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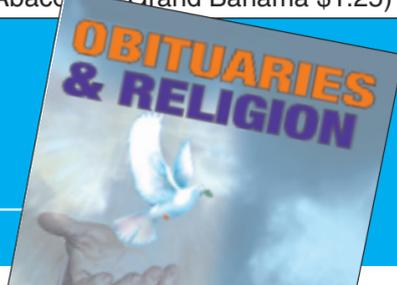


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# Guns 'selling like candy on streets'

## FIRE DESTROYS HOMES IN 'THE MUD', ABACO

A MAJOR fire destroyed over a dozen homes in the Abaco shanty town, "The Mud," yesterday. Last night, a preliminary count estimated that 43 persons from 15 wooden structures in the Marsh Harbour ghetto have been displaced as relief efforts got underway last night. The blaze, which began in the northeast side of the shanty town sometime after 3pm, was said to be one of numerous fires to scorch the island over the past few months.

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## Community chief warns of worrying new trend in Nassau

By NOELLE NICOLLS  
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sau for \$1,500. The mathematics tells a tale of big business. This trend has been observed by the police, who confirmed to *The Tribune* that the gun trade has mushroomed out of the drug trade. Mr Brown is the president of the Hay Street Community Association, an organisation working to "unify and mobilise the community" in the fight against crime.

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**IT'S OFFICIAL: UNDER 20 BOYS 1600M RELAY TEAM WIN GOLD**



**MEDAL GLORY:** The Under 20 Boys 1600m relay team which capped off the Bahamas' performance at the 40th Lime Carifta Games in Montego Bay, Jamaica, display their gold medals following a brief presentation Tuesday night at the Lynden Pindling International Airport. The team were initially disqualified, but eventually awarded their medals at home following a successful appeal to the ruling by the BAAA. Pictured from left are Andre Wells, Stephen Newbold, Shavez Hart and O'Jay Ferguson.

Felipe Major/Tribune staff

## MP HITS BACK AT FIRE RESPONSE TIME CLAIMS

WEST End and Bimini MP Obie Wilchcombe hit back at criticism of his party's response time to the fire that left 16 people in his constituency homeless last week.



Mr Wilchcombe called claims that it took him two days to reach out to the fire victims unprovoked "lies." He argued that he was in contact with relatives of the victims and the victims within hours of the blaze. He said the day after the tragedy he sent clothing and

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**HITTING BACK:**  
Obie Wilchcombe

## MAN IS ACQUITTED OF MURDER CHARGES STEMMING FROM 2007

A MAN accused of killing two people in 2007 was acquitted of murder charges yesterday. Hilfrant Joseph, 37, alias Alfred Joseph, was accused of the murder of Denise Clarke and Felix Livingston Johnson, both 42. The pair were murdered sometime between June 5 and 7, 2007, say police. Their bodies were found on Cowpen Road. Ms Clarke's bruised body was discovered in a truck, which was submerged in a

pond. Mr Johnson was found dead less than a mile away in an unfinished building, with several stab wounds in his chest. Joseph's trial began before Senior Justice Jon Isaacs last Monday. The prosecution closed its case yesterday, but the judge directed the jury of nine women and three men to acquit as the Crown had not made out a sufficient case. Joseph was represented by Romona Seymour and Calvin Seymour. Anthony Delaney represented the Crown.

## BRAN'S PARTY: WE COULD WIN 20 SEATS IN GENERAL ELECTION

By PAUL G TURNQUEST  
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HARNESSING the votes of disenfranchised PLPs and FNMs, first time voters, and all those seeking "a change", the Democratic National Alliance (DNA) believes they are capable of winning at least 20 seats in the next general election. Constituencies such as North and South Andros, North and South Eleuthera,

Pinewood, South Beach, Golden Isles, Exuma, and Kennedy are a handful of seats being reported to have already shifted in favour of the DNA, which is being headed by former FNM MP Branville McCarty. In addition to South Abaco, well-placed sources within the party believe the DNA has enough traction in Grand Bahama to pull "five out of the six seats" there.

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## Oh no, Donald Trump – ‘you’re fired!’

YESTERDAY after several days of being insulted by the lies of possibly one of the United States’ most egotistical citizens, President Barack Obama did what no other president has been asked to do — he released the long form of his Hawaiian birth certificate to prove that he is in fact an American.

As for Americans like Donald Trump even this long form will probably not be enough to prove that President Obama was born in Hawaii, and as a US citizen is legitimately president of the United States. Trump will probably be off on another tangent to keep the TV cameras focused on himself and off the important issues affecting the lives of the American people.

Yesterday columnist Scott Pierce told his Salt Lake City Tribune readers that “it’s hard to breathe when you’re in the same room with Trump — his ego sucks up all the oxygen.”

“It isn’t that he’s full of himself,” wrote Pierce. “He lives in his own world where he creates his own truth — even if it’s a lie.”

As for this past week “the Donald” has been doing nothing but creating his own “truth” for the TV cameras. In a lengthy interview with CNN’s Anderson Cooper — despite CNN’s in depth investigation refuting all Trump’s false claims about the Obama birth — “the Donald” still maintained that the President was not born in Hawaii. He claims he has proof, but it is too soon to release his evidence. He also claims that he sent his own investigators to Hawaii, who have reported to him that the long form of the President’s birth certificate is “missing.” What makes this strange man — who when he talks purses his lips like a sucking fish — even more comical is that no one in Hawaii who would have the information that he seeks has seen any of his “investigators.” Anderson Cooper has dismissed them as “missing in action.”

Some say that “the Donald” was off on this excursion of lies as a publicity stunt to promote his TV show “The Apprentice”, which he erroneously claims is number one in the overall TV ratings. Or is it true that he is really trying to position himself to run for president? What makes this nightmare even worse is the claim that he is number one on the Republican party’s list of presidential candidates. First it was Sarah Palin — that bright-eyed dame who wants us to believe that she is well versed in foreign policy

because she can see Russia across the Bering Strait from her perch in Alaska. Now it’s Donald Trump’s turn to make the once great Republican Party — the party of Lincoln — look foolish. These shenanigans must also send shivers down the spines of many world citizens who look to the United States for leadership.

Can anyone imagine Donald Trump as US president sitting at an international negotiating table rejecting everyone else’s facts and opinions in favour of his own manufactured “Truth”? We can only hope that those solid Americans who make up the great United States are in the majority and are as appalled as we are by the distracting sideshows being put on by the Trumps and Palins of their country.

President Obama released his certificate of live birth — the only official certificate recognised by Hawaii — in 2008. But many “birthers” — “the Donald” included — refused to accept it as authentic. They wanted the “long form” that is no longer used in Hawaii. Despite the fact that the former director of the Hawaii Department of Health said she has seen the original birth certificate in the vault of the Department of Health, Trump maintained that this was not so. However, she says none of his so-called investigators has contacted her. Nor did they contact Hawaii’s Republican governor, nor the Democratic governors of Hawaii who have all confirmed that he was born in Hawaii. But their word is not good enough for “the Donald.”

To end the useless conversation and distraction “by sideshows and carnival barkers,” President Obama released the “long form” yesterday so that the government could get on with solving the nation’s pressing problems. To do this he had to apply for special dispensation from Hawaiian officials before the original could be provided.

And, of course, after hearing the news, Trump was thumping his chest in triumph. “I feel I’ve accomplished something really, really important and I’m honoured by it.”

He certainly has accomplished “something really, really important.” He has shown the world what a ridiculous man he really is. We suggest that he goes back to his real estate and leaves President Obama to govern the nation. As for being considered for the presidency, to use his own words we say: Oh, no, Mr Trump — “You’re fired!”

# Why the FNM won BTC debate

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I would like for you to give me a little space in your paper to share some thoughts on the recent BTC privatisation.

The FNM won the BTC privatisation debate, no doubt about it. Yes lots of people still do not agree with selling 51 per cent of the shares of BTC and especially to Cable and Wireless but a larger number of Bahamians do. Why?

### 1) BTC.

BTC was the single biggest reason. Over many decades this telephone monopoly abused the Bahamian public with its bad service, high prices and poor attitude. Whatever gains it made in the last few years was not enough to erase the bad memories Bahamians have of what it did to them for too many years before, especially the thousands of Bahamians who travelled the world over the last ten years getting modern telephone service.

### 2) The BTC Unions.

Talk about blowing it. The two BTC unions were an embarrassment during the entire debate. Between Bernard Evans saying the stupidest things in the world (“No going back to working for the white man” or The Bahamas will turned into a “little Egypt”) and getting in bed with the

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PLP, they looked like a bunch of discredited clowns.

### 3) The PLP.

The PLP had absolutely no credibility in the BTC debate because of Bluewater. Their silence about the deal they were cooking only three days before the elections of 2002 spoke louder about its shadiness deal than anything else. They tried to run from Bluewater like cats run from water and it did not help their cause at all. Their “Bahamians only” theme was laughable given Bluewater. Their “No! To Cable and Wireless” was pathetic given the laser-thin reputation of Bluewater. Their “this deal stinks” was simply hypocritical given the murkiness of Bluewater, whose lawyer was the Deputy Leader of the PLP.

### 4) Zhivargo Laing.

Love him or hate him, there is no question that the most informed, informative, articulate, prepared and persistent voice in the BTC debate was Prime Minister Ingraham’s deputy in Finance. He had the most compelling arguments and

was on his game with answers to tough questions put by those opposed to the deal. The young man catches a lot of hell for his activism in the Ingraham government, but you have to give to him, he is a great debater and defender.

### 5) Lower prices.

Some sought to down play lowering the prices of cell service but this is very important to many Bahamians, especially those who purchase \$5, \$10 and \$20 phone cards regularly. They want to pay less and they are in great numbers. Trying to convince them that BTC was a national treasurer that should not be sold for lower cellular prices was like trying to tell a man that he should not sell his dog to feed his family. People want to pay less for cellular services and the FNM made the case on it.

The FNM started the debate poorly and was even losing it early but they came on strong in the end and won the day. For me, I am happy that the deal is done because it is time to free up the telecommunications market and make BTC a private company. I wish this was done ten years ago; I am convinced we would be better off today.

CEDRIC M FRANCIS  
Nassau,  
April, 2011.

## The PLP begrudges the Bahamian people an improved quality of life

EDITOR, The Tribune.

How sad that after abandoning its responsibility over five years:

- to refurbish and upgrade Accident and Emergency at PMH and build a new critical care block as well as a new child and geriatric ward at Sandilands;
- to improve and build new roads and decrease traffic congestion;
- upgrade outdated utilities;
- provide better access to clean water and better water pressure;
- revitalize downtown Nassau;

- remove the port from downtown and start construction of a new port;
- build a new Straw Market;
- dredge Nassau Harbour to accommodate the world’s largest cruise ships;
- improve the quality of parks and recreational areas;
- build a new Saunders Beach Park;
- beautify and keep clean New Providence;
- begin construction on the new National Stadium;
- commence the transformation of the Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre;
- start construction on the new Lynden Pindling International Airport; and
- complete the construction of or refurbish new Courts, among many other projects, that the PLP now begrudges the Bahamian people an improvement in their quality of life.

Not only will the Government’s Transformation and Modernization programme improve the lives of every Bahamian that the Opposition pretends to care about, it will also help to revitalize our economy and tourism sector.

The modernization programme is also providing

jobs for scores of Bahamians and opportunities for small businesses that the PLP neglected during its last term. It was the FNM that concluded an agreement to build Baha Mar, including considerably more contracts for Bahamian small, medium-sized and larger contractors as well as skills training for Bahamian workers.

With the improved and successfully completed agreement with Baha Mar thousands of jobs will come on stream and the various infrastructural projects alone have employed approximately 850 Bahamians.

The Opposition is so stunned at the amount of work that can be done in a single term that it is desperately trying to ignore what every Bahamian can see with their eyes: New Providence is being transformed into a world class capital island. Instead of being happy for the Bahamian people, the Opposition is angry and upset that what is good for the Bahamian people is bad for their political fortunes.

Free National Movement  
Nassau,  
April 26, 2011

## Who is the liar?

EDITOR, The Tribune.

One would not normally associate integrity with politicians. But recently it was said by Renward Wells himself, that he was invited by the Prime Minister to join the Free National Movement. But here comes Chairman Carl Bethel the day after and he says, no, it ain’t so. It was Renward Wells who approached the FNM. The question is, who is the liar?

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Nassau,  
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# Crazy Love film gets historic cinema run



**CRAZY LOVE** producers Craig Lenihan (left) and Clarence Rolle deliver the movie's poster to Galleria 6 manager Ricardo Kemp. Crazy Love begins its historic theatrical release at Galleria 6 on JFK Drive tomorrow.

Photo/Tim Ayles

THE film 'Crazy Love' has secured a place in Bahamian cinematic history as the first all-Bahamian movie to screen for an extended run on a cinema screen.

Although many Bahamian movies have enjoyed one-time screenings or screenings as part of a film festival, Galleria Cinemas has dedicated a screen to Crazy Love for a one-week run.

It is a move that director Clarence Rolle sees as a major advancement for Bahamian films.

"An age-old problem for filmmakers is figuring out how to get their films seen.

"This is an even greater challenge in the Bahamas, where suitable venues are limited," he said.

## Special

"We see this as recognition by Galleria that there is something very special about Crazy Love, and we are thrilled that audiences will get to see this brilliant romantic comedy."

Mr Rolle co-produced Crazy Love with Craig Lenihan and his Vision Pictures film and television production company.

The all-Bahamian cast stars Leslie Ellis-Tynes, Gene Cage, Dana J Ferguson and Matthew Wildgoose.

"I actually have a sense of nostalgia about this

engagement," Mr Rolle said.

"This movie was first screened at Galleria, JFK for the Bahamas International Film Festival (BIFF).

"We are thrilled to be back at Galleria with three additional scenes added to the movie. Crazy Love has been given the same viewing opportunities as foreign films, and that is a tremendous recognition of Bahamian talent."

Ricardo Kemp, manager of Galleria 6 on JFK Drive, said Galleria was happy to be a part of this history-making event.

"I think it is great that

people are interested in making Bahamian films, and we want to be a part of it in the future," he said.

## Future

Mr Kemp said Galleria will assist Bahamian films as much as possible in the future, once the film is of an excellent quality.

He said Galleria is very pleased with the production quality of Crazy Love.

Crazy Love opens tomorrow at Galleria, JFK. The movie has five daily showings - 1pm, 3.30pm, 6.30pm, 8.30pm and 10.30pm.



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LOCAL NEWS

# BAIC aims for plantain, banana production boost

By GLADSTONE THURSTON

THE Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation (BAIC) has set out to boost local plantain and banana production.

To that end, it has distributed 3,000 tissue-cultured plantlets to farmers throughout the islands.

And, assistant general manager (agriculture) Arnold Dorsett has confirmed that pineapple plantlets are being compiled for distribution.

"There is a healthy market for these products and we want farmers to be in a strong position to take advantage of every opportunity," he said.

Already one of the greenhouses at the North Andros agri-industrial park is being stocked with plantlets for propagation and distribution.

"It is a matter of priority that we do whatever we can to inspire farmers towards increased production," said BAIC executive chairman Edison Key.

Food and Agriculture Organisation director-general Jacques Diouf said: "We are indeed on the verge of what could turn out to be another major food crisis."

He spoke of "soaring agricultural commodity prices in international markets."

"Since we import most of our food, that means we are going to have to spend more and get less," Mr Key said.

"I agree with the secretary-general that the time has come to adopt and implement policies that will enable all farmers to earn decent incomes.

"They must be allowed to exercise their profession under conditions of dignity so we can feed our growing nation and the millions of tourists who visit us each year, without having to rely so heavily on imports, the cost of which is ever

increasing."

Lucayan Tropical, the nation's premier hydroponics operator, was contracted to prepare the tissue culture materials, and harden-off the plantlets to about four feet. They were then distributed through farmers associations and groups.

The first distribution of plantain plantlets are coming into production. Already farmers have begun thinning out suckers which will grow into new plants and themselves produce more suckers. Some plants can produce up to 10 suckers.

Two weeks ago the first 300 tissue-cultured plantain plantlets for the year were distributed.

"The important thing is that we are getting clean tissue-cultured material out into the farming community where they can multiply and provide fresh material for farmers," said Mr Dorsett.

BAIC is in the process of sourcing some 5,000 tissue-cultured pineapple slips. They are of the annas comosus or smooth cayenne variety.

"These will be disseminated to farmers so they can put these new clean virus-free tissue-cultured pineapple slips out into the field and begin to expand their variety and benefit from some of the new characteristics of some of these pineapples," said Mr Dorsett.

As the name implies, the leaves of the smooth cayenne are not spiny like those of the local sugar loaf variety.

"Bahamian growers might find these more appealing," said Mr Dorsett. "These are very productive. They grow large and they are very sweet.

"We are trying to improve on size and variety so we can have pineapples coming on the market earlier or later than usual."

He was hopeful of the co-

operation of all government agencies involved in agriculture, "so that when farmers produce, they have access to the market.

"If we are not harmonised in our efforts then, while farmers are growing excellent quality products, if the market doesn't know the products are available, imports will be coming in to compete when in fact there would be no need for that."



BAIC ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER (agriculture) Arnold Dorsett (second left) and Exuma farmers examine equipment.



IN NORTH ANDROS, onions are dried the old fashioned way – laid out in the sun. Pictured are BAIC executive chairman Edison M. Key (left) and Bahamas representative for the Inter-American Institute for Co-operation on Agriculture Dr Marikis Alvarez.

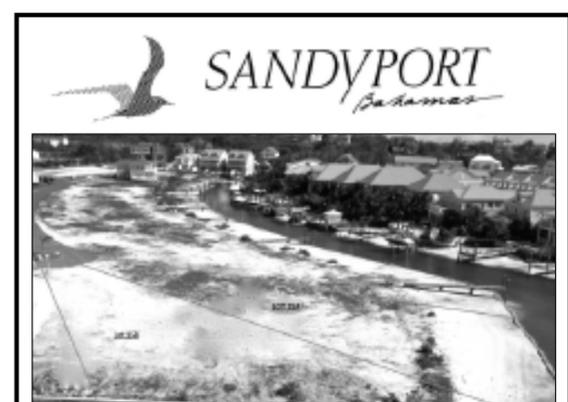
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LOCAL NEWS

# Local community helps develop hospitality training programme

CENTRAL Andros High School is leading the way in hospitality training for students on the island.

In September 2010, the school introduced the three-year START/Lodging Management Programme (LMP) offered by the American Hotel and Lodging Association.

The programme prepares students for positions in areas such as the front desk, bell services, reservations, housekeeping and food and beverage.

On completion of the programme, participating students will earn the distinction of being certified Rooms Division Specialists.

The tourism and business community on Andros is pleased with the initiative and have demonstrated their support by donating the START course materials to the school.

Nicholas Chad Hinsey of Small Hope Bay Lodge made the presentation to Gailey Williams, the pro-

gramme's director and culinary arts teacher at Central Andros High School.

Other partners in the venture included Kamalame Cay Resort, Andros Bonefishing Lodge, Stafford Creek Lodge, Snackitt Wholesale Treats, Big Charlie's, Fatiha's Fishing Lodge, and Digital Sounds Electronics.

Mr Hinsey noted that the programme represents a "win-win" situation for the Andros tourism economy. "The better the hospital-

ity training our students receive, the better pool of employees we have to chose from to work in the industry; this also means improved customer service standards," he said.

Accepting the books, Mr Williams said they will be useful in preparing the students for their first year certification exams in June 2011.

The programme has also been endorsed by the Bahamas Hotel Association.

# It's in the bag for outstanding students

## Jump-start ahead of the new school year

OUTSTANDING students from North Andros High School and CR Walker Senior High School in Nassau have been given a jump-start ahead of the new school year thanks to Brass and Leather Shops Ltd.

Peter Phillips, managing director of the company, presented the top orators with Kipling bags as part of their prize package for reaching the finals of the National High School Debate Championship.

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**ANNA JANINE MISIEWICZ**



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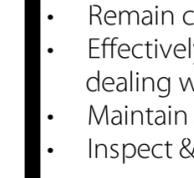
COURTESY CALL ON PRIME MINISTER  
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# 2011 SUPERMODEL OF THE BAHAMAS WINNERS ANNOUNCED



**SUPERMODEL OF THE BAHAMAS**  
2011, 23 year old Royce Collie



**SUPERMODEL OF THE BAHAMAS**  
2011, 18 year old Tienielle Adderley



**SUPER TALENT OF THE BAHAMAS**  
winner, 16 year old singer  
Shaundelle Gardiner

TENIELLE Adderley and Royce Collie from Nassau are the 2011 faces of Supermodel of the Bahamas, while Shaundelle Gardiner is the new talent winner of Super Talent of the Bahamas.

The competition culminated on April 10 at the Rainforest Theatre.

Tienielle, 18, is a student at the College of the Bahamas. She has always dreamed of becoming a fashion model and designer.

Royce, 23, pursues fashion modelling full time. His hobbies include travelling, mentoring other young men, and exploring new ventures.

Shaundelle, 16, took the title Super Talent of the Bahamas, a new component to the annual competition.

She is a student of RM Bailey Senior High School, and aspires to become a professional singer.

Her hobbies include dancing, reading novels and formulating interesting debates.

The show was MC'd by last year's winners, Peandra Knowles, and Sinardo Deleveaux of Grand Bahama.

Guest celebrity judges included Emmy award winning designer K Bobby Edgar; casting director for BET Aminah Benjamin; international model Shyloh Wilkinson; Bahamian photographer Donald Knowles; and CEO of Islands of the World Fashion Week Owen Bethel.

"My new winners are outstanding representatives for the Bahamas and they will make us proud," said Oilin-Sha Coakley, founder of Supermodel of the Bahamas.

"Their schedule is going to be a heavy one as they will begin by mentoring our youth throughout the schools and foundations. My heart is directed to the youth and the elderly, which will be area's my winners will approach."

The winners are already booked for New York Fashion Week in September

where they will be exposed to hundreds of new potential clients, celebrities, casting directors and producers.

This year's full line-up of contestants was:

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- Ashley Davis, Nassau
- Elvin Mackey, Nassau
- Kerissa Johnson, Nassau
- Laniquar Martin, Grand Bahama
- Lynden Rahming, Nassau
- Oneisha Saunders, Nassau

- Patrico Griffin, Nassau
- Royce Collie, Nassau
- Shawndell Gardiner, Nassau
- Tameka Rolle, Nassau
- Tienielle Adderley, Nassau
- Shelton Wilmore, Nassau
- Nevandria Rolle, Abaco
- Danielle Thompson, Grand Bahama

Supermodel of the Bahamas is similar to America's Next Top Model, in that it discovers new faces, most of whom have never mod-

elled before.

The candidates are then trained and pushed to perform, whereupon it becomes obvious after photo shoots, runway shows, and interviews, who is made for the life of a model.

Supermodel of the

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**THE BEACH CLEAN-UP TEAM** included Sharon Henfield (far right) from Nature's Hope for Southern Andros, students from South Andros and Felicity Burrows (first row on the left) from the Nature Conservancy.

**SOUTH ANDROS COMMEMORATES COASTAL AWARENESS**

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 16, the South Andros local conservation group Nature's Hope for Southern Andros made its mark in commemoration of Coastal Awareness Month by leading a team of students and volunteers in a beach clean-up in Long Bay Cays, South Andros.

This activity involved removing debris from along the beach, cutting down and stacking invasive Casuarinas, burning dead trees, raking and bagging leaves and weeding the area.

The trash collected was placed in garbage bags and carried to the local dump site. Casuarina trees that were easy to transport by hand were stacked so that their wood can be used in future to craft benches, gazebos and other types of wooden furniture. This type of craft work is currently being carried out on a small scale by the South Andros Junior Achievement group.

Marine conservation specialist Felicity Burrows from the Nature Conservancy also assisted in the beach clean-up.

Ms Burrows took the opportunity to talk to participants individually on the importance and benefits of the team's efforts. She told them that the trash that can be seen along the coast is an example of how we live. She further said that it is up to all Bahamians to do their part in making sure that the health of our coastal environment is maintained if we expect to sustain a healthy and profitable lifestyle.

Nature's Hope for Southern Andros' aim is to make the clean-up site a model of what a healthy and clean beach should represent. In addition,



**FELICITY BURROWS** from the Nature Conservancy assisting in beach clean-up efforts in Long Bay Cays, South Andros.

the group hopes to encourage other community members to take action and become active-

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SALINA POINT, ACKLINS HOME COMING GROUP VISIT GOVT HOUSE



STUDENTS and members of the Salina Point, Acklins Home Coming Group make a courtesy call on Deputy to the Governor-General Janet Bostwick at Government House on Tuesday, April 26. Pictured from left front row: Jackie Rose, Alfernique Emmanuel, Sheldon Lightbourne, Mrs Bostwick, Senator Jacinta Higgs, Jeniquia Anderson and Elva Lightbourne; back row from left: Leonore Hanna, Dameka Johnson, Stevonina Rose, Stephenque Rose, Daphne Hanna, and Bonita McKenzie-Mackey.

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STEVONINA ROSE, a student from Salina Point, Acklins, presents Deputy to the Governor-General Janet Bostwick with a gift.

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LOCAL NEWS

FROM page one

# Guns 'selling like candy on streets'

As a former leader of the Border Boyz gang in the Hay Street area, Mr Brown is one of the last remaining survivors of the original posse, "out of hundreds of young men."

Rev C. B. Moss, executive director of Bahamas Against Crime (BAC), said the gang credentials of Mr Brown are not "a source of pride," but they are the reality.

Most of the foundation members are dead, and this history has motivated Mr Brown to form the movement for change, said Mr Moss. Bahamas Against Crime is assisting the Hay Street Community Association.

The gun is the "weapon of choice," but only because it is seen as a source of power for people who feel they are otherwise powerless, said Mr Moss.

He said the feeling of powerlessness is so severe it is sometimes possible to identify a young person who is strapped by just looking at their body language. Without a gun, many young people feel diminished, he said.

To some community leaders, it is laughable to hear public

officials call for people to "put down the guns," because they know there is more to the story than matters of law and order, and there is more to the solution than people from the outside making intellectual appeals.

"The gun gives them a sense of power. That is their only weapon, no different than business people who use money as a weapon to establish themselves and to exert power, or media people who use the pen

or politicians who use the legislature, said Rev Moss. In all instances, he said, people have the power to do good, create change and to destroy lives.

"Instead of telling them to put down the guns, when everyone else is able to maintain their weapon of choice, they need to give them something to feel good about; the people need to feel empowered so they do not need the gun to empower themselves," said Rev Moss.

"There is a rebellion going on. It is not organised, but it is a rebellion by people who have been marginalised and victimised. It is not even targeted, because people are killing their own, but it is real and people are striking out. It is an expression of the people's anger and

frustration," he said.

Hay Street has been a Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) stronghold for the past 35 years, according to Mr Brown. However, it is not the politicians who have the power.

"The criminals run the streets, not the politicians or the pastors," said Mr Brown.

People have lost trust in the system and the criminal elements are the ones who command the respect of the people, he said. This has created a situation where the streets breed a culture of "badmanism."

"Our own party cannot assist us in our own community," said Mr Brown.

People feel they have been "used, lied to" and "tricked" and they are at a "breaking

point," said Mr Brown.

"A person can only be used by you for so long," he said. At some point, even in inter-personal relationships, people get "fed up."

The transition in community leadership happened over the past few decades, said Rev Moss.

Most of the people who could have provided "leadership and stability moved out," seeking a life with more security, he said. Few people are left to "provide a listening ear and an understanding heart." The vacuum was filled by criminal elements.

The people who still live in the community and could provide leadership have taken an approach to "disengage." When night falls they bunker down, because they do not want to hear anything or see anything, said Rev Moss.

"We need to motivate people to take responsibility; don't wash your hands and say there is nothing you can do; take responsibility for your community," he said, while stressing that the work of the BAC was largely to support organisations already working on the ground.

"We find people in the community who are willing to shoulder the burden and provide them with support and exposure. Transformation has to come from within. It cannot be done by outsiders. We need to put resources into the hands of the people," said Rev Moss.

Things are only getting worse, said Mr Brown, because more and more people are feeling invincible and answering to no authority.

The cost to address community development issues is going to be comparable to the millions spent on roadwork, said Mr Brown. He stressed the need to invest in people in the community. He said there needs to be different strategies for children, teenagers, men and women and the elderly.

Mr Brown said members of parliament "cannot deal with the streets," and suggested they make more meaningful use of the thousands of dollars they receive for constituency development.

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LOCAL NEWS

## BRAN'S PARTY: WE COULD WIN 20 SEATS IN GENERAL ELECTION

FROM page one

"If our campaign is done right, this will be a tsunami," the source said.

"If you are happy with what you've got then stick with what you've got. If you think crime is out of control, if you think immigration is out of control, then there will be a viable option, and it is the DNA.

"All of this infrastructural work that the government is doing is nothing to be praised about. That is what the government is supposed to do," he said.

However, according to Carl Bethel, the chairman of the FNM, 20 seats might be a bit of a stretch.

"If they win one seat they will be doing well," Mr Bethel declared.

"The election is between the PLP and the FNM. There are only two parties in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and the rest are a collection of personalities, and that is all that is left in the Bahamas is two parties," he said.

Mr Bethel said the only real party other than the PLP and the FNM was the Bahamas Democratic Movement which recently dissolved and joined with the FNM. The "rest" he said, are a collection of personalities to whom he wished "good luck."

"They can call themselves what they want, they can brand themselves how they want, but they remain a collection of personalities. They have no history of struggle, they have no history of sacrifice, and the Bahamian people will judge and we will move on from there.

"Historically we see that the political landscape in the Bahamas has for all of living memory been dominated by two parties, which, broadly speaking, represent a liberal and a conservative point of view one way or the other. Broadly speaking, both parties have persuaded centrist policies while in government and we will see what happens," he said.

Mr Bethel also added that unlike the DNA, both the PLP and the FNM enjoy generational support which transcends into inherited support for either party over the decades. This commitment, he said, is substantial and will ensure that the upcoming election, like Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham explained, will be between only the PLP and the FNM.

"Now you are going to have, evidently, characters, personalities, who are unable to fit into the broader mainstream body politic, and they will be on the fringes and they will be significant only as being what they are which is fringe elements.

"So they can dress up anyhow they want, and put on whatever colourings they want, and act how they want, but at the end of the day there are two political forces in Bahamian politics.

"They may have an impact marginally in saying that this seat which would have gone this way has been affected so that it only goes that way. But it will either be between the PLP or the FNM," he said.

## FIRE DESTROYS HOMES IN 'THE MUD', ABACO

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Tim Roberts, Abaconian reporter and volunteer fire worker, said: "We've had numerous fires, especially during March and April. There have been forest fires all over Abaco, it has been an incredibly dry season - it's been a few years since there was a major forest fire so there's a lot of fuel, a lot of dry brush."

"Due to the frequency of the fires, our resources are maxed out - there is no down time to really conduct maintenance on the vehicles. Right now one is running hot and smoking, but we're doing our best and it seems like its (the Mud fire) moderately under control."

The Mud and the neighbouring Haitian shanty town Pigeon Pea is thought to house around 3,000 Haitian migrants and Haitian Bahamians on an area of land opposite the main port in Marsh Harbour and the local Department of Immigration.

The settlements were established about 30 years ago and have been growing without any imposed health and safety regulations.



CROWDS watch the blaze at 'The Mud' yesterday.

Photo/Bernard Haynes

The area poses considerable fire risk as a network of exposed electrical wires run across the ground and from house to house to power several homes with one generator, or tap electricity from the Bahamas Electricity Corporation (BEC) supply on the edge of the settlement.

In October 2009, at least 39 people were displaced after an early morning blaze razed 12 structures. At that time, fire relief was said to have faced considerable challenges as fire engines could not easily access the overcrowded ghetto.

Volunteer fire services tackling yesterday's blaze were said to face the same obstacles.

Mr Roberts said: "It's a mess with traffic. There are only single lane passageways and they're blocked with all these old cars and trucks. It's really hard getting in and out."

Up to press time, fire services had extinguished the fire. However, further details could not be given at that time. A town meeting was scheduled with local government and community leaders to meet with fire victims and stakeholders to organize relief efforts.

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shoes to the affected families and was on the ground in Bimini last Friday morning.

His comments are part of a war of words between the governing Free National Movement and the Opposition over the latter's response to the devastating fire in the small island community.

"Unlike the FNM and its minister (of labour) what I do for the people of Bimini or the people of the Bahamas is not for public relations. Mine are sincere and genuine humanitarian acts. I have been through many tragedies with the people of West End and Bimini be they hurricanes, plane crashes or fires," the politician said yesterday.

## MP HITS BACK AT FIRE RESPONSE TIME CLAIMS

The MP said the FNM's words only serve to further divide an already fractured nation. He added that in times of tragedy leaders should strive to unite people, not stage public relations stunts.

"The FNM's bold claim that it took me two days to respond to the fire victims of Bimini is a total and absolute lie," said Mr Wilchcombe. "In the face of tragedy true leaders unite a people. What the FNM continues to do is cause the further deterioration to an already fractured country. Our focus should be helping the people and getting them through these rough times. The focus should not be on a

juvenile public relations stunt."

A statement released by the PLP said the government should place its focus on infrastructure upgrades to the airport in South Bimini instead of pointing fingers in their direction.

"The entrance door to the arrivals and departure hall is broken and has been broken for months and cannot be used. The air conditioning does not work. The windows are in a state of disrepair.

"At the same time that this disgraceful state of affairs exists, the Minister for Social Services Dion Foulkes was in Bimini and used the suffering of poor people, the victims of a fire for political purposes, mugging it up for

the cameras instead of doing his job," said the PLP.

Earlier this week, the FNM claimed it took Mr Wilchcombe two days to respond to the troubles of his "distracted constituents" in Bimini. The FNM said Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, by contrast, quickly dispatched Minister of Labour and Social Development Dion Foulkes to provide affected families with "immediate assistance and support."

Wednesday's blaze destroyed two houses and damaged three others leaving five families, altogether 16 people, homeless. Two mothers and their five children and two adult siblings were the direct victims of the fire.

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# Gas prices return to historic highs



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**HIGHER AND HIGHER:** Texaco gas stations in New Providence raised their gasoline prices in a single day by 50 cents a gallon to \$5.73.

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GASOLINE prices have surged to new highs last seen in 2008, further threatening the viability of dozens of Bahamian petroleum retailers and cutting into the livelihoods of Bahamian consumers and fuel-dependent businesses.

Oswald Moore, President of the Bahamas Petroleum Retailers Association, said the cost rise only exacerbates the conditions which led the BPRA to request that the government

increase the small margins retailers can add to each gallon of fuel they sell or else risk simply going out of business.

However, the increase will also make it harder for the government to justify allowing further costs to be passed onto the consumer, at a time when, even without the margin rise request being granted, they are paying historically high prices for their fuel.

Even as the price of oil remained below July 2008's record \$147 cost, hovering at around \$113 yesterday, Texaco gas stations in New Providence raised their

gasoline prices in a single day by 50 cents a gallon to \$5.73 and industry stakeholders said it is likely Shell and Esso will follow suit "at some point" given that the circumstances that gave rise to the situation do not appear to be abating.

The \$5.73 a gallon cost represents a 63 per cent rise from the \$3.50 average per gallon price of gasoline two years ago, in April 2009. Texaco's cost fell one cent shy of the \$5.74 average price per gallon of gas seen in July 2008 in New Provi-

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## Bowling alley operator slams move to lift curb on foreign investment

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LESLIE MILLER

BOWLING alley and restaurant operator, Leslie Miller, has slammed the government decision to ease access to investment in such sectors by foreigners, suggesting "no benefit can accrue" to The Bahamas from amending the National Investment Policy in this way.

His comments place him in line with the Opposition PLP's view of the move - with that party having announced it would reverse the "damaging revisions" - and the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce, which has also questioned the wisdom of the

decision.

Other restaurateurs yesterday sounded off on the Prime Minister's announcement that the restriction "prohibiting international investment in restaurants and/or entertainment facilities unless part of a hotel resort" has been removed.

While none were outright in favour - with several noting that they would fear Bahamian restaurateurs being squeezed out of business by big brand name restaurant operators with "bigger purchasing power - some added that they feel that the policy amendment may not greatly change the status quo, since they feel there have in reality been few restrictions on the ability for international investors to come into the market despite the previously restrictive policy.

Mr Miller, owner of Mario's Bowling and Family Entertainment Palace, former MP for Blue Hill and former Minister of Trade and Industry under the Christie administration, however, said he believes the amendment will only be to the detriment of Bahamian business people and society at large.

"Why change the policy? I don't understand the value in allowing foreigners to come into a small market like The Bahamas where you have Bahamians who have shown capability in running those small enterprises. Big hotels, okay, but in entertainment I think that should be reserved for Bahamians.

"You don't think that we have enough facilities on Paradise Island with Atlantis and those that hotels have to offer that they must now expand to make it easier for them to compete with Bahamian enterprises? When is enough enough? Do we not now offer them more than enough incentives to operate in The Bahamas and make good money?"

In terms of the restaurant industry, Mr Miller, whose bowling alley includes a 350-seat restaurant, expressed concern that many restaurateurs are already "catching hell" in

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## Engineers 'more optimistic' about employment

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BAHAMIAN engineers are welcoming a boost in their employment levels thanks to a "more optimistic environment" being attributed to the enforcement of the Professional Engineers Act and progress on Baha Mar and major infrastructural work in New Providence.

Current Director and former President of the Bahamas Society of Engineers, Cyprian Gibson, said many engineering firms are "starting to become busier" in recent months.

And while the activity is primarily revolving around major infrastructural works such as the "gateway" highway project now getting underway and Baha Mar, Mr Gibson said he is hopeful the increased flow of money into the economy from these projects will spur more "spin off" work for engineers.

"From my perspective, from the announcements of the infrastructure projects, Baha Mar and the airport's second phase, things are looking more towards the positive side. There's more requests for proposals and quotes and those types of things.

"Generally engineering firms are starting to become busier, so the lead end of the projects are starting to happen, which engineers are highly involved with.

"As that process moves along they will become busier as the projects come actively online. From the engineering community, we see positive trends. The hope is that with the stimulus more spin-offs will eventually come."

Mr Gibson also noted the impact of the enforcement of the Professional Engineers Act, which provides for the licensing and registration of all engineers who must now comply with a regulatory framework.

Aside from encouraging greater accountability from Bahamian engineers, the effect of the implementation of the

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## BUSINESS

# The difference between RGB and CMYK

BY DEIDRE M. BASTIAN

It's a fact if you are working with graphics for web or print, you're eventually going to come up against the question of RGB and CMYK colour

models. When you do, it is important to know the difference. Let me explain why. Even though an image may appear normal when opened in a program like Adobe Photoshop or Corel Painter, that does not mean that that same image is necessarily ready for

use in a design or layout. For instance, you may have developed an image for a website in CMYK, just because that was the default when you initially created the image. But, when you open your site or page, the image is either missing or appears as a broken

link. Nonetheless you might become frantic, but you'll by no means fix the problem until you convert the image to RGB colour space. Why? The Internet is designed to work exclusively with RGB (for reasons that will become apparent as we move forward) hence, let's look at the two colour models, how they work and what they are used for.

In the design world, question has been repeatedly asked of the difference of CMYK and RGB. Many software programs offer both choices but it's advantageous to understand and appreciate how each can offer different but excellent results. Reproducing colors in screens or in paper is quite complicated, especially when considering the number of possible colors. Novices have always understood the concept of screens using tiny LEDs and various colors of inks, but still a bit perplexed concerning the difference between RGB & CMYK colors. However we'll delve into a little science to explain this difference.

The RGB model works on the premise of additive colour meaning it works through the combination of different colours of light. Now, this may seem to go against everything you may have ever learned about primary colours (of which green is not one, I know), but remember that we're talking about additive colour.

A monitor's screen is comprised of many small units called pixels. Each pixel is, comprised of three light units, one for red, one for green and one for blue. Together these individual pixels, which are too small to be seen by the



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RGB. However the paper used for a magazine, or CD booklet, DVD sleeve can't generate light like a computer monitor as it relies on reflected light and the subtractive colour model CMYK.

Unlike RGB, CMYK is referred to as subtractive because the paper printed on is white and the ink subtracts from the brightness of the white paper, which is more closely aligned to traditional theories of colour. On the other hand, inks actually absorb light, giving the impression of colours. With more light absorbed, the result is the perception of a darker colour.

Principally, when sending artwork for printing you ought to provide all images in CMYK. This way, if there are any colour shifts, you'll be able to be proactive and make corrections. If you supply RGB images to your printer, they may make the conversion for you which may cause delay and incur additional charges thus it's much better to convert designs to CMYK files before printing.

Tip: Please note that the more ink on the paper, the darker the image will appear. Tip: In digital printing you must use CMYK format and RGB for WebPages. Also be careful with text as you might wish to convert all text that is black to 100% black (100% K), not Rich black. Rich black

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naked eye, ultimately work together to form the illusion of an image. Without the proper RGB values, however, nothing can be displayed. This is the reason that RGB is so important for web design only or any other media that will be displayed digitally.

Essentially, RGB is like the native tongue of digital display. This may seem a little obtuse, but as long as you understand how the notation works, it is a simple enough process to realize that RGB, or additive colour, is the model that drives monitors, televisions, produce colors, scanners and digital cameras unless otherwise specified. However RGB is the mixing of red, green and blue. Additionally when three colours are added together they produce white light with the background screen being black. Nonetheless RGB is not suitable for print presses.

By contrast, CMYK is a subtractive colour model and subsequently is the acronym for Cyan (blue), Magenta (red), Yellow and Black. (Black is designated the letter 'K' merely to avoid confusion with 'B' for blue). Printing full colour images on print presses requires CMYK which uses a different set of colours than

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**GBPA AT JAMAICA CONFERENCE:** In an effort to seek out new opportunities for foreign direct investment into the Freeport area, Port Authority representatives participated in recent discussions in Kingston, Jamaica. (Pictured l-r): Kirk Brown, Grants Administrator, Caribbean Export Development Agency (CEDA); Winston Rolle, President, Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation; Pamela Coke-Hamilton, Executive Director-CEDA; Charles Pratt, Commercial Manager-GBPA; Tony Bradshaw, CEDA; and Hank Ferguson, local trade economist.



**SME GRANTS** – Local licensees will soon learn more about opportunities for available grants for small and medium sized enterprises thanks to GBPA's recent participation in the 4th Cariforum Regional Meeting of Business Support Organizations, held in Kingston, Jamaica. (Pictured l-r): Charles Pratt, Commercial Manager-GBPA; Kirk Brown, Grants Administrator, Caribbean Export Development Agency (CEDA); Winston Rolle, President, Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation; Robert Glass, German International Cooperation Agency; and local trade economist, Hank Ferguson.

THE Grand Bahama Port Authority said good news is on the horizon for locally-based small and medium enterprises (SMEs), as the authority seeks to enhance their ability to access opportunities arising for them under the Economic Partnership Agreement with Europe.

Representatives the GBPA recently participated in the 4th Cariforum Regional Meeting of Business Support Organizations, held in Kingston, Jamaica, under the theme, 'Sustainability for the Future'.

A follow-up meeting held in Port of Spain, Trinidad, also saw GBPA participation. The

second of the meetings was coordinated to assist Caribbean Private Sector Companies in 'Doing Business with Europe' and took as its theme, 'How your business can benefit from the Cariforum-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA)'.

GBPA representatives included Charles Pratt, GBPA commercial manager, trade economist Hank Ferguson and GBPA president, Ian Rolle.

Mr Rolle described the Port's first-time attendance as a 'bold initiative' on the part of GBPA. "This seeks to ensure that we are leveraging our uniqueness as defined by the Hawksbill

Creek Agreement to exploit opportunities of EPA to the benefit of our licensees, while exposing the advantages of doing business in Freeport to the regional Caribbean market," Rolle said.

Both meetings were designed to enlarge on the range of opportunities and services available to the private sector in the English Speaking Caribbean and the Dominican Republic, collectively known as Cariforum.

According to Mr Pratt, the Jamaica meeting, sponsored by the Caribbean Export Development

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the industry due to the poor economy and the purchasing power of large restaurant brands will put them at an unfair advantage over Bahamian operations.

"Take a Red Lobster or anyone else ... what will that do to the locals? That's a hell of a question for the government to answer. Have they seriously considered the negative impact it will have on those who do not have the ability to compete on that level?" said the businessman.

Freddie Lightbourne, co-owner of the Poop Deck Restaurant, which has locations on East Bay Street and opposite Sandport, suggested that by changing the investment policy to remove the need for the restaurateur to be Bahamian or have a Bahamian partner, "the law is only catching up with what's been allowed to happen for some time" in terms of the access to investing in the Bahamian restaurant sector that has taken place.

"The originally concept of the law has been watered down drastically since then anyway. Take a look at the last 20 or 30 restaurants that opened up here and who owned them. You could spend a lot of time defining what constitutes a "gourmet" or "ethnic" restaurant and you could split hairs over whether something is connected to a hotel or not connected to a hotel..." said the businessman.

Mr Lightbourne said he personally has "no problem with anyone being in this business whether Bahamian or non Bahamian because our country is rich in development because of the input of non Bahamians."

However, he said he would primarily support keeping the policy such that it requires

foreigners seeking to invest in the restaurant business to "bring along Bahamians with them" in the venture, rather than foreigners to enter alone so long as they receive Bahamas Investment Authority approval.

"They need to allow Bahamians to have that opportunity. A lot of the entities out there that control the purse strings don't always trust Bahamians. I was allowed to be a part of it eventually, instead of looking through the glass ceiling I was able to own a part of it, that's how it started."

He also questioned why the restaurant sector alone should be opened to greater foreign competition while other protected industries remain closed. "If it's good for one, it should be good for all. Why not open up the legal profession, insurance, politicians?" e

Another local restaurateur, who declined to be named, said he too feels the policy amendment is largely bringing the policy in line with "what is happening now", as many Bahamians are simply "fronting" for foreign investors in the restaurant sector. However, this does not mean he supports "cutting out the middle man" by removing the need for a Bahamian partner.

"At least even when people are fronting, someone is making a couple hundred thousand dollars a year off the deal. If it is just a foreigner, all of the profits are going to be repatriated outside of the country."

"If you cut out the middle man, where does it end? They say it will enhance our tourism product. Well what about American tour operators? Taxi drivers?"

He said he believes the amendment may be geared towards "a couple of investors who have expressed an inter-

est in coming in who do not want a Bahamian partner", adding that he has heard Jimmy Buffet's "Margaritaville" brand could be one such entity.

And like other in the industry, he expressed concern that wealthy brands could enter the sector and undercut Bahamian restaurants with their purchasing power.

"How can any of us compete with someone in terms of pricing who has 20 restaurants in Florida?" he asked.

Benign Chea, co-owner of East Villa, said he was not aware of the change until contacted by Tribune Business as he had been out of the country. However, he said that he can see both "good and bad" outcomes from the change.

"The good part is that it would create a little competition and everyone would have to buck up a bit. It could also create a lot of employment in terms of those who would have to work inside the restaurants. However, if you look at it from the perspective of the unlimited resources these foreigners may have and the question of how Bahamians will compete with that, that's the other side."

Minister of State for Finance, Zhivargo Laing, said the move was made as the Government seeks "to increase the depth of the entertainment and restaurant offerings in the country, so you are more appealing to the international clientele that you service".

"One of the things which is always noted is that there are not as many high-end, quality night restaurants in our tourism product. We have some, clearly, but having more gives another opportunity to extract more spending from people who come here and want to be entertained, and to have a variety of options," Mr Laing said.



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# GBPA seeks grant opportunities for licensees

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opment Agency (CEDA) was able to assemble all the major donors and business support organisations in the region to first identify challenges they collectively face, including access to finance and a skilled labor force, the cost of energy and other factors that impede small and medium sized business development.

"Beyond the identification of the challenges, we were given the opportunity to gain insight into millions of Euros being made available for private sector development and how we might pursue some of these benefits for Grand Bahama in general and licensees of the Port Authority," he added.

European assistance for The Bahamas has traditionally been in the form of support of infrastructural development (airports, roads and bridges).

As a result of the 10th European Development Fund Regional Private Sector Development Programme implemented by CEDA in Jamaica, Euro 165 million and supplemental funds are being made available to Cariforum members to assist in building business development programmes and to assist in taxation system reform.

Mr Pratt further revealed that GBPA representatives were able to engage in private engagements with many foreign participants and CEDA is looking forward to visiting Freeport.

"As a result of our talks, members of the Grand Bahama business community can look forward to upcoming seminars on proper procedures for grant writing applications so as to be able to access funds available for the development of SMEs."

EU Member States traditionally have their own definition of what constitutes an SME, but now the EU has started to standardize the concept. Its current definition categorizes companies with fewer than 10 employees as "micro", those with fewer than 50 employees as "small", and those with fewer than 250 as "medium".

Trinidad's seminar for the Caribbean Business Community made very deliberate efforts to outline opportunities for Caribbean business expansion into Europe and potential benefits of joint venturing with EU firms. Presenters continued with a broad overview of the main provisions of the EPA agreement, concrete benefits to be derived and potential opportunities.

Summing up both visits as highly fruitful, Mr Rolle was optimistic about future prospects for Grand Bahama. "This engagement by GBPA makes it clear that business is not being conducted as usual and every effort is being made to bring the maximum possible benefit to our stakeholders in these challenging times," he stated.

## THE ART OF GRAPHIX

# The difference between RGB and CMYK

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is a CMYK mix and a big pain because paper passes over 4 different plates causing a bit of shift or stretch. So ensure that all text is set at 100% black or True Black which allows the text to be printed only once with the black plate.

Is it difficult to convert from RGB to CMYK? No, not at all. Since it is no secret that Adobe Photoshop reigns as the supreme image-editing tool used universally by photographers, designers and prepress providers you can successfully convert images from RGB to CMYK using Photoshop. In the Photo-shop, begin by selecting Image/Mode, and then choose CMYK for the mode before clicking OK. Don't be alarm if you notice that some of colours become much duller as this is expected in this procedure.

RGB and CMYK are still not fully understood by most people in and outside of the design industry and some folks within the print industry aren't exactly beacons of knowledge either but if you experience disappointing outputs; do seek assistance or advice for a more appealing outcome. However, never convert to CMYK unless you keep the RGB version of the file, in case you may need to make further changes.

Now that it is apparent that CMYK is more intuitive and any kid who has mixed a blue crayon and a yellow one together to produce green understands how CMYK works, then it should be clear that the two colour models work very differently and it should come as no surprise that conversions from one colour space to another are not always perfect. It is also important to recognize that different applications can affect the appearance of colours, even within the same colour model. As long as you keep this simple rule in mind which is Web=RGB, Print=CMYK, you should be ok. So until we meet again have fun, enjoy life and stay on top of your game.

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dence. For the time being, Esso remained at \$5.21 a gallon yesterday, while Shell charged \$5.29.

Leon Griffin, President of the Taxi Cab Union, which has around 500 members, said high fuel prices are "killing" the transportation industry and many taxi drivers "are just doing jobs to say they have a job, but coming home with no profit at all."

"You are going to find that people are unable to get transportation at all, if things stay like this. Something has to change. Everyday my members are complaining," he said. Taxi drivers are also restricted by the government on what fares they can charge passengers, meaning that they cannot automatically adjust their rates to reflect the impact of fuel price rises.

Mr Moore noted that in addition to being at historic highs, the price rise in gasoline by Chevron, the fuel

wholesaler for Texaco, places him at a disadvantage in comparison to his competitors for the time being.

It also means retailers such as him "have to put up more money up front to buy this fuel, which makes it even harder for us than it already was," said the BPR President, who has been pushing the call for the government to revise the margins on gas and diesel which retailers are allowed to add, in light of their diminishing profits and cash flow issues in meeting the demand for upfront payment for fuel by petroleum wholesalers.

Mr Moore said he has heard nothing back from the government as yet as it relates to the BPR's request in early March. Minister of State with responsibility for relation with the petroleum industry, Phenton Neymour, did not return messages seeking comment yesterday.

Meanwhile, speaking on condition of anonymity, an executive at a petroleum

wholesaler in The Bahamas told Tribune Business that "it's quite likely, considering developments in the (oil) market that we will have to put our prices up at some point."

## Cargo

"The prices you are seeing at Texaco are reflective of what's going on and at some point we the cost of our cargo will go up and we will have to adjust the prices to avoid our own cash flow issues."

"(Rising oil prices) put a strain on our working capital as well. The cost of oil shipments are constantly increasing and if we don't make sure our pricing is done correctly could end up with a serious loss," said the executive.

The price of a barrel has increased from \$85 to around \$110 - a 30 per cent bump - in just five months.

Factors feeding into the price rises include increased demand, especially from

China, India and Brazil - three countries with a combined population of 2.7 billion - combined with a fall in the supply. Ongoing uncertainty in the Middle East and to an arguable extent, oil speculation, which involves investors betting on the price of oil in the futures market, are also to blame.

Gas pump prices have been rising in the US for 35 days straight, hitting a national average of \$3.87 on Tuesday, more than a dollar higher than a year ago.

Prices were expected to drop somewhat going forward in light of expected weakening demand for fuel.

President Barack Obama has asked major oil producers such as Saudi Arabia to increase their oil supplies and lower prices, warning starkly that lack of relief will harm the global economy.

## Engineers 'more optimistic' about employment

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Act is that it has also become harder for non-Bahamian engineers to enter The Bahamas to work on projects, thereby stimulating greater demand for local engineers in this way too.

"There's a lot of projects where there's now a higher percentage of involvement of Bahamian engineers," said Mr Gibson.

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# Barclays Q1 net profit down 5 pct

LONDON

Shares in Barclays PLC were down nearly 5 percent on Wednesday after the bank reported a 5 percent drop in first quarter net profit and it sought to wind down a loss-making investment fund in the Cayman Islands.

Barclays said profit fell to 1.01 billion pounds (\$1.67 billion) from 1.07 billion pounds last year. Investment banking income fell 15 percent while revenue dropped 8 percent to 7.4 billion pounds, the bank said hours before its annual general meeting.

However, impairment charges eased to 921 million pounds from 1.51 billion pounds a year earlier, helped by an unexpected writeback of 190 million pounds from a previous charge on the sale of its Protium investment fund in the Cayman Islands.

The company sold Protium for 7.4 billion pounds in 2009 to former Barclays executives and took an impairment charge of 532 million pounds on the deal in the fourth quarter.

Barclays has now bought the fund back, intending to wind down the loan within three years.

Investors were spooked by



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the uncertainty over the future impact of Protium on Barclays' earnings. In midday trading on the London Stock Exchange, Barclays shares were down 4.9 percent at 287.15 pence.

### Unclear

Investec Securities said it was unclear what Barclays intended to do about Protium.

"If the intention of bringing Protium back on to the balance sheet is to expedite its run off, we will be looking for confirmation that management believes it can achieve this without taking

charges," said analysts Gareth Hunt and Arun Melmane.

Analysts at Exane BNP Paribas, however, sounded more optimistic.

"The Protium transaction has now been substantially unwound ... and with a shortened three-year timeframe for an orderly run-off of the underlying assets now envisaged, we have improving visibility of the group's strategy to enhance capital efficiency, and hence a deliver a recovery in returns," said Ian Gordon. Barclays said it paid \$270 million to acquire third-party investments in Protium, and \$83 million to C12, which will continue to manage the fund.

"Acquiring control of Protium will assist the group in facilitating an early exit from the underlying Protium exposures and improving returns," the bank said.

Chief Executive Bob Diamond said he believed the bank had "made a good start in 2011 in a challenging external environment," and he added that the bank had boosted its Core Tier 1 capital ratio to 11 percent.

Barclays said pretax profit in retail and business banking rose by 21 percent to 692 million pounds.

# ALLSTATE REPORTS SURGE IN 1Q NET INCOME

NEW YORK

Home and auto insurer Allstate Corp. says its profit more than quadrupled in the first quarter as catastrophe losses eased.

The company reported after the markets closed that its net income climbed to \$519 million, or 97 cents per share, in the first three months of the year. That's up from \$120 million, or 22 cents per share, in the year-ago period.

Catastrophe losses were \$333 million in the quarter, down from the near-record high of \$648 million a year ago. The year-ago period reflected severe winter weather in eastern states.

Not including one-time items such as investment gains, the company based in Northbrook, Ill., says it earned 93 cents per share in the latest period.

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# Reid: US must compete with China to lead on energy

**MATTHEW DALY, Associated Press WASHINGTON**

The United States must step up its efforts on renewable energy to compete with China and other countries for global leadership, Senate Majority Leader Harry

Reid said Wednesday after returning from a nine-day taxpayer funded trip to Asia with nine of his colleagues.

The Nevada Democrat said the trip, his first visit to China in a quarter-century, offered "an unmistakable reminder just how hard we have to work to make

America competitive with the rest of the world," particularly on manufacturing and energy.

Reid said he used to be proud that he could see dozens of construction cranes in Las Vegas and other fast-growing areas in Nevada, but said that in China, "they have 26 cranes in one block. And they have block after block of cranes."

Reid led a bipartisan delegation of 10 senators on a trip that included meetings with top Chinese government officials and business leaders.

The delegation of seven Democrats and three Republicans met with Vice President Xi Jinping, widely touted as China's next leader, as well as China's foreign minister, vice premier and central bank president.

The group also toured renewable energy plants in Chengdu, a city of 14 million seen as a leader in that field, and stopped in Macau, a former Portuguese colony where Las Vegas gaming giants operate major resorts.

In a conference call with reporters Wednesday, Reid said he was impressed with China's aggressive investments in renewable energy. China's actions compel the United States to keep pace, he said.

China, which is notoriously polluted and heavily dependent on fossil fuels such as coal and oil, is investing in clean energy not just because it's good for the environment, but because it's good for its economy,



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Reid said. "China knows that clean energy creates jobs and, in reducing its reliance on oil, makes it more secure," he said.

With its vast renewable energy resources, the United States "can't afford not to be a globally competitive leader in this important area," Reid said.

## Turbine

Reid said he met with leaders of several Chinese companies, including A-Power Energy Generation Systems Ltd., which is working with several U.S. partners to build a wind turbine manufacturing plant in the Las Vegas area that could employ about 1,000 people. The plant would be one of the largest manufacturing employers in southern Nevada.

Reid said the trip's "primary focus" was to strengthen America's manufacturing sectors and urge a level playing field for U.S. businesses in China.

# CONOCOPHILLIPS 1Q EARNINGS JUMP 43%

**CHRIS KAHN, AP Energy Writer NEW YORK**

ConocoPhillips said Wednesday that first-quarter earnings rose 43 percent as higher oil and gasoline prices made up for a sharp decline in production.

The results weren't as strong as Wall Street had expected, however, and shares fell almost 2 percent.

Conoco, the third-largest U.S. oil company, earned \$3 billion in the first three months of the year. Production dropped, however, as the Houston company shed assets to focus on developing oil fields in North America.

Raymond James analyst Pavel Molchanov said Conoco picked a good time to rearrange its operations. The price of oil has risen so high — 17 percent to nearly \$107 at the end of March — that companies like Conoco were able to earn more money while producing less oil. And higher prices also elevated the value of its assets.

"It's a real seller's market right now," Molchanov said. Oil companies have "found it not only easy to sell properties but at prices that perhaps a year ago would have seemed unrealistically high."

Conoco said oil and natural gas liquids prices increased 27 percent in the quarter to \$91.55 per barrel. That made up for a 25 percent drop in production to 1.7 million barrels per day.

The recent surge in oil increased profits for other companies as well.

BP said quarterly earnings rose 16 percent to \$7.2 billion. Like Conoco, BP also has been aggressively selling company assets to focus on the most profitable operations. The British oil giant shed \$24 billion in assets since a year ago. It was forced to act quickly this year as cleanup costs ballooned during the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. Chinese oil producer CNOOC Ltd. said profits jumped 85 percent in the first quarter to \$8.4 billion.

Royal Dutch Shell, Exxon Mobil Corp., and Occidental Petroleum Corp. will report their first quarter results on Thursday. Chevron Corp. will announce its quarterly earnings on Friday. Conoco said first-quarter income came to \$2.09 per share, up from \$2.1 billion, or \$1.40 per share, a year earlier. Revenue increased 27 percent to \$58.25 billion.

Excluding gains from the sale of shares in Russian oil company Lukoil and other assets, the company earned \$2.6 billion, or \$1.82 per share. Analysts, who typically exclude one-time items, expected the company to earn \$1.93 per share, according to FactSet. Revenue did top expectations.

During the quarter, Conoco spent \$1.6 billion to buy back 21 million shares and raised its quarterly dividend by 20 percent to 66 cents.



**EARNINGS RISE:** A 76 ConocoPhillips gas price board is shown in San Francisco, Monday, March 7, 2011.

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## NOTICE

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## NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **JULIE BERMENNE, of Hospital Lane, 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 **28th day of April, 2011** to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

## NOTICE

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(c) The Liquidator of the said company is **CST Administration (Bahamas) Limited, The Bahamas Financial Centre, Shirley & Charlotte Streets, Nassau, Bahamas**

Dated this 28th day of April, A. D. 2011

**CST Administration (Bahamas) Limited**  
Liquidator

BISX LISTED & TRADED SECURITIES AS OF: TUESDAY, 26 APRIL 2011											
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX: CLOSE 1,439.48   CHG -0.01   %CHG 0.00   YTD -60.03   YTD % -4.00											
FININDEX: YEAR END 2008 -12.31%											
WWW.BISXBAHAMAS.COM   TELEPHONE: 242-677-BISX (2479)   FACSIMILE: 242-323-2320											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Previous Close	Today's Close	Change	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
1.19	0.95	AML Foods Limited	1.18	1.18	0.00	20,000	0.091	0.040	13.0	3.39%	
10.63	9.05	Bahamas Property Fund	10.63	10.63	0.00		0.013	0.200	817.7	1.88%	
7.00	4.40	Bank of Bahamas	6.88	6.88	0.00		0.153	0.100	45.0	1.45%	
0.83	0.17	Benchmark	0.18	0.18	0.00		-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
2.84	2.70	Bahamas Waste	2.70	2.70	0.00		0.168	0.090	16.1	3.33%	
2.20	1.96	Fidelity Bank	1.96	1.96	0.00		0.016	0.040	122.5	2.04%	
12.00	8.69	Cable Bahamas	8.75	8.75	0.00	800	1.050	0.310	8.3	3.54%	
2.85	2.35	Colina Holdings	2.55	2.55	0.00		1.031	0.040	2.5	1.57%	
7.00	5.80	Commonwealth Bank (S1)	6.97	6.97	0.00		0.488	0.260	14.3	3.73%	
2.53	1.90	Consolidated Water BDRs	2.07	2.06	-0.01		0.111	0.045	18.6	2.18%	
2.54	1.35	Doctor's Hospital	1.35	1.35	0.00		0.107	0.110	12.6	8.15%	
5.99	4.75	Fanguard	4.75	4.75	0.00		0.357	0.240	13.3	5.05%	
9.00	5.65	Finco	6.50	6.50	0.00		0.682	0.000	9.5	0.00%	
11.40	8.75	FirstCaribbean Bank	8.76	8.76	0.00		0.494	0.350	17.7	4.00%	
6.00	4.57	Focol (S)	5.60	5.60	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	Security	Symbol	Last Sale	Change	Daily Vol.	Interest	Maturity			
99.46	99.46	Bahamas Note 6.95 (2029)	BAH29	99.46	0.00		6.95%	20 November 2029			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00		7%	19 October 2017			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00		7%	30 May 2013			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015			
RoyalFidelity Merchant Bank & Trust Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Daily %Ch.	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			
2.0814	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 Global Bond 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	100.183340	31-Dec-10			
1.1608	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.1608	1.25%	5.20%			31-Mar-11			
1.1214	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.1214	0.26%	4.18%			31-Mar-11			
1.1620	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.1620	1.12%	5.24%			31-Mar-11			
9.9952	9.1005	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 1	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											
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BUSINESS

# Fed says \$600B bond scheme to end in June

JEANNINE AVERSA,  
AP Economics Writer  
WASHINGTON

The U.S. economy and job creation have strengthened enough for the Federal Reserve to end on schedule a program of buying Treasury bonds to help the economy, the Fed said Wednesday.

Ending a two-day meeting, the Fed made no changes to the program. The decision was unanimous. The bond purchases were intended to lower loan rates, encouraging spending and boost stock prices. But critics worried that the purchases would feed inflation.

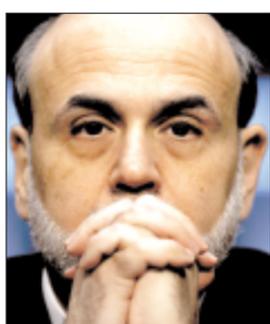
The Fed downplayed inflation risks. It acknowledged a spike in oil prices, but concluded that the pickup in inflation will be temporary.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke spoke at a news conference after the meeting. It was the first time in the Fed's 98-year history that a chairman has begun holding regular sessions with reporters.

Bernanke said that as long as the Fed continues to say rates will remain at historic lows for "an extended period," rates won't rise until the Fed has met at least twice more. The Fed board meets about every six weeks.

Bernanke said he expects the economy to continue growing through next year and 2013.

He acknowledged that higher gasoline prices are creating a financial hardship for many Americans. But he said the Fed doesn't think gas prices will continue to rise at their recent pace. The news conference was the first time in the Fed's 98-year history that a chairman has begun holding regular sessions with reporters. Two more news conferences are scheduled this year. Stocks rose after Bernanke said he expects the economy to continue growing through next year and 2013. The Dow Jones industrial aver-



BEN BERNANKE

age, which was up about 50 points when Bernanke began speaking, gained another 50 points half an hour before the market closed.

Before he spoke, the Fed offered its latest economic projections for the year. The economy will grow between 3.1 percent and 3.3 percent this year. That's downward revision from their last forecast, which saw growth possibly as high as 3.9 percent this year. The new forecast reflects the fact the economy slowed in the first three months of this year because of higher energy costs.

But the Fed is more optimistic about unemployment than it was in January. The

unemployment rate, which stood at 9.8 percent in November, has fallen to a two-year low of 8.8 percent. The Fed's new forecast projects unemployment will fall to between 8.4 percent and 8.7 percent by the end of the year.

As it winds down its economic support programs, the Fed is shifting its focus on when and how it should start boosting interest rates to prevent inflation from getting out of control.

Economists think the Fed will start raising rates later this year or early next year. Higher rates would reduce borrowing and spending and make companies less inclined to boost prices. To nurture the recovery, the Fed also kept a pledge to hold its key interest rate at a record low near zero for an "extended period." The Fed has kept rates at ultra-low levels since December 2008.

Even though the program, which consists of buying \$600 billion in Treasury bonds, is scheduled to end in June, the Fed said it's continuing a separate support program: It's reinvesting about \$17 billion a month in proceeds from its portfolio of mortgage securities to buy Treasury debt.

## GOLD AND SILVER RISE ON INTEREST RATE ANNOUNCEMENT

NEW YORK

Gold rose Wednesday after the Federal Reserve said it would keep its key interest rate near zero, stoking fears of a weaker dollar and inflation.

Gold for June delivery rose \$13.60 to settle at \$1,517.10 an ounce after the Fed made its announcement and continued rising in after-market trading. Gold is often used as a hedge against inflation and a weak dollar.

Silver for May delivery rose 90.8 cents to settle at \$45.958 an ounce. Other metals were mixed. July copper fell 9.1 cents to settle at \$4.228 a pound, July platinum rose \$13.80 to \$1,819.20 an ounce and June palladium rose \$2.40 to \$758.10 an ounce.

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### INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas (GOCB) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of the Family Islands Transport Sector Enhancement Project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds to eligible payments under the contracts for which this invitation is issued.

The Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MOWT), the Executing Agency, now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for contracts offered as Lot 1 as follows.

LOT	DESCRIPTION
1.	Rehabilitation of Fresh Creek Dock, Andros

**Description of the Work**

The works include, but are not limited to, the following activities:-

Lot 1: the construction of a steel sheet-piled bulkhead; earthworks, asphalt paving works; and the renovations to the existing building

Consideration will be limited to firms or joint ventures of firms which are legally incorporated or otherwise organised in, and have their principal place of business in, an eligible country and are either:

- (a) more than 50% beneficially owned by citizen(s) and/or bona fide resident(s) of eligible country(ies) or by a body(ies) corporate meeting these requirements; or
- (b) owned or controlled by the Government of an eligible country provided that it is legally and financially autonomous and operated under the commercial law of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are CDB member countries.

Eligible bidders will be required to submit full qualification information with their bids establishing their eligibility to bid and qualification to perform the contract if the bid is accepted. Tender and qualification information is to be submitted in the English Language on the prescribed forms inserted in the bidding documents. Submissions that do not provide the information required, or that do not demonstrate the prospective contractor's ability to perform satisfactorily, will not qualify and will not be considered for further evaluation.

Bid Documents may be obtained from the first address below for a non-refundable fee of two hundred Bahamian dollars (\$200.00) from May 2, 2011 Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except public holidays. Payment may be made by cash, bank draft certified cheque, or money order made payable to the Public Treasury.

Bids for Lot 1 must be submitted in a separate, sealed envelope clearly marked as follows: **"CONFIDENTIAL - TENDER APPLICATION FOR THE REHABILITATION OF FRESH CREEK"**. Submissions must be received at the second address below not later than 10:00 a.m. **Tuesday, May 31, 2011**. Bid opening will take place immediately after the deadline for submission. Interested bidders are invited to attend. Simultaneously, qualification information only must be submitted to the third address below. Bids must be accompanied by Bid Securities in the amounts states in the Bid Documents.

GOCB/MOWT reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the process and reject all bids, at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected prospective contractor(s) or any obligation to inform the affected prospective contractor(s) of the grounds for MOWT's action. GOCB/MOWT will not defray any costs incurred by any bidder in the preparation of bids.

Address for purchase of bid documents:	Address for bid submission and bid opening:	Address for completed qualification information only:
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## POSITION AVAILABLE

### Desktop and Systems Engineer, Information Technology

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In order to strengthen our IT team in Nassau we are looking for a Desktop & Systems Engineer. The qualified candidate will be required to maintain and manage the various projects within the IT infrastructure. Daily activities include managing the service desk requests, ensure backups are working, follow-up on different projects and maintain detailed documentation. The successful candidate is expected to be a self-starter, time oriented individual with good time management as well as good interpersonal and communications skills. He/she must be a team player, with the ability to work with local and international team members.

**Qualifications:**

- BS in Computer Science or related field
- 3- 5 years work experience administering and maintaining Windows 2000/ 2003/2008 servers environment

**IT Skills:**

- General understanding in the areas of infrastructure, db and system design
- Good network knowledge: Internet, intranet, extranet and client/ server architectures
- Awareness of new emerging technologies
- MCSE/MCSA Windows 2003/2008

**Essential Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Support and manage Windows servers 2003/2008
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- Maintain our disaster recovery plan (VM ware + DFS-R)
- Ability to use system deployment tools

**Language skills:**

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills. Fluency in English. Fluency in French and Spanish in written and spoken form would be an asset.

Interested and qualified applicants must submit applications by 6th May 2011

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**Attn: Human Resources Manager**  
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BUSINESS

# Bernanke offers clues about steps to raise rates



**MAN IN THE NEWS:** Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke is seen on television on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

**MARTIN CRUTSINGER,**  
AP Economics Writer  
WASHINGTON

At a historic news conference, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke offered clues Wednesday about when and how the Fed would begin raising interest rates.

Bernanke said that as long as the Fed continues to say rates will remain at historic lows for "an extended period," rates won't rise until the Fed has met at least twice more. The Fed, which ended a two-day meeting Wednesday, gathers about every six weeks.

The Fed chairman also said any additional steps by the Fed to try to lower unemployment might raise other risks, such as higher inflation. If inflation were to accelerate, it could then reduce employment.

## Reduce

That's because the Fed would have to raise rates to reduce price increases. Stocks rose after Bernanke said he expects the economy to continue growing through next year and 2013.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which was up about 50 points when Bernanke began speaking, gained another 50 points half an hour before the market closed.

Bernanke acknowledged that higher gasoline prices are creating a financial hardship for many Americans. But he said the Fed doesn't think gas prices will continue to rise at their recent pace.

The news conference was the first time in the Fed's 98-



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year history that a chairman has begun holding regular sessions with reporters.

It offered Bernanke a chance to drive a debate about Fed policy. Critics have said the Fed's efforts to boost growth raise the risk of high inflation. Investors are seeking clues about when the Fed will start raising interest rates to help slow price increases.

Bernanke said the first step in tightening interest-rate policy could occur when the Fed stops reinvesting the proceeds of its bond holdings.

He said it will depend on inflation and economic growth in coming months.

But it would constitute the Fed's first tightening because it would allow interest rates to creep up.

The news conference, the first of three scheduled this year, is part of a long-standing Bernanke effort to make the Fed more transparent.

## OIL UP SLIGHTLY AFTER BERNANKE COMMENTS ON THE US ECONOMY

Regular Mini Serve Gasoline	399 <sup>9</sup>
Plus Mini Serve Gasoline	409 <sup>9</sup>
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(AP Photo/Rick Bowmer)

**GOING UP:** Gasoline pump prices are shown at a gas station Tuesday, March 29, 2011, in Portland, Ore. Gasoline pump prices were already at the highest levels for this time of year prior to the Libyan rebellion, and they've now pushed even higher. The U.S. average on Tuesday rose slightly to \$3.587 per gallon. A gallon of regular has climbed 23.3 cents in the last month and 78.7 cents since last year.

**SANDY SHORE,**  
AP Business Writer  
NEW YORK

Oil settled slightly higher Wednesday after Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke said the nation's economy will continue to recover, and gas prices will level off or drop.

Benchmark crude for June delivery rose 55 cents to settle at \$112.76 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. In London, Brent crude rose 99 cents to settle at \$125.13 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Bernanke's news conference was the first ever for a Fed chairman. While he said he expected inflation to tick up in the near term, mainly because of higher oil and gas prices, he believes that the nation's economy is in a "moderate recovery" that should be sustainable.

Bernanke also said there isn't much the Fed can do to bring down high gas prices that are "creating a financial hardship for a lot of people." He said the price of oil has been driven up by demand from booming emerging markets and by concerns about supplies amid unrest in the Middle East and North Africa.

## Stabilise

Still, Bernanke said gas prices should eventually stabilize or come down. "Our view is gas prices will not continue to rise at the recent pace," he said.

The national average for a gallon of regular gas in the U.S. rose by a penny on Wednesday to \$3.879, according to AAA, Wright Express and the Oil Price Information Service. That's 29.5 cents more than it was a month ago and over a dollar higher than a year ago. Oil analyst Jim Ritterbusch expects pump prices to rise as much as another 20 cents a gallon in the next few weeks before coming down, as higher gas prices lead to less driving and weaker demand. Supplies should also increase as refineries ramp up capacity after seasonal maintenance. Ritterbusch predicted the price would be about \$3.75 a gallon or less after Memorial Day.

In its weekly report on the nation's petroleum supplies, the Energy Department's Energy Information Administration said Wednesday that gasoline supplies fell 1.2 percent to 205.6 million barrels last week. Demand for gasoline over the past four weeks was 1.6 percent lower than a year earlier.

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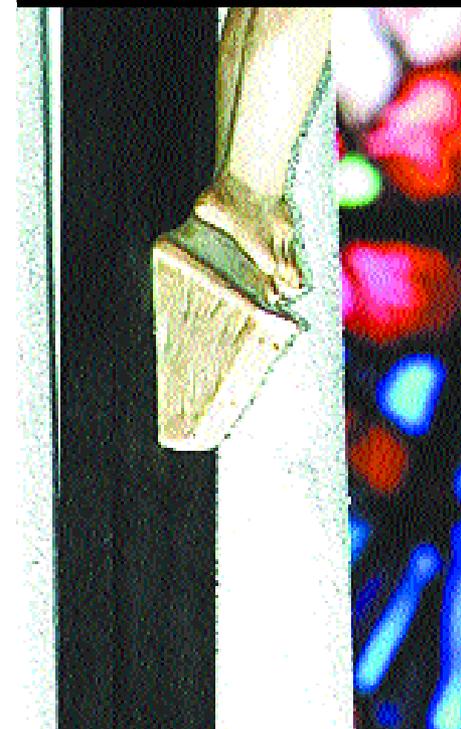
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THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2011

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RELIGIOUS NEWS, STORIES  
 AND CHURCH EVENTS



**IN THIS** photo released by the Custom Police press office Thursday, April 21, 2011 show some of the watches portraying the late Pope John Paul II, seized by the Italian Custom Police along with other faked goods, during an operation in Rome. The Vatican said it expected 300,000 pilgrims to descend on Rome for John Paul II's beatification on May 1. Pope Benedict XVI has warmly praised his predecessor Pope John Paul II in a Holy Thursday address days before the beatification ceremony. (AP)

# Pope praises John Paul II ahead of beatification

VATICAN CITY  
 Associated Press

**P**OPE BENEDICT XVI warmly praised his predecessor Pope John Paul II in a Holy Thursday address days before John Paul's May 1 beatification, holding him up as an example of faith amid Western indifference to Christianity.

Benedict said that "for all the shame we feel over our failings" the world must not forget what he called radiant examples of faith such as John Paul.

The pope cited John Paul after reflecting in his homily in St Peter's Basilica that people in the West seemed tired of their faith, bored with their Christian traditions "and no longer wish to know faith in Jesus Christ."

"When Pope John Paul II is beatified on May 1, we shall think of him with hearts full of thankfulness as a great witness to God and Jesus Christ in our day," Benedict said.

Later Thursday the pope washed the feet of 12 priests from the diocese of Rome in a ceremony in St John Lateran Basilica symbolising humility and commemorating Jesus' last supper with his 12 apostles on the evening before his crucifixion.

Benedict poured water from a golden

pitcher as each priest held his foot over a golden basin, then the pontiff dabbed each foot dry with a white cloth.

The tradition is also a reminder to be of service to those in need. Money collected from the faithful during the foot-washing service was destined to help alleviate those suffering from the Japanese earthquake and tsunami.

Organisers say hundreds of thousands of pilgrims will come to Rome for John Paul's beatification, the last formal step before sainthood. The Polish-born pope was a towering figure during his 27-year papacy, helping bring down communism, steering the Catholic Church through the tumultuous decades after the Second Vatican Council, and bringing his message to millions through his worldwide travels. A prayer vigil on the Circus Maximus, an all-night prayer session in downtown Rome churches and the beatification Mass celebrated by Benedict I top the agenda for the three-day event.

Italian police on Thursday announced a crackdown on hotels and bed and breakfast establishments catering to pilgrims for health, licensing and other violations. Twenty-two places had their licenses suspended for up to 30 days while six hotels were ordered closed.

"The objective is to protect pilgrims arriving for the beatification," police said.

## Blood taken from John Paul to be used as relic

VATICAN CITY  
 Associated Press

**BLOOD** taken from Pope John Paul II during his final hospitalisation will be used as the official relic for veneration after he is beatified.

The Vatican made the announcement Tuesday, putting to rest questions about what relic would be presented during Sunday's beatification.

In a statement, the Vatican said four small vials of blood had been taken from John Paul during his final days for a possible transfusion, but were never used. Two of the vials were given to John Paul's private secretary, Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, and another two remained at the Vatican's Bambin Gesù hospital in the care of nuns.

One of the hospital vials will be placed in a reliquary and presented Sunday; the other will remain with the nuns.

John Paul died April 2, 2005.

# Keeping the youth empowered

By ALESHA CADET  
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The Anglican Church is deeply concerned the fate of young Bahamians, Bishop Laish Boyd said at a press conference to announce plans for the upcoming Youth Month.

"The church is but one entity and although people have a lot of regard for the church and a lot of trust they place in the church, the church can only do a certain amount so we need the government, the private sector, we need social organisations and all hands on deck to help us to continue to work with our young people."

"Perhaps you may say there are more forces challenging our young people today than there were ten or twenty years ago when we were young people. I will add that we are still in a better situation than many, if not most countries in this world. So what that says to us is that we need to get back to some of the basic values and live by those values, the battle is all of ours to fight.

"There are a number of factors which lead to where we are today, there is a general weakening of the home structure, that is a very important ingredient because the way in which we police our nation is through the home, there is been a weakening of the family structure. The general trend you see happening in our world are all factors which lead us to where we are"

## CELEBRATION

As a part of the 150th Anniversary Celebration and as a part of the Christian witness and in celebration of youth in the Diocese of The Bahamas Turks and Caicos Islands, The Anglican Diocesan Youth Department will be hosting Anglican Youth Month during the month of May 2011.

The theme for the month is called S.T.Y.L.E.' "Serving and Thankful Youth loving and Encouraging Everyone" This theme is based on the idea of stewardship which is the faithful response to the generosity of God's love towards us by way of committing our time, talent, resources and treasure/money to the mission and ministry of God's church at home and abroad.

The Anglican Youth Mass will be held on Friday, May 6 at 7 pm at the St John's College auditorium as the start of the month of activities.

In accordance with the 'youth' ambiance of the month, this tradition of the church is fully planned by young peo-

ple, for young people and will incorporate most, if not all aspects of various youth ministries in Anglican churches; from Jr Praise teams and liturgical dance teams right to the altar servers.

"We anticipate beginning youth month with this mass, in hopes of giving God glory for where he has brought us, thus far as a youth department as well all that he is about to do for us, this month and in the coming months and years," Bishop Boyd stated.

## TOGETHERNESS

A youth member of the St Matthew's Parish, Caitlin Taylor noted at the press conference: "The purpose of the mass is to bring all young people together. We are going to showcase all of the different youth and dance ministries, to give the youth a feel of the non traditional mass."

Going further, the swim meet is part of an ongoing effort by the Diocesan Youth Department to build stronger relationships between the congregations of the various Anglican Churches. It will be focusing on the young people in particular who will be engaging in regular friendly competition.

Bishop Boyd stated: "One way for youth to serve and be thankful is give them the opportunity to do so. Our young people have talents. They can sing, rap, dance, mime, act, and I can go on and on. They have ideas out of this world, when it comes to serving God."

An annual Spring Concert will be held by the Youth Chorale under the direction of Kaylen Jervis. This chorale has approximately thirty members and is in its fifth year of existence.

The YIP, which stands for "Youth In prayer," is a time when all youth can come together and pray for each other as well as experience a moment of peace and silence. It will be held on Saturday, May 1 at the Bahamas National Trust, Village Road, starting at 8 am.

Bishop Boyd also explained that the Youth March and Rally is an attempt to not only motivate the Anglican youth to greater depths of spirituality, but it is also an act of witness by Anglican young people to the community. "We will also be encouraging churches to hand out pamphlets about the church and the gospel during the march."

He continued: "Happy Friday Game night is a Christian Youth Movement/ Youth Group games night; it will be a sports theme night with games and fun activities and tournaments. Tag football, and three-on-three basketball will also be a part of the night's activities. It will also be a time of fellowship for the youth of the diocese."



Bishop Laish Boyd



Replica of Mosaic Sanctuary

# Messiah's Mansion

By JEFFARAH GIBSON  
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**T**RAVELING almost 3000 years back to the sanctuary in the old testament, the Messiah's Mansion tour gives visitors the opportunity to get up close and personal with replicas of the artifacts that were used in the Mosaic Sanctuary services.

The Messiah's Mansion, a traveling exhibit, displays a life-size model of the Old Testament Wilderness Sanctuary. This was the teaching tool of the plan of salvation in bible times that helped the people of the Old Testament learn about the coming of the Messiah, his baptism, crucifixion and resurrection. It is described as the 'gospel in symbols.'

For two weeks, the Bahamas Youth Initiative for Christ (BYIC), a non-for-prof-

it ministry, will host the Messiah's Mansion Team from Oklahoma who will display the traveling sanctuary.

The Bahamas Youth Initiative group are extending a special invitation to all to take part in the tour. They believe the history of Christianity that the exhibit brings to the forefront will strengthen the believer's walk with Christ.

"We believe that the vividness of the artifacts and what had to be done prior to Christ's death on the cross, will help to impress on the minds of those who attend the cost of sin and the importance of living for Him," said Delthony Gordon BYIC Coordinator.

Mr Gordon also described his experience touring the Messiah's Mansion exhibit.

"I had the privilege of touring the Messiah's Mansion exhibit when I attended a convention last year in the US and it was an awesome experience. The words of a well-known chorus comes to mind, 'I said I wasn't gonna tell nobody but I couldn't keep

it to myself.' It was that awesome. The tour impressed on my mind the gravity of sin and the length to which God went to show the seriousness of it to his then children, the Israelites, in the Old Testament and how everything they did pointed to Jesus, how he would have to be slain for their (our) sins just like the lamb in the sanctuary services. I shared this with the team and together we worked to ensure that we could have that blessing for our Bahamian brothers and sisters and all who call these beautiful land their home."

He also said that the exhibit can only make the relationship between Christ and the believer flourish.

"Well first thing, praise God we as Christians do not have to do those things as we were done back in the Old Testament ceremonies. But this is the way God taught the people back then about the coming Messiah, the lessons that can be learnt from touring

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# Never Forsaken!

*Ps.37: 25. I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.*

As believers, it's time for us to truly get a revelation of the above passage of scripture so that the complaining and murmuring about one's status and the lack of material possessions among the saints would cease.

The passion and desire for material possession has a subtle, cunning and unhealthy string attached that's designed to distract one from sincerely focusing on God and His kingdom. Notwithstanding that God is not opposed to His children having abundance of possessions and wealth. Watch this!

*Matt.6: 33. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.* There's no doubt that we're living in a materialistic world where it seems as if the order of the day is; to get all that you can, and can (bank) all that you get. In most cases, it also seems as if the wicked, the corrupt, the ungodly and the compromising religious church-folks are the ones that are prospering in everything that they do.

If the above thoughts ever ran through your mind and you've somewhat questioned what you're seeing as it relates to the prosperity of the above mentioned character traits persons; you're not alone and it's not a sin.

Take the time to study (Psalm 37) and you will see that David was troubled with the very same thoughts and feelings; but based upon his relationship with Yahweh and by faith, David knew that the prosperity of the wicked is short lived.

Here's what he said: *Ps.37: 37:1. Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. : 2. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. : 3. Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. : 4. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. : 5. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.*

Let me hasten to say that "Because you're not able to meet your financial obligations at this time (mortgage, rent, bank or private loans, etc;) or any other obligations as you would like to; by no means does this imply that God is not with you" Your position should be, to remain faithful unto God, walk in love with all men, even your enemies; knowing that this battle is not yours, but the Lord's. And being the righteous person



PASTOR  
MATTHEW  
ALLEN

that you are, when God brings you out; you will fulfill all of your obligations.

Again, here's what David says about this righteous man / good man: *Ps.37: 22. For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off. : 23. The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD; and he delighteth in his way. : 24. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand. : 25. I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.*

A true believer / disciple of Yahshua Messiah (a.k.a. Jesus the Christ) in this day and time; cannot be distracted by corrupt politics and wicked religions. While it's good to have prayer partners, we're at a point and time whereby individually each one of us must spend that quality / personal time in prayer with God (Yahweh). And then not only hearing what He's saying in prayer, but also obediently / faithfully adhere to what is said.

Despite the fact that there are many wolves dressed in sheep clothing who have ascended the pulpit and are methodically, mercilessly fleecing their sheepfold / naïve, itching ears followers via their twisted / incomplete prosperity gospel, it is and will forever be God's will to prosper His obedient, faithful children / servants.

*Ps.35: 27. Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.*

There's also an erroneous religious mind-set which would have you to believe that God's prosperity, favour and goodness are not relevant on this side of heaven. Again, here's what David said: *Ps.27: 13. I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.*

The righteous will never be forsaken.

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# The Science of an Enemy



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spirits that are aware of your future greatness.

Now, every enemy that you would encounter in your lifetime has been strategically engineered and purposely allowed by God to enter your life. Surprise right? The reason for this is two fold: a) God in his awesome wisdom always empowers your enemy with the ability to see in you what you do not see in yourself b) At the same time you are being trained and developed through **patience only** by means of the challenges that are continually arising against you in order to advance you to the next stage of your life.

I mentioned the phrase **patience only**, because it is the only tool that you will

possess that will assist in the success and purpose of exposing why this is all happening to you. To bring more clarity to this lets look at the definition of the word patience.

Patience is defined as: the ability to put up calmly with delay, inconvenience, or annoyance **without becoming angry or upset**. To further build upon this vital point, let's look at what the scripture has to say about patience and its necessity to us. The Apostle Paul said, "Knowing this, that the testing of your faith is producing patience. Let patience do her complete work, so that you could become complete lacking nothing" (James 1:3-4).

In order to make sense out of all that I am attempting to convey to you, you have to see all of this from a spiritual perspective. In viewing it from that angle you must come to acknowledge that biblical principles will be the replacement for your physical weapons; such as hate, envy, cursing, being spiteful and our favorite one revenge. For the most part even if you don't read your bible, the general rule is to do the opposite of what

your enemy is doing to you (Matt. 6: 27-28)

Another word that is synonymous with the word enemy is the word adversary. This is an interesting word, because one of the definitions of this word is: an opponent. An opponent is one that is on the opposite side of a contest or a war..... mighty God!

The truth is you are literally in a spiritual war or a contest, clearly one that you are not aware of. The main objectives are to distract, delay, destroy, frustrate, confuse and ultimately annihilate all hope and evidence of the wonderful and carefully planned future that God has already prepared for you.

I mentioned earlier that your enemy has been gifted by God to see in you what you do not see in yourself, which is another indicator that they are not in your life by accident. I am about to show you from a biblical story the evidence of this awesome revelation.

In first Samuel chapter one, we are told

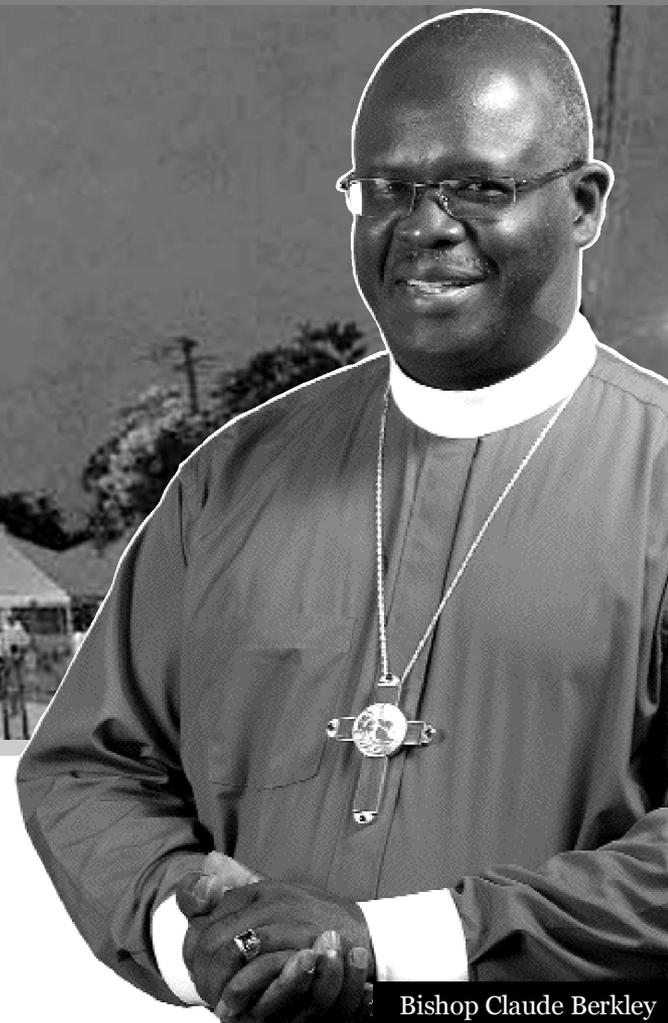
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## St George's celebrates PATRONAL FESTIVAL

THE parish in The Valley better known as St George's will celebrate its patronal festival this coming Sunday May 1, at 3.30 pm. All are invited to celebrate as we thank God for brining us from a mighty long way. St. George's has been a beacon in the valley and will continue to carry out the mission and missionary of the church as we build the kingdom.

Bishop Claude Berkley the newly consecrated Bishop of Trinidad and Tobago will be the guest preacher parishioners and guests will be blessed.

The final Mission service, under the theme "Rekindling the Power," will take place tonight April 28th at 7pm in the Church's Sanctuary," Bishop Berkley is the missionary as well. Come and receive a blessing.



Bishop Claude Berkley

## Science

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of a classic story where there was a man who had two wives one of the wives had children for this man and the other could not. The story goes on to say that when the man would return from his yearly worship he would visit the wife that had kids and gave them abundance in resources, and then he would visit the barren wife and supplied her with resources.

The story surprisingly continues, by saying that the wife, who had the children and clearly got more in resources than the barren wife, became an adversary to her.

Now, before we proceed further with this story isn't it ironic that for the most part your adversaries or enemies are almost always in a much better position than you? A better job, more money, well connected, good job position, has more favour etc. Now let's look at it logically, why would someone who exceeds you materially and physically in almost everything become an enemy to you? This just doesn't make any sense at all.... Right!

Now let's take a spiritual look at it, could it be that they see someone great, with tremendous potential, and the ability to out do them physically and materially if given the opportunity? The word embellish is defined as making something look greater than what it appears to be, or to improve by adding details to bring about greater beauty. The point I am trying to make here is, it is definitely nothing that you possess materially that has made them your enemy, but it is simply them seeing you greater than you appear to yourself thus, confirming your future potential and greatness, you are embellished when they view you. Consequently, unknowing to you they become provoked through intense jealousy and pool all their resources to oppose you"

The story now continues by confirming my point, God eventually blessed the womb of the barren woman and she brought forth one of Israel's greatest prophets in the person of Samuel. Also during the period of her adversary taunting and mocking her she prayed more, sought God more and became more committed to her God something she probably would have never done under normal circumstances. So the very area she was being fought in was the very area that God through her enemy was training and developing her to embrace the next level of her life.....my God I love this!

Folks! You have to get this, please do not, and I repeat do not become an enemy to your enemy..... this is why Jesus himself said, love those that hate you, and do good to those that do evil to you. All because they are characters playing their role on your stage of life to advance you, YOU NEED YOUR ENEMIES.

• Stay tuned for part two next week.



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the exhibit of these artifacts are no less powerful today. As a matter of fact, it can only serve to strengthen our walk as we recognize that the Christ we serve fulfilled all those things that were prophesied about Him in the Sanctuary services," Mr Gordon explained.

"People will see and understand the verity of the Christian faith, it's foundation and historicity. People will see that Christianity didn't come into existence from the whims and fancies of mere men, but that it is God-guided and God-ordained. It will help them understand even more why they are Christians."

The Bahamas Youth Initiative is a nonprofit organisation created by young people, for young people, and built on the long-standing Christian principles found in the Word of God. Every year the group host a camp meeting specifically designed to help instill values in teens and young adults, and this year they are embarking on an extra special project.

The exhibit runs from April 26 - May 8 at the Bahamas Youth Camp located Gladstone Road from 9.30am-6.30pm.



Altar of Sacrifice

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## Swimming: Bahamas 3rd, wins 41 medals, including 12 gold

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A YEAR later and the Bahamas has maintained its position among the region's top junior swimming programmes.

The Bahamas finished in third position for the second consecutive year when they totalled 610 points and 41 medals at the XXVI Carifta Swimming Championships in Bridgetown, Barbados.

The 37-member team acquired 12 gold, 13 silver and 16 bronze over the course of the four-day competition.

Guadeloupe wrestled the title away from Trinidad and Tobago with a total of 736.50 points. They captured a games high 55 medals which included 12 gold, 24 silver and 19 bronze.

The twin-island nation finished second with 679 points and 46 medals – 12 gold, 12 silver and 17 bronze.

Jamaica finished fourth with 561 points, just a single point ahead of fifth place finisher Barbados with 560 points.

Jamaica totalled 34 medals – 10 gold, 13 silver and 11 bronze – while Barbados finished with 48 medals – 21 gold, 14 silver and 13 bronze.

The Bahamas added 10 medals to its total on the final day of competition, highlighted by Dustin Tynes, who captured his third gold medal and third new Carifta record in as many events, this time in the Boys 13-14 100m breaststroke.

Tynes bested the old mark by nearly two seconds when he surpassed the six-year-old time set by Davelaar Rodion in 2005. He swam to a first place finish in 1:07.99s, well ahead of his closest competitor, Jordy Groters of Aruba, who finished in 1:09.82s.

In the boys' 13-14 breaststroke, Tynes' gold medal performance of 30.66s surpassed the old mark for a new Carifta record and on day two, Tynes swam to a first place finish and new meet record in the boys 13-14 200m breast in 2:27.25s.

Laura Morley continued her dominance on the opposite end of the 13-14 division with a gold medal in the 100m breaststroke.

Morley took gold in 1:16.40s while teammate Aleana Carey took the bronze for the Bahamas in 1:21.24s.

Morley also captured bronze in the 200m back in 2:35.40s and teamed with Crystal Rahming, Carey and Taryn Smith for another bronze medal in the 200m free relay. Smith captured an individual medal with a bronze in the 50m free in 28.21s.

Simone Sturup added to her already impressive medal haul with a gold medal finish in the 11-12 Girls' 50m free in 28.55s.

In the girls' 200 IM, she swam to a silver medal performance in 2:43.86s. In the 50 fly, she captured gold in 30.93s and in the 100 fly, Sturup took gold in 1:09.66s.

Sturup paired with Margaret Higgs, Andreas Weech

# GOLDEN RETURN



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**DOUBLE SPRINT CHAMPION** Anthonique Strachan (in front) and other athletes exit Bahamasair at Lynden Pindling International Airport on their arrival from the Carifta Games in Jamaica Tuesday night.



**TOP** – Members of the Bahamas' Under-20 boys 4x400m relay team (l-r) – Andre Wells, Stephen Newbold, Shavez Hart and O'Jay Ferguson – who struck gold at the 40th Carifta Games in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

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BLTA teams up with Ministry of Education...

**On tennis: 23 schools in national high school tournament**

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AS the academic calendar winds down, one of the youngest but fastest growing inter-school competitions will continue its growth with another highly anticipated tournament.

The BLTA, in conjunction with the Ministry of Education, will present the Societe Generale Private Banking National High Schools Tennis Championships.

In this, the third year of the championship, 23 schools are expected to take part in the event, staged for the duration of the week at the National Tennis Center.

The Ministry of Education Sports Unit would like to thank the BLTA and SG Private banking for their continued staging of the national high schools tennis championships," said Evon Wisdom, administrator of the Sports Unit.

"This year, the Association has made a calculated decision to partner with the Ministry of Education to ensure that all students in the educational system in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas receive the opportunity to play organised tennis."

With this in mind, the BLTA will begin to offer free tennis lessons at various tennis court locations across New Providence on Saturday mornings. This model would then be duplicated throughout the Bahamas.

In 2010, 22 schools and approximately 175 players competed in the event.

Tournament organiser and BLTA president Steven Turnquest said the growth of the tournament should eventually place the level of inter-school play in tennis on par with the other core sports.

"Inter-school tennis is something that is generally missing from schools. When this tournament started, I had a vision of seeing tennis played between the schools on par with the other major sports like track and field, basketball, softball and others," he said. "There was keen competition over the course of the few days of play and the kids were really interested in representing their schools. This can only cause the level of play on the junior level to increase and help the tournament to grow from year to year."

The Queen's College Comets edged out the nearest competitors to claim the SG Private Banking Inter School Tournament championship.

The Comets placed first in the overall team standings, just ahead of the inaugural 2009 champions, the Nassau Christian Academy Crusaders.

St Andrew's was third, Temple Christian finished fourth while St John's rounded out the top five.

The 12-member Comets captured two divisions (junior girls and primary girls) and featured two individual divisional winners, Erin Strachan in the junior girls' division and Africa Smith in the primary girls' division.

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# Bringing their medals home



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**VERY TOP** – Members of the Bahamas' 2011 Carifta team can be seen with Neko Grant (far left), Zhivargo Laing (sixth from left) and Edison Key (far right) at Lynden Pindling International Airport on their arrival from the 40th Carifta Games in Montego Bay, Jamaica, on Tuesday night. **ABOVE:** Double sprint champion Anthonique Strachan (centre) and members of the Bahamas' Under-20 boys 4x400m relay team – Andre Wells, Stephen Newbold, Shavez Hart and O'Jay Ferguson – can be seen with Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture Charles Maynard (far left) and Brent Symonette (far right).



LOCAL SPORTS

# Caribbean Championships: Bahamas to face Bermuda in Saturday opener

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THE official roster has been released and the men's national side is in final preparation for a test against regional rugby competition.

The Bahamas National Men's XV are all set to compete in the 2011 Caribbean Championships, with the opening game on the road against Bermuda 2pm April 30.

The match will be broadcast live on The Bermuda Sports Network.

The Bahamas will also have a home international in either late May or early June against the winners of the group stage (Mexico vs Cayman/Jamaica).

Garry Markham serves as head coach with Peter Beirne as assistant coach (Freeport) and Stevie Thompson assistant coach (Nassau). The team will be managed by John Gates and Steve Johnson.

The opening game of the international season will be

## THE TEAM ROSTER

### FORWARDS

Cartwright, Devon	Prop	Freeport
Major, Tyrone	Prop	Cuckoos
Morrison, Garfield	Prop	Potcakes
Smith, Charles	Prop	Cuckoos
McPhee, Leon	Hooker	Freeport
Young, Renaldo	Hooker	Baillou
Arthur, Patrick	2nd Row/8	Buccaneers
Gates, John	2nd Row	Cuckoos
Thurston, Earl	2nd Row	Baillou
Kemp, Shawn	Flank/Wing	Baillou
Bain, Andrew	Flank/8/Cent.	Cuckoos
Woodside, Devon	Flanker	Cuckoos

### BACKS

Albury, Connor	Scrumhalf	Baillou
Butler, Dorian	Wing/Fullback	Buccaneers
Charlton, Kacey	Flyhalf	Freeport
Cooper, Jeremico	Scrum/Flyhalf	Cuckoos
Curry, Jamaal	Cent/Fullback	Cuckoos
Joseph, Edwin	Centre/Wing	Freeport
Knowles, Ryan	Centre	Buccaneers
Beadle, Duran	Centre	Baillou
Bodie, Andrew	Wing	Baillou
Baker, Brian	Fullback	Cuckoos

**Garry Markham - Coach**  
**Peter Beirne - Coach**  
**Steven Johnson - Manager**  
**Elystan Miles - Assist. Manager**

## RUGBY

away in Bermuda on April 30, followed by a home game against Mexico in early May.

The Bahamas is currently ranked second to Bermuda in the North Caribbean group, fourth overall in the Caribbean behind Trinidad, Guyana and Bermuda.

Bahamas Rugby Football Union (BRFU) director Elystan Miles said that when the team is selected, it should provide a good cross-section of youth and experience to represent the country.

"This team has a very strong nucleus, about five or six of these guys have been playing internationally for about five years. Several of the guys have played for the West Indies side," he said. "We also have lots of youth players on the squad. Lots of them are products of our international youth programme that really began in earnest a few years ago so we have a great combination of experience and youth."

The team hosted a final practice session last weekend, before the final list of team members was ratified by the coaching staff.

"Win or lose against Bermuda, we have a home game against Mexico on May 28. Against Bermuda its always hit or miss, especially against. They always rely heavily on expats so from one year to the next you almost have no idea what you will come up against.

As for the future of the international development programme, Miles said it is considered the building block of the BRFU.

"Since about 2009 we relied on some kids coming out of high school for a while and we made our best effort to develop an under-19 team

that did pretty well when they finished fourth," he said. "They are basically forming the structure for the local clubs and they are really the future of the game, so we are asking these boys to fill some pretty big shoes."

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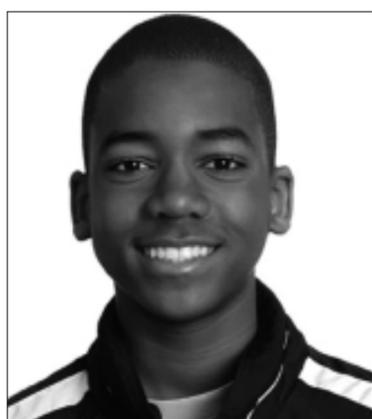
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## Carifta: Bahamas wins 41 medals, including 12 gold

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and Keitra Lloyd to finish first in the 200m free in 2:00.33s.

Andy Knowles acted as the team's head coach assisted by Lucas Leite and Matt Spencer. Patra Albury was the team manager and the chaperones were Cecile Greene, Lyn Evans, and Keith Lloyd. Dr Kevin Bowe was the team doctor.

The Carifta Swimming Championships has been sanctioned by FINA as a qualifier for the 14th FINA World Swimming Championships scheduled to be held in Shanghai, China. Thus far, three senior athletes have qualified for the event - Arianna Vanderpool-Wallace, Verance Burrows and Alana Dillete.

In 2010, the Bahamas finished the meet third in the point standings with 603 points and fourth in the medal count with a total of 37 medals - eight gold, 13 silver and 16 bronze.

Trinidad and Tobago were the overall winners of the event with a total of 1,011 points, the only team to break the 1,000-point mark. They finished more than 300 points ahead of their nearest competitors.

The twin-island nation also dominated the medal haul with 94 medals - 46 gold, 31

silver and 17 bronze.

Guadeloupe finished second in the points standings with 707 points and third in the medal table with 47 medals - eight gold, 19 silver and 20 bronze.

Martinique was fourth in the point standings with 545 and fifth in the medal standings with 26 medals - eight gold, seven silver and 11 bronze.

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Barbados, who finished second in the medal standings with 48 medals - 20 gold, 21 silver and seven bronze - were just sixth in the total point standings with 488.

The Carifta Swimming Championships began in 1985 organised by the Amateur Swimming Associations. The meet alternated between countries in the north and south of the Caribbean. In 1985, the inaugural meet was held in the 20-yard pool at the Ursuline Convent in Barbados thanks to the tireless efforts of Dr Noris Procope.

The championship was broadened to include the disciplines of water polo and synchronized swimming beginning in the year 2002. Some discussion began on the inclusion of open water swimming but the plans remain in the preliminary stages.

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