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MAN DIES AFTER CLUB STABBING

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TWO men are being held by police for questioning over a stabbing at an Abaco club that left one man dead.

According reports, sometime around 3.35 am on Saturday Abaco police were notified of a disturbance at Surf Side Park located at Dundas Town, Abaco. At the Surfside Club police say that they discovered a man who was unresponsive, with multi-

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On eve of Cable and Wireless control, PLP leader makes strongest threat yet

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STRONGEST THREAT: PLP leader Perry Christie

ON the eve of Cable and Wireless Communications taking over management control of the Bahamas Telecommunications Company, PLP leader Perry Christie issued his strongest threat yet that if the party he leads comes to power in the next election the "bad deal" will be dismantled.

Having paid \$210 million for a 51 per cent stake in BTC, Cable and Wireless Communications (C&W) is due to take control of the company's management today. On the same day they will be meeting with the two key unions representing BTC workers, ahead of a series of

meetings with the workers themselves, starting April 11th, as they move to implement their business plan.

However, in a statement entitled "Final warning on BTC", Mr Christie said that despite the "legal formalities" now having taken place from the government's point of view to enable the sale to C&W, he wished to reiterate that the deal is "contrary to the national interest" and "will not stand" if the PLP comes to power.

He said he was making the statement in light of reports that C&W and the government "plan to effect the transfer of the assets from the Bahamian people to this for-

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BMW CRASHES INTO FLOWERS PROPERTY AFTER ACCIDENT



CRASH SCENE: The BMW ended up crashing into Craig Flowers's FML Group of Companies property.

A 20-YEAR-OLD College of the Bahamas student said he was lucky to be alive yesterday after a car accident on West Bay Street ended with a taxi narrowly missing him as he walked on the street and a BMW simultaneously crashing into the front of Craig Flowers's FML Group of Companies property.

The scene unfolded at around 5.40pm Sunday when the woman driver of a black BMW pulled out of a narrow road which runs between the FML property and the former Chez Willie restaurant on West Bay Street.

The young driver told The Tribune she was trying to turn east onto West Bay Street to go into town. She said she "saw nothing coming" when she pulled out of the side road.

Her vehicle was then hit by a white taxi van, also driven by a

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CABLE AND WIRELESS CHIEFS SET TO DISCUSS PLANS WITH BTC EMPLOYEES NEXT WEEK

CABLE and Wireless executives are expected to meet with BTC employees next week to discuss the company's plans as it moves forward.

In a statement to BTC staff, BTC's Acting President Kirk Griffin noted that with debate on the issue now complete, it is anticipated that C&W will assume management control of the company this week. Beginning next week, a team from C&W will host a series of meetings with BTC employees across the country and are expected to present an overview of the company's plans for BTC.

"I am certain that you will remain open to understanding that this 'new BTC' will do things very differently and will expect

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PM 'EXPECTED TO CONSULT WITH BAMBOO TOWN CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATION'

PRIME Minister and FNM leader Hubert Ingraham is expected to consult with the Bamboo Town Constituency Association tomorrow, according to a senior FNM.

It was also said that Clifton MP Kendal Wright is being considered as a possible candidate for the area as part of a strategic boundary revision that may eliminate his seat.

Last night, FNM Chairman Carl Bethel was tightlipped over whether or not Mr Ingraham would be present at the first constituency meeting since the resignation of the current MP Branville McCartney.

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POLICE SEIZE GUNS AND AMMUNITION

TWO guns and ammunition were seized by police in separate incidents over the weekend following stop and search exercises.

In the first incident reported by Police Press Liaison Officer, Sergeant Chrislyn Skippings, officers pursued a white Mercedes Benz in the Potter's Cay area after seeing the driver "acting suspiciously" at around 12.35am.

The pursuit ended in the area of Shirley Street and Village Road, when officers forced the vehicle, license plate number 2551, to stop.

The 26-year-old driver, a resident of Malcolm Road, was taken into custody after a shotgun with a quantity of shotgun shells was discovered in the car.

In the second incident, a tip off to officers led to a search being conducted

on a blue Daihatsu Terrios car in the Mackey and Madeira Street area at around 4.10am.

A handgun with ammunition was discovered inside.

Four people, including two men, both 36 years old, and two women, ages 27 and 31, were taken into police custody in connection with the matter.

Police investigations continue.

PLP candidate 'has a vision' for Long Island

PLP candidate Alex Storr has vowed to bring change to Long Island which he said has been neglected by the Free National Movement Government.

Storr, who was recently ratified as a candidate for Long Island and Ragged Island, told Long Island residents at a meeting in Deadman's Cay on Friday that the FNM has turned a deaf ear on Long Island – an island long considered a stronghold for the FNM.

Storr who descends from Long Island told residents, "I am here to tell you that change is on the way. I have a vision for Long Island. Not an overcrowded like Nassau, but a place where you have the access to all the amenities, utilities and standard of living of Nassau."

Storr contended that the current MP Larry Cartwright was able to do more for the island as an independent representative



PLP LONG ISLAND candidate Alex Storr

under the PLP administration than under the FNM.

Mr Storr said that he heard the concerns of residents regarding the lack of proper medical care. "I have also heard your disappointment with the current level of representation and the feeling that Long Island has been neglected," he said. "The FNM government has turned a deaf ear and a blind eye to Long Island. I know your relationship with the PLP for some of you has been a bitter-sweet one but I am here to make amends for any perceived wrongs, to set Long Island on the right track and to help make Long Island all that it can be."

PLP Deputy Leader Philip "Brave" Davis echoed those sentiments stating that the PLP would stimulate the island economy, address serious infrastructural deficiencies and bring an end to years of government neglect.

Power disruptions 'not due to load shedding'

DISRUPTIONS to power supply, which affected several areas of New Providence yesterday, was not the result of load shedding expected during summer months.

In a press statement, the Bahamas Electricity Corporation (BEC) also advised that scheduled repairs to several generators at the Clifton Pier Power Station will be completed ahead of the summer in an effort to meet demand.

The corporation said that the short term interruptions between 10am and 1pm were an "unforeseen generation

shortfall" after a larger generator was taken offline for maintenance.

The statement read: "There was sufficient capacity to sustain operations until the generator returned to service. Unfortunately, two units – one at Blue Hills and the other at Clifton Pier – developed faults early Sunday morning resulting in a brief generation shortfall."

The statement added: "BEC has initiated plans for repairs to several generators at the Clifton Pier Power Station. These repairs are scheduled to be completed ahead

of the summer and will ensure that there is more than sufficient generating capacity to meet the expected summer demand."

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JOHN BOSTWICK II speaks at a press conference yesterday to launch his 'Bahamas 2020 Vision'.

Son of a former FNM leader outlines '20-year national development plan'

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THE son of a former leader of the Free National Movement has launched a 56-page document outlining his own "20-year national development and governance plan for The Bahamas," but is remaining coy about his own political aspirations.

While admitting to The Tribune that "it is possible" the public may see his face in the political line-up come election 2012, John Bostwick II emphasised in a press conference yesterday to launch his "Bahamas 2020 Vision" that the effort was primarily aimed at promoting national development and not his own political career.

MP and a former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Housing and Attorney General under the FNM government.

However, after being welcomed onto the stage to the sound of Mariah Carey's "Hero" and speaking to a backdrop of classical violin music, Mr Bostwick informed his audience of about 35 people, which included his father, Henry, that if national development is to be spurred it is necessary that The Bahamas move beyond "petty party politics."

"Every system of civil society is in vital need of drastic repair. This neglect threatens to destroy our nation," Mr Bostwick Jr stated.

The attorney said he hopes his vision, which offers evaluations and lists recommendations for change relating to 24 different areas of national life, including tourism, financial services, crime, the judicial system, immigration, land reform, education, energy policy, fisheries, health and transportation, will "inspire debate and discussion" and a genuine effort by those in power to pursue a coherent national development plan.

Among Mr Bostwick's myriad recommendations are economic diversification, education reform and a swift shift to a greener and less fossil fuel reliant energy policy.

Specific suggestions range in scale and include the legalisation of gaming and creation of a taxable national lottery; eliminating the use of all fossil fuels

by 2031; efforts to bring the Turks and Caicos into a federation with The Bahamas; a "compulsory acquisition" of the Grand Bahama Port Authority; creating a national identity card and revising sentencing rules to creating a "mock pirate battle and jankanoo laser light show" over Nassau Harbour for visitors to Nassau to enjoy free of charge.

Mr Bostwick noted that the document can be accessed online at www.bahamas2020.com and it is his hope that Bahamians will offer suggestions for additions and revisions to the plan with the ultimate intention of creating a document that reflects the input of a broad range of the public.

MAN HELD IN CONNECTION WITH BREAK-IN AT FORMER SENATOR'S HOME

POLICE captured one of two men who allegedly broke into the home of former PLP Senator Paulette Zonicle Friday afternoon. There was an exchange of gunfire with the second suspect before his escape. No one was injured.

Reports state that sometime around 2.11 pm on Friday police were notified of a break-in at Mrs Zonicle's Yamacraw Beach Hill Road home. According to reports, when Mrs Zonicle arrived

home she was approached by two men coming out of her house. On seeing her one of the suspects snatched her handbag and both fled the scene.

Police, acting on a tip, went to Mangrove and Exuma Avenues, Yamacraw Beach Estates where they saw two men fitting the description of the robbers. Police arrested a 28-year-old man and recovered a quantity of jewellery. Officers chased the second

suspect, who pulled out a handgun and fired at them. The officers returned fire, however, the second suspect escaped. Police investigations continue.

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POLICE FIND MARIJUANA AT HOME OF WOMAN, 56

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According to police reports, sometime around 8.24 am on Saturday officers of the Southern Police Station, acting on information, went to a home at Milton Street. There they discovered beneath the house a quantity of marijuana. The woman was taken into custody and investigations continue.

A 30-year-old man of St Vincent Road was taken into police custody after he was found in possession of a handgun and ammunition.

According to reports, sometime around 8.12 pm on Friday officers of Rapid Strike were on routine patrol on Turtle Drive and Carmichael Road when they saw a male acting suspiciously. The officers searched the man and recovered a handgun with ammunition.

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Christie's threat —part of 'silly season'

BAHAMAS Communications and Public Officers Union leader Bernard Evans might not have got his "little Egypt," or a last minute miracle to block the sale of BTC to Cable & Wireless, but he has a champion in Opposition Leader Perry Christie.

Mr Christie has put Cable and Wireless on notice that should his government be returned to power, he will deliver BTC back to the Bahamian people. He has promised that the "bad deal" entered into with the Ingraham government for the sale of the Bahamas' telecommunications system will be dismantled.

"Bad deal" — these words are echoes from the past about another deal that the PLP also threatened to dismantle should its party become the government. But, when the PLP was returned to power in 2007 and had its opportunity for the dismantling operation, the bad deal had proven such a sweet deal for the Bahamas that grinning up and currying favour by the new leaders was the order of the day — the promised dismantling and renegotiation of the deal was forgotten. The threats made 11 years before were quickly abandoned — it was as though they were never spoken.

On the floor of the House in 1996 then St Michael's MP Paul Adderley had threatened Sol Kerzner that if the agreement that his Sun International had with the Bahamas government were not renegotiated, when the PLP became the government it would do it for him. "The terms of this deal, so far as the Bahamas is concerned, is a bad deal," shouted Mr Adderley.

History has proven that Kerzner's Paradise Island — the country's largest private employer — is what has saved the Bahamas' economic bacon for the past 15 years. The Kerzners arrived when the Bahamas was flat on its back — failing tourist industry, empty Treasury, tarnished international reputation. Bahamians will remember that in those days we were an "island for sale" laid waste by a careless government and a greedy drug cartel. A disgusted electorate voted the PLP government of 25 years out of office and put the Ingraham government in.

The PLP government had secretly tried to sell the failed hotels on the international market. The Ingraham government came to power in 1992 and the following year entered into an agreement with the Kerzners for the development of Paradise Island. Atlantis became the catalyst that revitalised the country's tourist industry, and emboldened investors to take a second look at a country that was trying under a new government to clean up its act.

It was only then that the Bahamas started to move forward.

But the empty threats coming from the PLP benches in 1996 — are being repeated

today against the sale of BTC to Cable and Wireless. So far it is the only bone that the PLP has found on which to chew for the 2012 election.

Fred Mitchell, a PLP senator in 1996, seemed on a mission at that time to cast doubt on the Atlantis operation — attacking everything from the Kerzners' South African roots, their hiring policies suggesting that Bahamians were being shut out of the project, to the belief that the Bahamianisation policy was being undermined. And, of course, Mr Mitchell even raised the alarm that the newly constructed bridge to Paradise was sinking. All wishful thoughts that had no base.

Dr Bernard Nottage complained at the time that the Ingraham government was giving Atlantis "improved infrastructure, roads, transportation and telecommunications facilities."

"But what are the Bahamian people getting?" he asked. The Bahamian people knew what they were getting, even though they were paying for it — good jobs, improved infrastructure, good roads on which they travelled daily and much more. By now Dr Nottage should have the answers to his foolish questions of that era. Any improvement in infrastructure always benefits the whole country and everyone in it — regardless of for whom it was intended.

The PLP poured scorn on the fact that Atlantis and its shareholders would earn good money. They forgot that when business flourishes so do the people. It is, therefore, good news for a country when it can report that its commercial establishments are strong. It is when they are weak that a country suffers high unemployment. To scoff at profits shows a lack of business sense, which is a serious failure in a country's leaders.

In our opinion Mr Christie's "buyer beware! cease and desist! do not proceed!" warning to Cable and Wireless is just so much political balderdash. What the future held for the Kerzner operation it also holds for the Cable & Wireless transaction. The main beneficiaries will be the Bahamas and its people.

It would be more than Mr Christie dare do with the Bahamas facing a \$3.8 billion national debt to add to that debt by trying to dismantle the BTC/C&WC deal. If these are his plans it is up to the Bahamian people to make certain that his party is not returned to power.

Mr Christie, a procrastinator, who finds it difficult to make decisions at the best of times, would have nightmares over such an impossible exercise.

To Bahamians we say: Beware! This is silly season when the politicians seem to lose their mental balance — so don't believe everything you hear in the marketplace.

PLP Cabinet coup d'état

EDITOR, The Tribune.

LEGAL scholars, historians and people who read widely would be familiar with the term *coup d'état*, it happens every day in large and small countries and sometimes it is called a revolution.

The dictionary defines a *coup d'état* as a sudden violent overthrow of a government by a small group.

The Bluewater deal put to Prime Minister Perry Christie in the last days of his administration can be termed a *coup d'état*. It was bloodless and non violent, but it was effective.

Imagine Sir Lynden Pindling's cabinet ministers putting the Bluewater deal before him as a cabinet conclusion to sign.

Imagine Hubert Ingraham's cabinet ministers putting the Bluewater deal before him as a cabinet conclusion to sign.

The effect of your cabinet ministers making a decision without you means that you have no control over them, which would entail you going to the people in a general election with presumably a new team.

The problem for Christie was that a general election was days away, and he was the leader; to get them back to a second term.

In Parliament Christie tried to suggest he stopped the deal because he determined his mandate had come to an end. Mr Christie did not have to make a decision that his mandate had come to an end, you have five years or less and the ultimate final day is determined from the day you start your administration.

The reality is that Mr Christie stopped nothing as evidenced by the \$1.9 million payment to the legal entity Bluewater, whose owners (Bahamian or otherwise) will forever be shrouded in mystery.

The really sad part of this whole affair is there is the possibility that the man who was overthrown by a *coup d'état* could be Prime Minister again and the Bahamian people would be faced with coup after coup, bloodless maybe, but devastating nonetheless.

EDROY DEVEAUX

Nassau,
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(The argument put forward on the floor of the House was that the meeting and decision

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of that particular cabinet was legitimate, with or without Mr Christie's presence, because Mr Christie had sanctioned it and had agreed that his deputy should preside in his absence. Therefore, their decision to sell BTC to Bluewater was as legitimate as if Mr Christie had been present.

(It was further argued that the cabinet decision could not then be arbitrarily rescinded by Mr Christie without him calling another meeting and having another discussion.

(Mr Christie argued that he did not "change the deal", but decided that his government was at an end and suspended

the decision to sell. "I recommend that the matter not proceed any further at this time, he wrote. This stopped the implementation of the cabinet decision and the transfer of BTC to Bluewater.

(And then on the floor of the House he made a comment into which much can be read. "This was a process," he said, "that I was going to guarantee the integrity of — if only because Brave Davis was the lawyer — I was not going to allow this matter to compromise the integrity of my government under no circumstances."

(That statement begs the question: What could have possibly gone on behind the scenes that might have compromised the integrity of his government if the deal had gone through? — Ed).

Who won the BTC debate?

EDITOR, The Tribune.

There is some talk about who won or lost the BTC debate, and this "conjecture" is good for public discussion, but a valid debate supposes that the debaters did "justice" to the topic being debated.

The abrupt conclusion of events, also gave an indication that this was just another one of those episodes where the issue of self serving played a major role.

The staff of BTC could have been misled in their zeal, because of a privileged position they found themselves in for many years. The injunction that the union filed against the sale, sought to materialise a perception that most Bahamians hold — that Bahamian institutions such as BTC belong to the Bahamian people by divine right.

While this may be true at a particular "nationalistic level" it is only physically true to the extent that we are prepared to embrace the responsibility that comes with ownership. Up to now a lot of persons have been benefiting from what BTC has been producing and too much of the leadership of BTC over the years can best be described as cosmetic. While the argument or debate was going on, IP based services have made significant inroads at a local level. The dark side of the realisation of privatisation also means that there will be no job protection through legislation, and this brings up another inane proposition that was seen as a sticking point in this "debate."

could a government own 49 per cent of anything and say that it is involved in privatisation? One of the Opposition MP's made mention of a situation in Trinidad, where the government owned 51 per cent with certain provisions, so that it was more of a management contract where the government still controlled key aspects. This may be an acceptable situation for countries where governments still want to control who can be hired before an election and fired after an election, but true privatisation has a requirement that will be like coming off drugs.

But, the bright side of privatisation means that some politicians and their pandering bootlickers will have to find more viable ways of justifying their livelihood; private money has a way of controlled management that those who cannot give an explanation for their job description find unbearable.

Who won the debate? The Bahamian people won this one. I am still not getting clear reception on my cell phone, but the BTC service persons seem to be much nicer than they use to be. As BTC and CWC get their act together, I have decided to give them sufficient time to roll out the stuff they need to compete with the IP based competitors that they are going to have to deal with in the short term, but it is the long term prospects that will test this new relationship.

Cell phones are on the road to obsolescence, because Blackberries and iPhones are not just cell phones, they are mobile IP devices that are evolving into game changers that will change the nature of competition and jobs in the communications marketplace, and like that famous sign says "everybody wins."

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Baha Mar and Bahamas National Trust keep an eye on Cable Beach environment

By **GENA GIBBS**
Bahamas Information Services

REDUCING the intensity of land use and environmental conservation is driving the partnership between The Bahamas National Trust and Baha Mar. The two aim to promote corporate social responsibility and ecotourism throughout their revitalisation of the Cable Beach area, as well as designating the area's wetland systems.

"We take the environmental impact assessment study very seriously, and we have paid particular attention to this area because as we build a resort metropolis on Cable Beach we are very sensitive to the fact that it should be environmentally sensitive to our surroundings, number one, for the impact it would have on the communities that surround us on the island nation of New Providence," said Robert Sands, Baha Mar senior vice president.

"Also in this day and time, persons are also concerned about these fundamental issues, as a

direct result of that, we have in place a very reputable individual as senior advisor for environmental affairs, who is Gary Larson, a former president of the Bahamas National Trust."

Baha Mar has recently hired a team of environmentalists and other conservation professionals to find globally recognised solutions to environmental issues, as well as tackle environmental concerns before they impact the community.

"Amongst some of our new employees coming on board, we have identified Ms. Laura Miller as an environmental monitor, who will be monitoring everything that we do from an environmental point of view, both from the environmental impact assessment study and also as a good corporate citizen," said Mr. Sands.

Construction workers have been supplied with laminated pamphlets with pictures and information about protected species and indigenous flora, fauna, and wildlife in the area so they would be able to recognise what can be disturbed from what needs to be protected.

The Bahamas National Trust will be the local monitor of the 70-acre reserve. It is designated as a wetland biosphere on the resort's property and would allow people and wildlife to interact with each other without any negative impact on the animals or the environment.

As indicated on the artist's rendition of the property, Baha Mar will have a network of man-made aqueducts and fountains, both as an aesthetic function to move water throughout the property and as a reminder of the primary element of life and nature.

"A lot of what we would do is about water, but the water that you see on the inside of the property will be man made. It will not be created by any waters, coming from the ocean or the community water table, but will be basically fountains, swimming pools, and that sort of thing," said Mr. Sands.

"We have always said our theme is going to be water based and allow for people to experience the number one asset in The Bahamas, which are our beautiful waters and the beach. At the same time, we are going to have some exotic Bahamian animals, the flora and fauna that will be around certain areas of this beach and pool experience."

POLICE SEEK MAN, 25, IN CONNECTION WITH MURDER

POLICE have called for the public's assistance in locating 25-year-old Zeon Whyly, who is wanted in connection with a murder.

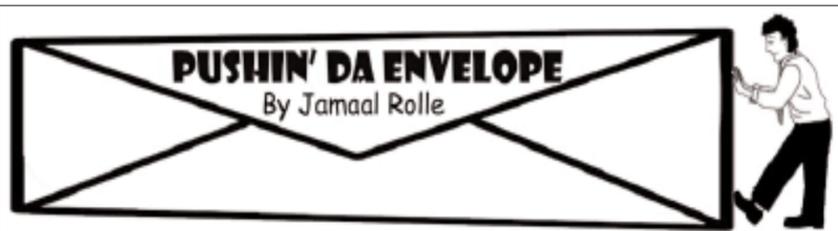
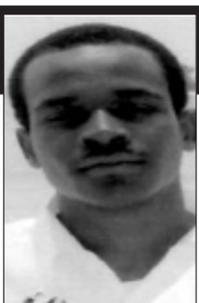
Whyly is said to be considered armed and extremely dangerous and the public is advised to contact the Central Detective Unit if they have information in relation to his whereabouts.

His last known place of residence is Malcolm Road.

Whyly is of light brown complexion, is five feet seven inches tall and weights around 130 lbs.

He is said to be of "medium" build.

Police can be contacted at 502-9991 or 502-9910, or on police emergency 911, the National Crime Prevention Office at 302-8430 or Crime Stoppers at 328-8477 or 300-8476 in the Family Islands.



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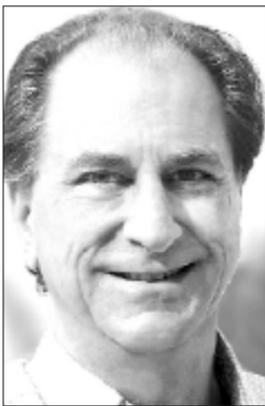
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CAMPERDOWN STABLES ANNUAL HORSE SHOW

YOUNG EQUESTRIANS in action at the weekend as Camperdown Stables held its 8th Annual Horse Show.

Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

Now let's think in the long term



Freedom of Information Act.

Jamaica has benefited from such an act and even the conservative Cayman Islands has finally adopted such legislation.

The third need is for legislation to ensure competition and protect consumers from abuses by monopolies and cartels.

It is essential for legislation to provide this protection because it is natural for business to gravitate to monopolistic practices if not prevented by law.

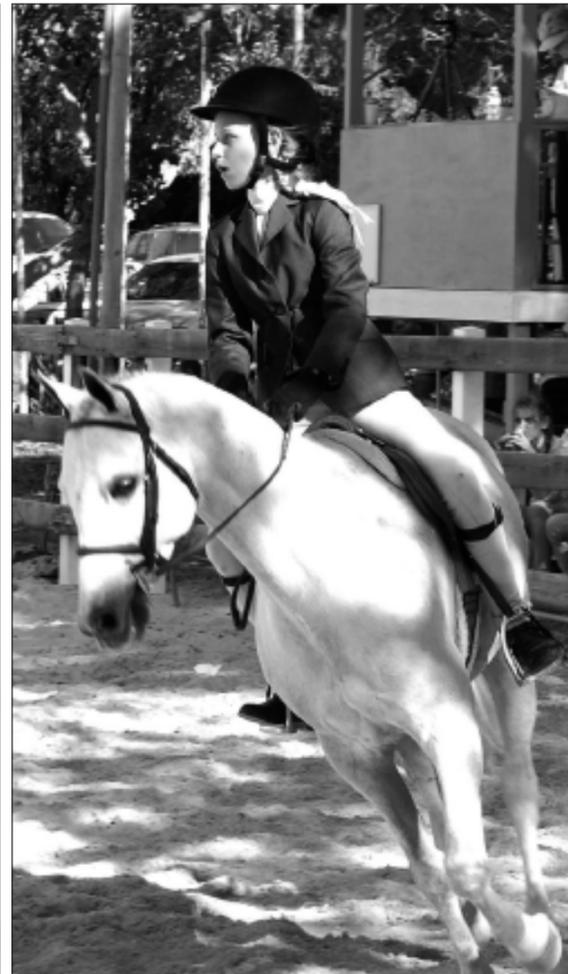
The final suggestion is one about which I have previously written.

It is the need for the removal of discretion from the issuing of Business Licenses.

This will energize young entrepreneurs who are now intimidated by the obstacle course they have to navigate if they want to open a business.

The business license regime is a repugnant remnant of colonial days.

Future generations will appreciate it if these concerns are addressed.



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MAN ARRESTED AT AIRPORT AFTER AMMUNITION FOUND

A 45-YEAR-OLD man from Florida was arrested in the pre-clearance section of the Lynden Pindling International Airport yesterday morning after being found in possession of ammunition.

Police from the Western Division made the arrest at around 10.05am.

In a report issued yesterday, Police Press Liaison officer, Sergeant Chrislyn Skipplings said the man was from Orlando, Florida.

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RIDE FOR HOPE - SATURDAY APRIL 9, 2011: 500 bikes; one cause

By PATRICE FRANCIS

IF YOU'VE been around for the past five years, you've probably heard of the biking phenomenon that takes over the island of freedom every Spring but what you may not know is that The Ride for Hope, presented by Odyssey Aviation, cycles beyond the usual reasons people mount a bike.

Talk to the coordinators or the cyclists and you'll learn that their core motivations have very little to do with physical competition, racy bikes and fashionable jerseys. When co-founding siblings, Stephen Holowesko and Susan Larson, thought up this two-wheel cancer support system they were putting in motion a community effort to raise awareness and funds so that people in the Bahamas diagnosed with cancer could survive ...and thrive. Five years, 1,566 riders and 1.28 million dollars later, even they are amazed by the countless expressions of hope the ride inspires.

Inspired

"I was inspired by Lance Armstrong, went over to meet him and then started raising money for his foundation. But I kept thinking that I should be raising money for cancer support at home," Stephen Holowesko said. "I didn't know what was happening with cancer treatment in the Bahamas so I did my research and found out that we had a lot of talent but very little resources."

After repeatedly remarking to his sister that he wanted to ride and raise funds to make cancer care more accessible to Bahamians, Larson gave Holowesko an unusual

"When co-founding siblings, Stephen Holowesko and Susan Larson, thought up this two-wheel cancer support system they were putting in motion a community effort to raise awareness and funds so that people in the Bahamas diagnosed with cancer could survive ...and thrive."

Christmas present in 2005. "She told me that if I do my fundraising, she'll organize the bike ride. And she's amazing at it. She puts me in charge of the stuff that's not so subtle - like huge containers for the bikes and she sweats all the small stuff," Holowesko said. "Back in 2006 when we got started, we thought that if we had 30 riders and raised 50 grand, we'd have a great weekend. We had 101 riders and raised \$180,000 and each year it's gotten bigger and bigger."

He's not kidding. Last year, they cut registration off at 400 and ended up with 460 riders and in this, their sixth year, registration closed at 500 people. There may be some things in the country that are on the decline, but enthusiasm for cancer support isn't one of them and in fact, the international support for this ride and cause continues to grow as well.

"If cancer were just a uniquely Bahamian issue, we wouldn't see that much financial support from overseas," Holowesko said. "That's the sad and frightening element of this disease. You have this commonality and everyone's united in their fear of it and their effort to fight against it."

Fighting against it is exactly why cancer survivor, Melissa Deidre Major, has decided to re-mount her bike for

the first time since childhood. Major, founder of Freedom Survivors, a support group for young people affected by cancer, wants to ensure that no young person has to go through the ordeal of diagnosis and caretaking alone. So with the help of The Cancer Society, Cycles Unlimited and Jeff Major, founder of The Tour of the Bahamas, ten Freedom Survivor Members will take off from picturesque Governor's Harbour on the morning of April 9.

Emotional

"That first Sunday that we met with Jeff was such an emotional experience for us because we realized that if we hadn't been affected by cancer, we wouldn't have been riding," Major explained.

What the Freedom Survivors expected to be a one-time gig with Jeff Major turned into weekly riding sessions where they were coached beyond their perceived ability and encouraged to keep going because though the pain of exercising ends, the pain of cancer is, for many, a constant thing.

The result? "We've created a team. The ten of us are now so connected and we won't stop riding," Major said. "Next year, Ride for Hope is going to have to get a container just



THE SCENE at last year's Ride for Hope.

for my team because I'm going to have the biggest team of young people riding with the Freedom Survivors. I need every young person to be aware of this disease and to know that they don't have to fear it."

Like so many cancer survivors, Major definitely believes that "the best hope you have in that situation is the condition of your mind." And isn't that ultimately where the enthusiasm to join hundreds of other riders begins? It begins in a mind that thinks: "I can peddle and do my part to fight cancer in the Bahamas." It begins with a heart that says: "I care and Eleuthera will have the bike wheel marks to prove it!"

The Ride for Hope is an annual event that unites cancer survivors, caretakers, health professionals, corporate citizens, local volunteers and international supporters in the cause to fight cancer in the Bahamas. To ride or raise the hope in any other way, please visit www.ride-forhopebahamas.com



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Libya: By what right?

By SIR RONALD SANDERS

(The writer is a Consultant and former Caribbean diplomat).

THERE has been a great debate over the military action in Libya by several Western governments, supported by some Arab governments. The central question has been: by what right are these governments intervening in the internal affairs of a state? Some context is necessary for the intervention that has been authorised by the UN Security Council.

An uprising in Libya against its tyrannical leader Muammar Gaddafi came in the wake of similar rebellions against the autocratic leaders of Tunisia and Egypt. It coincided with what appeared to be a sweeping movement in Yemen, Bahrain and Syria which have now experienced unrest by large numbers of people who want regime change and greater freedom in their societies.

When the rebellion in Libya started, Gaddafi was merciless in using the military to try to stifle it. He even recruited mercenaries from African states in the event that, as had occurred in Egypt, the military showed reluctance to use violence against their own people. Many hundreds were killed from the very outset. While the blood of Libyan people was being spilt, the world was treated to the farce on television of Gaddafi

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declaring: "My people love me. My people, they love me".

Gaddafi then went on to claim that the unrest was created by al Qaida. He did not claim that it was fomented by Western nations, nor did he assert that the uprising was the work of Western oil companies intent on seizing Libyan oil.

Repression

Apologists for Gaddafi, and those who benefit from his financial help, close their eyes to decades of despotic rule, brutal human rights abuses, repression of dissent and murderous adventures in other countries. In trying to stamp out this rebellion he set upon the populations of Brega and Zawiya and terrorized the people of Misrata including by using military planes to bomb them.

Members of both the Arab League and the African Union expressed great alarm at the extent of force used by Gaddafi and they joined Western states at the United Nations to call for action to try to stop him. On 27 February the UN Security Council agreed Resolution 1970 which condemned the actions of the Libyan authorities, demanded an

end to violence, access for international human rights monitors and the lifting of restrictions on the media.

As the situation continued to deteriorate with more civilians being killed and Gaddafi's failure to comply with Resolution 1970, the Security Council met again and on 18 March adopted Resolution 1973 which called for an immediate ceasefire and authorised "all necessary measures to protect civilians" including the imposition of a no-fly zone. It did exclude a foreign occupation force in Libya.

Resolution 1973 was supported by 10 members of the Security Council with 5 others abstaining. The 5 countries that abstained were China, Russia, India, Brazil and Germany. Under Article 27 of the UN Charter, decisions of the Security Council have to be made by an affirmative vote of nine members including the concurring votes of the permanent members. In this case, 3 permanent members concurred and 2 did not. But, none of the permanent members cast a veto which could have blocked the resolution, and since an abstention is neither an affirmative nor a negative vote, it is not sufficient to prevent action.



SIR RONALD SANDERS

All the permanent members would be aware of this procedure, therefore it has to be assumed that Russia and China – the two permanent members that abstained, but did not cast a veto, had decided it was in their interest not to oppose the Resolution.

Intervention

What was behind the Resolution and what further validates the intervention in Libya is a decision taken by representatives of all governments at the 2005 World Summit. Governments agreed that where an individual state subjects its people to genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity, the international community has "the responsibility to act", and "in this context", to take collective action, in a timely and deci-

sive manner, through the Security Council "should peaceful means be inadequate and national authorities manifestly fail to protect their populations."

By his own actions of choosing to respond to the unrest by violence and killing, Gaddafi set the stage for the intervention that followed based both on the UN Charter and the decision of the 2005 World Summit on the international community's "responsibility to protect" people whose own state turns on them.

At the time of writing, it is by no means clear how events in Libya will end. Gaddafi and his ruling clique have shown no willingness to engage the dissenters in a dialogue; if anything they have intensified their military offensive. Meantime, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) has been given leadership of the UN Security Council resolution to enforce a no-fly zone and to protect the lives of civilians. Without committing ground troops themselves in aid of the poorly-armed and militarily-untrained rebels, the most that NATO can hope for is the isolation of the Gaddafi regime and its eventual collapse.

What was the alternative? US President Obama summed it up on March 28 in an address to the American people when he told them: "There will be times when our safety is not directly threatened, but our interests and our values are. Sometimes, the

course of history poses challenges that threaten our common humanity and our common security – responding to natural disasters, for example; or preventing genocide and keeping the peace; ensuring regional security, and maintaining the flow of commerce. These may not be America's problems alone, but they are important to us. They're problems worth solving."

Freedom

Obama's words to the American people hold validity for people all over the world who cherish freedom and uphold the values of human and civil rights. The world has shrunk in many ways through air travel, instant communication, interaction between civil society organisations, and a growing sense that mankind inhabits one planet. Only autocratic regimes still cling to the notion that ruling regimes must act brutally against their own people to keep themselves in power.

The "responsibility to protect" proclaimed by the World's leaders in 2005 – whether all of them meant it or not – is now a principle whose time shows every sign of having arrived and which a conscientious Security Council should uphold whenever it is clearly necessary.

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(801) Lot #18 in Sandilands Allotment on the western side of Crosswind Road between Seabreeze Lane and Pineyard Road in the Eastern District of The Island of New Providence-The Bahamas, containing single storey private residence comprising the following: covered entry porch, living room, dining room, kitchen, laundry room, family room, sitting area, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathroom and patio. The total area of land is approximately 7,641 sq ft. Appraised value \$212,800

(801) Two parcels of land containing 21.120 sq.ft. situated on the southern side of East Shirley Street and 100 feet west of its junction with "Shirlee" in the Eastern District of the Island of New Providence - The Bahamas. Situated thereon is a Gas Station and Auto Repair Shop. Appraised value \$422,000.

(805) Single Family Residence located on the Northern Side of West Bay Street, and immediately East of Caprice Condominium Complex (Cable Beach). The home of 5,854 square feet consist of 5 bedrooms, 4 1/2 bathrooms, detached building (double car garage) is 686 square feet, with reinforced sea wall, swimming pool & deck. The waterfront property has a land size of 20,994 square feet. Appraised Value \$1,512,571

(801) All that parcel or lot of land being Lots #10 and 11 in Block 29 of Coconut Grove Subdivision, containing a shopping plaza. The lot is trapezium in shape, 8,363 square feet. Appraised value \$315,000

(803) All that piece or parcel of lot containing 6,887 sq ft. situated on the Eastern side of East Street North. The property is completely utilized by a commercial building. Erected on the property is a two storey masonry structure with gross area consisting of the following: Floor (Ground & Second) - 3,341 sq.ft. Storage - 5,320 Sq.Ft. Lunch Room - 715 sq.ft. Patios & Walkway - 1,500 Sq.Ft. Appraised value TBA

(803) All that piece or parcel of lot containing 8,075 square feet situated on the Northern side of Sands Lane Fort Fincastle City District. The property is commercially zoned with an old Bahamian style building constructed of wood frame with cement stucco walls. The building has a ground floor porch, 4 Offices, Reception, Kitchenette and Storage. Upper level - 2 Offices, Conference room, 1 Bathroom & Storage. The floor is approximately 2,500 square feet with porch area 190 sq ft. Appraised value TBA

(811) Residential/Commercial property, lot# 137, located Culmerville, Eastern District, New Providence with a size of 4800 sq. ft. The property contains a 2 storey 1500 sq ft building, upper level: 2 bed 1 bath apartment, lower level: Beauty salon. The building finishes: 8" concrete block wall, 4" concrete partitions, asphalt shingle roof, tiled floors, wood ceilings, private water system, standard electrical and plumbing fixtures, central air-condition (split system), burglar bars. Appraised value \$191,000.

(811) Two lots #248 & 249 located Dorsetville Subdivision, Southern District, New Providence on which an incomplete building is situated. The properties are residentially and multi-family zoned, with graded, incomplete landscaped and fenced in on 3 sides. The building is 4266 sq ft with a 2 storey multi-family at the roof stage with 1 bedroom unit attached. There are accommodations for the upper floor: 4 units 1 bed 1 bath each - 3 units, 1 bed 1 bath each, Lower floor - 2 bed 1 bath. Garage converted to 1 bed 1 bath, which is 90% completed with a tenant. Appraised value \$296,000.

(901) Parcel of land situated in the subdivision of Gleniston Garden 11,250 sq ft Lot# 9 block 20 in the district of New Providence containing a two storey residence, ground floor contains a kitchen, dining room, lounge, a family room, a veranda at the front and side with a patio to the back of the house. The upper floor contains 2 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, walk in closet and a storage area with a balcony to master bedroom. Approx size of building 2900 sq ft. Appraisal TBA

(569) Lot #27 of Village Allotment #14 in the Eastern District, containing residence situated on Denver Street off Parkgate Road in the Ann's Town Constituency, New Providence. Property size 2,500 sq. ft. Building size 990 sq. ft. Appraised value \$50,000.

(569) Lot #2 in block #8, Steward Road, Coral Heights East Subdivision situated in Western

District of New Providence, approx. size 8,800 sq. ft. with a split level containing two bed, two bath, living, dining & family rooms, kitchen and utility room - approx. size of building 2,658 sq. ft. Appraised value: \$322,752

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

(569) Lot of land #11 in Block #10 on a plan of allotments laid out by Village Estates Limited and filed in the dept of Land & Surveys as # 142 N.P., Eastern District of New Providence. Property contains 3 bed, 2 bath residence. Appraised value \$165,000.00

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

(569) Lot #17 located Village Allotment with fourplex - value - \$500,000

(569) Property situated on Williams Lane off Kemp Road, New Providence, Bahamas containing a two-storey house and an apartment building consisting of 1800 sq ft. Appraised value \$100,000.

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

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

(569) Lot of land #382 situate on Chestnut St. in Pinewood Gardens in the Southern District of the Island of New Providence with a partially constructed concrete residence thereon. Appraised value TBA.

(565) Lot # 1018 in Golden Gates Estates #2 Subdivision situate in the South Western District of the Island of New Providence Containing a single storey private residence 3 bedroom 2 bath. Property approx. size 6,000 sq. ft. Building approx size 2,400 sq. ft. Appraised Value \$173,176.

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

(569) Single storey triplex, situated on Lot 615, Mermaid Boulevard, Golden Gates #2 in the Western District, New Providence. Two - two bedrooms, one bathroom units and one - one bedroom, one bathroom unit. The property is zoned as Multi Family Residential, measuring 9,092 sq ft with the living area measuring 2,792 sq ft. Appraised value \$374,192.00

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

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

(569) All that piece parcel or lot of land situate on the East Side of Miller's Road and 2763.58 ft South of Carmichael Rd. being Lot #B containing a Triplex Property size 80' x 100' (8,000 sq.ft) Appraised Value TBA.

(569) Lot #2, Block #5, Englerston Sub-Division, Southern District of N.P. containing a partly completed building. Property size approx. 3,535 sq.ft. Appraised value \$84,000

(008) Property containing 3 bed 1bath home Single Family Residential. Lot Number 2819 lying within the Subdivision known as Cedar groves Estate situated in the Southern District of the Island of New Providence in The Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Property Size 8,250. Appraised Value \$157,100.00

(569) All that piece parcel or lot of land situate North of Believers Gospel Chapel, Prince Charles Dr. Identified as Parcel "B" and con-

taining thereon a four unit Apartment Complex. Property size is 20,931 sq ft. Appraised value \$447,600.

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

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

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

(569) All that piece parcel or Lot of land numbered 1802 in the area called and known as Pinewood Gardens Subdivision on the island of New Providence and contains thereon a 1,449 sq.ft. building. Said Property is 5000 sq.ft. Appraised Value \$179,000

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

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

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

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

(569) Lot of land on the east side of Miller's Road (now known as Bacardi Rd) and 2,763.58 feet south of Carmichael Rd in the Southern District of the Island of New Providence and containing thereon a duplex (2bed 1 bath). Building is 1,616 sq.ft. and property is 8,071 sq ft. Appraised value \$180,000.

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

(569) Lot of land known as Lot #231 in Treasurers Cove Subdivision situated in the eastern District of New Providence and containing thereon a 3-bedroom 2-bath residence with swimming pool and other amenities. Building is approx 1,775 sq ft and property is 6,200 sq.ft. Appraised Value \$474,340.

(569) Lot of land in Shirley Heights Subdivision being Lot #8 Block 21 containing thereon a 3-bed 2-bath concrete building. Appraised value \$155,000.

(571) Lot # 223, Coral Harbour Waterways Subdivision, Western District, New Providence containing a split level 5 bed 4 1/2 bath residence. Living space is 5,200 sq.ft. Property is 10,654 sq.ft. Appraised Value \$992,000

(569) Lot number 676 in the Subdivision called Ann's Town Subdivision situated in the Eastern District of the Island of New Providence and containing thereon a 3-bedroom 1-bath concrete residence. Appraised Val TBA.

(569) Lots of land being Lots number 359 and 674 in the Subdivision called and known as Stapledon Gardens situate in the Western District of the Island of New Providence, containing thereon rental units. Appraised value TBA

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

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

(569) Lot of land referred to as Lot #1 in the immediate vicinity of Golden Gates #1, which is located on the western side of Mutton Fish Drive approx 970 ft south of Bird Road in the

Southern District of New Providence. Property contains thereon a Car Wash Shed-571 sq ft, office (Beauty Salon)-204 sq ft, Restaurant and Bar Bldg - 1,490 sq ft. Total property is approx. 5,000sq ft. Appraised value TBA

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

(571) Lot #6 situate in Garden Hills #2 Subdivision in the southern New Providence and containing a partially completed shopping plaza 8,960 sq.ft. Property size is 17,000 sq.ft. Appraised value \$448,000.

(571) Lot of land situated in Boughton Estates located immediately south of Southern Heights Subdiv. And north of Cowpen Rd. and containing thereon an incomplete duplex bldg. Prop. Is 8,737 sq.ft. bldg is 1,740 sq.ft. Appraised value \$131,000.

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

(571) Lot of land being referred to as Parcels A & B situated on corners of Nassau Street and Polhemus Street and containing thereon a single storey concrete church building approx 1,868 sq.ft. Property is 10,071 sq.ft. Appraised value. \$217,960.

(725) Lot of land referred to as Lot #3 Block #1 in Churchhill Subdivision 100 feet North of Soldier Rd in the Eastern District of the Island of New Providence and containing thereon a concrete Triplex apartment building. Property is 4,750 sq.ft. Appraised value TBA.

(801) All that piece, parcel or lot of land containing approx 35,957 sq ft, located on the Southern Side of Bernard Road, approx 500 feet West of St. Augustine College Entrance. The property contains two concrete block structures and a wooden work shed, which houses a tyre and automobile repair shop. Appraised value \$490,478.

(572) Lot of land being Lots #14 and #15 Block #3 in Shirley Heights Subdivision on the northern side of Winchester Street and containing a business office and warehouse building. Property is 15,797 sq ft. Appraised value TBA

572) Lot of land being Lot # 12 on the Northern side of Poinciana Drive and containing thereon a two-storey building. Appraised value TBA

(801) Single-family/multi-family residential property 1/4 mile east of South Ocean Boulevard western New Providence consisting of a portion of lot #15 comprised of 0.472 of an acre containing 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bathrooms residence and 3 residences under construction; Appraised value \$230,000. Other portion of lot #15 vacant, comprised of 0.574 of an acre; Appraised value \$150,000

(801) Parcel of land containing 4,938 sq ft on the northern side of Delancy St., approx 135 ft East of Nassau St., housing a newly constructed commercial building with over 2,500 sq ft of Retail / Office Area. Appraised value \$670,000.00.

(801) Parcel of Land known as Lot 8, located northwest of Wulf Rd and Mackey Street on the northern side of a road reservation known as Rosedale Street, containing a two storey commercial building known as "Deals Plaza", Nassau, Bahamas. Appraised value \$573,960.00.

FREEPORT

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

(103) All that piece parcel of lot of land and improvements thereon known as No.3 block 31 Bahama Marina & Section IX located in southwestern city of Freeport Grand Bahama Island. Approx. 13,070 sq.ft. or 0.30 acres property contains duplex dwelling. Appraised value \$300,000.

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

VACANT PROPERTIES

NEW PROVIDENCE

(801) Vacant property located 40 ft. east of Balls Alley on the northern side of East Shirley Street and known as "Old Plantation Inn", in the eastern district of New Providence. Property size 7,113 sq ft. with open zoning. Appraised value \$128,000.

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

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

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

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

(569) Vacant lot single/family zoning, Lot # 21 of the subdivision called "Southern Shores" / Canaan Subdivision located on Marshall Road. Property size is some 67.86 feet on the sub road and 84.49 on one side, 55.21 at the back and some 85.61 on the other side of 5,475 sq ft of land space. Appraised value \$86,000

(569) Undeveloped lots # 4A, 16, 17, 18 and 19 located Chapman Estates, West Bay. Appraised value \$348,000.

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

(569) All that piece parcel or lot of land numbered Lot #3 being a portion of Lot #24 Crown Grant #8,44 situate Road off Carmichael Road in the Southern District of the Island of New Providence. Property is 5075 sq ft. Appraised

value \$50,000.

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

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

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

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

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

(569) All that piece parcel or lot of land being Lot #5 of the Forest Drive Subdivision situated South of Camperdown Drive and approx 300 ft. West of Culberts Hill Drive located in the Eastern District of the Island of New Providence. Property is 15,681 sq.ft. and is hill top. Appraised value \$201,000.00.

(569) Lot of land being Lot #21 Grantanna Subdivision situate in the Western District of the Island of New Providence in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Property is approx 6,505 sq ft Appraised value \$80,000.

(571) Lot of land being a portion of Lot #5 of block E situated in Garden Hills Subdivision in the Southern District of the Island of New Providence. Property is vacant and measures 9,406 sq ft. Appraised Val \$312,000.

(571) Lot of land being Lot #24 in a Subdivision known as and called "Rhoda's Vineyard" situate in the Southwestern District of New Providence. Prop. is 7,256 sq.ft. Appraised value \$90,700.

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

(569) Lot #2 situated on the western side of Golden Isles Road South of Carmichael Rd. in the Western District of New Providence. Appraised value \$65,000.00.

(569) Lot of land situate off Cowpen Road and bounded by Silver Gates Subdivision measuring 90' x 110' and zoned multi-family. Appraised value \$118,000.

(565) Lot of land situate in the Western District of the Island of New Providence being Lot # 1B of Coral Harbour Village Subdivision, property is 25 sq.ft x 70 sq.ft. Appraised value TBA.

(008) All that piece parcel of land lot #5 & 6 in the Nassau Village Subdivision situated in the Holy Cross Constituency in the Eastern District in the island of New Providence. Containing a single family concrete dwelling. Appraised value TBA.

(570) Lot of land being Lot # 15 Block #17 on the Eastern side of West Avenue located in Miller's Heights Subdivision. Property is zoned multi-family and is 75' x 100' (7,500 sq.ft.). Appraised value TBA

(801) Three single-family/multi-family residential vacant parcels of land being Lots # 10, 11 & 12 situated on the Southern side of Fire Trail Road in the Western District of New Providence. Property sizes are Lot #10 - 8,967 sq. ft., Appraised value: \$75,000

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

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

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

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

(571) Lot 89, Block 7 Aberdeen Drive, Bahama West Replat Subdivision, Freeport, Grand Bahama, consisting of 12,100 sq ft. Appraised value \$51,000.

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

(571) Lot of land being number ten (10) Block Number Three (3) Bristol Bay Subdivision, Unit One (1) in the City of Freeport in the island of Grand Bahama, Bahamas. Property is approx 0.42 acre. Appraised value \$55,000.

(811) Vacant Lot of land located West End Grand Bahama containing 6581 square feet or 20 acres situated in Ginn Sur Mer subdivision, in the island of Grand Bahama. Appraised value: \$575,000.00.

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

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

(565) Lot of land situate in the Queen's Cove Subdivision on the Island of Grand Bahama, one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and being Lot #24 in Block 19, Section 1. Lot is 75 sq ft x 125 sq.ft. Appraised value TBA.

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Royal Bahamas Police Force National Crime Prevention Office: 'Protecting yourself from violent crimes'

By CONSTABLE 3011 MAKELLE PINDER



UNFORTUNATELY, there are no second chances with life threatening dangers that face us every day. And knowing exactly what to do in each individual circumstance can dramatically increase your chances of surviving the threat.

Most of us believe we're prepared for the dangers we encounter in life. But from statistics and loss of life from accidents and attacks, we've come to find that the majority of Bahamians, while they believe they're prepared, actually cause themselves more harm because of a severe lack of information.

This reality is not alarm anyone. Instead being informed is powerful and can save lives. So it's important to understand the safety tips provided and listed below...

- Don't walk or jog early in the morning or late at night when the streets are deserted.
- When out at night, try to have a friend walk or drive with you.
- Carry only the money you'll need on a particular day.
- Don't display your cash or any other inviting targets such as pagers, cell phones, hand-held electronic games, or expensive jewelry and clothing.
- Never disclose an expecting asue draw or how much cash and credit cards you may have in your wallet or purse
- If you think someone is following you, switch directions to follow you, move quickly toward an open store or restaurant or a lighted house. Don't be afraid to yell for help.
- Try to park in well-lighted areas with good visibility and close to walkways, stores, and people.
- Make sure you have your keys out as you approach your door.

- Always lock your car, even if it's in your own driveway; and never leave your motor running.
- Do everything you can to keep a stranger from getting into your car or to keep a stranger from forcing you into his or her car.
- If a dating partner has abused you, do not meet him or her alone. Do not let him or her in your home or car when you are alone.
- If you are a battered spouse, call the police immediately. Assault is a crime, whether committed by a stranger or your spouse or any other family member.
- If you believe that you and your children are in danger, call a crisis hotline or a health center (the police can also make a referral) and leave immediately.
- If someone tries to rob you, give up your property—don't give up your life. Choose your battles, walk away from conflict and embrace peace.
- If you are robbed or assaulted, report the crime to the police. Try to describe the attacker accurately. Your actions can help prevent someone else from becoming a victim.

"Remember that life does not have a restart button. Education and common sense is POWER!"

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CANCELS 600 FLIGHTS OVER WEEKEND

NEW YORK Associated Press

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES cancelled about 600 flights this weekend as the airline continues its inspection of 79 of its Boeing 737 aircraft, in the aftermath of an emergency landing of one of its planes on Friday.

The airline cancelled 300 flights Sunday after cancelling the same number on Saturday.

Southwest Airlines spokeswoman Whitney Eichinger says it still hasn't made a decision about Monday's flights.

"We are working as diligently as possible to minimize any impact on (customers') travel plans," Eichinger told The Associated Press Sunday.

Southwest normally has about 3,400 flights each day though it's slightly reduced on Saturday.

That means that almost 9 percent of the total number of flights were cancelled each of the two days.

No flights were cancelled on Friday. The aircraft is being inspected over the next several days, the company said.

No one was seriously injured Friday as the aircraft carrying 118 people rapidly lost cabin pressure and made a harrowing but controlled descent from 34,500 feet, landing safely near Yuma, Ariz., 150 miles southwest of Phoenix.

But passengers recalled tense minutes after a hole ruptured overhead with a blast, and they fumbled frantically for oxygen masks as the plane descended.

In a release issued Saturday, Southwest said the passengers on board Flight 812 have received a full refund along with an apology and two complimentary round-trip passes on Southwest for future flights.

On Sunday, federal investigators examining the damaged plane in Yuma said the entire length of a 5-foot-long tear in the skin of the aircraft shows evidence of pre-existing fatigue cracking.

REAL ESTATE
**EXPLAINING
NEW PROVIDENCE
HOME PRICES**



By **MIKE LIGHTBOURN**

NEW Providence home prices have climbed steadily over the years and, while they may have levelled in recent times, they may still seem high.

There's a reason for that. The simple law of supply and demand determines the final sale price. If there are fewer homes for sale in your area, then buyers must compete for those listings, making it a seller's market.

Let's take a closer look. Seventy per cent of the Bahamas' total population resides in New Providence. Yet this tiny island only comprises approximately 1.5 per cent of the country's total land mass.

Between 1990 and 2010, the New Providence population grew from 172,196 to 248,948 with residential communities spreading throughout the length and breadth of New Providence.

Land is becoming scarcer; hence prices have not plunged as we've seen in some of the US States where there are a surplus of homes and fewer buyers.

It also costs a lot more to build a home or develop property because of hefty increases in building materials, labour and land costs.

Having said that, whether it's a buyer's or seller's market, the simple fact is that your home is worth only what a buyer will pay for it.

At the end of the day, regardless of market conditions, if your home is to get attention – especially in challenging times – you've got to price aggressively against your competition.

Do not overprice your home because you may end up making even less money than if you had priced properly from the start.

Why? Because sellers who overprice have to keep chasing the market down by reducing their price. The best time to sell a property is when it is first offered for sale. Priced right it will sell quickly.

Generally speaking, the first offer you get is usually the best one (unless it is a silly one). Too many people feel if they wait they will get a better offer down the road. A property that sits on the market gets stale and will languish.

While setting a price is ultimately your decision and your decision alone, do some research and educate yourself first. Your BREA agent is responsible for advising you on what other properties sold for and what your competition is. If a property similar to yours sold for, say \$400,000, then what makes yours worth \$450,000?

Order an appraisal and consult your BREA professional to get a realistic figure of your home's value. If you choose not to comply with the current market value, then you won't be a seller, you'll just be an owner with a stale For Sale sign in the yard.

Tip of the week: As I have repeated before it is all about PRICE-PRICE-PRICE. It is as simple as that.

(Mike Lightbourn is president of Coldwell Banker Lightbourn Realty).



PROPERTIES LISTED FOR SALE

Contact Account Officer listed below by using number code for each property.

HOUSES/APARTMENTS/COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

EXUMA
(008) Lot #4742 Bahama Sound of Exuma No.6 a subdivision of land situate at the southeastern portion of The Forest Estate near Southside and The Forest Great Exuma. Property size 10,000 sq ft. Building size 2400 sq ft. Consisting of 2-1 bedroom and bath unit and 1-2 bedrooms bath unit. Appraised value \$219,200.
(569) Lot # 14867 "Bahama Sound" Exuma is located about 10 miles northwest of George Town Exuma and about 1 mile south of Emerald Bay, The Four Seasons Resort and Roker's Point. Located Mt. Thompson and Farmer's Hill. Property size 10,000 sq ft with 80 ft frontage on Queen's Highway; the main road. Property contains a partially completed apartment complex with five, 1 bedroom units, 4 efficiency units and 1 shop space. Appraised value \$488,240.
(008) Property containing 3 beds 1-bath home constructed of concrete blocks located Moss Town and number 18 in The Department of Housing Subdivision, Moss Town Exuma Bahamas. Property Size 7853. Appraised Value \$131,800.

(008) Property containing 6 Units 1-bed 1-bath apartment units to First Floor Belt Course. Partially developed properties. All those piece or lots of land being Lot # 1679 and 1680 Bahama Sound Subdivision, Exuma Number 3, Great Exuma. Properties Size: 10,000 sq ft each. Appraised Value \$205,000.
(008) Partially developed property located Golf Boulevard, lot# 20, Flamingo Bay Estates near George Town, Exuma, Bahamas. The land is 25,017 sq ft and with a two-storey apartment complex with a living area of 1770 square feet. The building is completed to the first floor belt-course and all electrical, plumbing and other rough work have been completed on the ground floor. Appraised value \$100,050.
(008) Developed property located lots #1165 & 11166, Bahama Sound #8, Great Exuma. The land is 7,200 square feet containing duplex with a building area of 1,706 square feet with (1) two bed/2bath unit and (1) two bed/1bath unit. Appraised value \$185,376.
(008) Developed property located lot#9786, Bahama Sound #9 situated at the northwestern portion of the Forest Estate in the vicinity of the settlements of Mount Thompson and Farmer's Hill and ten miles south northwest of George Town, Great Exuma. The land is 10,000 square feet developed with a single family residence with 1300 square feet of living area, containing three bedrooms, and two bathrooms. The building is constructed of hardi- siding. Appraised value \$154,000.

(008) Lot located about 10.5 miles northwest of George Town, Bahama Sound #8 East lot#6647, a subdivision of land situated at the northeastern portion of The Forest Estate, in the vicinity of Mt. Thompson and Farmer's Hill, Great Exuma, Bahamas. Site contains 10,000 sq ft and is developed with a duplex apartment, containing 2-bed, 1-bath apartments, 2,160 sq ft living area of hardiplank construction. Appraised value \$198,000.
(008) Lot of land #12975, #14 Bahama Sound, Exuma (situated about 1-5/8 miles southeastwardly of George Town). Containing Hardi- plank building consisting of a triplex partial complex 2-1 bedrooms 1 bath and 1-bed 1 bath units. Building size 2160 sq ft. Lot size 10,000 sq ft. Appraised value \$180,000.

(008) Lot # B-5707 situated approximately 11 miles north west of the settlement of George Town, Bahama Sound No. 7 east. Located between the settlements of Mt. Thompson and the forest, Great Exuma, Bahamas. Containing a triplex of two 1-bed 1-bath units and one 2 bedrooms 1-bath unit. Building size 1705 sq ft. Property size 4,000 sq ft. Appraised value \$216,980.
(008) Lot No. 9800, Bahama Sound No. 9, a subdivision of land situate at the northeastern portion of the Forest Estate in the vicinity of the settlement of Mt. Thompson and the Forest,

Great Exuma, Bahamas. Containing a triplex. Building size 2492 sq ft. Property size 10,000 sq ft. Appraised value \$36,500.
(008) All that piece of parcel of lots of land being Lot No. 6226, Bahama Sound No. 7 East a subdivision of land situate at the eastern portion of the Forest Estate in the vicinity of Southside and Forest, Great Exuma, Bahamas. Property size 10,000 sq ft. Containing a duplex. Building size 1152 sq ft Appraised value \$186,320.
(571) Lot of land being Lot #6582 Bahama Sound #8 East situate at the northeastern portion of "The Forest Estate", Exuma in the vicinity of Mt. Thompson and Farmers Hill and containing thereon a duplex (2bed 1 bath each side) Bldg is 1,800 sq.ft. property is 10,000 sq.ft. Appr. val. \$260,000.00.
(008) All that piece parcel or lot #6108 & 6109 of Bahama Sound #7 East situated 10 1/2 miles Northwestwardly of the settlement of George Town, Great Exuma. Containing a 1,680 square foot single storey hardy plank duplex, with (2) 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom units. Appraised value \$214,800.00.

(008) Lot of land being lot #243 in Section #2, Little Exuma 10,000 square foot. Containing a 753 square foot single family home constructed of concrete slab and T-1 Eleven sides with 2 bedroom/1 bathroom. Appraised value \$107,344.
(008) All that piece parcel or lot #7794, Calab Drive, Bahama Sound #11, 3 1/2 miles south of George Town, Great Exuma. Containing a 1,800 square foot single storey concrete duplex, with (2) 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom units. Appraised values \$157,956.
(008) Lot of land being lot#18 Section #11 Northeast Flamingo Bay, Great Exuma 11,396 square foot single and multi family residential lot partially developed with a 1,000 square foot foundation. Appraised value \$101,000.00.
(008) Property containing 3 Bed 1 Bath Home, Single Family Hardi-Plank w/ Wood Stud Residence located 1 5/8 miles southwestwardly of George Town and being Lot # 12831. Property size 10,000 sq ft in Bahama Sound No 14. Appraised Value TBA

(008) Lot No. 5596 located Bahama Sound No. 7 east, a subdivision of land situate at the eastern portion of the Forest Estate in the vicinity of Southside and Forest, Great Exuma, Bahamas. Containing concrete building consisting of 3 bed 2 bath home Building size 1062 sq ft. Lot size 10,000.00 sq ft. Appraised value \$219,050.00.
ELEUTHERA
(902) Lot of land 94 x 94 x 150 x 150 on Queens Highway just south of Palmetto Point Eleuthera with a two storey stone building containing two apartments. Each unit has 3 bed/2 1/2 bath, kitchen, living room and 3 linen closets. Appraised value \$287,209.
(901) Lot #32 containing 4 bedroom 2bath concrete structure located Triana Shores Harbour Island, Eleuthera. Property size 80' x 120' x 80' 120 ft. Appraised valued at \$ 332,735.
(901) Lot # 57 block # Triana Shores, Harbour Island Eleuthera containing 3 bed 2 bath front room, dining room, & kitchen- concrete structure, 1926.40 sq. ft. wooden deck 321.60 sq.ft. property 9600 sq. ft. - appraised value - \$448,645.
(902) Registered Legal Mortgage over Lot #6A Banana Beach, Governor's Harbour, Eleuthera with a triplex foundation Appraised Value \$105,000

(560) Tract of land located The Bluff Eleuthera, overlooking the beautiful Bluff Harbour. Property contains four parcels of land with a total area of approximately 151,528 sq ft. Property is ideal for a waterfront development. Contains a tri-plex condominium under construction up to belt-course and a private dock. Appraised value \$1,118,000.
(902) Lot 6A North Palmetto Point Eleuthera containing a 2bed/1bath residence with adjoining incomplete apartment. Property size

8,500 sq. ft. building size floor area 1,639.08 + covered porch. Appraised Value \$188,740.
(902) Lot #54, Lower Bogue, Eleuthera containing 2-bed/1 bath duplex, property size 7,500 sq ft. Appraised value \$146,437
(902) Lot # CA.1, Palmetto Shores, South Palmetto Point, Eleuthera, containing 3-storey 4 bedroom 3 bath house approx. 3,336 sq ft living space; property size 11,868 sq ft. Appraised value \$230,000
(902) Lot south of Palmetto Point on the main Eleuthera Highway, Eleuthera, Bahamas containing a 2 bed, 1 bath duplex unit with gross floor area 1,457.84 each. Property size 1,115 acres. Appraised value \$212,667.
(901) Lots # 12E and 13W of Johnson's Harbour View Estates Subdivision Harbour Island Eleuthera, with a duplex 2 bedrooms, 1 bath each. Appraisal TBA.

SPANISH WELLS
(560) Lot of land # 2 Sea View Subdivision, Russell Island adjacent to the settlement of Spanish Wells. Property size 11,323 sq. ft. building size 2236 sq. ft. containing 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, living room, an eat-in kitchen, dining room, laundry room, covered porch, a one car garage, and a covered water tank. Appraised value \$299,000
(560) Lot of land in Spanish Wells located between 8th and 9th street near The Islander Shop. Property size 3,654 sq. ft. Building (wooden structure) size 1370 sq. ft. containing 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, front room/dining room and kitchen. House is in good condition. Proper landscaping with poured concrete driveways & walkway. Appraised value \$155,000.00.
(560) Lot # 1 and 2 of a tract of seven parcels between Harbour Road and the Main Public Road near 22nd Street Spanish Wells Bahamas. Property size 12,428 sq. ft. Building size 4516 sq. ft. containing 3 bed, 2 bath, living room, an eat-in kitchen, laundry room, covered porch, and a covered water tank. Basement offers a garage, work-shop, play room and small office area. House is in excellent condition Proper landscaping with poured concrete driveways & walkway. Appraised value \$555,179.
(560) Lot of land #2 Ocean Estates, Russell Island, Spanish Wells. Property size 12,179 sq. ft., building size 1976 sq. ft. Building is constructed of lumber and hardy plank, containing 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, living room, an eat-in kitchen, dining room, utility room, covered porch, and covered water tank. Landscaped with poured concrete driveway & walkway. Appraised value \$455,190
(560) Lot of land on Russell Island, Spanish Wells. Property size 13,446 sq. ft. building size 3074 sq. ft. containing 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, an eat-in kitchen, living/dining room, utility room, laundry room, covered porch, covered driveway and a two car garage. Also contains a 30,000 gallon rainwater tank. Appraised value \$460,780
(560) Lot #27 in a subdivision of 8 parcels situated immediately east of Ocean Heights Subdivision, Russell Island, Spanish Wells. Property size 12,500 sq.ft. Building size 1820 sq ft. containing 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, an eat-in kitchen, living/dining room, laundry room and a one car garage. Covered front entryway an observation deck and a patio. The house is in excellent condition. Appraised value \$314,000
(560) Lot of land being lot #1, Sea View Subdivision, Russell Island, Spanish Wells. Property size 11,284 sq. ft. Building size 2,485 sq ft. containing 3 bed, 2 bath, an eat-in kitchen, living room, dining room and laundry room plus one car garage, covered front porch/entryway and a rear patio/water tank. Property landscaped, with poured concrete driveway and walkway. Appraised value \$375,000.
(560) Lot of land 1520 feet west of the government dock at Muddy Hole, Russell Island, Spanish Wells. Property size 17,083 sq. ft. Building size 2426 sq ft. containing 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2

bathrooms, front room/ dining room, kitchen, garage and covered front porch. Appraised value \$347,000.
(560) Lot on 30th Street Spanish Wells, Bahamas. Property size 6,500 sq. ft. building size 1800 sq. ft. containing 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, living room, kitchen, laundry room, covered porch, and a covered water tank. House is in good condition, proper landscaping with poured concrete driveways & walkway. Appraised value \$272,000.
ANDROS
(400) Property in Calabash Bay, Andros. 75' x 150' with a small grocery store 480 sq. ft. and an incomplete 3 bed 2 bath house 900 sq. ft. Appraised value \$65,000.
(400) Lot #14 Love Hill, Andros totalling 20,000 sq. ft. Property contains a two storey 5-bed, 3-bath residence. Appraised value \$185,000.
(400) Lot is situated Queens Highway in Carraig Creek, Andros, totalling 30,000 sq ft. Property contains one completed building 2 bedroom, 2bath 1,200 sq feet, and two under construction-. Appraised value \$324,502.
(401) Lots # 17 & #18 Crown Allotments, Love Hill Settlement, Andros. Containing a two-storey res. Appraised Value \$100,000.
(400) Lot is situated in Coakley Bight, Behring Point Andros totalling 30,339sq ft. Property contains a split level 3-bed 2-bath 2,386 sq ft house. Appraised value - \$196,253
(400) Lot #16 is situated in Marina Ridge in the settlement of Fresh Creek Andros, totalling 16,200 sq ft. Property contains a one bedroom one bath house 840 sq ft. Appraised value - \$90,280
(400) Lot of land containing 22,702 sq ft in the settlement of Davis Creek, Fresh Creek Town Area, Central Andros Island, containing thereon a building 3030 sq ft, which house a five unit apartment complex. Appraised value \$195,322.
(565) Lot west of the Coastal Water front and east of Queen's Highway directly opposite Harold Road the location of the National Insurance Sub-Office at the Bluff Settlement of South Andros and containing thereon a 2-bed 1-bath residence. Property size (63' x 75') approx 4,725 sq.ft. Appraised value \$75,000.

ing 7,631 square feet containing a triplex that has two 2 bed 1 baths and a 1 bed 1 bath. Appraised value TBA.
(909) Lot of land situate in the settlement of Dundas Town comprising a portion of Lot #11 of the Dundas Town Crown Allotments on the island of Abaco, containing residence. Appraised value TBA
(909) Lots of land containing 10,178 sq ft and 10,176 sq ft, being a part of Murphy Town Crown Allotment No. 70 situate in the Settlement of Murphy Town , Abaco, containing a duplex. Value \$243,000
(909) Lot #59, Central Pines Subdivision, south of Dundas Town, west of Marsh Harbour , 80 feet by 140 feet containing a 1,404 square feet house comprising of 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, kitchen , living and dining area. Appraised value TBA
(909) Lot #56 located Murphy Town Allotments with dimensions of 109 square feet by 109 square feet containing a duplex with an area of 1,456 square feet and each unit having two bedrooms on bathroom living and kitchen area. Appraised value - 155,000.00
(909) Lot #22, situate on the northern side of S C Bootee highway an d approximately five hundred and fifty-eight feet southwesterly from New Hope Baptist Church in the settlement of Mount Hope, on the island of Abaco, containing a residence comprised of 1,500 square feet and three bedrooms and two bathrooms. Appraised value : \$157,500.00
(908) Lot #40 being a portion of Dundas Town Crown Allotments containing a 4-plex located Dundas Town, Abaco. Appraised value \$494,022.00
(908) Lot #21 Dundas Town, Abaco containing a 3 bedroom 2 bath wooden structure. Appraised value \$130,000.
(908) Lot #106, Central Pines Estates, Dundas Town, Abaco containing a 3bedroom 2bath residence. Appraised value \$161,425.00
(908) Lot #119 in Section 4 known as Casuarina Point, Abaco containing a 1,614 sq. Ft. residence. Appraised value \$240,000.
(910) Lot of land located Man-O-War Cay, Abaco, 5,328 square feet situated near Rugged Hill. Containing 1bed, 1bath with balcony. Appraised value: \$418,000.
(910) Parcel of land known as Joe's Creek 3.5 miles south of Treasure Cay containing 3.42 acres located at Joe's Creek, Abaco. Sea view, Living Area, upper & Lower, Garage/workshop, Carport, 10' ceiling, two sets of stairs, interior & Exterior to ground level, covered porch and Extra large kitchen, 24' x 14', with top of the line cupboards. Appraised value: \$625,000.00

OTHER FAMILY ISLANDS
(811) Property containing Condo "Millennium II", Unit A-101, building 57, Phase 1C, 2 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, living room, dining room, utility closet & patio. Situated in the area known as Bimini Bay Resort, Bimini, Bahamas. Appraised value \$485,000.
(105) Lot containing 2 story bldg, with three bed, two and a half bath residence, and 30' x 86' situated Bailey Town, North Bimini. Appraised value \$235,000
(101-F) Property situated Alice Town, The Island of North Bimini, being Parcel "A" measuring 9,267 sq. ft. with incomplete 3 storey single family home. Appraised value \$542,000
(811) Condo Bldg 20-T (TREEHOUSE) in "Bimini Bay Condominium phases 1-A(1)", Bimini Bay, North Bimini. Unit has 1-bed 1-bath with 1140 sq ft, front porch, balcony and central a/c. Appraised value \$390,000.
(811) Condominium Unit Bimini Bay Subdivision, 2 bed, 2 bath Oceanfront unit, 1385 square feet, in patio/balcony located Bimini Bay, North Bimini. Appraised value \$419,900
(100) Developed property being a portion of a tract of land known as Morley's Tract, corner Lot with a frontage of 149 feet, running 149 ft on the North boundary and 120 ft on the South boundary. The property is situated in Lower Deadman's Cay, Long island with home (seven years old) under construction; 30% complete - Appraised value at \$57,000

VACANT PROPERTIES

EXUMA
(569) All that piece parcel or lot of land being Lot No. 102 in the Subdivision known as "EXUMA HARBOUR" Great Exuma measuring 10,000 sq ft. Appraised value \$20,000.
(569) Lot of land being Lots #961 and 962 Bahama Sound of Exuma No.4, western portion of the FOREST Estate in the vicinity of FOREST, Great Exuma, Bahamas. Property is 20,000 sq ft. Appraised value: \$20,000.
(569) Single family residential Lot # 11698 Bahama Sound Subd. #11 West, Great Exuma. Size: approx. 10,426 sq ft. Appraised value \$15,000.
(569) Single family residential Lot No. 11703 Bahama Sound Subd. Number 11 West, Great Exuma. Size: approx. 10,000 sq.ft. Appraised value \$15,000.
(008) Vacant lot of land #6592 Bahama Sound, Exuma No 8E, Great Exuma. Property Size 10,000 sq ft. Appraised Value \$20,000.
(008) Partially developed parcel of land being 10,000 sq.ft. situated about the eastern portion of The Forest Estate in the vicinity of the settlements of Southside and The Forest being Lot Number 4803 in Bahama Sound of Exuma 6, Exuma The Bahamas. Appraised value \$25,000.
(008) Lot and land on Great Exuma, Bahamas and situated (10 1/2) miles Northwestwardly of George Town, lot #10750 Bahama Sound O.A.E. 10,900 sq ft. Appraised value \$65,000.
(008) An undeveloped waterfront lot #12032 size 10,600 sq.ft. in the Bahama Sound of Exuma Subdivision Number 11 West, Great Exuma, Bahamas. Appraised value \$224,000.
(008) Vacant Residential Property all that piece parcel or lot of land being lot No. 12903 Bahama Sound No.14 a subdivision of a tract of land situated approximately 1 5/8 miles southeastwardly of George Town, Exuma Bahamas. Property Size 10,000 sq ft. Appraised Value \$20,000.
(008) Vacant Residential Property all that piece of parcel or lot of land being a portion of Lot No. 51, Area 3, Palm Hill Section, Flamingo Bay Estates a subdivision situated immediately south of George Town, on the Island of Exuma Bahamas. Property Size 10,206 sq.ft. Appraised value \$35,000.00
(008) All that piece parcel or lot of land being Lot No. 9773, Bahamas Sound No. 9, a subdivision of land situate at the northern portion of "The Forest Estate" in the vicinity of the settlement of Mt. Thompson and Farmer's Hill, Great

Exuma, Bahamas. 11 1/4 miles from George Town. The subject site contains 10,000 sq ft and undeveloped. Appraised value of \$18,000.
(008) Lot of land No. 19726-7 & 19283-4 located Bahama Sound No. 21, on Taxi Way, a subdivision of land situate at approximately 2000 feet north east of George Town, Old Airport and about 1.5 miles southeast of the settlement of George Town, Great Exuma, Bahamas. The undeveloped properties are a total of 8,000 sq.ft. Appraised value \$32,000.
(008) Lot #14857, Bahama Sound No. 17, subdivision approximately 1/4 mile South-eastwardly of the Southside and 1 mile from Moss Town Airport, Great Exuma, Bahamas, located Morning Glory Road. This partially developed lot contains 9,010 sq ft. Appraised value \$12,764.
(008) Vacant property, lot#10948, Bahama Sound #8, northeastern portion of The Forest Estate, vicinity of Mt. Thompson and Farmer's Hill, Great Exuma, Bahamas. Appraised value: TBA
(008) Lot No. 1862, located Bahama Sound No. 5 East, a subdivision of land situated at the southeastern portion of The Forest Estate, in the vicinity of the settlements of the Southside and The Forest, Great Exuma, Bahamas. This undeveloped property contains a total of 10,000 sq ft. Appraised value \$12,000.
(569) Lot #14872 situated at the northeastern portion of The Forest Estate in the vicinity of the settlements of Mt. Thompson and Farmer's Hill, Great Exuma one of the Bahama Islands. Property is 10,000 sq.ft. Appraised value \$110,000.
(569) Lots of land # C-9454 & C-9455 situated in Bahama Sound, Exuma Section 12, Exuma. Property is 20,000 sq. ft. Appraised value \$170,000.
(401) Vacant lot of land and being part of a parcel of a tract of land known as "Hooper's", Great Exuma. The property is comprise of 8,661 sq ft. Appraised value \$25,000.
(008) Lot#5101 located Bahama Sound #6, western portion of The Forest Estate near Southside and The Forest, Great Exuma. Appraised value \$20,000.
(569) Lots #7531B, #7890R and #7890T Bahama Sound of Exuma No.II Subdivision situate on the Island of Great Exuma, Bahamas. Appraised value \$55,000.
(008) Parcel of land lot#8810, Bahama Sound #12 situated about 7 miles northwest of George

Town, Great Exuma. Appraised value TBA.
(008) Lot No. 3199, Bahama Sound, Exuma No.5 Great Exuma and Lot No. 6735 situated 10.5 miles northwest of George Town, Bahama Sound No. 8 east Exuma Bahamas. Both lots are vacant and are 10,000 sq ft. Appraised value \$20,000 & \$8,000.
(008) Lot No. B-7429 Bahama Sound No. 11 of Great Exuma, Bahamas. Property Size 10,000 sq ft. Vacant property. Appraised value \$16,800.
(008) Lot # 4919 Bahama Sound No. 6, Exuma. Property Size 10,000 sq ft. Vacant property. Appraised value 10,000.
(008) All that piece of parcel or lot of land being lot Nos. 9652 & 9653 of Bahama Sound No. 9, Great Exuma situate about 101/2 miles Northwest of settlement of George Town, Exuma, Bahamas. Property Size 10,000 sq ft. Vacant property. Appraised value \$34,000.
(008) Lot #1202, Bahama Sound No. 3, Exuma. Lot size 10,000 sq ft. Appraised value \$9,000.
(725) Lot of land situate Southwardly of the Queen's Highway near Hooper's Bay having #33 in the Island of Exuma one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Property is 13,317sq.ft. Appraised value\$35,000.
(571) Lots of land being lot #C-14068, C-14069 and C-14070, C-14071, Bahama Sound No.16, Great Exuma, Bahamas: Appraised value. TBA
(008) Lot 6-2R being a part of Parcel 6, "Hope Hill Estate", approximately 3/4 mile southeast of Rolleville on the Northern coast of Great Exuma, Bahamas. Property Size 11,989 Sq. Ft. Appraised Value \$140,000.00
(008) Vacant Lot No 8B in Southside Settlement, subdivisions of land situated at approximately 1/4 mile Southeastwardly of Southside and 1 mile south of Moss Town Airport, Great Exuma, Bahamas. Property Size 11,029 Sq. Ft. Appraised Value \$44,116.00

in Mango Lane Section "B" Block #15, Eleuthera Island Shores on the Island of Eleuthera. Appraised value \$50,189.
(565) Vacant lot #5 located Eleuthera Island Shores, Seaside Drive Section B, Block #15, Eleuthera, Bahamas. 9,691 sq. ft. Appraised value \$27,620.
(902) Lot # 10 comprising 10,546 sq ft situated on Northeast side of the Queen's Highway on the island of Eleuthera approx. Three hundredths of a mile Northwest of the Palmetto Point crossing. Appraised Value \$54,600
(569) Lot of land in James Cistern on Eleuthera, Bahamas measuring approx 10,000 sq ft. Appraised value TBA
(569) Lot #3 being a portion of the subdivision of a tract of land located in the village approximately 1.41 miles southeast of Wemyss Bight, Eleuthera, Bahamas and measuring 3,240 acres (281.27' x 502') Appraised value \$60,000.
ABACO
(909) Lot # 1, Aunt Pat's Bay Subdivision , Elbow Cay, Abaco containing 15,549 square feet. Appraised value: TBA
(909) Lot #54, in the Hoptetown Point Subdivision, located Hope Town, Elbow Cay Abaco. Appraised value TBA
(909) Lot of land situate on the Southwestern side of S. C. Bootee Highway and approximately 2 miles Northwestly from the settlement of Murphy Town, on the Island of Abaco containing 54,905 square feet. Appraised Value: TBA .
(909) Lot #39, located Central Pines Subdivision containing 12,473 square feet situate south of Dundas Town and west of Marsh Harbour, Abaco. Appraised value: TBA
(505) Ten acres of land on Woods Cay, Little Abaco, between Cooper's Town and Cedar Harbour, Abaco, Bahamas. The property is undeveloped but has a seaview from both the north and south side. Appraised value \$1,078,750.
(909) Vacant residential Lot# 63 (7800 sq. ft.) Crown Allotments located Murphy Town, Abaco - Appraised value \$18,000.
(910) Lot #14, in block No. 194 residential property situated in Treasure Cay, Abaco. Appraised value \$28,000.
(910) Land and house located at Treasure Cay. Appraised value: \$80,000.
(910) Developed residential property known as Lot No.3, Block 211, Treasure Cay, Abaco.

Appraised value: \$75,000.
(801) Parcel of Land known as Lot B, consisting of 0.306 Acres, "Ocean Point", Winding Bay Subdivision, Abaco, Bahamas. Appraised Value \$250,000.
(801) Parcel of Land known as Lot E, consisting of 0.217 Acres, "Ocean Point", Winding Bay Subdivision, Abaco, Bahamas. Appraised Value \$300,000.
(801) Parcel of Land known as Lot G, consisting of 0.349 Acres, "Ocean Point", Winding Bay Subdivision, Abaco, Bahamas. Appraised Value \$250,000.
(801) Parcel of Land known as Lot A, consisting of 1.103 Acres, "Ocean Point", Winding Bay Subdivision, Abaco, Bahamas. Appraised Value \$500,000.
(801) Parcel of Land known as Lot C, consisting of 0.381 Acres, "Ocean Point", Winding Bay Subdivision, Abaco, Bahamas. Appraised Value \$300,000.
(801) Parcel of Land known as Lot F, consisting of 0.381 Acres, "Ocean Point", Winding Bay Subdivision, Abaco, Bahamas. Appraised Value \$300,000.
OTHER FAMILY ISLANDS
(569) Lot #518 Section 2, Phase III Stella Maris Subdivision, Long Island. Property is 11,707 sq.ft. Appraised value \$45,000.
(569) Vacant land, Lot #184 of Phase 3, Section 2 of Stella Maris Sub-Division (11,500 sq.ft.) situated at Adderley's, Long Island. Appraised value \$30,000.
(569) 4.8 acres of vacant land being portion of Lot 68, Flowers Road, Driggs Hill, South Andros. Appraised value \$35,000.
(902) Lot #s 13 & 14 Block 50 Greenwood Estates Subdivision, Cat Island, property size 6,000 sq ft each. Appraised Value \$40,000.
(560) Two vacant properties (Lot 12c 5789 sq.ft and Lot 12d 5231 sq ft) Creek Bay Subdivision, Russell Island Bridge on the northern side of the island, Russell Island, Spanish Wells. These lots are elevated lots that offer outstanding ocean views and a short path to the beach. Appraised value Lot 12c \$85,000 and Lot 12d \$80,000.
(105) Lot of land situate in South Bimini being Lot 11 Block No.2 of the Buccanere Point Subdivision Bimini Bahamas Appraised Value: TBA

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LOCAL NEWS

PM 'expected to consult with Bamboo Town Constituency Association'



PRIME MINISTER Hubert Ingraham

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However, he admitted that the party leader does plan to make an appearance in a bid to reaffirm commitment to the seat. Mr Bethel also opted to withhold possible candidates as he felt the constituency should be the first to discuss their options.

"They (the association) are looking forward with anticipation to being consulted on who the party will nominate to contest the next elections in the area," Mr Bethel said. "They are anxious to get a new candidate so that they can get refocused and back to work."

"It's very important that the party offers its authority and presence to reassure FNMs of the commitment of the party to the retention of an FNM seat."

Also expected to attend tomorrow's meeting is FNM Senator Dion Foulkes and Mount Moriah MP Tommy Turnquest.

Bamboo Town was formerly represented by independent candidate Tennyson Wells, who won the seat in the 2002 election. He ran against Mr McCartney in 2007 and lost.

Last month, FNMs in Bamboo Town were said to be very disappointed by the impromptu resignation of their MP from the party. The association explained that executives learnt of Mr McCartney's deci-

sion only when it was made public.

Since then the PLP has resolved that it will not yield the seat to Mr McCartney, despite not having fielded a candidate in Bamboo Town for the past two elections.

According to FNM sources, Kenyatta Gibson, FNM MP for Kennedy, was also named as a possible candidate.

Mr Bethel added: "The constituency remains FNM, no matter what the incumbent decides to do to advance his own career - he was elected on an FNM ticket. The party is going to meet with the association, to show them our support, to encourage and to let them know that the fire of the torch still burns bright in Bamboo Town."

Christie: BTC deal 'will not stand'

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sign company by as early as (today)."

"No one can say in the circumstances of this transaction and our publicly stated and clear position, that they do not know what to expect from a future PLP administration. Buyer beware! Cease and desist! Do not proceed! I cannot be more clear on this. This is an affront to the Bahamian people."

"We will use all lawful means available to us to ensure that it will not stand," said the PLP leader, reiterating and reaffirming a threat first issued in the midst of the sale process in a manner which indicates that the PLP's position on the matter is not set to change in light of the formalisation of the sale.

It also suggested the PLP would not be deterred by the provisions of the deal struck between the government and C&WC which would make it difficult and very financially onerous for this or any successive government to alter

the terms agreed to between the present government and C&WC.

Mr Christie stated that if elected to power the PLP intends to have a "full public inquiry into the sale of BTC's assets to C&WC", suggesting that there are "too many unanswered questions about this deal."

"The deal stinks and the PLP remains committed to regaining this asset for the Bahamian people and to allow the Bahamian public to have a full and public view of the entirety of this transaction," he said.

Meanwhile, the Free National Movement in a statement released prior to Mr Christie's yesterday, hit out at the PLP for their performance during the parliamentary debate over the sale of BTC to C&WC.

The party suggested that the debate "exposed the PLP's hypocrisy and dysfunction" and became "one of the most stunning displays of hypocrisy in Bahamian political life" given that the PLP had been in favour of "handing over control of BTC to the dubious Bluewater" prior to the 2007 general election.

"The PLP still refuses to tell the Bahamian people who

had their hands in the Bluewater cookie jar. The PLP's Bluewater deal would have been a disaster for The Bahamas, filling the coffers of selfish interests who like to talk Bahamian, but who often treat Bahamians with contempt."

"Bluewater's lawyer was none other than PLP Deputy Leader Philip 'Brave' Davis," said the FNM who were of the opinion that he "helped negotiate a sweetheart deal for his clients."

The FNM said that "under that deal \$70 million of BTC money would have been placed under the control of Bluewater's principals. Under the new BTC-Cable & Wireless partnership agreed to by the FNM that money goes to the Bahamian people," said the FNM statement.

And the ruling party made its own threat - that in the run up to the upcoming general election "Bahamians will learn more about how the PLP were prepared to just about auction off Bahamian national interest in the Bluewater deal."

"In that deal, a few select individuals and their cronies would have filled their bank accounts and pockets at the expense of the Bahamian people," the FNM claimed.

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LOCAL NEWS

BMW crashes into Flowers property after accident

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woman, which was heading west. According to eye witness and COB student, PJ Smith, the white taxi, having struck the black BMW, then pushed the vehicle in a westerly direction along the street.

The driver of the black BMW then accelerated and ended up crashing into the statue of three hibiscus flowers that stand on the lawn directly in front of the FML office building, dislodging one of the metal flowers and undergoing extensive damage.

The taxi van came to a halt on the sidewalk on the northern side of West Bay Street, just in front of Mr Smith.

When The Tribune arrived on the scene at 6.15pm police had arrived, however people in the area expressed surprise that officers had taken about 20 minutes to reach the crash despite the Fort Charlotte police station being located a mere 60 feet or so from the site.

The BMW was towed off the statue and away from the scene. No one was injured.

Cable and Wireless chiefs set to discuss plans with BTC staff next week

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us to engage our customers, our colleagues and the company in ways that may be new to us," said Mr Griffin. "Yet, in this transition, one will find interesting and exciting opportunities for those prepared to accept and embrace what will no doubt be a vibrant and progressive BTC."

Mr Griffin also urged BTC employees to make sound decisions on their professional future. "As you make up your mind as to your place in BTC, I implore you not to pay any attention whatsoever to rumour and speculation - no matter the source. The management of BTC will ensure that you remain informed of what is to happen within the company and will provide the channels for you to obtain whatever information you require. The decision that you ultimately make about your professional future are indeed profound and very personal.

"Be sure that you base these decisions on substantiated facts."

Man dies after club stabbing in Abaco

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ple stab wounds in his body.

The Tribune understands that the victim is 29-year-old Lamont Butler. It is reported that he got into an argument with two men whom he knew and was subsequently stabbed multiple times. Butler was taken to a local clinic where he was pronounced dead, according to police. According to police press liaison officer Chrislyn Skippings, two men ages 21 and 26 are being questioned in connection with the incident. The men were taken into custody after they were taken to the Marsh Harbour Police Station by family members.

This latest homicide pushes the country's murder count to 35 for the year. It is also the second homicide at Dundas Town, Abaco this year. In February Yvonne Adderley was found dead in her apartment in Dundas Town with injuries to the back of her head.

Her son Ronado Adderley, 33, has been charged in her murder.

MEXICAN POLICE CATCH MAN WHO PLANTED 'WHISKY BOMB'

ACAPULCO, Mexico Associated Press

A DRUG trafficker who planted a "whisky bomb" intended for a police commander has been arrested, Mexico's federal police said Sunday.

Police said suspect Manuel Mendez allegedly left a box containing a bottle of whisky and 11 pounds (5 kilograms) of explosives outside a store in the western Mexico state of Jalisco in September.

Mendez's "Resistencia" cartel then sent out word that the whisky was a gift for a local police commander who had purportedly interfered with the cartel's operations.

The box contained a remote-controlled electronic device to trigger the explosives. It was found by police and deactivated before it exploded.

Police said Mendez, whose nickname is "Kerosene," was arrested in a suburb of Mexico City. They said the "Resistencia" cartel largely operates in Jalisco.

Mexican cartels have increasingly turned to car bombs and explosives in making attacks on police.

Also Sunday, two men were found shot to death in a town west of the resort of Acapulco in the Pacific coast state of Guerrero. Both victims had their right index fingers cut off, a practice frequently used by cartels to punish alleged informers.

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Charges fly in killings of 1,000 in Ivorian town

JOHANNESBURG
Associated Press

THE United Nations and the government it supports in Ivory Coast are trading accusations over the killings of hundreds of civilians in a western town last week.

But a minister in the government of internationally recognized president Alassane Ouattara late Saturday accused U.N. peacekeepers of failing to protect civilians in Duekoue from vengeful fighters supporting the entrenched incumbent leader.

The U.N. accused traditional hunters fighting in a force supporting Ouattara of "extra-judicial executions" of more than 330 people last week in Duekoue.

Guillaume Ngeta, joint chief for human rights of the U.N. mission, also on Saturday night blamed the killings of about 100 more civilians there on fighters loyal to Laurent Gbagbo, Ivory Coast's leader since 2000 who refuses to accept his defeat in November elections.

Such allegations are a strong blow to the stature of the democratically elected Ouattara and could not come at a worse time, as fighters claiming loyalty to him prepared Sunday for a final push on Gbagbo's strongholds in Abidjan.

Aid organizations say atrocities that could qualify as war crimes and crimes against humanity are being committed by both sides as fighters for the two rivals prepare for a battle in Abidjan, the commercial capital and seat of power.

Roman Catholic charity Caritas

said Saturday more than 1,000 people were killed over three days last week in one Duekoue neighborhood controlled by forces fighting to install Ouattara. Caritas spokesman Patrick Nicholson said they did not know who did the killing.

The International Federation of the Red Cross put the death toll at more than 800, and said it appeared to be "inter-communal violence."

Ouattara's government blamed retreating Gbagbo forces, and accused them of killing about 100 people there before they retreated.

Justice Minister Jeannot Ahoussou-Kouadio rebuffed the U.N.'s allegations in a statement late Saturday, accusing the nearly 1,000 peacekeepers based in Duekoue of abandoning the town and leaving civilians at the mercy of vengeful Gbagbo fighters.

Militia

"The government notes that the (U.N. mission) retreated from the town of Duekoue before its liberation by the Republican Forces at the same time that the town was prey to looting and exactions of every type being committed by the militia and mercenaries of Mr. Laurent Gbagbo," the statement said.

The U.N. mission said most of its soldiers were deployed around a Catholic mission, protecting some 15,000 people who had sought refuge there.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called Ouattara to discuss the issue late Saturday. Ouattara



THIS HANDOUT photo provided by the French Defense Ministry on Sunday April 3, 2011, shows French soldiers patrolling as part of the French Force Licorne, in Port Bouet district of Abidjan, Saturday, April, 2, 2011. The United Nations mission in Ivory Coast began moving some 200 employees out of the main city Sunday after repeated attacks on its headquarters, as fighters loyal to the internationally recognized president prepared for a battle to oust the incumbent leader. (AP)

repeated his camp's denials, said he had launched an investigation and would welcome an international inquiry into the killings, according to a U.N. statement.

Aid workers who visited Duekoue last week said survivors blamed pro-Ouattara forces. The survivors said that when the so-called Republican Forces entered Duekoue, they headed straight for the Carrefour neighborhood that was controlled by a pro-Gbagbo militia that previously had attacked Ouattara supporters and migrants from Burkina Faso, according to Ivorian workers from an international aid organization who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

"There were massive killings, they set the place ablaze and burned down the (neighborhood) completely," one said.

Nicholson, the Caritas spokesman, said victims were killed by small-arms fire or hacked to death with machetes.

He said the victims included

many refugees from fighting elsewhere in the country.

In retaliation, the aid workers said, the retreating militia joined up with Liberian mercenaries and descended on Guiglo town, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) away, and attacked scores of people there, mainly migrant workers. It is not known how many people were killed at Guiglo, they said. Efforts to call the Catholic Church at Guiglo were unsuccessful, apparently because power cuts did not allow people to charge their phones.

Fighters

Ouattara had long tried to distance himself from the northern-based fighters taking up his cause who fought in a brief civil war almost a decade ago that left the country split in two. Those fighters were accused of many atrocities at the time. The elections were supposed to reunite the country.

But Ouattara's repeated calls for an international military intervention to force out Gbagbo and end the violence have gone unheeded. Last week, he appeared to change tack as the rebel fighters, which he renamed the "Republican Forces," began their lightning assault on Abidjan.

The Duekoue killings are the worst atrocities reported in the violent electoral dispute. Previously, the United Nations put the death toll at 492 from four months of fighting. The International Federation of the Red Cross said the toll is much higher, with thousands killed and injured.

The International Organization of Migration said Sunday about 4,000 refugees who had fled the killings in Duekoue and been stranded on the road to Guiglo have been taken to safety at another Catholic mission. They are among more than 1 million people displaced by the violence since January.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Lawmakers urge caution on arming Libyan rebels

Republican Rep. Mike Rogers says there may be strains of al-Qaida among rebels

WASHINGTON
Associated Press

THE U.S. and its allies need to know much more about the rebels in Libya before providing them with advanced weapons to fight Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's forces, key U.S. lawmakers said Sunday.

Republican Rep. Mike Rogers, the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, said there may be strains of al-Qaida within the rebel ranks and that the NATO-led coalition in the campaign against Gadhafi should proceed with caution before arming them.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid advocated a "wait and see" approach to giving the opposition forces more firepower.

"I think at this stage we really don't know who the leaders of this rebel group are," said Reid.

But Rogers also warned that if there were a stalemate in Libya, Gadhafi might resort to extreme measures against the opposition forces, such as the use of chemical weapons. Gadhafi remaining in power is not an option, Rogers said.

Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham said the coalition needs to take the air war to Libya's capital where Gadhafi and his inner circle are located. Striking targets in Tripoli will further fracture Gadhafi's inner circle and push the Libyan leader from power, he said.

"The way to end this war is to have Gadhafi's inner circle to crack," Graham said. "The way to get his inner circle to crack is to go after them directly."

Like Rogers, Graham said he's concerned over the prospect of a stalemate in Libya. A member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, he faulted President Barack Obama for putting the U.S. into a supporting role and shifting the main combat burden to Britain, France and other NATO allies.

"To take the best air force in the world and park it during this fight is outrageous," Graham said. "When we called for a no-fly zone, we didn't mean our planes."

NATO spokeswoman



IN THIS PHOTO released by NBC House Intelligence Chairman Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Mich., speaks about the situation in Libya on NBC's "Meet the Press" in Washington Sunday, April 3, 2011. (AP)

Oana Lungescu said the U.S. approved a request from the alliance to extend until Monday its role in flying strike missions over Libya. In an emailed statement, Lungescu said Sunday that "poor weather conditions over the last few days" were the reason for the request. She did not elaborate, saying she couldn't discuss operational details.

"These aircraft will continue to conduct and support alliance air-to-ground missions throughout this weekend," she said.

U.S. participation in strike missions against Libya was to end Sunday unless NATO officials specifically asked for assistance and authorities in Washington gave their approval. NATO assumed full control last week from the U.S.-led international force for all aspects of the operation in Libya as authorized by U.N. resolutions that include an arms embargo, enforcing the no-fly zone, and protecting civilians from Gadhafi's forces.

Allied military operations against Gadhafi's forces began March 19 with missiles and bombs targeting Libya's air defenses, communications networks, and ground forces. Obama has ruled out the use of U.S. ground troops in Libya. But the opposition lacks the proper organization and equipment to push back Gadhafi's army on its own. The rebels scored early suc-

cess against Gadhafi's forces, but lost most of their gains in recent days.

Sen. John McCain, the top Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, said failing to arm the rebels could allow Gadhafi to maintain control over large swaths of Libya.

"We are concerned that regional support will waver if Western forces are perceived as presiding over a military deadlock," McCain and Sen. Joe Lieberman, an independent, wrote Friday in *The Wall Street Journal*. "We cannot allow Gadhafi to consolidate his grip over part of the country and settle in for the long haul."

Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in congressional testimony on Thursday that as few as 1,000 among the rebels are former members of Gadhafi's military.

The rest are simply "guys with guns," said James Dubik, a retired Army three-star general who says they need American or NATO advisers and trainers to be effective. "They need help," Dubik wrote in an assessment for the Institute for the Study of War, a think tank in Washington.

Rogers appeared Sunday on NBC television's "Meet the Press."

Reid and Graham appeared on CBS's "Face The Nation."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Engineers pin hopes on polymer to stop nuke leak

TOKYO Associated Press

ENGINEERS pinned their hopes on chemicals, sawdust and shredded newspaper to stop highly radioactive water pouring into the ocean from Japan's tsunami-ravaged nuclear plant Sunday as officials said it will take several months to bring the crisis under control, the first time they have provided a timetable.

Concrete already failed to stop the tainted water spewing from a crack in a maintenance pit, and the new mixture did not appear to be working either, but engineers said they were not abandoning it.

The Fukushima Da-ichi plant has been leaking radioactivity since the March 11 tsunami carved a path of destruction along Japan's northeastern coast, killing as many as 25,000 people and knocking out key cooling systems that kept it from overheating. People living within 12 miles (20 kilometers) of the plant have been forced to abandon their homes.

The government said Sunday it will be several months before the radiation stops and permanent cooling systems are restored. Even after that happens, there will be years of work ahead to clean up the area around the complex and figure out what to do with it.

"It would take a few months until we finally get things under control and have a better idea about the future," said Nuclear

and Industrial Safety Agency spokesman Hidehiko Nishiyama. "We'll face a crucial turning point within the next few months, but that is not the end."

His agency said the timetable is based on the first step, pumping radioactive water into tanks, being completed quickly and the second, restoring cooling systems, being done within a matter of weeks or months.

Every day brings some new problem at the plant, where workers have often been forced to retreat from repair efforts because of high radiation levels. On Sunday, plant operator Tokyo Electric Power Co. announced it had found the bodies of two workers missing since the tsunami.

Radiation, debris and explosions kept workers from finding them until Wednesday, and then the announcement was delayed several days out of respect for their families.

TEPCO officials said they believed the workers ran down to a basement to check equipment after the magnitude-9.0 earthquake that preceded the tsunami. They were there when the massive wave swept over the plant.

"It pains us to have lost these two young workers who were trying to protect the power plant amid the earthquake and tsunami," TEPCO Chairman Tsunehisa Katsumata said in a statement.

On Saturday, workers discov-



ered an 8-inch (20-centimeter) crack in a maintenance pit at the plant and said they believe water from it may be the source of some of the high levels of radioactive iodine that have been found in the ocean for more than a week.

This is the first time they have found radioactive water leaking directly into the sea. A picture released by TEPCO shows water shooting some distance away from a wall and splashing into the ocean, though the amount is not clear. No other cracks have been found.

The radioactive water dissipates quickly in the ocean but could be dangerous to workers at the plant.

Engineers tried to seal the crack with concrete Saturday, but that effort failed.

So on Sunday they went farther up the system and injected sawdust, three garbage bags of shredded newspaper and a polymer — similar to one used to absorb liquid in diapers — that can expand to 50 times its normal size when combined with water.

The polymer mix in the passageway leading to the pit had not stopped the leak by Sunday night, but it also had not leaked out of the crack along with the water, so engineers were stirring it in an attempt to get it to expand. They expected to know by Monday morning if it would work.

RESIDENTS OF OKUMA TOWN, where the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear complex is located, arrive at a spring inn-converted shelter during a mass evacuation of the town, in Aizuwakamatsu city, Fukushima Prefecture, Japan, Sunday.

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By ROYALFIDELITY CAPITAL MARKETS

IT WAS yet another busy week of trading in the Bahamian stock market.

Investors traded in eight out of the 24 listed securities, with three advancers and two decliners.

EQUITY MARKET

A total of 178,287 shares changed hands, representing an increase of 130,551 shares compared to the previous week's trading volume of 47,736.

Colina Holdings (CHL) was the volume leader and big advancer, trading a volume of 100,000 shares, its stock price increasing by \$0.15 to close at \$2.55.

Bank of the Bahamas (BOB) traded a volume of 30,169 shares, its share price climbing \$0.08 to close at \$5.28.

Commonwealth Bank (CBL) traded a volume of 26,500 shares, its stock price increasing \$0.07 to close at \$6.89.

Cable Bahamas (CAB)

was the big decliner, trading a volume of 11,300 shares to see its stock price fall by \$0.35 to close at \$8.90.

Finance Corporation of the Bahamas (FIN) traded a volume of 2,652 shares, its listed price decreasing by \$0.25 to close at \$7.25.

AML Foods (AML) traded a volume of 5,866 shares to close unchanged at \$1.19.

FOCOL Holdings Limited (FCL) traded a volume of 1,780 shares to close unchanged at \$5.48.

BOND MARKET

Fidelity Bank Bahamas Series D Notes (FBBSD) traded a volume of \$41,000 notes at par value.

COMPANY NEWS Earnings Releases:

Bank of the Bahamas (BOB) released unaudited financial results for the three months ended December 31, 2010. BOB

reported net income available to common shareholders of \$2.2 million, an increase of \$875,000 compared to the \$1.3 million reported in the same quarter in the prior year.

Net interest income of \$9.3 million reflected an increase of \$2.4 million, compared to \$6.9 million in 2009, while total operating income increased from \$1.3 million to \$1.6 million, an increase of 23 per cent over the comparative period.

BOB's credit loss expense of \$1.7 million increased significantly year-over-year by \$1.2 million, compared to the \$0.5 million recognised in the comparative quarter. Management has indicated this was due to a large number of non-accrual loans.

Earnings per share for the quarter stood at \$0.14 on December 31, 2010, compared to a \$0.01 per share loss reported on December 31, 2009.

At December 31, 2010, total assets and liabilities of the bank stood at \$817 million and \$697 million, respectively, compared to \$778 million and \$662 million at June 30, 2010.

AGM NOTICE: Commonwealth Bank (CBL) has announced its AGM is to be held at SuperClubs Breezes on May 18, 2011, at 5pm.

EQUITY MARKET - TRADING STATISTICS

Week ending 01.04.11

BISX SYMBOL	CLOSING PRICE	WKLY PRICE CHANGE	VOLUME	YTD PRICE CHANGE
AML	\$1.19	\$-	5,886	22.68%
BBL	\$0.18	\$-	0	0.00%
BOB	\$5.28	\$0.08	30,169	7.76%
BPF	\$10.63	\$-	0	0.00%
BSL	N/A	\$-	0	0.00%
BWL	\$ 2.70	\$-	0	0.00%
CAB	\$ 8.90	\$-0.35	11,300	-14.91%
CBL	\$6.89	\$0.07	26,500	-1.57%
CHL	\$2.55	\$0.15	100,000	6.25%
CIB	\$9.30	\$-	0	-0.96%
CWCB	\$2.16	\$-0.11	0	18.03%
DHS	\$1.40	\$-	0	-12.50%
FAM	\$5.22	\$-	0	-14.00%
FBB	\$1.96	\$-	0	-9.68%
FCL	\$5.48	\$0.00	1,780	0.37%
FCLB	\$1.00	\$-	0	0.00%
FIN	\$7.25	\$-0.25	2,652	0.28%
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JSJ	\$9.82	\$-	0	0.00%
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BOND MARKET - TRADING STATISTICS

BISX SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION	VOLUME	PAR VALUE
FBB13	FBB Series C Notes Due 2013	0	\$1,000
FBB15	FBB Series D Notes Due 2015	41	\$1,000
FBB17	FBB Series A Notes Due 2017	0	\$1,000
FBB22	FBB Series B Notes Due 2022	0	\$1,000

INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

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Currency	Weekly	% Change
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BUSINESS

Contractors awaiting IDB-funded initiative

By ALISON LOWE
Business Reporter
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THE Bahamian Contractors' Association's (BCA) president said he expects the first tranche of an Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) grant to be released to it in short order, enabling the organisation to forge ahead with several initiatives aimed at strengthening the industry.

Stephen Wrinkle said three major initiatives are planned under the auspices of the program the organisation will fund using the \$150,000 grant.

These include a training and certification program for contractors, the development of "standardised documentation" for small and medium-sized construction projects - such as a contract, stage payment application and change order - and the expansion of the BCA into the Family Islands through the establishment of chapters outside New Providence.

Speaking of the BCA's desire to extend its network further beyond New Providence, Mr Wrinkle said this initiative has been "well received" so far by contractors in places such as Abaco and Grand Bahama.

"We've had a pretty good response. They've also had problems with outside contractors coming and taking their work. We will be better able to feed and disseminate information and help each other as we move forward, particularly with our training and education," Mr Wrinkle

said.

"They are really isolated by not being affiliated, so we hope to create a venue for discussion and support among our members. For example, if a contractor in Abaco needs to get something from a government office in Nassau we can assist them with that. If they need help with a foreign developer and it's an immigration issue we can assist them with that; if it's a permitting issue we can help them; if they have a problem recruiting enough manpower or equipment, we have a section in our website where we exchange information on services, goods and products

Focus

"A lot of (the Family Island contractors) know how to build stuff real well, but they don't know much about administration and budgeting, so those are the areas we will focus on."

The BCA will add \$75,000 to the \$150,000 grant from the IDB, bringing the total pot of funds to develop the initiatives to \$225,000.

Mr Wrinkle confirmed he has been "asked to stay on for another two years" as president of the BCA, following a four-year stint, to help implement the IDB-funded program, which has been several years in the making.

The BCA has now appointed a project administrator to deal with the implementation of the initiatives full-time. The IDB grant does not come with

any technical expertise in tow, but Mr Wrinkle said the BCA expects to hire a number of consultants where necessary.

Training and certification will be provided for "level one, two and three" contractors, and those specialising in various sub-trades within the industry.

This aspect of the program is intended to tie in to what Mr Wrinkle has deemed the BCA's "number one priority" - the Contractors Bill - which is intended to provide the legislation and regulations to regulate the construction industry.

Mr Wrinkle has deemed this step critical, not only to protecting consumers from shoddy workmanship, but to securing the Bahamian construction industry's future foothold in lucrative foreign direct investment (FDI) developments, since foreign investors have been traditionally wary of working with Bahamian contractors who cannot show evidence of their qualifications and suitability to conduct certain work.

The BCA hopes the IDB-funded training initiative will run parallel to the training program it hopes to implement to prepare Bahamian construction workers/contractors to participate to the great-

est extent possible in the Baha Mar development, which got underway in February.

Some \$400 million worth of work from the total \$2.6 billion value of the project has been mandated by the Government to go to Bahamian contractors, both large, medium and small. A total \$2 million out of \$8 million allocated for training overall by Baha Mar will go towards construction-related education, aimed at preparing Bahamian workers for the type of work required.

Initiative

As to where this initiative stands, Mr Wrinkle said he expects the program to move forward once Baha Mar is able to secure the administrator for the Baha Mar Training and Services Academy, through which the training will be facilitated.

Baha Mar is presently advertising for a candidate to fill the vacancy of "leader" of the academy, who Mr Wrinkle said will become the "point person" at Baha Mar for the BCA and BTVI throughout the training initiative.

"We've pretty much established our steering commit-

tees for the Baha Mar training, so as they hire their administrator and we are able to meet with them, things should get going. Our draft proposal to them is ready now and BTVI is already geared up," said Mr Wrinkle.



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\$5bn energy savings goal

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the individual electricity bill amounting to more than \$5 billion for all BEC customers."

The \$5 billion financial savings estimate is based on several projections, namely electricity tariffs of \$0.31 per kilowatt hour (kWh). Other assumptions relating to average equipment lifetime are 15 and 20 years of energy efficiency for solar water heaters and renewable energy plants, respectively; oil prices of \$100 per barrel; and investment average power saving costs of \$0.05 per kWh at 9 per cent weighted average cost of capital (WACC).

The Committee's report estimated that in dollar terms, energy efficiency would save \$392 million, with renewable energies generating \$4.588 billion in cost savings for individuals and businesses - the entire Bahamian economy.

To get there, the report urged that renewable energies take a 15 per cent and 30 per cent share of the total BEC power supply by 2020 and 2030, respectively.

Analysing the available renewable energy technologies, the National Energy

Policy Committee report said they "have yet to be exploited in the Bahamas in any significant way".

It added: "The technical potential of domestic renewable energy sources is defined as the maximum generation yield on suitable lands, sites and roofs, considering natural and technical restrictions like exclusion of nature protection areas, suitability of lands for certain plants, or possible density of wind power plants.

"The technical potential is 50 times the present power demand of the Bahamas, which is more than sufficient to cover the future power demand increase."

And the Committee said: "The most competitive renewable energy source is presently biomass. Other renewable energy technologies are not economically viable under current Bahamian conditions. When considering the presently competitive technologies only, the economic potential amounts to 70 per cent of present power demand."

"With fossil fuel prices potentially increasing in the future, and costs of some renewable energy technologies like solar and PV expected to decrease fur-

ther, the economic potential of domestic renewable energy will grow to a level more than five times the projected demand by 2030."

The Committee advocated that net metering and net billing schemes be established for small wind power plants and photovoltaic plants (PV) up to 50 kilowatts (KW), "with net billing only granted to plants operated on or near buildings occupied by the operator of the plant and generation equipment installed primarily to cover, partially or fully, the customer's electricity needs".

To further encourage renewable energy entrepreneurs and investment, the Committee recommended that a tendering scheme be developed for "utility-scale" power plants with a minimum 5 mega watt (MW) generation capacity. Feed-in tariffs would also be required to provide biomass, wind and waste-to-energy plants with an economic return.

Increasing renewable energy to a 15 per cent share of BEC's power supply sources was described as a medium-term goal for the next five to 10 years, with alternative energy sources also targeting the production of 50 per cent or more of the electricity needs of small communities.

Other medium-term goals outlined by the National Energy Policy Committee report, released at the end

of last week, was increasing the use of solar hot water heaters to 20-30 per cent of all Bahamian households by 2021, a goal aimed at reducing oil imports.

To finance renewable energy's development in the Bahamas, the Committee suggested that financing be collected via a Renewable Energy Fund. It advocated that this could be financed from the Government's Budget, taxes, an electricity tariff surcharge, grants and climate trade income.

Maintaining a 'twin track' policy, the Committee added: "Energy efficiency measures and energy-saving means should be established so that any future growth of demand for energy services would be entirely balanced."

"This means by 2030 the current level of energy services from electricity - lighting, air conditioning, communications etc - would be provided with 30 per cent less power than presently required."

To achieve this goal, the Committee suggested measures including only admitting energy-rated electrical appliances (those bearing the 'Star' rating) to the Bahamas, along with mandatory minimum energy efficiency standards for new buildings.

Customs duty exemptions for energy efficient equipment, plus making it a legal obligation to use solar water heaters, was also pushed.

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BUSINESS

'Marginal rise' in Spring Break visits

By ALISON LOWE
Business Reporter
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Atlantis says business levels 'much stronger than last year and comparable to 2008' pre-recession

WHILE the Bahamas benefited from an overall "marginal increase" in Spring Break related vacations this year, Atlantis reports that its season outpaced the market - coming in "much stronger than last year" and even "comparable" to business levels before the 2008 downturn.

Ed Fields, senior vice-president of public affairs for Kerzner International (Bahamas), said

the Spring Break season "contributed to a strong first quarter" for visitor arrivals to Atlantis, Paradise Island.

Having canvassed the hotel industry as a whole, the Bahamas Hotel Association found that by and large there was a "small increase in the number of Spring

Break-related vacations this year over last".

"While most hotels in Grand Bahama, Nassau and Paradise Island report that the level of Spring Break activity is similar to last year, several hotels have reported increases.

"They attribute this to their

targeted promotional efforts, an improving US economy, and travel incentives like the 'Companion Fly Free' program. This nets out to be a marginal increase in Spring Break business," Frank Comito, the BHA's executive vice-president, told Tribune Business yesterday.

He noted that the response of Family Island hotel properties to the survey "confirmed" the view that has traditionally held that such properties "have not benefited significantly from the Spring Break market, which prefers larger resort type environments".

FROM page one

OVER 25% OF TOURIST SPEND USED FOR OIL

thirds" of electricity produced by BEC lost before it reaches the consumer.

Detailing the potential balance of payments (foreign currency usage) and national security implications from the Bahamas' almost-100 per cent reliance on fossil fuels for its energy, the Committee's second report, released late last week, noted that between 2001 and 2008, total spending on oil imports grew from \$273.3 million to \$1.147 billion.

"A comparison of the Central Bank oil imports for local consumption and the estimated tourism expenditures between 2001 and 2008 reveals that the percentage of funds repatriated to purchase oil for local consumption grew from 16.6 per

cent to 26.7 per cent over the period," the Committee's report said. This implies that an ever greater percentage of this nation's foreign currency earnings is leaking out every year to pay for energy needs.

BEC's 2009 generation data, the report said, showed that heavy fuel oil was used to generate 44 per cent of its electricity output, with the remaining 56 per cent produced by its 29 generating plants coming from automotive diesel oil.

"The supply of electricity is inherently inefficient, since as much as two-thirds of the energy can be lost before it reaches the final customer," the Committee's report said. "The bulk of the losses occur in the fossil-fired power plants as heat losses.

"While the efficiency of the

fossil-fired power plants can be further increased, renewable energy facilities using direct conversion technologies, such as photovoltaic systems, feature little or no losses, usually."

Currently, BEC's large commercial customers account for 43 per cent of the electricity consumed once it hits the grid, while residential and small commercial customers account for 35 per cent and 8 per cent, respectively. About 10 per cent of electricity that reaches the distribution grid is lost before it reaches the end user.

The impact of increasing fossil-fuel related energy costs has also been seen in the Bahamian transportation sector. "The total value of oil imports for local consumption has, over the eight-year period from 2001-2008, increased significantly," the Committee said.

"Motor gasoline used for local consumption, for example, increased in value from \$63.291 million in 2002 to \$201.147 million in 2008, a three-fold increase. Similar changes are noted in jet fuel and aviation gasoline." All this was produced by rising oil prices, plus a likely increase in the number of vehicles on Bahamian roads.

When it came to transportation policy, the National Energy Policy Committee urged that in the short-term, over the next

five years, average commute times in New Providence be reduced by 20 per cent. Public transport usage should also grow by 10-20 per cent, it added.

For medium-term goals, the Committee urged the Bahamas to increase motor vehicle fuel efficiency to 30-35 miles per gallon (mpg) for 70 per cent of licensed vehicles.

Setting public sector goals, the Committee's report called on the Ministry of Finance to ensure energy usage across the Government was lowered by 15 per cent. All government agencies were encouraged to lower energy usage by 15 per cent at the end of the next fiscal period, with the Department of Social Services asked to lower subsidised housing energy use by 15 per cent over the same period.

And the Public Hospitals Authority (PHA) was urged to reduce energy usage by 25 per cent "by retrofitting lighting and cooling systems in all hospitals and clinics".

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

SUPREME COURT
FEB 28 2011
NASSAU, BAHAMAS

2010
CLE/qui/No:1631

IN THE MATTER of the Quieting Titles Act, 1959

ALL THAT piece parcel or tract of land totalling 11.27 acres situate on Stocking Island near the Settlement of George Town on the Island of Great Exuma one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

AND

IN THE MATTER OF the Petition of Lois Marshall and Irene Strachan

AMENDED NOTICE

THE PETITION of Lois Marshall and Irene Strachan in respect of:

"ALL THAT tract of land situate on Stocking Island near Great Exuma bounded Northeastwardly by Crown Land separating it from the sea Southeastwardly by vacant Crown Land and land granted Anthony Forbes Westwardly and Southwestwardly by Crown Land and Northwestwardly by land surveyed to Henry Evans."

Lois Marshall and Irene Strachan claim to be the owners of the unencumbered fee simple estate in possession of the said land and have made application to the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas under Section Three (3) of the Quieting Titles Act, 1959 to have their title to the said land investigated and the nature and extent thereof determined and declared in a Certificate of Title to be granted by the Court in accordance with the provisions of the said Act.

Copies of the Petition and the Plan of the said land may be inspected during normal office hours in the following places:

1. The Registry of the Supreme Court, East Street North in the City of Nassau, Bahamas; and
2. The Chambers of Lockhart & Co., # 35 Buen Retiro Road, off Shirley Street, Nassau, Bahamas; and
3. The office of the Administrator at George Town, Exuma.

NOTICE is hereby given that any person having dower or right to dower or an Adverse Claim or a claim not recognized in the Petition shall on or before the expiration of Thirty (30) days after the final publication of these presents, file in the Supreme Court and serve on the Petitioners or the undersigned a Statement of his claim in the prescribed form verified by an affidavit to be filed therewith.

Failure of any such person to file and serve a Statement of his Claim on or before the expiration of Thirty (30) days after the final publication of these presents will operate as a bar to such claim.

Dated the 18th day of February, A.D., 2011

Dated the 28th day of February, A.D., 2011.

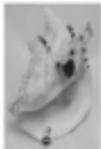
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Attorneys for the Petitioners


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Its

SHELL CRAFT TRAINING PROGRAM



Date: April 11-21, 2011

Time: 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Venue: C. H. Reeves Jr. School

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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

Unemployed

Have you completed previous training courses by BAIC? Yes No

List: _____ Date(s): _____

ADMINISTRATIVE FEE: \$100 (EXCLUDING MATERIALS)

Contact: Sharae Collie/Pam Deveaux - 322-3740-1

BUSINESS

BTC sale 'in final hours before close'

FROM page one

at the British Colonial Hilton yesterday morning, and again last night as this newspaper went to press, in a bid to conclude the \$217 million sale of a majority 51 per cent BTC stake to Cable & Wireless Communications (CWC) by the Monday, April 4, target deadline.

"We're in the final hours prior to completion," Julian Francis, BTC's executive chairman and a key figure on the Government-appointed privatisation committee, confirmed when contacted by Tribune Business late yesterday afternoon.

Confirming that today's transaction closing deadline was what both sides were "working towards", Mr Francis added: "We've got a team here, and are working with Cable & Wireless. There are numerous bits and pieces which have to be tied up, lined up and coordinated. Everything has to fall into place, so we can

confirm to them, and give them instructions to transfer" the purchase price.

CWC currently has the \$217 million financing (\$7 million of which is Stamp Duty) in an escrow account, waiting to transfer it to the Bahamian government, as soon as all conditions for the BTC privatisation's closing have been met.

Among these conditions from CWC's perspective, Mr Francis explained, were ensuring that all legislation necessary to facilitate the sale - new laws and amendments to existing ones - were in place and implemented prior to closing.

Essentially, both the Government and CWC teams are working to

ensure "all the conditions precedent to properly put it to bed" are in place.

The Government's UK attorneys, Charles Russell, have representatives in Nassau now to work on the closing, along with financial and other advisers, and Mr Francis confirmed they had all been meeting yesterday morning and in the afternoon to complete the closing.

Work on transaction closing and the transition to CWC's Board and management takeover has been taking place throughout the House of Assembly and Senate debates, and Mr Francis told Tribune Business: "We expect that by the end of today, the end of this evening, we will be

able to confirm to them [CWC] that we're ready for them to pull the trigger.....

"If it's not done this evening, we have agreed one or two additional days in no way impacts things. Everyone wants now to be able to move on."

Meanwhile, Tribune Business sources confirmed to this newspaper that BTC's first chief executive post-privatisation will be CWC executive Geoff Houston. Mr Houston, who is heading CWC's BTC transition team, and currently operating from the British Colonial Hilton, was previously executive vice-president and Jamaica country manager for LIME, the carrier's regional business.

Mr Francis, though, declined to comment on this, as well as reports that, not surprisingly, among the four-strong CWC directors on BTC's Board will be David Shaw, head of the regional LIME business.

However, one source with intimate knowledge of the transition process, told Tribune Business: "It's been an eventful couple of weeks for sure. We anticipate early next week [April 4] that the transaction will be fully concluded and the management transition will begin."

"There's quite a bit of paperwork to be done, but we don't expect there to be any show stoppers. Monday is likely, but if not, definitely on Tuesday."

The source added that CWC would likely attempt to "marry" its plans for BTC with the strategy its existing management team had adopted, and said: "Fortunately, the telecommunications market is moving in the same direction, so there's no divergence between their plans and what our plans may have been."

"On balance, there's no major divergence in how we think about the telecommunications world."

Staff buy-in, though, will be key. The source added: "There will be new ways of doing business, new standards set and new expectations, and buy-in is going to be the critical factor for determining success."

"This thing has been 14 years in the making, so if the staff are not prepared now, they'll never be prepared. The staff will have a clear sense of what's going to happen. This thing has been hanging over their heads for many years."

Facilitating a smooth transition and staff buy-in are likely to have been

behind the letter sent to all BTC staff last week by the company's acting president and chief executive, Kirk Griffin.

Noting that the Central Bank of the Bahamas was likely to have provided foreign exchange control approval last week, Mr Griffin wrote: "We anticipate that Cable & Wireless will assume management control of BTC as majority owner beginning next week - the week of April 4."

"It is imperative that we as a team ensure that we are forward-looking - that we continue our professional commitment to pursue with unwavering diligence the objectives and interests of BTC as it transitions into this next phase of the company's illustrious journey."

And he added: "If the current schedule is maintained, we anticipate that the Cable & Wireless transition team will be in the offices of BTC next week. They will meet initially with the executive management of the company. Beginning the week of April 11, the Cable & Wireless team, along with BTC's executive management, will begin a series of staff meetings with all staff members across the country."

These meetings, Mr Griffin said, would be led by Mr Shaw, head of LIME, and would give an overview of the majority owner's plans for BTC. He warned, though, that under CWC, the carrier "will do things very differently, and will expect all of us to engage our customers, our colleagues and the company in ways that may be new to us."

"Yet, in this transition, one will find interesting and exciting opportunities for those prepared to accept and embrace what will no doubt be a vibrant and progressive BTC."

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BISX LISTED & TRADED SECURITIES AS OF:										
FRIDAY, 1 APRIL 2011										
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX: CLOSE 1,473.38 CHG -0.03 %CHG 0.00 YTD -26.13 YTD % -1.74										
FINDEX: YEAR END 2008 -12.31%										
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52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	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	5,886	0.123	0.040	9.7	3.36%
10.63	9.05	Bahamas Property Fund	10.63	10.63	0.00		0.013	0.200	817.7	1.88%
5.72	4.40	Bank of Bahamas	5.28	5.28	0.00		0.153	0.100	34.5	1.89%
0.53	0.17	Benchmark	0.18	0.18	0.00		-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%
2.54	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	8.90	Cable Bahamas	8.90	8.90	0.00		1.050	0.310	8.5	3.48%
6.30	2.35	Colina Holdings	2.55	2.55	0.00		1.031	0.040	2.5	1.57%
7.00	5.80	Commonwealth Bank (S1)	6.89	6.89	0.00		0.488	0.260	14.1	3.77%
2.86	1.90	Consolidated Water BDRs	2.18	2.15	-0.03		0.111	0.045	19.4	2.09%
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	Farrguard	5.22	5.22	0.00		0.357	0.240	14.6	4.60%
9.10	5.65	Finco	7.25	7.25	0.00		0.682	0.000	10.6	0.00%
11.40	8.77	FirstCaribbean Bank	9.35	9.35	0.00		0.494	0.350	18.9	3.74%
6.00	4.57	Foocel (S)	5.48	5.48	0.00		0.452	0.160	12.1	2.92%
100.00	100.00	Foocel Global Bond Fund	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		
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00		7%	19 October 2017		
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022		
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00		7%	30 May 2013		
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015		
RoyalFidelity Merchant Bank & Trust Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)										
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
10.06	5.01	Bahamas Supermarkets	N/A	N/A	14.00		-2.945	0.000	N/M	0.00%
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.55		0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%
CFAL Securities Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)										
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
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		
1.5410	1.4525	CFAL Bond Fund	1.5410	0.97%	6.09%	1.517907	1.490421	28-Feb-11		
2.9527	2.8300	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.9486	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%	12.45%	109.392860	107.670619	30-Jun-10		
106.8528	99.4177	CFAL Global Equity Fund	106.8528	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	8.4105	Royal Fidelity Int'l Fund - Equities Sub Fund	8.4510	0.72%	0.95%			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										
EPS \$ - Earnings per share paid in the last 12 months										
P/E - Closing price divided by the last 12 month earnings										
(S) - 4-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 8/8/2007										
(S1) - 3-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 7/11/2007										
TO TRADE CALL: CFAL 242-502-7010 ROYALFIDELITY 242-356-7764 FG CAPITAL MARKETS 242-396-4000 COLONIAL 242-502-7525										

NOTICE

IN THE ESTATE OF JOHN RANDALL STRAUGHAN (a.k.a JOHN R. STRAUGHAN) domiciled and late of 5240 Palm Lane in Tangerine, Orange County in the State of Florida, one of the United States of America, deceased

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claim or demand against or interest in the above Estate should send same duly certified in writing to the undersigned on or before 29th April, 2011 after which date the Executrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the Estate having regard only to the claims, demands or interests of which she shall then have notice AND all persons indebted to the above Estate are asked to settle such debts on or before 29th April, 2011.

V.M. LIGHTBOURN & CO.
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ABDAB's City Markets purchase 'should be complete in two weeks'

FROM page one

RoyalFidelity Merchant Bank & Trust, were approached to provide separate analyses, but Mr Finlayson told Tribune Business: "RoyalFidelity felt that since they were advising us on other issues, they would be conflicted, so we're just waiting for CFAL to finish and have an individual accountant to look at it to have a second opinion."

RoyalFidelity was the financial adviser to Mr Finlayson's \$12 million 'hostile' takeover bid for BLSX-listed AML Foods, which he subsequently withdrew.

Bemoaning the relatively small size of the Bahamian investment banking market, Mr Finlayson added: "The problem is that we have only two experts [CFAL and RoyalFidelity] in that regard, so getting the second opinion is a little difficult."

"We've talked to Deloitte, but Deloitte does our [City Markets] audit. I'll talk to KPMG and see if they're interested in doing it. We've used so many accounting firms in various businesses, and KPMG may feel conflicted because of Commonwealth Brew-

ery. It's one of those situations where we're struggling to find a second person to give us an opinion."

"We should get it back from CFAL, and talking to the directors they're waiting for CFAL to come back and it's done."

ABDAB held a 50 per cent stake in Commonwealth Brewery until last summer, when it sold its interest to Heineken for \$125 million, paving the way for the current initial public offering (IPO).

Trans-Island Traders acquired its 78 per cent majority stake from the ill-fated BSL Holdings group, who were desperate to exit and find someone to save City Markets from bankruptcy, for just \$1. This, though, was no way to determine a true value of Bahamas Supermarkets' shares. Its stock was last trading on the over-the-counter market at \$5.01, making it difficult to determine its true value, especially given this market's illiquid nature.

"We have to make sure. We have minority shareholders in ABDAB, and have to make sure there's no question as to what the value is," Mr Finlayson told Tribune Business in a previous interview.

Speaking to this newspaper at the end of last week, the City Markets' principal said it was more himself, rather than the ABDAB directors, who was insisting on a second report, just to ensure any deal was fair to the latter's minority investors in terms of price paid.

Once the evaluation reports were completed, Mr Finlayson said the ABDAB acquisition "should happen pretty quickly", with the deal paving the way for other events such as a Bahamas Supermarkets annual general meeting (AGM).

"Everything else is ready to go once we get that done," he told this newspaper. "We will have the AGM with Bahamas Supermarkets, and the report is ready for all the stakeholders in relation to the pension fund. Things should start to happen pretty quickly and pretty fast."

"You have requirements on the AGM, where a certain amount of notice has to be given to shareholders, so that may be later than everything else, but disclosure of the pension fund will come out shortly after the ABDAB purchase is completed."

Connect islands to give renewables 20% energy share

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hydro, biomass and solar photovoltaic technologies, feeding mini-grids and standalone household systems, were "proving commercially competitive with conventional alternatives".

When it came to the Bahamas' immediate renewable energy options, the Committee described biomass and waste-to-energy as "the more immediate actionable initiative", given that it met the twin objectives of reducing pollution and fires at the Tonique Williams-Darling Highway landfill, plus improving air quality.

Biomass plants that could produce anywhere from 5-20 megawatts (MW) of power were all shown to produce at less than \$0.15 kilowatts per hour (kWh), a cost less than BEC's variable costs when oil is \$70 per barrel.

"Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) processes also represent an exploitable renewable resource," the Committee's report said. "As the Bahama Banks are characterised by steep drop-offs, most of the major islands have a location where OTEC technology would be feasible. However, this technology is at the experimental stage."

Deep-well reverse thermal conversion was mentioned as a possibility while, given the Bahamas' large supply of sun-

shine year-round, solar photovoltaic (PV) would likely become "the bulk energy carrier in the medium to long term".

"Therefore, a favourable regulatory framework should be created immediately for PV so that this technology can be deployed as quickly as possible as PV continues to become more cost competitive," the Committee's report said.

On the energy efficiency side, the Committee's report said that between existing residential buildings and the hotel sector, it was estimated that the potential savings from conservation measures was 605 gigawatts (GWh), a sum equal to 27 per cent of current total power demand.

No national assessment of this nation's energy usage had ever been conducted, and the report added: "No energy efficiency standards exist, and no public policy encouraging energy conservation or the efficient use of energy has been promulgated nationally."

"Regulations to provide for better inventory control practices, monitor losses due to spillage or wastage of fossil fuel products, are in need of updating in light of the modern practices of the petroleum industry..... Inventory control practices in commercial and public institutions are reported to be lax, and the overall control by the appropriate government regulatory environment deficit."



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:

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- The Commission's commitment to adopting IOSCO and international best practices.

Reporting

The Consultant will report directly to the Executive Director and in some instances communicate with the Chairman and Members of the Commission in collaboration with the Executive Director.

Principal Responsibilities

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- Overseeing quality control and internal operations review of regulatory departments;
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Knowledge/Skills

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- Knowledge of securities and capital markets and their regulation;
- Knowledge of applicable legislation;
- Management skills to assist the Commission in:
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 - ii. Encouraging and empowering regulatory managers to take decisions delegated, and within parameters set, by the Board.
- Excellent communication, negotiating and team-building skills;
- The ability to lead constructive interactions with industry participants and with other regulatory agencies at the highest levels;
- The ability to direct change and build positive institutional relationships; and
- Working knowledge of the IOSCO Objectives and Principles for Securities Regulation will be an asset.

Qualifications/Experience

- Certified or Chartered Accountant, Chartered Financial Analyst or equivalent, or post-graduate degree in finance, management, accounting or business; and
- Extensive experience in financial services supervision and/or executive management in financial services, with at least 10 years experience.

Period of Appointment

- Initially for two years, renewable upon request and negotiation.

Compensation and Benefits

- Competitive compensation and benefits offered.

Contact Information

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

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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Project:	NEW PROVIDENCE TRANSPORT PROGRAM
Financing:	Inter-American Development Bank
Abstract:	CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING OF THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Sector:	Transport
Loan/Credit Number:	Loan No. 1988/OC-BH
Contract/Bid Number:	Invitation for Expression of Interest
Deadline:	19th April 2011 1500 HOURS

The Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas (GOCB) has received a loan from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) which includes the financing of an Institutional Development and Strengthening and Organizational Review for the Department of Public Works (DPW) in the Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MOPW&T).

The Government recognizes the need for institutional and organizational strengthening of the DPW. This need is particularly urgent given the large number of construction projects presently in progress and the limited technical resources within DPW available for administering and supervising major infrastructure projects and their subsequent maintenance.

The principal objective of this consultancy is to strengthen and modernise the GOCB's institutional capacity to develop a comprehensive Infrastructure Management Policy and to guide the MOPW&T in developing this policy into strategic objectives, performance measures, and a suitable budgetary and expenditure framework. In addition, guidance will be provided in maintenance planning and management and strengthening of the Human Resources (HR) function to improve productivity and overall performance of the MOPW&T and DPW.

The consultancy will guide the MOPW&T/DPW in particular, in developing the MOPW&T/DPW into an effective and efficient results-oriented organisation capable of achieving its mission in support of Government's overall development objectives.

This consultancy follows-on from an institutional and organisational review carried out in October-November 2010. The Consultant Report will be made available to the selected consultants with the Request for Proposal (RFP)

The Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas through the Ministry of Works and Transport (MOPW&T) now invites interested consultants from any member country of the IDB to present their expression of interest for CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING OF THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Consultancy Firms should demonstrate that they have extensive experience to ensure that the services are performed to the highest standard.

The total duration of the consultancy should not exceed nine months.

The Consultant will be based in Nassau Bahamas and throughout the undertaking of the assignment; the consulting team will be holding consultations with relevant Officers of the DPW

The selection of the shortlist will be based on qualifications and relevant experience of the Consultancy Firm and therefore the submitted Expression of Interest should include the following information:

- General background of the Company
- Experience in reviewing public service organizations responsible for infrastructure construction and management in the region
- Experience in policy development, Change management, Strategic Planning with associated budgets, and development of monitoring and evaluation frameworks
- Experience in the organization and facilitation of seminars/workshops for training.
- Curriculum Vitae of Principals and key professional staff who may be available to work on the project
- Experience in the Bahamas and Caribbean region.

In addition the Consultant's team should have experience in developing and implementing change management initiatives in developing countries in particular in the Caribbean region.

The results of the evaluation of the expressions of interest will be used to prepare a shortlist of no more than six consulting firms. The firms included in the shortlist will subsequently be invited to present technical and economical proposals on the basis of a Request for Proposals (RFP) mailed to them.

The terms of reference for this consultancy as well as any further information could be obtained from the Project Execution Unit, MOPW & T or by sending a request to the Project Coordinator.

Interested firms are requested to submit their Expression of Interest in a sealed envelope and clearly marked at the top left hand corner as follows:

**MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT
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PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.**

Do not open before 19th April 2011, at 15:00 hours (Bahamas time).

Submission should be addressed to the address below and received by 19th April 2011 on or before 15:00hrs (Bahamas time).

Contacts:

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Ministry of Works and Transport,
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P.O. Box N-8156, Nassau Bahamas
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BUSINESS

FROM page one

'OUR BACKS ARE TOTALLY PRESSED AGAINST THE WALL'

face of climbing costs, said the Palmdale Service Station was not the only gas retailer to have been forced to shut down charge accounts, and will not be the last if matters do not improve for the industry.

Rosemarie Knowles-Rogers, of the Palmdale Service Station, in a letter sent to clients, announced that it was "with deep regret" that the company finds itself "in the unfortunately, yet inescapable position, of having to change the terms under which it maintains its receivables".

Palmdale Service Station said that current conditions mean it receives just \$0.08 of profit per gallon of gas sold, and \$0.01 cent per gallon of diesel.

"We have literally been pushed to the point of having our backs fully and completely against the wall - with no end in sight. Palmdale Ser-

vice Station clearly cannot continue to operate under today's harsh economic conditions in the manner that earlier, better days afforded everyone," said Mrs Knowles-Rogers.

She said the company had delayed taking the step of ending charge accounts for as long as possible, "but the reality is that we have no alternative whatsoever". Such accounts allow customers - primarily commercial businesses that rely on transportation to provide their goods and services - to fill up their tanks at the station on the basis that they will pay an accumulated bill at the end of the month.

Speaking with The Tribune about the decision taken by the service station, Mr Moore said: "The problem is that with the way things are, we retailers are in the position of having to subsidise the industry and that's not good."

Asked whether he sees more service stations going the route that Palmdale Service Station and several others have already gone as it relates to charge accounts, the industry stakeholder added: "Of course. If the margins are not adjusted, the entire industry as it is can collapse because there's no profit. It's costing us money every day we stay open."

Mr Moore led a group who met with Minister of State for the Environment, Phentou Neymour, to propose an increase in the margins gas and diesel retailers can add per gallon of fuel sold. Retailers, who have seen their profits shrink dramatically over the years as the cost of oil has increased, and particularly with recent price spikes, would like to see request for a 68 per cent increase in their gas margin (44 to 74 cents) and a 145 per cent increase in their margin on diesel (19 to 47 cents).

The Government, which has also asked for the input of the major oil companies, is still considering the proposal at this time.

Mr Moore noted that conditions have caused him to "stop taking any new (charge accounts) on for quite some time".

"We are trying to hold out, but it just depends on how much pressure we get from our bankers. That will decide whether we have to go that route as well."

As for the Palmdale Service Station, they have asked their clients to put cash up front to pay for fuel supplies - like a phonecard, said Lance Knowles, Mrs Knowles-Rogers's son - so that they can in turn have access to the cash they need to pay upfront for their fuel supplies each week.

At present, the company is required to put up around \$37,000 per load of gas and diesel purchased, two to three times per week.

Mr Knowles said that "90 per cent" of the company's clients, who are mainly commercial, have cooperated with the request.

In her letter, Mrs Knowles-Rogers said: "Petroleum prices have now become so volatile that there is absolutely no leeway and/or flexibility remaining that we might extend to our clients. We purchase at one price, but before all funds are received to cover that particular shipment, we have to restock our supply - more often than not at a higher price.

"Palmdale Service Station must pay for every single delivery at the time of delivery. No exceptions. Simply put, terms are cash on delivery. No pay - no fuel."

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- Works as necessary to insure customer satisfaction, which may include occasional odd hours and /or remaining on-call for problem solving.
- Reviews inventory and requisitions and purchases food supplies as required.

Education and Experience

- Graduation from an accredited college or university including or supplemented by course work in restaurant management and considerable (min. Of 7 years) management experience in a high volume food service unit; or any equivalent combination of training and experience.
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INSIGHT



(AP Photos/Ramon Espinosa)

CAMP LIFE: (Left) In this photo taken March 26, 2011, Joceline Alcide, 39, right, a coffee merchant, poses for pictures at a refugee camp set up for people displaced by last year's January 12 earthquake in Place Boyer, Port-au-Prince, Haiti. (Right) In this photo taken March 26, 2011, a woman hangs clothes to dry.

Many are leaving Haiti's quake settlement camps

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again with more of the same.

Delays in the presidential election to pick a successor for outgoing President Rene Preval have also held up efforts to begin reconstruction of housing.

The camp sprawling over the arena-size Place St. Pierre popped up hours after the quake. Some people came from downtown Port-au-Prince, terrified by rumors a tsunami was coming. Others came from the hillside shanties that ring Petionville.

Now the square shows signs of clearing out.

Flimsy

In January, Place St. Pierre housed 665 families, mostly sheltering under flimsy tents and tarps held together with seat belts and twine. Officials say only 116 families remain.

"We see it as our duty to move them out of the park," Deputy Mayor Francoise Michel said in her office, across the street from the plaza, which abuts a gingerbread hotel popular with tourists.

Michel says City Hall plans to distribute another round of \$500 checks to encourage people to leave Place Boyer, a public square a few blocks away, and then a sports field down the street. The program could serve as a model for other cities in the Port-au-Prince area, she says.

Some humanitarian groups say that the grants are sufficient to pay rent, but not enough to help the homeless on a long-term basis. Relief workers worry that people will end up back in dangerous, damaged homes or camping out in ravines prone to flooding.

"Right now, it's '\$500, here you go,'" said Giovanni Cassani, a camp coordinator with the IOM. "But if this project were a bit more fine-tuned and researched it could have a positive impact."

Some people still living at the Place St. Pierre admit they took checks only to move in with someone else at the camp because they needed the money for things other than housing, such as medical emergencies.

"I used the money to save my baby," said Joahanne Cenat, 22, a single mother who works as a vendor.

Others did leave, but not always to better conditions.

Joceline Alcide, a 39-year-old coffee merchant, returned to her Petionville neighborhood, and is using half of the \$500 to invest in her business and saving the rest.

Housing? She pitched a tent on the roof of her rickety two-room home in Morne Hercule, a cinderblock slum the color of ash. Engineers tagged the cracked house as too unsafe to occupy.

"It was easier to do this than try to go find another room," Alcide said on the steep stairs leading to her home. "This spot isn't good but I have no choice. This is why I'm here."



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CHILD'S PLAY: In this photo taken March 26, 2011, children play at a refugee camp.

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Mexico City street gangs mimic cartel violence

OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ,
Associated Press
MEXICO CITY

Two headless bodies are dumped on a street in suburban Mexico City along with a message sent by a mysterious group called "The Hand with Eyes." Days later, a severed head shows up in a car abandoned outside an elementary school in the same suburb.

For drug lords, this sprawling metropolis of 20 million has been a favorite hide-out and place to launder money, making Mexico City somewhat of an oasis from the brutal cartel violence along the border and in outlying states.

Now a spate of killings and decapitations never before seen have authorities batting down fears that a once-distant drug war is making its way into the capital. Instead, they say, the violence since late last year comes from street gangs fighting for an increasingly lucrative local drug market.

While drug use in Mexico City doesn't come close to that in the U.S., it has grown dramatically in the past decade. About 8 percent of middle and high school students here now experiment with drugs, said city drug addiction adviser Patricia Reyes, a number that has climbed from 2.5 percent in 1998 according to national surveys.

Some of the high-profile violence comes from groups that are remnants of the Beltran Leyva cartel, which has splintered and moved closer to the city since the Mexican navy killed leader Arturo Beltran Leyva in December 2009. Others imitate cartel tactics to gain turf. "I think of these groups

as cells, as franchises," said Alfredo Castillo, attorney general for Mexico state, the suburban area surrounding Mexico City. "As franchises what do they want? They want the know-how, the business model, and in the end, they want their backing in case of an extraordinary problem."

The mass killings started late last year, when a drive-by shooting in the rough neighborhood of Tepito killed six youths and a family of five was slain in a drug-related attack in the south of the city.

The violence intensified earlier this year as Juan Vasconcelos, a reputed local gang assassin, allegedly went on a cocaine- and alcohol-fueled killing spree that ended with his arrest in February.

The first attack left five people dead on Jan. 8. Another killed eight people Jan. 16 and the third left seven dead Feb. 13.

Police say Vasconcelos has ties in Mexico state to La Familia cartel, based in the neighboring state of Michoacan. While that alliance wasn't fueling the violence — Vasconcelos went after rival drug dealers and members of his own gang to consolidate his power — it made it easier for him to get high-powered weapons. When police asked in a taped interrogation what he did for a living, Vasconcelos replied, "I kill."

Then mutilated bodies started showing up, unheard of in the metro area, leading the news media to blame big cartels, including the vicious Zetas gang, and saying the military now patrols parts of the metro area like it does in border cities and other drug hot spots. The

Mexican army denied to The Associated Press that it has patrols in or around Mexico City. "What we have here is drug dealing, and I'll say it again: Drug dealing is not considered organized crime," Mexico City Attorney General Alejandro Mancera was quoted by the newspaper Milenio as saying earlier this month. Mancera did not respond to several requests to be interviewed by the AP. Mexico City, which still struggles with robberies and high kidnapping rates, has long been considered infested with crime.

But murders are dramatically lower in the capital than in northern Mexican cities, where drug violence has been raging for at least four years, and people who long feared the city are now moving there to escape drug violence elsewhere.

Mexico City's homicide rate was about nine per 100,000 in 2010, lower even than many U.S. cities, including Washington, D.C., which had 22 per 100,000 last year, according to government statistics.

The northern border city of Ciudad Juarez had a staggering 230 per 100,000.

Because many of the country's wealthy live in the capital, it has long been a neutral place for traffickers to do business undetected and live with their families behind tall gates. According to a recent federal police report, six of the major drug gangs operate in all 16 delegations of Mexico City proper.

While they leave each other alone, the police go after them. Capos have been picked up while jogging in exclusive neighborhoods and caches of weapons have been found in mansions.

INSIGHT

Many are leaving Haiti's quake settlement camps

TRENTON DANIEL,
Associated Press
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti

Large numbers of Haitians are leaving the dirty, overcrowded camps that sprang up after last year's earthquake, some lured away by financial incentives from officials and others forced out by landowners.

Many more may be pushed out, with no safe place to go, just ahead of the rainy season that starts in May, the International Organization for Migration said in a report distributed Friday.

The overall camp population already has dropped by more than half in recent months, to an estimated 680,000, the IOM said, even though almost no new housing has been built and few repairs have been made to dwellings damaged by the magnitude-7.0 quake on Jan. 12, 2010.

Nearly two-thirds of those who left the camps have gone back to their old neighborhoods, and fewer than half of those are returning to undamaged homes. Many are back in houses that need repair or in makeshift shelters or tents on their property. Others have found new areas, in houses or apartments, staying with friends or relatives or pitching new camps on their own.

"We came back to the house because we had no choice," said Francois Joseph-Ifanord, 62, who said security guards kicked him off the grounds of a private tennis club court where 30 families were living in shelters. "Now we're living day by day."

Aid groups say the biggest factor has been forced evictions by property owners. In dozens of places, from school yards to shopping plazas, owners already have



(AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)
CRUMBLING: In this photo taken March 26, 2011, Joceline Alcide, 39, a coffee merchant, poses for pictures at her old damaged home by last year's January 12 earthquake in Place Boyer, Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

made people move out.

The IOM said nearly a quarter of the remaining camp dwellers have received pressure from landowners to leave, with an eviction rate that outpaces the ability of Haitian officials and humanitarian workers to provide housing.

Still, government officials are trying to clear away the camps, the most visible symbols of misery in the battered capital.

The exodus is perhaps most evident in Place St. Pierre, a town square in Petionville, in the hills above downtown Port-au-Prince.

Hundreds of people have packed up their tents and tarps, freeing children to once again play soccer in the plaza, restoring a rare open space in a dense urban environment. Local officials paid families \$500 — a year's wage for an average Haitian — to abandon the square.

While the checks had the desired effect, aid workers say such tactics may only

lead people to move to other camps, precarious ravines, or back to houses damaged by an earthquake that the Haitian government says killed more than 300,000 people and left much of the capital in ruins.

"We can't say we support this kind of action," said Luca Dall'oglio, chief of mission for the International Organization for Migration. "The return requires strategy. You have to work on the areas of return, not just in the camps."

Relief workers fear that the area's heavy tropical rains, hurricanes or new quakes could collapse some of the quake-damaged structures.

The ability to relocate quake survivors has been held up by a shortage of land and housing, questions over land titles and a spike in the cost of living. And some have opted to stay in the camps even if they have a home somewhere or relatives outside the capital, because they are living rent-

free and they get clean water, health care and free schooling — all services the government rarely provided before the earthquake.

Relief groups have tried to scale back on free goods for the camps, only to find themselves called on again. When a deadly cholera epidemic broke out in October, humanitarian workers rushed to distribute chlorine tablets, clean water and hygiene kits. When Hurricane Tomas brushed Haiti weeks later, they rushed in

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Re-examining our failing education system — Part 4

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Alternative B

Dr Alvis Glaze (as described by Paco Nunez in the Insight of March 14) claimed that her approach to education reform is more likely to work in the Bahamas than those of Geoffrey Canada, the mastermind of HCZ.

She first lists all the ways that her approach is similar to his; and then she identifies her major difference.

According to the article, Geoffrey Canada identifies bad teachers as those "who could care less about their students" and are "virtually impossible to get rid of."

She contends that good teachers have both "good will" and the "tools"; while bad teachers lack the "tools." They need support, positive reinforcement and retooling.

Simplistic

This is a grossly simplistic statement and suggests that she overlooks significant landmark works such as:

- The documentary on the New Jersey Department of Education, the Cartel, that describes and illustrates how the Department and politicians collude systematically for their gain at the expense of student academic achievement and the state's finances.

- The monumental 1996 Progress Report "Cumulative and Residual Effects of Teachers on Future Student Academic Achievement" published by the University of Tennessee Value-Added Research and Assessment Centre.

- The testimony of Eric A Hanushek in the "Waiting for Superman" documentary that is derived from his 2010 Research Paper "The Economic Value of Higher Teacher Quality."

In fact, the message of Dr Glaze sounds strangely like the policies touted by the US National Education Association: teacher merit pay based on what students actually learn is "messy" and undesirable; smaller classes are better; strive for "teacher excellence with equity...raise the bar for all"; and change from within.

One part of her message is clear — the Bahamas does not need to separate teachers for poor performance. This suggests that Dr Glaze may have been telling the Department of Education exactly what it wanted to hear.

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 RORO 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.



(AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)
DISPLACED: In this photo taken March 26, 2011, people sit at a refugee camp set up for people displaced by last year's January 12 earthquake in Place Boyer, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

INSIGHT

The stories behind the news

Re-examining our failing education system – Part 4

By RALPH MASSEY

THE first section of this article records a short report given to the Minister of Education and his Permanent Secretary, exactly as delivered by the author but without the dialogue that ensued. Section II is the author's logical extension of this short report.

IF THE Bahamas is going to end the scourge of academic underachievement in its public schools, a number of factors must be taken into account.

First, the Department of Education must change how it reports its overall performance.

Up until recently the department confined its reporting to the BGCSE exam results and then with a "single-letter-grade" for all schools – public and private – and for all 26 subjects.

The score for almost two decades ranged between "D+" and "D-"; and the single-letter-grade was never treated as "Good News" in the media or by the nation's employers.

The problem is that academic under-achievement is far greater in the public schools; and that reality, although readily apparent to employers, parents and taxpayers alike, was being concealed behind the "single-letter-grade."

If the Department had reported the BGCSE scores for the public schools only, then the grade in all subjects would have ranged between a "D-" and an "F" and not between "D+" and "D-".

Furthermore, reporting the English and Math grades would have worsened this disturbing picture.

Now, the Department has ceased making the single-letter-grade report on the grounds that it was misleading.

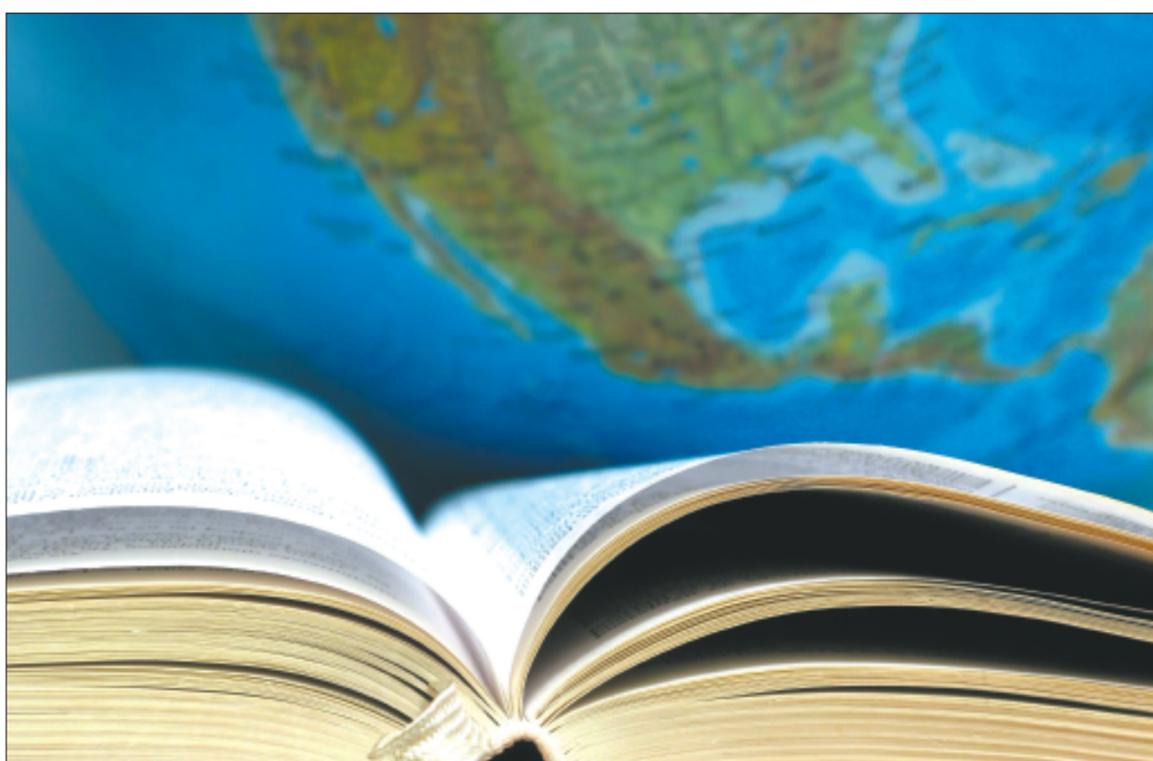
Indeed it was, but with this action the Department lost a valid and necessary measure its overall performance.

The Department must face the reality of its past – acknowledge it, dramatize it, and earn credibility. Otherwise, today's administration, in my view at least, will appear as part of the problem rather than solution.

For this reason, the Department should start using a credible benchmark for judging its future performance. This could be the BGCSE public school data for all subjects and for English and Math.

It should start with a new 10-year plan that would show this data for the last 10 to 15 years.

Second, any effective programme to end the scourge of academic underachievement



CHANGE NEEDED: The Department of Education must change how it reports its overall performance.

ment and illiteracy is likely to elicit an immediate and powerful opposition.

This is what is happening across America. Madison, Wisconsin right now is on the "tipping point" of change; New York City and New Jersey are rapidly approaching that point; and Washington, DC, crossed it but unfortunately now may be in retreat because of an effective union-managed political counter attack.

Templates

But, many, many school districts are turning toward the Harlem Children's Zone (HCZ) and the Knowledge Is Power Programme (KIPP) school templates presented in the "Waiting For Superman" documentary; and they are applying them to their districts. For instance, there appear to be three such districts in the state of Florida alone.

The Bahamas needs a commanding educational and



PIONEER IN EDUCATION REFORM: Dr. Alvis Glaze.

political vision that will carry the country through a brutal political storm that accompanies reform in order to reach the promised land. That promised land is the cure of the scourge.

Third, a new vision must entail either:

- The transfer of the Harlem Children's Zone and KIPP school templates to the Bahamas with their "US

would be more effective in the Bahamas.

Both alternatives have the same objective, a new critical investment in the nation's human capital that would help the country avoid the social, political and economic disaster that surely will come with the status quo.

In any event, the Department should examine the alternatives first-hand and the final results of this effort should be a new 10-year plan.

Section II - The HCZ

With Majority Rule, the government made a huge initial and continuing effort to educate Bahamian youth. It long ago achieved the 2015 United Nation's millennium objective: "All children will be able to complete a full course of primary schooling."

Although this objective is still touted by the UN, it is now recognised that it failed to consider either the "quality" of teaching instruction or

the impact of culture on a society's values as related to learning.

Unfortunately, as in a large part of the United States, the path followed in the Bahamas has produced the Scourge – unacceptable academic underachievement, illiteracy, near permanent learning impairment and reduced life-time earnings.

The remedy that school districts in the US are choosing is to change the culture of the classroom and the community. Fundamentally, this is what the HCZ does within its 100 square blocks of Harlem and KIPP with its 122 schools.

It is what the Bahamas has to do; and using the HCZ and KIPP templates is a huge task of planning and execution whose out-of-pocket costs will be significant... but certainly a fraction of the planned hotel investment on West Bay or the new COB library and sports stadium.

Reality in a popular democracy

Virtually all economists agree with Gary S Becker, the 1992 Nobel Laureate, who said: "Large increases in education and training have accompanied major advances in technological knowledge in all countries that have achieved significant growth."

Or with Julian L Simon (The Ultimate Resource 2): "Minds matter economically as much as, or more than, hands or mouths. Progress is limited largely by the availability of trained workers."

However, in popular democracies, politicians live for the next election. In this world, fresh investments in physical capital produce the greatest immediate return at the ballot box; in stark contrast, education reform produces no comparable immediate electoral benefit.

In the case of the Bahamas, a political storm will confront any threat to the employment-for-life benefit that teachers presently enjoy.

However, at this time a New Vision may gain the political support it so richly deserves if Nassau could join hands with a strategic US city to exchange ideas and find ways to import and adapt the New Vision to end the scourge.

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SOFTBALL NPSA OPENING

THE New Providence Softball Association, under new leadership, will call "play ball" on Saturday night when their 2011 fast-pitch season get started at the Baillou Hills Sporting Complex.

Newly elected president Rommel 'Fish' Knowles is predicting a very competitive season as all of the teams have made some adjustments to their rosters.

The ladies' opening game will be played between the defending champions Pineapple Air Wildcats and runners-up Proper Pool Care Lady Sharks.

The men's feature contest will be played between the Commando Security Truckers, last year's runners-up and the New Young Breed.

The Dorin United Hitmen are the defending champions.

While the opener will be played on Saturday, regular season games will be contested on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights.

TRACK CARIFTA TRIALS

THE Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations will have a busy weekend at the Thomas A. Robinson Track and Field Stadium.

On Friday at 6 p.m., the BAAA will begin its final trials for the Carifta Games. The trials will be concluded on Saturday, starting at 3 p.m.

Following the trials, the BAAA will hold its selection and ratification meeting on Sunday before they release the names of the athletes who will make the team going to the Carifta Games.

The Carifta Games is scheduled for the Easter holiday weekend in Montego Bay, Jamaica. The BAAA have the luxury of carrying the maximum 70-member team on two Bahamasair charter flights.

Interested persons wishing to travel with the team are urged to contact the BAAA's office at 325-4433. The BAAA is offering a package that include airfare, hotel accommodations, two daily meals, ground transportation and tickets into the stadium.

THE SWEETING TASTE OF VICTORY



Photo: Jeff Major
SIGN OF SUCCESS: Tracy Sweeting shown displaying the victory sign after he won the JAR 24-mile road cycling race on Saturday. SEE PAGE 2E FOR RESULTS. MORE PHOTOS ON PAGES 2E AND 3E.

Thomas on top of world

The Grand Bahamian legend gets his outdoor season off to soaring start

TIGERTRACKCLASSIC

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WITH the IAAF World Championships on the horizon, Donald Thomas soared to the world's leading mark in the men's high jump to begin his outdoor season over the weekend as a number of other athletes competed in various meets.

Heading the list of competitors at the Tiger Track Classic on Saturday at the Hutsell-Rosen Track, Thomas cleared 2.30m or 7-feet, 6 1/2-inches to finish well ahead of his nearest rival, DJ Smith of Auburn, who did 2.18m or 7-1 3/4 for second.

The previous world's best mark was 2.28m or 7-6 3/4 by Dmitry Kroyter from Israel at a meet in Tel Aviv on February 12. Thomas, the reigning Com-

monwealth Games champion, is hoping to regain his world title he won back in Osaka, Japan in 2007 when he burst on the athletic scene in a switch over from basketball.

This year's World Championships is set for Daegu, South Korea from August 27 to September 4.

Also preparing for Daegu, elite sprinter Jamial Rolle raced to a second place finish in his specialty in the men's 200 metres in 21.00 seconds. The

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DONALD THOMAS

SHORTHANDED REAL DEAL SHOCK CYBOTS

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THE sign of a good team is to rise above adversity.

The Real Deal Shockers did just that with only six players in uniform as they stunned the Mailboat Cybots with an impressive come-from-behind 105-98 win to advance to the New Providence Softball Association championship series.

Having almost lost the game by default, the Shockers bounced back when it counted the most down the stretch in the fourth quarter and now they are back into the final for a rematch against the defending champions Commonwealth Bank Giants.

"If you know the Shockers, ever since we came into this league, every night we bring the intensity," said Real Deal coach James Price. "One or two games, we might get out of it."

"But tonight, we only had six players and just about everyone of them stepped up. We were missing both starters and players off the bench, but we went out and did what we had to do."

While the Real Deal had to go four games, breaking a 1-1 tie with a 119-109 decision on Friday night to take a 2-1 advantage into Saturday's game, Commonwealth Bank completed a three-game sweep over the Y-Care Wreckers 120-111 on Friday to remain undefeated.

The Shockers and the Giants will play game one on Tuesday night at the DW Davis Gymnasium with the second game on Thursday. Game three will be played on Saturday. All games start at 8 p.m.

"The Giants is a good team, but we have to dethrone them this year," Price said. "They beat us last year in the championship, but we can't go two finals and don't win any."

Giants' coach Perry Thompson said they welcome the opposition.

"That's their rights. Having to get back to the championship round," Thompson stressed. "I know they want to dethrone the defending champions, but I'm looking forward to a very keenly contested series."

"Once my guys could protect the ball better than we've been doing and be more patient and make them work, I love our chances. The goal is to try and finish the season undefeated."

Going into the finals, the Giants are 17-0.
Shockers 105, Cybots 98: After trailing 28-15 at the end of the first quarter, 49-40 at the half and 80-73 at the completion of the third, the Shockers turned things around in the final six minutes and the Cybots didn't have any answer to slow them down.

Kevin Coakley canned 10, Barrington Carter had eight and Lasario 'Bones' Burrows five in the fourth quarter as the Real Deal out-scored the Mailboat 32-18 to seal the deal and advanced back to the final.

Burrows finished with a game high 38 points with 23 rebounds, while Carter, who had to briefly rush off the court to exert himself, had 18 points



AIMING HIGH: Lasario Burrows, from the Real Deal Shockers, goes up for an attempted dunk over Mailboat Cybots' Nelson Joseph. The Shockers' Lorenzo Carter looks on.

and 11 rebounds. Both Coakley and Lorenzo Carter had 17 apiece. Sidney Hillary added nine and Carvin Cummings chipped in with six.

"Great performance. Great performance," were the first words that came out of the mouth of Burrows. "Although we didn't have all of our big

men, we came out and played great."

"It's unexplainable. We were not supposed to win this game with just six players."

The Cybots had five players in double figures, led by Jeffrey Henfield with 27. Tyrone Sands had 19 points and 10 rebounds; Brian Bain 13 points

and seven rebounds; Nelson 'Mandella' Joseph with 12 points and 14 rebounds and Jacob 'Action' Jackson with 11 points.

"It all came down to who wanted it the most and definitely, Price and his guys want-

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BAILLOU SAVES BEST GAME FOR SEASON FINALE

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Add another title to bring an end to a dominant season for the top team in the Bahamas Rugby Football Union.

Baillou RC saved arguably their best game of the year for the season finale when they clinched the Bahamas Cup with a 45-26 win over Freeport RC Saturday afternoon at the Winton Rugby Pitch.

Baillou opened with three unanswered scores to grab control of the game early on and was never seriously threatened over the remainder of the match.

Freeport made their first try of the game just before the end of the first half, to trim the deficit to 10, 17-7.

The second half to was all Baillou as they opened with three unanswered tries to take their biggest lead of the contest, 38-7.

Both teams exchanged scores late in the contest with the game out of reach for the final score

National team's preparation for the Caribbean Championships which will commence on April 30th in Bermuda.

Baillou also captured the Nassau Cup and their winning streak on the season also included the title in the Buck Johnson Tens back in November.

In the final standings of the Bahamas Cup, Baillou finished at 5-0, a total of 24 points.

Their previous high score of the year also came against Freeport RC in a win in the opening game of the Bahamas Cup, 40-22.

Cuckoos finished second at 2-2, Buccaneers were 1-4 while Freeport went 1-3 to set the playoff matchups.

Baillou advanced to the final with a 26-19 come-from-behind win over Cuckoos while Freeport RC protected the home field advantage and won 25-19 over Buccaneers.

Both Baillou and Cuckoos finished out with a 5-0-1 record in the Nassau Cup, but Baillou gained the edge with an extra bonus point to give them 24 points over Cuckoos' 23.

Baillou also captured the Nassau Cup with a 5-1 record and 24 points and just slightly edged out Cuckoos who also finished with a 5-1 record but just 23 team points.

Buccaneers finished at just 1-5 while the league's newest side, the Potcakes, also finished at 1-5. Cuckoos was the lone team to pre-

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JEFF AUTO CYCLING CLUB

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RESULTS

THE Jeff Auto Cycling Club hosted 24-mile road race around a four-mile course in South Ocean on Saturday morning.

The results of the race is as follows:

Level One

1.	Antoniece Simmons	1:09:41:68
2.	Petron Lightbourne	1:22:45:62
3.	Michael Seymour	1:22:48:84
4.	Antonio Roberts	1:25:42:52
5.	Anthony Roberts	1:25:43:87
6.	Dagny Prosa	1:26:11:43

Level Two

1.	Anthony Colebrooke	58:24:49
2.	Daryl Munnings	1:00:46:46
3.	Roy Colebrooke Jr.	1:00:54:55
4.	Vance Demeritte	1:00:54:55
5.	Sean Farrington	1:00:54:55
6.	Eddie Bethel	1:00:54:55
7.	Brad Heney	1:00:54:55
8.	Robert Wittingham	1:00:54:55
9.	Jeremy Parr	1:00:54:55
10.	Carmel Stucki	1:00:57:02
11.	Scott Godet	D/N/F
12.	Sean Fox	D/N/F

Level Three

1.	Tracy Sweeting	58:22:68
2.	Lee Farmer	58:30:65
3.	Mark Holowesko	1:00:54:55
4.	Jaimi Nottage	1:00:55:99
5.	Barrton Musgrove	1:11:20:81
Lap 1	Tracy Sweeting	15:03:43
Lap 2	Tracy Sweeting	14:07:12
Lap 3	Tracy Sweeting	14:34:41
Lap 4	Tracy Sweeting	14:37:72



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GSSSA JUNIOR BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

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JUNIOR BOYS

JUNIOR GIRLS



FLYING HIGH: LW Young Golden Eagles, winners of the GSSSA Junior Boys Soccer Championship.

GIRL POWER: SC McPherson Sharks winners of the GSSSA Junior Girls Soccer Championship.

THE Government Secondary Schools Sports Association crowned its junior boys and girls soccer champions on Friday at the Roscow Davies Football Field at the Baillou Hills Sporting Complex.

In the junior girls division, the SC McPherson Sharks devoured the AF Adderley Fighting Tigers 1-0 as Shavonna Adderley kicked in the game winning goal.

In the semifinal, SC McPherson doubled up TA Thompson 2-0 as Valarie Nesbitt and Shavonna Adderley scored a game each. AF Adderley also shut out their opponents DW Davis Pitbulls 1-0 as Andricka Curry scored the lone goal.

On the junior boys side, the LW Young Golden Eagles outscored TA Thompson 5-2 as John Peter, Ricalo St. Fleur, Tavarie Brown and Shandon Walker all scored for the winners. Wisenedy Francois and Jeffrey Alcira were the goal scorers for the losers.

In their semifinal playoff games, TA Thompson got a walkover win, while LW Young blanked SC McPherson 4-0.

With the juniors completed, the GSSSA will wrap up the senior girls and boys postseason this week at the Roscow Davies Football Field.

• Here's a look at the standings going into the action:

GSSSA Senior Girls Soccer Standings

Teams	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	Pts
CR Walker	6	4	2	0	7	3	12
CV Bethel	6	3	1	2	5	2	11
RM Bailey	6	3	2	1	5	4	10
Anatol Rodgers	6	2	1	3	3	5	09
CC Sweeting	6	2	3	1	4	4	07
CI Gibson	6	0	2	4	1	4	04
Doris Johnson	6	0	3	3	1	6	03

GSSSA Senior Boys Soccer Standings

Teams	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	Pts
CI Gibson	7	7	0	0	24	01	21
CC Sweeting	7	3	1	3	09	07	12
CR Walker	7	3	2	2	10	04	11
Anatol Rodgers	7	3	3	1	15	07	10
Doris Johnson	7	2	2	3	09	10	09
Government High	7	2	3	2	09	17	08
RM Bailey	7	2	4	1	07	12	07
CV Bethel	7	0	7	0	01	27	00

Note: Play-off games will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday and the championship games on Friday at the Roscow Davies Football Field, starting at 4 pm.



FIELD OF PLAY: Action from the GSSSA Junior Girls Championship game.

PHOTOS: Wilson Bain



TA Thompson, runners-up of the GSSSA Junior Boys Soccer Championship.



ROARING: AF Adderley Fighting Tigers, the runners-up of the GSSSA Junior Girls Soccer Championship.

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Donald Thomas on top of the world

winning time was 20.82 by David Dickens, competing unattached.

National triple jump record holder Leevan 'Superman' Sands was also entered in the event, using it for some speed work for his specialty. Competing for Muzino, Sands was 11th place overall in 22.10.

Rolle, representing the Bahamas at the meet, also doubled up in the 100 where he was fourth overall in 10.47. The Auburn combo of Keenan Brock and Harry Adams took the first two spots in identical times of 10.21.

Also at the meet, the Auburn female connection was in action.

Quarter-miler Cache Armbrister took third place in the women's 400 in 54.41. The race won by Ashley Kidd in 53.69, followed by Landria Buckley in

53.79. Both competed unattached.

V'Alonee Robinson, the freshman sprinter, had to settle for ninth in the women's 100 in 12.02. Tawanna Meadows, competing unattached, won the race in 11.72.

Robinson also contested the 200 where she improved a notch higher to eighth in 24.64. Chastity Riggier of Southern Mississippi stopped the clock in 23.77.

Sheniqua 'Q' Ferguson and Nivea Smith, competing of a hectic indoor season, opted just to run in the relays. On the second and anchor legs respectively, they helped the Tigers to victory in the 4 x 100 in 43.80.

Running on the second leg, Arm-

brister saw their Auburn's B team take third in 45.27 behind the Auburn Elite team, which finished second in 44.66.

And in the 4 x 4, Smith did the second leg and Ferguson was on third as Auburn posted a double-double victory in 3:38.82.

At the Florida Relays at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida, elite quarter-miler Ramon Miller opened up with a 47.31 for third in the men's 400.

High school sensation O'Jay Ferguson, preparing for the Carifta trials this weekend, was 13th overall in 47.31.

Christian Taylor, a junior at the University of Florida, won the race in 45.46 and Calvin Smith, representing Adi-

das, was second in 45.89. Elite sprinter Rodney Green, competing for Star Athletics, was 23rd overall in the men's 200 in 21.65. Maurice Mitchell, a junior at Florida State, won the race in 20.36.

Also at the meet, Courtney Williams was 57th overall in the 100 in 11.31. The winning time was 10.07 by Jeff Demps, a junior from the University of Florida.

At the Arkansas Spring Invite at the John McDonnell Field in Fayetteville, Arkansas, Michelle Cumberbatch, a sophomore at Lincoln, won the women's 400 hurdles in 59.60.

Another Bahamian, Shelleyeka Rolle, a junior at Oklahoma, was eighth in 1:02.83. Raymond Higgs, a

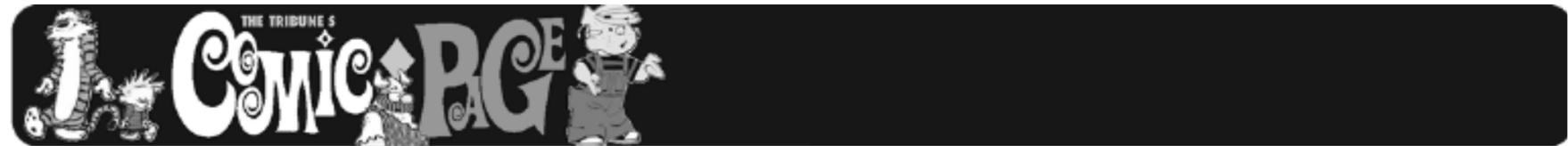
junior at the University of Arkansas, took second place in the men's high jump with his leap of 2.06m or 6-9 behind his team-mate, Noah Kittelson, did 2.11m or 6-11.

Two Bahamians clashed in the women's 100 hurdles with Ivanique Kemp, a freshman at Arkansas, posting second in 13.54, just ahead of graduate Tia Thompson, who was third in 13.57.

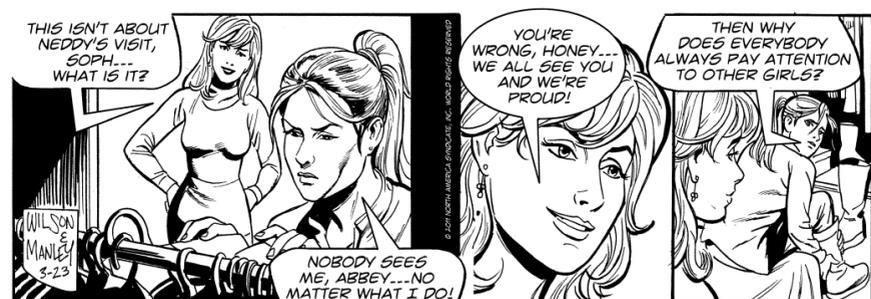
Brittany Hyter, a junior at Arkansas, won in 13.43.

Kemp also competed in the 200 where she was fourth in 24.13. Nyoka Cole, a senior at Lincoln, won in 23.41 with junior team-mate Judith Riley in 23.71 and Arkansas' sophomore Gwendolyn Flowers third in 24.04.

And in the 4 x 400 relay, Rolle helped Oklahoma to third,



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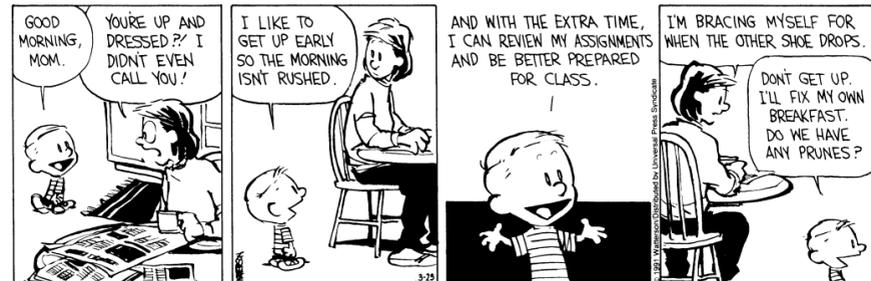
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so the each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

		3	7	2	8			
			3				9	
4		6						8
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THE TARGET

The Target uses words in the main body of Chambers 21st Century Dictionary (1999 edition)

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HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here? In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word. No plurals.

TODAY'S TARGET Good 11; very good 15; excellent 22 (or more) Solution tomorrow.

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Best described as a number crossword, the task in Kakuro is to fill all of the empty squares, using numbers 1 to 9, so the sum of each horizontal block equals the number to its left, and the sum of each vertical block equals the number on its top. No number may be used in the same block more than once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Kakuro increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's Sudoku Answer

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9	8	6	7	2	5	1	4	3
1	5	7	3	4	9	8	2	6
4	2	1	6	5	3	7	9	8
5	7	8	2	9	4	6	3	1
3	6	9	8	7	1	4	5	2

Yesterday's Kakuro Answer

1	6	7	3	9	1	4
7	3	9	4	1	8	5
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2	4	7	1	9	8	7
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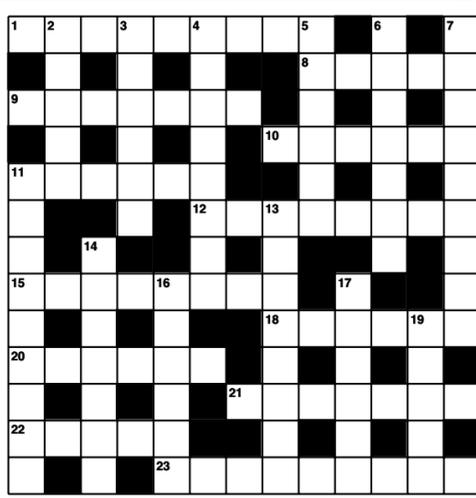
- Across
- The nearest route to the sea (5,4)
 - Perfume from far Oman (5)
 - Something that is said to encourage activity (3,4)
 - Place fee of corruption (6)
 - Layer backs a horse for example (6)
 - Made rare concoction of sugar (8)
 - He remains detached in the main (8)
 - What a baby may play with will make one nervous (6)
 - Things said about fifty planets (6)
 - Money making gifts (7)
 - One-man woman (5)
 - He may investigate an insect and its changing form (9)

- Down
- Entertainment means there's a great time after work (5)
 - Demonstrates it's in error (4,2)
 - Put in charge again (8)
 - Second largest European currency (6)
 - Downtrodden shoe cleaner (7)
 - Furniture dealers are familiar with it (4,5)
 - Be prone to ambush (3,2,4)
 - Result of the match (8)
 - Rejoiced in godlier fashion (7)
 - Gives someone a sharp reminder? (6)
 - Witness at a trial (6)
 - Plant that means a great deal to us (5)

Yesterday's Cryptic Solution
Across: 1 Tellers, 4 Darts, 7 Ions, 8 Foregone, 10 Demolition, 12 Strain, 13 Result, 15 Conclusion, 18 Side drum, 19 Abut, 20 Rotor, 21 Egghead.
Down: 1 Tried, 2 Landmark, 3 Shorts, 4 Drew one out, 5 Riot, 6 Sherbet, 9 All in order, 11 Dutiable, 12 Scissor, 14 Accuse, 16 Noted, 17 Edit.

Yesterday's Easy Solution
Across: 1 Succour, 4 Sweep, 7 Ajax, 8 Straight, 10 Free-for-all, 12 Nicety, 13 Spinnet, 15 Pernicious, 18 Stopover, 19 Akin, 20 Sleek, 21 Thistle.
Down: 1 Scarf, 2 Coalesce, 3 Return, 4 Snail's pace, 5 Edge, 6 Patient, 9 Off the hook, 11 In pocket, 12 Nemesis, 14 Invent, 16 Sense, 17 Bore.

EASY PUZZLE



- Across
- Fanciful unattainable hope (4,5)
 - Loathe (5)
 - Petulant (7)
 - Former name of Sri Lanka (6)
 - Highly addictive drug (6)
 - Patronage (8)
 - Ominous (8)
 - Assert strongly (6)
 - Go back to former state (6)
 - Suffer (7)
 - Coolness in danger (5)
 - Light social conversation (5,4)
- Down
- Mental picture (5)
 - Use to good effect (6)
 - Ringing (8)
 - Fabricate (4,2)
 - Shakespearean moneylender (7)
 - Clean sweep of major titles (5,4)
 - Rendered powerless (9)
 - Fragments of bursting shell (8)
 - Dishonest conduct (7)
 - A succession (6)
 - To influence (6)
 - Kingly (5)

CONTACT BRIDGE BY STEVE BECKER

A Mysterious Convention

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
 ♠ 8 7 5 4 2
 ♥ 6 4 3
 ♦ 9
 ♣ 9 7 6 3
WEST
 ♠ A Q 9 6
 ♥ K 7 2
 ♦ A J 5 4
 ♣ J 8
EAST
 ♠ 3
 ♥ J 10 9 5
 ♦ K 8 7 3 2
 ♣ A 4 2
SOUTH
 ♠ K J 10
 ♥ A Q 8
 ♦ Q 10 6
 ♣ K Q 10 5

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 NT Dble Pass Pass
 Pass

Opening lead — four of diamonds.
In tournament bridge, you run into all kinds of bidding systems. Players are generally permitted to use any system or special convention they want to, provided it can be readily explained to their opponents.
It is normal for a pair arriving at a table to announce that they play weak notrumps, or Flannery, or Precision, or whatever the case may be.
Some time ago, when I was playing with a favorite partner in a national tournament, we ran into a pair who announced they were playing "Goldschmidt." This was a brand-new one to us. They started to explain the convention, but we suggested that they hold the explanation until the situation to which Goldschmidt applied came up.
It never did. On the first deal, our opponents overbid their values a bit, got doubled and went down four vulnerable — 1,100 points. On the second deal, the one shown, they wound up in one notrump doubled.
I was East. I won the diamond lead with the king and returned the three. My partner cashed the J-A and returned the five to my seven. I shifted to the jack of hearts, not bothering to cash my fifth diamond.
West took South's queen with the king and returned a heart, my nine forcing the ace. Declarer now led the king of clubs. I took the ace and cashed two hearts and a diamond.
When I cashed the diamond, South, who by now had only the K-J-10 of spades and the queen of clubs left in his hand, was squeezed. My partner at this point had the A-Q-9 of spades and jack of clubs. When South discarded a spade, my partner discarded his club. A spade lead then gave us the rest of the tricks.
So the outcome was that South took only one trick, the ace of hearts. He went down six — 1,100 points (1,400 in today's scoring) — again!
We never did find out about Goldschmidt.

Tomorrow: Thoughtful defense.
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INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL SPORTS

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Rooney scores hat trick for United

LONDON

Wayne Rooney's hat trick kept Manchester United on track to win the English Premier League with a 4-2 comeback victory over West Ham on Saturday...

Second-place Arsenal drew 0-0 with visiting Blackburn and Chelsea, in third, needed a 33rd-minute header by Didier Drogba to escape with a 1-1 draw against a Stoke team in the middle of the standings.

Yesterday, Manchester City thrashed Sunderland 5-0 to strengthen its chances of a top-four finish in the Premier League, and Fulham eased its relegation fears with a convincing 3-0 win over Blackpool on Sunday.

Rooney's first hat trick in 14 months wiped out a 2-0 half-time deficit, boosting Man United's chances for a record 19th English championship.

Liverpool, which shares the record of 18 titles with United, lost 2-1 against a West Bromwich Albion team led by its former manager, Roy Hodgson. Tottenham's prospects of a second straight top-four finish dimmed with a 0-0 draw at Wigan.

Chelsea has eight games left and is 11 points behind United, which has played one more game. Second-place Arsenal is seven points off the lead and has a game in hand.

Celtics coast past the Pistons, but lose Shaq

JIMMY GOLEN, AP Sports Writer BOSTON

The Boston Celtics got a rare, brief and encouraging glimpse of Shaquille O'Neal before he limped off to the locker room Sunday night.

They can only hope it wasn't their last.

The 39-year-old former NBA MVP returned Sunday night after missing more than two months and scored six points in 57 minutes to help Celtics beat the Detroit Pistons 101-90. But O'Neal left in the second quarter with a new injury that raised new questions about whether he will be able to contribute in the playoffs.

"I don't know what to do, honestly," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said when asked if O'Neal should be shut down for the rest of the regular season. "My inclination is not, because he needs to play. We have to play at full-tilt in six or seven (games)."

O'Neal was not available for comment because he left before the end of the game. Rivers said; TV showed him walking out of the TD Garden with a slight limp. But Rivers expressed optimism because the injury — explained by the team as a strained right calf — was not the same as the Achilles' tendon strain that had kept him out since Feb. 1.

"The doctor thought it was



(AP Photo/Michael Dwyer)

GOING DOWN: Boston Celtics' Shaquille O'Neal (36) falls backward onto Detroit Pistons' Tracy McGrady after taking a shot in the first quarter of an NBA basketball game on Sunday, April 3, 2011, in Boston.

very minor. Scary more than anything," Rivers said. "But we'll see."

O'Neal's Achilles' injury was originally described as a minor one that would sideline him for just a few games. Asked how

long he thought O'Neal would be out this time, Rivers let out a mirthless laugh.

"I don't know, is the answer," he said. "I don't think very long."

Paul Pierce scored 22 points

and Rajon Rondo added 14 assists for the Celtics, who remained one-half game behind Miami in the race for the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs and seemed poised to make a move before O'Neal's new injury.

"He's been out so long, and he tried to do it today without any chance to have any practices," Pierce said. "I just hope he's all right. ... It felt like just having his presence out there was big."

Will Bynum scored 20 points, Tayshaun Prince had 16 and Charlie Villanueva 15 for the Pistons.

O'Neal entered with 4:43 left in the first quarter to a big cheer from the crowd. He scored on Boston's first two possessions and again later before grabbing a seat for the final play of the quarter.

He returned for the start of the second but he lasted just 49 seconds more before limping off to the locker room accompanied by the medical staff. The team said he would be re-evaluated at halftime; at the break, a Celtics spokesman said he would not return.

"He'll be OK. Shaq's always going to be all right," backup Glen "Big Baby" Davis said. "He doesn't get hurt. Shaq is invincible, man. That's what I believe in. He'll be back. Man of steel. That's what I've been believing since I was a little kid."

BAILLOU SAVES BEST GAME FOR SEASON FINALE

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vent Baillou from going undefeated in both leagues when they scored an 18-15 win.

However, the Potcakes provided arguably the highlight of the season when they ended the year with their first win in club history, a 32-10 win over the Buccaneers.

International

The local rugby community now shifts its attention to international play as the Bahamas prepares for competition in the Caribbean Championships later this month.

The executives have selected Garry Markham as head coach with Peter Beirne as assistant coach (Freeport) and Stevie Thompson assistant coach (Nassau).

The team will be managed by John Gates and Steve Johnson.

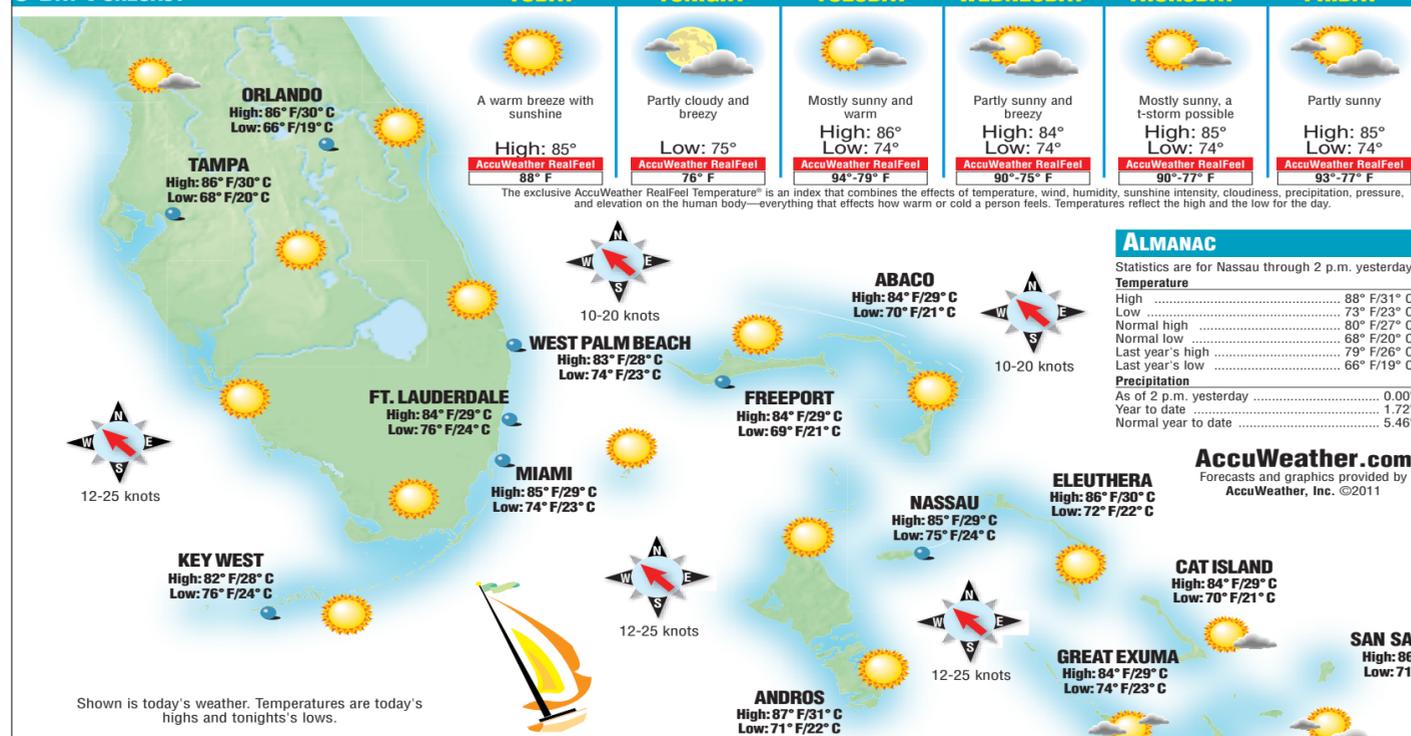
The opening game of the international season will be away to Bermuda on April 30th, followed by a home game against Mexico in early May.

The Bahamas is currently ranked second to Bermuda in the North Caribbean group, fourth overall in the Caribbean behind Trinidad, Guyana and Bermuda.

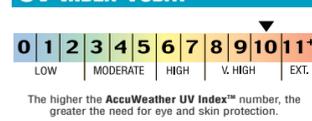
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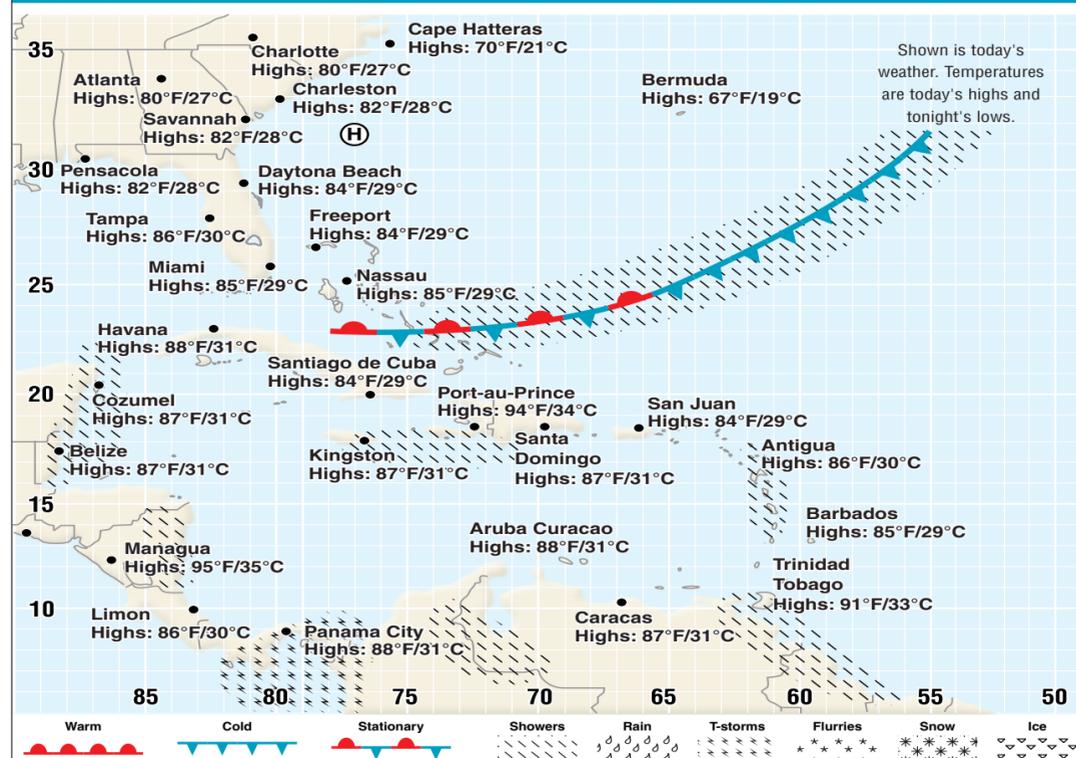
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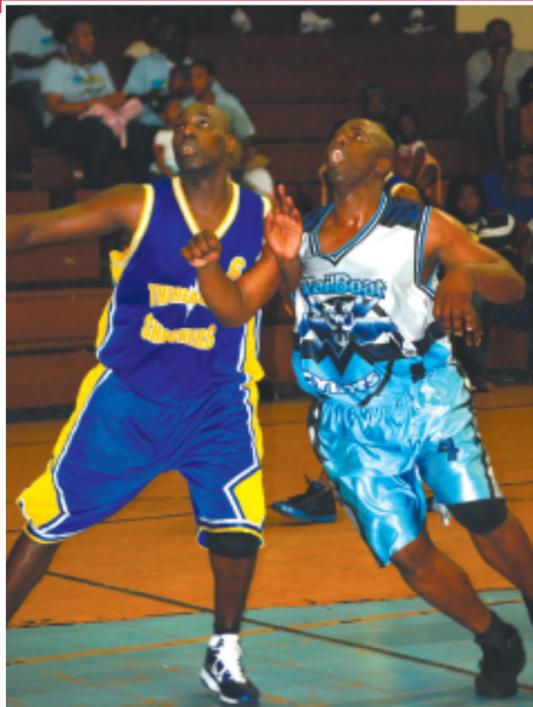
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SPORTS

BASKETBALL: Shockers 105, Cybots 98

SHORTHANDED REAL DEAL SHOCK CYBOTS



BATTLING: Real Deal Shockers' Kevin Coakley and Mailboat Cybots' Sean Smith battle for position for a loose ball.

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ed it the most," Bain stated. "All series, we didn't play like we wanted to win.

"We depend on talent and a lot of times that don't get it done. Hats of to them. They're a very good team. We got far. We just have to go back and regroup for next year. This is the second year they have eliminated us. I have to try and get one from one."

No one was more devastated by the loss than coach Wayne Watson.

"It's all about commitment and attitude. I couldn't say something to certain players, which was unfortunate," Watson stressed.

"The Shockers wanted it more. We had them down to the number of key players and we still couldn't pull it off. Everybody wanted to take it personal. It was a personal thing."

Watson said his Cybots will be going back to the drawing board and rebuilding to get back to the championship level where they won the title two years ago.

Shockers 119, Cybots 109: Lasario Burrows had another big night with a game high 36 points and 13 rebounds as the Real Deal had six players in double figures to go in the driver's seat on Friday.

Sidney Hillary had 24 points; Barrington Carter had 14 points and Kevin Coakley, Lorenzo Carter and Ian 'Wire' Pinder all added 12 as they came from a 32-24 first quarter deficit to take a 54-52 half-time lead.

The Mailboat, who went up 84-82 at the end of the third, got 29 points from Jeffrey Henfield, 27 from Brian Bain, 19 from Jacob Jackson and 12 from Nelson Joseph.

Giants 120, Wreckers 111: Putting up another good showing after the 45-point rout in game one, Y-Care gave Commonwealth Bank a run for their money.

But once again, it was the experience of the Giants that prevailed when it counted the most as they maintained their perfect record.

Mark Hanna exploded for a game high 41 points with nine rebounds; Jeremy Hutchinson contributed 25 and 11 rebounds; Gamalial Rose had 23 points and Michael 'Ferley' Bain chipped in with 21 points.

For the Wreckers, who trailed 29-27 after the first quarter, 59-47 at the half and 89-70 at the end of the third, Mario Pickstock was on fire with 39 points, Breston 'Horse' Rolle had 22 and William Delancy 18.



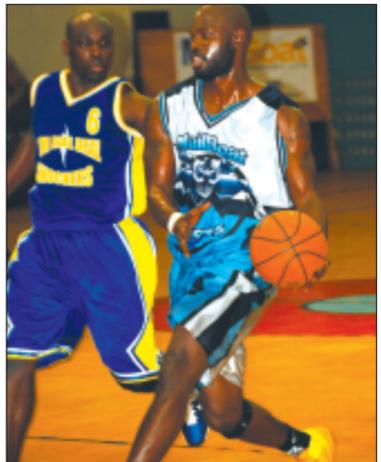
PASS MASTER: Real Deal Shockers' Lasario Burrows passes the ball over the defence of Mailboat Cybots' Brian Bain.



EYE ON THE PRIZE: Real Deal Shockers' Barrington Carter beats Mailboat Cybots' Jeffrey Henfield as he eyes his target.



UPWARD MOBILITY: Mailboat Cybots' Tyrone Sands goes up for a lay-up.



ON THE BALL: Mailboat Cybots' Jeffrey Henfield dribbles the ball against the defence of Real Deal Shockers' Kevin Coakley.



FIGHTING SPIRIT: Real Deal Shockers' Barrington Carter splits the defence of the Mailboat Cybots to get a pass off.

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