of Freeport, was not represented in court by counsel.

FROM page one

Dr Rollins said: "It is my strong conviction that it is neither wise, nor practical, to continue pursuing the development of a new political party in an environment of scarce resources and weak public demand, where prospects for success are long-term at best and with so much at stake in our nation's immediate future."
Dr Rollins said while he shared the idealism of many concerning the imperfections of the major parties, he appreciated the importance of pragmatism in strategically solving national problems.
Dr Rollins added: "It is still my belief that Bahamians want to see change in our nation's politics, because they realise the critical role that

Andre Rollins

government must play in correcting the now regressive course of our national development."
Last year, Dr Rollins was one of five candidates fighting to represent Elizabeth Estates, securing 49 votes.
Shortly after the by-election, Dr Rollins was courted by Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham and former PLP first lady Dame Marguerite Pindling, who invited him to join their parties.
In July, Fox Hill MP Fred Mitchell expressed his desire to see Dr Rollins cross over to the PLP after his performance in the country's first political debate, a week prior to the by-election.
At that time, the orthodontist maintained his membership in the NDP.

In yesterday's statement, Dr Rollins encouraged the leadership of the NDP to consider the viability of merging with the PLP.
He said: "Just as I believe in our nation's potential for greatness, despite our present shortcomings, I am also confident that notwithstanding the PLP's imperfections, this groundbreaking party still possesses the capacity for change."
Dr Rollins added: "Whatever the party's ultimate decision, they know that I shall respect their right to proceed as they deem best, yet hold out hope that we will be of one accord; but I have decided to act now to follow my convictions and to proudly join the PLP."

• SEE PAGE TWO

Bahamians 'need more training'

FROM page one

100 new jobs during and after the refurbishment phase.

While there are Exumians clamouring for jobs in housekeeping or front desk, there is a real void in skilled locals who can fill posts in

pastry arts, advanced dive masters or the engineering field, said hotel manager Patrick Drake.
To offset this, the property has focused on in-house cross-training and certifying of existing staff, a process that takes months.
"The greatest drawback over here is the training for a lot of the people who are homegrown," said Mr Drake.
"If you have a man in the kitchen that's been there 30 years but he has nothing that shows anything any day he leaves you ... he has nothing that shows anything."
"If he had certification he can now go anywhere, any other country, but that is something that all the islands are very poor at doing."
"Things even like diving, we have people cross-training because as many islands as we have, you think that it would be easy to get divers, and advanced divers."
"The truth is we are very, very short here."
"Most of the islanders don't swim at all, so I can't even get them to work in water sports."
"So it goes back to the point I was making about where the demand is. It's not that you don't have the labour out there but they don't have the skills for what you really need."
The resort is looking for dive masters, a boat captain and first mate, a full-time gym instructor, and pastry artists – dry areas in the Exuma labour pool.
The local schools must recognise the burgeoning opportunities on Exuma and prepare high school graduates with more than passing grades if they are to compete, added Mr Drake.
"Why I keep stressing the point is because I want the message to get out to the school systems that we have to get people a little more trained than just having gotten through school – those days are now gone."

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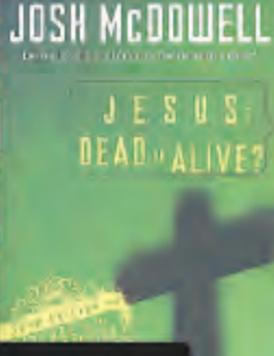
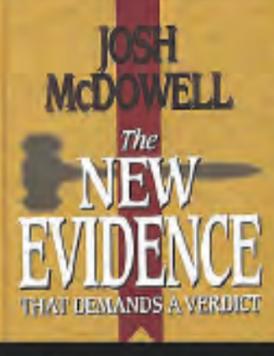
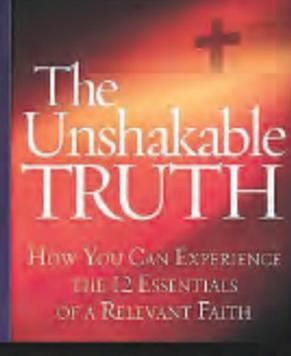
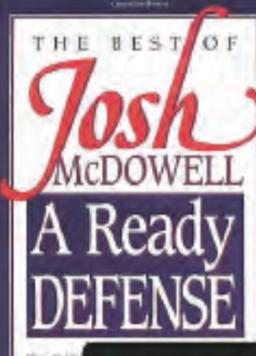
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LOCAL NEWS

Bahamas/US partner to make local schools safer

The Ministry of Education and an American foreign disaster aid agency have embarked on a joint initiative to make school environments in the Bahamas safer.

The initiative will focus on preparedness, but will also cover the steps that should be taken during and after a dangerous event on a school campus.

It will cover safety issues including:

- natural disasters such as hurricanes and tornados
- violence perpetrated by students and/or parents
- unsafe school buildings and infrastructure

Beryl Armbrister, consultant and disaster risk management specialist at the Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance for Latin America and the Caribbean (USAID/OFDA) along with



SAFETY FIRST: Andros workshop participants.

a team of officers that include: Christopher Smith, acting director of security; Sabrina Skinner, education officer; Anslo Strachan, chief school attendance officer; and Lisa Fitz-Charles, administrative officer, travelled to North Andros to host a School Safety Stakeholders' Forum.

Mrs Armbrister explained that a School Safety Plan is being designed by the USAID/OFDA, but that it is important to hear from all

stakeholders, both in New Providence and on the family islands, in order to draft a comprehensive policy that would be relevant to their needs. She indicated that in addition to regularising how schools respond to issues of safety, the policy will also address social elements that can lead to unsafe environments.

The participants, who included security officers, principals, teachers, students,

and other officers in the public service, were informed of the purpose of the visit, after which they were divided into groups to discuss and find solutions to various scenarios, such as:

- contaminated water
- cholera outbreak
- vandalism
- armed suspect entering a school
- hostage situations

- hidden weapons on campus
- weapon use on campus during the day

The feedback of all of the participants was recorded and they were urged to continue to discuss the issues raised and look at the forum as only a first step in making their schools safer.

Mr Smith, who gave the vote of thanks, encouraged

the participants to take responsibility for the communities in which they live, and to take disaster preparedness seriously because they do not have the all of the resources that the people who live in New Providence have.

He indicated that they need to be aware of the skills people possess, and the available resources, both human and material.

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LOCAL NEWS

Emergency Water Facility is commissioned on GB

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WATER FACILITY: Move to provide fresh water in the aftermath of a hurricane.

FREEPORT – An Emergency Water Facility that would provide fresh water in the aftermath of a hurricane or crisis was officially commissioned in Grand Bahama on Wednesday.

The facility, located on Grand Bahamian Way, is equipped with a reverse osmosis plant capable of producing 6,000 gallons of water per day from sea water.

The project was funded through donations totalling more \$200,000 from the TK Foundation, the Bahamas Rotary Clubs of District 7020, Grand Bahama Rotary Clubs of District 6990, Rotary Clubs of District 5280, the Rotary Foundation, and the business sector.

The back-to-back hurricanes that hit Grand Bahama in 2004 and left thousands without access to fresh water highlighted the need for an emergency water facility.

The project was first conceived in 2006 by the TK Foundation, which approached Rotary to partner with them.

Attending the commissioning were Rotary members from local clubs, the Nassau Clubs, and from Santa Monica, Los Angeles.

Also present were Island Administrator Don Cornish, who has responsibility for NEMA in Freeport, and Eight Mile Rock MP Vernae Grant.

The facility is built to withstand Category Five hurricanes and storm surge. It has a 60-gallon water storage tank and a deep underground well with unlimited access to sea water.

Waugh Construction was the contractor and project manager.

Mike Stafford, assistant district governor elect for Grand Bahama Rotary Clubs District 6990, said there was tremendous support for the project locally, nationally and internationally.

“After the hurricanes (Frances and Jeanne) of 2004, the first people that came to help were our friends from the Rotary Clubs of Nassau who co-ordinated and provided phenomenal relief assistance.

“They brought over fresh water on the plane and the weight of the water prevented them bringing more food items,” he said.

“This water facility will take that out of the equation and we will now have water right here on Grand Bahama,” he said.

Mr Stafford said water from the facility will only be used after a hurricane.

“We are not in competition with any of the

water companies; it will only be used after a hurricane hits the country,” he said.

Mr Stafford said the facility does not use the public water supply like the other water producers on the island, so it will not be affected if the supply is cut off or if the chlorine level rises.

“This water facility uses sea water which is pumped from over 100ft deep and our water supply would never be out of water,” he said.

Lindsey Cancino of the Rotary Club of East Nassau and the former CFO of the TK Foundation, said after the devastation of the last three hurricanes to hit Grand Bahama, “There was a sense of urgency to do something long

term that would help if this ever happened again.”

Mr Cancino said the TK Foundation “went about trying to establish how we would apply for a matching grant from the Rotary Foundation.

“I called Rotarian Barry Rassin and he told me that Myles Pritchard who is now a member of the Rotary Club of Santa Monica, California, was looking to do a water project in the Bahamas and that’s how we got this started.”

Jillian Alexander, co-chair of Rotary District 5280WCS, said this is the largest water project Rotary has done. Her district includes eight Rotary Clubs in the California area.

“This is first time we have done anything this large. Typically, water projects have been catching rain water and having storage tanks with gravel in them and sandstone to make sure the water stays clean, but this is a much larger project than the typical project and serving a much larger community of 45,000 people,” she said.

Ms Alexander said her district was able to raise \$22,000, a matching grant of \$45,000 was donated by the Rotary Foundation, and \$25,000 was given by District 7020 for an overall total of \$95,000 from Rotary.

She said the TK Foundation contributed \$120,000.

Administrator Don Cornish commended the TK Foundation, the Rotary Clubs and the Rotary Foundation on behalf of NEMA for their generous donation and contribution to the Grand Bahama community.

“We believe that there is clear need for co-operation among other organisations with the government and the private sector.

“NEMA has an awesome task as the governmental agency responsible for protecting the population during crises and catastrophes. We cannot do it alone,” he said.



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Trinidad and Tobago urged to stop drive towards executions

Amnesty wants MPs to vote against amendment Bill

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL has urged members of Trinidad and Tobago's parliament to vote against a constitutional amendment Bill that would allow executions to be resumed in the country.

Under the proposed Bill, scheduled to be debated on February 18, courts across the country would be able to circumvent judicial rulings that enhanced human rights protection and resulted in a halt to executions in 1999.

Authorities in the Caribbean nation claim carrying out executions is a way to tackle rising numbers of murders and deter others from committing violent crime.

"Trinidad and Tobago has a real problem with murder and violent crimes, but experience has shown that facilitating executions is not the solution," said Chiara Liguori, researcher on Trinidad and Tobago at Amnesty International.

"Hurrying executions or ignoring appeals already in progress violates defendants' rights by denying them due process guaranteed under international law.

"The proposed Bill would allow people to be executed even if they were appealing against their sentence, which is their right."

"We urge Parliament not to accept the proposed Bill and instead tackle the root causes of violent crime and reform the police and justice systems."

"What may seem a technical change in the Constitution is in fact a matter of life and death for many people."

More than 40 people are currently on death row in Trinidad and Tobago.

In 1984, the United Nations' Economic and Social Council said an execution should not be carried out if there is any appeal or recourse procedure pending on the case.

The new Bill would cir-

cumvent this principle and allow for expedited executions.

Currently, under a ruling by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, acting as the highest court in the country, any execution carried out five years after the original sentence constitutes torture, which is illegal under the country's Constitution.

The lengthy appeals process for death penalty cases means that, in practice, no executions are able to be carried out within the five year period and most sentences have been commuted to prison terms.

But Amnesty International says the proposed Bill will ignore that ruling and make the constitution inconsistent with human rights.

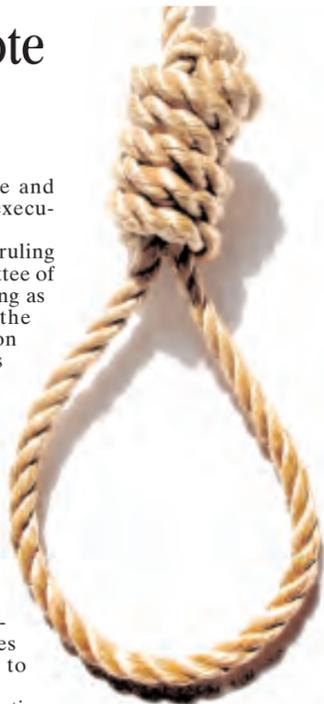
"We are extremely concerned that the new Bill would allow for someone to be executed within a short period after a sentence is passed, not allowing for proper appeals and that others could be kept on death row for years on end," said Chiara Liguori.

The prime minister, Kamla Persad-Bissessar, has been reported as referring to the death penalty as a "weapon in (our) arsenal" to fight the murder rate.

She is quoted on her Facebook website as saying: "The government that I have the honour to lead will ensure that this law is implemented and convicted murderers must suffer and pay the ultimate price by having the sentence of death carried out."

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Greed and social organisation

By LUDOVICO FALLA
for The Nassau Institute

OPINION

“Why human beings pursue the acquisition of more and better goods and services is a question for psychologists, but we can agree that it is pervasive.”

IN AN after dinner conversation a few days ago I had to answer the assertion that “the problem with capitalism is greed.” My brief answer was that greed, as long as correctly defined, is a problem of human nature, not a problem of the system of social organisation adopted by society.

third party as only the individual can say whether the acquisition of goods and services leads him to a higher level of satisfaction or not.

Greed is defined by the Cambridge dictionary as a very strong wish to continuously get more of something, especially food or money. Leaving gluttony aside, the strong wish to get more money, by definition, is the wish to obtain more goods or services now or in the future, those things which money can buy.

Therefore we know we are in the presence of greed only when the strong wish to get more goods and services is matched by signs of unhappiness.

This should warn us that most of what we call greed is just a pattern of consumption that we envy or we do not agree with.

Why human beings pursue the acquisition of more and better goods and services is a question for psychologists, but we can agree that it is pervasive.

Why is greed a problem? Greed cannot be judged by a

Will this characteristic of human nature be different

under capitalism or socialism? The history of societies organised in one or the other can tell us that the strong wish to get more goods and services is as pervasive in one as in the other, but it is channelled in very different ways.

Under capitalism, true capitalism, the only way to make money is to provide goods or services of such quality and price that many others are drawn to buy them and reward the supplier with profits. If this provi-

sion of goods and services is not continuously improved the profits will disappear through the forces of competition and entrepreneurship.

Under socialism and crony or state capitalism the way to obtain more goods and services is to seek the political favours of those who rule.

If you think greed is wrong you should try to convince those who suffer it to seek advice with a priest, a psychologist or a good friend. What is clear is that it exists both under capitalism and socialism in all its forms. Greed is not an argument to attack capitalism or even socialism for that matter.



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MANAMA, Bahrain Associated Press

THE swelling protests against Bahrain's rulers gained momentum Wednesday with huge crowds calling for a sweeping political overhaul and the kingdom's stunned leaders appearing to shift tactics after attempts to crush the uprising stoked rage on the streets and sharp criticism from Western allies.

The widening challenges to the Arab world's political order — emboldened by the downfall of old-guard regimes in Tunisia and Egypt — also flared in Libya for the first time, with riot police battling protesters marching against the 42-year rule of Moammar Gadhafi.

In Yemen, the embattled president flooded the ancient capital of Sanaa with security forces to try to stamp out demonstrations that began nearly a week ago. They turned deadly Wednesday in the southern port of Aden, with two people killed in clashes with police.

"It's clear now that no Arab leader can truly feel comfortable," said Ali Fakhro, a political analyst and commentator in Bahrain. "Those days have been swept away."

It's also taken a big swipe at Western policy assumptions.

Tiny Bahrain has an outsized importance for Washington as home of the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet, a counterweight to Iran's military expansion in the Gulf. Yemen is a strategic battleground against Islamic militants inspired by al-Qaida.

Even Gadhafi — once an arch-foe of the West — has been gradually rebuilding international ties and remains a mercurial, but well examined, factor in Mideast affairs.

In many ways, Bahrain is mirroring Egypt's uprising on a smaller scale and with malls and conference centers as the backdrop instead of the faded glory of Cairo's Tahrir Square.

Protesters have turned a landmark square in the capital of Manama into their base camp, which was swollen with tens of thousands of people by nightfall Wednesday. Their chants literally reverberated off the buildings and bridges. They sang the Egyptian national anthem. Their next important move takes a page directly from the Egypt unrest: calling for a major march after Friday prayers to re-energize its followers.

The ruling Sunni dynasty — long accused of trampling the aspirations of Bahrain's Shiite majority — has retrenched after unleashing security forces in street clashes that left at least two dead since Monday. Riot squads have hung back as the crowds took control of Pearl Square, dominated by a 300-foot (90-foot) monument to Bahrain's history as a pearl diving center.

An emergency parliament meeting was called for Thursday, but it may only serve to show the country's divisions and reinforce its image as the most politically volatile in the Gulf.

The main Shiite opposition bloc, with 18 of the 40 seats, has said it will not return to the chamber until the protest demands are met.

It began Monday as a cry for the country's Sunni monarchy to loosen its grip, including hand-picking most top government posts, and open more opportunities for the country's Shiites, who have long complained of being blocked from decision-making roles or key posts in the military.

But the uprising's demands have steadily grown bolder. Many protesters are calling for the government to provide more jobs and better housing, free all political detainees and abolish a system that offers Bahraini citizenship to Sunnis from around the Middle East as a way to close the gap with Shiites, who account for 70 percent of the population. Many of the newly minted nationals get jobs in security forces to further cement the number of presumed loyalists protecting the ruling system.

Increasingly, protesters are also chanting slogans to wipe away the entire ruling dynasty that has led Bahrain for more than 200 years and is firmly backed by the Sunni sheiks and monarchs across the Gulf.

Although Bahrain is sandwiched between two of OPEC's heavyweights, Saudi Arabia and Qatar, it has limited oil resources and depends heavily on its role as a regional financial hub and playground for Saudis, who can drive over a causeway to enjoy Bahrain's Western-style bars, hotels and beaches.

As night fell in the square, a Shiite imam extolled Bahrain's young people as the lions of reform.



"This square is a trust in your hands and so will you whittle away this trust or keep fast?" the imam said. "So be careful and be concerned for your country and remember that the regime will try to rip this country from your hand but if we must leave it in coffins then so be it!"

Across the city, a caravan of cars from government supporters waved national flags and displayed portraits of King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

"Come join us!" they yelled to markets and along busy streets. "Show your loyalty."

Social networking websites also were abuzz with calls to press ahead with the protests. They were matched by insults from presumed government backers calling the demonstrators traitors and agents of Shiite powerhouse Iran. Some pointed out that Iranian hard-liners have called Bahrain the Islamic Republic's "14th province" because of its Shiite links.

But the head of the largest Shiite political bloc, Sheik Ali Salman, said there are no demands for an Islamic role in politics.

"We are not looking for a religious government like Iran's, but we demand a civil government" that represents Shiites and Sunnis, he told a news conference.

Bahrain's relative calm Wednesday was in stark contrast with other Arab political showdowns. But all share efforts to escalate protests this week.

In Libya, security forces fired rubber bullets and water cannons at hundreds of marchers in Benghazi, the second-largest city. Witnesses said some police stations were set on fire and one protester said he saw snipers on a roof of a security headquarters firing on protesters.

The unrest was triggered by the temporary detention Tuesday of an activist but quickly turned into a rare public challenge to Gadhafi.

Video clips posted on the Internet showed protesters carrying signs and chanting: "No God but Allah, Moammar is the enemy of Allah" and "Down, down to corruption and to the corrupt." Activists using Facebook and Twitter have called for nationwide demonstrations Thursday.

In Yemen, meanwhile, more than 2,000 police fanned out across the capital Sanaa after six days of Egypt-style demonstrations against President Ali Abdullah Saleh, who has held power for 32 years.

The police fired in the air and blocked thousands of students at Sanaa University from joining thousands of other protesters in the capital of the Arab world's most impoverished nation. In the southern port of Aden, two people were killed when police fired on protesters.

A call spread via Facebook and Twitter urging Yemenis to join a series of "One Million People" rallies on Friday.

Dozens of Jordanians took to the streets outside King Abdullah II's palace in the sixth straight week of protests, demanding that people be allowed to elect their prime minister.

Internet service in Bahrain was slow and spotty, but it appeared that authorities did not try to close it down fully.

But unlike vast Cairo, Bahrain is little more than a collection of towns and villages with just 500,000 native-born citizens and nearly the same number of expatriate workers. Word spreads easily by phone and from family to family.

Thousands turned out — without any special call to organize — for the funeral procession of 31-year-old, Fadhel al-Matrook, the second known fatality from the clashes. Later, in Pearl Square, his father Salman pleaded with protesters not to give up.

"He is not only my son. He is the son of Bahrain, the son of this nation," he yelled. "His blood shouldn't be wasted."

The bloodshed brought embarrassing rebukes from allies such as Britain and the United States. A statement from Bahrain's interior ministry said suspects have been "placed in custody" in connection with the two protester deaths, but gave no further details.

In the past week, Bahrain's rulers have tried to defuse calls for reform by promising nearly \$2,700 for each family and pledging to loosen state controls on the media.

Similar concessions have been

made by leaders in the Gulf to try to pre-empt protests. In Oman, the ruling Sultan Qaboos Bin Said announced Wednesday an increase in the minimum monthly salary for private sector workers from 140 rials (\$365) to 200 rials (\$520).

As protesters in Bahrain settled in for another night in the square, the mood was more festive than tense. People sipped tea, snacked on donated food and smoked apple- and grape-flavored tobacco from water pipes. The men and women mainly sat separately — the women a sea of black in their traditional dress. Some youths wore the red-and-white Bahraini flag as a cape.

The leadership of the protesters is still unclear and disorganized. A few scuffles have broken out between some of the people in the main area near the speakers' platform. But many tried to downplay



BAHRAINIS SHOUT SLOGANS in Pearl Square, Manama, Bahrain Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011. Protesters demanding sweeping political reforms from Bahrain's rulers held their ground Wednesday in an Egypt-style occupation of the capital's landmark square. (AP)

the idea that the revolt is primarily for Shiite rights.

"The needs of the people are populist and not sectarian. We are

not Shiite, Sunni or liberals," said Jassem Jawad, 23, a musician and part-time civil servant. "I am not a political man ... But I know I want

a chance to pick my own prime minister. How is it fair for a prime minister to hold power for 39 years? Its ridiculous."



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Scientists connect global warming to extreme rain

WASHINGTON Associated Press

EXTREME rainstorms and snowfalls have grown substantially stronger, two studies suggest, with scientists for the first time finding the telltale fingerprints of man-made global warming on downpours that often cause deadly flooding.

Two studies in Wednesday's issue of the journal Nature link heavy rains to increases in greenhouse gases more than ever before.

One group of researchers looked at the strongest rain and snow events of each year from 1951 to 1999 in the Northern Hemisphere and found that the more recent storms were 7 percent wetter. That may not sound

like much, but it adds up to be a substantial increase, said the report from a team of researchers from Canada and Scotland.

The study did not single out specific storms but examined worst-of-each-year events all over the Northern Hemisphere. While the study ended in 1999, the close of the decade when scientists say climate change kicked into a higher gear, the events examined were similar to more recent disasters: deluges that triggered last year's deadly floods in Pakistan and in Nashville, Tennessee, and this winter's paralyzing blizzards in parts of the United States.

The change in severity was most apparent in North America, but that could be because that is

where the most rain gauges are, scientists said.

Both studies should weaken the argument that climate change is a "victimless crime," said Myles Allen of the University of Oxford. He co-authored the second study, which connected flooding and climate change in Britain. "Extreme weather is what actually hurts people."

Jonathan Overpeck, a University of Arizona climate scientist, who did not take part in either study, praised them as sensible and "particularly relevant given the array of extreme weather that we've seen this winter and stretching back over the last few years."

Not all the extreme rain and snow events the scientists studied cause flooding. But since 1950,



IN THIS Aug. 11, 2011 file photo, Pakistani villagers wave to a helicopter approaching Ghaus Pur near Sukkur, in Pakistan's Sindh province. Extreme rainstorms and snowfalls have grown substantially stronger, two studies have suggested. (AP)

flooding has killed more than 2.3 million people, according to the World Health Organization's disaster database.

The British study focused on flooding in England and Wales in autumn of 2000. The disaster cost more than \$1.7 billion in insured damages and was the wettest autumn for the region in more than 230 years of record-keeping.

Researchers found that global warming more than doubled the likelihood of that flood occurring. Similar studies are now under way to examine whether

last year's deadly Russian heat wave and Pakistan floods — which were part of the same weather event — can be scientifically attributed to global warming.

For years scientists, relying on basic physics and climate knowledge, have said global warming would likely cause extremes in temperatures and rainfall. But this is the first time researchers have been able to point to a demonstrable cause-and-effect by using the rigorous and scientifically accepted method of looking for the "fingerprints" of

human-caused climate change.

The scientists took all the information that shows an increase in extreme rain and snow events from the 1950s through the 1990s and ran dozens of computer models numerous times. They put in the effects of greenhouse gases — which come from the burning of fossil fuels — and then ran numerous models without those factors. Only when the greenhouse gases are factored in do the models show a similar increase to what actually happened. All other natural effects alone don't produce the jump in extreme rainfall. Essentially, the computer runs show climate change is the only way to explain what's happening.

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
IN THE SUPREME COURT
Common Law & Equity Division

SUPREME COURT
NO. 2010
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NASSAU, BAHAMAS

BETWEEN

BONNANT WARLUZEL & ASSOCIES, a Firm Plaintiff

AND

AMIR WEISSFISCH Defendant

WITNESSETH 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 date of

Bonnant Warluzel & Associates,
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 Honorable
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

NOTE: 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 filing 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 judgment may be entered against him without notice, unless he has in the meantime been served with a summons for judgment.

STATEMENT OF CLAIM

- The Plaintiff is a law firm carrying on a legal practice from their offices situate in Geneva, Switzerland.
- The Defendant is a resident of the Bahamas, residing at Bacardi House, Columbia Road, Lyford Cay, New Providence, Bahamas.
- By an agreement in writing dated 28th 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.
- 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.
- 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 (CHF 111,654).
- 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.
- In the circumstances, the Plaintiff has suffered loss and damage.

Particulars of Damage

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

AND THE PLAINTIFF CLAIMS:-

- The said sum of CHF (Swiss francs) 111,654, being equivalent to US\$113,108.91 as at the date hereof;

(i) Interest thereon as aforesaid;
(ii) Costs;
(iii) Such further or other relief as the Court may deem just or expedient.

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

Roberts, Isaacs & Ward
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Counsel & Attorneys,
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The Pigamo Building,
Bay Street & Victoria Avenue,
Nassau, Bahamas.
Attorneys for the Plaintiff.

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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 27th January, 2011;

AND UPON READING the Affidavit of Simon E. Darville sworn and filed herein on 27th January, 2011;

AND UPON HEARING the Attorney for the Plaintiff Carol D. Mbielwicz;

IT IS ORDERED THAT service of the said Writ of Summons be effected by the publication by advertisement of the said Writ of Summons on two days in the following newspaper, namely The Tribune and that the said publication be deemed good and sufficient service of the said Writ of Summons on the Defendant.

Dated this 18th day of February, 2011

BY ORDER OF THE COURT

Ernie Wallace
REGISTRAR

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Italy's indicted Berlusconi says he's not worried

ROME
Associated Press

ITALIAN PREMIER Silvio Berlusconi showed aplomb in the face of charges that could end his political career, saying Wednesday he isn't worried about his impending prostitution trial or calls for his resignation.

It was the first public comment by the 74-year-old leader since he was indicted Tuesday on charges he paid for sex with a 17-year-old Moroccan girl and then used his influence to cover it up.

He spoke shortly before holding talks and a working dinner with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, his first international meeting since the indictment.

Berlusconi has denied any wrongdoing, dismissing the accusations as "groundless" and



ITALIAN PREMIER Silvio Berlusconi listens to a reporter's question during a press conference at the Chigi Premier's palace, in Rome, Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2011. (AP)

the case as a "farce" and a "shame." He has accused prosecutors of trying to topple his government.

On Wednesday, the premier

dodged questions about the case during a news conference on economic themes in Rome and, in contrast with recent days, did not go on the offensive to defend himself.

"Out of love of my country, I won't talk about this," Berlusconi told reporters. "I can only say one thing: I'm not worried at all."

Berlusconi also avoided the topic in remarks before a meeting with Medvedev, focusing instead on the close ties between Russia and Italy.

"I believe that I am a point of reference for Russia within the

European Union, and I have personally tended to all of the relations that the EU has and will develop with the Russian federation," Berlusconi said, emphasizing his close personal friendships with Medvedev and Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin.

The prostitution trial starts April 6 before three female judges — an ironic twist for the premier.

Italian women staged nationwide protests last week contending that the scandal and Berlusconi's view of women is degrading to female dignity. The three judges were picked at random.

The indictment marks a serious challenge to Berlusconi's grip on power at a time when the premier is weakened by an acrimonious split with an ex-ally. It reignited calls for Berlus-

coni's resignation, with the opposition contending the scandal — with allegations of wild parties at the premier's villas with scantily clad women — has embarrassed Italy and damaged its image abroad.

"A premier who is a defendant, who spends his days disputing the magistrates, is undoubtedly a man with no time to govern, and probably with no authority to do so effectively," a leading political analyst, Stefano Folli, wrote in Wednesday's financial newspaper *Il Sole 24 Ore*.

The abuse of influence charge carries a prison sentence of four to 12 years, and if Berlusconi is sentenced to more than five years, he would be barred from ever again holding public office. The child prostitution charge carries a possible prison term of six months to three years.

Even if found guilty, it is unlikely he would ever go to prison. The appeals process would take years, and in Italy people over 75 rarely serve time.

Berlusconi's deepening legal woes also test his crucial alliance with the Northern League, which he relies on for a majority in parliament.

While other Berlusconi allies quickly came to his defense, Northern League leaders mostly kept silent about the indictment, which observers read as a sign of unease.

Berlusconi met with League leader and government minister Umberto Bossi and other party officials on Tuesday night.

"We are as united as ever, and determined to continue the legislature until its natural end," Berlusconi told reporters Wednesday.

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Court overturns \$250k profit share from development

* Privy Council upholds all other Bahamian court findings over long-running feud between principals of Shoreline real estate project
 * Judgment provides ground for possible Customs probe over alleged Freeport 'bond' abuses

By NEIL HARTNELL
 Tribune Business Editor

The Privy Council has upheld all but one of the decisions made by the Bahamian courts over the long-running dispute between the two principals of the Grand Bahama-based Shoreline real estate development, finding only that the "junior partner" was not entitled to the sum of \$250,000 derived from a Profit Sharing Agreement (PSA).

The London-based court, the highest appellate court in the Bahamian Judicial system, only altered the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal rulings in one respect, deciding that "at no time was there a legally binding agreement" that Steven Jervis and his company, KST Investments, would pay Victor Skinner

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Hotels: 2/3 incur net loss in 2010

Between 60-70% of properties surveyed by BHA expect flat or modest improvement in 2011, but 60% still rate tourism economy as 'weak'

By NEIL HARTNELL
 Tribune Business Editor

Almost two-thirds of Bahamian hotels, some 63 per cent, expect to incur a net loss once their audited financials for 2010 are completed, a Bahamas Hotel Association (BHA) survey has revealed, although between 60-70 per cent of resorts said key performance indicators were expected to either slightly improve or remain flat in 2011.

With the BHA's 2010 review and tourism outlook survey, a copy of which has been obtained by Tribune Business, indicated some modest optimism and confidence was returning to the Bahamas' main private sector industry and employer, the results also showed that out of the 30 properties polled, some 60 per cent - 18 - rated "the strength of the tourism aspect of the economy

in the Bahamas today" as 'weak'.

Just 7 per cent of the Nassau/Paradise Island, Grand Bahama and Family Island properties polled rated the Bahamian tourism industry as 'strong', while 23 per cent and 10 per cent described its strength as 'moderate' and 'extremely weak' respectively.

With 63 per cent of those hotels, representing 10,000 employees and almost 50 per cent of the Bahamian hotel room inventory, making a net loss for 2010 (37 per cent were in the black), the short-term outlook for the sector remains challenging, despite tentative recovery signs.

On the positive side, some 60 per cent of Bahamian resorts polled had a 'fair' outlook for tourism in 2011, with 3 per cent (just one hotel) forecasting a 'positive' year. Yet, with 30 per cent and 3 per cent sharing a

'negative' and 'extremely negative' forecast, one-third of the industry (10 hotels polled) continues to remain gloomy.

Forecasting key indicators for 2011, only 7 per cent of hotels surveyed by the BHA predicted that employment numbers, sales/revenues and pricing would be "down significantly" compared to 2010. The "significantly down" percentage increased for profits (17 per cent), plus capital spending and room occupancy (both 13 per cent).

In the "down some" category, some 30 per cent of hotels predicted this would happen to their employment and revenue levels during 2011, with 13 per cent adding this would also happen to profits, capital spending and room occupancy.

On a more encouraging note,

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CLICO RECOVERY THREAT IS CLOSER TO BECOMING REALITY

By NEIL HARTNELL
 Tribune Business Editor

A looming threat to maximising recovery from the main asset available to Bahamian creditors of CLICO (Bahamas) has moved a step closer to becoming reality, after a US court this week gave permission for development of a rival plan to liquidate the Wellington Preserve real estate project.

The US Bankruptcy Court for the southern district of Florida, via a February 14, 2011, ruling has given Brennan Financial, another Wellington Preserve creditor, permission to file a reorganisation/liquidation plan for the 545-acre project, which accounts for 63 per cent of CLICO (Bahamas) total assets.

And, more importantly, the court has given Brennan Financial and any other interested party permission to not only develop competing liquidation plans, but to also "solicit votes in favour of such plan".

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

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Rival creditor gets court approval to develop and seek votes on competing plan to liquidate project accounting for 63% of insolvent insurer's assets



CRAIG GOMEZ

'Going the right way to destroy aviation'

* 10% duty on planes will 'only deter' Bahamian aviation sector growth and set back aircraft registry, says GB Chamber chief

* Tells government that 'keep chopping us at the knees for short-term goals' serves no purpose

* Urges that Bahamas 'must do better', and questions what it is trying to achieve given competitive positioning

By NEIL HARTNELL
 Tribune Business Editor

The imposition of 10 per cent import duty on all aircraft in the Bahamas will "only serve to deter the growth of the market" and development of a Bahamian aircraft registry, Sky Bahamas chairman has told Tribune Business, adding: "If they're trying to kill the private aviation industry, they're going about it the

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K P TURNQUEST

Second home fury over tax break loss

By NEIL HARTNELL
 Tribune Business Editor

Abaco second homeowners are up in arms after being told that "at the moment" they cannot obtain the promised real property tax break in return for registering their homes and agreeing to pay room tax.

Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace, minister of tourism and aviation, and Zhivargo Laing, minister of state for finance, could not be contacted for comment and did not return messages before press time yesterday afternoon, with a Cabinet meeting ongoing yesterday, but Internet forums and chat rooms

were alive with complaints over the issue.

One irate second homeowner said they had registered their home with the Ministry of Tourism as a small hotel in December 2009, in accordance with the 2009 Small Hotels Act, given that the property was rented out to other visitors.

Under the Act, the homeowner said they were supposed to obtain a real property tax exemption - the first \$250,000 in value would be exempt, plus the 0.75 per cent on the additional value between \$250,000

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BUSINESS

By DEIDRE M. BASTIAN

The personality behind design

Design is a universal language. It transcends all cultural and national boundaries. It is diverse and ever-changing. Despite the fact that designs can be universally appreciated, the artists behind them are all unique and talented. Have you ever asked yourself: "How do I contribute to the design community?" Evidently, designers from different walks of life might have similar answers to this question and yet be different.

Some designers may educate those who may not yet have developed an appreciation for design and art, while others aim to improve the overall quality of design on the Internet. Moreover, some designers are content to primarily to attain a good living from their talents and nothing more.

Human beings constantly wear masks to hide true feelings, thoughts and personality, and some designers wear masks of their own as well.

Human nature is to wear different masks according to the role played, yet despite

these our true personality still shines through.

Let's take a look at several designer personality types.

The Pablo Picasso Designer: A perfectionist. The Pablo Picasso designer does not allow for any pixel to be out of place. Egotistical, he/she does not care about others' opinions. The Pablo Picasso designer has strong beliefs which cannot be swayed by money. Their only concern is for the ingenuity of ideas.

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Believing he is a cut above the rest, he admits to only a few other designers in the world as being his peers. The Pablo Picasso designer sees himself, above all, as an artist.

The Albert Einstein Designer: A smart man with

excellent work ethic, the Albert Einstein designer has the motto 'No pain, no gain'. Unafraid of ridicule, he dares to be different. Failure is the mother of all success, and the Albert Einstein designer has a never-give-up attitude. He may not get it right each time or win every competition, but he believes his hard work will eventually pay off and that he will be recognised one day for his talents and effort. His strong faith and belief enables him to patiently wait for the day. For him, the question is not if he will triumph, but when.

The David Copperfield Designer: The David Copperfield designer is a great storyteller and illusionist. Capable of anything regard-

less of how seemingly impossible it is, he conjures the best designs for his clients. He does not come cheap and gives a cleverly constructed illusion, using his great storytelling skills. He leads clients to believe he is the only designer that can meet their needs. Behind the scenes, the client will never realise the hard-working talents that support him, as he delegates the work but claims all the credit in the end.

The Captain Hook Designer: Why create when you can steal? The Captain Hook designer is cunning. He scouts for the most innovative and successful designs and makes them his own, not by blatantly duplicating but by cleverly working in his own ideas and inspiration.

Craftily avoiding outright plagiarism, the Captain Hook designer hooks successful ideas to create a fresh "new" concept. Money being his sole interest, this designer passes off designs

as new creations, and is unfazed by whether he loses clients.

The Mahatma Gandhi Designer: Believing he is obliged to write wrongs, the Mahatma Gandhi designer takes it upon himself to effect change through peaceful means. He feels an obligation to improve design standards, regardless of any difficulties or opposition he might face. If he has to achieve his goal one client at a time, he will gladly do so. A forward-thinking designer who sets trends, he advocates for what he believes is necessary to improve and sustain the design industry.

The Bashful Dwarf Designer: Shunning the spotlight, the Bashful Dwarf designer always feels like he could have done a better job. When praised, he is quick to share the credit with colleagues. Insecure about his talents, he is content to work behind the scenes and let others take the honour. The Bashful Dwarf designer doesn't think much of fame or fortune. He believes many other designers deserve more recognition, but remains content with his spot in life.

The Ella of Frell Designer: The real Ella of Frell fell under a spell and couldn't say no to anyone. Slightly different, the Ella of Frell designer actually believes the customer is always right and goes all out to please.

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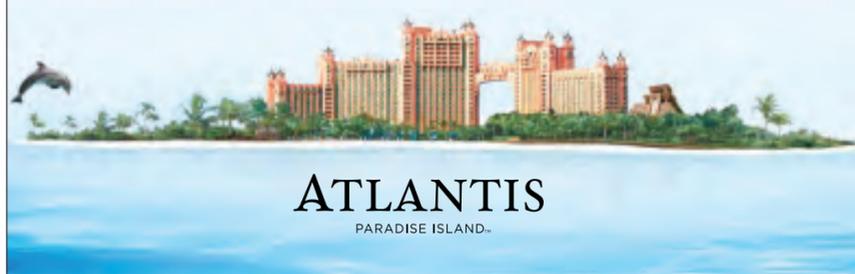
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Emera eyes island interconnect goal

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Emera's talks with the Government over a potential management contract to run the Bahamas Electricity Corporation (BEC) are "still a work in progress" a senior executive with the Canadian utility giant has revealed, with the two sides exploring several "scenarios" to determine the right first step.

Confirming Emera's continuing interest in becoming involved with BEC, Ray Robinson, executive chairman of Grand Bahama Power Company, in which the Canadian power giant holds a controlling 80.4 per cent interest, said the company was committed to "doing the right thing" when it came to the 100 per cent state-owned power provider.

"That's still a work in progress," Mr Robinson said of talks with the Government. "Discussions are still ongoing. We continue to state our interest in the Bahamas and BEC, and doing the right thing for the Government, BEC and its customers."

"We're looking at not one scenario but two or three other scenarios to see what is the first right step."

Emera was contracted by the Government last year to conduct a 60-day review of BEC and make recommendations for getting it back on a sound financial footing, and its interest has progressed from there.

The Government, though, with its attention focused on the Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC), has kept a low profile where the BEC talks are concerned, no doubt wanting to avoid more potential union unrest given

Talks over BEC 'still a work in progress', with government and Canadian firm eyeing 'two or three other scenarios to see what is the first right step'



RAY ROBINSON

the situation surrounding its first privatisation.

Speaking on Emera's preliminary BEC findings, Earl Deveaux, minister of the environment, told Tribune Business last year: "Emera was able to greatly enhance our understanding of BEC's energy production, and its challenges in regard to a number of things - fuel sources, generating mix, options for leveraging the purchase of fuel supplies."

"There are a lot of early options for remediation that we think will greatly assist in bringing BEC's generating capacity and operating systems under better control."

Tribune Business reported in December how the Government had received a proposal from Emera for improving BEC's operational efficiency, and perhaps eventually taking over managerial control or acquiring the state-owned power supplier.

A source with knowledge of BEC's operations told Tribune Business that while such discussions remained "very, very preliminary", a formal proposal was received "around a month ago".

"The Government sent back some comments and they responded, but it has not progressed very far since then. The Prime Minister needed to have some input but he has been fairly consumed with

BTC," the source said.

Asked why Emera was so interested in the Bahamas, Mr Robinson told Tribune Business: "We can see the potential here. Its proximity to the US, and there's a lot of opportunity, we believe, for inter-

connection between some of the islands. We like the business climate in the Bahamas and, relatively speaking, throughout the Caribbean. They're [the Bahamas] close to North America, so they're not as anxious about doing

business with organisations from North America. There is a natural relationship between the Bahamas and Canada, and specifically eastern Canada. A lot of relationships are pre-existing.

"A lot of Bahamians are schooled in Nova Scotia, so that area is not foreign to the Bahamas. So that helps to form relationships and do business together."

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between 60-70 per cent of Bahamian resorts forecast that these six key indicators would either be flat with 2010 levels or "up some".

Only 3 per cent (one hotel) predicted that revenues, capital spending and room occupancy would be "up significantly" in 2011 compared to 2010.

Apart from the recession, the Bahamian hotel industry also blamed high airfares and high

operating costs for their current performance, together with the Bahamas being a "high cost destination".

Comparing 2010 with 2009, 33 per cent of Bahamian hotels surveyed said revenues and profits were "down significantly" compared to 2009. Another 37 per cent fell into this category on capital spending, with 27 per cent and 20 per cent seeing "significantly down" room occupancy and pricing. With most staffing cuts in the sector taking place at end-2008, employment was only "signifi-

Hotels: 2/3 incur net loss in 2010

cantly down" for 10 per cent of properties in 2010.

Again, the Bahamian hotel industry fell either into the "down some" or "same" "up some" categories when comparing 2010 to 2009. Between 40-57 per cent fell into the latter two categories combined for all six key financial performance indicators, while between 33 per cent to 17 per cent were in

the "down some" category. Very few were "up significantly" in 2010.

All this confirms a Bahamian hotel industry that is far from being 'out of the woods', and it is far from adding new jobs to replace the employees shed in late 2008 and early 2009. Asked to state the three most important factors impacting their business today in priority order, the obvious number one was the worldwide recession and sluggish US economy.

Close behind, though, were airlift issues - "availability, reliability, high cost" - and the high cost of doing business in the Bahamas, "especially cost and

reliability of electricity, telecommunications, group insurance and National Insurance Board (NIB) increases".

Asked to set out the "most important issues" for the BHA, Promotion Boards and Ministry of Tourism to work on, the hotels said these were airlift, marketing to generate "increased better promotion of the islands", and reduced utility, licensing, tax and duty costs.

With 84 per cent of those polled participating in the Ministry of Tourism's Companion Fly Free initiative, some 32 per cent described it as "very effective" and 32 per cent as "effective", with just 8 per cent saying it made no impact and 28 per cent saying it was "minimally effective".

Some 80 per cent of Bahamian hotels said they would par-

ticipate in a similar initiative, with only 10 per cent saying they would not - either because they were not "wholesaler driven" or because it was ineffective or not cost-effective.

The remaining 10 per cent added that they would participate with conditions, namely ensuring island-specific benefits, a "better understanding of how to increase value to our hotel", and without the 2 per cent tax increase.

And, to prepare for Baha Mar's new room inventory in 2014, the hotels urged enhanced marketing and training initiatives, plus improved product development that focused on downtown Nassau's rehabilitation, better taxi standards, safety and security, traffic control and airport development.

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Second home fury over tax break loss

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and \$500,000. This was intended to compensate for the 6 per cent room tax paid to the Government on rentals, which increased to 10 per cent in the 2010-2011 Budget.

"We collected and paid the hotel tax all year," the homeowner said. "Last week we got our property tax bill with no exemptions.

"Today, I spoke with a fine lady in Nassau at the Ministry of Tourism who tells me that there have been 'legislative glitches' in the Small Hotels Act and that the Ministry of Finance is granting no second homeowners the reduced property tax incentive 'at the moment'. She also said that the Small Hotels Act is currently under revision."

The homeowner added: "The official whom I spoke with in the Marsh Harbour tax office seemed uniformed about these proceedings and told me I must be in residence at my house in Abaco for four months a year to qualify for the tax reduction.

"Nothing in the law - as I read it - says anything about four months or more of residency per year to qualify. The woman at the Department of Tourism agrees. She says there is no such residency requirement for the tax incentive."

Similar issues were raised in a letter posted on the Internet by well-known Great Guana Cay resident, Troy Albury. He said: "Foreign owners of second homes in Guana Cay all went over to the office in Marsh Harbour to the real property tax office and signed up for this program, received a tax No. and started collecting and remitting the taxes when there were rentals.

"It was a hassle to do so as the office in Marsh Harbour will not take cash or personal cheques, so a bank draft had to be purchased, but many went ahead with the program as they thought it was the right thing to do and they hoped the

revenue would be used to improve the islands. Also, since they were promised a break on their property taxes, they felt it was something in it for them.

"Well, now to their surprise, they receive their tax bills and are informed by the new tax officer that there have been 'some glitches' in the system and there will be no tax break. They have to pay their full tax bill and now, all of a sudden, there is a four-month minimum that you must live in your house in order to get the tax discount. This was never discussed in the original discussions or anywhere in the information that was circulated. Many of them feel cheated and would never have signed up for the program if they knew they would not receive any benefit."

Mr Albury added: "Second homeowners that rent their houses make tremendous contributions to our economy. They built their homes using local contractors, paid full duty on their homes, have Bahamian caretakers. They spend money to market their properties (and by default the islands of the Bahamas). They use Bahamian contractors for maintenance. When they are here they support the local merchants, grocery stores, tour operators, restaurants and taxi drivers.

"When they have visitors renting their houses, the guests do the same. They provide a tremendous boost to our economy and most make positive contributions by volunteering their time and making monetary contributions to local charities.

"All of these second homeowners have built their homes without the benefit of duty-free exemptions which are being offered to all of the new houses being built in the mega developments. So as far as that is concerned they have contributed substantially more to the coffers of the Treasury than all of these mega developments."

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CLICO recovery threat closer to becoming reality

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Gomez accountant and partner, was also given an extension until April 1, 2011, to file his own liquidation plan for Wellington Preserve, he now faces competition from rivals who do not have the interests of CLICO (Bahamas) creditors and policyholders at the top of their priority list.

It is unclear how the "votes" process will work, but presumably if a majority of creditors are in favour of a plan submitted by Brennan Financial or someone else, then it is their process, not Mr Gomez's which will dictate Wellington Preserve's fate.

And Brennan Financial has made its goals perfectly clear, namely to transform itself from unsecured creditor to secured creditor at the head of the queue, plus place itself and other US creditors ahead of CLICO (Bahamas) and its CLICO Enterprises affiliate.

The US-based financier has already submitted a "low ball" \$10.8 million offer to acquire Wellington Preserve, which was immediately rejected by Mr Gomez and his attorneys.

This, though, makes it clear that, if Brennan Financial's rival liquidation plan is accepted, it will be willing to listen to offers well below the \$50-\$60 million that Wellington Preserve is estimated to be worth, let alone the \$73 million that CLICO (Bahamas) and its affiliate pumped into it. In short, a Brennan Financial plan and liquidation, if successful, would leave next to nothing for Bahamian creditors.

In its February 7, 2011, court filing, the US company said: "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.

Infusions

"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 then to what he described as Brennan's "low ball offer for the asset", Ronald Neiwirth, of the Miami-based Flower, White & Burnett law firm, Mr Gomez's US attorneys, 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".

"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."

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Court overturns \$250k profit share from development

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the \$250,000 as his 25 per cent share of Shoreline's 2004 profits.

The ruling almost, but not quite, brings an end to the five-year feud between the two former lifelong friends, the Privy Council ruling that since Mr Skinner was "entitled to his net profit share for 2004" (the sum having been wrong), the amount should be determined by the Supreme Court registrar.

And, given the ongoing controversy in relation to the 'Bonded Letter' in Freeport, the judgment may also provide a reason for Customs to look closely at Shoreline and KST Investments, as it hints that the development's 'bonded account' was previously used to buy personal/household items, potentially depriving the Government of legitimate import duty revenues.

"It is alleged that between about July 2000 and November 2004, Mr Skinner purchased personal items by using KST's bonded account at Dolly Madison's store in Freeport to a value of \$1138 without accounting to KST for it," the Privy Council judgment noted.

"Mr Skinner said in evidence that Mr Jervis had bought fishing tackle from Dolly Madison, and that he had asked him if he could 'get stuff' from Dolly Madison. Mr Jervis asked him what he wanted to get and he replied: 'Just fishing tackle, small items'. Mr Jervis said that that would be fine.

"Mr Skinner also said that Mr Jervis' wife and brother also bought household goods on account from Dol-

ly Madison. In short, it was Mr Skinner's evidence that Mr Jervis had given him authority to do what he did."

Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA) licencees in possession of a valid 'Bond letter' can purchase goods from other licencees that are duty-free, provided they are for use in their business only. The Privy Council judgment hints that KST's bonded account was being abused by Messrs Jervis, Skinner and their relatives, as they were using it to buy goods for their own personal and household use.

Tribune Business understands that Customs' demand late last year for GBPA licencees to furnish it with monthly 'bonded goods sales reports' was sparked by suspicions that there was widespread abuse of bonded privileges by licencees of this very nature.

Origins

Recalling the origins of the dispute between the two expatriates, who had been friends since the late 1970s, the Privy Council said its genesis stemmed from Mr Jervis's decision to relocate to Freeport for tax reasons in April 1998.

After seeking Mr Skinner's advice on a house he was acquiring or building, the discussions "led to the idea of developing some land on the beach in or near Freeport. The development went ahead and was called 'Shoreline'."

Initially billed as an 86-home development, only 76 properties were ultimately built. Messrs Jervis and Skinner had agreed that the profits from Shoreline would be split 75/25 between them, in favour of the former, who would finance the project while Mr Skinner used his experience as a quantity surveyor to "get it up and running".

Mr Skinner, according to the judgment, started work full-time on Shoreline on March 1, 1999, looking after the construction side and being paid \$7,000 per month, together with a \$3,000 rental allowance. Although the employment agreement was never put in writing, the PSA was in February 2001 at the "insistence of Mr Skinner, who had begun to feel marginalised".

"He felt vulnerable," the Privy Council recorded. "He was in the Bahamas on a one-year work permit. He had asked for a three-year permit, but had been told by Mr Jervis that such a permit was not available, although it later turned out that it was. Moreover, he had heard Mr Jervis say that he was not irreplaceable."

Tensions between the pair started building in 2004, when Mr Jervis wrote to Mr Skinner, complaining about his alleged "absenteeism and aggressive attitude to staff, customers and himself". Mr Skinner replied, and the Privy Council said: "It is noteworthy that none of these allegations formed the basis of Mr Skinner's subsequent dismissal."

This occurred in early January 2005, when Mr Jervis complained that labour and material costs incurred in renovations done to Mr Skinner's home, No.3 Shoreline, had not been accounted for in KST's accounts. It was alleged that a construction crew headed by Kenneth 'Chinese' Wilkinson had been instructed by Mr Skinner to book these costs to other Shoreline homes.

Mr Skinner said he had told the work crew to book renovation costs to his home as repairs, but denied booking the costs to other properties.

"Mr Jervis said that even booking the costs to KST was wrong, and Mr Skinner accepted it was wrong," the Privy Council said. "He also accepted that materials used had not been booked because they were used out of stock, but he also stated that Mr Jervis had used the company to pay for personal expenses, as well as Keith Jervis' expenses."

Mr Jervis replied that if this was the case, it had been accounted for in KST's books, while Mr Skinner denied attempting to defraud the company. The next day, Mr Skinner was handed a termination letter, and after several 'without prejudice' financial settlement offers were made by Mr Jervis, only to be rejected, the litigation battle commenced.

Backing the Supreme Court verdict that Mr Skinner was unlawfully terminated in breach of contract, the Privy Council reiterated that it, like other appellate courts, was highly reluctant to interfere with factual find-

ings made by trial judges, who had seen witnesses give testimony under cross-examination.

Given that Mr Jervis's second appeal was essentially an attempt to reargue the facts, the Privy Council said Supreme Court justice Norris Carroll was entitled to reach his conclusions based on the evidence. The key test was whether Mr Skinner took KST's materials and labour to work on his house without the company's approval, and no intention of paying for them.

During the trial, while admitting he had not calculated what to repay KST and that the sums had not been accounted for when he was terminated, Mr Skinner said he had not booked the repairs to any other house, and had not intended to defraud Mr Jervis.

The Privy Council said the judge was entitled to reach the conclusion he did, finding it was "not credible" to think Mr Skinner could carry out work of which Mr Jervis was unaware, since the two were next door neighbours.

The appellate court also backed the trial judge over Mr Jervis's allegation that Mr Skinner received personal payment in-kind for \$2,500 worth of granite work done by KST at the Grand Bahama apartment of Daniel Hoffman, failing to account to the company for that and failing to reimburse it for the granite costs.

"Instead of paying his bill to KST, with the concurrence of Mr Skinner, Mr Hoffman provided Mr Skinner with a plasma television and sound system, which were delivered to him off Grand Bahama at sea," the Privy Council said of Mr Jervis's allegations.

In response, Mr Skinner confirmed he had arranged for the granite to be installed at Mr Hoffman's apartment, but alleged that Mr Jervis said no payment should be received "because Mr Hoffman had done them a favour". While admitting he had received a plasma TV, he denied it was for the granite work.

The trial judge, though, backed Mr Skinner, finding the evidence of Mr Hoffman and others on the issue unreliable.



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'Going the right way to destroy aviation'

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CAPT. RANDY BUTLER

right way.”
K P Turnquest, who is also the Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce's president, together with Sky Bahamas' chief executive, Captain Randy Butler, both confirmed to this newspaper the unease created among both airlines and private plane owners by Customs' recent practice of boarding planes to ask questions about the craft's ownership and flight history.

With Captain Butler describing this as “a fishing expedition” on Customs' part, in a bid to determine the value of aircraft with a view to calculating the correct 10 per cent duty amount, his chairman confirmed he had been informed that the Department's officers boarded one Sky Bahamas plane in Freeport for this purpose.

Mr Turnquest told Tribune Business that Customs seemed to be “trying to determine what state it's [the plane] in with a view to coming up with a value for this tax thing”.

Stating that this was another area where the Bahamas “seems to be reaching”, Mr Turnquest said the way in which Customs was carrying out its assessments, together with the likely demands for current and back tax payments to be made, could become a “significant issue” when it came to plans for creating and expanding a Bahamian aircraft registry.

Explaining that Customs' plans to impose the one-time 10 per cent duty would impact current and future second homeowners/foreign investors who owned private planes, Mr Turnquest questioned why the Bahamas was favouring a one-time, upfront lump sum tax payment rather than the recurring revenues generated from an aircraft registry's annual registration fees.

“What are we saying to these investors, particularly those with residency?” Mr Turnquest asked. “Give us our money. What are we trying to accomplish with this? There are competing jurisdictions such as Aruba where there are no import taxes associated with the aircraft.”

“We have to bear in mind our positioning and where we're trying to go. Instead, we're hitting these people with a one-time lump sum figure that is only going to serve to deter the growth of the market. It makes no sense? What are we trying to accomplish here.”

Contrasting the Government's tax policy for the Bahamian aviation industry with that for shipping, Mr Turnquest questioned why Bahamian-registered ships plying their trade in this nation's waters were not subjected to similar Customs duty

“Jet Blue, American, all these guys overnighing here do not have to face that. We have higher fuel costs that we have to deal with, higher airport fees that they do not have to face. They get subsidies from the Government to come to the islands that we don't have. How much more do you want to put on us, take money from us?”

“Allow us to grow so we can employ more people and create more entrepreneurs. The more people trained as pilots, aviation personnel, engineers, mechanics, and customer service people, the more opportunities you've got for people to create wealth.”

“To keep chopping us at the knees for short-term goals without any long-term view, it's very detrimental to the industry and the country. We've got to do better.”

Captain Butler, meanwhile, told Tribune Business that Customs officers had been asking his staff and other

operators questions such as how old the plane was, and how many flying hours it had logged, when they boarded it.

Adding that he was aware that such boarding and questioning had occurred in Nassau, Abaco and Long Island, among other locations, Captain Butler said: “I couldn't tell you what the goal is.”

“They're definitely on a fishing expedition. This is kind of backwards, because they've gone out saying to people that they've brought aircraft in here illegally, and now they're only just going out to find out the information. I know it's making people very uncomfortable.”

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BUSINESS

Republicans: Report on financial crisis was biased

ALAN FRAM, Associated Press WASHINGTON

Republicans criticized a government report on the causes of the 2008 financial crisis as

biased and political on Wednesday. Democrats fired back that Republicans want to roll back federal regulations of the financial industry.

That exchange came as the House Financial Services Com-

mittee examined a study issued last month concluding that the near economic collapse was avoidable and was caused by failures by the financial industry and their federal regulators.

The differences between the two parties underscored the partisan gap as the GOP-run House begins a year in which one goal is to block new regulations required by the financial overhaul law that Democrats and President Barack Obama enacted last summer.

The Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission's report was endorsed by the panel's six Democratic commissioners. Its four Republicans dissented, saying the study played down factors such as how federal policies aimed at increasing home ownership encouraged the use of high-risk subprime loans.

Rep. Robert Dold, R-Ill., said Democrats used the report "to support pre-established political philosophies." Rep. Michael Grimm, R-N.Y., said "some members of this commission were more interested in following an ideological agenda."

Some of the harshest criticism came from former Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., who was the top Republican on the commission.

"From the beginning, I thought that the commission was created for political purposes," Thomas told the committee. He said commission staff used their time "to find gotcha documents to support provocative headlines," and that information was leaked to embarrass commission Republicans.

Thomas was among several Republicans who criticized Democrats, who controlled the House and Senate last year, for approving the overhaul legisla-



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tion before the commission's report was issued. One reason for that haste, he said, was the impending retirement of then Senate Banking Committee Chairman Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., a 35-year veteran of Congress.

"When someone is spending that much time in Congress and wants to move a product, it's very difficult to say no," Thomas said.

The committee's top Democrat, Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., said Democrats pushed the legislation quickly due to pleas from worried Bush and Obama administration officials that "you really need to get this done quickly," and warnings from Wall Street that prolonging the legislative work would create uncertainty.

Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., said GOP criticism was an attempt to undermine the financial overhaul law and "return the financial services industry to a nostalgic age" of less regulation.

The commission's chairman and top Democrat, former California state treasurer Phil Angelides, said the report was written fairly. He said full implantation of the financial overhaul law "is critical and will help prevent a future crisis."

COPPER FALLS AS HIGH PRICES DISCOURAGE BUYERS

NEW YORK

Copper slipped Wednesday as businesses hold back on purchases because of higher prices.

Some manufacturers have stockpiled inventories of copper. Others are cutting back on purchases or substituting different materials in certain applications.

That has kept pressure on copper prices, which have traded in a narrow range between \$4.226 a pound and \$4.6285 a pound this year.

CPM Group analyst Carlos Sanchez said he has seen similar trends in other metals. There also are questions about whether copper demand may wane in China as it pushes measures to control inflation and the pace of its economic growth.

Sanchez said he expects copper demand to remain strong, particularly in developing countries. The metal is used largely in consumer electronics, construction materials and transportation.

Copper for March delivery fell 6.6 cents to settle at \$4.47 a pound.

In other metals trading, April gold added \$1 to settle at \$1,375.10 an ounce.

In other March metals contracts, silver fell 6.7 cents to settle at \$30.629 an ounce and palladium lost \$1.55 to \$838.35 an ounce.

April platinum added \$2.70 to settle at \$1,834.30 an ounce and April gold added \$1 to settle at \$1,375.10 an ounce.

In energy trading, oil prices rose after Israel's foreign minister claimed that Iran will send two warships through the Suez Canal on the way to Syria.

The news added to tension in the region and "absolutely moved markets," according to PFGBest oil analyst Phil Flynn. Flynn said traders are worried that spreading unrest in the Middle East will disrupt oil production and shipments in the region.

Benchmark oil for March delivery rose 67 cents to settle at \$84.99 per barrel.

In other Nymex trading, heating oil rose 4.58 cents to settle at \$2.7748 a gallon and gasoline gained 5.59 cents to \$2.5447 a gallon. Natural gas lost 5.5 cents to settle at \$3.921 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Grains and beans were mostly lower. In contracts for March delivery, wheat fell 3.25 cents to settle at \$8.37 a bushel, corn was unchanged at \$6.905 a bushel and soybeans lost 2 cents to settle at \$13.66 a bushel.

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2011

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
IN THE SUPREME COURT
Equity Division
BETWEEN

IN THE MATTER OF THE QUIETING TITLE ACT, 1959

AND

IN THE MATTER of the Petition of Clayton Culmer and Sheena Culmer

AND

IN THE MATTER OF ALL THAT piece parcel or lot of land situate in the Western District of the Island of New Providence containing 26,012 square feet being Lot or Number Thirty-Two (32) of the Subdivision called and known as "Summer Haven Estates" situate on the Eastern Side of Blue Hill Road North of Highland Drive and approximately 720 feet North of Marshall Road which said Lot of land is bounded NORTHWARDLY by Lot Number Thirty (30) of the said Subdivision and running thereon One Hundred and Sixteen and Fifty-Two hundredths (116.52') feet EASTWARDLY by a portion of Lot Number Thirty-one (31) and Lot Number Thirty-Three (33) of the said Subdivision and running thereon One Hundred and Seventeen Hundredths (174.17') feet SOUTHWARDLY by the said Highland Drive and running thereon One Hundred and Eighty Two and One Hundredths (182.10') feet and WESTWARDLY by the said Blue Hill Road and running thereon One Hundred and Fifty Nine and Ninety Two Hundredths (159.92') feet which said piece parcel or lot of land and has such position, boundaries, shape, marks and dimensions as are more particularly delineated on the Plan filed with the Department of Lands and Surveys being Plan No. 5130 N.P.

NOTICE

The Petitioners Clayton Culmer and Sheena Culmer claim to be the owner of the fee simple lot of land in possession the tract of land hereinbefore described free from encumbrances.

And the Petitioner has made application to the Supreme Court of the aforementioned Commonwealth of the Bahamas under Section 3 of the Quieting Titles Act, 1959 in the above action, to have this title to the said tract of land investigated and the nature and extent thereof determined and declared in a Certificate of Title to be granted in accordance with the provisions of the said Act.

Notice is hereby given that any person having a Dower or a right to Dower or an adverse claim or a claim not recognized in the Petition shall on or before the expiration of Thirty (30) days after the final publication of these presents file in the said Registry of the Supreme Court and serve on the Petitioner or the undersigned a Statement of his claim in prescribed form verified by an affidavit to be filed therewith. Failure of any such person to file and serve a Statement of his Claim on or before the expiration of Thirty (30) days after the final publication of these presents shall operate as a bar to such claims.

Copies of the said plan may be inspected during normal hours at the Registry of the Supreme Court, East Street North, Nassau, N.P., Bahamas or the Chambers of C. Yvette McCartney, Building No. 10, Seventh Terrace West, Centreville, Nassau, Bahamas.

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10.75	9.67	Bahamas Property Fund	10.63	10.63	0.00	0.013	0.200	817.7	1.89%		
6.18	4.42	Bank of Bahamas	4.42	4.42	0.00	0.153	0.100	28.9	2.26%		
0.58	0.18	Benchmark	0.18	0.18	0.00	-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%		
3.49	2.70	Bahamas Waste	2.70	2.70	0.00	0.168	0.090	16.1	3.33%		
2.15	2.14	Fidelity Bank	2.17	2.17	0.00	0.016	0.040	135.6	1.84%		
12.50	9.62	Cable Bahamas	10.21	10.21	0.00	1.050	0.310	9.7	3.04%		
2.84	2.36	Colina Holdings	2.40	2.40	0.00	0.781	0.040	3.1	1.67%		
7.00	5.40	Commonwealth Bank (S1)	6.85	6.85	0.00	0.488	0.260	14.0	3.80%		
3.65	1.63	Consolidated Water BDRs	2.06	2.08	0.02	0.111	0.045	18.7	2.16%		
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11.40	8.77	FirstCaribbean Bank	9.39	9.39	0.00	0.494	0.350	19.0	3.73%		
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100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00		7%	19 October 2017			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00		7%	30 May 2013			
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10.06	5.01	Bahamas Supermarkets	5.01	6.01	14.00		-2.945	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.55		0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%	
CFAL Securities Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)											
41.00	29.00	ABDAB	30.13	31.59	29.00		4.540	0.000	9.03	0.00%	
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.45	0.55	0.55		0.002	0.000	261.90	0.00%	
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1.5122	1.4076	CFAL Bond Fund	1.5179	5.51%	6.90%	1.48804	1.475244	30-Nov-10			
2.9527	2.8300	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.9527	0.18%	1.61%	2.918697	2.910084	31-Jan-11			
1.5809	1.5114	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.5808	0.43%	4.59%	1.550241	1.533976	28-Jan-11			
3.2025	2.8522	Royal Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	2.7049	-0.56%	-15.54%			31-Jan-11			
13.6388	13.0484	Royal Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.4164	0.44%	0.10%			31-Jan-11			
114.3684	101.6693	CFAL Global Bond Fund	114.3684	9.98%	12.49%	109.392860	107.570619	30-Jun-10			
106.5528	99.4177	CFAL Global Equity Fund	106.5528	4.75%	7.18%	100.779540	105.776543	30-Sep-10			
1.1465	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.1465	5.20%	5.20%			31-Dec-10			
1.1185	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.1185	4.73%	4.73%			31-Dec-10			
9.1491	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.1491	5.35%	5.35%			31-Dec-10			
9.1005	9.1005	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 1	9.7950	4.85%	5.45%			30-Nov-10			
11.2361	10.0000	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 2	10.6417	-1.20%	0.50%			30-Nov-10			
10.1266	9.1708	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 3	10.1266	1.27%	1.27%			31-Jan-11			
8.4510	4.8105	Royal Fidelity Int'l Fund - Equities Sub Fund	8.4510	0.72%	9.95%			31-Jan-11			
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YIELD - last 12 month dividends divided by closing price											
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Are companies excluding jobless from applying?

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WASHINGTON

Are some companies weeding out job applicants just because they are unemployed?

After news accounts about the practice and requests from concerned lawmakers, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has jumped in, trying to figure out whether it's a widespread tactic that could violate federal job discrimination laws.

Commissioners at an EEOC hearing Wednesday said they are investigating whether excluding the unemployed may have a greater effect on blacks, Latinos and other ethnic minorities that tend to have higher jobless rates. There are no specific legal protections for the unemployed.

"The potential for disparate impact is there," said William Spriggs, assistant secretary for policy at the Department of Labor.

Overall unemployment is 9 percent, with nearly 14 million people out of work. The jobless rate is 15.7 percent among blacks and 11.9 percent among Hispanics, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Spriggs said the chances of an employer considering an ethnic minority are decreased by one-third if jobless applicants are excluded. The pool of disabled applicants would be reduced by nearly 50 percent, he said.

The EEOC, which enforces job discrimination laws, has not issued any guidance on the issue. But some on the five-member agency suggested that could be coming.

"I hope this gives our people in the field information to start thinking about a possible problem out there," said Stuart Ishimaru, one of three Democrats on the commission. "For employers it raises serious question of liability if, in fact, there is a disparate impact."

Spriggs said it would be difficult for the government to measure the problem because most job openings are not posted publicly. The Labor Department is aware of anecdotal reports that some recent company advertisements have discouraged the unemployed from applying.

He said officials are concerned the practice could hamper the government's efforts to help millions of unemployed get back to work.

"It probably has a bigger impact in the current labor market" given the current unemployment situation, Spriggs said.



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employment situation, Spriggs said.

Helen Norton, a professor at the University of Colorado law school, said employers and staffing agencies have advertised jobs in fields from electronic engineers to restaurant and grocery managers with the explicit restriction that only currently employed candidates would be considered.

"Some employers may use current employment as a signal of quality job performance," Norton said. "But such a correlation is decidedly weak. A blanket reliance on current employment serves as a poor proxy for successful job performance."

Prominent

In one prominent report last year, an advertisement from Sony Ericsson, a global phone manufacturer that was recruiting workers for a new Georgia facility, was restricted to those currently employed. The company later removed the restriction after media publicity.

Christine Owens, executive director of the National Employment Law Project, said anecdotal evidence from job postings, conversations with job seekers and her interviews with officials at job placement firms suggests there may be a growing trend of excluding unemployed applicants, regardless of their qualifications.

"It's particularly significant that these representatives of staffing agencies have said there seems to be a growing practice," Owens said.

Fernan Cepero, a spokesman for the Society for Human Resource Management, said it takes an average of 27 days for an employer to fill an open position, and even longer for high-tech positions. Because open positions mean lost productivity, "screening out the unemployed is unproductive," he said.



JOB SEARCH: In this photo taken Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011, job seeker Rolando Cunanan leaves the Day Worker Center of Mountain View without work in Mountain View, Calif. (AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

Fed officials slightly more upbeat on economy

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Federal Reserve officials were slightly more optimistic last month about economic growth for this year than they were in November, reflecting expected gains in consumer and business spending from tax cuts.

Fed officials said in an updated forecast released Wednesday that they think the U.S. economy will grow between 3.4 percent and 3.9 percent this year. That's an upward revision from their November forecast, which predicted gross domestic product will grow 3 percent to 3.6 percent.

The latest outlook foresees little improvement in the unemployment rate. The central bank predicts that the rate, now at 9 percent, will end the year at that level or possibly dip to 8.8 percent.

The Fed doesn't expect the slightly faster growth to trigger high inflation. Its latest forecast is for prices to rise 1.3 percent to 1.7 percent. That's only slightly more than its November projection, which expected consumer prices to increase 1.1 percent to 1.7 percent in 2011.

Chairman Ben Bernanke and others on the central bank's interest rate-setting panel remained cautious about how long it will take the economy to generate enough jobs to achieve normal unemployment. The Fed defines that level as 5 percent to 6 percent. The Fed said it would take five to six years to lower the rate that much.

The personality behind design

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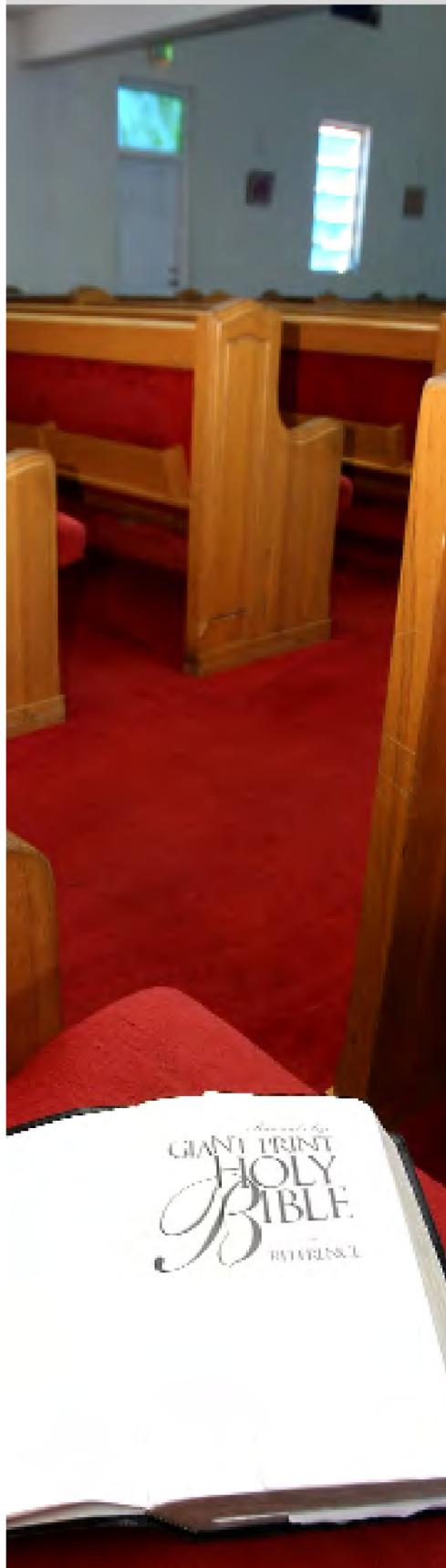
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THE BAHAMAS HOSTS ITS FIRST RELIGIOUS MIME CONFERENCE



Kingdom Mime Ministries



By ALESHA CADET
Tribune Features Reporter

THE MINISTRY of Mime invites all to attend the first religious mime conference the Bahamas has ever seen.

Speaking with *Tribune Religion*, members of the Mime Ministry said that while there have been dance conferences which incorporated elements of mime, and a few mime workshops, there has never been a conference that is solely dedicated to the art of mime, especially as a religious ministry.

The Silent Travail Mime Conference starts on Thursday, February 24 at the Life Changers Ministries International on Bacardi Road.

The opening is followed by two days of theory and practical sessions on Friday and Saturday.

On Sunday night, the conference will close with a free concert entitled "A Mime's Worship Experience" at the Bahamas Harvest Church on Prince Charles Drive.

The Kingdom Mime Ministries along with the Church Family of Life Changers Ministries International is preparing to host

the event.

The Kingdom Mime Ministries International (KMMI) is a community based outreach mime troupe, whose eight members represent various churches and denominations.

According to its members, the goal of the KMMI group is first to glorify God and secondly to become a prophetic blessing to the body of Christ.

They have ministered throughout the Bahamas and the United States using the art of mime. In addition, KMMI has conducted several training and mime workshops.

Tavanie Smith of the Mime Ministry said: "It is important that we point out this event takes place during the mid-term break, so we encourage parents to take advantage of this by getting their kids involved in something positive during the vacation break from school."

The Ministry of Mime is where persons silently minister the word of God through dramatic gestures and animated facial expressions.

Each ministry presentation aims to send a message of salvation, deliverance and hope.

"We at Kingdom Mime believe that the Lord is calling together a Gideon's Army of

worshippers as he prepares the body of Christ for his return. Also, we are doing our part in the fight against crime by involving our young people in positive and character building activities. We heard the vision of Bishop (Neil) Ellis to build our nation as a spiritual oasis through the initiative of religious tourism. On an annual basis, thousands of persons meet in North Carolina for the Mega-Mime Conference, many who come from south of us here in the Bahamas.

"We've partnered with Paneh Mime to host this regional version of that conference, thereby attracting religious tourists here to our shores," Mr Smith said.

Special guests include popular gospel circuit travelling mime ministers Pastors Timothy and Chandra Midgette of Paneh Mime Ministries.

This husband and wife team are also the hosts of the Mega-Mime Conference held in North Carolina every year.

Persons interested in the mime conference in Nassau can register at Revelation Christian Apparel at the Mall of Marathon or at Life Changers Ministries International on Bacardi Road; they can also e-mail KingdomMime@gmail.com or visit the Facebook page Kingdom Mime Ministries International.

All Saints Parish bids farewell to Father Sebastian Campbell

'Never Knew A Love Like This'

THE Total Youth Church of Bahamas Faith Ministries in collaboration with Collage Entertainment and DJ Counsellor presents "Never Knew A Love Like This" – a drama that addresses issues such as broken relationships and domestic violence.

The three-part presentation will be held tomorrow night at the Diplomat Centre on Carmichael Road.

Additionally, the 'Stop Likin' Man' gang, who shot to local fame with their online videos, will present a play entitled "What Wrong With Love Today".

Also scheduled for the event is Dr Dave Burrows, considered to be one of the foremost authorities on youth ministry in the Bahamas. He will speak to the teenage and young adult audience members on the subject of how to find love in today's world.

Dr Burrows uses the vernacular of the youth to illustrate his points and also offers information from several books he wrote on the topics of sex and dating.

For more information contact TYC at 461-6430 or e-mail davyb@coralwave.com, youthalive@bfmmm.com or tyc@bfmm.com.



FAREWELL: All Saints Parish's celebrations of praise and thanksgiving for Father Sebastian Campbell's 20 years of ministry. Celebrations were held on Friday, February 11, with a gospel concert and on Sunday, February 13, with a thanksgiving luncheon in the parish centre.

REV Fr Sebastian Campbell has served the Parish of All Saints on Calvary Hill for more than 20 years.

He was priest to the entire community in the southern district of New Providence. Now, he prepares for a new challenge as Rector of the Parish of St Gregory and the Carmichael come April 1.

Father Campbell said he always wanted to be a priest; in fact the desire for priesthood was sparked within him at the tender age of six while attending the St Andrews Anglican Church in Arthur's Town, Cat Island under the pastoral leadership of the late Archdeacon Murillo Bonaby.

The late Bishop Michael Eldon, on the advice of the vestry, appointed Father Campbell as Rector of All Saints November 30, 1990.

Up to this time, the parish had experienced a rapid succession of priests.

It appealed for a rector to commit to spend quality time in the leadership of the parish.

Having served in this capacity for 20 years, Father Campbell has indeed fulfilled this request, parish members said.

He was joined in ministry by his wife Agatha, who is the parish's music director and organist, his two children Sebastian Jr (better known as Sir B), Andree, and in recent times his daughter-in-law Kimberly and granddaughter Simone.

Parish members describe Father Campbell as someone who was a visionary from the very start.

"He was able to provide daily leadership that has launched the parish into an orbit unknown to it before," members said.

The ordination of Rev Father E Julian Campbell and Rev Deacon Alvarado Adderley were crowning moments for him, as the parish had never advanced anyone for the ordained ministry.

Upon appointment to the parish, Father Campbell was faced with the daunting task of purchasing as much property as possible adjacent to the church building and to proceed with constructing a state-of-the-art parish community centre.

Land was purchased at a price of well over a quarter of a million dollars. The community centre was constructed through self-help that was fueled by a 'Crusade Drive'.

"We built as the money came in; it took more than five years, but in the final analysis only \$600,000 was borrowed from the bank so as to complete the details that couldn't wait for the slow stream of self-help. Overall it must have cost approximately \$2.5 million, the love offering from the faithful parishioners and friends of the parish.

"Now All Saints can boast of having the largest parish centre in the diocese, complete with a hall that seats 1,000, parish offices and rooms for short-term rentals capable of holding retreats, sleepovers, cursillo weekends, ect. The church building was fully air-conditioned, floor tiled,

ceiling redone and the same. The vision of the parish was only realised because of bold leadership," parish members said.

Programmes and ministries flourished during his rectorship.

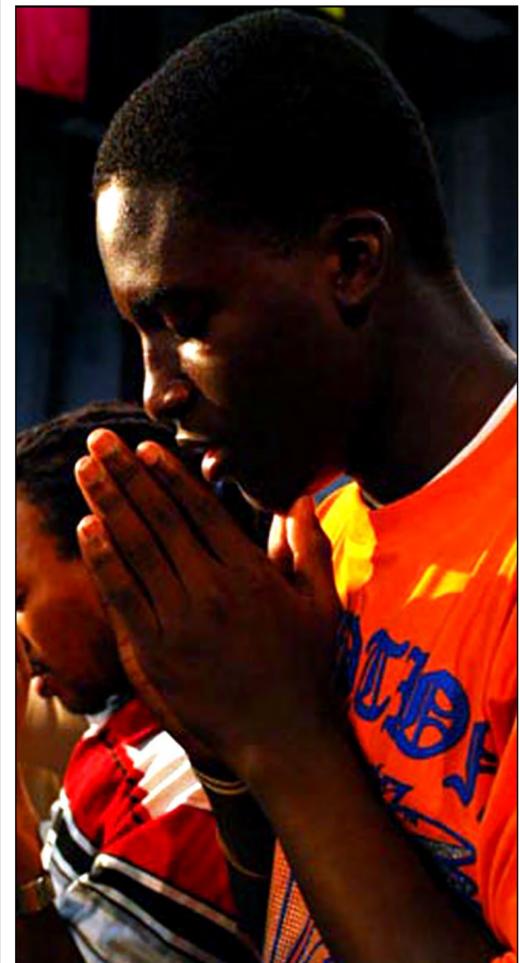
There was Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), which provides training for persons venturing into pastoral care and counselling. It is considered a great launch into ecumenical waters as trainees from many churches make use of this training. Another programme, the medical missionary, is now being launched.

Parish members said: "He was a member of the team that mapped the path for CPE to be launched in Codrington College, our theological seminary in Barbados. Other achievements of this visionary will include the GEMS Awards, where parishioners are known as gems of the parish; education for ministry; Disciples of Christ in Community (DOCC); the formation of the Southeastern Youth Pioneers (SYP)."

Father Campbell is chairman of the Counsel for Churches in southeast New Providence; chairman of the National Heroes Committee. He was an instructor at the Programme SURE and chaplain of the Princess Margaret Hospital.

Father Campbell says he credits his parents, the late Sebastian and Almeta Campbell, his 10 siblings, and the relatives in his wider family with his successes in his ministry to his God.

"Without them none of the above would be possible," he said.



POSITIVE: The Total Youth Church along with Collage Entertainment is hosting an event that will inspire young people to make positive changes in their lives.

'Twilight' star to be featured in Nassau's Spiritual Cinema

THE Unity Centre of Light presents the latest edition of Spiritual Cinema this Sunday featuring two movies, "The Graffiti of Mr Tupaia" and "The Cake Eaters".

The double-bill – one short film and one full-length – starts at 5pm. For a donation of \$10 popcorn and a drink are included.

The movies will be screened at the centre located in the Gray's Music Centre building on #16 East Avenue, Centreville.

THE CAKE EATERS (2007) stars Twilight's Bella, actress Kristin Stewart, and Bruce Dem (Monster, Mulholland Drive, Big Love).

The film is a coming-of-age drama which explores the new (and old) connections between two small-town families.

A young woman with a degenerative disease feels she has no time to lose in becoming a woman while a young man struggles to reconcile his father and brother.

The movie is 95 minutes long and not recommended for children as it contains some adult language and sexual elements.

THE GRAFFITI OF MR TUPAIA (2008) is a short film that tells the story of a janitor at an elementary school in New Zealand who quietly goes through his routines, almost invisible to those around him.

One day, Mr Tupaia – an immigrant cleaner at a Cook Island school – answers a startling message from a mysterious writer in a bathroom stall. Through four words scribbled on a wall, two lonely souls connect.

The movie was written by Paul Ward and directed by Christopher Dudman. Runtime is 14 minutes.



STAR ATTRACTION: Kristin Stewart attending the Twilight Saga Film New Moon photocall at the Crillon Hotel in Paris, France on November 10, 2009. (Wikimedia Commons)



Statue of the Virgin Mary

Catholic leaders declare new 'holy' site in US

CHAMPION, Wis. Associated Press

THE Vatican has named a tiny shrine in a small northeast Wisconsin town as a holy site.

The Catholic Church has recognised the chapel in Champion near Green Bay as the location of an official sighting of the Virgin Mary. WTMJ AM says it is the only site in the country with that distinction.

Green Bay Bishop David Ricken says the Virgin Mary appeared there three times to Belgium immigrant Adele Brise in 1859. Devotees have since visited the site to pray for miracles.

Ricken started investigating the events and three theological experts soon picked up the work. After two years of poring over letters and documents, experts decided her claims were true. The Vatican validated those results in December.

Emphasis on the family unit

FOR too long family members have been thought of by the church as potential individual recruits. Very little thought has been given to evangelise or nurture the family as a unit.

The emphasis has been upon the individual. The approach overlooks the fact that the primary instruction and strength for the Christian life stems not from the church but from the family.

A study of the Sunday school pupils in a large church revealed that not one child from an unchurched home lasted through the entire series of the departmental pro-



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grammes from the primary to the youth.

Somewhere along the line every one of these children became a Sunday school drop-out. Such a startling statistic strongly emphasises the overwhelming influ-

ence of the home.

If the church is to disciple the individual family member, it must do everything possible to Christianise the family as a whole.

There are many ways in which the churches of our nation can incorporate a focus on the family unit into its programmes and activities.

The importance of "togetherness" of the family is much better demonstrated than verbalised.

The practice of a pastor in meeting the needs of his own family speaks much more loudly than any seminar on the subject.

Here are some ways that family unity can be stressed by practical demonstration in our churches:

- Encourage families periodically to sit together during worship services.
- Invite ladies to attend special men's meetings and vice versa.
- Allow wives or husbands of board members to attend certain board meetings.
- Sponsor a "Family of the Month".
- Sponsor periodic family retreats or camps.
- Promote an annual "Family Week" to focus on the importance of the home.
- Plan recreational and social activities in which the family can participate together.

Remember that the family is our nation's greatest asset; let us guard it carefully.



He sent his word!

Psalm 107: 20: "He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions."

THERE is healing in His word; if you can just receive and believe His word the miraculous healing power of God (Yahweh) is available to you.

The greatest hindrance to God's healing power is doubt and unbelief.

We're living in a day and time where the enemy has pulled out all of his deceiving tricks and gimmicks, thereby causing many well-meaning saints to live beneath their God ordained privileges and benefits.

Satan's chief courier for his deceptive tactics is (erroneous religious teachings) which in most cases are carried out by many religious leaders, who don't rightly divide the word of truth.

Saints, please hear me! Either God's word is real true or it's not. The time has come for us to stop playing church and be the church that's bringing glory and honour to His name.

Contrary to compromising religious beliefs; there is (Greek: dunamis, pronounced doo'-nam-is) working power in the word of God.

Watch this!
Matthew 8:8: "The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed."

Unbelief and religious stinking thinking has a way of hindering the power of God, therefore it's of the utmost importance that those whom you are connected to spiritually be a people of faith, that's if you're expecting a move of God.

Matthew 13: 58: "And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief."



PASTOR
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lief.”

Throughout the scriptures we see where Yahshua Messiah (Jesus the Christ) would often take only three of His disciples (Peter, James and John) with Him when a demand was placed upon His anointing (Luke 8:51, 9:28).

Could it be that these three disciples' belief system was at a higher level than the others?

One of the many tragedies that plagues today's church is this: The power of the Gospel is being compromised daily by the incomplete religious prosperity gospel.

The primary teachings of the powerless church today concern the financial, material blessings and possessions, yet many saints are prematurely dying from all kinds of sicknesses and diseases.

Can God (Yahweh) heal diseases such as AIDS, cancer, lupus, leukemia, etc?

Yes, He can! But the problem is not with God, it's with our belief system, our lack of faith.

Here's a powerful question that was asked and then profoundly answered.

James 5:14-15: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

The problem with today's church is that it's filled with religious investigators that spend time talking about the sickness, after which a watered down, weak prayer is offered with this kind of ending, "Lord, if it's your will".

Whereas healing for the sick is manifested where the spiritually mature, elders of the church pray the prayer of faith.

The lack of faith has brought about an

acceptable compromise and questioning of God's word within the church, in as much that it's readily expected for persons who are stricken with any form of terminal illness to die.

Again, here's what the scripture says; Psalm 107: 20: "He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions." And Psalm 103:3: "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thine diseases."

For the New Testament church, here's what the Bible says concerning the word that was sent; John.1:1: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

And 1 John 4:10: "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

Saints, if you're going to doubt anything, make sure that you doubt your doubts and not the word of God; better still, doubt your religion and everything that doesn't line up with God's word concerning your healing.

Here's what Isaiah (53:5) says, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

He sent his word!

Now it's up to you to receive and believe His word.

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Righteous authority

By PASTOR GLEN P ROLLE
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THE impact Herod would have had on the psyche of all of Jerusalem was quite intriguing.

And as wise men told Herod of the star they saw (representing another or new system of governance) and the fact that they had come to acknowledge the dawn of a new day, not only terrified Herod, but all of Jerusalem with him.

As a matter of fact, that singular incident alone is but a reminder of the kind of impact that those entrusted with leadership can have on its citizenry.

Go bring me words that I too may go and worship him; I too may pay tribute and salutation to this new system of governance. After all it was not to Herod's

pleasure that a system of governance had emerged right in his backyard.

For Herod the existence of another king meant an end to his tyranny and self-interest style of governance.

The announcement of a new king, though still in embryonic form, was to be such a transformative force that not even the strength of the "Herodic" system of governance would be able to withstand the new culture about to emerge.

Herod understood that such an announcement meant that with every new king or ruler was to come a more defined culture that represented a rejection of what was. He also understood that a community, people and nation were to take on the spirit, nature, values and culture of its king or ruler. When the righteous are in authority the people rejoice.

It is critical therefore that we appreciate the implications of national leadership and its impact on the psyche and mannerisms of us as a people.

Righteous leadership then must be measured in words and mannerisms. Righteous leadership keeps in perspective its primary responsibility of serving those who are least amongst us.

Righteous leadership knows the weight of governance and therefore is both gracious and compassionate, otherwise governance becomes oppressive to its people.

Righteous leadership appreciates that governance is best for the people when the burdens of governance are shared or carried by those who govern rather than placed on the people.

For Herod, hearing such an announcement of a righteous king meant an end to his self-serving rulership.

When the righteous are in authority the people rejoice and they actively participate in the building of their nation, helping to bring the dawn of a brand new day.



Pastor Glen P Rolle



Am I being forced to walk by faith?

By MINISTER KEVIN L A EWING

EVERYDAY it seems to be a struggle to live, especially with this brutal economic crisis looming over our heads.

Yet, I have observed two distinct occurrences that have enlightened my understanding to a greater reality.

The first one is, Christians are suffering the same fate, like everyone else during this economic downturn, such as home foreclosures, bankruptcy, marital problems due to insufficient or lack of finances and the list goes on.

Secondly, even though Christians have practiced the biblical principles such as tithing, giving and offerings, it would appear as if the biblical principles have either failed them, or seems as if they're doing something wrong which causing the principles to be of no effect.

My question to God and to myself for that matter was, 'What is happening?' Aside from all of the above, there are those who don't serve God, seemingly practice none of his principles, but yet they're prospering and living in abundance during this vicious economic crisis. Something is fundamentally wrong here, and clearly there must be an answer.

The Bible commands that we walk by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians. 5:7), which is a general command to all Christians, however, God has revealed to me that all that are destined for greatness and have been called for greater works will be forced to walk by faith rather than given the option of leaving the walk of faith to the individual discretion.

At first this was kind of confusing to me because I have been told that God does not violate one's freedom of choice, but as he began to show me through the scriptures, the mystery was immediately transformed into a revelation that consequently made me not only appreciate but accept what others and myself are presently going through, with an understanding that there is purpose fuelling all of it without violating anyone's freedom of choice.

Now, to walk by faith literally means to walk in harmony with God's word as it pertains to our circumstances and daily living. For example when others wrong us, walking by faith dictates that we should deal with them with love, in spite of what they may have done to us and also pray for them.

Of course this is more easily said than done, therefore most Christians compromise in areas such as this because there are no demands made on them in regard to walking by faith.

On the other hand, the Christian that has been chosen for greatness does not have a choice in the matter, for example in the tithe paying, always giving, putting others above self.

As an example: A Christian who has faced financial difficulty, but there is no one to help him and all the sources of help that were once available to him have either been shut down or these same sources are in a similar position. Now, the reality is this, does this Christian become confused? Yes! Does this Christian get angry with God? Yes! Does he feel as if this Christian walk produces more problems than solutions?

Yes! Does he feel as if everyone is getting ahead except him? Again yes!

However, what sets this Christian apart from the others, is that when (not if) all of the above mentioned scenarios expire, this Christian becomes cognisant of the fact that walking by faith has zero to do with his feelings. To this end, there is no option for him, so he is forced to continue walking by faith and not by sight or by what he feels, without his freedom to choose being violated.

Now remember, walking by faith and not by sight is to walk according to God's instructions or his word and not according to how things appear or how we feel. Therefore this Christian who is forced to walk by faith due to the fact that he is destined for greatness has been clearly equipped with knowledge to see the bigger picture of his situation, and that knowledge is God is in control!

God is in control, as is frequently stated, but very few understand the meaning of this statement; it implies that he is supervising the good and the bad in our lives.

Let's read the biblical proof of this. The book of (Psalms 66:10-12) reads: "For thou, O God, has proved us: thou have tried us, as silver is tried. Thou brought us into the net; thou laid affliction upon our loins. Thou have caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou brought us out into a wealthy place."

Wow! What an eye opener, as you've read folks, God is the one in control here, no devil, demon or witchcraft worker is doing this to you.



Minister Kevin Ewing

The word is unequivocally clear; "thou" meaning God himself is the one testing, proving and allowing others to ride over you, only to bring you, who is transforming into the greatness that he has called you, to make it through these challenges into your wealthy place or place of abundance and limitless resources.

Folks, the words of wisdom for today are simply this, God will not put new wine into old wine skins (Matthew 9:17). This hints that he will not bring you to that prepared wealthy place without transforming your mind from that old mindset through life's challenges and difficulties – which he is certainly in control of.

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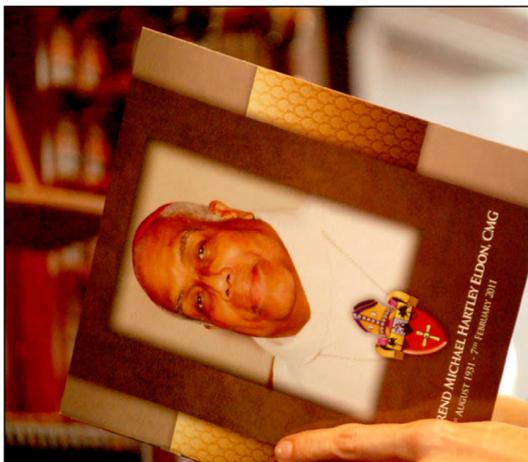


CONFIDENCE INSURANCE PAYS VISIT ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

CONFIDENCE Insurance Agency Staff at St George's Anglican Church Worship Service, giving God thanks for the past year and praying for his blessings and guidance for 2011.

(far left) Reverend Kingsley Knowles, rector; Jerome Knowles, managing director of Confidence Insurance, and (far right) Reverend Andrew Toppin, assistant rector.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE BISHOP MICHAEL ELDON



Scenes from the funeral service for the late Bishop Michael Hartley Eldon, the first Bahamian Anglican Bishop of the Bahamas, Turks and Caicos.

Hundreds attended the service at Christ Church Cathedral on Tuesday to pay tribute to Bishop Eldon.

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



GREEN balloons reading: "Yes to life" are held by pro-life movement activists during Pope Benedict XVI's Angelus prayer in St Peter's Square at the Vatican, Sunday, February 6. The Pontiff says he is praying that Egypt can find tranquillity and peaceful coexistence. (AP)



Pope prays for peace in Egypt

POPE Benedict XVI said he has been closely following the "delicate situation" in Egypt and is praying that the troubled country can find a peaceful solution to their political unrest.

The Pope made his first comments about the massive protests against the Egyptian government at the Angelus Prayer on Sunday, February 6.

"I ask God that this land, blessed by the presence of the Holy Family, may rediscover tranquility and peaceful coexistence, in a shared commitment to the common good," the Pope said as he addressed thousands of pilgrims in St Peter's Square.



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SACA set to host 'Uncle Lou' Road Race and Walk

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ON the occasion of the 78th anniversary of the birth of Deacon Leviticus "Uncle Lou" Adderley, former principal of St. Augustine's College (SAC) and national sporting legend, the St. Augustine's College Alumni Association (SACA) will be presenting the 5th version of its annual road race named in his honor.

The "Uncle Lou" Road Race and Walk will take place on March 12th 2011. According to Benson Russell, Public Relations Director for SACA, this year, the race will follow a new course that is designed to test the stamina of participants as well as increase the "fun factor". This year the race begins at Rawson Square and ends at SAC. Runners will be expected to traverse both Paradise Island bridges. The twist this year, Russell says, is that walkers will be encouraged to form relay teams, so that the person who starts at Rawson Square may not necessarily be the same person that finishes at SAC.

"This race is all about speed," Russell said. "First one to the finish line in the fastest time, and in years to come, it will be all about matching and or breaking previous speed records. Walking relay teams are also encouraged so that they too can boast about their speed while enjoying the walk."

Four years ago SACA began this event as a tool to bring SAC's old scholars together in a fun and fitness activity. However, the organizers are intent on making the event one of the premier events on the annual fitness calendar.

Geno Nairn, President of SACA, added that Uncle Lou was a special kind of athlete and a role model to many who passed through the halls of SAC. Nairn said the race is the perfect way to honor a man who spent his life teaching young people how to excel at education and sports.

Nairn remembers that one of Uncle Lou's favorite sayings was to "set your goals high and do not compromise your values and integrity."

In the spirit of competition, SACA is inviting all old scholars of SAC, fitness gurus and all track and or running clubs to take part in this event. The race has male and female divisions for runners and walkers and includes all age brackets beginning at 15 and under up to 50 and over.

Portions of the race will be recorded for a documentary that will be aired on local television. "We would like to encourage everyone to join us in this worthwhile venture, especially our SAC family," Russell stressed. "It promises to be lots of fun and physically rewarding."

Register forms will be available from 21st February at Subway Prince Charles Drive and Subway Cable Beach. Registration fee is \$15.

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KNIGHTS CLINCH TITLE
 Edge out Pacers in overtime

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IN A third and deciding game that exceeded expectations, perfect shooting from the field in overtime and a gritty defensive effort led the CR Walker Knights to their fourth consecutive GSSSA Senior Girls basketball title.

The Knights clinched the series when they edged out a 30-28 overtime win over the R.M Bailey Pacers last night at the Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium.

The Knights got a side high 11 points from Jonetra Kelly, Tameka Martin finished with 10 points, while Christina Williams finished with six points and nine rebounds.

The Pacers opened the overtime period with a steal and layup from Shanell Frazier to take an early 27-25 lead.

Kelly responded with a runner and Martin converted a fastbreak layup to give the Knights the lead for good in the final period.

After she made one of two from the line to bring her team within a single point, the Pacers Nicketrya Gilcud, who finished with a game high 12 points, fouled out of the game on the ensuing possession which left her team without its best scoring option down the stretch.

After Kelly made one of two at the line to give the Knights a two point lead, Frazier, who finished with seven points for the Pacers, failed to respond on the opposite end with an opportunity to tie the game.

Frazier missed both free throws with 8.3 seconds left to play and the Knights were able to run out the clock and claim the title.

"The team that want it the most

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Dilette to be honoured at Black History Invitational Swim Meet

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ONE of the most decorated swimmers in Bahamian history will join a list of the most notable names in African-American culture when she receives her latest honour.

Alana Dilette will be one of two athletes recognised for her contributions in her signature sport at the 25th Annual Black History Invitational Swim Meet, February 18 - 20, at the Takoma Aquatic Center in Washington D.C.

Dilette will be celebrated along with Michael Wright, Diving Champion for the United States.

According to its organising committee the Invitational was "founded with the goals of providing urban youth nationwide with a positive outlet for expression, exposure to strong competition, a forum to meet positive role models, and the opportunity to visit the nation's capital."

The meet was founded by the Department of Parks and Recreation and the United Black Fund the meet has grown from a small, local competition to one now hailed by USA Swimming, the national governing body for the sport of swimming, as the "premier minority swim competition in the United States and in the World."

Grown to an annual event which features hundreds of minority swimmers, ranging from ages 5-18, it now features swimmers from across the United States.

In 1989, its committee began the practice has chosen courageous and notable African Americans whose contributions are known throughout the world to be recognized during the weekend's events.

In her Freshman season at Auburn University, Dilette's times in the 50 free and 200 back set SEC season-bests and she also competed in the 100 fly and 200 IM at the U.S. Open.

As a sophomore Dilette competed at the NCAA Championships, and earned an All-America honour in the 200 medley relay.

Individually at NCAAs, she finished 23rd in the 100 back, 40th place in the 100 fly, and a 58th place finish in the 50 free.

As a junior she earned three All-America honors at the 2009 NCAA Championships, Dilette took fourth in the 100 fly in a time that ranks third all-time at Auburn and was a member of the school's

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Alana Dilette

SPORTS

New season underway for Rev. Dr. David S. Johnson Basketball Classic

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The Baptist Sports Council opened its 2011 Rev. Dr. David S. Johnson Basketball Classic on Saturday at the Bailou Hills Sporting Complex with two of the three defending champions continuing where they left off last year.

In the 15-and-under division, Macedonia blasted Latter-Day Saints 37-16, while Temple Fellowship held off Golden Gates No.1 38-31.

In other games played, Macedonia def. Christian Tabernacle 54-47 (19); Macedonia def. Latter-Day 43-38 (M); Latter-Day nipped Mt. Tabor 26-25 (19); Temple Fellowship def. Mt. Pleasant Green 49-26 (19) and First Baptist def. Golden Gates No.2 32-22 (M).

Here's a summary of the games played:

MACEDONIA 37 LATTER-DAY SAINTS 16

The comb of Steven Mitchell, Terico Strachan and Davon Adderley all scored eight, Dezon Taylor had six. Aaron Campbell five and Jimico Brown four as the defending 15-and-under champions pulled off a rout. Jamal Simon had six and Logan Harris added four in the loss.

MACEDONIA 54 CHRISTIAN TABERNAACLE 47

Karon Pratt had a game high 26 points, Rashad Knowles had seven and Theron Taylor added five in the win for Macedonia's 19-and-under. Christian Tabernacle got 16 from L. Collie and 11 from R. Smith. Mac-

donia 43, Latter-Day Saints 38; Dingo Flowers scored 10, Carson Saunders and Rashad Knowles both had nine and Bacucc Rolle chipped in with seven in the men's victory. Alcot Fox scored 12 and Lloyd Bailey helped out with 11 in the loss.

LATTER-DAY 26 MT. TABOR 25

Lloyd Bailey scored 12, Alcot Fox had seven and Gino Ferguson added five in the win for the 19-and-under. Joram Adderley had eight, Deniro Moss had seven and David Kemp had five in the loss.

TEMPLE FELLOWSHIP 49 MT. PLEASANT GREEN 26

Gabbie Laurent had 13, Bradshaw White had eight and Trevor Smith, Kevin Burrows and Johnathan Smith-

don all had six in the 19-and-under win. Aaron Cash had a game high 15 and Antonious Collie added nine in the loss.

FIRST BAPTIST 32 GOLDEN GATES NO. 2 22

Cadron Ferguson scored eight, Cruz Simon had seven and Tony Williams chipped in with six in the men's win. Ted Rolle had seven in the loss.

TEMPLE FELLOWSHIP 38 GOLDEN GATES NO. 1 31

John Smith had 10, Kevin Burrows six, Ian Pinder and Gabbie Laurent both had five and Trevor Smith and Jason Cooper both had four in the men's victory. Kristoff Stuart scored 11, Wayde Higgs had nine and Dewade Murray added seven in the loss.

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SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Field one
10 a.m. Temple Fellowship vs St. John's (15); 11 a.m. Christian Tabernacle vs Latter-Day Saints (15); noon Mt. Tabor vs Golden Gates (19); 1 p.m. Mt. Pleasant Green vs Latter-Day Saints (19); 2 p.m. Latter-Day Saints vs First Baptist (M); 3 p.m. Christian Tabernacle vs Golden Gates (M).

Court two
10 a.m. St. Paul's vs Golden Gates (15); 11 a.m. Golden Gates vs Mt. Nebo (19); noon Macedonia vs Faith United (19); 1 p.m. Temple Fellowship vs Christian Tabernacle (19); 2 p.m. Golden Gates No.2 vs Temple Fellowship (M); 3 p.m. Macedonia vs Church of the Nazarene (M).

Dilette

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record-breaking 200 medley relay that finished second

When Dilette, was headed into her senior year at Auburn, leading the team in the 100 and 50 metres butterfly, was the second fastest 100 back and fourth fastest in both the 50 and 100 free when she got the news in September that she would not be allowed to compete due to a "coaching error" during her redshirt freshman season.

The 23-year-old has competed for the Bahamas for years on the international stage everything ranging from the Carifta Games to the Pan Am Games and the Summer Olympics in 2008.

In 2007, Dilette Alicia Lightbourne, Arianna Vanderpool-Wallace and Nikia Deveaux swam to a bronze medal finish in the Pan American Games, the country's highest medal finish at an event of that magnitude.

Dilette is the holder of four individual Bahamian National records and a shareholder of three additional records as a relay team member.

She became the record holder of the 200m Backstroke in June of 2007 with a time of 2:21.32s at the Charlotte Untrawswim.

Just a year later in her debut Olympic appearance, Dilette set a new mark of 1:02.56s in the 100m Backstroke and at the FINA World Championships in 2009 she set new national records in the 50m backstroke in 29.83s and the 50m Butterfly in 27.07s.

Also at the FINA World Championships, Dilette alongside Alicia Lightbourne, Arianna Vanderpool-Wallace and Teisha Lightbourne set a new mark in the 400m Medley in 4:15.59s and at the World LC Championships the team again set a new record in the 400m Freestyle 3:48.34s. Dilette and her Swift Swim Club teammates Mickayla Lightbourn, Jenna Chaplin and Ashley Butler swam to a record time of 2:05.70s at the 2008 Nationals.

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- 1991 – Frederick Douglass
- 1992 – Sojourner Truth
- 1993 – Benjamin Banneker
- 1994 – Mary McLeod Bethune
- 1995 – George Washington Carver
- 1996 – Harriet Tubman
- 1997 – Booker T. Washington
- 1998 – Dr. Dorothy L. Height
- 1999 – Walter Washington
- 2000 – Eleanor Holmes Norton
- 2001 – Dr. Calvin Rolark
- 2002 – Dr. William H. Rumsey
- 2003 – Dan Kisse and Clarence Bishop
- 2004 – Sharon Pratt
- 2005 – Chuck Hinton, Fred Lee Valentine, and Mamie
- 2006 – 20th Annual Black History Invitational Swim Meet Committee
- 2007 – Jim Ellis and Frederick Evans, II
- 2008 – Bradford A. Tatum
- 2009 – Cullen Jones
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- 2011 – Michael Wright and Alana Dilette

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Knights clinch title

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won it," said Martin, who shot 3-6 from the field and 4-7 from the line. "We wanted it the most we came out and played with the heart of a champion."

Twin sister Toniquea Martin applauded the Pacers' effort but said her team proved that they were the best team throughout the season. "RM came out and they played a hard game out here tonight," she said. "But only the best could pull through out of that game today and we showed them we have heart and we played to the best of our ability out there."

A slow scoring first half for both teams gave way to a high scoring second as both teams laid their championship hopes on the line.

Kelly, who scored the game's opening basket and made its final free throw, led her team to a championship in just her first season in the GSSSA senior division.

"We played well, we came out hard," she said. "They played well but we just were better tonight."

Neither team led by more than a single basket in the first half which featured four ties and three lead changes.

Ariel Stuart, who finished with just four points but a game high 10 rebounds, made a jumper from the free throw line with 45 seconds left to play to give the Pacers a 10-8 lead headed into the half.

Christina Williams tied the game at 10 for the Knights on the game's opening possession.

The Knights reached their biggest lead of the game on another Williams layup for a 19-14 lead with 6:50 left to play.

Stuart, sporting a visible limp, made a jumper just before she exited the game and Frazier followed with two at the line to pull the Pacers within one 19-18.

Williams made a fadeaway jumper with just under a minute left to play to give the Knights a 25-21 lead but the Pacers would stage a late rally.

With 35 seconds left to play, Gilead made a running layup to bring her team within one.

On the defensive end she made a steal at halfcourt and forced a foul which sent her to the free throw line with eight seconds left to play.

She made one of two from the line to tie the game at 25 and force overtime.

Knights Head Coach Ken Lightbourne said the four consecutive title wins was a testament to the determination his team displayed for years, beginning with its senior leadership.

"I told my girls once is a mistake, two times you're lucky, three times you're alright, but four times, you're ready and we were ready for this one," he said. "Jonetra played like a beast, I couldn't believe it. Toni, Tami. My seniors they really stepped up. I'm happy for these girls and I love them like my daughters."





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