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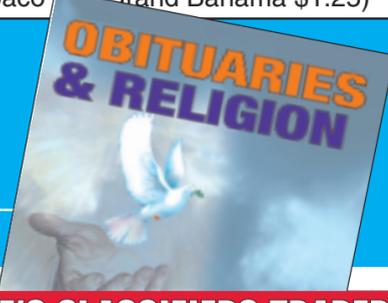
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# Outrage over murder e-mail

## Police probe after graphic details of death leaked online

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NELLIE MAE BROWN

THE family and friends of murdered charity worker Nellie Mae Brown are demanding accountability from the Royal Bahamas Police Force after gruesome crime scene images and a purported homicide investigation report into her death surfaced online.

The images, and what appears to be an internal police report into the murder investigation, spread like wildfire by e-mail this week prompting outrage from the mother-of-two's family and friends.

They are now demanding answers from the RBPF, questioning the force's internal security, and want to know who leaked the graphic details of the case.

Yesterday, police remained tightlipped about the apparent leak, only saying the matter is being "aggressively" investigated.

Top officers from the Central Detective Unit's homicide squad visited Ms Brown's fam-

ily on Tuesday, according to Assistant Commissioner Glenn Miller. He would not say what was discussed at that meeting.

"We are aware of it (the leak) and the matter is being aggressively pursued," said Mr Miller yesterday. "There are a number of things we want to look at."

When asked if the RBPF had contacted the family and apologised to them, he said:

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## MAN CHARGED WITH CHARITY WORKER'S MURDER



CHARGED: Prince Hepburn is pictured at court yesterday.

Felipe Major/Tribune staff

By **NATARIO MCKENZIE**  
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A MAN appeared in court yesterday in connection with the killing of charity worker Nellie Mae Brown.

Police have charged Prince Hepburn, a local contractor, with the murder of 42-year-old Ms Brown.

According to court dockets, Hepburn

intentionally caused the mother-of-two's death sometime between Wednesday, April 6, and Thursday, April 7.

Ms Brown, a former president of the Bahamas Heart Association, was found stabbed to death on the kitchen floor of an apartment complex at Bougainvillea Boulevard, South Beach. She had suffered multiple wounds to her body.

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## BDM DISSOLVES, MERGES WITH FNM

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THE Bahamas Democratic Movement has officially been dissolved after a 13-year political run, announced former party president Cassius Stuart. Party representatives joined members of the Free National Movement yesterday to announce the merger of the two organisations.

Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, FNM leader, presented Mr Stuart with a membership card and welcomed the new members of the party. He said months of deliberation had led to this decision.

Mr Ingraham said he admired how "tenacious and focused" the BDM has been over the years. He said the par-

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## LEAKED E-MAILS SHOW IN-FIGHTING IN NDP

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THE LEAK of internal e-mails chronicling in-fighting among the hierarchy of the National Development Party has caused yet another embarrassing turn for the fledgling third party force.

Coming on the heels of an official denial from the FNM that Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham had been courting the NDP's leader Renward Wells to join with their party, the NDP was straddled with another scandal when e-mails between Mr Wells, Ethric Bowe, and Lynden Nairn were leaked to the press.

According to the e-mails, which were also sent to the Democratic National

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## POLL: 47% NOT CONVINCED THEY SHOULD VOTE FOR TWO 'BIG' PARTIES

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NEARLY half the people who took part in a new poll study are not convinced they should vote for either of the two "big" parties in the next election, it is claimed.

Public Domain, a Bahamian marketing research and public opinion polling firm, conducted a telephone survey of Bahamians across the country from February 16 to March 11 on the topic of voter intentions for the upcoming general election.

The data revealed that not

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LOCAL NEWS

# Local Pan-African activist group holds conference

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Blackfood.org, a local activist group, held their second annual conference at the House of Labour on Wulff Road over the weekend to discuss imperialism and its impact on land ownership in the Bahamas and throughout the world.

Blackfood.org was established in 2008 as part of the Pan-African movement that is committed to uniting with and working alongside all African (black) people, oppressed people and freedom loving people both nationally and internationally.

The groups goal is to forge a "common anti-imperialist agenda."

The two day conference, entitled "the Politics of Land in the Bahamas: From Colonialism to Neo-colonialism" featured a wide variety of guest speakers, including Dion Hanna, director of the



Eugene Dupuch Law School legal aid clinic, and Omali Yeshitela, chairman of the African People's Socialist Party - USA.

Mr Yeshitela spoke about land as a basis of power, connecting the question of land ownership in the Bahamas to Africa.

He said: "Despite the election of black leaders the white minority still own more than 70 per cent of the land while Africans live in cramped shanty towns."

Mr Yeshitela said that Africans in the United States also face colonial domination every day.

He said it is the duty of Africans all over the world to help each other.

According to a press statement issued by Blackfood.org, nine resolutions were also passed at the close of the conference aimed at resolving and bringing to light a range of issues they believe are impacting Africans in the Bahamas.

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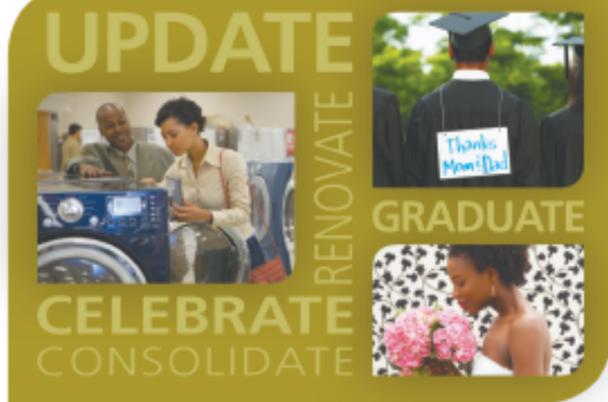
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**DEFENCE FORCE APPREHENDS DOMINICAN, HAITIAN NATIONALS**

THE ROYAL BAHAMAS DEFENCE FORCE detained Dominican nationals yesterday after their boat was suspected of illegal fishing in Bahamian waters (right and far right). The Defence Force also detained Haitian nationals after their boat sank in Bahamian waters (below and below right).

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**New developments in Israeli brothers' feud**

NEW developments have emerged in the long-standing feud between two Israeli brothers over millions in assets.

Attorneys representing brothers Rami Weissfisch and Amir Weissfisch, owners of one of the most prominent metals trading firms in London, Metals Resources Group (MRG), were back in the Court of Appeal yesterday. Rami's attorney Nicholas Lavender, QC, indicated that his client had decided to withdraw his appeal. According to Mr Lavender there was an appeal against an injunction granted by Justice Stephen Isaacs in December 2009 relative to raising certain issues in arbitration, which have now been withdrawn. Mr Lavender also noted that the appeal of the judge's order on costs relative to Amir was also withdrawn.

Mr Lavender said that the issue of costs as it related to the Weissfisch children was the only "live issue" before the court.

According to Mr Lavender there had been an application to remove the children from being parties to the proceedings in March 2010. Mr Lavender noted that at the time of the hearing on the injunction, there was no question that the children were parties to the litigation. He noted that there had been a hearing on the matter in the Supreme Court in June 2010, however, the application was dismissed. Mr Lavender contended yesterday that the appellate court could grant leave to appeal that decision.

Brian Moree, QC, who represents the Weissfisch children claimed that he had not been able to get proper instructions on the matter and that the application for leave should be heard in the lower court. The appeal on costs and the application for leave to appeal will now be heard on June 14.

In 2006 Weissfisch was engaged in a court fight in England with his brother, Amir Weissfisch, over claims that Rami refused to account to his younger brother for their partnership profits.

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**BASRA launches air search for overdue vessel**

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FREEPORT - BASRA search and rescue officials have launched an air search for an overdue vessel carrying three persons.

According to reports, BASRA was notified on Wednesday morning that three persons aboard a black and white 17ft Boston Whaler had not returned from a fishing trip.

The vessel left West End early Tuesday morning and was due back at 2pm the same day.

The boaters informed persons that they were going diving for conch between Sandy Cay and Memory Rock.

The boat was equipped with one 85mph Yamaha engine. There were no VHF radios or life vests onboard.

Family members went out to Sandy Cay and Memory Rock yesterday morning but found no trace of the vessel.

The persons onboard the missing vessel are one woman, age 25, and two men, ages 23 and 20.

BASRA officials said a volunteer pilot was up in the air from noon yesterday searching for the vessel. No further updates were issued before press time last night.

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LOCAL NEWS

# Police seek two men for questioning

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Anthony McDonald Rolle (left) and Joetiko Michael Newbold

His last known address is No 3 Sunset Subdivision, Freeport.  
Rolle is described as being of dark complexion with dark brown eyes and short hair.  
He is about five feet, eight inches tall, of average build and weighs 190 to 200 pounds.  
His last known address is No 15 Hampshire Drive.  
According to police, these men should be considered armed, extremely dangerous and should be approached with caution. They are asking persons with information concerning these men to contact police at 3731112, or 3743714, 911.

FREEPORT – Grand Bahama Police want to question two men in connection with alleged housebreaking and stealing incidents.  
All point bulletins have been issued for 19-year-old Joetiko Michael Newbold and 26-year-old Anthony McDonald Rolle, also known as "Smokey." Newbold, 19, is described as being of medium brown complexion with dark brown eyes and short hair.  
He is about five feet, nine inches tall, of average build and weighs about 150 to 160 pounds.

# Residents concerned over murky water gushing into Sea Breeze canal

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CONCERNED residents of Sea Breeze have posted a video on Facebook of rusty looking water gushing out of a pipe into the area's canal and are worried that the water could pose health and environmental risks.  
In the 16 minute video, two men off camera film the murky water as it pours from a large pipe and spreads into the canal. They are heard exclaiming that the water could be dangerous to persons who swim or fish in the canal

and to the nearby water supply. When *The Tribune* visited the canal yesterday, there was no evidence of rusty water.  
Robert Deal, general manager of the Water and Sewage Corporation, said he could not confirm the authenticity of what was filmed. However, he did say that the amber coloured water is likely to have come from WSC's Sea Breeze flushing point.  
He said potable water is routinely flushed from certain points, adding that it could have taken on a reddish brown colour due to the rusty water challenge in eastern New Providence.

"The corporation cannot confirm with 100 per cent certainty the accuracy of the video but we can state the corporation has a potable water (drinking water quality) flushing point in the Seabreeze area," said Mr Deal, who watched the video after *The Tribune* brought it to his attention.  
"As the corporation does face red/rusty water challenges in parts of eastern New Providence, periodically potable water is flushed from these points to clear our transmission and distribution systems. While the water flushed out may have a brownish/reddish colour in appearance that is not aesthetically pleasing, it is due to the presence of iron in the water which is a naturally occurring mineral."  
He added that WSC is trying to tackle the rusty water problem plaguing many residents of eastern New Providence, noting ongoing upgrades in the water supply for Prince Charles Drive and the Danottage area. "In the coming weeks, works will commence in Blair and along Beatrice Boulevard. In addition to these works, there is also a substantial water main component in the New Providence Road Improvement Project which when combined with our in-house works, will bring improvements in water pressure and quality to our valuable customers in Eastern New Providence."  
He added that WSC is committed to the environmental protection and conservation of groundwater, wetlands and coasts.

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LOCAL NEWS

# Mitchell: next election is about 'saving the nation'

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FRED MITCHELL

FREEPORT – Fox Hill MP Fred Mitchell said the next general election campaign is about “saving the nation.”

In four short years, he said, the country went from full employment to one where unemployment is reaching record levels.

“In Grand Bahama, people are sleeping in cars and living like they did in the 1940s, with no power and having to go to the pump for water,” Mr Mitchell said Monday at PLP headquarters on Grand Bahama.

Mr Mitchell was speaking to supporters at the Lucaya Branch meeting to introduce the party’s new candidate for Lucaya Tanisha Tynes. Bradley Roberts, national chairman of the PLP, also spoke.

Mr Mitchell said a PLP government will have to embark on special programmes for Grand Bahama, where three major hotels have been closed.

He said hotels in Grand Bahamas would not remain idle beyond the general election under the PLP administration.

“You (Grand Bahama) should decide whether you will support the purchase of the idle hotel plant in Grand Bahama in the public interest and their redevelopment and onward sale or lease to the hotel managers or management companies,” he said.

“Also, you must help us decide whether it is in the best interest of this island to extend the Hawksbill Creek Agreement concessions beyond 2015 when the current one expires.”

Mr Mitchell said the PLP will return to the well established immigration policy that a foreign investor in the Bahamas has the right to have at least one person in the country that he believes will be responsible to him for his investment to get a work permit to operate and run that business for him.

Mr Mitchell said it will be the PLP’s

job to “rescue the nation” as crime is out of control and the murder rate is the highest it has ever been.

Party chairman Mr Roberts said while violent crime is not as high in Grand Bahama as it is in New Providence, the state of the economy and the lack of plans to get more Grand Bahamians back to work have caused a spike in the number of house break-ins and brazen robberies in communities.

Mr Roberts noted that an upscale residential community has now fallen prey to criminals.

“Residents of Bahamia say that this once peaceful community for example, is now a prime target for the mischief of the idle hands of our sons, many of whom have no prospect of work under this present FNM leadership, and therefore, feel forced to take what is yours in order to survive,” he said.

Mr Roberts said a plan is needed to stabilise the Grand Bahama economy.

“We need our hotel properties back open with a strategic plan to finally attract the numbers in tourism that this island, given its proximity to the US, is capable of attracting,” he stated.

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## COB to host short film festival

By LAMECH JOHNSON

FOR the first time, the College of the Bahamas will host a short film festival to highlight social issues.

The one-day event is scheduled to take place today in the auditorium at the Harry C Moore Library and Information Centre.

The purpose of the short film festival, said Hugo Zarate, Journalism and Communications lecturer and advisor at COB, “is to create social awareness about prevalent issues in the Bahamas.”

Mr Zarate said the festival will also do good things for the department and the college and will help students get public exposure.

Students working on the project spoke with *The Tribune*

about their experience and their feelings on being a part of the Journalism and Communication Department’s first short film festival.

Kriston Saunders, a Freeport native studying Mass Communications at the main campus in Nassau said: “I’m very excited about the film festival.”

### Projects

He said he has done a few projects outside of COB, but admits working in student groups is not always easy.

“I think it’s bittersweet because on one hand you have a clash of different personalities and ideas but it works out at the end of the day because everybody works to get it done.”

Mr Saunders, with a number of other students, worked on

one of the three films that will be shown during the one-day festival.

The short film “Jasmines”, written and directed by Jasper Haeward and Jonathan Thompson, tells the story of an intelligent yet distant young woman who faces abuse and finds solace in the company of her best friend Victoria and her fraternal twin Anthony.

As the story progresses, the protagonist struggles with the present as she discovers a truth that will question everything that she knows.

“Surprise, Surprise” is the second film to be featured and tells the story of the life of a homeless man through the reality of art.

Adrian Wildegoose, the film’s director, said: “Of course I’m excited about being a part of history in COB. I’ll be even more excited if we win, but the experience will be a memorable one I’m sure.”

Mr Wildegoose said the experience of making the film “was like a roller coaster ride (with) conflicting time schedules, early mornings as in 6am early.”

“And having to change your plans on the spot a few times isn’t always the most fun but it’s a chance to make what you have work for you; the best times were really off camera.”

In the festival’s third film, “John McPhee”, multiple story lines intertwine “to reveal the raw humanity that exists in persons that society often overlooks, classifying them simply as Jonsers.”

It was written and directed by Patrick Deveaux and Stephen Hanna.

The festival runs from noon to 3pm at the new library located on Thompson Boulevard and Tucker Road. The event is free to the public. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

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LOCAL NEWS

# Ministry announces full road closures for New Providence

THE Ministry of Public Works and Transport has announced full road closures and traffic diversions for several corridors as the construction phase of the New Providence Road Improvement and Infrastructure Project continues.

Among them are the following:

- Along Robinson Road between Lincoln Boulevard and Sixth Street there is a full road closure. Traffic is diverted through Lincoln Boulevard to Balfour Avenue and through Sixth Street to Palm Tree Avenue.
- The junction of East Street and Robinson Road is under full closure and is expected to reopen next week as work continues to complete the major works for the junction.
- At the junction of Robinson and Claridge Roads – full closure of Claridge Road between Balfour Avenue and Robinson Road. Two-way traffic is granted on Robinson Road. Claridge Road is expected to re-open by the end of next week.
- Along Prince Charles Drive between Jean Street and Garden Road there is full closure. Traffic is diverted through Kent Avenue or Garden Road to Gleniston Park and into Wilson Way back onto Prince

**CHARLENE COLLIE**, project engineer and public relations representative, gives road works report to media.



Letisha Henderson/BIS

Charles (the area behind the Prince Charles Plaza).

- Along Baillou Hill Road between Robinson Road and Wulff Road two lanes of traffic are granted between Wulff Road and Chapel Street. One lane of traffic granted (north bound only). It should be noted that as the work progresses Baillou Hill Road northbound becomes one-way north, heading towards downtown.

- Along Market Street between Wulff Road and Coconut Grove Avenue, one lane of traffic is granted (southbound only) and two lanes thereafter as work progresses with the installation of a new water main.

- Along Prince Charles Drive between Pine Barren Road and Fox Hill Road, westbound traffic is granted heading towards Soldier Road, eastbound traffic is diverted through the Beatrice Avenue,

Savannah Avenue, Bay Lily Drive to Sea Breeze Lane.

- On Abundant Life Road access to the East/West Highway, southbound traffic is granted on Abundant Life Road, northbound traffic is diverted to Old Trail Road and/or East Street.

- Along Marathon Road between Wulff Road and Ferguson Way north, northbound traffic travels as normal and southbound traffic is diverted to Claridge or Soldier Roads.

- At the junction of the East/West Highway, Marathon and Robinson

Road junctions near the service accessing Solomon's, First Caribbean Bank and Bristol Cellars. Work has commenced in the outer lane. Westbound traffic has been placed on the new pavement. Motorists travelling west should use the centre lane when crossing the junction and the far left lane to head east.

Traffic has been placed on the newly widened portion of road at the junction near Robinson Road West.

Work continues on the side near to R M Bailey Park.

## INFORMATION MEETINGS ON ROADWORKS

THE Ministry of Public Works and Transport will hold an information meeting today at First Baptist Church on Market Street and Coconut Grove from 3pm to 6pm to discuss aspects of the New Providence Road Improvement and Infrastructure Project for Baillou Hill Road and Market Street. Residents and business owners south of Market Street and Baillou Hill Road are invited to attend.

Tomorrow, the Ministry of Works will hold an information meeting at St Agnes Church on Baillou Hill Road and Cockburn Street from 10am to 6pm to discuss road improvement plans for Baillou Hill Road and Market Street.

Representatives of the Project Execution Unit of the Ministry of Works will be in attendance at both meetings. For more information call 302-9538 or the hotline number 302-9700.

## INSTALLATION OF WATER MAIN PIPES ON BAILLOU HILL ROAD SOUTH, INDEPENDENCE HIGHWAY TO CARMICHAEL ROAD

THE motoring public is advised that from Monday, roadworks will begin on sections of Baillou Hill Road South between the Independence Highway roundabout to Carmichael

Road.

Road improvements will be carried out on Baillou Hill Road between Soldier Hill Road, Malcolm Road and Carmichael Road.

The existing two lanes

will be widened to a three and four lane carriageway in some locations. The works will include installation of 24-inch and 12-inch PVC pipes, utilities, sidewalks, traffic signs,

asphalt pavement, street lighting and drainage facilities.

Access will be granted to residents, pedestrians and the affected businesses in the surrounding areas dur-

ing the construction phase. Signs will be erected to identify safe passage for pedestrians and access points to the businesses in the area from the diversion route.

Motorists are asked to observe the traffic management signs and travel

with caution while the work is being carried out. Detours will be clearly marked to allow for the safety of pedestrians and motorists. Regular updates will be provided for the public through the local media (radio and television), the ministry said.



STUDENTS show their support for Atlantic Medical Insurance's 13th Annual Fun Walk.



# Primary schools ready to win the fight against childhood obesity

THE Atlantic Medical Insurance's 13th Annual Fun Walk this Saturday will take the country's children out of the classroom to take part in a fun experience which will encourage them to join the fight against childhood obesity.

The initiative has already inspired students from three local primary schools to participate in increasing the awareness of healthy lifestyles in young children.

Consistent with the event's sub theme "Healthy Kids are Happy Kids", Atlantic Medical Insurance is encouraging the Bahamian community at large to unite and inspire all families to participate in the country's largest event of its kind. In addition to its partnership with the Cancer Society of the Bahamas and the Bahamas Diabetic Association, the

Nassau Chapter of Links has joined in to encourage children to commit to the slogan of "You Are Now Entering A Generation Healthy Zone."

Also supporting the event is Minister of Health Dr Hubert Minnis.

Atlantic Medical Insurance Company paid the minister a courtesy call last Friday and presented him with his Fun Walk gear and registration package.

The Fun Walk 2011 is scheduled to take place this Saturday at 6.30am.

Once again, there will be two routes: The A route (six miles) for competitive walkers, and for those who opt to participate at a less strenuous level, the B route called the "Easy-Breezy" route (three miles).

The A route will go west on Shirley Street, to Church

Street, north onto Church Street to the new Paradise Island Bridge, east off the bridge to the Paradise Island Golf Course and then back to Montague Beach via the

old bridge, east on East Bay Street to Montague Beach.

For participation information contact Atlantic Medical Insurance at 242- 326-8191.

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LOCAL NEWS

# Early diagnosis and treatment is key to addressing autism

By UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO THE BAHAMAS NICOLE AVANT

## COMMENTARY

APRIL is National Autism Awareness Month, which provides a special opportunity for individuals across the Bahamas to raise awareness in their neighbourhoods, workplaces, schools and local communities about the challenges facing children and adults who have been diagnosed with autism.

Autism affects one in every 110 children and one in every 70 boys, yet the cause remains unknown.

Signs and symptoms typically appear during the first three years of life and relate to language, social behavior, and behaviors concerning objects and routines.

Last August, I invited actress, author, and international autism activist Holly Robinson-Peete, and her husband former NFL quarterback, Rodney Peete, to an event at

my residence to share their personal experiences raising their autistic son RJ, and the impact of his diagnosis on the entire family. The US Embassy partnered with the Resources and Education for Autism and Related Challenges (REACH) organization on the event that brought together Bahamian families with Autistic children and leading Bahamian autism experts and specialists for a discussion on this critical issue.

Holly and Rodney spoke candidly about raising an autistic child and their search for reliable information and the best treatments.

Although this was the Peete family's first autism outreach event outside of the United States, their message to Bahamian parents remained the same: "Get out of denial quick-

ly, arm yourself with information, keep an open mind and stay proactive, hopeful, and prayerful. Above all, focus on your child's gifts, not on their limitations."

Through the Peete family's experience it became clear that early diagnosis and intensive intervention can have a profound impact on the lives of children and adults who have been diagnosed with autism.

Treatments have been developed in recent years that make it possible for nearly half the children who are diagnosed early with autism to eliminate the need for special education.

If children receive intervention treatment before the age of four, many of them go on to live productive lives comparable to those without a developmental disability.

Therefore, it is critically important to identify those children who are at-risk in order to reduce the time between symptom appearance

and formal diagnosis and treatment.

I applaud REACH for providing a support system for parents with children affected by autism, for their efforts in April as well as throughout the year to raise awareness about autism and for arming parents with critical information on innovative treatment opportunities in the Bahamas and the United States.

As autism awareness increases throughout the Bahamas, parents, caregivers and educators are more likely to identify the early signs of autism and seek available treatment.

Raising awareness about autism will also encourage educators in the Bahamas to identify new approaches to ensure that students with developmental challenges have the opportunity to excel in an inclusive classroom, particularly on the Family Islands where special therapies and treatments may be out of reach.



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Ambassador of the Republic of Chile to the Bahamas

Alfredo Garcia Castelblanco sought support from Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Brent Symonette during a courtesy call last week.

The Bahamas and the Republic of Chile established diplomatic relations on December 4, 1990. Since then, relations have emanated from

bilateral exchanges in areas of trade negotiations, language training programmes, and courses offered by the Diplomacy Academy of Chile.

Pictured left is Ambassador Castelblanco posing with Mr Symonette.

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### INDONESIA DISCUSSES TAX AGREEMENT WITH THE BAHAMAS



THE Indonesian Ambassador to the Bahamas discussed the current status of the negotiations of the Tax Information Exchange Agreement between the two countries during his visit to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Tuesday.

Banua Radja Manik, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia, paid a courtesy call on

Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Brent Symonette.

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Pictured are Ambassador Manik posing with Mr Symonette.

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LOCAL NEWS

# Ninth Junior Minister of Tourism named

## Boykin Smith wins speech competition

BOYKIN Smith of St Anne's School will serve as the ninth Junior Minister of Tourism after prevailing against 13 other contestants from 13 islands in Ministry of Tourism's Junior Minister of Tourism Speech Competition.

"This is far and away the most successful programme we have ever put together for the Junior Minister of Tourism in terms of the number of contestants and from how far way they have come throughout the Commonwealth of the Bahamas,"

Minister of Tourism Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace said to audience members on the night of the competition.

### Bahamas

"We are beginning to recognise in word and in deed that the Bahamas is not Nassau and Paradise Island and Grand Bahama and the Out Islands as we used to call them."

Minister Vanderpool-Wallace said his Ministry of is now looking to pinpoint and promote the

individuality of all the major islands and island groups of the Bahamas.

The Ministry is focusing on promoting 16 distinct major islands and island groups. Fourteen of the 16 were represented in the Junior Minister of Tourism competition.

"It complements what we are trying to do in terms of showing the world that the Bahamas is not a destination.

"It is a region with such variety that as far as we are concerned, in very many respects, we are a mini Caribbean," he said.



BOYKIN SMITH is pictured with Minister of Tourism and Aviation Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace after winning the Junior Minister of Tourism Speech Competition. Also pictured (from left) are his speech coach Eulien Massiah, his mother Christine and permanent secretary in the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation Hyacinth Winder Pratt.

As the new Junior Minister, Boykin will receive a cash prize and a four-year scholarship to the College of the Bahamas. His school will also receive a cash donation.

"My platform is to advise the Ministry of Tourism of the youth per-

spective on ideas for the tourism industry and I also wish to travel to the various islands and speak to youth groups and show them what the tourism industry has to offer them," he said.

Boykin said he put many hours into practicing for

the speech competition, and he acknowledged the competition was intense. Trevor Johnson Jr of St Paul's Methodist College in Grand Bahama was the second place finisher while Vashte Nairn of Central Eleuthera High took third place.

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## GARDEN HILLS RESIDENTS PRAISE POLICE

By LAMECH JOHNSON

TWO officers of the Royal Bahamas Police Force Southeastern Division received praise from a resident of the Garden Hills community for their efforts in that community.

Stephen Moss of Garden Hills told *The Tribune* that he is concerned that reports about the police are mainly negative.

"We're always hearing about the negative reports regarding the police. I want to commend officers of the East Street South

police station, Supt Theophilus Dean and Inspector Butler, on a job well done," he said.

Mr Moss said that his area has had its "fair share of house break-ins and crime."

He said the two officers, Supt Dean in particular, worked with the community to address this problem.

"We dialogued with him and he listened to us. If every other officer from the other divisions were to take a page from his book, the Bahamas would be a better place," he said.



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LOCAL NEWS



## RESIDENTS LEARN ABOUT BAHAMAR DEVELOPMENT

BAHA Mar has been "sensitive" to the environment, senior representatives of the development told residents of the Cable Beach area during a town meeting on Monday night.

The Ministry of Public Works and Transport together with Baha Mar representatives met with the communities of Ruby Avenue and Sulgrave Manor, Cable Beach on Monday to inform them of plans for the proposed resort including the

master plan, core project and the road component, among other things.

In attendance was John Canton, director of Public Works, and Baha Mar representatives including Robert Sands, senior vice-president of government and external affairs; Earle Bethell, director of marketing, Frank Wood, as well as Wendell Grant of Reiss Engineering, government's representative for the project.

"We have taken great lengths to observe environmental protocols on the pro-

ject," Mr Sands said.

He explained that Baha Mar has created booklets for each of its employees that identifies trees, protocols on how to deal with oil, instructions on to handle remediation, among other things.

Mr Canton said plans include construction of a New West Bay Street along with corridor 7 that links New West Bay Street with John F Kennedy Drive at the junction of Gladstone Road.

The roads will be designed to the standards of the Ministry of Works and will eventually revert to government.

JOHN CANTON, director of Public Works, speaking at the Town Hall Meeting at Wyndham Nassau Resort.

## C R Walker faces off against North Andros High in debate final

The 2011 National High School Debating Championship will feature C R Walker Senior High School matching skills with the team from North Andros High School this Friday at the Rainforest Theatre of the Wyndham Cable Resort.

The teams will debate the merits and the demerits of the topic, "Be it resolved that technology in schools is not helping to improve the quality of education".

The debating championship is a much anticipated event on the private and public high school calendar throughout the Bahamas.

Students engage in three months of debates at the district level until two teams

remain.

This is North Andros High School's first appearance in the finals.

Both C R Walker and North Andros had some success in this competition, making it to the championships on previous occasions. Family Island teams have previously dominated the competition, with the Cat Island/San Salvador District capturing three consecutive wins from 2008 to 2010.

Team members for North Andros High are Valtio Cooper, Avriel Newton and Laurinique Russell.

C R Walker's senior school team has Natasha Jn-Simon, Lyndae Barry and Julianne Coakley.

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LOCAL NEWS

# Defence Force Officers attend seminar in Colorado

SENIOR Lieutenant Carlon Bethel and Acting Sub Lieutenant Desiree Corneille returned home after attending a three-day public affairs exchange in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The exchange was geared towards sharing information among the various military forces.

Topics discussed included social media, organised structure and responsibilities, strategic planning, and media relations.

Participants were taken on a tour of various military establishments in Colorado. Some of the places included the Public Affairs Offices at Peterson Air Force Base, Fort Carson Army Base, and the United States Air Force Academy. The Bahamas will host the exchange programme later this year.



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Senior Lieutenant Carlon Bethel is a 21-year veteran who has served in numerous positions aboard Defence Force craft and at the Coral Harbour Base.

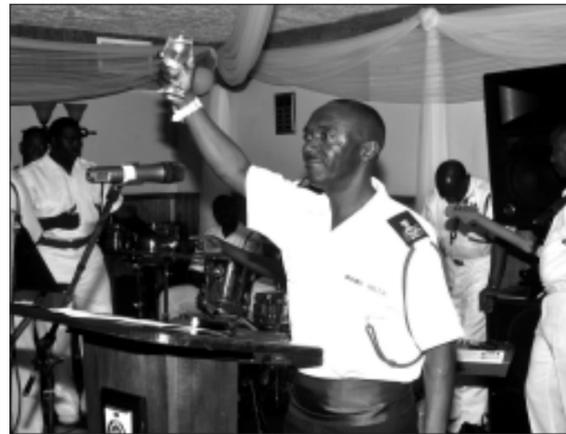
He presently holds the position of information technology officer.

Acting Sub Lieutenant Desiree Corneille joined the Defence Force in April 2001 as an enlisted marine. After undergoing officer's training in Dartmouth, England in 2002, she currently serves as the Defence Force's acting public relations officer.

## DEFENCE FORCE CELEBRATES 31ST ANNIVERSARY



**CHIEF PETTY OFFICER** Hubert Smith and Petty Officer Joy Moss preparing to cut the cake for the 31st anniversary of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force.



**CHIEF PETTY OFFICER** Gregory Curry giving a toast to the warrant officers and senior enlisted ratings during their cocktail reception at the Coral Harbour Base.

MARCH 31 marked 31 years since the official establishment of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force (RBDF) by an Act from Parliament.

The warrant officers and senior enlisted ratings of the Force kicked off the celebrations during a recent cocktail reception at the Coral Harbour Base.

During a night of entertainment, men and women who have all individually given over 20 years of service to their country celebrated the anniversary. Before cutting a birthday cake with the inscription "Happy 31st Anniversary", Warrant Officer Hubert Smith reflected on not just his journey through the Defence Force, but also gave a brief outline of the

history of the organisation.

Several other senior enlisted ratings shared fond memories of their time in the Force.

The traditional cutting of the cake was done by 34-year-veteran Force Chief Petty Officer Hubert Smith, one of the last two active serving members who trans-

ferred from the Police Marine Division to the Defence Force. He was joined by Woman Petty Officer Joy Moss, as the RBDF Band played a happy birthday melody.

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LOCAL NEWS

# Workshop focuses on economic liberalisation

By LLONELLA GILBERT  
Bahamas Information Services

THE opportunities and challenges of economic liberalisation as well as the necessity of quality infrastructures for the Bahamas were discussed this week as the country hosted the CARICOM Regional Organisation for Standards and Quality (CROSQ) 18th Council Meeting and Awareness Workshop.

The three-day workshop started at SuperClubs Breezes on Tuesday.

CROSQ is the regional body charged with the responsibility to coordinate and facilitate the establishment and harmonisation of standards for the enhanced efficiency and improved quality in the production of goods and services of the CARICOM Community, thereby facilitating consumer and environmental protection and improved trade within the Community and with third states.

Speaking at the opening, Alan Strachan, undersecretary in the Ministry of Labour and Social Development, said the sustainability and future expansion of the Bahamas' economy depends on quality infrastructure in every facet of economic activity in the trade and commerce industry.

"Notwithstanding the importance of this feature in commercial activities - we hold the belief that the attainment of these objectives will only be achieved through a comprehensive system of sustained educational initiatives that allow for the participation of all of the various stakeholders and social partners and providing sufficient information to enable them to understand and buy



**CHAIRMAN** of the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce Khaalis Rolle

in on the objectives being pursued or proposed on a national regional or international."

Mr Strachan said the workshops and meetings held for various stakeholders and participants in the economic community, both in the public and private sectors, go a long way in helping them and the general public to have a greater understanding and appreciation of the essential role that standards and quality infrastructures play in everyday life.

"The global economy has become much smaller and the push liberalisation has increased substantially, resulting in international competition in the trading of goods and utilisation of services," he said.

"The Bahamas too, like CARICOM states, has to develop national policies that serve to protect its nationals' interest while providing a level playing field for the world's economy to participate in its economy."

Khaalis Rolle, chairman of

the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce, said businesspersons throughout the Bahamas have been told that trade liberalisation is here and they need to prepare for it.

He explained that they need to prepare for it by making changes to the infrastructure, developing new practices and changing business models.

"The big fear I think on behalf of the business community is that we do not know where we are going," Mr Rolle said. "The Chamber has spent a significant amount of time trying to reduce those fears. We participate in as many seminars as possible with the hopes that the message we continue to send will gain traction."

Mr Rolle also noted that during the meeting, the Council should find new methods of informing persons of trade liberalisation and what it means for the country.

Dr Alexis Valqui from the Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt, which is the national metrology institute providing scientific and technical services in Germany, said there are several opportunities in globalisation.

It brings reduced tariffs and access to new markets; reduced prices for imported goods and reduced prices for imported technology, he said.

However, it will bring its challenges as the country would have to fulfill the commitments of international agreements and organisations such as the World Trade Organisation and European Partnership Agreement; identify the interest and needs of the country to be considered in negotiations; and establish information, consultation and monitoring mechanisms, Dr Valqui said.

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LOCAL NEWS

# HATCHET BAY DAY

A SERIES of events lined up for the communities in Hatchet Bay, North Eleuthera, will kick off on 'Hatchet Bay Day' this Saturday at the Western Esplanade.

Chairman of the Hatchet Bay Festival Committee Ian Pinder said the committee is gearing up to host a number of family fun events during the spring and summer months leading up to a "bigger, better and bolder" Hatchet Bay Festival 2011.

The event this weekend will mark the start of Happy Hour Fridays, and pre-curses the Down Home Gospel Concert at Bethel Baptist Church in Meeting Street planned for May 29, before the Hatchet Bay Festival runs from July 29 to August 2.

"For the past 21 years, the Hatchet Bay Festival remains the highlight of the August Monday holi-

day on the island of Eleuthera," Mr Pinder said.

"The weeklong festivities include fishing tournaments, an historical tour of Hatchet Bay, block parties and cultural activities, which are unique to the settlement of Hatchet Bay."

The festival intends to provide 'Baymen' from the area an opportunity to return home and celebrate with family and friends.

For more information about these community events, contact Ian Pinder by sending an email to [info@hatchetbay.org](mailto:info@hatchetbay.org), log on to [www.hatchetbay.org](http://www.hatchetbay.org), or go to the Hatchet Bay, Bay Festival Facebook page.

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**OUTRAGE OVER MURDER E-MAIL**

"It's an extremely difficult time for anybody in that kind of situation, we met with them (the family) yesterday - (Assistant Superintendent Leon) Bethel and his team."

Calls placed to Commissioner of Police Ellison Greenslade were not returned.

The body of 42-year-old Ms Brown, a secretary at her father's AB Construction company, and a former president of the Bahamas Heart Association, was found in an apartment complex on Bougainvillea Boulevard, South Beach. She had been stabbed a number of times.

A cousin of the respected charity worker said the disturbing images making the rounds on the Internet has only compounded the family's grief.

"This is already sad for us and to see those crime scene images makes it more painful," said the relative, who did not wish to be named.

Linda Lafleur, treasurer of the Bahamas Heart Association and former colleague, questioned if there was some ulterior motive behind the release of the document.

"This is the first time I've heard of something like this, and we have had lots of murders, but you never hear about them posting the whole case and (crime scene) pictures on the Internet. So you have to wonder why this one," said Ms Lafleur.

"It does not make sense to me. I am hoping that her family, her children and her mother don't see it."

Retired assistant police commissioner Paul Thompson said the leaked information will "destroy" public confidence in the police.

He said: "That is most unfortunate. It seems that somebody within the ranks of the force has probably gotten his hands on this information, and why they are doing it, one would wonder - to embarrass the family?"

"That shouldn't happen. It destroys the confidence and

faith the police is trying to build in the public to give information. The damage is done but if you find who is doing it, you deal with those persons so severely no one will do it again," said the former high-ranking officer.

Religious leader Bishop Simeon Hall has similar views.

"The police are dead wrong to let this kind of thing get out. This is grossly insensitive to the victim and the victim's family."

"The whole thing fuels the suspicion people have about the police. With all this crime we are faced with, the police need all the help from the public they can get," said the pastor of New Covenant Baptist Church.

Public outrage was also poured out on to the RBPF's Facebook page yesterday.

"It is something to see an official police homicide investigation report circulating with the murder pictures of Nellie Brown within cyber space. That leads me to think confidentiality does not exist within our country! I would hope that the person responsible for leaking the report be reprimanded accordingly," said one person.

Another commentator said: "You all need to find out who leaked the pictures from the murder of Nellie Brown. It is a shame that even the police can't be trusted with something as sensitive as this."

An administrator from the RBPF's Facebook account said the person responsible for the leak will likely be punished.

"We were very disturbed by this when we received an e-mail concerning the same. I am almost certain that an investigation has started and disciplinary actions will surely follow," said the administrator.

A man appeared in court yesterday charged with Ms Brown's murder.

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Hepburn, 49, was escorted to Court One, Bank Lane, yesterday, shackled at the feet with plaster casts on both of his arms. He also had a bandage on the left side of his face.

He stood silently in the prisoner's dock as the murder charge was read to him. He was not required to enter a plea.

Prosecutor ASP Samuel McKinney

**Man charged with charity worker's murder**

asked that the matter be adjourned to June 23. He also informed the court that prosecutors intend to proceed with a Voluntary Bill of Indictment.

Murrio Ducille, Hepburn's attorney, asked that he be housed at the remand section of Her Majesty's Prison. Mr

Ducille noted his client had been brought from the hospital prior to his arraignment.

Chief Magistrate Gomez said he would ask prison authorities to make the most suitable arrangements for him in light of his present condition.



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LOCAL NEWS

# BDM dissolves and merges with FNM

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ty had a "consistent message" and was "doggard and determined."

He took delight in the fact that during the Elizabeth by-election, a BDM canvasser approached him in a barber shop on the campaign trail and tried to convince him to support the party.

The BDM was the most prominent third party in recent times. It contested 12 of the 40 parliamentary seats in the 2002 election. Mr Stuart was one of the founders in 1998. He was the BDM's candidate in the Elizabeth by-election last year.

Mr Stuart said the by-election was a "wake up call" that seriously challenged his views on the viability of a third party. He said the party decided it had

to be "practical and pragmatic." He said the party has always wanted to make a contribution and decided to stop sitting on the sidelines.

"We have joined the FNM because we believe that this organization is willing to embrace new leadership, new vision and new energy. While we know that this decision may be troubling for some of our supporters, we want to assure you that we believe this decision is in the best interest of our membership and our country," said Mr Stuart.

Mr Stuart said the BDM was no longer interested in "talking about the problems." They wanted to engage in "solving the problems," the members of the party believed the FNM was the best party to accomplish that task.

There were "extensive" discussions with the FNM and PLP, said Mr Stuart; however, he said the FNM were more "timely" and presented "better opportunities" to fulfil the vision of the BDM and to "maximise the potential" of its members.

Some ten executive members of the BDM joined Mr Stuart at the FNM headquarters last

night to make the announcement. Mr Stuart said all of the BDM, except one member, supported the party's decision.

"The discussions leading up to this decision have in no way been easy for us. After many months of discussions and deliberations and with much prayer and fasting, we find ourselves here today. We believe that the decision to join the FNM is the right one at the right time," said Mr Stuart.

"My message over the past decade has been adding value to the lives of every Bahamian. Moving forward, the Prime Minister has assured us that the next five years will be just that, building lives. Today as we embark on a new horizon, we are confident that this union will bring brighter days for every Bahamian. As a result, we know that the Bahamas will be a safer, cleaner, and better place to live in," he said.

Mr Stuart said the BDM and the FNM have become one organisation with the same vision, purpose and objective.

Under Mr Stuart's leadership, the BDM was a harsh critic of Prime Minister Ingraham and the FNM and former Prime Minister Perry Christie, leader

of the Progressive Liberal Party, during successive terms of government.

The party's position on education states that both the FNM and PLP are "clear failures."

"It is safe to conclude that both the PLP and the FNM are major failures. The same problems that afflicted the FNM in education are the PLP's worst nightmare. The question is when will we get it right? From all indications neither Mr Ingraham nor Mr Christie has the answers. These two men must be judge based on their performance record not their political foolishness and the hand writing is clearly on the wall, they both have failed," states the BDM on the issue of education.

The party has similar critiques of the performance of the FNM and PLP on crime, defence, immigration, and the environment.

In 2001, Stuart and then deputy leader Omar Smith handcuffed themselves to the Mace in the House of Assembly in protest against the "unfair gerrymandering of the constituency boundaries by the FNM administration."

They were jailed for almost two days, although no charges



CASSIUS STUART

were brought against them, according to the party's historical account of its formation.

Over the past 11 years, Mr Stuart said his efforts were guided by a message that is entrenched in the BDM constitution: "No man, woman or child shall ever be slave or bondsman to anyone or their labour exploited or their lives frustrated by deprivation". He said this message has been "embraced" by the FNM.

In the coming days, Mr Stuart said he would file a formal application to the FNM to be nominated as a candidate in the next general election. He said no promises were made for future candidacy, but assurances were given that the former BDM members would be a part of making sure the Bahamas is a better place.

## MP: Cassius Stuart 'has a lot of explaining to do'

FRED MITCHELL, PLP member of parliament for Fox Hill, said he believes Mr Stuart "has a lot of explaining to do," noting that weeks ago, Mr Stuart was "bashing the government over BTC."

Considering the fact that Mr Stuart's father-in-law, V Alfred Gray, was a former PLP cabinet minister, Mr Mitchell also said he thought it was "a bit odd" Mr Stuart would join the FNM.

On the question of third party's, Mr Mitchell said the latest development "solidifies what the country always knew that a third party system is a political graveyard." He said there was a long list of failed attempts at forming political parties, starting with the BDL in the 1950s. He said the nine third parties in the Bahamas' political history have all ended up in the graveyard.

Mr Mitchell did not dismiss the third party political system completely. He noted that it was a "a marketing device" used by political hopefuls, and the PLP and FNM treated them like a "talent pool" to be raided.

He said it was a "useful system in that sense", because there is often not enough space inside a "major party" for hopefuls to show their talents.

Mr Mitchell said Branville McCartney is making a "serious mistake" by spending time and money on developing a third party, and suggested that Mr McCartney give up on "his suicide mission" and join the PLP.

He said the PLP was "actively working towards getting the NDP to dissolve the party and join the PLP."

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## POLL: 47% NOT CONVINCED THEY SHOULD VOTE FOR TWO 'BIG' PARTIES

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only are 26 per cent of the voters surveyed undecided on which way they will vote, but an additional 21 per cent are willing to support a third party – meaning that 47 per cent of those polled are considering spurning both the PLP and FNM.

The survey results also indicated that

49 per cent of those surveyed were satisfied with the current government while 21 per cent were somewhat dissatisfied and 26 per cent were very dissatisfied.

The final part of the survey questioned participants' level of interest in a third party.

They were asked: "If a third political party presented a full slate of candidates with a mix of veteran and new candidates, how likely would you be to vote

for this third party?"

The results show that more than half the voters polled are likely to consider voting for an alternative party, while 32 per cent are not likely to consider doing so.

During the study period, 402 Bahamians were surveyed and the data was weighed by region, gender and age in order to create a representative sample of the entire adult population.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

# Libyan rebels urge stronger US military role

DOHA, Qatar  
Associated Press

LIBYA'S rebels urged the U.S. military Wednesday to reassert a stronger role in the NATO-led air campaign and Qatar's crown prince told international envoys it was time to help tip the scales against Moammar Gadhafi's regime.

The appeals reflected the urgent backdrop for meetings among the U.N. secretary-general and other top Western and Arab envoys gathered in Qatar's capital to discuss ways to end the Libyan crisis.

While peace efforts remain the top objective, there also appeared to be a shift toward trying to boost the rebels' ability to protect their territory. One proposal noted by Italy — Libya's former colonial ruler — calls for allies to provide defensive weapons.

Qatar's crown prince said it was a "race against time" to give Gadhafi's outgunned opponents the tools to fight.

"It is time to help the Libyan people defend themselves, and to defend the Libyan people," said Sheik Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani, whose nation is one of the few Arab states contributing to the NATO-led air campaign in Libya and helped the rebels sell

oil under their control.

"And what are the rebels except civilians who have taken up arms to defend themselves in a difficult situation and (who fight) an uneven battle?"

Rebel spokesman Mahmoud Shammam said the anti-Gadhafi forces will not bend on their demands that any peace proposal require Gadhafi and his inner circle to leave the country. The rebel conditions for Gadhafi's ouster effectively killed a cease-fire bid by Africa's main political bloc this week.

Shammam also urged NATO to step up its air campaign to hit pro-Gadhafi forces in efforts to



A LIBYAN REBEL carrying a parachute flare shell left behind by pro-Gadhafi forces, walks by a rebels pickup truck armed with a rocket launcher with a pre Gadhafi flag and Arabic that reads "February 17th, Free Libya" at the western gate of Ajdabiya, Libya Wednesday, April 13, 2011. A spokesman for Libyan rebels urged the U.S. military Wednesday to reassert a stronger role in the NATO-led air campaign or risk more civilian casualties in the stalemate fighting between Moammar Gadhafi and forces seeking to end his four-decade rule. (AP)

protect civilians and appealed for a greater role by the United States, which turned over operations to the military bloc last month. Shammam's comments echoed calls by French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe and others after government forces shelled the rebel-held city of Misrata in western Libya.

"When the Americans were involved, the mission was very

active and it was more leaning toward protecting the civilians," said Shammam.

"NATO is very slow responding to these attacks on the civilians. We'd like to see more work toward protecting the civilians," Shammam said before the one-day conference that includes Britain's foreign secretary, U.S. State Department envoy William J. Burns and U.N. Secretary-

General Ban Ki-moon.

The Doha meeting of the Libya Contact Group was to be the first high-profile forum for Gadhafi's former foreign minister, Moussa Koussa, who defected to Britain last month. But Koussa was absent from the conference. And rebel officials, who see him as too close to the Gadhafi regime, insisted he has no role in their movement.

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**FIREFIGHTERS ARE TESTED** for leaked radiation at a fire department at the village of Katsurao which is located within a 20-kilometer (12-mile) radius from the radiation-spewing Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant in northeastern Japan, on Wednesday April 13, 2011. (AP)

## Japan nuclear plant evacuees demanding compensation

**TOKYO Associated Press**

SMALL BUSINESS owners and laborers forced to leave their homes and jobs because of radiation leaking from Japan's tsunami-flooded nuclear plant rode a bus all the way to Tokyo on Wednesday to demand compensation from the plant's operator.

People are increasingly growing frustrated with Tokyo Electric Power Co.'s handling of the nuclear crisis, which has progressed fitfully since the March 11 tsunami swamped the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant, knocking out important cooling systems. Restoring them will take months.

"I am not asking for anything more than I am entitled to," said Ichijiro Ishikawa, 69, who dug roads and tunnels and is now living in a shelter because his home is in a 12-mile (20-kilometer) evacuation zone around the plant. "I just want my due."

He and about 20 other people who lived and worked near the plant traveled 140 miles (220 kilometers) southwest to hand-deliver a letter to the president of Tokyo Electric, known as TEPCO. They said talks with the government over how to compensate victims will take too long to get started and they want money now. A few were near tears.

They met near company headquarters with four TEPCO officials who bowed to them in apology. President Masataka Shimizu later apologized during a two-hour news conference and pledged to do more, saying cash payments would be readied as soon as possible and the company would do its best to get the plant's reactors under control and stop radiation leaks.

"I offer my apologies for having spread radiation," he said. "I apologize from the bottom of my heart."

Shimizu declined to comment on whether he would resign to show he is taking responsibility for the crisis. He said his job is to deal with it, along with the problems of those evacuated and concerns about the energy supply.

TEPCO earlier said it will give evacuated towns 20 million yen (\$240,000) each in "apology money," and analysts say massive compensation claims could cost it several trillion yen.

The government earlier this week revised its rating of the severity of the crisis to level 7, the worst possible on an international scale.

The only other level 7 was the 1986 disaster at the Chernobyl plant in what is now Ukraine, though that explosion released 10 times the radioactivity that has come from Fukushima Dai-ichi so far.

The nuclear crisis has hit farmers and fishermen in northeastern Japan hardest, though the 9.0-magnitude earthquake and tsunami caused widespread damage to factories, ports and other infrastructure that is taxing the world's No. 3 economy.

The government downgraded its economic outlook for the first time in six months on Wednesday, saying in a monthly Cabinet report that drops in production and consumer spending would limit growth.

The ravaged northeast coast had some rare good news Wednesday as the Sendai airport reopened. It had been closed since the 32-foot (10-meter) wall of water raced across the runways and slammed cars and aircraft into the airport's terminals.

Airport staff waved on the tarmac at passengers emerging from the first flight, a Japan Airlines Express plane emblazoned with the logo "Hang in there, Japan."

The airport will handle only a few daytime flights for now, but its opening should help with relief efforts in communities virtually obliterated by the disasters.

"We can only operate in a small area, but I think it's a great step toward recovery," said Naohito Nakano, an operations manager for JAL.

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## AFGHAN POLICE: SUICIDE BOMBER KILLS 10 PEOPLE

**KABUL, Afghanistan Associated Press**

A SUICIDE bomber detonated his vest full of explosives in northeastern Afghanistan on Wednesday, killing 10 people, including five schoolboys and an influential tribal elder and former military commander who supported the Afghan government.

The target of the midday bombing in Kunar province was Malik Zareen, a leader of Afghan forces during the Soviet occupation in the 1980s, a provincial police chief said.

The police chief, Khalilullah Ziayi, said seven others were also wounded in the blast in the province's Asmar district.

"Unfortunately, the suicide attacker targeted a local council meeting of the tribal elders," he said.

"The strong pillars of Afghanistan are the tribal elders," Karzai said in a statement. "They are trying to solve the problems of the local people."

He called Zareen a brave and influential jihadi leader who was working for peace and stability.

The province, along the Pakistan border, has been the scene of heavy fighting in recent weeks. Six U.S. soldiers were killed in the area on March 29.

### Troops

Also in the east, a NATO service member was killed in a roadside bomb attack Wednesday. So far this year, at least 115 foreign troops, have been killed in Afghanistan.

The coalition did not disclose the nationality of the service member who died or where he was killed.

In Logar province, south of the capital Kabul, a roadside bomb killed one person and wounded two others who were riding on a tractor, according to the Afghan Ministry of Interior.

The ministry said a security guard was killed and three others were wounded Wednesday when their vehicle struck a roadside bomb in Sayd Abad district of neighboring Wardak province.

Two children also were killed Wednesday when an old rocket exploded in Waza Khwa district of Paktika province, the ministry said.

### Students

The Afghan Ministry of Education said five schoolboys — students in the eighth, sixth, fourth and first grades — were among the 10 killed in what the ministry called an "anti-Islamic and inhumane act."

Afghan President Hamid Karzai also condemned the bombing, saying it was a "terrorist attack against the Afghan people."

He said that by killing tribal leaders, the attacker was trying to silence the voice of the Afghan people.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

# Egypt's Mubarak under detention for investigation

CAIRO  
Associated Press

EGYPT'S ousted President Hosni Mubarak was put under detention in his hospital room Wednesday for investigation on accusations of corruption, abuse of power and killings of protesters in a dramatic step Wednesday that brought celebrations from the movement that drove him from office.

Mubarak's two sons, Gamal and Alaa, were also detained for questioning and taken to Cairo's Torah prison, where a string of former top regime figures — including the former prime minister, ruling party chief and Mubarak's chief of staff — are already languishing, facing similar investigations on corruption.

The move was brought by enormous public pressure on the ruling military, which was handed power when Mubarak stepped down on Feb. 11. Tens of thousands protested in Cairo's central Tahrir Square on Friday, the biggest rally in weeks, demanding Mubarak and his family be put on trial. Many in the crowd accused the military of protecting the former president.

The detention is a new landmark in the stunning fall of the 82-year-old Mubarak, who only months ago appeared unquestioned in his control of Egypt after nearly 30 years of rule. Even after his fall, he seemed untouchable, living with his family at a palace in the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh.

On Tuesday night, Mubarak was taken to a hospital in Sharm el-Sheikh because of heart troubles, and so that his health could be monitored as he submitted to the first round of questioning by investigators. Hours later, the public prosecutor announced early Wednesday that Mubarak was ordered put under detention for 15 days for investigation. He was to be flown later in



EGYPTIAN ANTI-RIOT policemen stand alert Wednesday April 13, 2011, in front of Sharm El Sheikh hospital where former President Hosni Mubarak, 82, was hospitalized with heart problems in the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh. Egypt's prosecutor general announced the 15-day detention of the country's former president pending inquiries into accusations of corruption, abuse of authority and the killings of protesters, in an unprecedented investigation of a former ruler in the Arab world. (AP)

the day to a military hospital outside Cairo, where he would remain in detention, a security official in Sharm el-Sheikh said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the press.

Later Wednesday, prosecutors announced a new arrest — that of former parliament speaker Fathi Surour, a prominent ruling party figure who led the legislature since 1991 until it was dissolved following Mubarak's fall. He was ordered detained for 15 days for investigation on allegations of amassing wealth and misuse of power.

Mubarak's detention also marks a new chapter in Egypt's still unsure transition to what protesters hope will be a democratic post-Mubarak future.

Protesters had pushed hard for Mubarak's prosecution, demanding what they called a clear signal that the corruption that pervaded his nearly 30-year rule would be definitively broken. Public outrage was wide-

spread over allegations that large fortunes were skimmed off by top regime officials through shady deals over the years.

Beyond the anger has been the fear that Mubarak cronies are maneuvering to regain power as the country tries to work out democratic rule — and that the ruling military was not taking action to prevent them, or was even abetting them.

"I was so happy in the morning when I heard the news," said Ahmed Maher, co-founder of the April 6 group, one of the movements that led the unprecedented 18-day protest movement against Mubarak.

"All people are very happy because this step reassured them after a period of doubts and stagnation," referring to doubts over the military's intentions, he told The Associated Press. Worries over the military were intensified by a fierce pre-dawn raid on protesters in Tahrir on Saturday that killed at least one person.

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# BAHA MAR PROJECT

WORK is currently under way on Phase One of the Baha Mar development at Cable Beach. A total of 80 independent companies and 530 Bahamian workers are presently employed on the \$60 million first phase - part of the eventual \$2.6 billion mega-resort.

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## LEAKED E-MAILS SHOW IN-FIGHTING IN NDP

FROM page one

Alliance's leader and Bamboo Town MP Branville McCartney, Mr Bowe criticised his party's leader Mr Wells for reportedly promising an alliance with the DNA that had not been finalised.

According to the e-mail, Mr Wells said they need to have all of "us or those who are willing" under one roof, the DNA, by Friday of this week.

"We need to move past that weight that so easily be set us. The solution is for all of us to join the DNA, Bran leads, Paul (Moss) and I agreed to that already, and the other positions voted on quickly. Since we have four political entities represented here (PDP, NDP, DNA, and Workers Party) and four entities that will become one, obviously the NDP cannot nor do we desire to have our way in everything. I think the above has been tentatively agreed," he said.

However, in response, Mr Bowe said he had spoken to Mr Moss, who had denied "categorically and absolutely" what Mr Wells had claimed in his previous e-mail.

"You are being successful in creating a firestorm among the third party opposition. Do you think that we do not communicate with each other. I do not know how you will repair the damage to your integrity, but you have created a shadow over the entire DNA.

"If you start with a base devoid of integrity you are creating something far worse than Ingraham could ever create. DNA appears more dangerous than Hubert Ingraham could ever be and based on what you have done to date I would prefer to support Ingraham or Christie than DNA. Why are you trying to mislead us? As a 'servant leader' different was expected of you.

"You have betrayed us and shamed us," Mr Bowe said.

"I am so sorry for you. Do you desire power or position that badly? Are you prepared to lie, cheat, and deceive in the hope of getting into parliament? I can only conclude that you are not a fit and proper leader and the DNA is mal-formed."

Mr Bowe concluded his e-mail by stating that he wanted this third party alliance to work, but under the circumstances, he tends to believe the FNM's statement on the matter of them not being the

analyst for the invite for Mr Wells to join them.

According to the FNM's party chairman Carl Bethel, they were approached by an intermediary on behalf of Mr Wells who indicated that the NDP leader wished to have a meeting with the Prime Minister with a view towards his Party, the NDP, being dissolved and joining the FNM.

Mr Bethel said that the leadership of the party was scheduled to hold a meeting on another issue and consented for Mr Wells to attend and to make his position clear.

Mr Bethel: "Mr Wells attended the meeting, indicated the situation affecting the NDP, and expressed a desire to dissolve the NDP and for most, but not all, of its members to join the FNM. Mr Wells expressed his personal desire to run in the South Andros Constituency.

"At no time did Prime Minister Ingraham or any member of the Party Leadership offer or suggest, at that meeting or at any other time, that Mr Wells would be appointed to the Cabinet of the Bahamas, or any other public office, in exchange for Mr Wells performing the acts that he had promised to conduct of his own free will and accord.

"While the FNM regrets that Mr Wells was not able to deliver what he had volunteered to do, without any prior request from the FNM; and while the FNM maintains an open door, big-tent policy, particularly where young political aspirants are concerned; we feel that we have no need to induce any person to join our ranks by horse-trading electoral nominations or public offices. Any such suggestion to that effect by Mr Wells or anyone else is absolutely false," Mr Bethel said.

In response to the FNM's statement, Mr Wells said that he will not be engaging in a "back and forth" with the FNM over this matter, as there are far greater issues that need to be dealt with.

"I met with the Prime Minister, that is a fact. I met with Carl Bethel, and Tommy Turnquest. That is a fact. I met with them. I'll just leave it there.

"I am the leader of the NDP and I will respect the confidentiality of that meeting. I am more concerned with the issues facing this country; that is what I am focused on," he said.

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## Baha Mar's 'great opportunity' for local contractors

- \* Success on \$400m work will allow sector to 'demand mandatory Bahamian participation in all FDI projects'
- \* Industry facing 'shortage of trained technical people'
- \* BCA pledges to spend IDB grant for 'max' benefits

By **NEIL HARTNELL**  
 Tribune Business Editor

Bahamian contractor performance on their \$400 million worth of Baha Mar project work will be critical in allowing the industry "to demand mandatory Bahamian participation" in all future foreign direct investment (FDI) projects, even though the sector currently has "a shortage of trained technical" people.

Bahamian Contractors Association (BCA) executives, speaking yesterday at  
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# Baha Mar power need to rise 330%



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Power demand at a fully operational Baha Mar will increase from present levels by just under 330 per cent to a potential 30 Megawatts (MW) per day - 5 MW higher than  
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- \* \$2.6bn project will grow electricity demand from current 6-7 MW to 30MW per day
- \* Resort's needs 5 MW higher than whole of Abaco in peak summer
- \* BEC confident it can meet demand from existing plant, although 30-40 MW expansion planned over next two years
- \* Developer eyes 15-20% power demand reduction from deep water cooling

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## Baha Mar employs 80 firms

Some 530 Bahamians now working on \$60m Phase One construction

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A total of 80 independent companies and 530 Bahamian workers are presently employed on the \$60 million Phase One of the Baha Mar development, involving the construction of new roads and buildings to replace commercial and government offices that will be demolished to make way for the \$2.6 billion mega-resort.

During a tour of the work site undertaken by Tribune Business yesterday, Robert Sands, Baha Mar's senior vice-president of external and government affairs, noted the "high level of activity" on site, of which many would not be aware at this time given the extent to which it is set back from public view, as well as the absence of Chinese labourers, which he suggested is visible evidence of the impact the development is having on the Bahamian labour market.

"This has demonstrated that this is a Bahamian phase," said

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## BTC protests 'self-serving'

- \* URCA says 'heavy handed regulation' complaint 'not in interests of competition'
- \* 'Close to a dozen' BTC price change requests approved in 2010
- \* Acknowledges price cap supervision 'preferred method', but BTC likely unable to facilitate

By **NEIL HARTNELL**  
 Tribune Business Editor

The Bahamas Telecommunications Company's (BTC) complaints of 'heavy handed' regulation and "onerous" retail pricing rules have been dismissed by the sector regulator as "self-serving and not in the interest of competition", expressing doubt over whether the newly-privatised company can facilitate price cap regulation.

Responding to BTC's criticisms in feedback to its three-year strategy, the Utilities Regulation & Competition Authority (URCA) rejected its concerns over the retail pricing rules, denying "that they inhibit BTC from responding to changing circumstances".

"For the period April 22 to December 31, 2010, URCA processed close to a dozen BTC requests for temporary price changes and new service applications, most of them relating to non-competitive mobile services," URCA retorted.

"These applications are hardly an example of a market with changing and competitive circumstances. Further, BTC has not demonstrated that its compliance with the pricing framework has imposed an unreasonable financial burden on the company."

Explaining that the retail pricing framework was designed to give operators with Significant Market Power (SMP), such as BTC or Cable Bahamas, the ability to respond to market conditions while also incentivising them to operate in a competitive manner, URCA acknowledged BTC's desire  
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## BEC TARGETS JULY BUDGET FOR NEW PLANT FINANCING

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The Bahamas Electricity Corporation (BEC) is hoping to invest in new generators at its New Providence power stations to enhance its generation efficiency, its chairman said yesterday.

Michael Moss said BEC will ask for funds to be made available in the next budgetary cycle, to begin in July this year, so that it may be in a position to purchase and install the new generation units within the next two years.

While details are still being worked out in terms of the level of investment to be made, Mr Moss suggested BEC is hoping to add an additional 30 to 40 mega watts (MW) of generating capacity in New Providence.

"In the first instance the plan is to effect greater energy efficiency. If the economy starts to expand exponentially, we will have to look at it from another perspective," said the chairman. The new units should increase the amount of power that can be produced from a given quantity of fuel burnt.

Mr Moss added that the units would "most likely" be those suitable for burning Bunker C fuel - the same heavy fuel used in most of BEC's power generation, but which caused controversy when it was first targeted for use at BEC's Abaco plant in Wilson City, given concerns over its impact on the surrounding environment.

Mr Moss said that for now the intention is not for the new generation units to replace any of BEC's current units, although it is anticipated that further investments may take place in the future to allow for more of BEC's generation to be done in way that allows for a more efficient use of fuel burnt.

"When we are on a stronger monetary footing we are likely then to begin to consider retiring the existing plant and putting in more energy efficient units, but as we are just coming out of a deep dark hole of (financial) bleeding, some of these kinds of thoughts are a little bit nebulous," added Mr Moss.



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## BAHA MAR RECEIVES HUNDRED APPLICATIONS PER EXECUTIVE JOB

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"Huge interest" has been expressed in eight executive positions that have been advertised by Baha Mar to date, with around 800 applications - an average of 100 per position - having been received by the company for the key posts.

Meanwhile, around 1,000 applications have been received to date from individuals looking for con-

800 apply for eight top posts, with 1,000 applications received for construction work

struction work on the project. Although Baha Mar is not in the business of hiring construction workers, it is directing interested persons to contractors involved in the project.

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**G**ranted an opportunity to host the regions leading basketball tournament, the Bahamas Basketball Federation is hastily

underway beginning its preparation to ensure the country comes out on the winning end both as participants and as hosts of the event.

The Bahamas will host the Caribbean Basketball Confederation (CBC) Championships for men and women, July 25-August 5 at the Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium with approximately 13 national

federations taking part. Countries who have confirmed their interests in participating are Barbados, Guyana, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Virgin Islands, Antigua & Barbuda, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Jamaica and the Turks & Caicos Islands on the men's side.

The countries expected to join the

Bahamas on the women's side are Barbados, Guyana, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Virgin Islands, Cuba and Trinidad & Tobago

BBF President, Lawrence Hepburn, said the federation has accepted the

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### SPORTS IN BRIEF

#### Tough day for Bahamas cricketers

By RENALDO DORSETT  
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A tough day for team Bahamas at the International Cricket Council's Americas Division 2 Championships leaves the team near the bottom of the standings in their category.

The team suffered a pair of losses yesterday at the event in Suriname to fall to 2-3 in the tournament.

Yesterday team lost to Belize by 48 runs, and in their second match followed with a loss to host country Suriname by six wickets.

In its first match of the tournament, the Bahamas register first win during a day interrupted by rain.

Ryan Tappin scored 21 runs, Whitcliff Atkinson scored 19 runs, Jonathan Barry 17, and Greg Taylor 14 runs to lead the team.

For Brazil Deodat Randolph and Rubabul Islam both scored 11 runs.

The Bahamas won by 6 runs based on the D/L method and Barry was named the man of the match.

When rain finally stopped play at 5:26pm with 6 overs completed it left Brazil 36/2 the Bahamas team 6 runs ahead.

In game two the Bahamas lost to Turks and Caicos by 8 wickets, D/L.

Tappin scored 12 runs, Albert Peters 11 runs, while Taylor and Rudolph Fox 8 each scored eight runs.

Against Panama, the Bahamas won by 38 runs.

Barry led the charge with 34 runs, Shanaka Perera added 35, Fox scored 15, while Taylor added 12.

#### BSC basketball classic playoffs get under way

AS the Baptist Sports Council's 2011 Rev. Dr. David S. Johnson Basketball Classic's best-of-three first round playoffs got underway on Tuesday night at the Bailou Hills Sporting Complex, Christian Tabernacle, Macedonia No.1, Evangelistic Center and Hope Center all jumped out to a head start.

In the men's president division, fourth place Christian Tabernacle snapped defending champions Tabernacle Fellowship's winning streak at 5-0 as they stunned the pennant winners 56-37.

The other half of the playoffs saw the second place Macedonia Baptist No.1 prevail 41-32 over the third place Latter-Day Eagles.

On the other side of the coin, former champions Evangelistic Center proved why they are the vice president pennant winners as they knocked off fourth place Macedonia No.2 32-21.

And in the other half of the playoffs, second place Hope Center got past third place Golden Gates No.1 34-33.

Game two in all four series will continue on Thursday night at the

Bailou Hills Sporting Complex, starting at 7 p.m.

Christian Tabernacle 56, Temple Fellowship 37, Tavares Roker scored

14, Jeffery Rolle had eight and Mario Forbes added seven in the win.

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### YOUNGSTERS SHINE AT ST. CECILIA'S INTER-HOUSE SPORTS DAY



Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

**FLYING:** St. Cecilia's Catholic Primary School hosted their annual Inter-House Sports Day at the Thomas A. Robinson Stadium.

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### GAME FIVE OF SERIES SET FOR SATURDAY

With the return of its leading scorer, the Real Deal Shockers evened the best of seven New Providence Basketball Association Championship Series.

Lasario "Bones" Burrows returned to the starting lineup and sparked a 115-102 win to tie the series at two games each.

Burrows scored a game high 38 points to go along with 15 rebounds while Lorenzo Carter added 33 points.

Denzel Edgcombe led the Giants with 32 points in a losing effort as they lost just their second game of the season.

Game five takes place Saturday night at the D.W. Davis Gymnasium.



**BATTLE IS JOINED:** In a game earlier in the series Commonwealth Bank Giants' Raif Ferguson tries to avoid getting his ball stripe from behind by Real Deal Shockers' Carvin Cummings in the NPBA men's championship series at the DW Davis Gymnasium.

### ATHLETES QUALIFYING FOR 2011 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

By LAMECH JOHNSON

WITH THE recent strong performances by our junior, collegiate and senior athletes at home and abroad, there is excitement building over the upcoming IAAF World Track and Field championships in Daegu, Korea this August since a number of them have already qualified to compete.

According to the IAAF website, all performances, A and B standards must be achieved between October 1, 2010 and August 15, 2011 (midnight Monaco time) in order to be valid.

So far the Bahamas has nine athletes qualified for 10 events, A and B standards. Donald Thomas, the 2007 World Champion and 2010 Commonwealth and CAC Games gold medalist

at the high jump, leads the way as he has already qualified with a winning jump of 2.32m at last years Commonwealth games, surpassing the A standard of 2.31m.

Thomas has already opened his 2011 season with a jump of 2.30m and is still number one in the world according to the IAAF top lists, which were updated Tuesday.

Grand Bahamian Demetrius Pinder, who is a senior at the Texas A&M University qualified for both the 200 and 400m over the past month. Opening up his outdoor season with the 200m, Pinder in his first race at the Aztec Invitational in March clocked a personal best of 20.54 seconds, surpassing the A mark of 20.60. A week later, he defeated

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BUSINESS

BY DEIDRE M. BASTIAN

# Don't 'burn out' on data storage

storage space as a standard CD-R.

Many have inquired about the difference between the DVD and CD disks. DVD and CD disks appear to be quite similar in size and shape, but they are actually quite different. While both disks store data and are burned in a similar fashion, DVD and CD disks primarily differ in their storage capacity, function and usability. It is best to recognize these differences before making a selection for your media storage needs.

**Storage Capacity:** A typical DVD can hold 4.7 gigabytes of data, whereas a typical CD can only hold 700 megabytes of data or 80 minutes of audio. Another distinction between a DVD and CD is that a DVD uses a more concentrated laser beam, which allows it to read very small dots and save more data. Data on a CD is written in forms of small dots and light, and translates to 1's and 0's. Generally, a DVD holds more data than a CD and costs more. Nonetheless if only a small amount of data requires storage, choosing a CD might be a better choice. But DVDs are the disk of choice for movies.

It's important to remember that a CD can still hold a lot of data. How many photos will a CD hold? The short answer is: A lot. The long answer is it depends on your camera, the image size and the quality of your jpeg, but you can store at least 300 photos on one CD, so it really comes down to the

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While information is at the heart of any business, effective storage and distribution is crucial to any successful enterprise. Optical media in the form of CDs has been the storage and distribution method of choice for many years, owing to their special properties. CDs are durable, inexpensive and reliable.

The compact disc (also known as a CD) is an optical disc used to store digital data.

It was originally developed to store and play back sound recordings, but as technology developed the digital world came to see it as a way to store actual data, as opposed to just sound and recordable compact discs (CDR). The compact disc arrived on the commercial market in late 1982, and ever since has become an integral part of our lives. In fact, the development of CD technology began in 1979, when Philips and Sony set up a task force consisting of engineers to design a digital audio disc. After intensive

research and experiments for almost a year, the team came up with the standard for compact discs known as the Red Book.

So how can CDs help boost your business?

Every business needs to have an edge, and it has been proven time and again that creative, attention-grabbing marketing strategies can push a product into prominence, garner media attention and reinforce brand awareness and loyalty. In today's world, multimedia rules. For that reason, CDs, DVDs and even



HD-DVDs should be part of your marketing repertoire. One method is

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DEIDRE M. BASTIAN

through the use of preparing promotional materials in digital format and loading them on to a CD, which can then be duplicated and distributed to potential customers. This distribution can be done via mail and trade shows. There are a number of situations in which distributing CDs is especially effective. For example, if you have just held a seminar or presentation, giving the participants an outline on CD will work wonders to help them keep you in mind. Another way is to create a CD giving tips and instructions on using your product or service. It is a great way to build customer loyalty.

If you own a business, you may opt to prepare a video tour of your premises and highlight all the best features offered. This CD innovation

is effective, and recipients can read the data on their computers to learn more about your company.

Primarily, compact discs can aid in preventing loss of image and downloading music and data files, but before we expand let's take a closer look at the main types of standard manufactured CDs.

(a) CD-R: The 'R' in CD-R stands for recordable. The CD-R allows the user to record data or music only once.

(b) CD -RW: This is a rewriteable disk that can be reused, and written on and erased, up to 1,000 times. Recordings can be added to both CD-Rs and CD-RWs in a number of sessions before they are finalised, but only CD-RWs can be re-recorded.

(c) CD+R: Although the 'R' in CD+R stands for recordable, a CD+R disc is not compatible with a CD-R. The '+R' format allows for almost twice as much

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# ATHLETES QUALIFYING FOR 2011 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

# BSC basketball classic playoffs get under way

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the 2004 Olympic 400m champions and five time world championship medalists, Jeremy Wariner in the half lapper in 20.73 seconds, showing his consistency.

The NCAA indoor 400m champion opened up his outdoor campaign with a 45.06 seconds run for second place at the LSU invitational, a few tenths of a second shy of his personal best (44.93) and well below the 45.20 A mark set for the championships.

On the female side, Sheniqua Q Ferguson, of the Auburn University Tigers shocked herself last weekend by winning her opening season race in the half lapper with a A mark time of 22.92 seconds.

onds. "I feel good. I was expecting to run fast, but not that fast," said Ferguson.

## Motivation

Not far behind Ferguson in the half lapper is St. Augustine's College junior sprinter Anthonique Strachan, who qualified for both the 100 and 200m dash at the Carifta Trials last weekend. Strachan posted a time of 23.06 seconds to win the open women's 200m, six hundredths of a second shy of the 23 second A mark. But with Strachan's motivation and momentum to perform at the Carifta Games in Montego Bay, Jamaica next easter holiday weekend.

Quartermiler Michael Matthiew set a PB in the half lap with 20.62 at a meet in March. He ran

45.80 in the full lap last weekend but has the B mark with a 45.56 4th place finish at the Commonwealth Games. Ramon Miller who was the bronze medalist at those games in a time of 45.55, opened his season at the Florida relays in 46.12

Every other qualifying marks achieved by our athletes were set at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in New Delhi India.

Christine Amertile - bronze medalist 400m 51.67 secs

Trevor Barry - silver medalist High Jump 2.29m

Adrian Griffith - semifinalist 100m- 10.19

In order to compete at the Daegu World Championships, athletes must first compete at the BAAA's National Track and Field championships in June, when the new Tommy Robinson National stadium is expected to be completed.

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Trevor Smith scored a game high 18 and Kevin Burrows added five in the loss.

Macedonia No.1 41, Latter-Day 32: Karon Pratt canned a game high 23 points and Rashad Knowles helped out with eight in the win. Tino Strachan had 14 and Perez Thompson eight in the loss.

Evangelistic Center 32, Macedonia No.2 21: Both Tyrone Sands and Vincent Strachan scored nine and Theo Sands chipped in with seven in the win. Lameko Forbes scored a game high 12 and Craig Bowe added four in the loss.

Hope Center 34, Golden Gates No.1 33: Ricardo Smith scored 11 points and Brenton Major added seven in the win. Temiko Higgs had a game high 12 and Raynard Minus got eight in the loss.

## THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

- Court One
- 7 p.m. Macedonia No.2 vs Evangelistic Center (M).
- 8 p.m. Golden Gates No.1 vs Hope Center (M).
- Court Two
- 7 p.m. Latter-Day vs Macedonia No.1 (M).
- 8 p.m. Christian Tabernacle vs Temple Fellowship (M).
- Saturday's schedule
- Court One
- 10 a.m. Macedonia vs Agape (15).
- 11 a.m. Golden Gates vs Macedonia No.1 (19).
- Noon Agape vs Christian Tabernacle (19).
- 1 p.m. Latter-Day vs Temple Fellowship (15).
- 2 p.m. Temple Fellowship vs Latter-Day (19).
- 3 p.m. Mt. Tabor vs Macedonia (19).
- 4 p.m. Game three, if necessary.
- Court Two
- 10 a.m. Temple Fellowship vs Latter-Day (15).
- 11 a.m. Latter-Day vs Temple Fellowship (19).
- Noon Macedonia No.2 vs Mt. Tabor (19).
- 1 p.m. Agape vs Macedonia (15).
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# Contractors Bill has 'some teeth'

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

The Bahamian Contractors Association's (BCA) president yesterday promised that the pending Contractors Bill did contain "some teeth" to punish unlicensed operators and those who performed shoddy work, agreeing: "Enforcement is going to be critical."

Stephen Wrinkle, speaking at the signing ceremony for a \$225,000 project to strengthen the BCA, which has been partly financed by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), said the Bill contained provisions "for review, redress, fines, suspension and revocation of licences".

"There is a clause that calls for an extremely large fine and imprisonment" for Bahamian contractors 'fronting' for foreign firms or operating without a licence, the BCA president added.

"Enforcement is going to be a critical component of the Bill," Mr Wrinkle said. "It does have some teeth. Ultimately, it will be up to the justice system to enforce it. There is a measure of control there that has to be enforced. It's all designed to protect the consumer, and ensure people paying long-term mortgages do not get stuck with shoddy construction. This is designed to protect the consuming public, as there is so much shoddy work and fraudulent construction, that the Government has determined there must be regulation to the point where the consumer has some recourse."

Mr Wrinkle added that Bahamian contractors seeking to obtain a building permit from the Ministry of Works would be unable to get one if they were not licensed, and not on the Ministry list.

The Contractors Bill, he said, was "now pending with the Government, and we are extremely hopeful it can find its way to Parliament before the election. It was promised to us by the Prime Minister, and we've completed our process. We assume it will be passed in short order".

The Contractors Bill is currently with the Attorney General's Office, as the Government seeks to include a Consumer Code as part of the legislation, something the industry believes is unworkable as currently written, given that it mandates the provision of insurance policies - to protect against contractor fraud and negligence - that the insurance industry does not want to offer.

Still, Mr Wrinkle said the IDB-funded initiative, Strengthening the Bahamian Contractors Association, was designed through its training component to act as the "forerunner" to the Bill, preparing Bahamian construction firms and tradesmen for the licensing and certification standards it will introduce.

"There is a tremendous amount of groundwork and preparation that has to go in before the Bill can be implemented, and we can meet the certification and training processes," the BCA president explained. Through the IDB-financed initiative, the BCA was "out of the box" and "off and running". "We're going to spread our wings and move to encourage contractors throughout the country to get ready to move into this new environment of certification and licensing," Mr Wrinkle said. "It's important to bring consumer protection and standards to the industry."

The Contractors Bill will contain a 12-month 'grandfathering' period to allow active, competent contractors to gain the appropriate licence - from Level One through Level Four - based on the scope of works they had previously completed, and provided they were up to date with issues such as Business Licence and National Insurance Board contributions. After that period expires, newcomers will be required to complete tests to enter the Bahamian construction industry and obtain a licence. Similar testing will also be required for contractors seeking to move up a level.

## BCA chief agrees: 'Enforcement is critical'



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## Standards boost for market access

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

Enhancing Bahamian construction industry standards to internationally-comparable levels will allow the sector to exploit trade agreements and access foreign markets currently closed to them, the Inter-American Development Bank's (IDB) country representative said yesterday.

Astrid Wynter, speaking at a signing ceremony for the \$225,000 Strengthening the Bahamian Contractors Association (BCA) project, which the IDB's Multilateral Investment Fund is partially financing, said the initiative was designed to equip Bahamian contractors with "the highest standards" to enable them to enter overseas markets, either on their own or through joint ventures.

"We are partnering with a private sector entity in an area with present and potential opportunities for small, medium and large entities in construction and related enterprises," Ms Wynter said.

"The idea behind this project is to promote and support the BCA to become a modern, internationally accepted organisation, so its members derive significant benefits from being part of the organisation, and the construction industry throughout the islands can be supported in bringing training, skill, performance and standards to levels that allow Bahamian contractors to have greater access to the market throughout the Bahamas and the world."

Ms Wynter said the project would position BCA members, and Bahamian contractors in general, to take "advantage of opportunities like the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with Europe, and other trade agreements that facilitated access to foreign markets.

She warned that "unless would-be participants meet the standards of those markets, it will be impossible to gain access".

As a result, the project's

BCA chief says 'mammoth task' ahead on Bill compliance, with estimated 3,000 contractors and 10,000 people working in industry across Bahamas

training, mapping and standardised documentation provisions were "all with the aim of facilitating contractors and other associations to have access to markets, operate at the highest standards, and form alliances and joint ventures to have access where now it may not be so easy".

Ms Wynter said the BCA had met all the eligibility requirements under the IDB project, enabling the first disbursement of funds to take place this week. She added that it tied into the IDB's Bahamas country strategy for furthering the growth of small and medium-sized enterprises.

Meanwhile, Stephen Wrinkle, the BCA's president, said the organisation last week opened its Chapter in Marsh Harbour, Abaco, at a meeting attended by 50 contractors. This adds to its New Providence organisation and Grand Bahama Chapter.

Adding that the BCA planned to visit Eleuthera "in the coming weeks", followed by Great Exuma, with the aim of establishing Chapters there, Mr Wrinkle said these organisations would enable Family Island contractors to access training and education programmes. The BCA website would also contain a contractor database that would enable consumers to hire from a list of contractors, tradesmen and service suppliers in the Family Islands.

Mr Wrinkle said the BCA had "just a tad under 300 members", of whom 25 were prime general contractors, meaning that around 90 per cent were small and medium-sized companies.

Countering the notion held by some that the BCA just represented the interests of larger firms, Mr Wrinkle said that what was good for big contractors was also good for their smaller counterparts, and prob-

lems faced by those "at the top of the chain" worked down to those at the bottom, where "they manifest themselves to a greater extent".

Membership dues in Nassau and Grand Bahama were \$150, and in the Family Islands \$100, with half that fee staying there and half coming to the BCA in Nassau.

Mr Wrinkle estimated,

though, that there were up to 3,000 contractors of varying sizes working throughout the Bahamas, with some 10,000 persons employed. He acknowledged that it would be a "mammoth task" to 'grandfather' them into compliance with the Contractors Bill, given their spread from Mayaguan to Grand Bahama, even if only 2,000 actually came forward.

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## THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

wishes to announce that applications are now being invited from all qualified members who wish to be considered for recommendation as candidates for the seats to become available on either the Board of Directors or The Supervisory Committee at the 34th Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday May 21, 2011

All members interested in serving in either capacity should collect an application form from any office of the Teachers and Salaried Workers Co-operative Credit Union Limited offices in Nassau, Freeport, Abaco or Mangrove Cay Andros.

The qualification for each post is available upon request.

Completed applications, along with the other information requested should be returned to any of the offices on or before the close of business on Friday April 29, 2011.

All Resolutions must also be submitted by Friday April 29, 2011.

Any application, not fully completed or without the requested supporting information, or received after the aforementioned date will not be eligible for consideration.

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## MONTHLY SPEAKER LUNCHEON EVENT

Topic: "The New Paradigms of the Private Wealth Management Industry"

Date: Monday, April 18, 2011

Time: 12:00 pm General Meeting  
12:30 pm Speaker's Address  
Please arrive promptly!

Location: Luciano's of Chicago  
Cagliari Room  
East Bay Street

Speaker: Francois E. Aubert  
Independent Private Banker  
Switzerland

Cost: \$35.00 Members, \$45.00 Non-Members  
(Cheques payable to: CFA Society of The Bahamas)

Reservations: **PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED** -  
by Friday, April 15, 2011, contact: [dramirez@picot.com](mailto:dramirez@picot.com)  
\*Prepayment required through one of the Board Members

**The New Paradigms of the Private Wealth Management Industry**  
The private wealth management industry was heavily impacted by the recent crisis, having one of its pillars severely damaged: the clients' confidence. This presentation reviews the state of the industry, off- and on-shore, in various countries. It addresses the clients' new expectations, as well as the banks/private wealth management companies' necessary strategic changes. Finally, it drafts the possible future shape of what remains a highly profitable business.

## BIOGRAPHY

Mr. Aubert is an independent private banker advising his clients on their overall strategy, asset allocation, risk analysis, estate planning, and tax evaluation. He is also a consultant to multinational companies in terms of exports of goods and services to the Middle East. In addition, Mr. Aubert is a trainer for the ISFB (Geneva Banks Training Institute), as well as a lecturer for several master programs in a number of countries. He is a board member of the Swiss CFA Society and a member of several CFA Institute committees. Mr. Aubert holds a MBA from the Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh and is a Certified EFFAS Financial Analyst, a Portfolio Manager (AZEK/CFPI), a NLP practitioner, and a PADI Divermaster.

BUSINESS

# Baha Mar power need to rise 330%

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the total daily power demand of Abaco during the peak summer months.

Baha Mar's senior vice-president of external and governmental affairs, Robert Sands, said yesterday that discussions with the Bahamas Electricity Corporation (BEC) have led to the resort developer being advised that BEC can meet this eventual demand using its present generation facilities.

"Discussions are very advanced, and even if we had to go to the maximum (30 MW of power), BEC is in a position to provide it and provide it on time," said Mr Sands, noting that Baha Mar's present facilities use an average of between 6-7 MW per day. BEC chairman Michael Moss agreed, noting that its present generation capacity in New Providence, which had a peak power demand last year of 240 MW, is 340 MW.

Mr Moss added that BEC is also planning to upgrade its generation capacity by around 30 to 40 MW over the next two years, although primarily with a view to enhancing the efficiency of its energy production rather than out of a short-term need for more power in New Providence.

With respect to the Baha Mar's potential energy consumption, Mr Sands said it



MAPPING OUT: Work continues on Baha Mar.

Felipe Major/Tribune staff

was hoping it can ultimately cut the "budgeted" power usage projection by 15 to 20 per cent through the use of a "cutting edge" technology - deep water cooling - to bring down the temperature of the resort's open spaces, rather than conventional air conditioning systems.

Deep water cooling involves drawing water from deep in a lake, well or, in Baha Mar's case, the nearby ocean, to use as a "heat sink" to cool buildings. The water is then re-released back into the environment.

Deep water cooling has been implemented at the new US terminal at the Lynden Pindling International Airport to help reduce energy consumption there, but is otherwise a relatively new technology for the Bahamas.

Mr Sands added that it is, however, a "proven technology", which is currently used extensively in Toronto, Canada, and Hawaii. It not only reduces energy costs and consumption, but also the use of chemicals that are harmful to the atmosphere.

Mr Sands admitted the use of deep water cooling "does not come without some questions in terms of environmental issues", but suggested that "once introduced properly, carefully, scientifically, it should not create any environmental concerns".

The Baha Mar executive said the mega-resort, on the whole, will be set-up and operated in accordance with "all the best environmental practices" in an effort to reduce overall energy consumption.

"Energy conservation and energy conservation methodology is a discipline that has been re-worked over and over again, and we will certainly exercise all the best practices to ensure that we reduce electricity consumption - from the type of equipment we install to the type of lightbulbs, to energy efficient protocols in terms of lights-off/lights-on," said Mr Sands.

Meanwhile, with respect to another major area in which Baha Mar's impact on infrastructure is to be felt, Mr Sands suggested the develop-

is aware that limitations in New Providence's ability to absorb waste at the present Tonique Williams-Darling Highway landfill site mean Baha Mar will "have to be sensitive to the whole garbage disposal aspect" of its operations.

"We are hopeful that the new dump and the new plan that the Government puts in place for disposal will be in place by the time we open, but I think we will have to also employ some best practices in terms of the treatment of garbage - being sensitive to the recycling element, separation of biodegradable waste. Being sensitive to what we purchase," Mr Sands said.

"So there has to be a sensitivity to the whole garbage disposal area, but we are satisfied that we would be able to utilise government facilities. We will have to find ways to help ourselves and to help them in terms of how the garbage is taken to the site. I think the day will fast arrive when recycling and separation of waste for a large resort is an absolute must."

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### SECURITIES COMMISSION OF THE BAHAMAS

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

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Function**

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

**Reporting**

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

**Principal Responsibilities**

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

**Knowledge/Skills**

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

**Qualifications/Experience**

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

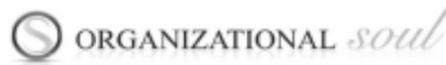
**Compensation and Benefits**

- Competitive salaries and benefits offered.

**Contact Information**

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

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## Senior Manager, Operations (Financial Institution)

**Job Summary:**

This senior position reports to the Vice President of Operations and is responsible for the development and implementation of cost-effective operational and efficiency standards throughout the Institution. The incumbent ensures effective policies and procedures are developed and implemented to provide a cost-effective process of control in supervised units that comply with the Institution's established policy and procedure directives. Critical components of this accountability framework include:

- Daily oversight of the Branch operations network, including the quality of customer service.
- Coordinating the review of customer complaints/expectations and ensure that appropriate and timely action is taken to address customer issues and that the required standard of service levels in the operations network are delivered.
- Oversight of Branch Administration needs and acting as liaison with the Administration Department.
- Coordinating Branch operational inquiries and assessments.
- Provide feedback on management performance of supervised units.
- Ensuring that the Data Entry, Item Processing and Statement Departments function in accordance with Bank Standards and relevant Clearing Agreements.
- Overseeing and administering the Bank's effectiveness and efficiency through recommending the application and ultimately the implementation of consistent work measurement standards and operational surveys directed at cost-mitigation, revenue generation and process of control opportunities and requirements;
- Recommending for development, implementation and maintenance sound and prudent policies, procedures and processes; and ensuring that the same are properly implemented and communicated to staff.
- Assisting the Vice President, Operations in ensuring the development of the Bank's Card products and Remote Delivery Channels.
- Developing new or improved products and services to ensure they are in line with the Bank's mission and vision and the oversight of project activities related to these areas.

**Qualifications, Skills & Experience**

- Sound Bank Operations background with a minimum of 10 years experience leading an Operations department in a commercial Bank.
- BA/BSc in Business Administration or equivalent experience.
- Project management certification a plus.
- An understanding of branch, proof item processing and credit card operations.
- Managing operational change projects
- Writing Standard Operating Procedures.
- An effective problem solver with the ability to exercise sound judgment and creativity in identifying options and risks in order to make the right decisions.
- Coaching and mentoring skills.
- Positive self starter, results oriented, accurate and attentive to detail.
- Strong planning, organizing and coordinating competencies.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills and cross functional collaboration
- Advanced IT and PC skills (Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint)

Applicants may submit a résumé to [info@orgsoul.com](mailto:info@orgsoul.com).  
Only qualified applicants need apply. Deadline: April 26, 2011  
Responses will only be sent to applicants being considered.

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