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## PM ANNOUNCES 'AMBITIOUS TRANSFORMATION' OF NASSAU YOUNG BAHAMIANS LAND MEDAL HAUL AT CARIFTA GAMES

PRIME Minister Hubert Ingraham addressed the nation yesterday, giving an update on his government's plans for the redevelopment of New Providence in what he called "the most ambitious transformation and modernisation programme ever in Bahamian history".

Describing his administration's ambition to "transform" and "modernise" the island as "unprecedented", Mr Ingraham said when all is said and done, and after the disruptions are over, Bahamians will have a new capital island that will provide a better quality of life for all.

The Prime Minister said when the works are completed, Nassau will be one of the most modern, efficient and cleanest capital cities in the Caribbean.

Mr Ingraham's government has been criticised over the past four years for many of the changes it introduced to the island, including the improvements to Saunder's Beach and the construction of the new container port at Arawak Cay.

The FNM has also been constantly dogged by the inconveniences caused by the New Providence Road Improvement Project.

However the nation's chief defended his party yesterday, saying the alternative to the temporary disruptions is to have never begun the work in the first place and to have allowed the island's infrastructure to decay even further, choking economic growth, creating even more urban problems and allowing the Bahamian people to live with sub- and below-standard public amenities.

"A responsible government could not continue to follow the path of least resistance, delay and procrastination. We had to act, and act now to secure a better future for ourselves and our children," Mr Ingraham said.

Among the highlights of the

Prime Minister's speech was some of the changes his government plans to introduce to the 300-year-old city of Nassau.

One of his goals, he said, is to expand and enhance open spaces, green spaces, beach areas and parks to provide children, young people and families with safe, modern recreational amenities.

To that end, he said the competition of the new Straw Market will make way for the



'TRANSFORMATION': Hubert Ingraham

creation of a major urban park on the site of the tent which now houses the Straw Market.

The government is also simultaneously undertaking a comprehensive and systematic upgrade of the Supreme Court building, and the Hanzard, Senate and Parliament buildings. The recently-acquired Ansbacher building is being renovated to better accommodate additional courts and the Supreme Court Registry.

Mr Ingraham said that the removal of all freight terminals from Bay Street and their relocation to Arawak Cay is the linchpin for the various elements of the revitalisation of

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### MEDAL GLORY



**WINNERS:** O'Jay Ferguson and Stephen Newbold (top left), gold and bronze medallists in the Under 20 boys 400m; Anthonique Strachan (above right), double gold medallist in the Under 20 girls 100m and 200m; Devynne Charlton (above left), gold medallist in Under 17 girls 100m. The Bahamas 70 member Carifta Games team stormed to an impressive 30 medal total (unofficially) in Montego Bay, Jamaica over the weekend. Anthonique Strachan became the first Bahamian to do the sprint double at the games since Shandria Brown in 2002. Jamaica repeat as champions with an unofficial total of 66 medals.



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### NEW POLITICAL PARTY ELECTS PAUL MOSS AS ITS LEADER

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THE newly-formed People's Deliverance Party (PDP) has elected PLP leadership hopeful Paul Moss as its leader and intends to run a full slate of candidates in the next general election, according to sources within the grouping.

The PDP "already has 23 candidates" lined up to run in constituencies throughout New Providence and the Family Islands and will have a markedly "pro-Bahamian" platform.

"They intend to launch on May 24," said a source close to the party yesterday. In addition to attorney, Mr Moss, Grand Bahamians Troy Garvey, a former NDP member, and Glen Rolle, are said to both have taken executive positions.

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### TWO MEN GUNNED DOWN IN WEEKEND SHOOTINGS

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POLICE have charged a man in connection with one of two murders which took place over the holiday weekend.

According to Sgt Chrislyn Skippings, police press liaison, the 25-year-old who is charged with the murder of Tekoyo McKinney is expected to appear in court today.

Mr McKinney was gunned down at around 11pm on Thursday by two men while in front of a house in the area of Cordeaux Avenue and Minnie Street.

Police have named 29-year-old Earnest Forest, a Sea Breeze Lane and Mollie Street resident, as someone

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### KERZNER CHIEF: RISING COST OF TRAVEL TO NASSAU MUST BE ADDRESSED

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IT IS "critical for the Bahamas as a destination" that a "disconcerting" trend that saw the cost of flights from major US hubs to Nassau rise by an average of 41 per cent in February over last year be addressed, said Kerzner International's Bahamas' president.

In an exclusive interview with *The Tribune* yesterday, George Markantonis said the company that owns and operates Atlantis has noticed "worrying" increases over the last year in the cost of travel to The Bahamas by air.

"My criticism isn't that the airlines don't know what they are doing. I think they are

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LOCAL NEWS

# Ingraham: Bay Street upgrades are 'critical'

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PRIME MINISTER Hubert Ingraham underscored the critical need for the Bay Street infrastructure upgrades set to begin tonight.

Meanwhile, merchants offered mixed views on the affect it would have on sales in the area. During his address to the nation yesterday, Mr Ingraham called on the public to exercise patience in the government's bid to effect vital utility upgrades.

Mr Ingraham said: "It is critically essential for major water and sewerage work to be undertaken on Bay Street from Nas-

sau Court to Mackey Street and a number of side streets. These works can no longer be postponed. I know that during these works many people are being inconvenienced. I apologise to residents and businesses impacted by these necessary infrastructural upgrades."

The works will be completed in three phases, with the first phase estimated to take 20 weeks. Upgrades will affect Bay Street between Marlborough/Nassau Court and Parliament Street, and continue until October 19.

Second phase upgrades will continue to Victoria Avenue until March 13, and will be suspended from December 12 to January 2. The last phase of works, which extends to Mackey Street, is estimated to take 25 weeks. Mr Ingraham said: "Once completed, Bay Street and our city centre will be at a standard appropriate for our capital City of Nassau and

will put us in a better position to meet new challenges expected in the tourism sector.

"The infrastructural work we are doing is essential. We cannot allow our capital city to fall into further decay. To do otherwise would put at risk our economic well-being."

While admitting the utility improvements were necessary, Bay Street merchants said they were mostly concerned with management of dust and debris from road works. Speaking to *The Tribune* last week, most merchants felt a dusty environment would be a deterrent to visitor and local traffic. "It's going to be a challenge for us," said Guenix Cherenfant, general manager of Del Sol. "If it's similar to anything on Robinson Road and the Market Street area, I'm concerned because this is a high end area."

Edward Robinson, proprietor



FIRST PHASE: Marlborough Street/Nassau Court upgrade.

of Boneville Bones, said the decrease of local patronage would be inevitable due to the reversal of traffic and road closures. However, Mr Robinson said he was encouraged by the choice of nighttime operation hours. Alexia Powell, manager of Caribongo, said: "I don't think tourists would like to come off the ship and experience that kind of thing."

Some business people who wished not to be named expressed confidence the works would not present a significant problem. "It's not like people can park here anyway," a beverage store owner said. "It won't be a problem at all. I don't think so."

Road works will be active Sunday to Thursday from 7pm to 5am in an effort to minimise traffic disruptions on Friday and Saturday nights. The Prime Minister said that necessary upgrades, backfilling, reinstatement and clean up of the road also will be undertaken at the end of each work day. Mr Ingraham said: "The works will require certain road deviations from time to time, and I ask once again for your patience and forbearance as we seek to modernise our capital city. When it is all done every one of us will benefit in terms of better utilities, better roads, better recreational spaces and a better environment."

## PM HAILS \$30M BID TO IMPROVE PMH

PRIME Minister Hubert Ingraham (pictured) said one of the important features of his government's overhaul of the infrastructure of New Providence will be the \$30 million upgrade to the Princess Margaret Hospital.

Mr Ingraham made the statement last night during his address to the nation.

The Prime Minister said a new critical care block will be constructed at PMH at a cost of more than \$30 million.

It will include an Intensive Care ward for paediatric and adult patients, and six new operating theatres. Work is also being completed on a new Geriatrics and Child Rehabilitation Unit at the Sandilands Rehabilitation Hospital

"Restoring the heart of our nation is critical to ensuring continued growth and security of our economy. It is more than roads, sewers and utilities, it is the nerves and sinews, the very fabric of our national character. That is why we rehabilitate, restore and upgrade it," Mr Ingraham said.

## NEW MEASURES IN PIPELINE TO COMBAT VIOLENT CRIME, SAYS INGRAHAM

PRIME Minister Hubert Ingraham has promised that, in short order, he will address the nation on crime, including the strengthening of existing facilities and the introduction of new measures to combat violent crime, an alarming murder rate, and a culture of criminality.

Mr Ingraham said his government has already dedicated itself to modernising outdated and decaying infrastructure and installing measures such as CCTV to help bolster public safety efforts in the fight against crime. "We are transforming New Providence and the historic City of Nassau into

more than a world-class destination. We are seeking to make our capital island an urban centre that works in terms of basic infrastructure, and that is a safe and inviting environment for artistic and cultural expression with an extensive network of parks, heritage sites and windows to the sea."

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LOCAL NEWS

NEW PROVIDENCE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

# PM: I'm 'painfully aware' project is disruptive

PRIME Minister Hubert Ingraham gave an update on the progress of the New Providence Road Improvement Project during his address to the nation last night.

He said he was "painfully aware" the project was very disruptive to the lives of many residents and business persons who live and work along affected road corridors, or who typically traverse them to and from their jobs. Mr Ingraham admitted that where work is nearly complete, additional refinements are required to improve access and parking for some business establishments.

The Government began the New Providence Road Improvement Project in 2001. The postponement of the completion of the project between 2002 and 2007 has resulted in an increase in cost of approximately \$50 million, which is the total amount it will cost for two of the next phases in the redevelopment of the Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre.

Work continues along Blue Hill Road north of Wulff Road and south of the Water Tower, and on Market Street, Robinson Road, Prince Charles Drive, Marathon Road, Abundant Life Road and Soldier Road.

When the installation of the new 24-inch water main is completed along Robinson Road up to the intersection of Prince Charles Drive and Fox Hill Road, not only will users of that corridor (pedestrians and motorists) benefit from an improved roadway with sidewalks but residents in the eastern end of New Providence will finally have access to improved water quality and pressure.

In the south, the installation of a new water main along Soldier Road will improve water quality for communities along that corridor. The water works scheduled along Soldier Road will commence today, and take place in three phases: from Blue Hill Road to East Street,



DIGGING IN: Work continues on the road improvement project.

from East Street to Abundant Life Road, and finally from Abundant Life Road to Prince Charles Drive.

To minimize traffic disruptions during peak day-time traffic and on weekend nights this work will be undertaken during the night, between 7pm and 5am, Sundays through Thursdays. The road will be reinstated and paved at the completion of each segment and before the commencement of the next segment of works.

Last week, the government signed a contract for road and utility upgrades that will augment the transformation of the Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre into a world class sporting and athletic complex.

These upgrades, Mr Ingraham said are essential to make the new Tommy A Robinson National Stadium operational and useable. Works being undertaken in the Oaks Field area include water and sewerage upgrades to the Yellow Elder and Millennium Gardens communities and also electrical services upgrades through the installation of new underground utility lines.

Road improvements resulting from that contract will include the following:

- An enhanced entrance with parks and open green spaces leading from Thompson Boule-

vard to the Sports Centre which will be linked to the Tonique Williams-Darling Highway along an enhanced Yellow Elder Way;

- A new road extending from a new roundabout at the Government High School that will link the Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre with the New Providence Highway now referred to as Bethel Avenue.

- An extension of Moss Road will link Thompson Boulevard and Blue Hill Road, while a new connector road will link Moss Road to the roundabout at the Government High School; and

- Considerable new parking areas, drainage systems, and landscaping throughout the entire area.

Mr Ingraham said most of the new road works in and around the QE Sports Centre will be greenfield operations with little to no impact on the present flow of traffic.

The Prime Minister said improvements to the current road leading to the Government High School will not commence until after the end of the

school year and it is anticipated that the works will be completed ahead of school opening in September of this year.

A new four-lane corridor, to be named the New Providence Highway, was constructed on a greenfield site. The highway links Saunders Beach in the north with JFK Drive at the six-leg roundabout and continues southward to the Tonique Williams-Darling Highway roundabout, where it connects with the Milo Butler Highway leading to Carmichael Road. In

time the New Providence Highway will be extended to Cow Pen Road. The government will soon commence the new four-lane Airport Gateway Highway, the first phase of which will link the LPIA to the new six-leg roundabout.

In the west, Bay Street is being diverted at or near the Development Bank to facilitate the redevelopment of Cable Beach by Baha Mar. The new diverted West Bay Street will be connected to JFK Drive by a new connector road extending

to the intersection with Gladstone Road. Other improvements to a number of street junctions along West Bay Street are also scheduled.

In the East, improvements are scheduled for a number of street junctions along the East Bay Street corridor: East Bay/Village/ Shirley Street; East Bay/Newgate; East Bay/Johnson Road; East Bay/Fox Hill Road; and also at the William/Shirley Street and the Village/Soldier Road intersections.

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## Attention to the little things could help

THE Emergency Department of the Princess Margaret Hospital has always been under pressure. However, between the international economic crisis, which has affected all areas of Bahamian society, the growing crime rate that fills the emergency rooms with many critical cases, and the failure of many citizens to understand that a change in lifestyle could save them a long wait in Accident and Emergency – the hospital's crisis is now almost unmanageable.

Of course, those clinging to life after being knifed or shot will always get immediate attention, while others moaning and groaning in agony wait patiently on the benches for their turn to see a doctor. Many leave in frustration.

Because of the emergency crisis that has thrown the world into chaos, many persons who could once afford a private doctor are now showing up at the public hospital, adding to the pressure.

In November Chief Hospital administrator Coralie Adderley tried to assure the public of the hospital's commitment to addressing their concerns and improving the hospital's services. She said that upon arrival at Accident and Emergency (A&E) patients are assessed and then categorised according to the severity of their complaints. Patients not experiencing life-threatening ailments will naturally have the longest wait to see a busy doctor.

Dr Sarah Friday, Chief of Accident and Emergency, admitted that a part of the department's current challenges was a need to improve patient relations services and physician and nursing staff levels.

We might add that it would also help if the information given to patients was consistent and not vary from nurse-to-nurse or doctor-to-doctor. To illustrate our point we will give a synopsis of a day in the life of a diabetic patient at A&E on Good Friday. The lady went to the department complaining of what she described as "severe chest pains."

She was accustomed to going to the Elizabeth Estates clinic, where, because of her diabetic condition she always got prompt attention and immediate treatment. However, there have been times after a treatment, that the clinic staff have sent her away, instructing her to return the next morning for tests. For these tests she had to be fasting. Diabetics have to be very careful about the length of time they go without food because of the danger of lapsing into a coma.

Knowing she had to take tests and not wanting to make another trip to PMH, she arrived at the hospital a 7:45am Friday having only cleaned her teeth. She was fasting. She registered at the desk, and said what her complaint was. Her file was checked — she was also a PMH patient so she did have a complete file, which dealt mainly with her

diabetes. She was told to go and sit down. She sat where she was told. At about 9am a nurse took her to a back room, where she again said she was a fasting diabetic. The nurse asked why hadn't she gone straight to the back room, where diabetic patients were sent for more prompt attention. Her reply was that she had tried that before and got into trouble, so she was just doing what she was told to do — and that was to sit in the front until her turn came.

According to Hospital Administrator Adderley upon arrival at A&E a patient is meant to be assessed and categorised. If this had been done correctly this patient would have been sent immediately to the back room. However, in the back treatment room at last, she still sat another two hours before a nurse took her pressure, which was high and her sugar, which was also high at 276. Again she waited another two hours before she was taken to another room for an ecardiogram. This was followed by a wait of almost three hours when in desperation she asked a person she thought was a doctor if she could get a bite to eat. He told her no, because she might have to have another test. However, when the staff changed shifts, she approached another doctor who gave her permission to eat. Her sugar was then taken. Although still high it had dropped from 276 to 239. However, her blood pressure remained at the same high level.

Eventually at 6pm her name was called. When the doctor looked at her chart, saw that, other than having her pressure taken, she had received no treatment, he seemed alarmed. He wanted to know what she meant by not eating. He asked her if she wanted to be like the case that they had had that very day. According to what she was told an elderly gentleman came in, and like her had not taken his pills and was fasting. As he sat and waited he fell into a coma, from which they "could not revive him." She interpreted that to mean that he had died, having probably gone through exactly what she had gone through from 7:45am.

The doctor impressed upon her that no matter what anyone had told her she should never go without food. If she had to go for tests, she should always have a snack with her. It would certainly help patients if the information they were given were consistent, whether coming from a nurse or from a doctor. Surely even a layman would know that no diabetic should fast for the length of time that this woman had fasted.

As the poor woman said: "First they say I can't do it, then they tell me it's dangerous if I don't do it. I am just so confused."

This is what adds to a patient's frustrations — and it is something so basic that surely it can be avoided.

# Bahamas police force continues to perform poorly

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I have procrastinated long enough with this. During the month of January, I witnessed three young men rough up and rob a young man at a bus stop on Farrington Road. Despite verbal attempts by me, and others who paused to witness the evil act, the perpetrators did not stop until they had taken all items of value. These included his shades, monies and cell phone. After they took all of his possessions and ran, the young man decided to run after them.

After witnessing this evil act, I drove east to the end of Farrington Road. I then turned around and drove the entire length of Farrington Road, onto JFK Drive as far as Prospect Ridge. Sadly, I did not see one Police vehicle, and this is a common occurrence. Can we please ask Commissioner Greenslade if this is his idea of "effective policing?"

We saw several weeks ago how they ensured that ZNS covered the story when a patrol car just happened to be on the scene when the young man attempted to stab his ex to death. In that particular incident, the young lady was blessed, but in the vast majority of cases there is no patrol car in the vicinity. We must not allow ourselves to be brain-washed by what they feed us. The fact of the matter is that despite the new patrol cars and motorbikes, our police force continues to perform poorly. Our streets are plagued with road rage, and disregard and/or disrespect for others is the order of the day. It is common to witness people run traffic lights with reckless abandon. In the United States and other progressive Caribbean nations, it is common to see police cars and speed cops patrolling every major street and crime ridden areas.

This is effective policing as it is a deterrent to criminal activity and traffic offenders. It also reduces the time it takes the first responder to arrive at a crime scene. What is common in our country however is to see police cars being used as personal transportation. Persons have told me of things they have witnessed being done in these cars, and I encourage them to tell the nation via talk shows and yourselves. It is therefore no surprise to hear persons call talk shows complaining that police stations tell them there are no cars available to respond to their urgent matters. This needs to be corrected forthwith!

## LETTERS

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In an effort to ensure his safety, I notice that the parents of the aforementioned young man have resorted to dropping him to work. It bothers me to see the same three young men walking about as though they have done no wrong; perhaps scouting prospective prey. We are mindful that the crime wave speaks to the moral and spiritual decay in our country that also needs to be addressed. This, however, does not negate the lack of effective policing.

Operation Rapid Strike is good in its place as a piece of the puzzle. Effective policing however is a daily, pro-active exercise. We are aware that the police control room is capable of monitoring the whereabouts of every patrol car, yet for some strange reason it is not being done. The control room needs to be managed by committed, seasoned, impartial officers. It must be made crystal clear, if you are not on official police business, you should not be in possession of a police vehicle. The fact of the matter is we have a lot of officers at all ranks that are not committed to doing the job for which they are being paid.

I would be remiss if I did not say a few words about the difference in the way traffic flows when there is police interference. Most of us have accepted the fact that heavy traffic is synonymous with the large population on such a small island. What is also a fact is that even during rush hour, there are very few places where there is no consistency in the flow of traffic. These include areas in the east such as Seabreeze where I've heard persons call radio stations and ask for Police assistance with the traffic flow. Whenever we sit in traffic without movement for minutes, we can rest assured that there is either an accident or Police

interference. We can all attest to the fact that there is generally an orderly flow of traffic at roundabouts and areas where there are working traffic lights. There is no need for Police interference in these areas. This includes the junction at Bay and Frederick Streets where the traffic is always severely backlogged and moves very, very slowly when directed by them. I recall the police doing this in the 1970's, and it worked well back then as there was very little traffic. We must appreciate that it is very counter-productive today. They can, however, assist persons with when to cross the street in light of the fact that our "walk/don't walk" signs do not work. They should also keep a keen eye on offenders to the orderly flow of traffic.

I encourage the commissioner and his team to study the way the traffic moves with and without them, with the view of minimising their interference to areas where traffic flow is stifled. I have heard numerous persons call talk shows and radio stations in general and complain about this over the past few years to no avail. It is high time that we as a people activate an effective neutralizer for the arrogance and blatant disregard for what we say that is demonstrated by our police and politicians.

In conclusion, I encourage all of us to praise our police when they perform well. We must also sound the alarm when they are not performing up to par until they get it right.

Other concerns include corruption in the complaints unit, dereliction of duty, and the general disrespect given to the average Bahamian.

We, the people of the Bahamas deserve better, and we need to know if Commissioner Greenslade and Minister Turnquest are capable of getting the job done. These are just a few reasons why we must mandate that the Commissioner of Police be chosen by us.

VERY CONCERNED CITIZEN!  
Nassau,  
April 14, 2011.

## MAJORITY OF BAHAMIANS HAVE RESORTED TO BEING PARASITES

EDITOR, The Tribune.

It is a known fact that the majority of Bahamians have resorted to being parasites. We unfortunately would prefer to hustle rather than work, we would prefer to borrow and not pay back. We prefer to join asue and disappear after we get our draw. We would literally "kiss up" to get money, including things rather than work and get what we want on our own. We unashamedly want something for nothing.

The government has built the much-awaited, much-talked about, much-dreamed about and much-anticipated Straw Market. This government venture is planned to be a cultural place where artists and artisans can not only sell, but display their treasured work showing tourists what Bahamians are capable of and what rich culture we have.

Since the fire that destroyed the market vendors, some of whom claim that they love the Bahamas and are patriotic, have strayed away from the original intent of having a straw market. They have disgraced the idea by turning it into a dump, selling just about anything that comes to their mind. The much publicized embarrassment experienced when some vendors were caught in the United States' crosshairs, did precious little in deterring vendors from going down the road of counterfeit products. This singularly proves that they are defiant in bucking authority and order. They are self-centred and selfish to put it mildly.

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

Now this has brought me to my real point of offering this opinion: Are these vendors serious about having to pay for the rental of their stalls/booth? Do these vendors expect the government to splurge \$10 million plus of our money just because they believe that they are so much more special than other Bahamians, many whom are not working at all?

Do vendors expect to pay nothing, even though they brag about how good the market is to them and their entire family? How many business persons can operate in their respective venues without expecting to pay their way? Only parasites think like that. Come on, the high daily asue conducted every day is proof that business is not bad. The market belongs to all of us and no one should be exempted from paying. Those who refuse to pay should be immediately evicted and the stalls given to others who are willing to pay.

I know several vendors who have a conscience would welcome this wonderful opportunity to not only make money, but to be a part of showcasing our beautiful country through arts and craft, would not mind "giving back" so that something could be in the treasury for our children and generations yet unborn.

Let us put our selfishness and pettiness aside and work together, all of us, toward building a better Bahamas that we all can be proud of. Our children yet unborn would thank us later for being wise.

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Nassau,  
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LOCAL NEWS

POLICE NEWS

30 QUESTIONED AFTER 'RAPID STRIKE' SWEEPS

POLICE are questioning 30 men as a result of sweeps conducted during operation "Rapid Strike".

Of the arrests, six were for outstanding warrants; two for illegal firearms; one for assault with a deadly weapon; four for possession of dangerous drugs; one for causing harm; one for a shooting complaint, another for shop breaking; three for armed robbery; four for house-breaking, and for a stolen vehicle.

According to reports, investigators recovered a handgun, ammunition and a quantity of suspected marijuana during a search at Billow Lane, off Warren Street.

A 21-year-old man was arrested after officers of the

Central Detective Unit executed a search warrant at the apartment on Wednesday evening.

Mobile patrol officers arrested two men on a motorbike in the Pinewood Gardens less than an hour later.

After searching the two men, aged 23 and 20, police recovered a handgun and ammunition.

Rapid Strike officers also recovered a quantity of suspected marijuana during a search of LM & Sons Food Store, Farrington Road.

Anyone with information that may assist investigations is asked to contact police at 919, 322-3333, DEU at 323-7139/40 or Crime Stoppers at 328-TIPS.

MAN QUESTIONED IN CONNECTION WITH A BURGLARY AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

POLICE are questioning a 43-year-old Abaco man in connection with a burglary and sexual assault in Nassau yesterday.

The adult victim was attacked and robbed of a cell phone at around 2am.

According to police reports, the victim's family was able to capture and detain a suspect until police arrived.

Police investigations continue.

Meanwhile, police arrested two men aged 21 and 29 after recovering a handgun and ammunition from a car.

The incident occurred in the area of Poinciana Avenue and Sixth Street, Coconut Grove, when police observed them acting suspiciously in a white Nissan Maxima.

According to police, the driver sped off when officers attempted to stop the vehicle, and were finally apprehended at Market Street. Investigations continue.

# Two traffic fatalities over holiday weekend

THE capital recorded two traffic fatalities as police moved to intensify enforcement of traffic laws over the holiday weekend.

Two vehicles collided at Yamacraw Hill Road, east of Fox Hill Road, early Sunday morning. The incident, which involved a burgundy 2004 Toyota Corolla and a silver 2000 Suzuki Baleno, occurred around 5am.

Sgt Chrislyn Skippings, police press liaison, said: "Initial reports indicate that the driver of the Toyota Corolla was traveling west on Yamacraw Hill Road and the driver of the Suzuki Baleno east on Yamacraw Hill Road when the two collided."

"The driver of the Suzuki Baleno was taken to hospital via EMS personnel where he is detained in serious condition. As for the driver of the Toyota Corolla, he succumbed to his injuries at the scene."

The second fatality occurred shortly after 7am yesterday. The driver of a silver 1998 Honda Civic died after he lost control of his car and collided with a tree. The victim was driving west on Western Road, in the area of Lyford Hill.

Sgt Skippings added: "Police are investigating and reminding all road users to



THE BODY is removed from the scene of Sunday's accident.

Felipe Major/Tribune staff

drive with due care and attention, obeying all traffic laws."

Hundreds of motorists received fixed penalty notices for violations in a massive effort by the traffic division and the seven policing divisions in the capital.

Sgt Skippings said: "Over the week-

end, officers stepped up their patrols to ensure that the streets remain safe and that motorists abide by all traffic laws.

"The weekend officers' zero tolerance approach, resulted in 129 motorists being issued with fixed penalty notices for various traffic violations."

## Woman in hospital after shooting

By DENISE MAYCOCK  
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FREEPORT: A 24-year-old woman is in hospital following a shooting incident early Friday morning in Eight Mile Rock, which led police on a high speed chase with a suspect in the Mack Town area.

According to reports, the woman is listed in "serious but stable" condition. A 43-year-old Jamaican is in police custody in connection with the shooting.

Asst Supt Loretta Mackey, press liaison officer, said that at about 4.22am on Friday, officers of the Eight Mile

Rock Police Division responded to reports of gunshots near the water tanks in the Jones Town area.

On arrival at the scene, officers received information that a man shot a woman who was walking with two men in the area.

ASP Mackey said the gunman pointed his gun at the men and forced them to put the injured woman in his vehicle and sped off.

After receiving informa-

tion, police went in pursuit of the suspect who was driving a white 1997 Mitsubishi Galant.

The suspect led police on a high-speed chase which ended in Mack Town area after he crashed his vehicle in some large rocks.

Although the gunman had escaped into nearby bushes, the female victim was discovered inside the vehicle with a gunshot wound to her body.

An ambulance was dispatched to the scene and took

her to the Rand Memorial Hospital.

Ms Mackey said Police conducted a search of the Mack Town area, but was unable to locate the suspect.

She said the K-9 Unit was called in to assist in the search. The suspect, a resident of Pine Forest, Eight Mile Rock, was discovered hiding in bushes. He was arrested and taken into custody.

Investigations continue.

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### Genesis 4:11-18

So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth."And Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear! Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall be hidden from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me."And the LORD said to him, "Therefore,[b] whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD set a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him. The Family of Cain Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden. And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. And he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son—Enoch. To Enoch was born Irad; and Irad begot Mehujael, and Mehujael begot Methushael, and Methushael begot Lamech.

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LOCAL NEWS

MINISTER PAYS VISIT TO FAMILIES LEFT HOMELESS BY FIRE



MINISTER of Labour and Social Development Dion Foulkes visits the scene of Wednesday's blaze.

THE families who were left homeless by a huge fire on Bimini were paid a visit by Senator Dion Foulkes, the Minister of Labour and Social Development, and community leaders.

Wednesday's blaze destroyed two houses and damaged three others leaving five families, 16 people, homeless.

The Department of Social Services, in conjunction with Administrator Sherrick Ellis and Chief Councilor, Lloyd

"Dudda" Edgcombe, provided temporary housing for all of the victims.

Mr Foulkes also informed the people affected that Social Services will also provide clothing, food and other assistance until they recover.

"The leadership and community of Bimini are commended for the quick response to the fire which prevented further damage to adjacent homes," said Mr Foulkes.

Accused man claims he was 'shot by someone lurking in bushes'

FREEPORT— Marcus Bailey told a Supreme Court jury he was shot by someone lurking in bushes on the night of December 20, 2009, when conch stand owner Julius Lewis was robbed by a lone gunman.

Bailey is on trial for the armed robbery of Doc's Conch Stand and possession of a firearm.

The prosecution alleges the accused robbed Mr Lewis of \$270 and that he accidentally shot himself in the leg while fleeing the scene of the robbery.

The defence opened its case last Wednesday when Bailey gave an unsworn statement in court.

While addressing jurors briefly, he described himself

as a businessman and father of two.

Bailey claims he was a victim of circumstance on the night in question as he was shot by someone who came out the bushes.

According to earlier evidence, police arrested Bailey not far from the scene of the robbery on Explorer's Way.

He was discovered sitting on the ground at Supreme Dry Cleaners with an injury to his leg. A gun and beige mask were nearby.

In his testimony, Mr Lewis said he was robbed at gunpoint by a man wearing a tan-coloured Halloween mask. He said the gunman ran across the street to Supreme Dry Cleaners.

As the suspect was running

away, he said he heard a gunshot and saw the suspect hopping on one leg.

Mr Lewis said the suspect fell and the money went flying in the air.

In his closing argument, Prosecutor Vernal Collie told jurors the finger of guilt points directly at Marcus Bailey.

He noted that the evidence indicates that Bailey shot himself. He added that no one else was in the area and Mr Lewis watched the gunman as he was fleeing the scene.

Mr Collie said the only inference which can be drawn was that the gunman shot himself.

Carlson Shurland, defending, said the prosecution had provided no evidence.

The case continues.

Date set for disabled persons' voter's registration drive

THE Bahamas National Council for Disability (BNCD) will hold a voter's registration drive for persons with disabilities at their headquarters off Collins Avenue in co-operation with Parliamentary Commissioner Errol Bethel on May 18 from 10am to 5:30pm.

"As the deadline to register is quickly approaching, we are making an appeal for all Bahamians to be counted, especially persons with disabilities. This gives the Bahamas National Council for Disability the opportunity to get correct statistics of persons with disabilities residing here in the Bahamas, therefore creating a database to lobby for services, funding, equipment and disability rights," the council said.

Persons with disabilities are asked to contact the council as soon as possible so that assistance can be forthcoming.

"All organisations for persons with disabilities registered in the Bahamas are asked to come together for this undertaking and join our links to make a strong chain," said Erin

Brown of Team ABC, a member of BNCD and a member of BABVI Toastmaster Club 1577647, first chartered club with persons with disabilities in the Bahamas.

BNCD membership dues for all new persons with disabilities have been waived during this voter's registration drive.

"This affords you the chance to be part of a great organisation with new officers are ready to push forward for a more disabled-friendly Bahamas. Team ABC has partnered with the Bahamas National Council for Disability in assisting with membership and all endeavors to enhance the lives of all disabled," the council said.

Team ABC (Abilities Beyond Challenges) is a group of disabled members who have triumphed through various events: Sunshine Insurance Marathon Bahamas in Nassau; Ride for Hope 2011 in Eleuthera; Mario's & Big O First Annual Fun Run/Walk/Skate/Push Nassau and REACH Bahamas Autism Fun Run/Walk Ride in Abaco.

CRIME NEWS

MAN ROBBED AFTER BEING FORCED TO DRIVE AT GUNPOINT

FREEPORT: A man was held at gunpoint and ordered to drive to the Sea Horse Village area, where he was robbed by two men over the Easter holiday weekend.

According to Asst Supt Loretta Mackey, the incident was reported to police sometime around 2.30am on Sunday.

The victim, a 27-year-old male resident of Lucaya, told police a dark-skinned

man armed with a handgun approached him as he was getting into his vehicle at the Port Lucaya Marketplace.

The gunman got into the vehicle with the victim and directed him to drive to Sea Horse Village. The victim said they were followed by someone in another vehicle.

The gunman ordered the victim to stop at Paradise Lane. The male occupant in the other vehicle then came out and searched the victim's

pockets as the gunman pointed the handgun at him.

After stealing the victim's wallet, containing cash and credit cards, the culprits fled the scene in their vehicle.

ASP Mackey said police are asking residents in the Paradise Lane area who might have seen anything suspicious during the early morning hours of April 24 that could assist with their investigations to call 350-3107/8 or 352-9774/5 or 911.

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LOCAL NEWS

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OFFICIALS of the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation, the Bahamas Air Traffic Controllers Union and various aviation stakeholders participated in a one-day National Aviation forum at the Wyndham Nassau Resort last Tuesday. The stakeholders met to discuss ways to strengthen aviation services in the country. The Government is currently holding

discussions with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) with the view to acquire funds to improve and expand aviation in the Bahamas.

It is anticipated that the funds would be used to implement safety regulations in the industry and also to expand night flight services to the Family Islands among other plans.

**COLOUR GUARD** - Members of the Scout Association of the Bahamas perform during the Bahamas National Aviation Forum held on Tuesday, April 19 at the Wyndham Nassau Resort.



## AGAPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL STUDENTS PERFORM



**ABOVE:** AGAPE Christian School students perform as a female gospel group during the recent E Clement Bethel National Arts Festival adjudications in Abaco.

STUDENTS of Agape Christian School in Marsh Harbour got a chance to shine during the recent E Clement Bethel National Arts Festival adjudications in Abaco.

**RIGHT:** AGAPE Christian School student Rebecca Higgs performs a pop music solo at the Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel.



**DEPUTY PERMANENT SECRETARY** in the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation Charles Albury delivers welcome remarks during the Bahamas National Aviation Forum held on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at Wyndham Nassau Resort, Cable Beach.

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Date: May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Time: 12:00pm - 2:00pm  
Venue: Our Lucaya, Freeport, Grand Bahama

All attendees are requested to register for the session by sending a request to [register@icb.gov.bs](mailto:register@icb.gov.bs) by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

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# Raul Castro offers much to ponder

By SIR RONALD SANDERS

(The writer is a Consultant and former Caribbean diplomat)

CUBA'S President, Raul Castro, has proposed term limits for office holders "in the Party, the State and the Government." He has done so because, as he put it, "we (in Cuba) are faced with the consequences of not having a reserve of well-trained replacements with sufficient experience and maturity to undertake the new and complex leadership responsibilities."

Critics of the Cuban government have been quick to point out that term limits now will have no effect on Raul Castro or his older brother, Fidel. They have both dominated the party and government machinery since the

## insight

### WORLD VIEW

Cuban revolution. Term limits of two five-year periods introduced now would have little affect on Raul who is 79 and who took over from Fidel as President in 2008. Given good health, he could remain in office until 2018 when he will be 86. As for Fidel, while he remained first secretary of the Communist Party after giving up the Presidency of the country, he is already 84 and not in great health.

Although Raul has raised the issue of term limits in the context of Cuba, it is interesting for other countries too, particularly as his proposition goes beyond the government

to include political parties.

The United States has had a system of term limits for its head of government since 1947. The twenty-second amendment of the Constitution states that holding of the Office of President in limited to two terms. The US is, therefore assured of a new leader every eight years after robust debates within parties, and then between them.

Similarly, the constitutions of many Latin American countries restrict holders of Presidential office to two terms.

Recently, the constitutional restriction in at least three Latin American countries has been a source of great contention. In Venezuela, President Hugo Chavez managed to secure an amendment to the Constitution allowing him to contest Presidential elections beyond two terms. He had earlier failed to get the required vote in a referendum. Reports indicate that the Supreme Electoral Council of Nicaragua has also decided to allow current President Daniel Ortega to run for re-election amid mass demonstrations against it. And, Honduras saw the sitting President, Manuel Zelaya, ousted in 2009 when he also attempted to hold a referendum on re-writing the Constitution. Many of his opponents calculated that his intention was to overturn term limits on the Presidency.

Up to a few weeks ago, the President of the Dominican Republic, Leonel Fernandez, was reported to be actively considering running for a third consecutive term even though



SIR RONALD SANDERS

the current constitution — adopted in January 2010 under an agreement between Fernández and the main opposition party — limits presidents to two consecutive four-year terms. However, he has now announced that he will not be doing so. Instead, his wife, Margarita Cedeño de Fernández, has been approved by his political party as a possible presidential candidate for the 2012 elections. Under the present Constitution, President Hernandez can seek re-election after skipping a term. Cynics regard the approval of his wife as a Presidential candidate as a way of keeping the post safe for his return.

Wives running to succeed their husbands started in Argentina where the current President, Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, succeeded her late husband, Nestor, as President when he was still alive but ineligible to run for the Presidency after two terms in office. Then, in Guatemala, Sandra Torres, the wife of the current President Alvaro Colom, has filed for a divorce in an attempt to circumvent

constitutional laws preventing her (as a close relative of the incumbent) to compete in presidential elections due to be held in September this year.

For the most part, however, Latin American and Caribbean countries have accepted term limits on the Head of Government where they exist.

Within the Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM) countries, only Guyana has a term limit on head of government of two terms.

The current President, Bharat Jagdeo, had always maintained that he would leave office at the end of the constitutional period, and he is now preparing to do so later this year when general elections will be held for the Presidency and Parliament. Jagdeo's party has already chosen its Presidential candidate as has two of the opposition parties.

In neighbouring Brazil, last October Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva stepped down after his second, four-year term in office. He was constitutionally prohibited from running for a third, consecutive term.

Term limits at the governmental level in Cuba don't apply as they do in a democracy. In Cuba, term limits would pertain to persons within the Communist Party only, and it is by no means clear how Raul Castro envisages the transfer of authority from one Head of Government to another would occur. For instance would it be an open contest between candidates within the Communist Party, or would an executive bureau alone choose the new person? In democracies, all political parties, would contend both within their own councils and at the national level.

Few would argue that the system of open contest

between parties is not a good thing both for democracy and for the generation of new ideas.

In this system, even if an incumbent President managed to extend term limits by some democratic means, he or she would still have to contend in general elections with an opponent from another party at the national level.

The more fundamental point that arises from Raul Castro's proposal is that term limits should also be placed on office holders of political parties.

In his own party's case, finding persons with experience in the younger generation is difficult because a handful of now older persons have dominated the leadership for decades.

Fortunately, for political parties in the majority of Latin American and Caribbean countries, younger people have emerged to sit as equals with an older guard both in political parties and government.

Still, Castro may have raised an issue deserving of serious contemplation in all democratic countries: Are two consecutive terms not sufficient for leaders to accomplish the programmes for which they are elected, and should not space be made continuously for new people to gain experience and maturity to deal with a rapidly changing world?

Significantly, there have been few leaders in democratic societies who were able to get and finish third terms, and those who did so faced enormous challenges of their leadership within their own parties and in the general population of their countries.

Raul Castro has offered much worth pondering.

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LOCAL NEWS

KINGSWAY ACADEMY STUDENTS VISIT GRAND BAHAMA



**GRADE THREE STUDENTS** and teachers from Kingsway Academy in Nassau were in Grand Bahama for one day on Tuesday, April 19 for a visit to the world famous Garden of the Groves and other sites on the island. They also paid a courtesy call to the Office of the Prime Minister. They are pictured here with Angela Pratt Rolle, OPM administrator, who presented vice-principal Mrs Chandra Minnis a certificate from the office.

Vandyke Hepburn/BIS

CENTRAL ABACO PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT POLICE COMMISSIONER



**STUDENTS** of the Central Abaco Primary School last Tuesday paid a courtesy call on the Chief of Police Ellison Greenslade at police headquarters in Nassau.

The group which totalled 18 students, not including teachers and chaperons, flew into the capital for a week-long tour of New Providence.

Commissioner Greenslade said he was honoured to have the grade six students as his special guests and treated them to rides on various types of transportation used by the organisation. Students rode on motorbikes, in police cars, on a fire truck and were treated to special performances by the RBPF K-9 Unit.

The group of students also visited the Police Compstat room where they engaged in communication with officers on Abaco, Exuma, Grand Bahama and Andros utilising the latest in technology via video conference.

Commissioner Greenslade encouraged the students to be good citizens by being obedient, respectful, considerate and helpful to all whom they come in contact with. He also encouraged the students to exhibit good manners daily.

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LOCAL NEWS

# CAR CRASHES AFTER 'BEING HIJACKED'

A 20-YEAR-OLD man was arrested after allegedly hijacking and crashing a vehicle on Friday afternoon.

The incident unfolded after 5pm in Prospect Ridge, south of Goodman's Bay Beach. Officers from the Western Division were on patrol when they observed a man with items in his possession, which were suspected to have been stolen.

Officers attempted to stop the man who dropped the items and fled.

They pursued the suspect on foot onto West Bay Street where he allegedly hijacked a passing vehicle.

The driver was removed from the car while his three passengers – two men and a teenaged girl remained inside.

Officers pursued the vehicle and eventually caught up with it after the suspect crashed it into a tree, which

resulted in the 15-year-old girl being thrown from the car.

The car's passengers were taken to hospital by EMS personnel, where the men were treated and discharged. However, the teenage girl remains in hospital in critical condition.

During the incident, the suspect, who is known to police, received gunshot injuries to his leg and was also taken to hospital where he remains in stable condition in police custody.

Police later discovered that the items were allegedly stolen from vehicles parked along the Cable Beach strip.

Investigations continue.

**POLICE** at the scene of the crash on Friday.

Felipe Major/Tribune staff



# 'TRANSFORMATION' OF NASSAU

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downtown Nassau. In February of this year, a massive blaze at the Betty K shipping company destroyed one of these freight terminals and took with it a block of downtown Nassau. Mr Ingraham said that the reallocation of the Betty K's operations to the cargo port at Arawak Cay, ahead of schedule, has fortuitously assisted in the early commencement of significant infrastructure upgrade in the center of Nassau.

"Nassau is the centre of Government. The Queen's representative, the Executive, Parliament and the Judiciary are located there; so also is our country's financial centre and its principal harbour -- one of the busiest cruise ports in the Caribbean. All are located in this city, on this island of New Providence.

"The health of this city and of this

island is clearly vital to the health and well-being of our nation," Mr Ingraham said.

The Prime Minister said this is the time to fix problems of which Bahamians have long complained, but did not have the will to tackle.

"This is the time to move from talk to action and from procrastination to determination.

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"Over the years many people have dreamt of and planned for the revitalisation of the City of Nassau. Today, the efforts of our collective Bahamian imagination are bearing fruit," Mr Ingraham said.

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# TWO MEN GUNNED DOWN IN WEEKEND SHOOTINGS

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they would like to question in connection with the killing. Forest was described as 5'9" with a medium build of 180lbs and a dark brown complexion. Meanwhile, investigators are urging the public to provide them with any information which can assist them in their probe of the country's 42nd murder for the year.

A man was found with a gunshot wound to his head at Cowpen Road West, off Baillou Hill Road, shortly before 2am on Saturday.

It was reported that a group of men were seen arguing near a dark-coloured Nissan Maxima before the deceased was found. Shortly after the incident, police discovered a Nissan Maxima on fire in bushes at Sir Lynden Pindling Estates. Police believe the vehicle fire is linked to the early Saturday morning murder.

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LOCAL NEWS

**KING AND QUEEN OF NORWAY VISIT THE BAHAMAS**

NEW Providence hosted royalty when King Harald V of Norway and his wife Queen Sonja visited with friends at Lyford Cay. As an avid sailor, King Harald was a good friend of the late Robert "Bobby" Symonette, yachtsman, former Speaker of the House of Assembly and brother of Deputy Prime Minister Brent Symonette, and Craig Symonette, Norwegian Consul. "He has visited The Bahamas on many occasions," said a source. "He first came to Nassau many years ago to compete in the 5.5 metre class yacht races sailed from the Nassau Yacht Club. Bobby Symonette also competed in these races. The two were competitors in the 5.5 metre races on many occasions around the world." Crowned King of Norway in 1991, Harald is

the formal head of the Church of Norway and the Norwegian Armed Forces. As an avid sailor he represented Norway in the yachting events of the 1964, 1968 and 1972 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Mexico and Munich. With his sailing crew he won World Championship bronze, silver and gold medals, in 1988, 1982, and 1987. The royal couple were entertained at Lyford Cay and Rose Island, they took a fishing trip and left New Providence on Monday. Their next engagement is at a reception and dinner at the Mandarin Hotel, in London, on Thursday evening hosted by Queen Elizabeth II for all foreign royalty attending the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

**KERZNER CHIEF: RISING COST OF TRAVEL TO NASSAU MUST BE ADDRESSED**

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being very successful with it otherwise they would not be doing it. My worry is that this may be hurting our destination," warned Mr Markantonis. Figures obtained in the last several days by Kerzner International from the Nassau Paradise Island Promotion Board show the total number of flights coming into The Bahamas was down year-over-year by 16.3 per cent in March, with the number of seats available to buy correspondingly reduced by 16.5 per cent. American Airlines has "drastically cut" its flight availability from Miami to The Bahamas, noted Mr Markantonis, as has Continental, and there have been no flights to Nassau from La Guardia airport in New York since Delta stopped its service in August 2010, representing a loss of 50,000 seats coming into The Bahamas per year by that route. Meanwhile, the cost of flying to Nassau in the next seven months from major US hubs such as Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Newark and JFK airport rose by an average of 28 per cent in January over 2010, 41 per cent in February and 27 per cent in March, according to data compiled in the last 72 hours by Kerzner's hotel and flight booking arm, Paradise Island Vacations, following inquiries by the resort.

Kerzner International now plans to immediately seek to meet with airlines servicing The Bahamas to discuss what it deems a potentially significant obstacle to maintaining and growing arrivals to The Bahamas. "We definitely intend to speak with our airline partners about this. We'll be initiating conversations right away. We also believe the government will be doing the same thing. Frankly it's critical for the destination," said the senior executive. He added that his comments are not to be taken as a criticism of the government, as he believes Minister of Tourism, Vincent Vanderpool Wallace and his Ministry of Tourism team are "very much aware and on top of this." The resort company President explained that the disturbing price and seat availability trend first came to the resort's attention as it saw its outlay on its own executives' travel skyrocket. "It's very hard to obtain accurate data year on year comparing ticket prices on airlines, but we spend a lot for our staff and executives to travel between Ft Lauderdale and New York and Nassau and there have been, in our mind, some remarkable increases in the prices. "We began wondering if some of the declining leisure business is perhaps due to the fact that the fares seem so much higher," he said. With some further investigation, which will now continue as the resort seeks to determine what is driving the price increases and what can be done about it, the significant across the board trend was discovered. "These statistics are worrisome and have to have an impact on consumers. They tend to book hotels first and then look around to book their fares. I am sure if you go on the Internet to check fares and the fares seem extraordinarily high you are probably not going to do that destination," said Mr Markantonis. He admitted, however, that it is "hard to say" exactly what the impact has been on Atlantis and tourism in The Bahamas so far from the price hikes. The resort has had a "very

strong first quarter" with February, March and April meeting all the high expectations "we've had of them, after a shaky January," he said. He said the summer season is looking "like it could be quite strong because booking pace is ahead of last year right now" and group bookings are up by 36 per cent. However, he said, he fears the impact that the price increases are having and will have on the leisure side of the company's business. "It's been a busy period, but we are seeing a lower conversion rate in our bookings (to arrivals) than we were experiencing and we are hearing from some of our callers about their concerns about fares so we're now doing a more in-depth study." Mr Markantonis said the resort understands there have been increases in fuel prices which may be driving some of the price hikes, but there is concern some other factors may be at play. "I think part of the reason is that a lot of these locations have less flights coming in. Just in March, according to figures released from the Nassau and Paradise Island Promotions Board (NPIPB), flights year on year were down by 16.3 per cent in March and the number of seats was down 16.5 per cent. "When the number of seats are going down they are getting better yields on planes and when you fill a plane at 95 to 98 per cent capacity if someone wants to be on that plane they don't have a lot of choice when it comes to paying what they are asking." Adding that he "does not have the answer" to addressing the problem at present, Mr Markantonis also suggested that one potential route to bringing down the cost of travel for tourists to Nassau may be for Bahamasair, the national carrier, to step up and begin providing more and cheaper service from key travel hubs. "May be we are going to need Bahamasair to help us open gateways and once other airlines see their success and move into these airports Bahamasair would move out and go to another gateway," suggested Mr Markantonis.

**NEW POLITICAL PARTY ELECTS PAUL MOSS AS ITS LEADER**

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tions in the PDP. The PDP will join the Democratic National Alliance, headed by former FNM MP, Branville McCartney and the National Development Party, as yet another outside political force that will vie for political power in the general election, against the mainstream parties, the PLP and the FNM. Outside political party, the Bahamas Democratic Movement, headed by Cassius Stuart, was earlier this month absorbed into the governing FNM party. "We believe the Bahamian people are ready for it. Everywhere we go people are saying that they need change and want an alternative and we think that will bode well for us. We basically see this as the best time where we have the opportunity to come out and have an affect on the Bahamian people in a real way and we're excited about their chances," said a source within the PDP. Speaking about the PDP's philosophy, the source said: "We believe we will run The Bahamas for Bahamians. We're not really moved by what we see in terms of these international companies and persons who may dictate to our government. Our party frowns on the decision of the Prime Minister to relax restraints on foreign ownership in restaurants and entertainment. We believe this is how you swallow up a culture. "This movement is really about getting the Bahamas back on track. We went off track several decades ago, that is to say there was not a deliberate approach to assisting the Bahamas. The approach of this party will be very deliberate. That is what sets us apart." As for how the party intends to finance its campaign, the source said the PDP has "no doubt" that it can do so. However, they added that they hope their ambitions for public office can also be facilitated by what they perceive to be a desire for change amongst Bahamians akin to that which brought the PLP to power for the first time. "If one goes back to mid 60s where the PLP was vying to become the government they did not have all the resources either but there was a moment in that period when Bahamians said 'We are not going to be put on or turned on by money, we are going to do right by our children' and we believe this is that moment again. "The money is fleeting but if you do what is right you will see the benefits for your children. We have sufficient funds but we know the moment is also right for a 1960s-type movement," said the source.

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# BECKHAM, ELTON, 'MR BEAN' TO ATTEND ROYAL WEDDING

LONDON  
Associated Press

DAVID BECKHAM, Elton John and Mr. Bean actor Rowan Atkinson will mingle with dozens of royal guests at Prince William and Kate Middleton's wedding, according to an official guest list released Saturday that includes one uncomfortable presence — the Bahraini crown prince accused of a brutal crackdown on protesters. St. James's Palace also released the seating plan at Westminster Abbey, which showed that relatives of William's mother Princess Diana are sitting across the aisle from the royal family, joining the Middletons in an exception to the traditional division of a church into a bride's side and groom's side.

There was no explanation of the seating arrangement, but the Spencers have not had a good relationship with the royal family, especially after Diana's brother Charles Spencer attacked the royals during a speech at her 1997 funeral. More than 46 foreign royals are seated behind the British royals. They include Bahrain's Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, an invitation that could prove awkward in light of his government's rough treatment of mainly Shiite pro-democracy protesters. Some human rights campaigners have started to petition Foreign Secretary William Hague to revoke the invitation, saying the prince should not be allowed to attend the occasion. At least 30 people have died in Bahrain since mid-February,

including four who died while in official custody, and many well-known activists and lawyers have been imprisoned. Other foreign royals who are attending include those from Denmark, Norway, Spain, Saudi Arabia, Thailand and Morocco. Only a handful of celebrities are invited, including the Beckhams, director Guy Ritchie, soul singer Joss Stone, and Atkinson — a close friend of William's father Prince Charles. Although about 1,900 guests have been invited to the couple's wedding ceremony at Westminster Abbey, half of them will sit in the section of the abbey where views of the altar are restricted, and they will have to rely upon video screens to follow the service. Queen Elizabeth II and other

royal family members will sit in the front row across the aisle from Middleton's parents and brother James. They will be closest to the abbey's sanctuary, where William and his bride will stand. Foreign dignitaries, the Middletons' family friends, British government and defense officials, families of British soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, William's army colleagues, and people who work for William's charities will be seated around the abbey. Palace officials said that only crowned heads of states are traditionally invited to royal weddings, and that political leaders who are not from the 54-member Commonwealth of nations, such as President Barack Obama or French President Nicolas Sarkozy, weren't sent invitations. About 600 of the guests will then attend a champagne and canapes reception at Buckingham Palace hosted by the queen.



UNION FLAG BUNTINGS hang across Regent Street in London to celebrate the forthcoming royal wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton. Prince William and Kate Middleton are to marry at Westminster Abbey in London on April 29. (AP)



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PARTICULARS OF AN APPLICATION TO OPERATE SCHEDULED AIR SERVICES

In accordance with the provisions of Regulation 9 of the Civil Aviation (Licensing of Air Services) Regulations 1976, the Minister responsible for Aviation hereby publishes the following particulars of the under-mentioned applicant to operate scheduled air services to and from The Bahamas.

PARTICULARS OF APPLICATION

- Application: **REPUBLIC AIRLINES d/b/a US. AIRWAYS EXPRESS.**
- Date of first publication: *26 April, 2011*
- Routes: **BETWEEN WASHINGTON, DC ON THE ONE HAND AND NASSAU ON THE OTHER.**
- Purpose of services: **Passenger, mail and freight.**
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**ROYAL FAN** John Loughrey, aged 56 from Wandsworth, south London, displays a Union flag with an inlay of Britain's Prince William and his bride-to-be Kate Middleton. (AP)

**UK COUNTS 5,500 STREET PARTIES FOR ROYAL WEDDING**

LONDON Associated Press

BRITISH government officials say that more than 5,500 street parties are being planned in honor of Prince William and his bride on April 29.

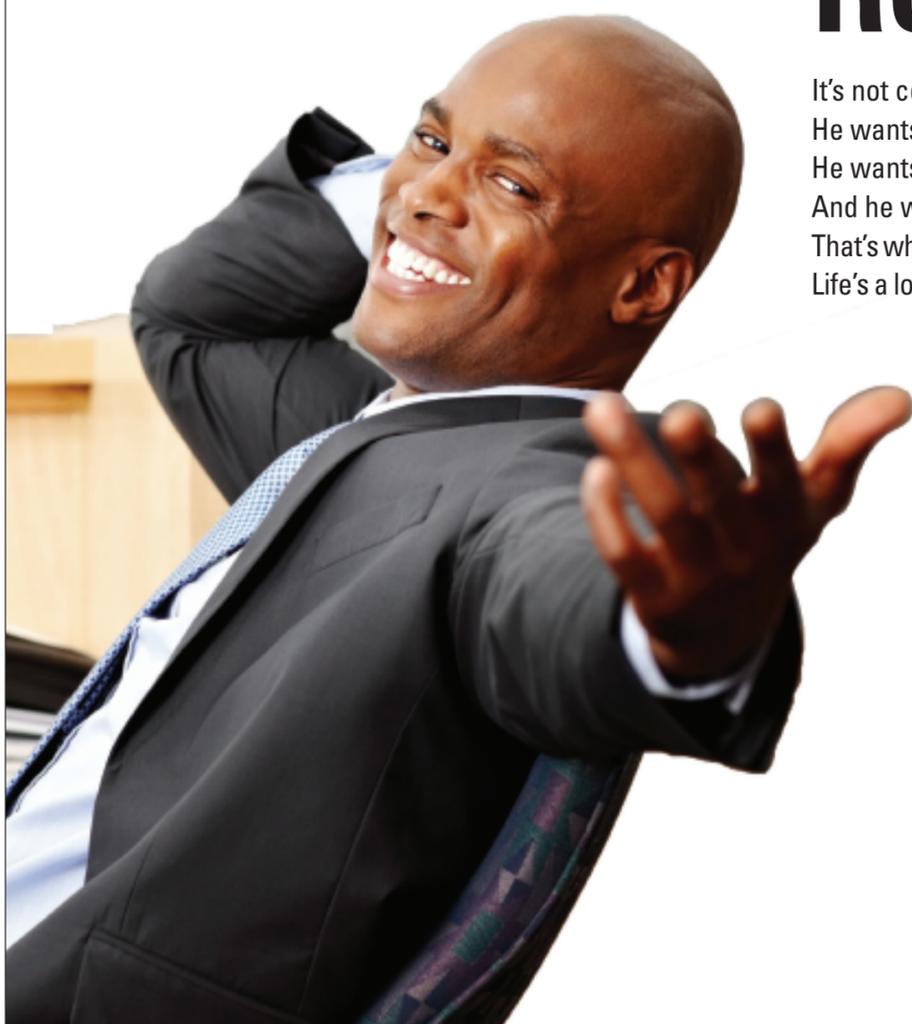
Figures collated by the Local Government Association show that, in London alone, there are some 800 applications for road closures for the day of the royal wedding.

But the figures released Saturday also hint at Britain's divisions, with fewer people in independence-minded Scotland planning street parties. In Glasgow, Scotland's largest city, officials said they hadn't receive a single request.

Local councils say they are aware of thousands of other parties being held that do not require official permission, making the total number much higher.



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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

# Syria uses army to crush revolt; at least 11 dead

BEIRUT  
Associated Press

IN A SHARP escalation of Syria's crackdown on dissent, thousands of soldiers backed by tanks poured Monday into the city where the five-week-old uprising began, opening fire indiscriminately on civilians before dawn and killing at least 11 people, witnesses said. Bodies were scattered in the streets and activists said the death toll could rise.

The offensive into the southern city of Daraa was planned in comprehensive detail: electricity, water and mobile phone services were cut. Knife-wielding security agents conducted house-to-house sweeps, neighborhoods were sectioned off and checkpoints set up —

suggesting Syria planned to impose military-style control on the city and other areas in the country.

"They have snipers firing on everybody who is moving," said a witness who spoke to The Associated Press by telephone, asking that his name not be used out of fear for his own safety.

## Snipers

"They aren't discriminating. There are snipers on the mosque. They are firing at everybody," he said.

The massive assault into Daraa appeared to be part of new strategy for crippling pre-emptive strikes against any opposition to President Bashar Assad, rather than

reacting to marches and protests. Other crackdowns and sweeping arrests were reported on the outskirts of Damascus and the coastal town of Jableh — bringing more international condemnation and threats of targeted sanctions by Washington.

But the assault on Daraa an impoverished city on the Jordanian border, was by far the biggest in scope and firepower. Video shot by activists purported to show tanks rolling through streets and over fields. Youths pelted the passing tanks with stones, the video showed.

"Let Obama come and take Syria. Let Israel come and take Syria. Let the Jews come," shouted one Daraa resident over the phone. "Anything is better than Bashar Assad."



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of Kingsway Academy and second and third place finishers **Kenrea Whitfield** of San Salvador Central High School and **Quitel Charlton** of S.C. Bootle High School, Abaco. For their outstanding performances, the three were awarded scholarship prizes of \$10,000, \$6,000 and \$3,000 respectively.

Pictured L-R: Demekas Foster, Division I Governor, Toastmasters; Antonette Fox, Chief Judge; Karen Mortimer, Road Traffic Department; Kenrea Whitfield, 2nd place winner, San Salvador Central High; His Excellency, Sir Arthur Foulkes, Governor General; Gabriella Butler, 1st place winner, Kingsway Academy; Quitel Charlton, 3rd place winner, St Francis de Sales, Abaco; Valtio Cooper, 2010 - 2011 Texaco Road Safety Spokesperson; Ryan Bain, District Sales Manager



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## FAMILY ISLAND TOURISM SHOWS MIXED PICTURE

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FAMILY island resorts are reporting mixed experiences over the first quarter of 2011, with some finding business has declined significantly as others see major boosts of as much as 55 per cent in occupancy.

President of the Out Island Promotion's Board, Stephen Kappeler, said based on a recent meeting of 10 of the board's 22 members, it appears that for many family island properties, business was "flat to last year for January and February, March was up quite a bit and April is pacing well too".

Neither he or the Bahamas Hotel Association could provide hard data about trends in the industry in the family islands at this time. Frank Comito, Executive Vice President of the Bahamas Hotel Association said the BHA is in the process of compiling figures.

Mr Kappeler, who is also General Manager of the Cape Eleuthera Resort and Yacht Club in Rock Sound, Eleuthera, said his property may have done better than most, having seen a 30 per cent increase in arrivals for March and a 15 per cent rise over 2010 in April.

"With this being a downturn economy we think that's outstanding. We think there's a lot of merit and strength in the two fly free and companion fly free promotion the Ministry of Tourism is doing with the Out Island Promotion's Board and the hotels in Nassau," he said.

Under the terms of the deal, a couple can get two free tickets to fly from Nassau to an out island resort if they agree to a minimum four-night stay in a participating resort once there.

Alexis Ross, General Manager at Valentine's Resort and Marina, in Harbour Island, Eleuthera, said she too has been extremely pleased with the performance of the 40-room resort this year over last.

"From what I can see we have done exceptionally well this year compared to last year. In the month of March (2010) we were at maybe 30 per cent occupancy last year, this year we are at 85 to 90 per cent. For us it's fantastic.

"From next week, straight

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# Seafood facility seen as big boost to Abaco island

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TWO investors are promising to transform the economy of a small Abaco island through a multi-million dollar investment in a seafood storage and processing facility and fuel station.

The move aims to allow the island's population to expand the market for the fish products the majority rely on for their livelihoods.

Moore's Island fishermen bring in hundreds of thousands of pounds of seafood, including lobster, fish, conch and crabs, on an annual basis and the developers project it could create an annual turnover of around \$5million by providing them with the means to conveniently and effectively get their products to market, locally and abroad.

Moore's Island resident Johnathan Stuart and his American partner, Jerry

Myers, will have invested \$600,000 this year in setting up a fuel station to service local boats and vehicles and are in the process of setting up the seafood facility that they say will be up and running in time for the re-opening of the crawfish season on August 1st.

The storage facility will be 5,000sq ft in size with several brand new 30ft freezers. "It's going to arrive on island in the next three to four weeks," said Mr Myers.

The partners are also set to import a giant ice making machine which they plan to provide ice from for free for the local fishermen, in turn for the opportunity to buy all of the seafood they can catch.

The seven by three and a half mile long island which sits about 28 miles off the western coast of mainland Abaco has a population of roughly 950 people, of which "only a couple" have jobs outside of the fishing industry -

with government and small local stores - according to resident, Mr Stuart.

"They are hard working people and I think a lot of them are left out of making more money because the only way to get their catch down to Nassau is to send it on the mailboat.

"The guys may get a huge catch but they have to have little freezers make their own ice and I imagine whole process is just a big pain in the neck. With our fish plant there we'll buy everything everyone catches that day and I am sure that will have a tremendous effect on the economy because a guy can go out and catch everything he wants knowing he can turn it in for cash," said Mr Myers.

Through the creation of the processing and storage plant, fuel dock and future plans, the two investors also expect

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## GB hotels suffer drop in revenue

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GRAND Bahama hotels suffered a 19.9 per cent fall off in hotel revenue in the last three months of 2010, primarily due to a "significant contraction in occupancy levels," the Central Bank said in its latest report.

This came even as overall arrivals to the island rose by 11.3 per cent, up from 2.1 per cent in 2009, thanks to an 18.3 per cent hike in sea arrivals. Air arrivals fell in the September to December period of 2010 over 2009 by 19.9 per cent, said the Central Bank.

Such figures provide a further insight into the economic conditions in the home of the country's second city, and what is sure to have been part of the motivation behind the decision by the island's biggest resort - the Our Lucaya Beach and Golf Resort - to terminate around 200 workers in early 2011.

The tourism picture was more rosy for the Family Islands, which enjoyed a 7.1 per cent overall recovery in visitor numbers following 2009's 0.8 per cent decline.

Increased air lift boosted air arrivals by 16.8 per cent while visitors arriving into the Family Islands by sea firmed by 6.1 per cent overall.

In its Quarterly Economic Review for the September to December 2010 period, the second quarter of the government's fiscal year, released last Thursday, the Central Bank of the Bahamas said that tourism was sustaining its

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## Government deficit almost 50 per cent bigger in 2010 before 'one off' payments

■ Data shows that prior to one-off payments related to BTC, BORCO, fiscal deficit had grown 46 per cent larger than during the same period in 2009/2010 as total revenue fell

■ Government interest payments on debt rise by 25.4 per cent over the same period in 2009/2010

■ The National Debt advanced by 2.8 per cent over the previous quarter and nine per cent over the previous year, to stand at \$4.3 billion at the end of December 2010

■ Domestic economy said to be on 'stable trajectory' though with 'continuing high levels of unemployment'

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JAMES SMITH

CENTRAL Bank data shows the gap between what the government was spending versus what it was earning, grew to become 46 per cent larger in the last three months of 2010 than it was in the corresponding period in 2009, with interest payments on debt also increasing by more than 25 per cent.

This growth in the second quarter of the fiscal year, which brought the overall fiscal deficit to \$111.3 million, came as total revenue to the government fell from 2009 levels by 16.3 per cent to \$302.3 million.

It occurred even as the government's aggregate expenditure dropped by 5.4 per cent to \$413.6 million and as tax receipts - accounting for 87.9 per cent of total revenue - expanded.

The report gives an indication of the status of the government's finances prior to the government receiving hundreds of millions of dollars in "one off" payments between January and April related to the sale of BTC, the Bahamas Oil Refining Company (BORCO) and the progression of the Baha Mar development, among other things.

Former Minister of State for Finance, James Smith, suggested in April this year that the government could end up "wiping out" its projected fiscal deficit for 2010/2011 because of the in flows, which Tribune Business calculated could add up to around \$350 million. However, he warned that the helpful funds must not "send the policymakers to sleep" but should be

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BUSINESS

**Bahamian contractors are invited to attend meeting**

A NEW contractor's association held its first press conference on Thursday in which it invited all Bahamian contractors to attend its first general meeting, to be held this Thursday, where "present concerns in the industry" will be discussed.

In a release issued Friday, the New Providence Contractor's Association, founded by Delroy Meadows, who intends to put himself forward as an independent political candidate for Fort Charlotte in the next general election, suggested that it now has 300 members and expects to attract thousands more. The NPCA takes issue with a number of provisions of the proposed Contractor's Bill, which is being considered at this time by the government as a means to regulate the industry, and which has been strongly advocated for by the Bahamas Contractor's Association, led by Stephen Wrinkle.

Mr Meadows said: "I believe that if a Bill such as this were to pass it should have the full input of the majority of those in the industry. I don't think it's fair to have one association responsible for the drafting of such a Bill when this association does not represent the entire industry. We are here to make sure that diverse representation exists to allow for fairness and transparency in regards to the regulation of the contractors in The Bahamas."

Mr Wrinkle has stated that the Bill is critical if the Bahamian construction industry is to become safer and more accountable and if domestic contractors are to get a bigger share of foreign direct investment-related construction work, given that at present there is no licensing of contractors and therefore ascertaining their skill level and competency to complete particular jobs is problematic, especially for foreign developers.

Also expressing concerns about Bahamian contractors access to the economic benefits that derive from large scale construction projects, the NPCA, in its press conference, said it believes there needs to be more fairness in the industry" as they feel that the majority of Bahamian contractors are being "left out" of many of the major projects now taking place in the country. Steering Committee members Sydney Sylvester, Clifton Colebroke and Audley Hanna said the New Providence Contractors Association is fully equipped with certified contractors in every area of the industry and "are well capable of handling projects of any scale presented to them".

The association will be having its first general meeting at the Union Hall on East Street South and Solider Road on Thursday at 7pm.

# Don't burn boats in going into business

By Simon Cooper  
Res Socius



SIMON COOPER

In *Measure for Measure*, William Shakespeare wrote: "A fool thinks himself to be wise, but a wise man knows himself [or herself naturally] to be a fool." While Shakespeare's play itself has little to do with business, the phrase could equally read: "A foolish businessperson rushes into start-up - a wise one has plan B in place." Or, if you prefer, fools rush in where angels fear to tread, as Alexander Pope wrote back in the 18th century.

I am constantly amazed at how otherwise rationale people in the Bahamas, and everywhere else, too, rush off to throw their hard-earned dollars at a business proposition that has not a chance in hades to succeed. I wish I had a thousand dollars for every time that this has happened in our islands. If I did, I would do my best to avoid making the same mistake, too.

If I offered you an exclusive McDonald's franchise in an area with, say three million residents and huge growth potential, would you be interested? What a gap in a wonderful market, you say? Unfortunately, in my example the area concerned is a predominately Hindu part of India, where selling beef burgers could be more than just career limiting.

I would love to know how often people across the world fail to stop and wonder why their business dream does not exist already, and instead waste money on wild goose

chases after non-existent gaps in markets? True, the guys and girls at Facebook, Microsoft and Virgin have proved to be exceptions. Let's face it, though. Exceptions like these are in the minority, and we are not all made of the stuff of genius.

Wise people who know they are imperfect (as opposed to foolish ones who think they are not) are wiser when they buy existing businesses that already have established track records. True, they will be spending cash up front. Equally, though, they should be getting income right away to start recouping this.

Compare this to people starting new initiatives. They will be spending cash up front, too. For furniture, equipment, stock, launch advertising - you name it. And often with few dollars in return in the beginning. This is often the point in time at which they discover they still have personal expenses to cover, and how expensive starting their new business is really going to be. A further downside is that they often burn their boats in

terms of previous income streams to concentrate on their new ventures.

This is why, as a business broker, I recommend my clients consider purchasing existing businesses. The well-run ones that I sell have staff in place to keep those businesses ticking over when the owners are away. Instead of burning boats, this means my clients can initially manage their new enterprise remotely after hours, in the comfort of their homes, and in the knowledge that their personal expenses are already covered by established income streams.

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"upward trend during the fourth quarter, benefiting from continued growth in the major source markets and ongoing marketing campaigns to boost stopover arrivals."

Visitors to New Providence "increased strongly" by 16.3 per cent, after a much smaller rise of 1.9 per cent in the comparative 2009 period. However, this was "underpinned solely by a 24.1 per cent expansion in sea arrivals, as the air segment stabilized."

Looking at the sector's performance throughout the Bahamas overall, there was a total visitor number strengthening of 12.7 per cent to 1.3 million in the fourth quarter of 2010, again primarily driven by sea-based arrivals - meaning cruise-based visitors. Average daily room rates, a key driver of hotel profitability, declined by 1.3 per cent.

Hotel receipts in New Providence decreased by 1 per cent to \$72.2 million, offsetting the "modest firming in the occupancy rate."

"Buoyed by a 13.1 per cent surge in cruise ship calls, and the addition of larger capacity vessels, sea arrivals - which accounted for 79.4 per cent of total visitor traffic - advanced by 16.5 per cent to 1.1 million, exceeding the modest 1.2 per cent growth of 2009. However, the gains in air arrivals moderated to 0.1 per cent from 0.5 per cent a year earlier," said the Central Bank.

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## BUSINESS

# Bahamians invited to major tourism investment conference

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MOVERS and shakers in the tourism world will be attending the 15th annual Caribbean Hotel and Tourism

Investment Conference (CHTIC) in Jamaica, where discussions will be had and insights shared on the future of the industry, emerging trends and how to succeed in the sector.

Developers, financial indus-

try executives, financiers, hotel industry personnel and stakeholders from The Bahamas and elsewhere are being invited to attend the May 10 to 12 conference as delegates, and receive the chance to learn, share experiences and network.

"CHTIC attracts government officials, investors, lenders, architects, planners, construction companies, financial organizations, real estate/mortgage intermediaries, developers, hoteliers, industry officials and other tourism entities.

"Potential delegates from The Bahamas can take advantage of this event to meet with investors and other delegates conducting business in the Caribbean," said Alec Sanguinetti, director general and CEO of the Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association.

The CHTA stages the CHTIC in conjunction with another not-for-profit entity, the Caribbean Tourism Organisation. The CHTIC program features Edmund Bartlett, Minister of Tourism for Jamaica, delivering the keynote address, themed "Tourism Investments ... Key to Caribbean Growth" during the opening ceremony, which takes place at 6.30 pm at the five-star Iberostar Resort All Suites on May 10.

CHTA President Josef Forstmayr will also speak at the opening ceremony and touch on the importance of investment in the Caribbean to help maintain the economic stability of the region for years to come.

The conference, to be held at the Montego Bay Convention Centre, will feature ses-

sions where industry experts in global travel and tourism, the financial sector and the airline industry will provide "vital forecasts" of the future of tourism; discussions of the pros and cons of the "hot topic" of whether to go all-inclusive and the casino industry and its costs and benefits in tourism.

Caribbean Ministers of Tourism will gather at the Caribbean Ministers of Tourism forum to share their vision of investment opportunities in the region and what governments are doing to encourage expansion into the region and other experts will provide insights into "how to put heads in beds" in an "Arrivals and Survival" forum. A day-by-day breakdown of the CHTIC program, which can be accessed online via <http://www.caribbean-hotelandtourism.com/events-ctic/event-ctic-program.php>.

The registration fee includes all general sessions, two receptions, one dinner, two lunches and coffee breaks. Registration fees are \$450 per person for CHTA-member hotels and government officials; \$875 per person for CHTA allied members and \$975 per person for non-members. All funds are reinvested in tourism in the region.

For more information on CHTIC 2011 - including sponsorship opportunities - contact CHTA at 305-443-3040, e-mail [events@caribbeanhotelandtourism.com](mailto:events@caribbeanhotelandtourism.com) or visit <http://www.caribbeanhotelandtourism.com/events-ctic/event-ctic-about.php>.

# Seafood facility seen as big boost to Abaco island

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to create dozens of permanent jobs on island for local residents.

On their website, [stuartmyersltd.com](http://stuartmyersltd.com), the two men say they are open to potential investors in the project. However, Mr Myers said they could easily complete the investment by themselves.

"We are 100 per cent complete on the fuel side of things, so we have a 22,000 gallon storage tank there, along with pumps on the dock and on the land side and that can be expanded if needed. There used to be about six little rusty tanks and a dock that looked like it was bombed out in Second World War. Johnathan and I got talking decided maybe we could resurrect the entire facility.

"In the next three to four weeks the building and foundation will be complete for the processing plant.

"With everything being brand new we will be in the best position possible to meet the standards that we would need to meet to export the seafood when we get to that stage," suggested Mr Myers.

"As far as I know we are only company that will be selling gas and buying fish at same time. We can use that to everyone's advantage and sell the gas to them about 20 cents above cost and bargain on the fish side, that's a major draw when you look at the cost of gas these days."

Further down the line, the pair believe that there is an opportunity to set up a wholesale food agency which would bring in grocery supplies for the island directly from Florida. "We will supply the local stores and help them cut their costs and increase their profits," said Mr Myers.

And if all goes well, there is demand for a bone fishing lodge that will create opportunities for more tourism to come to the island. "We'd like to set up a 20 to 30 room lodge. People come to the island asking about that kind of thing so we believe there is the demand," he added.

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### COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS 2010/CLE/equ/00091

#### IN THE SUPREME COURT

#### Equity Division

IN THE MATTER OF all the piece or parcel or lot of land being Lot Number Sixty-Nine (69) situate in Culmersville Subdivision situate in the Eastern District of the Island of New Providence one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

AND

IN THE MATTER OF The Quieting  
Titles Act, 1959

AND

IN THE MATTER OF the Petition of  
JACKSWELL PERCENTIE.

#### NOTICE

JACKSWELL PERCENTIE, the Petitioner claims to be the owner in fee simple possession of the piece parcel or lot of land hereinbefore described and has made application to the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas under Section 3 of the Quieting Titles Act to have the title to the said piece parcel or lot of land investigated and the nature and extent thereof determined and declared in a Certificate of Title to be granted by the Court in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Copies of a diagram or plan showing the position boundaries and shape marks and dimensions of the said pieces parcels and lots of land may be inspected during normal working hours at the following places:

(a) The Registry of the Supreme Court, Ansbacher House, East Street in the City of Nassau, New Providence, The Bahamas.

(b) The Chambers of Kingdom Law Advocates, 16 West Avenue, Centreville, Nassau, The Bahamas, Attorneys for the Petitioner.

NOTICE is hereby given that any person or persons having a right of Dower or an adverse claim not recognized in the Petition shall within thirty (30) days after the appearance of the Notice herein file in the Registry of The Supreme Court in the City of Nassau aforesaid and serve on the Petitioner or the undersigned a statement of his claim in the prescribed form, verified by an Affidavit to be filed therewith.

Failure of any such person to file and serve a statement of claim within thirty (30) days herein will operate as a bar to such claim.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 2011

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## BUSINESS

# Government deficit almost 50 per cent bigger in 2010 before 'one off' payments

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considered an opportunity to create the "breathing space" that will allow the government to take the steps necessary to bring the country's finances onto a more stable and sustainable footing in the long-term.

According to the Central Bank Quarterly Economic Review for the period ending December 2010, prior to the one-off inflows, tax receipts grew in the second quarter of the budget period by 4.3 per cent or \$11 million to \$265.7 million.

After decline in import and related stamp taxes in the previous quarter of 12.5 per cent and in international trade and transactions related taxes of 2.6 per cent, these "dominant" taxes - accounting for 57 per cent of the total - grew in the second quarter by 16.7 per cent (\$21.7 million) to \$151.7 million, buoyed by growth in import, excise and stamp taxes on imports.

Tourism related taxes also grew, as did motor vehicle taxes, by 24 per cent.

However, "other" taxes, in particular property-related taxes, dropped by 19.6 per cent to \$37.8 million, "due mainly to a 41 per cent fall-off in property-related taxes, amid continued softness in the housing market," said the Central Bank.

A reduction in the amount of subsidies to public corporations over the same period in the previous year accounted for an overall reduction in government expenditure of \$33.9 million to \$14.4 million.

However, led by a "rise in interest payments in line with the rise in debt obligations", current spending grew by 2.9 per cent to \$356.2 million. Interest payments on government debt increased by 25.4 per cent

or \$10.6 million over the 2009/2010 comparative period to \$52.4 million. This was up from \$44 million in the July to September first quarter.

Capital outlays were said to have "stabilized" at \$43 million.

The National Debt, the accumulation of yearly deficits, expanded by 2.8 per cent (\$114.0 million) over the quarter, and by 9 per cent (\$351.7 million) over the year, to stand at \$4.3 billion by end-December, 2010.

## Debt

Public sector foreign currency debt was said to have risen by 1.7 per cent (\$22.9 million) to \$1.3 billion. However, due to refinancing in the previous year, total debt service payments on this portion of the government's debt obligations were reduced by over 50 per cent to \$171.7 million.

As such, Government's debt service payments fell by \$174.4 million to \$27.4 million, and those for the public corporations were lower by \$74.1 million at \$144.3 million.

"Net of refinancing activities, Government's debt service as a percentage of revenue firmed to 9.1 per cent from 4.7 per cent, and to 5.8 per cent of estimated exports of goods and non-factor services, from 3.5 per cent in 2009."

The Central Bank said that indications suggest the domestic economy "maintained a stable trajectory" during the fourth quarter of 2010, "supported by a modest improvement in tourism output, as the recovery took hold in the main source markets."

Private sector credit contracted margin-

ally, and the bulk of bank lending was directed at the Government, given that consumer demand remained "anemic."

"Reflective of increased loan write-offs, banks' asset quality indicators showed a moderate improvement in the review quarter; however, banks' profitability declined in the three-months to September, due to an increase in loan loss provisions," said the Central Bank.

Construction activity "remained mild owing to subdued foreign tourism-related investment and domestic private sector projects."

"Construction output continued to be constrained by subdued domestic private sector activity and moderate levels of foreign direct investment."

In this context, total mortgage disbursements for construction and repairs, as reported by domestic banks, insurance companies and the Bahamas Mortgage Corporation, fell by 43.3 per cent to \$34.6 million, extending the previous year's 13.9 per cent contraction. Both residential and commercial mortgage disbursements contracted by \$22.9

million to \$32.5 million and \$3.5 million to \$2.2 million, respectively.

"Local mortgage commitments for new buildings - a forward looking indicator of construction activity - fell in number by 7.9 per cent to 245 and the corresponding value, by 28.9 per cent to \$26.6 million."

"In this context, consumer demand conditions were relatively weak, being further hindered by the continuing high unemployment levels," said the Central Bank. Inflation was "benign" despite a rise in international oil prices.



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# FAMILY ISLAND TOURISM SHOWS MIXED PICTURE

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to July, we will be running at about 80 per cent occupancy for both the villas and the marina. We've got quite a few groups coming," said Ms Ross.

However, at the Green Turtle Club in Abaco, sales manager Molly McIntosh said

the first quarter "was down" for the 32-room Club and marina by around 15 per cent.

"We were not tremendously down, but revenue was down. We are having problems with flights and pricing on flights, that's probably the biggest challenge and since we had the issues with electricity last year (when the island suffered prolonged blackouts for months throughout the summer) we lost some boating groups that won't come back this year. They won't come back because they won't go through that."

"We're keeping our fingers crossed that BEC doesn't mess us up this year, we're hoping we can get more flights at great rate and more domestic tourism. We're hopeful that we'll have a very good summer if the gas and diesel costs (which affect boaters) don't kill us."

At the 16-room Greenwoods Beach Resort in Cat Island, Waldemar Illing said business is "definitely worse" this year than last. The poor first quarter came after a Christmas/New Year period where bookings were around 20 per cent off those registered last year, which were less than those seen in 2008.

He suggested the accessibility and cost of flights coming into the island is a major problem.

"We don't have any direct flights into Florida anymore. Cat Island Air stopped flying here, Bahamasair doesn't fly here. Sky Bahamas does fly in and out twice a day, thank God for that."

"It is difficult to make ends meet. Taxes are rising - instead of 10 per cent we have to add 16 per cent to the room rate, NIB contributions have risen and everyone is expecting discounts because that is

what is happening all over the Caribbean."

Two weeks ago, data released by the Central Bank of the Bahamas revealed that tourism revenues for hotels in Nassau and Paradise Island were down 6.1 per cent in January and February of this year over last.

But despite this surprisingly poor performance in the early part of the year, director-general of tourism, David Johnson; Bahamas Hotel Association president, Stuart Bowe; and Baha Mar vice-president of external affairs and former BHA president, Robert Sands, said bookings have picked up and improved conditions are expected going forward. Mr Bowe said: "We fully anticipate making up for lost ground in January and February based on what we are seeing in March and April, and advanced bookings over the next two months."

## BAHAMAS ELECTRICITY CORPORATION VACANCY NOTICE



### ASSISTANT MANAGER, GENERATION - ABACO OPERATIONS FAMILY ISLANDS DIVISION

A vacancy exists in the Abaco Operations - Family Islands Division for an Assistant Manager, Generation.

The job manages the functions of the Generation section to ensure efficient and cost effective completion of projects. This includes developing long and short-term preventative maintenance plans and ensuring proper operations and maintenance of generation systems on the island.

**Responsibilities of the position include, but are not limited to the following:**

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- Oversees transport and rolling stock maintenance activities;
- Oversees plant movement, installation, and commissioning activities.

#### Job requirements include:

- 5+ years of experience in generation operations, maintenance and generating plant installation and maintenance;
- A minimum of a Bachelor degree/HND in Mechanical Engineering or equivalent qualifications.
- Good judgment and sound reasoning ability;
- Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing;
- Ability to interpret technical reports and drawings;
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- Sound knowledge of project management.

Interested persons should apply by completing and returning an Application Form to: The Assistant Manager-Human Resources, Bahamas Electricity Corporation, Blue Hill & Tucker, P. O. Box N-7509 Nassau Bahamas on or before: **Wednesday, April 27, 2011.**

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BUSINESS

# As economy gains strength, Fed weighs what's next

JEANNINE AVERSA, AP Economics Writer WASHINGTON

The Federal Reserve is increasingly confident in the economy and about to end a \$600 billion program to support it. Now for the next step — figuring out how to keep inflation from taking off.

Since late last year, the Fed has bought government bonds to keep interest rates low. Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues are expected to signal this week that they will allow the program to expire as scheduled in June.

The end of the bond-buying program would mean that, aside from tax cuts, almost all

the extraordinary measures the government took to prop up the economy are over. Congress is fighting over how deeply to cut federal spending, not whether to spend more for stimulus. House Republicans have passed a plan that would slash spending by nearly \$6 trillion over the next decade, in part by overhauling Medicare and Medicaid.

President Barack Obama wants \$4 trillion in spending cuts over 12 years and would raise taxes on the wealthy.

Since the Fed announced the plan last August, worries that the economy would fall back into recession have all but disappeared. The private sector is adding jobs, and the stock mar-



President Barack Obama

ket is at its highest point since the summer of 2008.

But higher oil and food prices pose a threat. If companies are forced to raise prices quickly to make up for escalating costs, that could start a spiral of inflation. Exactly how much of a threat inflation poses to the economy right now is a matter of disagreement within the central bank. A vocal minority, including the Fed regional chiefs in Philadelphia and Minneapolis, believe the Fed may need to raise interest rates by the end of this year to fight inflation. The Fed has kept its benchmark interest rate near zero since December 2008.

And, Richard Fisher, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, argues that the Fed has done its job and should consider halting the bond program now, not in June. The majority — including Bernanke, vice chairwoman Janet Yellen and William Dudley, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York — believe interest rates should stay low longer, and the bond-buying program should run its course.

Bernanke has predicted that the jump in oil and food prices will cause only a brief, modest increase in consumer inflation.

Excluding those prices, which tend to fluctuate sharply, inflation is still low, he has argued.

Bill Gross, who manages the world's largest mutual fund at Pimco, worries that rates on Treasury bonds will rise when the Fed stops buying them. If other buyers don't step in and there's less demand for Treasury bonds, then the rates, or yields, on those bonds would rise. That would drive down prices on bonds. Rates on mortgages, corporate debt and other loans pegged to the Treasury securities would rise, too. Higher borrowing costs could slow spending by people and businesses, and slow the overall economy. Fed officials and others believe that because the end of the program has been well telegraphed, it won't have much of an impact on bond rates. That was the case in 2010 when the Fed ended a \$1.7 trillion stimulus program. The bond-buying program was the Fed's second since the recession, and is known as "quantitative easing," or "QE2" for short. The economy would have to be in serious danger of tipping into another recession for the Fed to consider embarking on a third round. The Fed has other tools at its disposal. Since early August, it has taken about \$17 billion a month that it earns in interest from mortgage-backed securities and used it to buy bonds, a separate and smaller step than the \$600 billion program.

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A look at economic developments and activity in major stock markets around the world Monday:

**TOKYO** — Rising oil prices and anticipation that China might tighten monetary policy yet again to combat inflation kept Asian stock markets in check. Japan's Nikkei 225 index closed 0.1 percent lower, China's Shanghai Composite Index fell 1.5 percent but South Korea's Kospi rose 0.8 percent. Markets in Australia, Hong Kong and Europe remained closed for the Easter holiday.

**TOKYO** — Toyota's car production in Japan plummeted a staggering 62.7 percent in March due to a parts supply crunch following a massive earthquake and tsunami.

Toyota Motor Corp., the world's top-selling automaker last year, said its domestic production in March was 129,491 vehicles, the lowest level since 1976 when Toyota began maintaining production figures. Honda Motor Co. said its domestic production in March plunged 62.9 percent to 34,754 vehicles. Nissan Motor Co. said its production in Japan dropped 52.4 percent to 47,590 vehicles. The magnitude-9.0 earthquake and tsunami on March 11 destroyed many factories in northeastern Japan, causing severe parts shortages for Toyota and other automakers.

**MADRID** — Tourist numbers for economically ailing Spain rose 2.9 percent in the first quarter, with 9 million visitors from abroad.

**BAGHDAD** — Iraq will auction off 12 mainly gas exploration blocs during a January 2012 bidding round as the country pushes ahead with efforts to beef up its energy sector, the oil minister said.

The January auction will be Iraq's fourth bidding round on its energy assets since the overthrow of Saddam Hussein in 2003. The country's oil and gas sector is struggling to overcome years of neglect and violence by seeking international investment to exploit its below-ground riches.



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Shareholder Report

AML Foods Limited is pleased to announce that the Shareholder Report for 4th Quarter 2010/11 Fiscal Year is available at [www.amlfoods.com/investor](http://www.amlfoods.com/investor)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### INTENT TO CHANGE NAME BY DEED POLL

The Public is hereby advised that I, **SAQUIA JANAIA SALMON** of Nassau, Bahamas, intend to change my name to **SAQUIA JANAIA DAXON**. If there are any objections to this change of name by Deed Poll, you may write such objections to the Deputy Chief Passport Officer, P.O.Box F-43536, Grand Bahama, within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice.

## NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **MERLANDE ODELUS of SEA BREEZE, NASSAU, BAHAMAS**, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **19th DAY of APRIL, 2011** to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS 2009/CLE/qui/00890

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Equity Division

BETWEEN

IN THE MATTER OF THE QUIETING TITLE ACT, 1959

AND

IN THE MATTER of the Petition of VINCENT CARTWRIGHT

AND

IN THE MATTER of that tract of land known as Allotment No. 27 of "Sandilands Village Allotments" situate in the Southern side of the Sandilands Village Road approximately Three Thousand Five Hundred and Forty Two Hundredths feet (3,542 ft) west of Fox Hill Road in the Eastern District of the Island of New Providence and which said piece parcel or lot of land is bounded on the North by Sandilands Village Road and running thereon One Hundred and Thirty Two Hundredths Feet (132ft) on the East by a 20ft wide dirt road and running thereon Six Hundred and Seventy one and Seventy Seven Hundredths feet (671.77) on the South by Lot No.44 and running thereon One Hundred and thirty two and Seventeen Hundred feet (132.17) and on the West partly by a portion of Lot No.28 and running thereon Eighteen and Seventy Three Hundredths Feet (18.73ft) and partly by a wide 30 feet wide road in reservation and running thereon by Six Hundred Fifty Three and Twenty Seven Hundredths (653.27)

NOTICE

The Petitioner Vincent Cartwright claims to be the owner of the fee simple lot of land in possession the tract of land hereinbefore described free from encumbrances.

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

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

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

Dated the 6<sup>th</sup> April, A.D., 2011

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10.63	9.05	Bahamas Property Fund	10.63	10.63	0.00	0.013	0.200	817.7	1.88%		
6.50	4.40	Bank of Bahamas	6.00	6.50	0.50	3.200	0.153	0.100	42.5	1.54%	
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5.99	4.75	Fanguard	4.75	4.75	0.00		0.357	0.240	13.3	5.05%	
9.10	5.65	Finco	6.78	6.78	0.00		0.682	0.000	9.9	0.00%	
11.40	8.75	FirstCaribbean Bank	8.76	8.76	0.00		0.494	0.350	17.7	4.00%	
8.00	4.57	Focol (S)	5.50	5.50	0.00		0.452	0.160	12.2	2.91%	
1.00	1.00	Focol Class B Preference	1.00	1.00	0.00		0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
7.30	5.50	ICD Utilities	7.30	7.30	0.00		0.012	0.240	608.3	3.29%	
10.50	9.80	J. S. Johnson	9.82	9.82	0.00		0.859	0.640	11.4	6.52%	
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate	10.00	10.00	0.00		1.207	0.200	8.3	2.00%	
BISX LISTED DEBT SECURITIES - (Bonds trade on a Percentage Pricing basis)											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Last Sale	Change	Daily Vol.	Interest	Maturity				
99.46	99.46	Bahamas Note 6.95 (2029)	BAH29	99.46	0.00	6.95%	20 November 2029				
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00	7%	19 October 2017				
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00	Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022				
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00	7%	30 May 2013				
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00	Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015				
RoyalFidelity Merchant Bank & Trust Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid %	Ask %	Last %	Daily %	EPS \$	Div %	P/E	Yield	
10.06	5.01	Bahamas Supermarkets	N/A	N/A	14.00		-2.945	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.55		0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%	
CFAL Securities Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)											
41.00	29.00	ABDAB	30.13	31.59	29.00		4.540	0.000	9.03	0.00%	
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.45	0.55	0.55		0.002	0.000	261.90	0.00%	
BISX Listed Mutual Funds											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD %	Last 12 Months %	NAV 3MTH	NAV 6MTH	NAV Date			
1.5487	1.4525	CFAL Bond Fund	1.5487	1.48%	6.06%	1.526164	1.505557	31-Mar-11			
2.9814	2.8300	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.9814	1.15%	2.40%	2.947425	2.918697	31-Mar-11			
1.5920	1.5141	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.5920	1.14%	4.53%	1.574964	1.555464	1-Apr-11			
3.2025	2.8522	Royal Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	2.7049	-0.56%	-15.54%			31-Jan-11			
13.6388	13.0484	Royal Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.5016	1.08%	0.02%			31-Mar-11			
115.7622	101.6693	CFAL Financial Diversified Fund	115.7622	9.58%	9.58%	114.368369	109.392860	31-Dec-10			
111.4697	99.4177	CFAL Global Equity Fund	111.4697	11.32%	11.32%	106.552835	100.183300	31-Dec-10			
1.1465	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.1465	5.20%	5.20%			31-Dec-10			
1.1185	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.1185	4.73%	4.73%			31-Dec-10			
1.1491	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.1491	5.35%	5.35%			31-Dec-10			
9.9952	9.1005	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 3	9.9952	1.51%	6.08%			31-Mar-11			
11.2173	10.0000	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 2	11.2173	1.50%	6.41%			31-Mar-11			
10.4288	9.1708	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 3	10.4288	4.03%	4.29%			31-Mar-11			
8.4510	4.8105	Royal Fidelity Int'l Fund - Equities Sub Fund	8.5559	1.88%	8.41%			31-Mar-11			
MARKET TERMS											
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX - 19 Dec 02 = 1,000.00											
52wk-Hi - Highest closing price in last 52 weeks											
52wk-Low - Lowest closing price in last 52 weeks											
Previous Close - Previous day's weighted price for daily volume											
Today's Close - Current day's weighted price for daily volume											
Change - Change in closing price from day to day											
Daily Vol. - Number of total shares traded today											
DIV \$ - Dividends per share paid in the last 12 months											
P/E - Closing price divided by the last 12 month earnings											
(S) - 4-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 8/9/2007											
(S1) - 3-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 7/1/2007											
TO TRADE CALL: CFAL 242-502-7010   ROYALFIDELITY 242-356-7764   FG CAPITAL MARKETS 242-396-4000   COLONIAL 242-502-7525											

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## FOOT AWARENESS MONTH IS APPROACHING

By ALESHA CADET  
Tribune Features Reporter

The Bahamas Foot Health Awareness Committee will join hands with the International Federation of Podiatrists headquartered in Paris, France, in declaring May to be World Foot Health Awareness Month.

According to members of the Bahamas Foot Health Awareness committee, the team seeks to call the public's attention to the importance of good foot and ankle care. It is time for all Bahamians to stop and take a look at their feet and make sure they are looking after a crucial part of the body many of us tend to overlook.

The purpose of foot health awareness month is to focus on the general public and on the importance of foot and ankle health. It seeks to make people realise that foot pain is not normal and if it occurs, something is wrong and a podiatrist should be consulted.

Committee members explained that the average person takes about 8,000 to 10,000 steps every day. Add that up over the course of a lifetime and it's the equivalent of walking four times around the world. And while you're walking, your feet are taking a pounding; often enduring more than your body weight with each step. The pressure can be three or four times your weight when you run. A child's feet may absorb two million pounds over the course of a single day.

## FEET CHECK

"That's why it's so important to have your podiatrist check your feet regularly, the same way a dentist regularly checks your teeth. Podiatrists are doctors trained to diagnose and treat all foot and ankle ailments. They care for patients of all ages, from children to seniors. Podiatrists treat common ailments such as ingrown toe nails, athletes' foot, nail fungus and plantar warts. They also treat bony deformities such as bunions and hammer toes and can recognise the initial symptoms of serious diseases such as arthritis, diabetes and circulatory disorders, which often appear first in the feet," the committee said.

Dr Monique Mitchell noted that the importance of good foot health and the role podiatrists play in ensuring this cannot be overstated, especially in diabetics.

"Most Bahamians will develop some foot or ankle problem during their lifetime. World Foot Health Awareness Month is a marvelous opportunity to stop and consider the value and importance of our feet.

"Studies show that 75 per cent of people experience foot ailments at some point in their lives, but many don't seek medical attention until the problem becomes more severe.

## COMPLEX

Our feet are complex instruments, containing 25 per cent of the bones in our bodies. With regular checkups, you and your podiatrist can keep them running like a well-tuned car."

Dr Mitchell also explained that the most common foot problems seen in the Bahamas are Plantar Fasciitis/Heel Pain, Bunion, Ingrown Toenail, Athlete's Foot and Onychomycosis as well as corn or callus, hammertoe, Flat foot/ Fallen Arches, Plantar Warts, Neuroma and Achilles Tendinitis. "Walking is the best exercise for your feet, if you have not exercised in a long time, consult your physician for a physical exam and a podiatrist for a foot check up before starting a new exercise program," she says.

There are a number of activities planned to highlight World Foot Health Awareness month, including a shoe drive to collect gently used or new shoes for persons who were victims of the recent fires and or other persons who are unable to afford proper footwear.

Training sessions will also be held for nurses and foot screening and educational sessions for diabetics will be held at the various government clinics and there will also be community foot screenings and education session.

The public can get more information from any podiatrist office including Bahamas Foot Centre - 325?2996, Bahamas Surgical Associates - 394?5824, Foot and Ankle Institute - 326?5402, The Ministry of Health or any government clinic.



## A fast and healthy seafood stew for spring

JIM ROMANOFF  
Associated Press

LOOKING to score a nutritional home run this spring? Consider cioppino, the tomato-based fish stew created by Italian immigrants in San Francisco.

Seafood is always a healthful choice when it comes to protein because most varieties are low in fat and calories. And even when they are high in fat, it's usually the good kinds. So in this dish, we've used virtually fat-free shrimp and Pacific cod. Both are mild in flavor — making them an excellent choice for picky eaters — but feel free to substitute whichever fish or shellfish you like.

Another big benefit of a cioppino is that like many soups and stews it contains lots of liquid and vegetables, making it a filling dish without filling up on calories. In this case the liquid and vegetables come as a package in the form of a store-bought marinara sauce.

Tomatoes are packed with vitamin C and lycopene, a powerful antioxidant. And unlike some vegetables, which lose some of their nutritional mojo when cooked, tomatoes are enhanced by cooking. And because you're working with a jarred sauce and quick-cooking seafood, this stew can be on the table in about 30 minutes.

## QUICK PACIFIC COD AND SHRIMP CIOPPINO

Start to finish: **30 MINUTES**  
(10 minutes active)  
Servings: **6**

**1 tablespoon** olive oil  
**1** medium red onion, diced  
**1** red bell pepper, cored and diced  
**1** green bell pepper, cored and diced  
**2** cloves garlic, minced  
**25-ounce** jar marinara sauce  
**8-ounce** bottle clam juice  
**2/3 cup** dry white wine  
Pinch red pepper flakes, or to taste  
**1/4 teaspoon** dried basil  
**1/4 teaspoon** dried oregano  
**3/4 pound** Pacific cod, cut into 1-inch pieces  
**3/4 pound** medium to large raw shrimp, peeled and deveined  
**1/4 cup** chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley, plus more for garnish

In a large skillet or saucpan over medium-high, heat the oil. Add the onion and both peppers, then saute until softened, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic and cook another minute.

Stir the in marinara sauce, clam juice, wine, red pepper flakes, basil and oregano. Simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes.

Add the cod and simmer for 5 minutes. Add the shrimp and parsley and simmer until the shrimp are opaque and cooked through, about another 3 minutes. Serve immediately, garnished with a sprinkle of chopped parsley.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 221 calories; 43 calories from fat (20 percent of total calories); 5 g fat (1 g saturated); 0 g trans fats; 108 mg cholesterol; 15 g carbohydrate; 25 g protein; 3 g fiber; 663 mg sodium.

## Feds: Fake news sites link to acai berry diet

By CARLA K. JOHNSON  
AP Medical Writer

CONSUMERS searching for unbiased journalism on the acai berry diet clicked their way into a scam, according to federal regulators who have filed lawsuits in six states in an attempt to shut down the alleged Internet tricksters.

The Federal Trade Commission announced Tuesday it has asked federal courts to stop a wave of fake news sites that entice consumers to buy the unproven weight-loss products.

The sites violate federal law by using the logos of major news outlets to mislead consumers into thinking they're reading real news reports, according to the court filings. In reality, the sites are advertisements.

Over the past seven days, the FTC filed complaints in federal courts in Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Georgia and Washington. The complaints named 10 website operators and asked the courts to freeze their assets.

The defendants paid more than \$10 million to advertise their fake news sites, the FTC said. It's not clear whether the defendants allegedly running the sites are connected, although content on the sites is similar or the same, said FTC attorney Steven Wernikoff in Chicago.

"We're still trying to figure that out," Wernikoff told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "There was some copying of content going on. Regardless of the genesis of the content, the operators are still responsible for the deception on their sites."

Courts granted temporary restraining orders in some of the cases and many of the websites have been taken down.

One typical lawsuit alleges that Tanner Garrett Vaughn of Mill Creek, Wash., claimed on a website called BreakingNewsAt6.com that a reporter tested an acai berry product and lost 25 pounds in four weeks without dieting or exercise. The FTC claims no real reporter tested the products.

Vaughn is cooperating with the FTC and the website is no longer operating, said Vaughn's Washington, D.C.-based attorney James A. Kaminski.

"It's our position that the defendant has done no wrong," Kaminski said.

The Illinois attorney general's office filed a separate lawsuit against Ishmael Lopez Jr. of Sauk Village. The office alleges Lopez used a fake news site to promote acai weight-loss products. A phone listing for Lopez could not be found.

According to court filings, the scam worked like this:

A consumer types "acai" into Google or another search engine. An ad pops up that says, "Health Reporter Discovers The Shocking Truth." Clicking on that link leads the consumer to a fake news site featuring a first-person story about a fake reporter's positive experience with the diet products. One more click and the consumer lands on an ad offering a "free trial" of an acai berry supplement.

The FTC received multiple complaints from consumers who paid from \$70 to \$100 for weight-loss products after having been duped by the fake news sites.

Daily News - Diet Trends: A look at America's Top Diets

Advertisorial

Health news CONSUMER NEWS REPORTER Foods that Fuel Weight Loss "Super foods are becoming a real source in the battle to fight fat."

Acai Berry Diet Exposed: Miracle Diet or Scam?

As part of a new series "Diet Trends: A look at America's Top Diets" we examine consumer tips for dieting during a recession

AS SEEN ON abc FOX NEWS CNN USA TODAY Consumer Reports

Acai berries are the latest weight loss fad. These so called Super Foods that you take as a supplement to lose weight have been getting a lot of international attention. And like you have probably already seen, they are all over the internet in blogs and success stories of people who have apparently used the pills and lost a ton of weight. But we here at News 6 are a little skeptical and aren't sure that we've seen any real proof that these pills work for weight loss. So we decided to put these products to the test. What better way to find out the truth than to conduct our own study?

To get started, I volunteered to be the guinea pig. I applied for a bottle of the LeanSpa Acai. While there are tons of Acai berry ads online, LeanSpa Acai is one of the most reputable and trustworthy suppliers on the market. It included the Free trial of the product and it did not try to fool me into agreeing to additional hidden offers. Another reason why I chose LeanSpa Acai is because it is the most concentrated and purest acai products on the market. This would give me the most accurate results for my test.

Here is what LeanSpa Acai claimed on their website...

- 4 Times More Weight Loss Than Diet And Exercise
- Boosts Energy
- Rich in Antioxidants
- Promotes Cardiovascular and Digestive Health

Were pretty skeptical, but wanted to find out for ourselves if this product could actually do everything that it claimed. Most of the success stories talk about combining Acai berry with colon cleansing products to achieve maximum weight loss. I decided to do the same. The idea behind combining the products is that while the Acai Berry encourages weight loss and increases energy, the colon cleanse helps rid your body of toxins and allows your body to work and burn calories more efficiently. I chose Get.Slim.Cleanse to test.

Here is what Get.Slim.Cleanse claimed on their website...

Health and Diet writer, Julia Miller of the News 6 team recently put the Acai Diet to the test. She spent four weeks testing the effects of America's Newest Superfood combined with a Colon Cleanse to see for ourselves what this diet was all about. And, the results were surprising.

She lost 23lbs in 4 weeks.

The benefits of the Acai berry diet beat all of our initial skepticism. We found the diet not only with weight loss, but it seemed to boost energy levels, and also helped Julia sleep better and to wake up more rested.

Step 1: First get LeanSpa.Acai Use our exclusive promo code "LEAN10" to get \$1.99 shipping!

Step 2: Then get Get.Slim.Cleanse Use our exclusive promo code "smoo6" to get \$1.50 shipping!

\*This is key. Use both for results like Julia Offers Expiry On Wednesday, January 5, 2010

Change your approach to losing better. Why is it important to learn how to balance your diet.

The Real Dangers of having a Toxic Colon

Special CBS News report on the importance of colon health. Why it's important to remove toxins from your colon.

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A SCREEN shot of a web site using a fake news site to promote acai berry weight-loss products. It was used it as evidence in a case filed by the FTC. Federal regulators moved to stop a wave of fake news sites that entice consumers to buy the products in complaints filed in six federal courts. The FTC says the sites use the logos of major news outlets to mislead consumers into thinking they're reading real news reports. (AP)



## WHY WOMEN HATE ON OTHER WOMEN?

By JEFFARAH GIBSON  
Tribune Features Writer

THERE is a saying that goes: "whoever envies another confesses their superiority". If that saying is true most of us, if not all of us, have at some point in our lives confessed the superiority of another person.

We have at one point or another felt the green-eyed monster rear its ugly head when we saw that beautiful lady with the perfect relationship, perfect career, outstanding wardrobe, and even more outstanding shoes, pull up in the latest model of Mercedes Benz.

We feel somewhat inadequate and rate our value next to this woman. Because we don't have what she has and we desire what she has, we become envi-

ous. However, feeling a little envy is not entirely a bad thing, as this lacking feeling can be channeled into motivation to get to the place where we desire to be.

"I guess some women just have that instinct. Always trying to one-up one another, always wants what the other has and can't seem to compliment one another without having a spasm. I admit, I get a little jealous every now and then but it doesn't turn into plain hate. I've walked down the street and women whom I have never met before have made snide remarks when they were either with someone else or in a group. When they're alone, they just give me a dirty look. I'm not perfect but I never do that," said Branae Wright.

Amanda Farquaharson has a different view. She said she thinks that women hate on other women when they think the other woman is competition. "Let's say a woman has a

boyfriend or a husband and her husband admires or sees the beauty in another woman, she feels a little resentment and jealousy towards the woman because she see this woman as competition to her. She thinks that this woman might take all of her boyfriend or husband's attention so in order to make herself feel better she tries to pinpoint everything that is wrong with that woman and that kind of thing is just sad," she said.

### SELF VALUE

However it all boils down to: "Self value. Jealousy is simply fear that you do not have value. Jealousy scans for evidence to prove the point that others will be preferred and rewarded more than you. But in order to overcome this, women have to value and find worth in themselves. If you cannot love yourself, you will not believe that you are loved. You will always think it's a mistake or luck. Put all the energy into building your personal and emotional security. Then you will be the one others envy, and you can reach out to them," said Tatianna Smith.

Sharlene Cartwright said that hat-

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Sharlene Cartwright



ous. However, feeling a little envy is not entirely a bad thing, as this lacking feeling can be channeled into motivation to get to the place where we desire to be.

### ENVY

Envy becomes a horrible thing when instead of putting in the work to get what we want, our focus is on breaking down another person, wishing and rejoicing at their misfortune. In other words when we sip on the "hatearade" and begin to find fault in everything about that woman, we are being a "hater". This only leaves one question, why do women hate on other women? Tribune Woman sought an answer to this question

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Tameka Grant has this to say: "Women hate for several reasons. They are insecure and they want what someone else has. But women need to be themselves, know who they are and stop hating on other women. I always learnt that you should not envy other people for the things that they have because you never

ing on other women was her long suit until she found the beauty within herself and in her accomplishments.

"One time ago whenever I saw a women who I thought looked better than I did or just as good as or had more than I did, I would try to find something wrong with her and doing that made me feel better. Until one day I felt that envious spirit creeping up on me and I dealt with it. I questioned myself and I asked myself what is it about this person that makes me feel this way? It was my own insecurities because I didn't love myself enough. I compared myself to others and that's something no woman should ever do. But don't hate on others because just as that person has been blessed so shall you," she said.

## Mother-child bond inspired 'African Cats' necklace

By SAMANTHA CRITCHELL  
AP Fashion Writer

THE mother big cat keeps her young close to her heart. Jewelry designer Alex Woo saw that up close and personal when she spent time in Africa.

Now, as a mother to a toddler, Woo says she feels a kinship to the cats and she tapped into that bond to create a fundraising pendant tied to the new movie "African Cats."

"I didn't consider myself an animal lover, but you can't not be one after seeing them so close," says Woo. "They (African cats) have such a similar life to us —

of course, not in the day-to-day life — but elements of their story line are so similar to us."

The way a mother tends to her offspring, putting them first, at all costs, was Woo's inspiration for the necklace depicting an alert mother cat, both looking out for potential danger and focusing on a baby.

The design features a silhouette of the mother and child against the backdrop of an Acacia tree.

Sales of the necklace, available in silver or 14-karat gold, raises money for the African Wildlife Federation. Woo, partnering with Disneynature, is donating 20 percent of the proceeds. Depending

on the size and materials, the cost ranges between \$138 and \$2,298.

"African Cats" is Disneynature's third movie following "Earth" and "Oceans." All the movies have been tied to Earth Day, which is April 22 —

Woo, who has a 2-year-old son, says she has worn the pendant for many days in a row, for a variety of occasions and with different styles of clothing.

"No matter how many times you are told, 'When you are a mom, you'll understand,' you don't really understand until you have a child. The message here is about family, motherhood and its protective bond."



**PENDANTS** by Alex Woo. The mother big cat keeps her young close to her heart. Jewelry designer Alex Woo saw that up close and personal when she spent time in Africa. Now, as a mother to a toddler, Woo says she feels a kinship to the cats and she tapped into that bond to create a fundraising pendant tied to the new Disney movie "African Cats." (AP)

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