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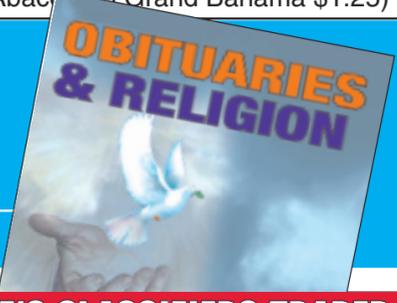
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TALKS ON THIRD PARTY**
By PAUL G TURNQUEST
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REPRESENTATIVES from the National Development Party and the Bahamas Democratic Movement were scheduled to meet again last night at the home of Independent MP Branville McCartney as plans for the formation of a third-party alliance
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STUDENT IN HOSPITAL**
By CELESTE NIXON
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ANOTHER high school stabbing has left a 12th grade student in hospital. The Ministry of Education confirmed that two male students at C R Walker Senior High School got into an altercation - reportedly over a girl - which resulted in one of them being stabbed. Initial news reports claimed
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MECHANISMS TO
DETECT FOR TRACES
OF JAPAN RADIATION'**
By TANEKA THOMPSON
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THE country has mechanisms in place to detect if trace amounts of radiation from Japan's stricken nuclear power plants have travelled this far, according to government officials. So far there have been no
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**'SERIOUS' RODENT
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By DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREEPORT: The Bartlett Hill Primary has been temporarily closed as a result of a "serious" rodent infestation at the school in Eight Mile Rock. The school was closed since Wednesday and parents were told to keep students at home for the rest of the week.
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SOURCES CLAIM the deceased is Carol Jean-Jacques (pictured), an employee at a nearby grocery store.



TOP: The body of the victim lies at the scene.
ABOVE LEFT: A crowd gathers after the fatal shooting.
ABOVE: The police provide comfort for distraught friends and family.
Felipe Major/Tribune staff

A 31-YEAR-OLD mother was shot and killed yesterday in a drive by shooting that left a baby girl traumatised and a second woman critically injured, according to Tribune sources. The two-year-old child was still in the woman's arms when she fell to the ground, persons at the scene said. "She said 'mummy, mummy, mummy.' She was holding her mom's hand saying 'let's go moms, let's go moms.' She was

holding her hand trying to pull her," said a source. Sources claim the deceased is Carol Jean-Jacques, a employee at a nearby grocery store. The fatal bullet hit her in the upper chest. Grocery bags lay on the ground next to the slain woman, when police arrived at the scene. The two women were walking home from a prayer meeting when they stopped
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LOCAL NEWS

PM tells Toronto Board of Trade of economic challenges

ADDRESSING 250 members of the prestigious Toronto Board of Trade yesterday, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham spoke about the consequences of the global economic collapse for the Bahamas and his government's efforts to deal with it.

The Bahamas, he said, is in the process of repositioning its financial services sector in partnership with the private sector to produce a new strategic framework for financial services.

"We expect to adopt new securities legislation and regulations in the very near future so as to fully modernise

our securities industry and to prepare the way for the Bahamas to become an IOSCO A-signatory country," he said.

Mr Ingraham said the Bahamas' recovery from the recession "is largely reflected in improvements in the key tourism sector and by accelerated infrastructural developments undertaken by the government.

"These infrastructural works have included the \$400 million redevelopment of our principal airport, the largest

public sector project undertaken ever in the Bahamas, funded in its entirety by non-government guaranteed bond and repayable from user fees, the creation by a public/private sector company of a new \$70 million cargo port just outside the City of Nassau and the \$200 million road and public utility upgrade currently ongoing in the Bahamas."

Mr Ingraham added that the government of the Bahamas sees itself as a facilitator of business.

"We are engaged in a continuing process of reforming our legislative and regulatory frameworks, he added.

"Within the past year we have enacted a new Business License Act which has streamlined the process of doing business in the country. And we have enacted new domestic and international insurance legislation to modernise our laws," Mr Ingraham said.

Canada is a world leader in renewable energy and the prime minister invited this

country's leading businessmen to seek out similar ventures in the Bahamas.

"We are conscious of the leadership Canada is providing in important segments of the green industries, in particular waste to energy enterprises. The Bahamas would welcome Canadian business investing in this area as well as in recycling opportunities that exist in the Bahamas," he said.

The prime minister is on the final leg of his trade and investment mission to Canada.

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TAKING A LOOK: Agriculture minister Larry Cartwright (right) joined Neko Grant, Minister of Public Works and Transport, and Robert Hall, Cavalier Construction as they surveyed the nearly completed \$11 million straw market on Bay Street. Mr Cartwright, along with various tourism stakeholders, said that the industry has been working "feverishly" to train Bahamians on every island to use indigenous products. The rocks that line the right wall were brought in from Long Island.



Public Works and Transport Minister tours local projects

WITH THREE major public infrastructure projects near completion, Minister of Public Works and Transport Neko Grant and officials toured the construction sites yesterday.

Accompanied by various stakeholders, Mr Grant surveyed the National Emergency Management Agency headquarters, Saunders Beach landscaping and bathroom facilities, and the new Bay Street straw market.



TALKING BUSINESS: Minister of Public Works and Transport Neko Grant tours the future headquarters of the National Emergency Management Agency with Captain Stephen Russell, the agency's chief. The \$1.7 million project was awarded to Ran Mar Precision Development Co Ltd and is expected to be completed by the end of September. The 6,000 sq ft structure will feature emergency overnight accommodations for up to 20 persons, and a state-of-the-art emergency operation and communications centre. Capt Russell said that the agency expects to fully move into the new facilities at the beginning of 2012.

Grace and Peace Wesleyan Church presents the Story of Jesus in 'Drive Thru' form

GRACE and Peace Wesleyan Church, Twynam Heights is presenting the *Story of Jesus* in the form of a "Drive Thru" for the entire family. The event will cater solely to vehicular traffic on the grounds of Grace and Peace Church, Portland Boulevard, Twynam Heights on April 10th -19th from 8pm to 10pm. Cars only, donations are encouraged, drinks and snacks will be on sale.




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What does Bahamianisation really mean?

IN THE Senate this week Senator Dion Foulkes, leader of government business in the Senate, asked the question: What is Bahamianisation?

And answered: “Bahamianisation is a policy that promotes the economic, educational, cultural and social advancement of all Bahamians — black Bahamians and white Bahamians.”

That is what it was intended to be, but under the PLP — the Pindling administration that is — it was the most effective instrument of torture. It was effective because it quietly got results behind the scenes and out of the public eye.

In the early days Bahamianisation was concentrated on employment — the promotion of Bahamians to jobs that were not open to them before. The concept was admirable. However, its application did great damage to the country because many Bahamians were appointed to positions for which they were not qualified. Their only qualification was having a friend in high places, and being committed to cast their vote for the right party — the PLP.

“Who started Bahamianisation?” Senator Foulkes asked.

“In my view,” he said, “Bahamianisation was promulgated and introduced in the House of Assembly in 1956 by the late Sir Etienne Dupuch.

“Prior to this,” he said, “several black Bahamians like, but not limited to, L Walton Young, Dr C R Walker, Leon McKinney, A F Adderley, Sir Clifford Darling, Sir Randol Fawkes and Sir Milo Butler were also pioneers in the Bahamianisation movement even though at the time it was not called Bahamianisation.”

“Later in the mid-1950’s and 60’s,” he said, “many other Bahamians would join the fight for the economic, educational and social advancement of black Bahamians.

“Men like Sir Lynden Pindling, Sir Cecil Wallace Whitfield, Sir Arthur Foulkes, Arthur Hanna, Sir Clement Maynard, Sir Kendal Isaacs, Paul Adderley and Sir Orville Turnquest continued the Bahamianisation movement up to 1967 and beyond.

“Our Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Hubert Ingraham and former Prime Minister Perry Christie are both advocates of Bahamianisation,” he said.

The concept that Bahamians should be first in their own country was always advocated by The Tribune, going back almost to its founding.

During the premiership of the late Sir Roland Symonette there was a lose form of screening before a foreigner could be employed by a local firm.

There were no foreigners on the staff of The Tribune in the early days. However, as The Tribune developed it outgrew the abilities of its local staff and a foreigner had to be

brought in for advanced training, especially when new printing equipment came on the market. We recall during Sir Roland’s administration having to get clearance from Mr Stuart Hall, who headed Immigration at the time. We were required to justify the need for our request.

And then came the PLP under Lynden Pindling and the idea of Bahamianisation became institutionalised with strict rules, and many prejudices.

It was still a good concept, but being administered by the wrong hands.

There only had to be a suspicion that you did not vote for the right party to lose your job — civil servants suffered most in this category. We recall several sad cases involving teachers. And if you happened to work for a foreign company, pressure was brought to bear on that company to get rid of you. The company did not dare balk if it valued its own work permits. There are many sad tales to be told in Inagua of how families were destroyed when foreign husbands were forced out of their jobs and had to leave town, or in Nassau where Bahamian women, who belonged to the wrong party, could not bring their spouse to the Bahamas because they would not be granted work permits. The Ingraham government introduced the spousal permit to end this iniquity.

As for The Tribune we could write a book about what we had to go through. It seemed a cruel game was being played in which the two top men in the PLP government at the time took great delight.

For many of us “Bahamianisation” was an ugly word, but when administered as intended it saw the advancement of many qualified Bahamians. The advent of the Ingraham government in 1992 opened opportunities to women. During this period women were appointed for the first time to the posts of Chief Justice, Speaker of the House, Attorney General, Governor General and the Appeals Court.

As Senator Foulkes pointed out, the FNM in its first and second and now third term made “significant progress in Bahamianising many institutions and private sector companies. Many banks, hotels and industrial companies were headed by Bahamians for the first time under the FNM.”

The implementation, in the words of Senator Foulkes, means that “qualified Bahamians are afforded the first option for employment. A work permit would not be issued to a non-Bahamian where there is a qualified Bahamian who is able and willing to work.”

Today party affiliation and friendships should have no place in considering favourably an application for a work permit where there is no qualified Bahamian “who is able and willing to work.”

A tribute to Belgian Honorary Consul Hervé Kelecom

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I should be grateful if you would publish the following tribute to the late Hervé Kelecom, who was Honorary Consul for Belgium in the Bahamas from 2003 until his death last month. Having returned to his native Belgium for specialist medical treatment, he passed away after a long illness which he endured with courage and dignity.

Hervé’s consular colleagues and many other friends in the Bahamas have sent private messages of condolence to his family, and in particular to his daughters and his wife, Dominique, whose devoted and loving care of him over a long period was an inspiration to those who knew them both.

As a mark of respect and as a tribute to him, members of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps observed a minute’s silence at a recent official function; and, as president of the Honorary Consular Corps, it is fitting for me to offer a separate and more reflective appreciation.

It is also a privilege to be able to pay my respects to Hervé as a person and to consider the achievements of a man who always put others before himself and delighted in bringing pleasure to other people. For me, he was not only a colleague but also a much valued friend.

Hervé and Dominique moved to Nassau in 1995 and became permanent residents some two years later. He had earlier worked as a commodities broker in London, Brussels and the Philippines.

From the beginning of their time in the Bahamas both of them became active in the local community.

Hervé was a supporter of

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education and the arts and was on the boards of several charities. He soon gained a fine reputation for his contribution to a range of local causes and organisations — for example, Rotary (he was due to become president of East Nassau Rotary Club in 2005); the Nassau Music Society (he was the instigator of the Moscow Soloist Concerts in 2003); the Endowment Fund for the Performing Arts of which he was a Trustee; and the International Cultural Committee (as well as participating in the annual cultural weekend he helped to organise an international beer festival each year to raise money for various charities).

He was also involved in property development and advised European companies seeking to invest in the Bahamas. He was appointed Belgian Honorary Consul in July, 2003 and played a keen role both in assisting his fellow countrymen and in the activities of the Honorary Consular Corps itself.

Sadly, in 2005 Hervé had a serious accident when on a Rotary mission one weekend to deliver items which had been donated to people in need.

He fractured an arm and wrist after falling from the delivery truck and subsequently suffered an aneurysm while undergoing an operation. The odds were against his recovery. However, following various medical procedures and with the help of friends and colleagues — together with the unwavering love and support of

Dominique — his health was gradually restored until some time later he was struck down by illness and was eventually forced to move to Belgium for treatment.

His friends and colleagues in the Bahamas were deeply saddened that he had suffered such misfortune; but one particular friend of his remarked at his funeral service in Belgium that he had faced several difficult situations during his lifetime and always picked himself up and bounced back because he was courageous and positive in his approach to life.

He inspired the interest and affection of other people as a result of his openness, decency, friendliness and enthusiasm, and he was widely admired for his commitment in helping others and for his selfless contribution to the community in which he lived.

We have lost a dear friend and colleague. Hervé will be remembered in the Bahamas as a man of sterling character and great ability who was always interested in his fellow human beings and who went out of his way to do good in the world — a man who sought to make a difference and succeeded in doing so.

He has left a lasting imprint and legacy, and he will be missed by so many.

As already mentioned, my consular colleagues and I earlier offered deepest condolences to Dominique and to other members of his family. While expressing our sympathy again, I also take this opportunity to send them best wishes on behalf of us all.

May his soul rest in peace.

PETER YOUNG
Nassau,
March 29, 2011.

The Prime Minister’s BTC vote

EDITOR, The Tribune.

The vote of an MP indicated by standing or sitting after the resolution is read is the definitive vote of the MP.

The division which individually recognises and records the vote of an MP by the process of asking each which way they voted is supplementary and of no consequence except for the recording of the MPs’ vote.

What is significant is of course for history and the Prime Minister’s “legacy” his loud pronouncement of “no” to the question which way will you vote North Abaco almost demolished the

House of Assembly building and probably cruelly for the Prime Minister will be remembered for a long time to come, repeated and repeated.

How many hundreds have downloaded the my tube?

Was that his conscience?

ABRAHAM MOSS
Nassau,
March 26, 2011.

(No, it was the distraction caused by the BlackBerry he was accessing at the time of the crucial vote. — Ed).

Action needed to ensure adequate parking at Cable Beach Post Office

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I am sure many who use the Cable Beach Post Office are annoyed when regularly they find the parking lot full with cars obviously not of persons visiting the Post Office and have as a result to park around the corner?

For the last month I have been collecting mail for a friend and almost at any time I find the lot almost filled, and filled. Editor, with cars of the employees of Sandals Hotel.

I enquired and was told the employees park there illegally as the lot is government property.

Surely the Ministry of Transport and the Postmaster General at the least should ensure that there is adequate parking and no inconvenience to the patrons who use Cable Beach Post Office where the staff is outstanding?

There used to be a sign which indicated the lot was reserved for patrons of the Post Office and only 30-minutes parking.

Hoping this letter causes some action? Yes hoping!

W KNOWLES
Nassau,
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Majority of traffic lights in the capital 'functional'



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PROGRESS REPORT: Public Works and Transport Minister Neko Grant (left) and Ray McKenzie, principal of Caribbean Civil Group, informing the media on plans in progress for New Providence traffic signals.

THE MAJORITY of traffic lights in the capital are now functional, according to the maintenance company hired to oversee the system earlier this year.

Although repairing traffic lights is an ongoing and capital-intensive effort, principal of CCG Traffic Signal Company Ray McKenzie said, the 65 signals under

their portfolio are "up and running."

During a press conference yesterday, Mr McKenzie said: "We had a compressed schedule. The assessment that was requested, allowed us to find out exactly what was the situation."

Assessment

The company was commissioned to do an island-wide assessment in February, and began initial repairs this month.

"Every single light needed some repairs, one way or the other, so there were some challenges, especially on JFK and Gladstone Road, and we're still working on that. The signal goes down about once a week."

Mr McKenzie said the supply costs have run from \$60,000 to \$70,000.



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FREPORT CONTAINER PORT TRAGEDY: ONE YEAR ON

Remembering tornado victims

BY DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREPORT – The Freeport Container Port held a memorial service to mark the one year anniversary of the death of three of its workers, who were killed when a tornado hit the facility.

The service was held on the quay on Tuesday to commemorate the lives of Shawn Saunders, 25; Cleveland Lowe, 49; and Michael Young, 43 – who lost their lives while working inside Crane No 10, which collapsed into the sea.

According to a statement issued by the company, the service was attended by executives of parent company Hutchison Whampoa, colleagues, and the families and friends of the three fallen men.

“In a silent and somber setting on the Quay at Freeport Container Port where they worked, the family, friends, loved ones, and colleagues of Shawn Saunders, Cleveland Lowe, and Michael Young came together on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 for a memorial service marking the first anniversary of their deaths brought on by a freak tornado,” the statement said.

“Unlike the day a year ago, the terminal was quiet; only those who brought messages reflecting on the lives of their fallen colleagues were heard.”

In attendance were Dr John Meredith, managing director of Hutchison Port Holdings, Hong Kong; James Tsien, group executive director; Mark Jack, group engineering director; and Francis Tong, group HR director. Gary Gilbert, CEO of Hutchison Port Holdings (Bahamas), said last year’s tragedy was “a day that defined



RESPECTFUL: CEO Gary Gilbert leads a moment of silence.

our lives forever.”

He stated that he was proud to stand with the families who lost their loved ones, and to support their colleagues who were equally saddened in the aftermath of the tragedy.

“Shawn, Mike, and Cleve were our best”, he said. “They were strivers; not taking shortcuts, they worked. But they also enjoyed life as is demonstrated in their hobbies of hunting, auto repairs, gardening, and electronics, among others.”

“We are now trying to create the environment where associates can earn a salary and make a meaningful contribution to the development of our community. We have honored some of them in the past, and today, in death, we do the same as we record with gratitude the good they have done for this company,” said Mr Gilbert.

Lowe, Young, and Saunders, were carrying out maintenance work inside Crane No 10 when the tornado touched down around 11.30am.

The force of the tornado pushed crane six into seven, seven into eight, and eight into crane nine, which knocked crane 10 into the sea.

Glen Bodie, a fourth worker who also was inside the crane 10, sustained serious injuries, but survived.

Mr Bodie, who has undergone extensive surgery, was also present at the service.

Worker Kenneth Smith paid special tribute to each of his fallen colleagues. He said the men were “dedicated workers”.

“Mike was not only devoted and loyal, he was much more; he was a man of integrity and of deep sincerity who loved his fellow man and sought to make those around him his friend.

“Cleve had the rare quality of being able to unite all who worked with him into a cohesive unit, and he had the personalities that endeared him to all. A man who had the art of making friends was Shawn, who knew that to have a friend one must be a friend. He was quiet and cautious, but at all times a man of understanding, learning and sincerity,” said Mr Smith.

The service was closed with a moving rendition of ‘Til We Meet Again’ by a quartet of FCP employees.

Following the deaths and injuries of workers in March, Minister of Labour Dion Foulkes said the Freeport Container Port (FCP) has complied with “the vast majority of the recommendations” made by an independent occupational health and safety expert from the International Labour Organisation (ILO).



A SHOULDER TO SHARE: Dr Miles Munroe consoles a family following the memorial service.

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ABOVE: Chella Melnechuk with 'Pinky'.
LEFT: Five-year-old Lilly.
TOP: The 'pack', which consisted of Lilly and her 10-year-old father and mother.

Two potcakes saved but pup left on her own

TWO potcakes have been saved from dire circumstances by the generosity of local animal lovers – but their pup is at risk of being abandoned to fend for herself in the process.

An appeal has gone out for anyone willing to open their heart and home to five-year-old Lilly, who was relegated to scraping out a solitary existence in a dusty parking lot, after the remainder of her pack was adopted this week.

The “pack”, which consisted of Lilly and her 10-year-old father and mother, was first spotted by Chella Melnechuk in the parking lot of Robin Hood Enterprises three years ago.

She was particularly concerned about the fate of the elder female, Pinky – a small, dirty, handicapped, but very friendly and loving creature.

At the time, Mrs Melnechuk was living in the US and could not intervene, but after recently moving to the Bahamas, she went to check on the pack and found that Pinky's condition had deteriorated significantly.

“Pinky has had to fend for herself for many, many years. She is sick and tired and has been rescued by a very loving and caring person,” said Humane Society president Kim Aranha, who is familiar with the case.

Pinky was rushed to the vet and the diagnosis was not good – in addition to her severely damaged left leg and paw, she was found to be suffering from cancer.

Vet

But, the vet said, with treatment and a quiet home, she has a good chance of recovery.

Mrs Melnechuk has organised for the medical expenses to be taken care of, and this week, after a frantic search, was overjoyed to have found a perfect place for Pinky to recover – the home of a caring veterinary student.

And, just a few days later, someone offered to take Pinky's male companion to a home where he would be “treated like a king,” she said.

He was picked up by his new owner yesterday afternoon – leaving Lilly alone in the parking lot.

Mrs Melnechuk said she is very worried that Lilly will not be able to make it alone. She thanked the management of Robin Hood, who have done what they can to care for the dogs over the years, but said food and water may no longer be enough. Dogs, she explained, are by nature pack animals. They can become disorientated and dejected if suddenly left on their own.

“Lilly has no place to go,” Mrs Melnechuk said. “Without her pack she will be totally destroyed.”

“I am really afraid of what will happen if we don't find a solution. This dog really needs help, she can't stay there alone.”

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LOCAL NEWS

Call for Caribbean's HIV fight to be 'vigorously' promoted



FINDING SOLUTIONS: The Bahamas' representative to PANCAP, Dr Perry Gomez at the 16th Ordinary Meeting of the organisation in Guyana.

GEORGETOWN, Guyana – The Pan Caribbean Partnership against HIV and AIDS must vigorously promote the cause of elimination of HIV as a public health threat in the Caribbean region.

This was the view of Guyana's Minister of Health and chair of the executive board of PANCAP, Dr Leslie Ramsammy, who delivered the feature address at the formal opening of the board's 16th Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday at Caricom a Secretariat Headquarters in Guyana.

sex with men (MSM) and transgender persons to protect themselves and gain universal access to prevention, treatment and care services.

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Myrna Bernard, officer-in-charge of human and social development for the CARICOM Secretariat, highlighted some of PANCAP's achievements over the last 10 years.

He offered some guidance to PANCAP as it entered its second decade of existence, suggesting that the partnership address 10 priority areas:

She noted that these successes and others have contributed significantly to the gains that have been made in the region's response to HIV and AIDS.

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However, she warned that despite these gains, there were challenges that still confront the region.

"Prevention programmes are still not reaching the most at-risk populations and stigma and discrimination remain major obstacles, while many of our organisations of persons living with HIV are struggling to survive," Ms Bernard said.

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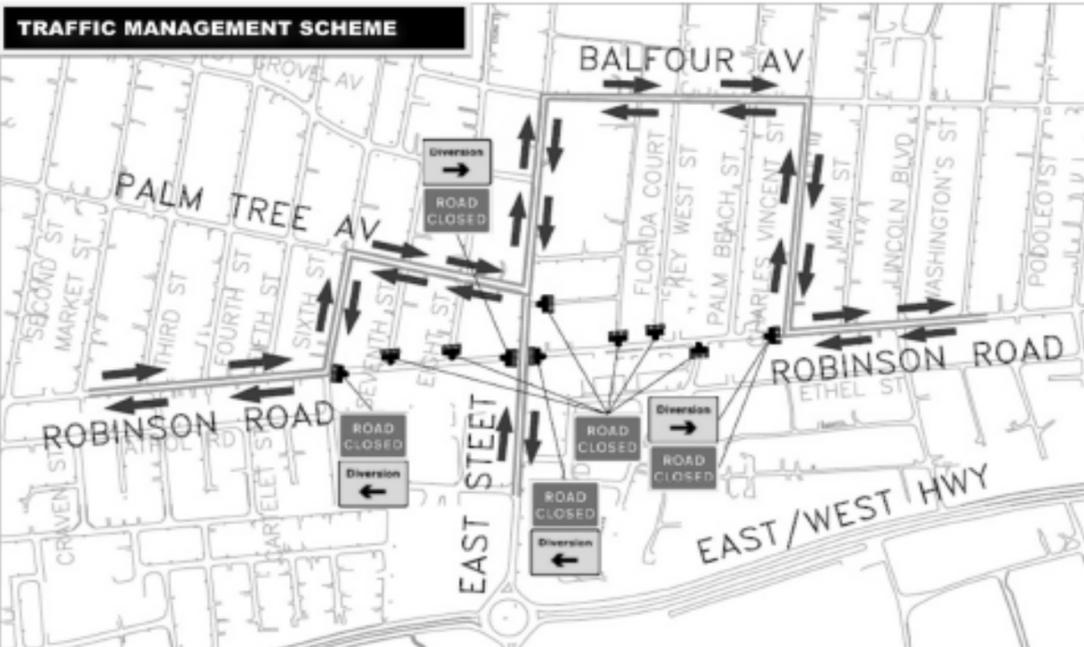
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LOCAL NEWS

Issues still to be resolved between straw vendors and government

STRAW vendors are still at odds with the government's proposed policies for the new straw market on Bay Street.

The \$11 million project is on schedule to be completed in August of this year, with industry stakeholders all heralding its benefits for tourism and agriculture.

the creation of indigenous products.

Mr Cartwright said the new market would showcase native materials such as straw, coconut and marine shell, to an international market.

However, Terez Eneas, a straw vendor since 1990, said she and others were still awaiting an explanation of the new market policy.

Ms Eneas said: "We want to get to the Promised Land as well. We don't mind getting rid of the knock-offs if that's what we have to do, but what about the t-shirts and other things we were selling before the market burned down?"

In November, during the

market's roof-wetting ceremony, an crowd of straw vendors declared "war" on the government over its proposed policies for the new straw market.

Rent

In response to revelations of rent hikes and the banning of counterfeit goods, among other stipulations, president of Straw Business Persons Association Esther Thompson branded the government "a joke" and warned ministers: "Get your

NEW STRAW MARKET: The \$11 million project is on schedule to be completed in August of this year.

act together – the war is on."

In the new market, officials advised that only Bahamian goods will be sold, counterfeit products will be completely prohibited, vendor licenses will be restricted to Bahamian citizens, and rental charges will range from \$200 to \$250 per month, \$46 to \$58 per week or \$6.50 to \$8.20 per day.



Confidence

During a tour of the facility yesterday, straw market representative Marcel Morely admitted there were issues that still needed to be worked out between the government and straw vendors; however she expressed her confidence and anticipation of the new market.

Agriculture Minister Larry Carwright explained that the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation (BAIC) is working "feverishly" throughout the country to provide training on

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DELEGATION ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT: The Bahamas delegation is greeted by NYC PAL executive director, Felix Urritia. From left to right: Clarence McKenzie, commissioner, Freedom Farm Baseball League; Philip Simon, executive director, We The People Bahamas; Ed Fields, chair, We The People Bahamas; Chief Supt Stephen Dean, Royal Bahamas Police Force; Ellison Greenslade, Commissioner, Royal Bahamas Police Force; Sealey, president, Bahamas Football Association; and Lawrence Hepburn, president, Bahamas Basketball Federation.



WATCHING THE KIDS: Commissioner Greenslade with Supt Dean and PAL executive director Felix Urritia look on as the young people begin their pre-activity stretch before engaging in one of the after school activities at a PAL centre in the Bronx, New York.



GREETING: We The People Chairman, Ed Fields and Police Commissioner Greenslade greet NYC Police Commissioner Ray Kelly at Police Headquarters, NYC.

WE The People chairman Ed Fields and executive director Phil Simon, with a delegation that included Police Commissioner Ellison Greenslade and heads of various local sporting organisations, went to New York to see first-hand New York City's Police Athletic League and the impact it continues to have on more than 55,000 youth in the state's seven boroughs.

Over the two days, the group met with several key PAL officials and took part in meetings centred around the possible implementation of what is touted as New York City's largest non-profit and most impactful community/youth development programme.

Programme structure, culture, operations, marketing

initiatives as well as fundraising and other projects were discussed.

A visit of several PAL facilities, including the Harlem Centre's teen juvenile justice programme, the after school programme, and the teen impact centre in the Bronx, was also on the agenda of what proved to be a busy two days, and the delegates had

the opportunity to meet with NYC Police Commissioner Ray Kelly and First Deputy Commissioner Rafael Pineiro.

Impressed with the scope and variety of activities of the after school programme, Mr Fields said: "The co-operation between these various stakeholders is exactly the type of model we should pursue at home. It speaks to a true community effort along with the police to engage young people and the community in positive development."

The range of programmes spoke directly to one of the mission statements of PAL, which is "Before kids can go places, they must have somewhere to go."

That theme was evident in the variety of options youngsters had in terms of participation in PAL programmes – art, music, gym, recreational and game centres, sports, tutoring and business exposure.

Anton Sealy of the Bahamas Football Association (BFA) said: "At the heart of what PAL does is the involvement of dedicated and caring people. The adult staff and volunteers go a long way in making this programme successful."

Bahamas Basketball Federation (BBF) president Lawrence Hepburn said: "The involvement of all stakeholders locally will make the implementation of PAL a win-win-win and at the end of the day should have a transformative effect in our country."

A critical aspect of PAL is the involvement and support of the police force at all levels. This was made evident during the meeting with NYC Commissioner Kelly, who was also a PAL youth growing up.

He praised the impact of the programme since its inception and noted its significance throughout the city.

The NYC commissioner shared not only his beliefs and support of the PAL programme, but also engaged Commissioner Greenslade and the group in a lengthy dialogue about the crime fighting and prevention measures undertaken by his force in one of the most challenging American city environments.

Commissioner of the Freedom Farm Baseball League Clarence McKenzie and police community relations Chief Supt Stephen Dean were also a part of the Bahamian delegation.

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FOCUSED: THE delegation listens intently to a presentation by a NYPD Sergeant at the 28th Precinct in Harlem, NY.



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Montagu Ramp vendors want sailing club to remove debris

By **TANEKA THOMPSON**
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VENDORS at the Montagu Ramp want the Royal Nassau Sailing Club to remove debris left near the public dock when the club removed silt from the area last week.

Head of the Montagu Vendors Association Sherlin Brown said the leftover material is causing congestion on the small ramp.

"Those people promised to finish removing the fill that they dug up and they left it right there. The mud hasn't settled down yet – every time a jet ski or a boat go out, it brings the mud up," Mr Brown said.

"All the jet skis used to pull up on the side and park their jet skis, they can't do that now because a bunch of rocks are there now. They have to park up on the ramp and it makes the area more congested. I would appreciate it if they move the debris."

He added that the small group of conch vendors who operate at the site have been forced to store their catch in deeper waters due to the loose silt.

Since last week, concerned citizens have also been calling *The Tribune* asking whether the club dredged the seabed without a permit.

"I spoke with the various ministries and to the best of my knowledge none of them

knew anything about that dredging, no ministry did any dredging there and no permits were issued for dredging," said Montagu MP Loretta Butler-Turner, representative for the area, when contacted for comment.

Although last week, Royal Nassau Sailing Club manager Sherry Albury described the silt removal as "dredging", yesterday she said her organisation hired a labourer only to "back hoe" accumulated silt.

"We did not do any dredging, we back-hoed the silt that has built up. Dredging is a completely different process and you need a permit if you go down to the seabed to dredge."

"We back-hoed the silt in a very small area immediately in front of our launching dock and we just took up a couple of feet of silt," Ms Albury explained.

Last week, an argument erupted at the ramp between seafood vendors and a labourer hired by the Nassau Sailing Club, after vendors noticed the machine operator removing silt and dumping it on the public ramp.

The group became frustrated when they couldn't find out who sent the worker there or why, and they blocked the machine in with their cars.

A verbal altercation followed and the police were ultimately called to calm the situation, Mr Brown said.



HEAD of the Montagu Vendors Association Sherlin Brown said the leftover material is causing congestion on the small ramp.

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DRIVERS TRAVEL through RM Bailey Park towards Robinson Road.

DRIVERS restricted to just one lane on the East West Highway owing to ongoing roadworks have created a second lane of traffic through RM Bailey Park.

Dozens of cars were seen turning off the main road onto a dirt track next to RM Bailey School and driving through the park parallel to the highway towards Robinson Road.

A regular commuter said he saw around 30 cars while waiting in traffic just before 9am yesterday morning and took this photograph.

He said: "More and more are doing it every day, and where it's so dry and it's a dirt road, it's probably eroding the park."

Lanes were closed in both directions on the East West Highway between Abundant Life Road and Prince Charles Drive around two weeks ago while major roadworks continue in the area.

Calls to the Ministry of Works and Road Traffic Police for comment were not returned before press time yesterday.

'URGENT' MEETING ON UPCOMING ROAD WORKS

THE Ministry of Public Works and Transport has invited business owners and residents to attend an "urgent" information meeting to discuss upcoming road works on the junction of East Street and Robinson Road.

The meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday, April 1 from noon to 3pm on the third floor of the Ministry of Public Works

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Doctors Hospital donates to bicycle seminar in honour of tragic student

DOCTORS Hospital has lent its support to a bicycle seminar for Kemp Road residents after a young girl was killed by a car while riding in the area two weeks ago.

The victim, 8-year-old Tasheka Johnson, was a student of Uriah McPhee Primary School.

In her honour, the Kemp Road Urban Renewal Centre recently hosted the Tasheka Johnson Bicycle Seminar and Rally, which aimed to sensitise parents

and children about the dangers of riding bicycles in the streets, and to educate the children about safety and local laws.

The hospital presented Kolamae Pedican, Urban Renewal centre manager, with a donation to assist with the effort.

The Royal Bahamas Police Force and the Road Traffic Department also lent their assistance.

The hospital said in a statement: "Bike riding can be fun, but accidents happen. Every year hundreds of children go to the emergency room because of bike injuries, and some have injuries that require a few days in the hospital.

"A head injury can mean

brain injury. Some of these head injuries are fatal. That is why it is so important to wear a bike helmet. Wearing one does not mean you can be reckless, but a helmet will provide some protection for your face, head, and brain in case you fall down.

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Man charged with barroom murder

By NATARIO MCKENZIE
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AN 18-year-old man charged in the murder of one of two men killed at a barroom early Saturday morning was arraigned in Magistrates Court yesterday afternoon.

Richard Brown Jr of Spence Street appeared before Deputy Chief Magistrate Carolita Bethell in Court 8, Bank Lane, charged with the murder of Torrie McPhee.

It is alleged that on Saturday March 26, Brown intentionally and unlawfully caused McPhee's death.

According to initial police reports, McPhee, 25, of Saunders Acres, was shot and killed outside the bar while a second man, Sharado Alphonso Wallace, 30, of Mason's Addition, was killed inside the bar.

Brown, who was represented by attorney Anthony Newbold, was not required to enter a plea to the charge.

Sixteen witnesses are listed on the court dockets. Prosecutors intend to proceed with a Voluntary Bill of Indictment, fast-tracking the case to the Supreme Court. The indictment is expected to be presented on June 15.

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LOCAL NEWS

NDP, BDM members scheduled for Bran talks on third party

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continues to take root. On Tuesday night, Mr McCartney held discussions with representatives of both third parties where more than 100 persons were said to have gathered to discuss a way forward for third-party politics.

At the meeting, NDP chairman Renward Wells said it did not appear as if the Bamboo Town MP was inclined to join their organisation. In fact Mr Wells said Mr McCartney appeared more concerned with whether or not the existing third parties were willing to come together and form "something new."

This, and other points of interest were expected to be discussed last night.

"I'm mindful of all groups getting together. I think there is strength in us coming together. The fact of the matter is whether or not the other persons agree to that and on what principles will be the ones we come under? I hope those would be the principles that the NDP has espoused, which is to empower the Bahamian people," Mr Wells said.

As to the much-debated financing that Mr McCartney is reported to have attracted to his movement, Mr Wells said he had no idea if Mr McCartney has raised it as yet or not.

"I know a lot of people were talking about it. From what I understand, I think



BRANVILLE MCCARTNEY

money follows the message, and so even if he doesn't have all the money that they say he has, and I am not saying that he doesn't, I believe you would find persons more than willing to contribute to it," he said.

This feeling, Mr Wells highlighted was driven home by the "caliber of persons" he said were present at the meeting on Tuesday night.

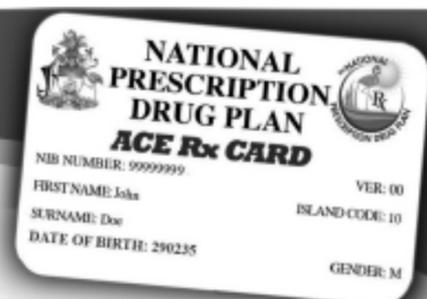
Outright declaring that he was "impressed" at who he saw at Mr McCartney's home, Mr Wells said he was not at liberty to reveal their names at this time, only adding that among that grouping there was "some real leadership."

With many persons within the NDP openly expressing their support for Mr McCartney to become a member and possible leader of the party, Mr Wells said he stands by his word of holding a convention within 30 days to decide this matter if Mr McCartney were to join their ranks.

This possibility however, he admits, appears slim considering Mr McCartney's position thus far.

"I think every man puts down his view and that is where he is at. I believe that the NDP has the apparatus for any and everybody to come in and move forward. We are a completely open and democratic organization," he said.

Attempts to reach Mr McCartney for comment were unsuccessful last night.



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LOCAL NEWS

The Bahamas 'has mechanisms to detect for traces of Japan radiation'

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reports of radiation found in the Bahamas.

However, small amounts of radioactivity from Japan have been found in south Florida, according to US

reports, although American health officials say the tiny amounts pose no health risk. Japan's contamination cri-

sis has raised questions about the safety of nuclear power and whether its benefits outweigh the risks. There are five nuclear reactors at three different sites in the state of Florida alone and if a meltdown happened in the US, the repercussions could be devastating to the Bahamas.

"If a similar event occurred in Florida, the consequences for the Bahamas are too dire to contemplate," Environment Minister Earl Deveaux said yesterday.

"However, in light of events such as what has occurred in Japan and the

unlikely event of a similar occurrence in Florida, the Bahamas would depend on the international community for support," he added.

In spite of this, Mr Deveaux stressed there is no need to panic or worry about the effects of a possible nuclear meltdown in North America.

The chief medical officer at the Ministry of Health would be the person responsible for radiation detection and would pass this information on to the relevant government officials, *The Tribune* was told.

The March 11 earthquake and a subsequent tsunami



ENVIRONMENT MINISTER
Earl Deveaux

devastated cooling systems at a nuclear power plant in Japan causing some radiation to leak out.

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Stabbing at high school leaves student in hospital

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a teacher was also stabbed during the incident, however a representative of the ministry told *The Tribune* yesterday that no teacher was harmed in any way.

In a statement issued yesterday afternoon, the ministry said the two students had "a disagreement reportedly over a female student which resulted in the 11th grader assaulting the 12th grade student during the lunch break".

It said police officers were immediately summoned and the 11th grader was taken "into the protective custody of the police", while the 12th grader was taken to hospital by a guidance counsellor.

Police reported that five male students are being questioned in connection with the incident.

They said the victim, a 17-year-old who was stabbed repeatedly in the left side, is listed in stable condition.

This incident comes after a number of school

stabblings and other acts of violence between students over the past two years.

In its statement, the Ministry of Education reminded the public, and parents and students in particular, of its policy of "zero tolerance" when it comes to violence.

It also pointed out that the incident occurred "in the midst of CR Walker's celebration for earning first place in the Bahamas Association of Compliance Officers; the school's advance to the final rounds of the National Debate Competition; and their preparation for the upcoming celebration of the 30th Anniversary of UNESCO National Commission in the Bahamas."

The ministry added: "CR Walker Senior High School has established a high standard of excellence in academics, career and technical education as well as behaviour."

"The ministry commends the principal, teachers, and school board members for their consistent vigilance in seeking to address and minimise incidents which disrupt and threaten their safe school environment."

Tribune Trivia

Yesterday's Question

Former FNM MP Branville McCartney is said to be interested in forming a new political party - what do sources say it will be called?

Yesterday's Answer

Bahamas Independent Movement (BIM)

Yesterday's Winners

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LOCAL NEWS

CHURCH WOMEN IN GUN HORROR

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at a shop to buy groceries to prepare dinner, according to women on the scene.

As they walked home on Florville Road, off Bacardi Road, a green Honda Civic occupied by three men pulled up.

According to the police report the occupants shot at the women. People on the scene claimed the gunmen ran off with the womens' handbags, and the injured woman was trying to run away when she dropped to the ground.

The incident occurred around 2.20pm yesterday, according to the police report. It stated that the deceased wore a gray skirt and a white t-shirt. The second woman was rushed to hospital by EMS personnel. Up to press time her condition was listed as critical.

Inspector Warren Johnson of the Carmichael Division said that like the rest of the country, the South Western Division is having real problems with crime.

He said the police have taken note of two important areas of intervention. One major initiative is taking place with churches. Inspector Johnson said the police have identified 72 churches in the area with a combined membership of 23,110.

He said the police have sought to forge a relationship with all of the churches to make an impact.

Inspector Johnson said house break-ins have also been a cause for concern, so the police developed a "residential security survey" to help address the issue.

He said the survey is a check list for individuals to assess the security of their homes.

He said the police in the area have been distributing the survey around the community.

'Serious' rodent infestation closes school temporarily

FROM page one

There have been reports that giant rats have overrun the school and that some students have even taken ill.

Sandra Edgecombe, superintendent of primary schools, said the ministry is aware of the rodent infestation at the Bartlett Hill Primary and immediate steps are being taken to address the problem.

She expects the school to reopen on Monday.

Mrs Edgecombe said that Education Minister Desmond Bannister met with teachers at the school on Wednesday to address their concerns.

She noted that the rat problem had got worse over the past two weeks and they immediately notified Environment Health officials of the situation.

"We got a list of suggestions and recommendations

from them and we immediately began acting on those recommendations, such as getting a professional test company to help us get rid of the problem.

"Our minister also came down and he visited the schools this morning and spoke with teachers and heard their concerns," she said.

Mrs Edgecombe said the professional company should complete their testing and extermination process on Friday.

"We are satisfied with where we are and the teachers have been most cooperative.

"The parents, I am sure, understand the seriousness of the situation and that it is being addressed and that we are sparing no expense.

"We are working deliberately to have the problem addressed. Hopefully by Monday students should be



BARTLETT HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL - Education Minister Desmond Bannister meeting with the principal, teachers and parents at the Bartlett Hill Primary School with regard to the rat problem and other concerns at the school

Vandyke Hepburn/BIS

back to school.

"We won't get rid of everything overnight, but any fear or danger or disease to that level we would have taken care of," said Mrs Edgecombe.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Egypt's presidential vote to be held by November

CAIRO Associated Press

EGYPT'S military rulers said on Wednesday that the country's first presidential elections since the ouster of longtime ruler Hosni Mubarak will be held by November, giving the country's emerging political groups up to eight months to organize.

The announcement comes 10 days after Egyptian voters overwhelmingly approved a reform package of constitutional amendments, but many critics fear the rapid timetable for elections would give a significant advantage to the most organized political forces in the country, namely the Muslim Brotherhood and members of the former ruling party — rather than the newly emerging forces, especially among the youth, involved in the uprising.

The news came as the military's announced a new 62-article interim constitution to replace the one suspended after the fall of Mubarak's regime on Feb. 11 in a popular uprising that rocked the region. By giving a timetable for parliament and presidential elections, the army backed up its earlier commitment to swiftly transfer power to a civilian democratic authority.

The presidential elections will be held a month or two after September's parliamen-

tary contests, the military said.

Many presidential hopefuls have already announced their plans to contest elections, including Nobel Prize laureate Mohamed ElBaradei, Arab League chief Amr Moussa, and longtime left-wing opposition politician Hamdeen Sabahi. Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood, the country's most organized group, said it will not nominate a candidate in the presidential elections.

The interim constitution stipulates the creation of a committee of 100 legal experts, academics, politicians and professionals to be selected by the newly elected parliament to draft a new constitution, which would then be approved by a referendum.

Despite demands by many of the youth groups behind the 18-day uprising, the new parliament will keep a 50 percent quota of seats allocated to "farmers and workers," a holdover from the country's socialist past.

Amid intense debate about the identity of new Egypt, the new document emphasized the country's Islamic identity by stating in Article 2 that the state religion is Islam and the principle of the Islamic Sharia law is the main source of legislation. Article 4, however, bans political parties based on religious grounds.

Before announcing the inter-

im constitution, the transitional government met a long-running demand of reformers and carried out a state media shake-up, replacing the old chief editors who under Mubarak era acted as his regime's cheerleaders.

Many of them, such as Al-Ahram editor-in-chief Osama Saraya, led media campaigns against the Jan. 25 uprising, dubbing anti-Mubarak protesters as a "destabilizing" force and exaggerating the number of government supporters marching the streets against the anti-government protests.

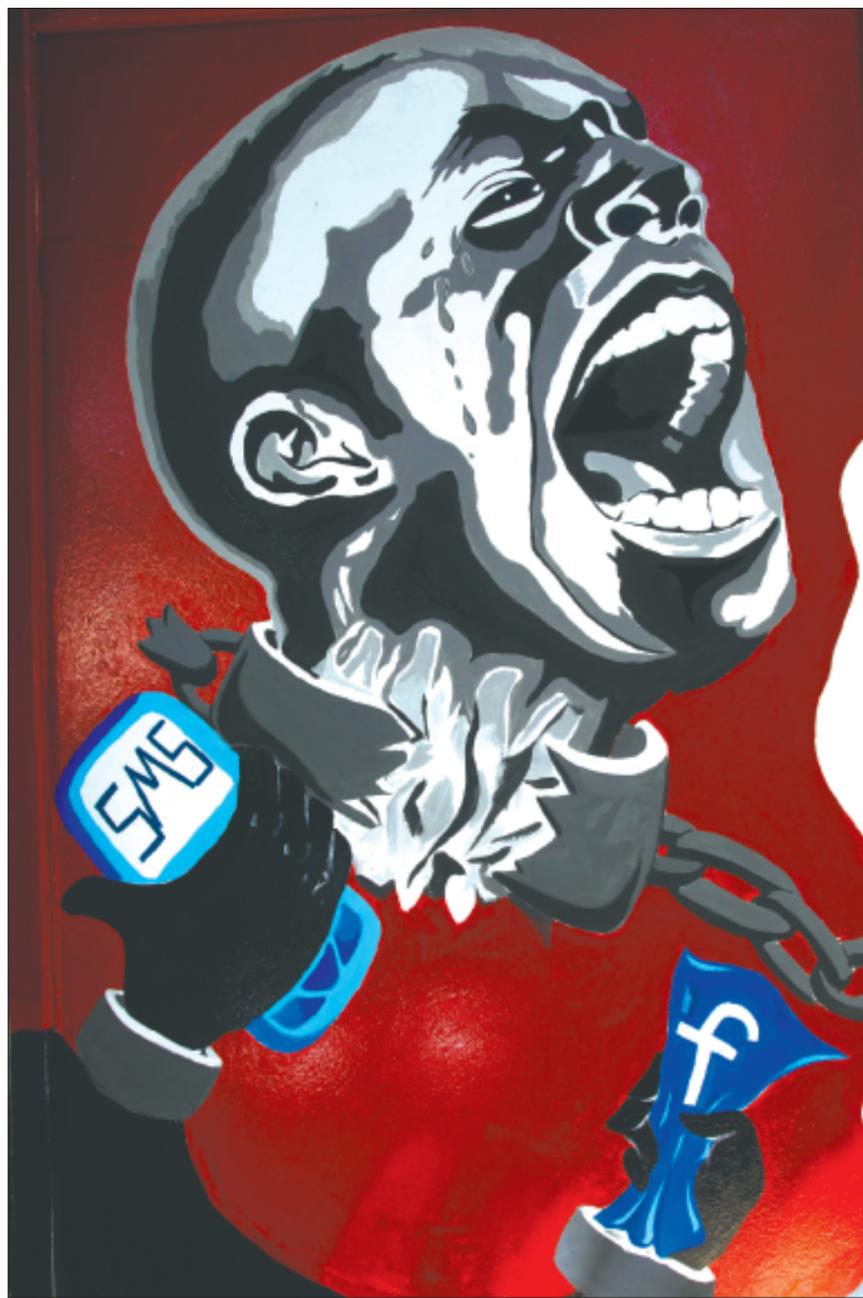
Shortly after the announcement of the new appointments, journalists in one of Egypt's oldest magazines, El-Mussawar, announced a strike to get their own chief editor Hamdi Rizk replaced, who was also known for his pro-government stances.

Under the Mubarak regime, the president personally appointed all editors of major state owned publications.

Also Wednesday, two people were killed in a gun battle between villagers in southern Egypt. Another 16 were hurt. The fight started with an argument among teenagers.

The violence highlighted rising lawlessness since Mubarak's ouster, particularly in more tribal areas, like the southern province of Asyout.

Soldiers rushed to the area to stop the fight.



A MURAL depicting a man in shackles and the Facebook logo and a mobile phone is seen on the wall of the University of Helwan arts academy along with other murals commemorating the revolution that overthrew Hosni Mubarak in the Zamalek neighborhood of Cairo, Egypt, Wednesday, March 30, 2011. They painted icons of the protests that began Jan. 25, including Facebook, which activists used to organize protests, and symbols of Muslim-Christian unity. (AP)



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SOUTH Korean environmentalists stage a protest aboard a boat calling for the closure of the outdated Wolsung reactor and opposing the construction of a new reactor on seas off Wolsung Nuclear Power Plant in Gyeongju, South Korea, Wednesday, March 23, 2011. Fears over possible radiation contamination are growing in South Korea, the country closest to Japan, after Japanese nuclear power plants were damaged by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami. (AP)

Tainted seafood fears spread as Japan plant leaks

TOKYO
Associated Press

FEARS about contaminated seafood spread Wednesday despite reassurances that radiation in the waters off Japan's troubled atomic plant pose no health risk, as the country's respected emperor consoled evacuees from the tsunami and nuclear emergency zone.

While experts say radioactive particles are unlikely to build up significantly in fish, the seafood concerns in the country that gave the world sushi are yet another blemish for Brand Japan. It has already been hit by contamination of milk, vegetables and water, plus shortages of auto and tech parts after a massive quake and tsunami disabled a coastal nuclear power plant.

Setbacks at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear complex mounted Wednesday, as the plant's operator, Tokyo Power Electric Co., announced that its president was hospitalized. Masataka Shimizu has not been seen since a news conference two days after the March 11 quake that spawned the destructive wave. His absence fueled speculation that he had suffered a breakdown.

Spokesman Naoki Tsunoda said Shimizu, 66, was admitted to a Tokyo hospital Tuesday after suffering dizziness and high blood pressure.

The problems at the nuclear

plant have taken center stage, but the tsunami also created another disaster: Hundreds of thousands of people were forced from their homes after the wave drove miles (kilometers) inland, decimating whole towns. The official death toll stood at 11,362 late Wednesday, with the final toll likely surpassing 18,000.

Japan's respected Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko visited disaster evacuees at a center in Tokyo on Wednesday. The visit was marked by a formality that is typical of interactions with the royal couple, but survivors said they were encouraged.

"I couldn't talk with them very well because I was nervous, but I felt that they were really concerned about us," said Kenji Ukito, an evacuee from a region near the plant who has already moved four times since the quake. "I was very grateful."

The emperor and his wife make fairly frequent public appearances, visiting nursing homes and the disabled and attending ceremonies throughout the year. In particular, they are expected to mourn with those affected by natural disasters. Akihito made a similar visit to evacuees after the Kobe earthquake in 1995.

At the Fukushima plant, the fight to cool the reactors and stem their release of radiation has become more complicated

in recent days since the discovery that radioactive water is pooling in the plant, restricting the areas in which crews can work. It also puts emergency crews in the uncomfortable position of having to pump in more water to continue cooling the reactor while simultaneously pumping out contaminated water.

That contamination has also begun to seep into the sea, and tests Wednesday showed that waters 300 yards (meters) outside the plant contained 3,355 times the legal limit for the amount of radioactive iodine.

It's the highest rate yet, but Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency official Hidehiko Nishiyama said it did not pose any threat to human health because the iodine rarely stays in fish. There is no fishing in the area because it is within the evacuation zone around the plant.

Radioactive iodine is short-lived, with a half-life of just eight days, and in any case was expected to dissipate quickly in the vast Pacific Ocean. It does not tend to accumulate in shellfish.

Other radioactive particles have been detected in the waters near the plant, and some have made their way into fish. Trace amounts of radioactive cesium-137 have been found in anchovies as far afield as Chiba, near Tokyo, but at less than 1 percent of acceptable levels.

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Gadhafi's forces adapt to airstrikes, pound rebels

AJDABIYA, Libya
Associated Press

MOAMMAR Gadhafi's ground forces recaptured a strategic oil town Wednesday and moved within striking distance of another major eastern city, nearly reversing the gains rebels made since international airstrikes began. Rebels pleaded for more help, while a U.S. official said government forces are making themselves harder to target by using civilian "battle wagons" with makeshift armaments instead of tanks.

Western powers kept up the pressure to force Gadhafi out with new airstrikes in other parts of Libya, hints that they may arm the opposition and intense negotiations behind the scenes to find a country to give haven to Libya's leader of more than 40 years.

Airstrikes have neutralized Gadhafi's air force and pounded his army, but his ground forces remain far better armed, trained and organized than the opposition.

The shift in momentum back to the government's side is hardening a U.S. view that the poorly equipped opposition is probably incapable of prevailing without decisive Western intervention — either an all-out U.S.-led military assault on regime forces or a decision to arm the rebels.

The fresh battlefield setbacks by the rebels come as NATO is in the process of taking over control of the airstrikes, which began as a U.S.-led operation. Diplomats said they have given approval for the commander of the NATO operation, Canadian Gen. Charles Bouchard, to announce a handover on Thursday.

Gadhafi's forces also have adopted a new tactic in light of the pounding airstrikes have given their tanks and armored vehicles, a senior U.S. intelligence official said. They've left some of those weapons behind in favor of a "gaggle" of "battle wagons": minivans, sedans and SUVs fitted with weapons, said the official, who spoke anonymously in

order to discuss sensitive U.S. intelligence on the condition and capabilities of rebel and regime forces. Rebel fighters also said Gadhafi's troops were increasingly using civilian vehicles in battle.

The change not only makes it harder to distinguish Gadhafi's forces from the rebels, it also requires less logistical support the official said.

The official said airstrikes have degraded Gadhafi's forces since they were launched March 19, but the regime forces still outmatch those of the opposition "by far," and few members of Gadhafi's military have defected lately. The disparity was obvious as government forces pushed back rebels about 100 miles (160 kilometers) in just two days. The rebels had been closing in on the strategic city of Sirte, Gadhafi's hometown and a bastion of support for the long-time leader, but under heavy shelling they retreated from Bin Jawwad on Tuesday and from the oil port of Ras Lanouf on Wednesday.



A LIBYAN rebel checks a rocket launcher mounted on top of a pickup truck after retreating back east, at the outskirts of the town of al-Agila, Libya Wednesday, March 30, 2011. Moammar Gadhafi's ground forces recaptured a strategic oil town Wednesday and were close to taking a second, making new inroads in beating back a rebel advance toward the capital Tripoli. (AP)

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NIB letter matched recession's damage

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Customs' demand for Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA) licencees to produce National Insurance Board (NIB) good standing letters before their bonded privileges are renewed has matched the recession and post-Christmas consumer spending slump when it comes to negatively impacting Freeport's economy, a leading businessman said yesterday.

Chris Lowe, operations manager at Kelly's (Freeport), which is challenging Customs

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BTC unions set to meet new owner

By ALISON LOWE
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Cable and Wireless Communications (CWC) and the two unions representing the Bahamas Telecommunications Company's (BTC) line and managerial staff are set to meet for the first time this Monday, after months of acrimony over the Government's decision to sell the state-owned telecoms provider cul-

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'No respect for the Hawksbill Creek'

- Customs in total climb down on NIB letter condition for Freeport licencees to get bonded privileges
- But attorney intends to continue action, and accused government of disrespecting rule of law
- Says 'punitive damages' needed to control Customs
- Tells government: 'This is 'FREEport, not Tax the Hell out of it port'

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

The Government was yesterday accused of having "no respect for the law or the Hawksbill Creek Agreement", after Customs completely backed down from its position that Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA) licencees must first produce a National Insurance Board (NIB) 'letter of good standing' before their bonded privileges are extended.

Fred Smith QC, the Callender's & Co attorney and partner, told Tribune Business that Customs' demands



FRED SMITH

for the NIB letter over the past three months had "made terrible economic challenges faced by the licencees in Freeport even worse", and its constant breaches of the

Hawksbill Creek Agreement - stretching back over decades - meant he was not going to let the matter drop despite the Government's climb down.

He was speaking after receiving a March 25, 2011, letter from Deborah Fraser, director of legal affairs at the Attorney General's Office, which attempted to resolve the action Mr Smith brought over the NIB letter demand, on behalf of his three companies, just prior to yesterday's scheduled hearing before Jus-

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AIRPORT TENANTS SEE SALES RISES UP TO 35%

By ALISON LOWE
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Retail, concession and restaurant operators in the new US departures terminal at Lynden Pindling International Airport (LPIA) are upbeat about business levels at their new locations, yesterday reporting that sales in the replacement terminal have met or exceeded their expectations.

Tyrone Nabbie, proprietor of food vendors Kafe Kalik and Bahama Dutch Oven Pizza, said daily sales at his two locations in the new US terminal have already surpassed those seen at the two Kafe Kalik outlets that he operated in the now-closed former US terminal.

"The traffic has been steady. Things have been going very well in both of the restaurants. People are finding it very welcoming, and it's a good change of pace for those travellers who have the time to sit and really try out Bahamian food,"

said Mr Nabbie, of the Kafe Kalik sit-down restaurant in particular.

He added that he only expects foot traffic to improve as the Bahamian tourism industry is restored to pre-economic crisis levels, and with the re-launch of Cable Beach in the form of Baha Mar.

The \$191 million, 247,000

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CWC TO UNLOCK BTC'S 'TRIPLE PLAY POTENTIAL'

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Cable & Wireless Communications (CWC) has the ability and regional knowledge to unlock the Bahamas Telecommunications Company's (BTC) 'Triple Play' potential to the ultimate benefit of Bahamian consumers, a former Chamber of Commerce president telling this newspaper that privatisation would ensure the 'tail no longer wags the dog' at the telecoms carrier.

Dionisio D'Aguiar, who is also Superwash's president, told

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- * Ex-Chamber head says buyer will enable it to enter new markets and go 'head-to-head' with Cable
- * Says other foreign partners would have been 'blindsided' by cultural issues
- * Warns: 'For far too long BTC has been operated in the interests of the politicians and employees'



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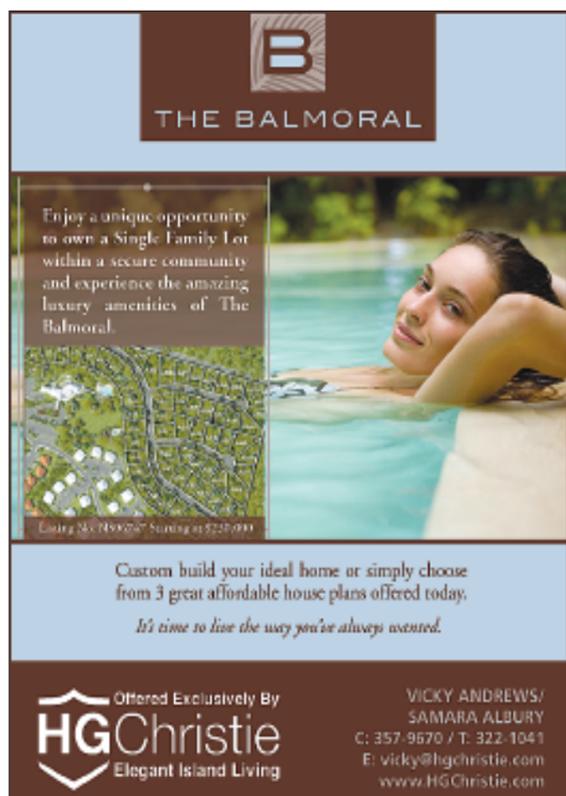
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BUSINESS

A graphic portrait that never fades

By DEIDRE M. BASTIAN

Are some of your most cherished portraits torn, discoloured and fading away? If so, do not let your moments or family history disappear, as they are too precious to lose. Fortunately, it is now possible through the use of computers and software to restore almost any photo at very reasonable prices.

Before the advent of computers and software such as



Photoshop, most photo restoration was done by

THE ART OF GRAPHIX

DEIDRE M. BASTIAN

experts such as museum art restorers. Repairs were applied directly to the damaged photo and consisted mainly of air brushing. This is still a preferred method for valuable historical photos, such as those found in archival collections, but is very expensive and not normally popular with the average person wishing to repair old damaged family photos today.

What is Photo restoration?
It is the practice of restoring a photograph that has been damaged or affected by age. Damages can now be corrected digitally through imaging manipulating software using a scanner. Once all repairs are made to the copy using computer software, a new print can be produced. The final digital photo file of the repaired photo can be saved as an archival copy, which replaces the need for a negative.

Can anyone do photo restoration?
Anyone with a computer, expertise and the appropriate software should be able to make minor repairs. Even though Photoshop is the industry's standard software, many cheaper packages will also allow you to repair many of the damages on old photos. It is simple, and the difference between amateur and professional restorers is prac-

tical. There are many local graphic institutes and websites that can assist for a small fee, based on the number of hours and amount of detail required to complete the work.

What type of photos do people want restored?
Family photos are the main area of interest. Other reasons for photo manipulations are red-eye or blemish removal, damaged facial features, moderate scratches or surface cracking, paper wrinkling, moderate mold or water damage, severe fading, yellowing or staining, removal of objects and or people, adding objects and or people from two different photos, and replacement of backgrounds etc.

Why are there so many photos that require fixing?
Most of the photo papers and inks used up until recently have not been archival quality and, as a result, many photo prints show signs of fading and colour shifts after a few years. Additionally, poor storage practices, such as keeping photos in basements or exposure to sunlight, have also contributed to the poor conditions.

What is archival quality?
It is now possible for the average person to have prints made using archival quality photo papers and inks, which are rated to last from 50 to 100 years without showing signs of fading or colour shift. Standard photos can show these defects in as little as a few years.

What are the benefits of restoring old photos?
It is a good idea to restore your entire photo collection to alleviate the unavoidable destruction that will take place, no matter how carefully the photos are stored. Once restored, the photos can be copied to CD or DVD for storage and safe keeping. Digital images do not change and will allow you to make prints at any time should disaster strike.

What should be preserved when restoring a photo?
The ideal situation is to repair damaged areas of a photo without abstracting from the original feel and look. Some restorers use too much smoothing, which can result in a final photo that looks more like a painting rather than a photo. It is bet-

READERS FEEDBACK

Good morning Dee,

Firstly, let me start by thanking you for your articles, in the daily Tribune each week. They have not only educated me on the things I never knew but also helped me to understand terms I often heard but never quite comprehend. The article you wrote on 'Graphic signs of design addiction' was very informative, and I guess you can say that I fall under that 'Photography and movie geek' lol. I love the way your article style changes each week. You cater to all persons (business people, young adults like myself and also your counterparts). Your writing style is so easy and friendly, and that's important. Keep up the good work.

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ter to repair by using the clone and healing tool, as you want to repair the most obvious damage. Keep in mind that old photos have a certain amount of grain, which should be reduced but not completely removed. It should still look like a photo when completed. Remember, a good restoration is one that can't be detected.

Can I do it myself?

Absolutely. Here's how: Click on File: Open or CTRL+O: Open the Old Photo you want to restore in Adobe Photoshop CS4. Eye dropper tool (Right Click) The Ruler tool. Left Click, drag and leave along the edge of the photo to define the orientation. This helps us to crop the photo without losing any photo area if the photo is tilted.

Image menu: Image Rotation, Arbitrary. Enter the angle by which you want the canvas to rotate in either clockwise or counter clockwise direction. Click OK and check if the photo's orientation appears to be straight. Adjust the levels and channel mode to suit your image and make it clearer. You can also use Auto Level for a quick improvement with or without additional adjustments.

Select Clone stamp tool. Select the brush type you want, preferably a feathered one to make sure it blends well with the background. Alt +Left click to select the patch you want to clone, then left click the area you want to fill (like the yellow spots in the sample photo above).

Not only can you correct bad patches, you can edit photos, duplicate parts of the photo and also correct torn photos by cloning a side background on to the empty area.

Depending on how damaged the photo is, there is software called GIMP, which

stands for GNU Image Manipulation Program. Really, all you need to know is that it is free. It was first released back in 1996, and since then it has been developed and matured to be recognised as a real alternative for Photoshop. If you consider yourself an amateur, GIMP is your guy as it has the right price and features for you.

Tips: Before you get started, scan the photos on to your computer using the highest resolution possible. 600 dpi will produce an ideal result for printing and storage. However, you can scan at a higher or lower resolution as necessary to get a higher image quality, or save space on your hard drive. For example, if you're editing your photo to include it on a CD, DVD or to publish it on the Internet, you can scan at a lower resolution such as 200 dpi. Select a lossless format such as PNG or BMP for your scan. Be sure to save your image with a new file name to preserve your original scan.

Primarily, the healing brush is now a very popular tool and most modern photos we see are retouched in studios, which gives a happier, youthful look, especially for the female gender. By virtue of this fact, the touch-up brush aids in removing facial blemishes and/or wrinkles. This process can result with you staring at an older person with a youthful picture. Be careful not to overdo it, as it may remove all the characteristics that appear misleading. Challenge yourself today, and experiment with the 'touch up' tool. Until we meet again, have fun, enjoy life and stay on top of your game.

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BUSINESS

Atlantis unlikely to sink in debt ocean

By SIMON COOPER

When Sol Kerzner built the Atlantis Resort on Paradise Island, more than a few locals wondered at the name. After all, which of us has not heard of a mid-Atlantic continent known by the same name – a continent that vanished beneath the ocean following a tsunami, at least according to that normally reliable Greek historian fellow, Plato. While we do not experience tsunamis of that magnitude here, and there is no proof that such a continent ever existed, it is true that the Bahamian economy does have its rollercoasters, too.

Kerzner International is strongly denying rumours of difficulties with liquidity at Atlantis, and has confirmed that operations “remain very strong” and with “ample liquidity”. Yet tribune242.com continues to also report that “the company could default on a multi-million dollar debt as early as [April]”.

If this does happen, could it result in the refinancing of part of a reported \$3 billion total debt, the dumping of peripheral assets on the market, or a change of ownership as some would suggest? Moreover, what could have gone wrong with something that showed such great promise? In addition, what does this mean for Bahamian employees, if anything at all? Back in 2006, rumours surfaced that Mr Kerzner was considering restructuring the debt that he took on when he took the company into private ownership. Large corporations do this all the time and such actions are usually meaningless in themselves. In fact, it is often just a matter of managing debt costs down. The harsher truth is that the company - and its resorts - have suffered financially since the 2008 crisis (who has



LANDMARK: The world-renowned Atlantis resort on Paradise Island.



SIMON COOPER

not) and may well need to roll the debt a little longer to survive comfortably.

I personally do not expect Atlantis to crawl into a corner and die. It is a prestigious resort with solid medium to long-term business prospects, and has many loyal supporters who visit time and again. That it has to pull in its belt in these difficult times is hardly surprising, but hardly indicative of disaster either. The publicity has, however, highlighted another matter. That matter is the fragility of our economy that relies so heavily on tourism. I sometimes wonder whether the Bahamas government does enough to maintain our position as a leading Caribbean destination, and how far away we are from where we could perhaps be.

Baha Mar adds another interesting

flavour to the mix, of course. The number of tourists who could stop over on our islands at any one time is not open ended. I predict a titanic battle between larger holiday corporations as the supply of rooms increases. This will be good for both room prices and our number of stopovers, so this is not necessarily bad news either.

Ours is a free-market economy with its ups and downs, and these fluctuations ensure that the strong survive. While I have no doubt that Mr Kerzner may have had better nights than recently, I for one assure him of the Bahamas' appreciation for what his businesses do for us, and wish him every success in business, as I do his competition, too.

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BTC unions set to meet new owner

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minated in the House of Assembly approving the move last week.

Bernard Evans, president of the Bahamas Communications and Public Officers Union (BCPOU), said the meeting will take place at an as yet unconfirmed time on Monday, the day that CWC takes over management control of BTC, in which it will own a 51 per cent stake.

Mr Evans said both he and William Carroll, who heads the Bahamas Communications and Public Managers Union, will sit down with CWC executives, to “discuss the way forward”. He said he will be in “listening mode”.

Nonetheless, the meeting will undoubtedly be a tense one, with Mr Evans having led the movement that has opposed the sale of 51 per

cent of BTC to CWC. Along the way he has charged that the company is not a suitable strategic partner for the state-owned incumbent for a multitude of reasons, and has sought to block the sale in the courts, telling this newspaper he could not “support the deal no matter what”.

At around the same time, the union president said BTC employees also “really don't want to work with CWC no matter what”.

However, Mr Evans, who claimed two weeks ago that he has turned down a number of requests from CWC to meet in recent months, has recently also suggested he would be open to sitting down with the grouping if the sale of BTC went through - although only if the majority of staff support it.

One of the major issues which will likely be a priority for CWC in the upcoming dis-

cussions is the reduction of staff numbers at BTC that it will be seeking through the offering of voluntary redundancy packages. CWC has proposed that it would like to implement a 30 per cent staff reduction.

Asked what position the union will likely put forward on this particular matter, Mr Evans said: “We'll have to see what their plans are. We'll be there in a listening mode. Once we hear what their plans are we'll make our decision.”

As to what proportion of BTC's current staff count he believes could be disposed to accepting voluntary redundancy packages, Mr Evans said he believed “everyone who's 55 and over” would likely be open to such an offer. However, he declined to state what proportion of BTC's staff this would represent at this time.

WALL STREET

Stocks higher after payroll report and pharma deal

FRANCESCA LEVY, AP Business Writer NEW YORK

Stocks rose Wednesday as a strong payroll report and a big pharmaceutical deal overshadowed concerns about the nuclear crisis in Japan and the battle for control of Libya.

The ADP National Employment Report said 201,000 new private sector jobs were added in March. That is roughly in line with the 210,000 analysts had expected, but investors were encouraged by a strong gain in small business hiring.

While not a huge surprise, the ADP report “helped the realization that things are not as bleak as they seemed a few weeks ago,” said Ryan Detrick, a strategist at Schaeffer's Investment Research.

The report is seen as a precursor to the government's March payrolls report due Friday, but the two reports don't always match up. Traders are looking for any clues about how strong the U.S. job market is as they try to figure out how soon the



INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Federal Reserve will start raising interest rates.

Cephalon Inc. surged 28 percent after Valeant Pharmaceuticals International offered to take over the biopharmaceutical company for \$5.7 billion in cash. Valeant, based in Canada, rose 10 percent. The takeover bid is the latest in a string of deal-related news, another positive sign for investors.

“It shows that companies still think there are some good deals out there,” said Detrick.

“If they are willing to pay a premium, that's a good sign for the overall stock market.”

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 80 points, or 0.7 percent, to 12,359. The broader Standard and Poor's 500 index rose 10, or 0.8 percent, to 1,329. The Nasdaq composite rose 19, or 0.7 percent, to 2,776.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note edged down to 3.46 percent from 3.49 percent late Tuesday.

The market plodded higher against a backdrop of unsettling international news. Concerns about European debt loomed as Portugal moved closer to needing a bailout and Spain's central bank forecast a lower growth rate and higher deficit than previously predicted.

Seawater near Japan's crippled nuclear facility tested at its highest radiation levels yet and the plant's owner publicly acknowledged that four of six nuclear reactors would have to be decommissioned. In Libya, NATO forces initiated a new wave of airstrikes against Gadhafi's forces.

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NIB appointed vice-chair on key global committee

The National Insurance Board (NIB) has been named as vice-chair of the International Social Security Association's (ISSA) Technical Commission (TC) on Employment Policies and Unemployment Insurance.

The appointment will be for three years until the ISSA General Assembly meets in 2013 in Qatar. Algernon Cargill, as Director, National Insurance Board, will represent NIB.

Mr Cargill said: "That the National Insurance Board has been selected to participate in deliberating on issues of social security at this international level speaks volumes of the degree to which NIB has impressed ISSA with the quality of the character and capability we can bring to the table. The Technical Commission will shape the way global social security organisations provide guidance and support to member organisations on employment policies and unemployment insurance. I'm humbled to have this incredible opportunity to represent my country and the National Insurance Board in the capacity of vice-chairperson. I'm committed to ensuring that my participation will honour both."

Mr Cargill travelled to Geneva to take part in the fifth ISSA Forum for Technical Commissions (28-29 March 2011), the first meeting for the triennium that ends in 2013. The Forum brought together chairpersons and vice-chairpersons of all TCs. Its objective was to finalise the planning process of the TCs and to provide an opportunity for exchange and coordination among them.



SHAKE ON IT: Algernon Cargill, NIB Director (right) with President of ISSA, Errol Francis Stooove.

Mr Cargill was also appointed, in his own right, to serve as a liaison of the Technical Commission on employment policies and unemployment and participate in a global cross-cutting/cross-functional project being organised by ISSA to develop service quality guidelines for social security. When released, these guidelines will be made available to all social security organisations as the ISSA benchmark.

Mr Cargill said: "To say the very least, I was deeply honoured by the selection. I know I and my team have our work cut out for us at home and in connection with ISSA. As the Association notes, the enhancement and extension of social security will remain major challenges for the decades to come."

The 83-year old International Social Security Association is dedicated to promoting and developing social security worldwide, and comprises 340-plus member organisations.

Addressing members of the ISSA Council at the World

Social Security Forum, Errol Frank Stooove, its president, said: "The current financial and economic crisis is reminding us once again of the fragility of the global economy and more, in particular, of the social infrastructure."

"Now, more than ever, it is important to continue prioritising social security and health care, and protection of the most vulnerable in society. As an alliance of administrations responsible for prevention, care and many forms of social security, the ISSA has a task that not only deals with the present but its mission extends into the future: it must ensure that social security continues to be on the agenda."

The National Insurance Board hosted the sixth American Regional Conference of ISSA on Paradise Island, April 1994. In addition to its ties with the Association, NIB's international linkages include membership in the Inter-American Conference on Social Security (CISS), which was granted in 1992.



PROCLAMATION

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AND WHEREAS, in celebration of this commitment the Christian Counselling Centre commemorates its 25th anniversary and has planned a number of activities to focus Public attention on the testimonies of clients whose lives have been transformed by the help received from the Centre;

AND WHEREAS, these activities: a fund-raising dinner, walk-a-thon and church service are also in recognition of the Centre's team of professionals for their commitment and dedication;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Hubert A. Ingraham, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, do hereby proclaim the week of April 1- 8th, 2011 as "CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING CENTRE WEEK".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 25th day of March, 2011

HUBERT A. INGRAHAM
PRIME MINISTER

SECURITIES COMMISSION OF THE BAHAMAS

PUBLIC NOTICE

No.6 of 2011 31st March 2011

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BACKGROUND

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BUSINESS

Tour operator sees its 8,000th visitor

An Eleuthera-based tour operator welcomed its 8,000th guest during January 2011, its operations now employing some 30 persons.

Eleuthera Adventure Tours' *The Taste of Eleuthera* tour takes guests on a historical journey, commencing in the settlement of Bannerman Town and continuing as far north as Tarpum Bay. Tour guides share the stories and significance of sites such as the Sara Ann Miller Plantation Ruins, the Gale Hole, and the historic St. Columba Anglican Church. Visitors are educated about the language, culture and food of Eleuthera.

Since 2009, Eleuthera Adventure Tours has been catering to passengers of Princess Cruises. One guest from Michigan wrote back, "We just want to thank you all for giving us such a wonderful tour of your beautiful island."

"The history, culture and food were all amazing". As a part of the overall tour, guests are treated to a Bahamian lunch followed by a Junkanoo Beach Rush-Out.

Another guest from New Orleans wrote: "Just wanted to let you know that your tour was, by far, the most awesome one we took on our seven-day cruise".

Thomas Sands, shareholder in Eleuthera Adventure Tours, said: "We are pleased with the progress made by the Eleuthera Adventure Tours in such a short period of time. We started this business when the economy had slowed down tremendously, when businesses were closing and everyone said that it would



PLEASED WITH PROGRESS: Thomas Sands, shareholder in Eleuthera Adventure Tours.

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"It is important to our company that South Eleutherans benefit from this venture, and they do."

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Empowering

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Monique Smith, tour director at Eleuthera Adventure Tours, added: "We place a high value on our personal interaction with our guests. We want them to feel welcomed and engaged. During the tour experience we ensure that there is always something to for them to do; whether we

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A TASTE OF ELEUTHERA: Guests, who are taken on a historical journey, are also treated to a Bahamian lunch followed by a Junkanoo Beach Rush-Out.

guests are always a part of the action."

Praising the company's employees, Ms Smith added: "Having well-trained and

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'No respect for the Hawksbill Creek'

particular, this FNM government, seems determined to break the Hawksbill Creek Agreement. This I cannot understand, especially since the FNM, when they won in 1992, openly expressed a desire to work with the Port Authority and licencees to flesh out the Hawksbill Creek Agreement."

Arguing that Customs constantly came up with new "machinations", Mr Smith added: "I am sure these conceptions are not born in Customs, but most come from Cabinet and the Ministry of Finance, as Customs, after all these years, must know what they have been doing."

"I do not intend to withdraw the case. I intend to urge the court to give justice. It tends to be one issue after another, and although Customs may not insist on an NIB letter today, tomorrow they may."

Mr Smith said he had previously successfully challenged Customs over issues such as duty being paid on bonded homes; illegal searches of a business premises on behalf of UNEXSO; and the illegal seizure of Kelly's (Freeport) goods.

"We've had to challenge everything," he added. "Customs continues to demonstrate disregard for the Hawksbill Creek Agreement, and what we need is punitive damages against Customs to get them to heal. I do hope

the court will teach them a lesson so they will not keep repeating this behaviour."

Yesterday's planned hearing was adjourned until April 15 due to an ongoing murder trial consuming Justice Longley's time, but Mr Smith said punitive damage awards were "what's missing in the Bahamas". US juries often awarded millions of dollars in such damages against major companies and government authorities, and he suggested this was needed to hold the Bahamian government accountable.

"Licencees of the Hawksbill Creek Agreement must do everything they can to protect their rights," Mr Smith told Tribune Business. "The Port Authority and my companies wrote to Customs for months to resolve this amicable before issuing proceedings. Why must we hold a gun to Customs' head on the threshold, the doorstep of the court on the eve of trial?"

"This is not governance according to the rule of law. It's executive brutality and riding roughshod over people's rights in the hope no one will stand up. This FNM government has no respect for the law or the Hawksbill Creek Agreement. I remind this FNM government that the name of this city is Freeport, not 'Tax The Hell Out of it Port' and extract as much as you can."

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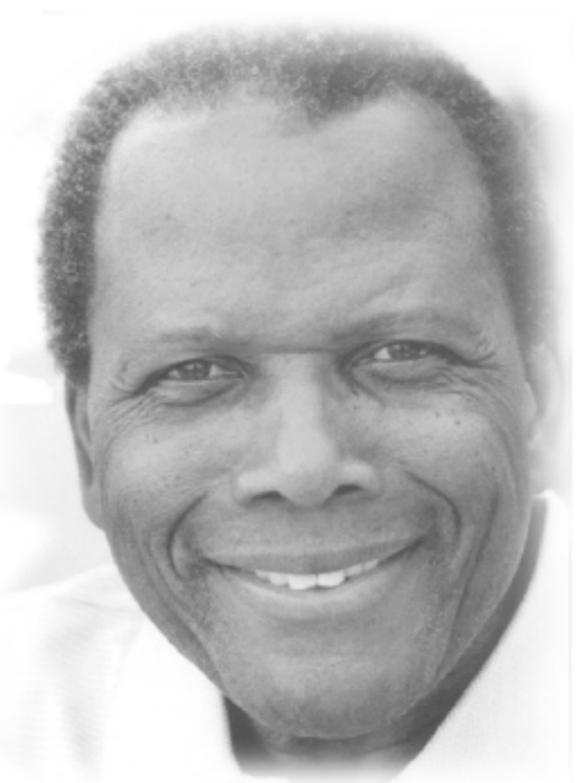
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BUSINESS

CWC TO UNLOCK BTC'S 'TRIPLE PLAY POTENTIAL'

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Tribune Business that once BTC's cellular monopoly came to an end, the Bahamas would "four to five years from now" likely see two large companies - a CWC-controlled BTC and Cable Bahamas - going head-to-head in all the major communications sectors, something that could only benefit consumers when it came to price, service quality and technology.

Urging Bahamians to "look beyond" the emotions and nationalistic sentiments provoked by the BTC privatisation debate, Mr D'Aguilar said: "In three years, when you've liberalised the sector and sold the second cellular licence - say to Cable Bahamas, and they've picked up 40 per cent of the market - Cable & Wireless will end up owning 51 per cent of 60 per cent, and end up owning 30 per cent of the telecommunications sector."

As a result, CWC would not end up controlling the Bahamian telecommunications sector, and Mr D'Aguilar added: "I love the fact that CWC have taken over BTC, primarily because I think they are going to allow BTC to realise in a quicker manner its Triple Play potential."

"On the BTC side they're very good at telecommunications, but that's all they have. They basically ceded the Internet market to Cable Bahamas, and are not at all in media,

video and TV. The potential is for BTC to go into those two markets.

"Then you've got Cable Bahamas, who are very good at cable TV, very good a Internet but are obviously not good at phones, although they are trying to get into that market."

Looking at how the Bahamian communications market is set to evolve, the former Chamber president added: "Once we get over this emotion ideally, in four-five years from now, we will have two major companies competing quite heavily against each other in these two markets. Both are strong enough to do it, and it will be good for consumers, having two strong companies in three liberalised markets - media/TV, Internet and telecommunications."

Partner

"People argue that those running BTC are doing a great job and why are we bringing in Cable & Wireless as a strategic partner. Where a strategic partner like Cable & Wireless adds significant value is its ability to leverage BTC and fully exploit those two areas not being exploited right now. At the end of the day, the consumer will have two strong players in these three market areas, and that can only benefit the consumer."

Many see the Bahamian communications market is evolving largely into a duop-

oly, where the major players are a privatised BTC and Cable Bahamas.

The latter has been positioning itself for this already, acquiring Systems Resource Group (SRG) to give it an immediate entrance into the fixed-line voice market as the sector liberalises. The remainder of the industry is likely to be populated by niche players, although cellular operator Digicel may have something to say about that.

Meanwhile, Mr D'Aguilar said that through being 100 per cent consumed with its telecommunications business, BTC had ignored the Internet and media/TV opportunities available to it. He suggested this indicated that BTC had not been well-run or managed over the years.

Asked whether he thought Cable & Wireless was the best strategic partner for BTC, the former Chamber president replied: "Absolutely. I think Cable & Wireless is good for a number of reasons. Number one, they're in the telecommunications business and understand the telecommunications business."

"Number two, they operate in the Caribbean. Having that background, that history will benefit them. When you're operating in this environment, dealing with this culture takes some getting used to."

"If AT&T had been chosen, they would have been blindsided by the work ethic, productivity and motivational issues."

"You can't come down from North America and plant yourself in the Bahamas. It does not work. The fact they're [CWC] in 13 jurisdictions in the Caribbean, they understand how to make things work in the Caribbean."

Given that the Bahamas had been attempting to privatise BTC for 13-14 years, Mr D'Aguilar said the nation now had to "get on with it". On the CWC deal, he added: "On the balance of things it's not a bad decision. It's not perfect, but on the balance of things it's OK."

"It's important we liberalise on schedule."

"I don't see why the Government should hold it up. For far too long BTC has been operated in the interests of the politicians and employees that work at BTC, and not in the interests of consumers. Hopefully, this is reversed."

NOTICE

WEST WINDS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR THE WEST WINDS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION LIMITED WILL BE HELD THURSDAY THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, A.D., 2011 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE PAVILION, WEST WINDS SUBDIVISION, NEW PROVIDENCE.



The new 700 room Sheraton Nassau Beach Resort, The Bahamas is looking for

Director of Rooms

Responsible for short and long term planning and day-to-day operations of the rooms and related areas. Recommend budget and manage expenses within approved budget constraints. Major areas of responsibility/management include: Front Office, Guest Services, Housekeeping, Security, Gift Shop and Health Club. May have responsibility for Recreation and Tennis. Participate in total hotel management as a member of the hotel Executive Committee.

Essential Functions

- Manage the human resources in the rooms division in order to attract, retain and motivate the employees. Hire, train, develop, empower, coach and counsel, conduct performance and salary reviews, resolve problems, provide open communication vehicles, discipline and terminate, as appropriate. Oversee departmental matters as they relate to collective bargaining agreements and the labour laws.
- Develop, recommend, implement and manage the rooms division's annual budget, business/marketing plan, forecasts and objectives to meet/exceed management expectations.
- Implement company programs and manage the operations of the division in a manner consistent with local laws and regulations and Starwood policies and procedures to ensure a high level of quality and customer satisfaction.
- Resolve customer complaints as appropriate to maintain a high level of customer satisfaction and quality.
- Implement emergency organization procedures and training through the management of the Security staff to ensure appropriate protection for hotel guests, staff and company assets.

Skills & Abilities

- Must be able to speak, read, write and understand the primary language(s) used in the workplace.
- Must be able to read and write to facilitate the communication process.
- Requires good communication skills, both verbal and written.
- Must possess basic computational ability.
- Most tasks are performed in a team environment with the employee acting as a team leader. There is minimal direct supervision.
- Must possess supervisory and management skills to communicate and express ideas and directives clearly to employees.
- Knowledge of computer accounting programs, math skills as well as budgetary analysis capabilities required.
- Advanced knowledge of the principles and practices within the rooms discipline and hospitality profession, including experiential knowledge for management of people and complex problems.
- Ability to study, analyze and interpret complex activities and/or information in order to improve new practices or develop new approaches.
- Ability to make decisions with only general policies and procedures available for guidance.
- Must be able to negotiate, convince, sell and influence professionals and/or hotel guests.

Qualifications & Experience

- High School or equivalent education required, Bachelor's Degree preferred.
- Four to six years experience in Front Office/Housekeeping/Guest Services, including at least four years supervisory experience, required.

Qualified applicants are invited to visit our website or email resumes at:

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Note: All information will be held in strictest of confidence

Deadline for all applicants is April 8, 2011

BUSINESS

NIB letter matched recession's damage

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on another matter, said the NIB letter demand had effectively brought Freeport's bonded (duty free) economy to a slow-down for three months, and was but one example of how

arbitrary government actions were causing "instability" and "the general decay of the econ-

omy of the Bahamas".

Speaking to Tribune Business yesterday, after Customs pledged, via the Attorney General's Office, to withdraw the NIB letter requirement, Mr Lowe said: "How can anyone plan, budget or endure with this sort of instability? I would say that it [the NIB letter situation] has probably been to the detriment of Freeport's economy in equal thirds, alongside the general recessionary environment and the post-Christmas slump experienced as the economy tries to recover from the spending habits of that period."

Noting that the situation had impacted Freeport's construction industry, since builders had been unable to obtain duty-free materials, Mr Lowe added: "The recent moves by the Attorney General's Office to stand down on the NIB com-

pliance letter required in order to enjoy the Port Authority-granted bonded privileges follows a pattern oft-repeated by government agencies.

"Arbitrary rules, [policy] and unlawful actions are part and parcel of the natural causes of the general decay of the economy of the Bahamas via unlawful government interference in business and private citizen affairs."

Looking at the wider ramifications, Mr Lowe said: "This affects the individual who struggles to apply for anything required from the Government by law in the way of permits and licensees, and affects businesses large and small alike to the point where one wonders what has replaced the rule of law."

"A simple courtesy in all these issues with Bahamas cus-

tombs could have avoided the need for all these Judicial Reviews and legal actions. The defining criteria would be: Is it lawful and, if not, it should never arise."

Kelly's (Freeport) and its attorney, Fred Smith QC, of Callender's & Co, were yesterday hoping to obtain the Supreme Court's leave to continue their own Judicial Review action, which is challenging Customs' demands for a monthly bonded goods sales report, but the matter was put off until April 15.

But, speaking on the NIB letter issue, Mr Smith said: "The FNM government has done nothing but create problems for licensees, especially in the last few years, and made a terrible economic situation in Freeport even worse."

"The NIB letter situation has

caused so much disruption in business in Freeport. Many businesses, including mine, have not been able to buy bonded goods. This, and the demand for bonded reports, which again are not permitted by the Hawksbill Creek Agreement, are causing confusion, difficulty and preventing commerce in Freeport.

"The Government has punished the Freeport business community with the NIB letter through January, February, March and into April, and is still punishing Freeport with these bonded goods reports. I see no end in sight to the battle with Customs. The amicable reaching out by the Port Authority was crudely rejected by the Government, and the only recourse was to the courts, which is not the way to promote commerce."

POSITION TO BE FILLED

A leading business seeks to fill the position of Receptionist/ Office Co-coordinator. All applicants should possess the following:

- Accounting/bookkeeping experience
- Ability to assist with various accounting transactions
- Strong computer skills and experience in QuickBooks.
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office programs and Microsoft Excel.
- Ability to learn quickly.
- A must in an outgoing, friendly personality
- Excellent communication and team work skills with the ability to work independently.
- The ability to manage multiple tasks.

Interested persons should send their resumes via email to: bizopbahamas@gmail.com

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **VIKKI LOUISE PURVIS of # 16 Sea Horse Lane, FREEPORT, GRAND BAHAMA, BAHAMAS** is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/ naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **31st** day of **MARCH, 2011** to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, P.O.Box N-7147, Freeport, Bahamas.



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COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS 2007
IN THE SUPREME COURT
COMMON LAW AND EQUITY DIVISION CLE/GEN/00178

IN THE MATTER of the Property comprised in a Deed of Mortgage dated the 31st day July, A.D. 1992 between Edward N. Thompson as a Borrower and FirstCaribbean Finance Corporation (Bahamas) Limited (formerly, Barclays Finance Corporation (Bahamas) Limited)

AND IN THE MATTER of the Conveyancing and Law of Property Act, Chapter 138 of the Revised Statute Laws of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

BETWEEN

FIRSTCARIBBEAN FINANCE CORPORATION (BAHAMAS) LIMITED (formerly, Barclays Finance Corporation (Bahamas) Limited)

Plaintiff

AND

EDWARD N. THOMPSON

Defendant

NOTICE OF ADJOURNED HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that the Notice of Appointment to Hear the Originating Summons filed on the 7th day of February, A.D. 2011 and set down to be heard on Tuesday the 1st day of March, A.D., 2011 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon will now be heard before the Honourable Justice, Stephen Isaacs, Justice of the Supreme Court, Senate Building, Parliament Street, Nassau, The Bahamas on **Monday the 4th day of April, A. D., 2011 at 10:30 o'clock in forenoon.**

Dated this 7th day of March, A.D., 2011

REGISTRAR

This Notice was taken out by Messrs. Gibson, Rigby & Co., Chambers, Ki-Malex House, Dowdeswell Street, Nassau, The Bahamas, Attorneys for the Plaintiff.

BISX LISTED & TRADED SECURITIES AS OF:											
FRIDAY, 25 MARCH 2011											
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX: CLOSE 1,474.46 CHG 3.13 %CHG 0.21 YTD -25.05 YTD % -1.67											
FINDEX: YEAR END 2008 -12.31%											
WWW.BISXBAHAMAS.COM TELEPHONE: 242-677-BISX (2479) FACSIMILE: 242-323-2320											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Previous Close	Today's Close	Change	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
1.19	0.95	AML Foods Limited		1.19	1.19	0.00	3,500	0.123	0.040	9.7	3.38%
10.63	9.05	Bahamas Property Fund		10.63	10.63	0.00		0.013	0.200	817.7	1.88%
5.75	4.40	Bank of Bahamas		5.20	5.20	0.00		0.153	0.100	34.0	1.92%
0.53	0.17	Benchmark		0.18	0.18	0.00		-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%
2.84	2.70	Bahamas Waste		2.70	2.70	0.00		0.168	0.090	16.1	3.33%
2.20	1.96	Fidelity Bank		1.96	1.96	0.00		0.016	0.040	122.5	2.04%
12.40	9.25	Cable Bahamas		9.25	9.25	0.00		1.050	0.310	8.8	3.35%
2.85	2.35	Colina Holdings		2.40	2.40	0.00		1.031	0.040	2.3	1.67%
7.00	5.80	Commonwealth Bank (S1)		6.82	6.82	0.00		0.488	0.260	14.0	3.81%
2.86	1.90	Consolidated Water BDRs		2.22	2.22	0.04		0.111	0.045	20.4	1.99%
2.54	1.40	Doctor's Hospital		1.40	1.40	0.00		0.107	0.110	13.1	7.86%
6.30	5.22	Famguard		5.22	5.22	0.00		0.357	0.240	14.6	4.60%
9.27	5.65	Finco		7.50	7.50	0.00		0.682	0.000	11.0	0.00%
11.40	8.77	FirstCaribbean Bank		9.30	9.35	0.05	1,160	0.494	0.350	18.9	3.74%
6.07	4.57	Foocol (S)		5.48	5.48	0.00		0.452	0.160	12.1	2.92%
1.00	1.00	Foocol Class B Preference		1.00	1.00	0.00		0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%
7.30	5.50	ICD Utilities		7.30	7.30	0.00		0.012	0.240	608.3	3.29%
10.50	9.80	J. S. Johnson		9.82	9.82	0.00		0.859	0.640	11.4	6.52%
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate		10.00	10.00	0.00		1.207	0.200	8.3	2.00%
BISX LISTED DEBT SECURITIES - (Bonds trade on a Percentage Pricing basis)											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Last Sale	Change	Daily Vol.	Interest	Maturity			
99.46	99.46	Bahamas Note 6.95 (2029)	BAH29	99.46	0.00		6.95%	20 November 2029			
2.0527	2.0500	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		2 7%	30 May 2013			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00		3 Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015			
RoyalFidelity Merchant Bank & Trust Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid %	Ask %	Last Price	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
10.05	5.01	Bahamas Supermarkets	N/A	N/A	14.00		-2.345	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%	
BISX Listed Mutual Funds											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD %	Last 12 Months %	NAV 3MTH	NAV 6MTH	NAV Date			
1.5122	1.4076	CFAL Bond Fund	1.5179	5.51%	6.90%	1.498004	1.475244	30-Nov-10			
2.0527	2.0300	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.0496	0.04%	1.45%	2.918256	2.910084	28-Feb-11			
1.5837	1.5141	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.5837	0.61%	4.59%	1.564030	1.545071	11-Feb-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	13.4392	0.61%	-0.22%			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			
1.1491	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.1491	5.35%	5.35%			31-Dec-10			
9.7485	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			
MARKET TERMS											
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX - 19 Dec 02 = 1,000.00											
52wk-Hi - Highest closing price in last 52 weeks											
52wk-Low - Lowest closing price in last 52 weeks											
Previous Close - Previous day's weighted price for daily volume											
Today's Close - Current day's weighted price for daily volume											
Change - Change in closing price from day to day											
Daily Vol. - Number of total shares traded today											
Div \$ - Dividends per share paid in the last 12 months											
P/E - Closing price divided by the last 12 month earnings											
(\$)- 4-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 7/11/2007											
(\$)- 3-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 7/11/2007											
YIELD - last 12 month dividends divided by closing price											
Bid \$ - Buying price of Colina and Fidelity											
Ask \$ - Selling price of Colina and Fidelity											
Last Price - Last traded over-the-counter price											
Weekly Vol. - Trading volume of the prior week											
EPS \$ - A company's reported earnings per share for the last 12 months											
NAV - Net Asset Value											
N/M - Not Meaningful											
FINDEX - The Fidelity Bahamas Stock Index, January 1, 1994 = 100											
TO TRADE CALL: 242-502-7010 ROYALFIDELITY 242-356-7764 FG CAPITAL MARKETS 242-396-4000 COLONIAL 242-502-7525											

Car dealers fear supply shortages

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questionable," Mr Albury said, adding that Executive Motors was expecting new car shipments to come in this week and, possibly, one next month. "We should know by the end of next week where we are in terms of production. We will have an idea of where we are going, but all indications are that just about everyone will be affected by the fall in production."

The main 'aftershock' of the Japanese earthquake for auto suppliers has been the damage caused to car parts suppliers based in that nation. While brands such as Honda and Toyota may have sustained limited or no damage to many of their Japanese-based plants, many of their suppliers have not been so fortunate.

Mr Albury told Tribune Business that between 11,000-12,000 parts went into constructing a typical vehicle, most of them sourced from external suppliers. US-built vehicles would not be immune, he added, as many of their electronic control parts were made in Japan. CNN had also estimated that global car production was set to fall by 30 per cent this year.

"It's going to be far-reaching," Mr Albury said. "We're going to be taking some necessary steps. We're going to have limited inventory, so are just going to pull back on marketing and discounting on what we presently have to protect profit margins."

"We expect by July and August not to have too

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Fred Albury

much inventory coming in, so that will affect government revenues." As a "stop-gap" solution, Mr Albury said Executive Motors may look at sourcing one and two year-old vehicles to bridge the gap until "we see where we are going".

He added that brands such as Kia and Hyundai, both Korean, were having difficulty in keeping up with global demand for their latest models.

Expressing similar sentiments, Rick Lowe, operations manager at Nassau Motor Company (NMC), said of the new car supply situation: "We are concerned, but we are awaiting

final word on how we'll be impacted from our supplier's regional office.

"We've sold a few cars since the Car Show, and got a look at more applications. It looks like the banks are serious and that we are headed in the right direction."

Andrew Barr, Friendly Motors' sales manager, added: "A lot of the dealers are short on inventory as well. There are manufacturing problems because the demand for a lot of the high-tech vehicles has exceeded supply, and a lot of production allocation has not been built. The manufacturer is unable to build in the quantities we need."

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Learning & Development Coordinator

Kelly's is seeking a fully-qualified and experienced professional to become the full-time Learning and Development Coordinator for the 350 + employees in Kelly's House & Home and Kelly's Lumber Yard. The position will demand a resourceful communicator able to motivate adults with varying educational backgrounds and qualifications, as well as someone capable of developing and implementing on-going in-house training and development programs. Such programs will include, but not necessarily be limited to:

- Orientation courses for all new employees
- Customer Service courses for all retail employees
- Computer familiarisation courses
- Product-specific knowledge courses for all retail employees
- Safety courses for drivers and warehouse/yard personnel
- Supervisory/leadership courses for current and prospective supervisors
- Personal development courses for career advancement

The successful applicant will also be expected to seek out and develop strong links with other providers of external on-going work-related courses in specialized and technical areas. Previous experience in adult education would be an asset.

This is a position for an experienced and qualified professional, who is willing to demonstrate a long-term commitment to Kelly's development and expansion. Benefits include medical, pension, and profit-sharing plans, with remuneration package dependant on qualifications and experience.

E-mail letter of application with comprehensive resume to info@kellysbahamas.com with "Learning and Development Coordinator" as subject.

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APD Limited – Request for Proposal for Common Terminal and Vessel Stevedoring operations support for the Arawak Port.

Invitation to qualified Bahamian firms to submit proposals for providing container handling equipment and common container terminal services.

APD Limited was established in 2010 pursuant to a MOU between the Bahamas Government and APD Limited and for the purpose of developing Arawak Cay into an international port facility serving the break bulk cargo, bulk materials and containerized freight needs in New Providence. The port development and operating agreement with the Government of The Bahamas provides APD Limited with exclusive rights to operate the port in New Providence for twenty years and provides APD Limited with a 45 year lease for the port property on Arawak Cay.

In July 2010 Port construction began and the Port is expected to be fully operational by December 2011. The container terminal operations are presently managed by an independent terminal operator. In the Q3 2011, APD Limited will assume responsibility for all common container terminal services to include lift on lift off "LOLO" and roll on roll off "RORO" vessel stevedoring and common terminal services within the container terminal yard and along the bulkhead. APD Limited is desirous to contract this work out to a qualified Bahamian firm.

APD Limited would like to invite qualified firms to submit proposals to provide common container terminal services in the Arawak Port, commencing in a temporary facility in Q3 2011 whilst setting up permanent facilities during 2011 in the container terminal area of the Port.

The Common Terminal Operator will be expected to operate and supply the necessary freight handling equipment and personnel to meet the operating needs of the common container terminal and the vessel LOLO and ROLO operations. APD Limited will establish the rules and regulations on how to operate the common terminal. All fees and rules associated with the common terminal will be described within the port's tariff. The Common Terminal Operator will be required to conform to these requirements in order to remain in good standing with APD Limited. Should the Common Terminal Operator fail to meet the minimum operating requirements and or satisfactorily comply with the terms and conditions of the license, APD Limited will have the right to terminate the license without consequence to APD Limited. The Common Terminal Operator will be required to invest in a maintenance facility to support the continuous operation of the freight equipment employed within the common terminal.

Terminal Operators interested in obtaining the license to provide common container terminal services in the Arawak Port are invited to submit a proposal to include but not be limited to the following:

1. Business structure; sole entity or a consortium of partners. Please explain and provide background of consortium.
2. Evidence that the applicant is licensed to provide freight terminal operations and stevedoring services in the Bahamas.
3. Detailed account of current and historic experience in providing freight terminal operations and stevedoring services in the Bahamas. Please include historical productivity metrics the company uses to manage its effectiveness.
4. Evidence that the applicant can provide the following freight equipment by the dates indicated:
 - a. Manitowoc 4100 or Gottwald HMK260 (or similar class of crane) with raised cab and spreader bar – QTY required 3 (two required August 1st, 2011 and the third by December 1st, 2011)
 - b. Reach stackers, top loader, straddle carrier – minimum QTY required 3 of any combination (All required by August 1st, 2011)
 - c. 50,000lbs or Greater Heavy Duty Fork Lift – minimum QTY 1 (required August 1st, 2011)
 - d. Jockey Trucks – minimum QTY 8 (required by August 1st, 2011)
5. The Arawak Port will have the exclusive right to receive and handle all foreign origin containerized freight. The Manitowoc 4100 and or Gottwald HMK260 class cranes required will discharge and load all LOLO vessels. APD Limited requires that the applicant include in their proposal a maintenance plan for each piece of freight equipment and the CVs for all maintenance personnel to include evidence that personnel are certified to maintain the crane(s), reach stackers, top loaders and or straddle carriers to be employed.
6. The applicant is to include a list of all staff and their qualifications and years of experience.
7. Evidence from any one or more of Royal Bank of Canada, First Caribbean, Bank of The Bahamas, Royal Fidelity, Scotiabank or other recognized firm, indicating the applicant's ability to invest a minimum of \$2 million on demand.

Procedure:
Upon receipt and satisfactory analysis of the provided qualification criteria, APD Limited will provide the successful applicant(s) with detailed requirements, the terms of reference for the use of the temporary facility, cost for services schedule to be completed by the applicant and the Terminal License agreement for the common container terminal area. Shortlisted companies will be invited to present their proposal on or before April 29th, 2011.
You are asked to hand deliver your submission to the office of APD Limited, House of Mosko, Bay and Victoria, Nassau, Bahamas. Submissions must be received by April 26th, 2011.

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BUSINESS

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AIRPORT TENANTS SEE SALES RISES UP TO 35%

square foot US terminal was opened to the traveling public on March 16, 2011. The former terminal closed on the same day for re-development into what will become the Domestic/International arrivals terminal once completed.

Within the new terminal are an expanded array of

retail, restaurant and other food outlets - some of them entirely new, others having shifted and/or expanded from previous locations in the former US terminal.

Among the retail outlets are: Uniquely Bahamian, The Last Straw, Piranha Joe,

My Ocean, John Bull, Bahama Sol, Cays News & Gifts, Tortuga Rum Cakes and Caribbean Lighthouse.

Kafe Kalik, Bahama Dutch Oven, Quiznos, Wendy's, Dunkin' Donuts, Bootleggers Bar, Elixir Lounge, and Graycliff's

Divan and Boutique offer food and beverages to departing travelers.

Tanya Klonaris-Azevedo, proprietor of My Ocean, which offers a variety of lines of Bahamian-made crafts and bath products, said that for her company there is "no comparison" between the business environment at its kiosk in the former terminal and the response to the 400 square foot store location they now operate out of.

the store. Ms Klonaris-Azevedo added that all businesses will benefit from the enhanced overall atmosphere and aesthetic appeal of the new terminal. "If customers are happier they tend to be happier spending as well," she said.

Clothing and souvenir retailer, Piranha Joe, also now has a storefront for its location in the terminal, as opposed to the kiosk it previously operated.

Omar Chemaly said the larger space has allowed Piranha Joe to increase its daily sales by an average of 35 per cent so far. The company has increased its employee count at the airport site to six, and is awaiting approval to bring on three additional employees.

"It makes a big difference for us, as we were very restricted at the kiosk in being able to carry our full Piranha Joe line that we offer our customers at our other locations. Having this larger retail space allows us to carry the full line that caters to the whole family. It also allows the customer to find exactly what they are looking for with ease," said Mr Chemaly.

Randy Sands, director of Operations for Wendy's, which opened its second airport location - joining its

domestic terminal facility - at the US terminal, said the fast-food company is also very pleased with the response so far.

"Things have been going really well. We've been really well received by all travellers as well as staff allowed to be in downstream area, beyond US security," he added.

"Business is up and down all day based on passenger flow, but we're very pleased with the result so far in such a short period of time. Given that things tend to pick up during the busy tourist time in the summer, we're even more excited to wait and see how things go then."

Mr Sands added that Wendy's now has 45 staff, including seven managers, between its two airport locations, having taken on an additional 25 staff when it opened the new outlet.

Inga Bowleg, director of business development for John Bull, told Tribune Business that the company considers itself "honoured" to have been afforded a retail opportunity at the new terminal, describing the facility as "simply amazing and an achievement all Bahamians should be extremely proud of."

"The store has been very well received by Bahamians and visitors alike, who are also pleasantly surprised at the array of products representing some of the world's most sought-after brands. To date, the Pandora jewellery line has been the greatest hit in-store," said Ms Bowleg. The company took on seven employees to staff the location.

A Dunkin Donuts spokesperson echoed the positive chorus, telling Tribune Business: "The terminal's really great and the guests are loving it. We've only had positive responses so far."

Happy

"It's been good for us, we're happy with the changes. People are coming inside and experiencing the store, as opposed to a kiosk, which makes a big difference. We've also come out with new product lines, about 200 new products in total, so there's a lot more on offer and it is a really uniquely Bahamian experience for visitors. We've modelled our product lines around five concepts dealing with different aspects of our culture, landscape and folklore, really taking time to create something new and fresh for visitors, and there's definitely been a good response," said Ms Klonaris-Azevedo. My Ocean now has five employees staffing

NOTICE

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The new 700 room Sheraton Nassau Beach Resort, Nassau, The Bahamas is looking for

Chef De Cuisine

Support and assist the Executive Chef. Oversee the day-to-day culinary operations of the hotel's "fine dining" room. Train and supervise staff and monitor food quality.

Essential Functions

- Select, train and supervise kitchen staff in the proper preparation of menu items, equipment and safety measures.
- Evaluate performance, give guidance and discipline as necessary to promote quality products.
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- Read and employ math skills for following recipes.
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Skills & Abilities

- Must be able to speak, read, write and understand the primary language(s) used in the workplace.
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- Requires good communication skills, both verbal and written.
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- Must possess basic computer skills.
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- Ability to conduct meetings, menu briefings and maintain communication lines between line staff and Director, Food & Beverage.

Qualifications & Experience

- High School or equivalent education required, Bachelor's Degree preferred.
- Minimum of two years experience as a Sous Chef in a high-end, high quality operation.

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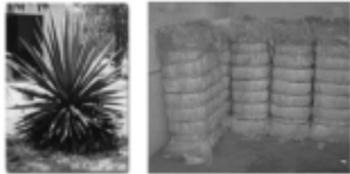
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Date: April 4-15, 2011

Time: 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. (Daily)

Venue: C.V. Bethel Sr. School

Location: East Street, South

Application Form

Name: _____ P. O. Box: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

Age range: under 15 16 – 25 26 – 40 41 – 60 61 – 70 71 and over

Employment Status: Employed Government Private Self-employed
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Have you completed Previous Training Courses by BAIC? Yes No

List: _____ Date(s): _____

ADMINISTRATIVE FEE: \$100.00 [EXCLUDING MATERIALS]

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CAREER OPPORTUNITY LEGAL SECRETARY

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Job Requirements:

- Extensive experience and sound knowledge of proper legal format and processes.
- 7 – 10 years legal secretarial experience.
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office and shorthand/speedwriting skills are essential.

To Apply:

Interested persons should apply no later than 31st March, 2011 to:

**Office Manager
P.O. Box N 3937
Nassau, The Bahamas**

BUSINESS

Irish bank stress tests to drive up bailout costs

SHAWN POGATCHNIK,
Associated Press
DUBLIN

Ireland is publishing stress tests on its four surviving banks Thursday — and analysts expect the results to force all

of them to come under majority state control and perhaps even shove the country into an eventual default.

Regulators are revealing numbers on two banks that are already majority state-owned — Allied Irish Banks and the

Educational Building Society — and two others expected to join that club soon: the Bank of Ireland and Irish Life & Permanent.

The results are widely expected to show that last year's estimated potential loss-

es for Irish banks — euro54 billion (\$76 billion) — were far too low. Economists said the new total would likely approach euro80 billion (\$110 billion) or more, about half of Ireland's entire economy.

"The government is trying to remove uncertainty. But if we are going to spend up to euro80 billion to recapitalize our banks,

that's just too big for us to manage. It will not work," said Jim Power, chief economist at Friends First, a Dutch-owned insurance company in Ireland. "We need a major European initiative quickly, otherwise the future of the euro is under serious threat."

Ireland plunged into a financial morass after its six banks

spent a decade gorging themselves on real estate loans that started going sour in 2008. Ireland's government — uncomfortably close to many of the country's real estate barons — tried to discourage investors from fleeing Ireland's six banks by issuing a blanket guarantee that instead has left taxpayers on the hook for all their losses.



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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Project: NEW PROVIDENCE TRANSPORT PROGRAM

Financing: Inter-American Development Bank

Abstract: **INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT FOR PROJECT COORDINATOR, PROJECT EXECUTION UNIT**

Sector: Transport

Loan/Credit Number: Loan No. 1988/OC-BH

Contract/Bid Number: Invitation for Expression of Interest

Deadline: 19th April 2011 1400 HOURS

The Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas (GOBH) has received Supplementary Financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) towards the financing of the New Providence Transport Program (NPTP) in The Bahamas. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this financing be applied for the procurement of consulting services to support the Project Execution Unit (PEU).

The purpose of the project is to reduce transport costs for road users by providing a more rational and efficient transport system for New Providence. The specific objectives of the funding are to contribute to the improvement of the existing road network, the modernization and strengthening of the institutional framework for the provision of public transport services and the alleviation of the negative environmental impacts associated with the existing traffic congestion levels.

The Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MOWT) now invites individual consultants, who are suitably qualified to submit their Expressions of Interest to serve as Project Coordinator to spearhead, manage and direct the operations of the Project Execution Unit. The total duration of the consultancy assignment is 18-24 months. The consultant will be based in Nassau, Bahamas.

A copy of the full Terms of Reference for the position as well as any further applicable information can be obtained by sending a request to the e-mail below.

Expressions of Interest must include signed curriculum vitae emphasizing details of work performed of a relevant nature.

* Summary of the qualifications:

- Professional Civil engineer with fifteen (15) years experience in the planning, design, construction and implementation of major infrastructure projects
- Five years (5) minimum professional experience in the construction supervision; project management of urban roads and highways is desirable
- Preferably with post graduate qualifications in Project Management, Business Administration, Civil Engineering or Transport Planning
- Previous involvement in the execution of projects financed by multi-lateral financing institutions

Expressions of Interest must be enclosed in a sealed envelope and addressed to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Public Works and Transport. The Expressions of Interest should be sent to the address below no later than April 19th 2011.

The envelope should be clearly marked at the top left hand corner as follows:

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT
INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT FOR THE PROJECT COORDINATOR, PROJECT EXECUTION UNIT.

Do not open before 19th April 2011, at 14:00 hours (Bahamas time).

The expressions of Interest will be evaluated based on the qualifications and relevant experience of the individual.

*A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the IDB's "Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank" (GN-2550-7) dated July 2006.

Contacts:

Permanent Secretary
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SECURITIES COMMISSION OF THE BAHAMAS

PUBLIC NOTICE

No.6 of 2011 31st March 2011

Re: PROGRESSIVE MANAGEMENT LIMITED

This **NOTICE** is issued by the Securities Commission of The Bahamas ("the Commission") pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Industry Act, 1999 (the Act).

It has been brought to the attention of the Commission that **PROGRESSIVE MANAGEMENT LIMITED** may be carrying out activities that are registrable under the Act.

The general public is **HEREBY ADVISED** that neither Progressive Management Limited, its agents nor its consultants are registrants of the Securities Commission nor have they made application for registration with the Commission. Therefore, any conduct of registrable securities business by this company, its agents or consultants in or from this jurisdiction is a violation of the Act. Further, if this company in any way holds itself out as fully compliant and bona fides operating in the securities industry from this jurisdiction, it has committed an offence and is liable for criminal prosecution and/or regulatory sanctions under the relevant laws of The Bahamas.

BACKGROUND

Progressive Management Limited appears to be holding itself out as an investment company boasting large and attractive returns to investors. The company is holding itself out as being located in this jurisdiction at;

29 Retirement Rd
Nassau, Bahamas

The Commission's information indicates that this entity, although incorporated here, never maintained a physical presence in this jurisdiction nor did they conduct any business from this jurisdiction with the exception of customer service functions. Further, the Commission's information indicates that the entity has left this jurisdiction and is continuing its operation from another country.

Anyone desirous of conducting securities business with Progressive Management Limited, its agents, or its consultants, should be cognizant that they are doing so with an unregulated entity and individuals. You are therefore strongly urged to conduct full and proper due diligence and exercise the utmost caution before engaging in transactions with the above named company, its agents or its consultants.

Anyone who is already involved in transactions with the above named company, its agents or its consultants and is concerned about these transactions should contact Mr. Gawaine Ward, Deputy Legal Counsel at the Securities Commission of The Bahamas at telephone number 397 - 4100 or in writing to P.O. Box N-8347, Nassau, The Bahamas or via e-mail: info@scb.gov.bs

BUSINESS



The new 700 room Sheraton Nassau Beach Resort, The Bahamas is looking for
Director of Food & Beverage

Direct and organize the Food & Beverage function within the hotel in order to maintain high standards of food and beverage quality, service, and merchandising to maximize profits. Participate in total hotel management as a member of the hotel Executive Committee.

Essential Functions

- Plan and direct the functions of administration and planning of the Food and Beverage Department to meet the daily needs of operation.
- Clearly describe, assign and delegate responsibility and authority for the operation of the various food and beverage sub-departments, i.e., room service, restaurants, banquets, kitchens, stewards, etc.
- Develop, implement and monitor schedules for the operation of all restaurants and bars to achieve a profitable result.
- Participate with the chef, outlet managers, and catering managers in the creation of attractive and merchandising menus designed to attract a pre-determined customer market.
- Implement effective control of food, beverage and labor costs among all sub-departments.
- Assist the area managers in establishing and achieving predetermined profit objectives and desired standards of quality food, service, cleanliness, merchandising and promotion.

Skills & Abilities

- Must be able to speak, read, write and understand the primary language(s) used in the workplace.
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- Requires good communication skills, both verbal and written.
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- Most tasks are performed in a team environment with the employee acting as a team leader. There is minimal direct supervision.

Qualifications & Experience

- High School or equivalent education required, Bachelor's Degree preferred.
- Several years experience in overall Food & Beverage operation as well as management experience. Culinary, sales and service background required.

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Deadline for all applicants is April 8, 2011**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY****SECURITIES COMMISSION OF THE BAHAMAS**

The Securities Commission of The Bahamas, a statutory agency responsible for the oversight, supervision and regulation of the Investment Funds, Securities and Capital Markets, in or from The Bahamas, as well as the supervision of Financial and Corporate Service Providers, invites applications from qualified individuals for the following position:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**Function**

- The Executive Director will have the executive responsibility to:
- Lead the operations and activities under authority delegated by the Members of the Commission Implement the strategic goals and objectives of the Commission; and
- Along with the Chairman, enable the Members to fulfill their governance function.

Reporting

- Reports to the Chairman and Members of the Commission (the Board).

Principal Responsibilities

- Supporting the administration and operations of the Commission with reporting of appropriate, timely and quality information to enable the Board to discharge its responsibilities effectively;
- Developing and executing the strategic plan based on goals set by the Board; overseeing the resulting programs and regulatory services;
- Recommending significant operational and policy changes to the Commission in collaboration with the technical consultant responsible for the regulatory departments;
- Recommending the annual budget for Board approval, including major capital expenditure, and prudently managing resources;
- Establishing effective risk management and control systems;
- Effectively managing the people resources, including establishing a strong management team;
- Implementing and maintaining a performance management system which is fair and includes setting of annual goals; and
- Communicating within the Commission and to its stakeholders the strategic goals, action plans and mission of the Commission

Knowledge/Skills

- Knowledge of the financial services business and its regulation;
- Knowledge of securities and capital markets;
- Knowledge of all applicable legislation;
- Some background in the securities and investment funds business will be an asset;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills; and
- Proficiency in computer skills.

Qualifications/Experience

- A post-graduate degree in the areas of finance, law, accounting or related field; or an equivalent professional qualification; and
- Extensive experience in executive management in financial services, with at least 10 years experience.

Compensation and Benefits

- Competitive salaries and benefits offered.

Contact Information

- Interested person should submit their applications no later than April 15, 2011 to:

**Deputy Manager, Executive Department
Securities Commission of The Bahamas
Tel: (242) 397-4100
Fax: (242) 356-7530
E-mail: info@scb.gov.bs**

Obama sets ambitious goal to reduce US oil imports

WASHINGTON

Seeking to show the public he understands the burden of rising gas prices, President Barack Obama set an ambitious goal of reducing U.S. oil imports by one-third by 2025, and vowed to break through the political gridlock that has stymied similar initiatives for decades. "Presidents and politicians of every stripe have promised energy independence but that promise has so far gone unmet," Obama said Wednesday during a speech on energy at Georgetown University.

"That has to change. We cannot keep going from shock to trance on the issue of energy security, rushing to propose action when gas prices rise, then hitting the snooze button when they fall again," he said.

Initiatives

Obama touted a series of initiatives — some new, but many he has previously announced — that he said would boost domestic oil production, increase the use of biofuels and natural gas, and make vehicles more energy efficient. And he embraced nuclear power as part of America's energy future, despite increased safety concerns following the earthquake and tsunami in Japan that severely damaged a nuclear power plant there.

Obama said he is determined to ensure that nuclear plants in the U.S. are safe, and has ordered a safety review of all facilities that will incorporate lessons learned from the crisis in Japan. The president spoke against the backdrop of rising gas prices following unrest in the oil-rich Middle East.

Gas prices in the U.S. have shot up 50 cents a gallon (\$0.12 a liter) this year, reaching a national average of \$3.58 a gallon (\$0.89 a liter) last week, according to an automobile association's daily survey.

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We're looking for passionate Retail Sales Representatives with:

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Interested persons may submit written offers addressed to DL Properties Ltd., c/o Managing Partner, P. O Box N-272, Nassau, Bahamas or delivered by hand to Graham Thompson & Co., Sassoon House, Shirley Street and Victoria Avenue, Nassau, Bahamas to be received no later than the close of business on the 8th day of April 2011.

BUSINESS

AP-GfK Poll: Americans souring more on economy

LIZ SIDOTI,
AP National Political Writer
WASHINGTON



BARACK OBAMA

For all the talk of recovery, Americans are growing increasingly pessimistic about the economy as soaring gas costs strain already-tight budgets. So far, people aren't taking it out on President Barack Obama, a new Associated Press-GfK poll shows.

Even so, the survey highlights a central challenge Obama will face in his campaign for re-election. The president will have to convince a lot of voters who are still feeling financial hardship that things are getting better. Obama's approval ratings have held steady at around 50 percent over the past month. But the disconnect between negative perceptions of the economy and signs that a rebound are under way could provide an opening for Republicans at the outset of the 2012 campaign.

In the survey, just a sliver of Americans — 15 percent — said they believed the economy had improved over the past month, compared with 30 percent who had thought that in January. Only a third were optimistic of better times ahead for the country, down from about half earlier this year. And 28 percent thought the economy would get worse, the largest of slice of people who have expressed that sentiment since the question was first asked in December 2009.

"It's in a poor state," said Billy Shirley, 74, a Democrat from Commerce, Ga. "Everything's going to the bad. Everyone's spending more on gas, food, everything. The prices on everything are going up, and that's hurting the nation."

Recent economic indicators paint a more positive picture: The unemployment rate, though still high at 8.9 percent, has been declining, and consumer spending and personal income were both up last month. The gross domestic product was growing at an annual rate of 3.1 percent as last year ended.

Americans are acutely focused on their financial well-being, even as turmoil in the Middle East commands international attention. And the foreign unrest is directly affecting them by boosting oil prices.

More Americans — 77 percent, up from 54 percent last fall — now say gas prices are highly important to them.

Obama's job-performance ratings haven't suffered as people's attitudes about the economy have shifted over the past month. Half still approve of how he's doing his job, and half say he deserves to be re-elected. His rating on handling the economy was unchanged: 47 percent approved. In fact, twice as many people said Obama "understands the important issues the country will need to focus on during the next two years" as said that about Republicans in Congress.

That's not to say that Obama is escaping responsibility for the economic situation.

Annalee Iltis, 26, of Sarasota, Fla., faults big business, the federal government and, to a lesser extent, the president.

"I do a bit," she said, "but at the same time he has good

ideas. He just doesn't have the backers in the House and the Senate to get them done." The self-described independent voter, who supported Obama in 2008 and says she would do so next year, is concerned that deep budget cuts that Congress is considering will hurt the fragile economic recovery.

"It seems stable now but I fear it's going to go downhill quickly," she said.

Henry Kugeler, 49, of Chicago, likened the situation to the fable about the crawling tortoise that wins the race against the speedy hare, saying: "Right now, the country is the tortoise. I don't think the economy is getting worse. The recovery that's happening is real, but it's incredibly slow."

The Democrat doesn't blame Obama or other politicians, saying: "They haven't helped but I don't know that they've hurt."

Obama inherited an economy in recession. Republicans angling for the chance to challenge him next fall have been blaming him for the slow recovery and arguing they could do better. Presidential advisers are hopeful that the positive economic trends continue, giving Obama an opportunity to make the case for keeping him in office rather than risk an economic backslide.

NOTICE

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NOTICE

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Join the Kelly's Team Store Manager

Kelly's is seeking a motivated person to be a full-time Store Manager at Kelly's House & Home. The position will demand a resourceful communicator and leader able to motivate adults and create a sense of 'team' within the personnel under their care, as well as someone experienced in providing an excellent level of customer service.

This is a middle management position and the successful applicant will be a member of a management team responsible for the day-to-day operation of Kelly's House & Home at the Mall at Marathon. Responsibilities will include but not be limited to ensuring:

- the efficient and effective daily operation of the Store and Warehouse
- a high quality of Customer Service and responding to Customer issues
- the cleanliness and maintenance of the Store and Warehouse
- the welfare, performance and development of the Retail and Warehouse staff
- that company policies and procedures are maintained throughout the Store and Warehouse

Candidates must have proven interpersonal skills and be willing to be flexible. Managerial experience in a retail environment will be beneficial. Benefits will include medical, pension, and profit-sharing plans, with remuneration package dependant on qualifications and experience.

E-mail letter of application with comprehensive resume to info@kellysbahamas.com with "Store Manager" as subject.

No phone calls please

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NASSAU, BAHAMAS

Career Opportunity

Baha Mar Ltd will soon develop and establish the Baha Mar Training and Services Academy which will provide Training Programs for both Construction and Hospitality employees for Baha Mar.

Baha Mar Ltd. seeks to select a talented individual to join its dynamic team as the Leader of this Baha Mar Service and Training Academy.

The successful applicant will be responsible for creating and delivering World Class Training and Development programs and to support the training efforts of all our brand partners along with the following responsibilities:

- The development, coordination and leadership in all training and educational efforts for the company and its affiliates. Align the training objectives with the service goals and operational needs of the company.
- Reports to the Vice President of Workforce Planning and Development.
- Prepare and deliver compliance and cyclical training programs i.e. Construction, Brand and Safety Training, Customer Service Standards of Operation Training and Career Development Programs.
- Implementation of New Hire Orientation Training and Leadership Training.
- Liaise with BCA / BTVI on Construction Training, BHA/ College of the Bahamas/ Trade Unions for operational Training and Development
- Assist in Development of Baha Mar Training and Service Academy.

Person must possess:

- Basic computer skills.
- The ability to provide Leadership Development and Succession planning.
- Good problem solving skills
- Knowledge of training methods, curriculums and hospitality operations
- Excellent Communicative Skills

Will be required to:

- Work different schedules to reflect business needs of the company
- Participate in meetings to provide updates and insight on training-related activities
- Assist with the competence training needs, development of a training program for the company and delivery of the training program to relevant workers
- Development of a communications strategy which will include reporting training formats and protocols

The qualifications required for the position as Training Manager shall include:

- Applicant must be a Bahamian citizen or be eligible to work in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas
- At least a Bachelor's degree in Education and Training or related Experience.
- Minimum ten (10) years experience including five (5) years of training management (preferred). Strong communication and writing skills with ability to handle complex issues. Preferred experience in utilities construction.
- Demonstrated knowledge of employment laws including but not limited to;
 - The Employment Act
 - Minimum Wage and Commencement Act
 - Health and Safety Act
- Advanced English, Communication and Mathematical abilities.
- Effective written and oral communication skills.

Please forward your curriculum vitae (resume) via e-mail to hr@bahamar.com no later than April 11, 2011. All responses will be held in the strictest confidence. Only short listed applicants will be contacted.



Baha Mar Ltd. seeks to hire a talented Project Coordinator- Operations to join its dynamic team.

Primary Purpose of the Position:

The Project Coordinator - Operations will work within multi-disciplined teams to plan, permit, document and execute a mixed-use facility. The Project Coordinator-Operations will work with the various management and support personnel of the project including owner procured consultants, contractors and specialty technical consultants, reporting directly to the Vice President – Operations Development. The Project Coordinator will be expected to coordinate with design, technical and management teams through effective direction and communication. The Project Coordinator will be expected to work independently or lead small teams to execute operations related assignments.

The successful applicant will be responsible for:

- Managing daily operations support tasks for the project team to include but not limited to, office facility management support, fleet management, coordination with existing hotel properties, evaluating and documenting operations requirements, and other ad hoc development projects as they arise.
- Developing statements and scopes of work for contracted projects.
- Providing regular progress reports
- Managing small teams and outside contractors in support of activities listed above

The qualifications required for the position Project Coordinator- Operations shall include:

- 5 years management level experience in hospitality or construction related operations associated with engineering and/or maintenance
- BS Degree in technical field desired
- Excellent written and oral communications
- Must be competent with all relevant computers and software- in particular Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint

Please forward your curriculum vitae (resume) via e-mail to hr@bahamar.com no later than April 11, 2011. All responses will be held in the strictest confidence. Only short listed applicants will be contacted.

In Loving Memory



KETURAH FRANCINE WRIGHT

Sunrise: 9th Nov., 1949 Sunset: 1st April, 2011

'It's been five years since you've been gone'

*You were a precious gift from God above,
So much beauty, grace and love.*

*You touched our hearts in so many ways,
Your smile so bright even on the bad days.
We heard God's whisper calling you home,
You didn't want to go and leave us alone.*

*You loved us so much, you held our hands,
Till all the strength was gone and you could no longer
He had called your name from before,*

*You knew you couldn't make him wait anymore,
So you gave your hand to God and slowly drifted away,
Knowing that with our love we will be together again
Some day.*

Lovingly missed by husband, Frederick; children, Charice Grace and Kaji Wright, stepchildren, Theresa Miller, and Bernadette. Swearing grandchildren Cheryl, Chant, Cyrius, Kamal, Puh, Steven and Sia, Neller; sisters, Smetta, Rhonda, Emily, Gaylene, and Patricia, brothers, Arnold and John; son-in-law, Herman Grace; daughter-in-law, Rhonda Wright; and a host of other relatives and friends, especially officers and members of Cathedral of Praise Church of God.



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RELIGIOUS NEWS, STORIES
AND CHURCH EVENTS

Young & Celibate

By JEFFARAH GIBSON
Tribune Features Writer

WITH sexual intercourse increasingly becoming a casual practice, the choice of celibacy may be a hard one for some.

Without a devoted lifestyle, a support system and the ability to resist temptation whenever it arises, remaining true to such a decision can become rather tedious.

However, twenty year old Miranda Thompson* a young Christian woman, has kept firm to her choice to not engage in sexual activities until she meets that special someone and is joined in holy matrimony.

"I am twenty year-old virgin and I am proud of it. I have been trying to develop a relationship with God and I do not believe in fornication. I believe that sex is a beautiful thing, but it is only beautiful when it is done in the right context and that is a marriage. I am not ashamed to say that I am a virgin either. I know nowadays when a young person says that they are a virgin people get so shocked by that and they start making little silly comments," she said.

Although her relationship with God is firmly grounded she does experience temptation by what she sees on television and what she hears from her friends.

"All of my friends are having sex but just because they are doing it does not mean that I have to do it as well and join the bandwagon. It is their decision to have sex and it is my decision to abstain from sex. We talk all the time about it and sometimes I wonder what it is like when they start talking about their experience but I know I want to save myself for my husband and only him will get my 'cherry'."



DIFFICULT TASK: Without a devoted lifestyle, a support system and the ability to resist temptation whenever it arises, remaining true to such a decision can become rather tedious.

At times she feels pressured by friends to just try it out.

"My friends and even some of my family say the only reason why I haven't had sex yet is because I haven't found the guy that makes me weak to my knees. But it is not that, I think my body is the Lord's temple and I take my virginity so serious. I think I would be so hurt if I end up having sex before I get married. And when I think about how some relationships end up, I would feel even more hurt if the person who I gave my virginity to only used me or ended up leaving me or we ended breaking up with one another," she told *Tribune Religion*.

She has also concerned herself with making sure her friends are walking the straight and narrow path. "I do give them advice and I let them know that what they are doing is not in the right standing with God, but

changing them is something that I cannot do. I do not judge them because even though I am not having sex, I still sin in other ways, I am not perfect but I am still trying to do what I think is right for me," she explained.

Ms Thompson said it is not easy being celibate but she said when she puts her trust in God and asks him to give her strength during temptation she wins the battle.

I am going to stick by choice. Whenever I do feel tempted, I ask God to give me strength to not fall to the temptation. For other young people out there who have made the decision to remain celibate they do not have to be ashamed of their choice. And they must always ask God for strength," Ms Thompson said.

* Names have been changed.



Saint Martin Monastery's Bake Sale Fun

THE MEMBERS of the Saint Martin Monastery invite one and all to come and enjoy delicious treats at their cake sale this upcoming weekend.

The event will be held at the monastery's grounds on Nassau Street, starting at 11 to 4pm.

Sister Annie Thompson tells *Tribune Religion* that the bake sale is in aid of the church's continued building and renovation fund.

"It is something we intend to do every year, we have had cook outs and bake sales before but not at the scale we intend to put this one on," she said.

Everyone can expect a variety of treats, from cake puddings, coconut tarts, to pies and cookies.

Spirit Gospel: Home to best gospel personality

ON THE heels of winning several awards during the 2010 DJ Awards, a local radio house, Broadcast Services Ltd., is again lauding one of its DJs, Giles Wells, for winning Best Gospel Personality as host of the morning show on Spirit Gospel.

For Mr Wells, the achievement is a by-product of a career that started out on a very different path.

He studied business and finance in college, but his own finances forced him to take a job in sales at The Broadcasting Corporation, selling ads for ZNS-TV and radio. Mr Wells found his niche in media, combining sales and broadcasting as co-host of popular shows Cool and Crazy and Matters of the Heart with Kirk Johnson. By the time he landed at Spirit Gospel "offering hope" to others, he had

been through his own share of troubles, some of which he readily confesses were of his own making.

"Two divorces," he says, "five children, other struggles." Those experiences, he says, deepened his faith and allowed him to relate to his audience on the popular gospel station. "Hosting the show, and more specifically, being named the best gospel personality in the industry is very exciting. "It's a truly awesome experience. Separate from the actual recognition but more so from the perspective that I can't believe that the Lord can use someone like me to provide inspiring words and comfort to my listeners. I am indeed humbled by the honour."

Others at the station housed on Carmichael Road shared Wells' pleasure.

"Winning this award reinforces our

commitment to our listeners to provide quality programming and hosting," remarked Galen Saunders, president and general manager of Broadcast Services Ltd., parent company of Spirit Gospel and its older sibling More 94 FM. "Giles, once a secular personality, has made an indelible impact for the past three years on the spiritual market which he takes a great deal of pride representing and we're pleased to have him on our team."

Spirit Gospel recently announced the addition of Minister Kevin Harris to its staff complement further solidifying the company's intent of remaining a powerhouse. When asked about his future goals, he said: "My life is no longer my own. I've come to a place of no more limits and I want to fully render everything to God and allow him to take control."



GREAT JOB: Giles Wells, host of Spirit Gospel morning show and winner of the Best Gospel Personality.

Truth!



PASTOR
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ering / so-called worship (Saturday or Sunday). Like clockwork everybody knows the format or agenda of the worship. Three praise (fast, dancing songs) and about two worship (slow songs); it's at this point where the worship / service leader begins to pump and prime the people for about half an hour to worship God. After which, it's time for the tailor made prosperity / blessing message or some other form of religious entertainment.

Hear me child of God! There are many, many well meaning, good hearted people within these religious churches that are still in bondage, despite all of the dancing and shouting that's going on. This is due to the fact that they have yet to come into the knowledge of the TRUTH. Here's how Yahshua puts it: **John.8: 32. And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**

There is a facet of worship in religion that will lead many to believe that they're worshipping the Father in spirit and in truth. We are created in His image and in His likeness (**Gen.1:26**), therefore our spirit man yearns to worship the Father, our creator. The enemy / Satan, also being a spirit; from the beginning wanted to be and received worship himself, sought to disrupt the worship that we were created to offer unto God.

This disruption is carefully carried out by the initiation of various religions of which man has given into. As a result of this strategic move by Satan, and through ignorance, many men proudly accept the title Religious Leader. This move of the enemy is so skillfully carried out and has such a strong divisive, religious component attached it has saints / Christians; who are all supposed to be serving and worshipping the same God, boldly declare that **"I'm a Baptist, an Anglican, a Catholic, a Methodist, etc, etc;**

Despite the fact that within some of these religious denominations the same bibles are used there is much division. Watch this! Religion is an act, a belief / faith in a god or movement and the chief of this movement is man; this is the reason that the center of attention in every religion is the Religious Leader of whom the people are in bondage too and reverence.

The greatest opposition to Yahshua Messiah (a.k.a. Jesus the Christ), and His teachings was the religious leaders. As His teachings brought about deliverance / freedom from the religion and tradition of men; this did not sit well with the religious leaders. Here's another declaration that Yahshua made which upset the religious order: **"John.8:36. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."** said How do you know if you're worshipping Yahweh in spirit and in truth? The best and only answer that I can give to that question is this **"A worship that comes from a genuine relation-ship with Him through the Son, is a worship in spirit and in truth"**

This sort of worship is not the religious exercise that takes place for a few hours

on a set day, but rather this is a way of life for the believer / disciple. Here's how this relationship is established with the Father! **John.14: 6. Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

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MEDITATION

Getting it right



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not necessarily save time and energy but it will reduce the unnecessary suffering related to making mistakes. Suffering for obedience to God is a different matter all together. In the end, God's time is the right time, and God's ways are always the correct methods. Be known as a person of integrity and character.

Students, we want you to "get it right from the start." We want you to succeed in your studies and get the coveted A grade, but not if you resort to cheating in order to obtain it. You are not truly educated if you do not know the material. You will never develop your own personal potential if you take drugs to enhance your athletic performance. Who can describe the shame involved in being publicly stripped of medals?

In Romans 5:1-11(NRSV), we are encouraged to pay attention to the benefits of accepting God's salvation offered by Christ's death on the cross: "There fore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and

endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (vv. 1-5) . If ever we doubt God's love for us, we have only to recall that "God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us" (v. 8).

If we have made such mistakes in the past, let us learn from them, follow God's holy word, listen to godly counsel and do better in the future. The Samaritan woman, who meets Jesus at noon at the well, is obviously an outcast who cannot come for water in the morning with the rest of the women. She has had five husbands and she is "shacking up" with the sixth man, but her heart is touched and her life is changed, turning her into a bold proclaimer of the gospel.

Let's seek to get it right, Bahamas, and let us aim to get it right from the start.

WHEN IT comes to understanding how to get things right, it is often a matter of thinking through consequences of possible choices and selecting the best option, or engaging in none at all. For example, there is a right way and a wrong way to take money out of a bank.

It may be your money, and you may only intend to take out the amount that belongs to you. However, if you do not know how to use the ATM machine, you have to wait until the right time. If you forget to get it out on Friday, breaking in to retrieve it on Saturday is going to have serious repercussions. You will be arrested, charged, and incarcerated.

Learning to do things God's way may



Scenes from the 38th annual A.C.M. Conference

