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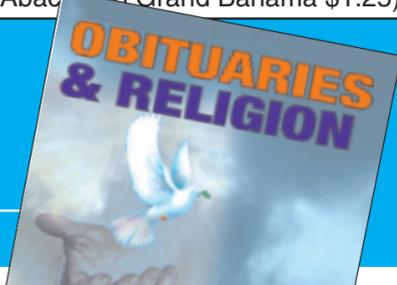


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NDP chiefs flock to PLP

WORKERS' PARTY LEADER 'SHOCKED' BY NDP MEMBERS MOVE TO THE PLP

By **TANEKA THOMPSON**
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WORKERS' Party leader Rodney Moncur called an emergency party meeting last night after being "shocked" by news that ten executive members of the National Development Party left for the Progressive Liberal Party.

Mr Moncur said the memorandum of understanding, signed between the NDP and the Workers' Party late last year establishing an

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Party leader Renward Wells among ten members crossing over to Opposition

By **TANEKA THOMPSON**
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TEN members of the executive council of the National Development Party, including party leader Renward Wells, have left the fledgling party and joined the Opposition Progressive Liberal Party.

Mr Wells claimed that the former NDP members were not promised any post or nomination in the next general election by the PLP's leadership in exchange for their membership.

The parting members of the NDP said it is Mr Christie's political philosophy and the change in the political landscape over the last month - presumably the emergence of newly formed Democratic National Alliance - that spurred them to cross party lines.



MOVE TO PLP:
Renward Wells

"I have not been given no nomination for nothing and nobody else did," said Mr Wells at a press conference at ALCO House on Balfour Avenue yesterday. "The political landscape over the past month has dramatically changed. There's the introduction of a new element into that equation."

"There are three men vying for the top job of this country and of the three men who are vying for that job, at least from the perspective of me and the others, Mr Christie is the gentlemen who is most able as a transitional leader to position this country and this economy to where we ought to go. I say that unashamedly," he added.

For weeks the fringe party was in discussions with Bamboo Town MP Branville McCartney and was expect-

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QUICK RESPONSE CONTAINS FIRE

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A PROMPT response by firefighters yesterday helped contain this fire at a home in Pastel Gardens. There were no injuries as a result of the blaze, which broke out in a room in this house (inset).



SENATOR CONFIRMS HER BROTHER WAS SHOT ON SUNDAY

By **CELESTE NIXON**
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SENATOR Jacinta Higgs has confirmed reports that her brother was shot in the lower body in the Fox Hill area Sunday afternoon.

However, speaking with The Tribune yesterday Mrs Higgs said this incident is one case among many, and emphasised what is being done in the community to combat crime and violence, especially with the youth in the area.

"The Bible talks about 'idle hands', we must be consistent, strategic with structured pro-

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BAPTIST LEADERS WARN OVER DEALING IN 'ILLICIT DRUGS'

FRUSTRATED by the influx of drug-related murders, and subsequent funerals, Baptist leaders sent out a strong warning to all persons involved yesterday.

The churchmen advised parents and relatives to be proactive as most persons dealing in the "illicit drugs" faced incarceration or death.

The statement read: "Parents and family members presently benefiting from this ungodly trade will soon attend a funeral. Illicit drugs lead to a life of misery and 'a living hell'; but those who push drugs eventually are caught and most times are killed."

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LOCAL NEWS

US Ambassador praises Bahamas Talented Youth competition



TALENTED YOUTH: US Ambassador to the Bahamas Nicole Avant with Sonovia Pierre, president of BTYO, 11 contestants in this year's Hal Jackson's Talented Teen Scholarship competition, and special guest recording artist Cecelia "Cece" Penniston.

US Ambassador Nicole Avant applauded the Bahamas Talented Youth Organisation for promoting education and awareness through the performing arts, developing contestant's leadership skills and raising awareness about paediatric cancer. At a meeting with BTYO contestants at her Liberty Outlook home, Ambassador Avant also reiterated the United States' continuing commitment to supporting the empowerment and advancement of young women.

The 11 contestants, part of this year's Hal Jackson's Talented Teen Scholarship competition, were accompanied by Sonovia Pierre, president of BTYO, as well as special guest recording artist Cecelia "Cece" Penniston, a former Miss Hal Jackson's Talented Teen from Arizona.

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In brief
Two men in hospital after separate shootings

POLICE are investigating separate shootings which left two men in serious condition at hospital. Both incidents took place shortly before midnight on Tuesday. A 44-year-old man was found shot in the side at the rear of his Nassau Village home at around 11.40pm. Minutes later, a 19-year-old Bozine Town resident was also shot in the side in Yellow Elder Gardens.

Police press officer Sgt Chrislyn Skippings said: "Initial reports indicate the second victim was sitting in a Nissan Maxima at Melvern Road when he was approached by a male who produced a handgun and shot him to the side."

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The victim fled the area, and was taken to hospital by ambulance after he collapsed near Tonique Williams Darling Highway. Meanwhile, Carmichael road officers arrested three men for questioning in several matters. One of the men, a 36-year-old Fire Trail Road resident is being questioned in connection with an arson investigation. A 29-year-old Sunset Park man is being questioned about a break-in at a shop and an 18-year-old of Faith Avenue is being questioned about reports of death threats.

Persons with any information regarding the shootings, or who may have information about illegal firearms, are asked to call police at 919, CDU at 502-9991, or Crime stoppers at 328-TIPS.

Credit union closes doors, puzzling local contributors

AN ANDROS credit union closed its doors unexpectedly last week in an administrative decision that puzzled local contributors. Mangrove Cay staff at the Teachers and Salaried Workers Co-operative Credit Union Limited received their redundancy packages last week. The staff of four included two full time employees, one part-time employee and a security guard.

Explanation

E J Bowe, deputy general manager, said: "There was no malpractice, no foul play, in why it was closed – it was an administrative decision. "We should be releasing a full explanation later this week." The satellite office, which facilitated consumer loans, chattel mortgages and savings for Mangrove Cay and South Andros, had been in operation for two years. Mr Bowe said the union is working to establish initiatives that will fill in for the office. A Mangrove Cay resident claimed that on Friday union representatives arrived from Nassau, closed the local office, packing up everything including computers, and returned to Nassau. It was reported that no prior information had been given about the closure.



Bahamasair warns of fraudulent voucher

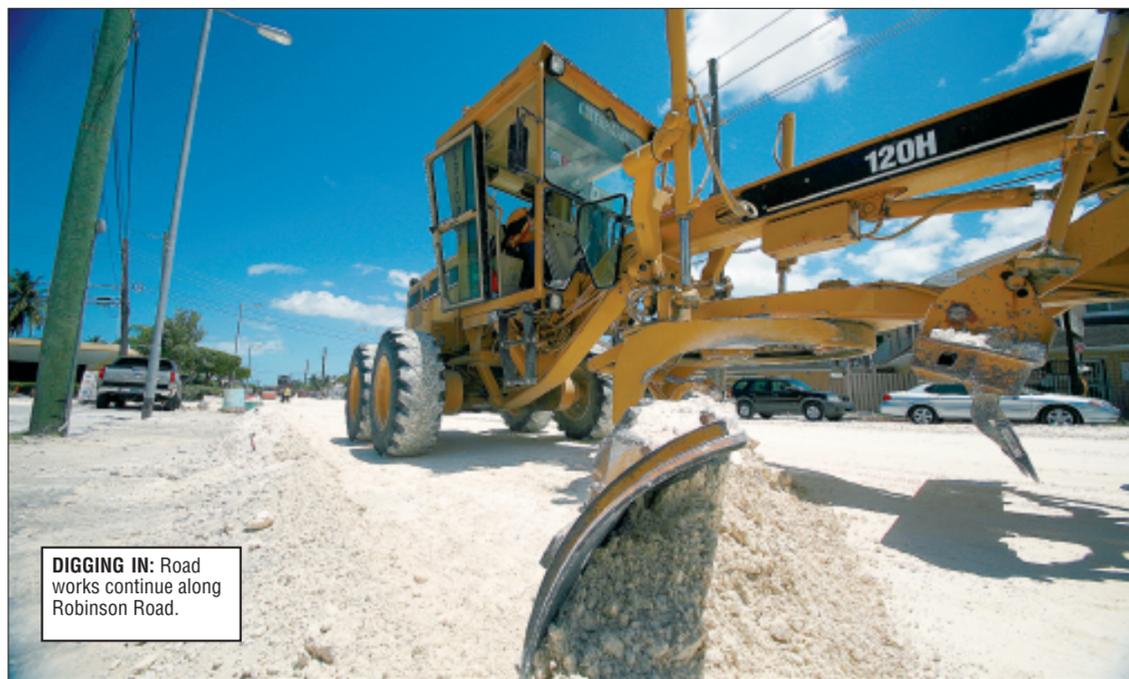
By LAMECH JOHNSON

Bahamasair customers could be the target of yet another internet scam after news of a fraudulent voucher offer came to light yesterday. The voucher, sent by email purportedly by the director of Bahamasair, offers a free, one-time gift certificate worth \$75, provided the recipient forwards the email to 20 friends. The message reads: "Hope you enjoy your flights at Bahamasair! My name is Henny Woods, Director of Bahamasair. In attempt to get our quota on transport up where we fly, we are currently offering a one time \$75 gift certificate to anyone who forwards this email to 20 of their friends and always include: BahamasPride@gmail.com. Just send this email to them and you will receive an email

back with a certification number to claim your gift certificate!" Bahamasair representative Viola Smith confirmed yesterday that the email is a false offer. She said it was not authorised by the airline's management. Ms Smith said when the email was brought to their attention, airline representatives were immediately suspicious, as the director of Bahamasair is Henry – not Henny – Woods. She said: "The attached file, purported to be a Bahamasair circulation via email, is fraudulent and not originated from Bahamasair. "The airline is taking measures to trace the origin of the email and is asking the public not to forward the email to others should they receive the email. The airline will not honour this fraudulent advertisement."

It is not yet clear if the fake email is intended as some kind of scam to defraud the recipients in some way, as police and the airline are still investigating. If this proves to be the case, it would be the latest in a long list of online scams to surface this year. In January, an identity theft alert was issued warning the public to beware of "email scammers" who request personal information or promise financial assistance using well known local banks. In March, the US embassy warned of fraudsters posing as officers of the Diversity Immigrant Visa (DV) Programme, also known as the visa lottery. Then, police announced they were investigating a Nigerian Internet scam offering Bahamians jobs as survey assistants.

HEAVY METAL: Works continues in Robinson Road



DIGGING IN: Road works continue along Robinson Road.

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court NEWS

JURORS DISCHARGED IN MURDER TRIAL

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JURORS were discharged yesterday in the murder trial of a woman accused of the shooting death of her husband, as the judge noted that issues had arisen that could prevent a fair trial. The trial of Mikiko Black was expected to begin yesterday before Justice Vera Watkins and an all-woman jury. Before the trial could begin, however, Black's attorney Ian Cargill raised several issues in the jury's absence. Black, 23, was charged last April in the murder of her husband, Defence Force Able Seaman Leonardo Black, 27. He was found dead in the couple's apartment at Boil Fish Avenue on the night of April 19 with gunshot wounds to the left side of his face. Black's wife reportedly called police earlier that night regarding an argument at the apartment. The trial date was fixed last October as prosecutors presented a voluntary bill of indictment. Justice Watkins told the jury yesterday, "I feel that it is my duty, in order to ensure that the defendant has a fair trial I must discharge you." She noted that while the court was ready to proceed, there were other issues that led to her having to discharge them. The case has now been adjourned to May 19. Black remains on remand.

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GB social workers set to return today after sick-out

By DENISE MAYCOCK
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Almost half of Freeport staff out sick on Tuesday and Wednesday

FREEPORT – Social workers were set to return to work today after staging a two-day sick-out at the Department of Social Services in Grand Bahama.

Almost half of the staff in Freeport – about 15-17 workers – were out sick on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Social worker Julita Ingraham, BPSU union shop steward, said they are overwhelmed with case loads and are fed up with the working conditions at the department here in Freeport.

A social worker is assigned 500 case loads, with new cases coming in daily.

“We are feeling oppressed, exploited, and discriminated; we feel as though we are carrying the weight of the entire nation on our shoulders and we are buckling under the load,” Mrs Ingraham said.

Mrs Ingraham added that the health and well-being of social workers are being affected by dealing with increased demands for services and working long hours in cramped conditions at work.

She reported that the workers who called in sick were checked by the doctor and were all found to be suffering from high blood pressure.

“Every one of them was prescribed medication for high blood pressure and one was referred to the outpatient clinic and another was referred for additional tests,” she explained.

She said one doctor was very concerned that so many on staff were experiencing high blood pressure.

“We are burnt out and we feel discouraged,” Mrs Ingraham said. “No one knows what we are going through, the work is just becoming so overwhelming,” she stated.

Mrs Ingraham said social workers have been enduring ongoing challenges for a long time, including staff shortages and unacceptable working conditions, among other things.

Government, she said, had promised to address their concerns back in December 2009 after social workers staged a sick out.

“They said they would hire

staff and improve the work environment, but nothing has happened.

“I think we reached the point where we need to speak with the Prime Minister to get the situation resolved.”

“The Minister of State would say they hired 10 persons, but what she is not saying is that those were persons already in the system with the heavy case loads. So there is no additional staffing in Social Service here,” she noted.

Although the government cannot fulfil the entire needs in terms of staffing, Mrs Ingraham believes that another 20 social workers would help tremendously.

Mrs Ingraham also expressed concerns about the alleged “exploitation” of those persons hired under the unemployment work programme.

“This group of persons in the department is being exploited because the minister said they were supposed to come on for a period of six months, but their contracts were never broken and they continued to serve.

“We have persons who have been on that programme for 15 to 20 years still receiving minimum wage and only getting five days sick leave for the year and two weeks vacation even though they are also carrying the same 500 case loads,” she said.

She said they should be regularised as permanent workers.

Additionally, Mrs Ingraham said clients are “catching hell” and falling through the cracks because of the shortage in staff.

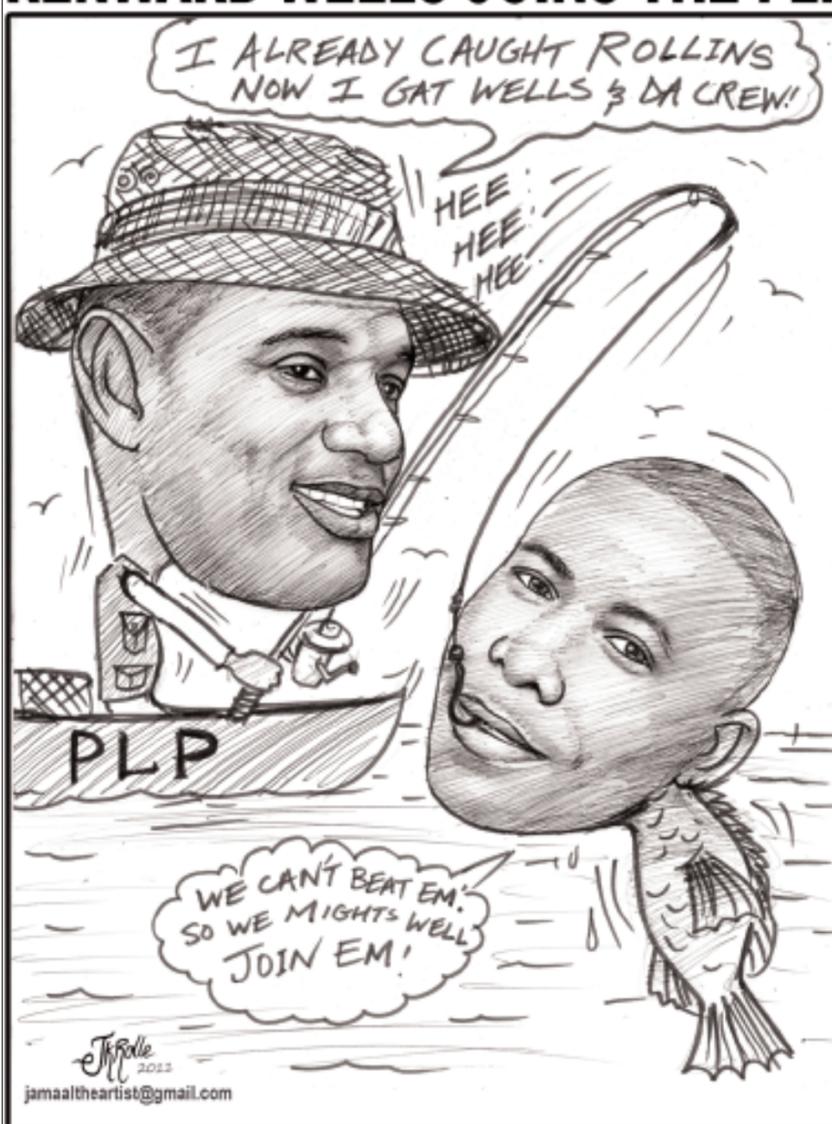
She said clients who are in need of monthly assistance have to wait two and three months until home assessments can be made. She says it takes two to three months before clients can be assessed.

“That ought not to be happening and clients are also out there catching hell along with us.

“It has become so burdensome for the staff. We have to carry work home to keep up with the case loads,” she said.



RENWARD WELLS JOINS THE PLP



A New Son Genesis 4:25-26

And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, “For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed.” And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Enosh.[c] Then men began to call on the name of the LORD.

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LOCAL NEWS

Natural resources on Andros 'bring in \$141 million a year'

By LAMECH JOHNSON

ANDROS' natural resources bring in a total of \$141 million a year for the island's people, it was revealed this week at a press conference to announce the second annual Andros Business Outlook, taking place next week.

Eleanor Phillips, director of the Nature Conservancy and the Northern Caribbean Programme, said that an economic evaluation of natural resources on the country's largest island showed that 67

per cent of Andros' economic benefits are derived from extracted resources while 33 per cent comes from recreational activities.

"The number is pretty staggering. There's \$141 million the natural resources bring every year to the people of Andros," she said.

Ms Phillips also shared figures on commercial fishing and tourism, stating that "in commercial fishing alone, when you think about extracted use, it's about \$75 million in assets as far as economic benefits to the people of Andros. And all of the tourism benefits together is about \$43 million."

Other presenters during the conference included Arnold Dorsette of BAIC and Randy Butler of SkyBahamas.

Mr Dorsette, who is the general assistant manager at BAIC, represented Edison Key, executive chairman of the corporation.

He said that during the Outlook, BAIC will be looking at how it can "assist, encourage and motivate" the growth of agriculture in Andros.

"As you know, the price of food is increasing, and one way to combat that is to increase production, thereby reducing the unit cost of food."

The Bahamas spends a large amount of money on food imports and BAIC is seeking ways to reduce that by targeting foods that could be produced locally.

Cassava, sweet potatoes, onions, and limes were examples of imported goods that could be produced on Andros and other islands.

"We believe that (Andros) has the greatest potential for agriculture in the country," he added.

Captain Butler, president of SkyBahamas and a sponsor for the event, will be focusing on the history of Andros' economy.

"I will be recapping or going down memory lane as a young boy growing up in a vibrant tourism industry. The agriculture industry was booming."

Joan Albury, president of the Counsellors Ltd, expects the event to attract at least 100 persons.

"Last year was the first time that we hosted the event and it was really beyond our expectations. And we're expecting that again this year we will have a crowd that will be very interested in what we're discussing."

"As the Business Outlook model looks at the various economic sectors in the islands in which we host this event, we will be doing the same in Andros."

The Andros forum is the fifth in the Business Outlook series, which also included Nassau, Grand Bahama, Abaco and Exuma.

The forum has been scheduled for May 11 at Nicholls Town, North Andros, under the theme "The Andros Assignment: Innovate, Invest and Produce."

It will take place from 8.30am-3pm at Daniel's Dream Centre on Morgan Drive near the BEC power station.

For registration details and further information, contact Eileen Fielder at The Counsellors Ltd or visit www.tclevents.com.

Other scheduled presenters include: Algernon Cargill, director of the National Insurance Board; Paul Crevello, CEO of Bahamas Petroleum Company PLC; Frank Lam, agri-business specialist, IICA, Miami; Benjamin Pratt, Ministry of Tourism senior manager for Andros; Johan Rostad, president of Cariluxe (Bahamas) Ltd; Edmund Rahming, president of the South Andros Chamber of Commerce; Leroy Sumner, treasurer of T&SWCCU; and Zenda Forbes, educator.



FROM LEFT: Eleanor Phillips, director of the Nature Conservancy and the Northern Caribbean Programme; Joan Albury of the Counsellors, Ltd; Arnold Dorsette of BAIC; and Randy Butler of SkyBahamas.

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LOCAL NEWS

BAHAMAS DISCUSSES PROTECTION OF REFUGEES, ASYLUM SEEKERS WITH UN HIGH COMMISSIONER

BAHAMIAN officials met with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Deputy Regional Representative Buti Kale to discuss the challenges facing the country in addressing the protection of refugees and asylum seekers.

There are currently seven Cubans, four Sri Lankans and one Iranian detained at the Carmichael Road Detention Centre, who have requested asylum.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Brent Symonette met with Mr Kale at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs last Thursday to explore ways in which the UNHCR can better support the Bahamas in areas of mutual concern such as training, and legal and technical advisory services.

The Bahamas became party to the 1951 Convention and the 1967 Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees on September 15, 1993. However, legislation to fulfil its international obligation under the convention is still pending.

To date, the Bahamas, with the assistance of the UNHCR, has granted refugee status to more than 100 Cubans. Other foreign nationals have also been granted refugee status.

Mr Kale also met with officials at the United States Embassy in Nassau, Attorney General Senator John Delaney; Commander Roderick Bowe, Commodore of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force; Director of Immigration Jack Thompson and officers at the Ministry of National Security.

The UNHCR is a United Nations agency mandated to protect and support refugees at the request of a government or the UN itself and assists in their voluntary repatriation, local integration or resettlement to a third country.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the 1951 Con-



UNITED NATIONS High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Deputy Regional Representative Buti Kale, left, paid a courtesy call on Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Brent Symonette, right, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Thursday, April 28.

Raymond Bethel/BIS

vention relating to the Status of Refugees, as well as the 50th anniversary of the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.

In this vein, the UNHCR has embarked on a year-long glob-

al process to provide an opportunity for states to make pledges to renew efforts to address issues of forced displacement, statelessness and protection of all persons of concern to UNHCR.

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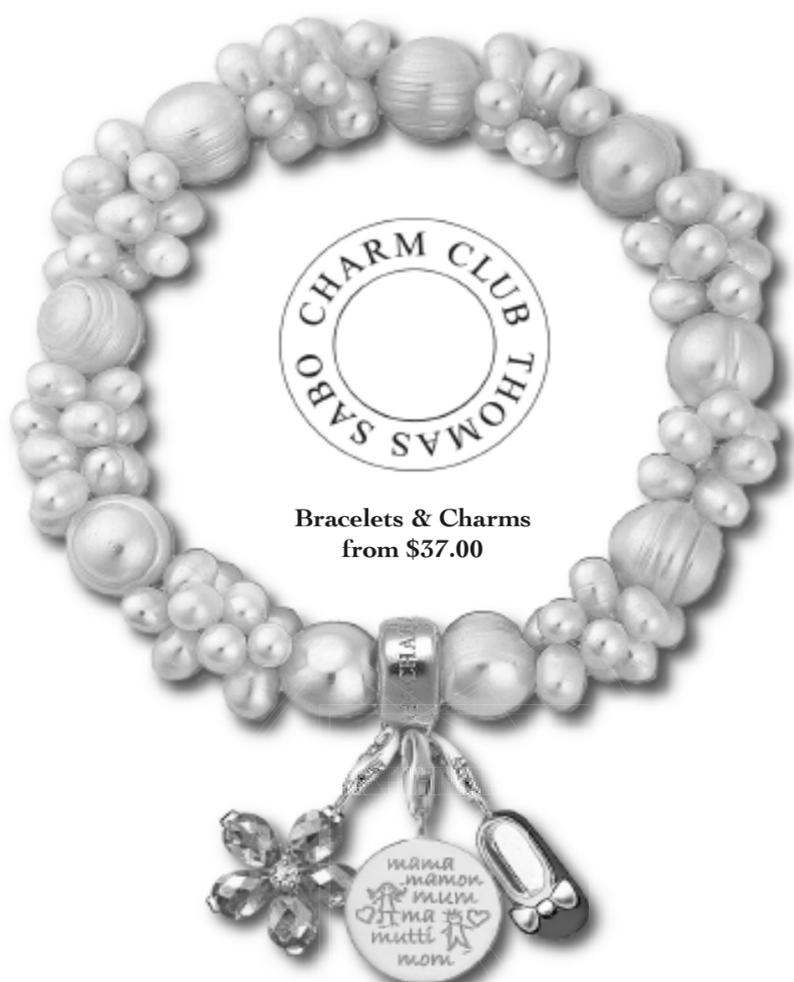
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Governments have an

obligation to protect these rights and freedoms. Yet this year alone, at least 16 journalists have already been killed and more than 145 remain imprisoned around the world, simply for daring to report the truth.

Dozens of countries continue to stand in the way of a free press. This includes recent crackdowns on the independent press in Bahrain, threats against and arrests of domestic and foreign journalists in China, political persecution of independent journalists and bloggers in Iran, arrests and detention of international journalists in Syria, and the government takeover of independent media outlets in Venezuela. Countries such as Belarus, Burma, Cuba, Eritrea, Libya, North Korea, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan also continue to be notoriously repressive of press freedoms. Freedom of expression is also under attack through criminal vio-

lence and impunity in countries like Mexico, Honduras, and Russia.

As we witnessed in the historic events in Tunisia and Egypt, new media tools can also help empower citizens to exercise their freedoms of speech and association, yet these same 21st century tools can be used to filter, block, and restrict free expression. That is why we must always stand up for the free flow of information around the world.

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LOCAL NEWS

RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS HONOURED

By LAMECH JOHNSON

RETIRED officers from the Royal Bahamas Police Force were honoured yesterday during the Pinnacle Award ceremony at the Paul Farquharson Conference Centre at police headquarters.

The 17 retirees, 15 men and two women, were honoured for their many years – from 28 to 42 years – of service as officers and civilian personnel in the law enforcement agency.

Commissioner of Police Ellison Greenslade presented the retired officers with their discharge certificates and specially made plaques.



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AWARD RECIPIENTS at the ceremony.

Mr Lewis, who is also a writer for a number of popular musical artists in the Bahamas, performed impromptu musical selections together with the police band for the guests at the ceremony.

Deputy Commissioner of Police Marvin Dames thanked the families present for their support of the officers and their work. "Often times we look at the officers and say we are working hard.

"Without the support of the family we would not have made it this far," he said.

Mr Dames congratulated the retirees and said, "you

have done a tremendous job."

Retired officers honoured at the ceremony including PC 538 Lewis were PC 1056 Edward Cunningham; Corporal 527 Gregory Smith; Sergeant 1154 Lester Gibson; PC 246 Walter Delancy; Corporal 1024 Gregory Taylor; Corporal 1149 Holman McDonald; Corporal 1148 Calvin Roberts; Yvonne Pratt; Leona Smith; Sergeant 1097 Stephen Marshall; Sergeant 1050 Kevin Godfrey; PC 1198 Valentine Cox; PC 838 Tyrone Neely; PC 1134 Sidney Lewis; Sergeant 1082 Bertram Williams, and Corporal 1099 Oral Bauld.

Significance

Mr Greenslade told the award recipients that they were "somebodies" and that their respective ranks on the force were not necessarily an accurate reflection of their significance within the organisation.

"If I am somebody and I grew up under your watchful gaze, having been touched by your hands, you must be somebody as well," he said.

Families and friends were in attendance to support the retirees.

PC 538 Kendal Lewis, who served as an officer for 31 years, spoke with *The Tribune* about being honoured in this manner.

"It's been a pleasure to have been given this plaque showing how I've served my country. I did my best for my country to make it safe," he said.

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LOCAL NEWS

Local diver is recognised by Women Divers Hall

THE Women Divers Hall Of Fame welcomed 10 new members to their elite fold at an event held in New Jersey. Among the newest inductees was Grand Bahama's very

own diver, Cristina Zenato. Cristina became the latest member of this prestigious group of elite women divers, accredited for their pioneering and unique skills in the

scuba diving community and global oceanic conservation efforts. Cristina began diving with Underwater Explorer's Society (UNEXSO) in 1995 and is now the Dive

Team Manager at the internationally famous dive operation.

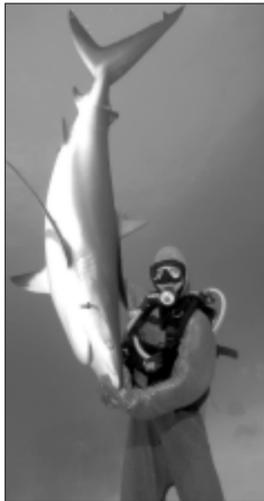
Cristina is one of only a handful of shark-feeders in the world as well as a cave

diving instructor who leads specially trained divers into little-known realms that are not only underwater but under terra firma as well. Many magazines have chronicled her adventures including Advanced Diver, Rebreather World, and Earth Illustrated to name a few.

In addition, she's listed in the International Legends of Diving and is an SSI (Scuba Schools International) Platinum Pro. She has also been featured in movies; documentaries and a real local favourite TV show "Shark Week."

"It was a great honour to be nominated and inducted, especially because I enter an elite circle of women who have been my inspiration for years," said Cristina. She continues to serve as a guide and inspiration for young Bahamians on Grand Bahama Island and beyond with dive training, shark conservation, and awareness presentations.

"This honour is now help-



HALL OF FAME DIVER. Cristina Zenato is one of only a handful of shark-feeders in the world as well as a cave diving instructor who leads specially trained divers into little-known realms that are not only underwater but under terra firma as well.

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of Fame

ing me assist in fundraising efforts to heighten ocean conservation efforts," she said. "This weekend I will travel to LA to present at a fundraising event to help efforts to save our oceans."

At the 35th WDHOFF celebrations, honours were also given to Céline Cousteau, granddaughter of world famous diver Jacque Cousteau, who Cristina got to share time with.

"I was in awe, standing shoulder to shoulder with the leaders in our industry. They were so welcoming and I am just amazed to have had the privilege to meet them and now to work with them." There are currently 146 members in the Women Divers Hall of Fame, hailing from 29 US states and territories and 11 countries worldwide.

Currently, Cristina is busy mapping Ben's Cave for the Bahamas National Trust and has also begun two explorations of caverns located underneath the Hawksbill creek area.

"Cristina has long been a role model for many young women who have joined the dive community, and her efforts have been duly recognized," noted Linda Osborne, General Manager of UNEX-SO. "Our entire staff is in awe of this honour and her continued efforts to take care of our Bahamian waters."



PICTURED is Cristina (right) receiving her WDHOFF certificate.

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WORKERS' PARTY LEADER 'SHOCKED' BY NDP MEMBERS MOVE TO THE PLP

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alliance for the next general election, had been broken.

For weeks the NDP had been in discussions with

Bamboo Town MP Branville McCartney about

possibly joining his newly formed Democratic National Alliance. The NDP was expected to soon make an announcement of their alliance with Mr McCartney's party but yesterday aligned with the official opposition in a surprising move.

Yesterday Mr Moncur said it appears as if the country's politicians were thrown into a tailspin by Mr McCartney's new party and view DNA as a real threat.

the DNA are offering to the Bahamian people and we are excited by it.

"I'm extremely disappointed that Wells could not stand on philosophical grounds and that he has allowed himself to succumb to filthy (politics). . . it's a bad political decision and he's on the wrong track. We shall support Branville McCartney and DNA and the only way we don't support him is if he say he ain't want us.

"We were encouraging the NDP to go into the DNA, we were in the background pushing them and telling them whatever the political plums that the PLP and FNM is offering its not worth it."

Yesterday Mr Wells, former NDP hopeful for Clifton constituency Latore Mackey and eight other executive council members announced they had joined the PLP.

A few NDP members were against the move and will carry on the party's name.

Messrs Wells and Mackey said the philosophy of PLP leader Perry Christie and the party's interest in change and young blood spurred them to cross party lines.

The move comes a few weeks after the NDP said it had heard the nation's cry for a viable alternative to the PLP and the Free National Movement, parties that have been heavily criticised by the NDP.

"We believe that it is high time for another party, other than the PLP or the FNM.

"It is absolutely the right time to do it," Mr Wells told The Tribune in March.

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"We've convened an emergency meeting of the central committee of the Workers' Party for tonight to discuss this new development. It is shocking because (Renward) Wells did not inform me of their decision however I received intelligence very early this morning that they were going to make the move," said Mr Moncur, telling The Tribune that Mr Wells confirmed this to him on Facebook before announcing it at a press conference yesterday.

He added that unlike former NDP leader Renward Wells, and the nine others who left with him, the Workers' Party will not give up the third party fight and "abandon" Bamboo Town MP Branville McCartney and newly formed Democratic National Alliance.

"We shall not be like our allies and abandon Branville McCartney and the DNA," added the social activist and former candidate in the Elizabeth by-election. "We have heard what Bran McCartney and



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NDP chiefs flock to PLP

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ed to announce its alignment with DNA as a unified third party choice at the polls. The Tribune understands that certain members of the NDP felt that DNA leader Branville McCartney was cold and not receptive to their ideas. The NDP also had an alliance with the Workers' Party, led by Rodney Moncur.

Latore Mackey, former NDP hopeful for the Clifton constituency, explained why discussions with other fringe parties broke down.

"We have went through an exhausting exercise trying to find the vehicle that will not just take the name of a party into a general election but the vehicle that will best take the message of that party. We've tried with the alternative parties, we've tried forming a coalition but there always was some impasse. The NDP bent over backwards trying to accommodate all and sundry but that has proven fruitless, it has become a position whereas we've allowed personalities to take control as opposed to realising that it is the message of deepening the democracy and empowering the people of this country."

A few members decided not to side with the PLP and will carry on the NDP's name.

Still Mr Mackey feels it will have been difficult for the young party to be successful in the next election. He said while the party did not lack ideals, it was short

on members, money and notoriety needed to challenge the two major parties.

Since the party's inception in late 2008 the NDP has been critical of the political establishment and the PLP.

When asked to explain the turnaround, Mr Wells said while he did not agree with all of Mr Christie's political choices he was confident the former prime minister was a man who will govern according to the wishes of the people.

"What we have gotten from the PLP is an assurance that in the upcoming campaign and in the government of Perry Christie over the next five years, that the Bahamian people will be first. That is the assurance that we got," said Mr Wells.

In a statement released last night, the PLP welcomed the former NDP members to the party, saying their actions "demonstrate a key difference between the FNM and the PLP."

"The FNM believes in the acquisition of entire political parties through promises for public relations gains," the statement said. "Alternatively, the PLP invites and welcomes the best individuals into our tent. We are prepared to be the next Government of the Bahamas and welcome those who want to contribute to the good governance of the Bahamas."

"The PLP is a good fit for the former NDP leadership because we put people first. The PLP is committed to a new generation, innovative new ideas."



RENWARD WELLS (right) speaks at a press conference yesterday.

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Human Resources Department

April 29, 2011

Senator confirms her brother was shot

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grammes to help the youth of our country," said Mrs Higgs.

Stressing the importance of education and the development of youth programmes to keep children out of crime, especially during difficult economic times when jobs are scarce Mrs Higgs said she and her husband have invested in a multi-million dollar programme called Akhep-ran, an African word meaning "harmony for mankind," that is located on Bernard Road and Grants Street.

Mrs Higgs said she started out as a youth advisor at the age of 15 realising the immense

importance of the job and has been teaching ever since.

This Saturday 450 of the FNM torch barriers will be coming together as part of the Akhep-ran programme to talk about the community and their responsibilities to it.

For the past 16 years Mrs Higgs invested her time in a summer school programme for 250 children from the Fox Hill and Montagu areas at St Anselm's Catholic Church.

Mrs Higgs said what is going on in our country is a real "concern and reality, in order to make a change we have to invest in our young people."

Mrs Higgs said her brother is currently at home resting after Sunday's incident.

BAPTIST LEADERS

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Hall, of New Covenant Baptist Church, the statement also bore signatures from New Jerusalem Kingdom Ministry, United Church Cathedral, New Bethany Baptist Church, Cousin McPhee AME Cathedral, Divine Deliverance Baptist Church, New Assembly Baptist Church, St Paul's Baptist Church.

"Every Saturday we're burying someone," said Bishop Hall. "Pastors are ministering to families of persons who were involved in drugs or were victims of the drug wars that are going on."

In a bid to end the "intercine drug war", parents and relatives were asked to encourage "drug barons" to retire from their trade and prolong their life.

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LOCAL NEWS

14 assisted at sea last month on Grand Bahama

Bahamas Air Sea Rescue Association urges boaters to ensure vessels are in good condition

By DENISE MAYCOCK
Tribune Freeport
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FREETPORT – The Bahamas Air Sea Rescue Association report has revealed that more than a dozen persons were assisted at sea on Grand Bahama during the month of April.

According to the BASRA Grand Bahama Rescue

Report for April 2011, some 14 persons were assisted. A total of five calls were made to BASRA and two rescue boats were sent out to assist boaters on Grand Bahama.

There was also one assist from the United States Coast Guards and one assist by others. No plane searches were launched during April.

BASRA continues to urge boaters to ensure that their

vessels are in good working condition before venturing out of port.

Boaters should also file a proper float plan before leaving dock. It should say where they are going and when they are expected to return, and left with someone on shore.

Persons should also check their engine properly and ensure that emergency supplies are onboard, including a VHF Radio, GPS, and life jackets, as well as drinking water, anchor and rope, flash light, and First Aid Kit.

BASRA officials say boaters should also ensure that they have sufficient fuel. They should be aware that the speed and weight of their vessel will increase the amount of fuel they burn.

Boaters should also take into consideration sea conditions. Low fuel is one of the major causes of incidents at sea.

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The Request for Proposals (RFP) available on URCA's website (www.urcabahamas.bs) defines the proposed scope of the consultancy. Proposals should be submitted to the address below by 5:00 p.m. on 16 May 2011. URCA wishes to thank all respondents but only those suitably qualified will be contacted.

Chief Executive Officer
Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority
UBS Annex Building, East Bay Street
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'Revolution' promised by Cable

By ALISON LOWE
Business Reporter
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Upgrades to its television and Internet product offerings, along with the introduction of a brand new fixed line telephone service were described by a re-branded Cable Bahamas yesterday as representing a "revolution in communications".

Cable Bahamas chief executive and president, Tony Butler, said the "landmark" introduction of fixed-line phone services as part of its product offering will be like "the year 2000 repeating itself" - referring to how the company first began competing with the Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) in the provision of Internet service in 2000, and went

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Occupancy for March beats 2010

By ALISON LOWE
Business Reporter
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Occupancy levels for Nassau and Paradise Island's 14 major hotels showed a major improvement in March, with an average 80.1 per cent rate, after February and January's business levels "failed to meet projections" set by the industry.

Bahamas Hotel Association (BHA) president, Stuart Bowe, revealed yesterday that the first quarter of 2011 overall saw major hotels on Nassau and Paradise Island experience an average 66.3 per cent occupancy rate compared to 67.2 per cent last year, with March "showing gains over January and February".

Arrivals in March were primarily responsible for the average occupancy rates for the quarter almost meeting 2010's figures. At 80.1 per cent this was several points higher than the 77.6 per cent average occupancy rate seen by major hotels

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City Meat losing 25-30% of sales

■ Principal says chain will be \$100m per annum sales firm 'once we get inventory management right'

■ Moves to improve buying and implement transport management system, with pledge that meeting customer needs 'no problem' by new financial year

■ Supermarket to try and 'absorb' much of food price rise

■ ABDAB purchase of majority stake not complete

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

City Markets is missing out on 25-30 per cent of potential sales by failing to carry all the products consumers are seeking, its majority owner yesterday asserting: "Once we get inventory management right, I'm sure this company will exceed \$100 million in sales."

Mark Finlayson, who through his family's Trans-Island Traders investment vehicle acquired the 78 per cent majority stake in Bahamas Supermarkets last



MARK FINLAYSON

November, pledged that by the time the company's 2012 financial year starts in June meeting all consumer needs in-store "won't be a problem".

He added that apart from improving City Markets' buying operation, the nine-store supermarket chain was also moving to implement a new

IT system for tracking buying, transportation and inventory management.

"Our numbers are moving up; they're moving up quite well," Mr Finlayson told Tribune Business, "but we've got a problem in relation to our buying."

He explained that the issue was one of City Markets keeping up with sales growth and customer demand, given that the chain's buying department was doing a lot of ordering based on the previous year's sales.

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City Markets 'six months' from profit

* Supermarket chain suffers more than \$5m loss in quarter to March 9 before 'extraordinary items'

* Takes 'net loss' for year to date to \$11.488m

* CFO says much of losses 'accrued' in accounts and balance sheet 'clean-up'

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

City Markets is a "conservative" six months away from returning to profitability, its chief financial officer said yesterday, largely attributing its more than \$5 million 'net loss before extraordinary items' in the fiscal 2011 third quarter to "cleaning up the books".

Philip Kemp told Tribune Business that the nine-store super-

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BREWERY'S WARNING OVER \$50M IPO SHARE ALLOCATION

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Commonwealth Brewery yesterday stunned the capital markets by warning that it would not allocate shares to investors who had subscribed to its \$62.5 million initial pub-

* Will only give shares to investors who provide beneficial owner details
* Fears it will 'kill the deal' for those wanting anonymity
* BISX and broker/dealers scrambling to deal with situation

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SRG DEAL GIVES CABLE \$9 MILLION REVENUE BOOST

* \$10m purchase gives BISX firm instant fixed-line customer base, with 3,150 clients

* Up to \$7.5m may be invested in upgrades
* Cable to offer 'Triple Play' of TV, Internet and phone by month's end

By ALISON LOWE
Business Reporter
alowe@tribunemedia.net

Cable Bahamas yesterday added at least \$9 million to its annual revenue base, along with "3,000 plus residential customers and 150 commercial customers", by completing the acquisition of Systems Resource Group (SRG) and its IndiGo Networks business.

Anthony Butler, chief executive and president of Cable Bahamas (CBL), said the acquisition - which makes SRG a wholly-owned subsidiary of the BISX-listed communications provider - puts in place "the last piece of the puzzle" for his company in terms of the suite of services it can offer.

"By adding SRG/IndiGO's wireless products to Cable Bahamas' existing products, Cable Bahamas instantly becomes a Triple Play provider of voice, data and TV," said Mr Butler. Its new converged product packages, featuring these services, are to become available by the end of May.

Barry Williams, Cable

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BUSINESS

BY DEIDRE M. BASTIAN

Mark your photo against piracy

Protecting your online photos from pirating can be an ongoing challenge in today's digital climate. While no method is fool-proof, there are several methods and strategic protections that can help shield your work from unauthorised usage, and watermarking is one of them.

are willing and happy to share them with almost two billion current Internet users worldwide. If that is not your idea then it is important that you protect your Internet photos from the eyes of strangers.

There are many factors to consider when deciding whether you want to watermark your photos, but if you decide to do so then you obviously have to accept the fact that the text or logo will sit on top of the image, negatively affecting the look. This, of course, is the idea of the watermarking process.

In practice, watermark placement should be done so as not to detract from the image. It should be placed strategically in a solid colour area where removal would be easily concealed, and should make up a smaller percentage of the overall image area.

This is all good, but runs counter to the notion held by



THE ART OF GRAPHIX

DEIDRE M. BASTIAN

with specific identification properties, but does not prevent your items from being stolen. Actually, your watermarked identification, along with your photo or image, can be stolen simultaneously. So depending on the usage, adding a disclaimer may be a good idea: For example: All Rights Reserved. Images may not be reproduced without the express prior written permission of John Stephen Doe.

How can I add a watermark to my photos?

This procedure is pretty easy and requires two minutes, especially if you are using Photoshop. Here's how. Open an image, and select the type tool. In the options bar, click the colour swatch and set the text color to 50 per cent grey (use HSB values 0-0-50 or RGB values 128-128-128; both will produce the same result). Choose a fairly heavy typeface such as Arial Black. Type the copyright symbol or any other text you want to use for a watermark, click the commit button to add your text, use the move tool to resize and position your text as desired. Double click to commit the changes.

In the layer styles palette, choose Bevels from the pull down menu. Click on Simple Inner to apply this effect, then double click on the circled f symbol of the type layer in the

some photographers. The watermarking procedure does not make them happy, as they'd prefer to see their photos in the best quality possible. So hey'll choose not to watermark photos. Think about it! It is almost like placing burglar screens over beautiful colonial windows on homes. But you'd have to decide whether the photos are worth the security.

There are many methods for watermarking photos individually or in batch mode. Here are a few options.

Copyright symbol: Using word processing software, the copyright symbol is usually available using the Insert menu and the Symbol command.

Image Watermark: Create an image then superimpose over the photo.

Text Watermark: Place your name, business name or a description of the image as the watermark.

Will watermarking prevent images from being stolen?

No. Watermarking simply provides the copyright owner

mand-T (Mac). Hold the shift key and drag a corner handle. When you apply the transformation, the type will resize with no loss in quality. You are not restricted to using only text for this effect. Try importing a logo or symbol to use as a watermark.

Another option to make it less valuable to use your image is to upload a low-resolution version. If you place it in the centre, you are actually destroying the image. However, you can place the watermark in a corner, but make sure it is positioned in a way that does not make it easy for the culprit to compromise. You can also adjust your online images to a small file size, with a digital resolution of 72 DPI (dots per inch). The smaller file size will pixilate and distort the image.

You can also save the PSD

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The Antiquities, Monuments and Museum Board of the National Museum of The Bahamas, a statutory body www.ammcbahamas.com established in 1998 is seeking a Director to lead the institution.

The Director will be responsible for the fulfillment of the institution's Mission Statement. This will include:

- Refining and implementing a Strategic Plan jointly developed with the Board.*
- Financial planning and management, and the tactical generation of revenue.*
- General administration and development of the staff.*

Requirements:

- Master's Degree in Business Administration, History, Museum Studies or a related field,
- 5-7 years of progressively responsible experience in management.

Preference will be given to candidates who also have the following:

- Experience in personnel management, financial management and fundraising,
- Demonstrated interest and experience in Heritage Studies.

Skills:

- Excellent verbal, written, and people skills.
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Salary:

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Applications with supporting documents and three references should be delivered to the:

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Antiquities, Monuments and Museum Corporation
P. O. Box EE-15082
Shirley Street & Collins Ave
Nassau Bahamas
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GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
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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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GB Trading Post eyes expansion

A Grand Bahama business is looking to expand its current five-strong staff complement just nine months after opening its doors, and has implemented procedures to prevent it from being exploited by criminals.

"It's been a very positive response," GB Trading Post's Tony Johns said of customer response since the store opened last August. "Most people are impressed with our set up and procedures, and are pleased about our services."

"The business of 'trading' has been around for thousands of years. The basic idea behind GB Trading Post is to purchase products from customers with an agreement to sell them back after 30 days with built-in profit to pay for the service. They also buy items for direct resale within the store. Our shop is perfect for people who need cash quickly."

Common items brought into GB Trading Post include gold and silver, jewellery, watches, car stereos, speakers, computers, game consoles, cameras cell phones and tools. GB Trading Post is willing to look at almost anything.

"We are in a good location, we have great traffic flow and ample parking, and the Grand Bahama Port



(Photo by Erik J. Russell for Barefoot Marketing)

BUSY DOWNTOWN LOCATION FOR GB TRADING: Since opening its doors in August, Grand Bahama's newest downtown business, GB Trading Post, says it has been extremely busy. It is located in the old Thompson Department store and is open Monday to Saturday.



Erik J. Russell for Barefoot Marketing

BUSY: GB Trading Post says it has been kept busy with the demand in the store. "As soon as we receive items we are reselling them quite quickly, video games and the game boxes are obviously very popular," noted Tony Johns, Managing Partner, "but we've also received some beautiful artwork, power tools and lots of phones. We are in a good location, we have great traffic flow and ample parking and the Port has made this an attractive area to visit," said Johns.

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Pursuant to Section 137 (4) of the International Business Companies Act, 2000, notice is hereby given that the above named Company is in dissolution, which commenced on the 3rd day of May 2011. The Liquidator is BdS Corporate Services Limited, George House, George Street. P.O. Box N-8159, Nassau, Bahamas.

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INVITATION TO AN INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION

Marketing Consultant

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
BAHAMIAN CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION (BCA)
INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION
PROJECT No: BH-M1006

The Government of The Bahamas has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments under the Project Strengthening the Bahamian Contractors' Association, for the services of a Marketing Consultant to conduct a diagnostic study of the construction industry in the Bahamas.

The Marketing Consultant will be required to:

- Organize an industry wide diagnostic to garner more precise data on the numbers, skill and qualification levels, within the construction industry and to identify the critical areas of concern amongst industry partners.
- Collaborate with BCA personnel to prepare appropriate data collection instruments and procedures and make preparations for administration of the instruments.
- Participate in diagnostic exercises on New Providence and four major family islands.
- Develop an action plan to address concerns identified from the diagnostic analysis.
- Prepare a final report that can be utilized to design a training program which caters to the skill requirements of the industry.

The Bahamian Contractors' Association now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the above services. Interested candidates must provide information along with a detailed resume establishing that they are qualified to perform the services. The Criteria for Selection will be based on the following qualifications and experience:

- General Qualifications:** At least a Bachelor's degree in Marketing or in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing, Advertising, Public Relations or Communications. An M.S. in marketing, public relations, or strategic communications or a MBA with a marketing concentration is preferred.
- Work Experience:** Extensive, proven experience in conducting a diagnostic and sector mapping at the national and/or international level in the field of marketing. Proven experience in training and development needs analysis.
- Adequacy for the assignment:** At least 10 years of professional experience in the marketing field. Knowledge of training and development needs analysis. Knowledge of the construction industry or the ability to thoroughly research the construction industry will be an asset.

The services of the consultant will be required for a period of six weeks and all deliverables must be received within that time frame.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: *Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank* (GN-2350-7) and this opportunity is open to all eligible consultants as defined in the policies. Applications are invited from both local (Bahamian) and international (Non-Bahamian) consultants.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours of 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. EST.

Communications with above indicated information must be delivered via direct mail or e-mail to the address indicated below by 16th May, 2011

Bahamian Contractors' Association
Attn. Mrs. Dominique Martin
Caribbean Business Park
Suite #41
Tonique Williams Darling Highway
P.O. Box N-9286
Tel: 325-7524
Fax: 325-7524 (please provide notification prior to sending facsimiles)
E-mail: bca@bahamascontractors.org

Authority has made this an attractive area to visit," said Mr Johns.

"We've employed five Bahamians and are hopeful that we can employ more staff soon."

Given the concept of the store and that everything it sells is second hand, GB Trading Post is working to establish a relationship with Bahamian law enforcement.

It wants to protect both the community and itself from unknowingly purchasing from criminals.

GB Trading Post requires that all items sold to them can only be done from a customer who is at least 18 years old and shows a Government photo identification, usually a passport or driving license. Each sale is recorded on computers with

a picture of the item. This procedure is internationally-recognised as being an industry standard and can provide an incredible amount of information if needed. It has already helped in the apprehension of several "persons of interest".

"We know that there are fears that our services will contribute to the increase in robberies and crime, but we have a process that is established internationally to deter criminal elements which has proven itself," explained Mr Johns. "We are working with the police and will continue to do so. It would be nice if all businesses with a potential to be an outlet for stolen goods were regulated, like we regulate ourselves."

Demand

GB Trading Post has been kept busy with demand in the store.

"As soon as we receive items we are reselling them quite quickly, PS3's, Xbox 360's, and the games are obviously very popular with the younger people.

"The value for money offered for items like power tools and watches is incredible," Mr Johns said.

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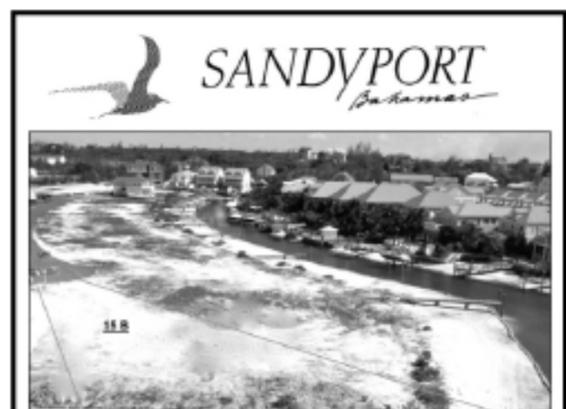
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City Markets 'six months' from profit

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market chain was "pretty close" to internal budget expectations for the three month period to March 9, 2011, with the forgiveness of some \$15.452 million in long-term and related party debt incurred under the previous BSL Holdings ownership ensuring the company remained in the black.

Still, despite the unaudited financials showing net income of \$3.965 million for the nine months to March 9, 2011, the figures indicate that City Markets still remains in the throes of a fully-fledged turnaround effort instigated by Trans-Island Traders, the acquisition vehicle owned by businessman Mark Finlayson and his family.

For the nine months to March 9, about five of which were under Trans-Island's majority 78 per cent ownership, City Markets suffered a net loss of \$11.488 million before the \$15.452 million debt forgiveness is included as income in the financials.

Given that the net loss before extraordinary items at fiscal 2011 second quarter close was \$6.458 million, City Markets clearly lost \$5.03 million in the fiscal 2011 third quarter, the first quarter fully under Trans-Island's majority control.

Year-over-year comparisons were impossible, given that 2010 financial year figures were not published but, providing some insight, Mr Kemp told Tribune Business: "We're cleaning up quite a bit of the books, going through the reconciliations on the payables and inventory side."

"The losses you see are

accrued losses, not really cash losses. Even though we're still operating at a loss, it's shrinking every period as we grow the sales."

Mr Kemp explained that City Markets and its operating parent, Bahamas Supermarkets, wanted to start the 2012 financial year that begins in early June with a 'clean bill of health', hence the concerted effort to reconcile the company's accounts and inheritance from the disastrous BSL Holdings ownership.

"There's quite a bit of cleaning up to do," the chief financial officer explained.

Accounting

"We want to make sure that in the new financial year we're not carrying any legacy issues with regard to the accounting. Whatever we can provide for today, write off now, is what we're doing..... Payables is the biggest challenge, but that process is well underway. We're reconciling those, and making the appropriate adjustments."

City Markets' generated just over \$15.6 million in net sales during the three months to March 9, 2011, taking total sales for the year to \$43.698 million. The cost of sales over the same period was just under \$12.8 million, taking this to \$34.261 million for the year to date.

Mr Kemp, though, pointed out that sales comparisons with the prior year were relatively meaningless, given that City Markets had subsequently relinquished leases on its Oakes Field and Village Road store sites - reducing its outlets from 11 to nine.

On like-for-like comparisons

for same-store space, Mr Kemp said: "We're not 100 per cent but we're pretty close. Some stores are performing better than a year ago, and some stores aren't."

"Twenty-four hour shopping has had an impact on the make-up of sales. Some stores have responded really well, and Seagraves and South Beach are outperforming historical comparisons. Twenty-four shopping has had a positive effect on those two stores in particular."

Other City Markets outlets were still, though, in the process of 'catching up'. Asked when the supermarket chain was likely to return to profitability, something last achieved in 2006, Mr Kemp told Tribune Business: "I would say we're still about six months away from that, being conservative."

Emphasising that while a date for returning to the black was "kind of hard to pin down", although the company was targeting its 2012 financial year, Mr Kemp added: "Our expectation is that within the next three-six months, at least from an accounting perspective, we've identified all those things so we do not carry them over. Operationally, it will take three-six months to fix all the gaps we see."

The chief financial officer added that while City Markets had a good information technology (IT) infrastructure, this was "not being maximised", and several procedures had been identified to "bring efficiencies to bear" when it came to the point-of-sale (POS) and accounting systems.

"It's like having a Maserati in the garage but not knowing how to drive it. It's not anything that can't be fixed. It just

takes time," Mr Kemp added. City Markets' third quarter gross profits slightly exceeded \$2.8 million, with the year-to-date figure for the first nine months standing at \$9.437 million. Operating and administrative expenses during the three months to March 9, 2011, were around \$7.45 million, taking the year-to-date number to \$20.132 million.

Responding to the rise in operating expenses, Mr Kemp told Tribune Business yesterday: "In order to grow a business you have to lay a foundation, and we've had to bring our team in to make that happen. You'll see it [expenses] spike at the beginning, but that will taper off eventually."

"One of the things we've found is that under Neal & Massey's administration they levelled the playing field at the top level in terms of key positions at the executive level, and brought understudies up into those positions. I don't know if that was the right thing to do at the time, but being a new management team we had to replace those persons who had left and not been replaced."

The ultimate effect of all this was a \$4.608 million operating loss run up by City Markets during the three months to March 9, taking the year-to-date loss from operations to \$10.695 million.

As for the balance sheet, City Markets has reduced accounts payables by more than \$2 million to \$9.05 million since the start of the 2011 financial year. Sums due to related parties have also fallen by more than \$2.3 million, and the cash position had improved to \$1.331 million as at the balance sheet date.

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BUSINESS

City Meat losing 25-30% of sales

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"This is not matching the growth we're getting now," Mr. Finlayson explained. "We're trying to improve the actual metrics in relation to buying. That's one of the challenges we're facing right now but, quite frankly, to cut a long story short, we're having a challenge keeping up with growth. Our customers do not want to hear problems about keeping up with growth."

Based on customer counts and missed sales, and based on evaluations of the previous 28 days' sales, City Markets "should be doing \$100 million in sales [per annum] based on demand, but we are missing quite a lot in terms of what people want - somewhere between 25-30 per cent of what people want in our stores."

"We are conscious of it," Mr. Finlayson added. "We are buying a lot more product to bridge that gap and give customers more of what they want."

City Markets was investing "in a brand new system" to help project inventory needs "a lot better than we are doing now", he said. Citing the example of Wesson cooking oil, Mr. Finlayson said several City Markets stores ran out of this product last week because the Bahamas-based agent for it was "having a challenge keeping up with what we need".

Ultimately, City Markets paid to import an entire container of Wesson product direct from ConAgra in the US, paying the local agent a commission. "That's a quick

fix," Mr. Finlayson told Tribune Business. "What we really need to do is better projections, better management of the transportation of goods, and better inventory management."

"There are two projects we are putting in place right now: The buying, and a buying system and transportation management system. It's quite a good program. We know it's going to be a learning curve, and that it's probably going to take a few months before we see the benefits of it, but we are spending a lot of time and effort getting it right."

"Once we get inventory management right, I'm sure this company will exceed \$100 million in sales. From our side we've just got to get it right and make sure we give people what they want. By the time the next quarter comes around, this won't be a problem."

Mr. Finlayson said customer feedback was providing further encouragement, the message being that City Markets had improved and, while consumers could not get everything they wanted at its stores, they were prepared to wait.

Meanwhile, the City Markets majority owner pledged that the supermarket chain would "absorb as much as we can" and avoid passing on to Bahamian consumers the worst effects of the anticipated spike in world food prices.

Noting that spiking oil prices were also feeding into the Bahamian food chain in the form of increased transportation costs, coupled with earlier weather-induced product shortages, Mr. Finlayson said: "Our main supplier, Supervalu, hedged a bit and

we benefited from that, but we're going to see the prices to us climb a little."

"We will try to absorb as much as we can of that, and pass as little on to the public as possible. We can absorb a little bit of loss while we build the company. Our focus is the top-line, and we will stay below any increases imposed by our competitors."

Mr. Finlayson added that the proposed acquisition of Trans-Island Traders' majority 78 per cent stake in Bahamas Supermarkets by Associated Bahamian Distillers and Brewers (ABDAB), another company controlled by his father and family, had still not been completed despite receiving valuation reports from CFAL.

"It's still back and forth between the directors," Mr. Finlayson said. "There are a couple of different methods we could take a look at in terms of the merger and sale."

Among the options under discussion were an exchange of shares, or ABDAB acquiring the 78 per cent stake from Trans-Island Traders. "We are also looking at ways where we may not have to have the two companies come together in order to have the necessary synergies," Mr. Finlayson said.

"We are looking at the options, but there are ways both companies can benefit. The directors are looking at what makes sense for the minority shareholders, because when it comes down to it, myself and my family benefit on both sides, so it's pretty important the independent directors make those decisions."



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BUSINESS

BREWERY'S WARNING OVER \$50M IPO SHARE ALLOCATION

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lic offering (IPO) as nominees, a move many feared would "kill the deal" for those wanting confidentiality.

In a May 3 letter signed by managing director LeRoy Archer and company secretary Shun Chou, Commonwealth Brewery warned that it would not allocate shares to Bahamian retail and institutional investors unless it was provided with information identifying the ultimate beneficial owner(s) behind the investment.

Applications

Noting that the IPO attracted "a number of applications" where broker/dealers were acting as fiduciaries for unnamed nominees, Messrs Archer and Chou wrote: "It is the determination of our company that we intend to allocate shares to named persons and not to nominees, such that our register will contain the name of the persons who own our shares....."

"Please be advised that the company intends to allocate only to named persons and, therefore, we would need this information as quickly as possible in order to allow us to conclude our allocation process."

The Commonwealth Brewery letter than asked all broker/dealers to provide identification information on beneficial owners they were acting for to the Bahamas Central Securities Depository (BCSD), its Registrar and Transfer Agent, citing various documents that could be

used. One source, who requested anonymity, told Tribune Business the letter meant that Commonwealth Brewery was "only going to allocate to the actual shareholders, not the nominees", meaning that persons who had invested via trusts, brokerage accounts and other investment vehicles - and had perfectly legitimate reasons to maintain confidentiality - would have to reveal their identities.

Their names would be included on the shareholder register and, the source said, could "kill the deal" for those who wanted to maintain confidentiality. They would also not receive the Commonwealth Brewery shares they had subscribed for.

One source said there were several issues at play, namely that the company should know the identities of all its shareholders, and also that this would help to prevent any long and short selling.

However, they said the change contained in the Commonwealth Brewery letter should have been discussed between all market participants before it was implemented, not imposed without warning.

Tribune Business was informed that the beneficial owner identification requirement seemed to be being driven by the Bahamas International Securities Exchange (BISX) itself.

It is understood that the two major broker/dealers in the Bahamian capital markets, RoyalFidelity Capital Markets and CFAL, are both unhappy with the situation. Given that both own a one-

third shareholding in the BCSD, with BISX owning the remaining equity, all three sides were said to be locked in long telephone conversations yesterday in a bid to resolve the situation and get clarification. It is understood that further meetings are planned for this morning.

Change

Another source said what was proposed in the Commonwealth Brewery letter was a significant change in the Bahamian capital markets' structure, and added: "This would be a significant change in market structure, and what's required. It can't be imposed without warning."

The source questioned whether Commonwealth Brewery had moved too early in complying with future BISX requirements, and suggested some kind of clarification would have to be issued.

Commonwealth Brewery's IPO attracted 3,000 investors, who subscribed for more than \$50 million of the \$62.5 million offered. Institutional investors accounted for about 40 per cent of the \$50 million raised, with the remaining 60 per cent coming from individual investors.

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Occupancy for March beats 2010

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in Nassau/PI in 2010.

January and February 2011 saw a much lower average combined occupancy rate of 59.1 per cent, compared to the 61.6 per cent seen in the same two months last year.

The average daily room rate (ADR) for January and February was \$237 compared to \$243.85 in 2010, and the room nights sold and room revenue were down 3.4 per cent and 6.1 per cent respectively.

The February 2011 average daily room rate (ADR) of \$239.89 represented a decrease of \$10.05 compared to February 2010.

However, room revenue overall decreased

“only slightly” by 0.6 per cent due to a 3.5 per cent increase in room nights sold, combined with a 0.7 per cent increase in available room nights that offset the 4 per cent fall in the ADR.

“Only three properties show declines in all key business metrics with room revenues below February 2010. This compared to eight properties in January. Another four properties saw revenues decline due to losses in room nights sold despite increases in their ADR.

“Seven properties increased their room revenues either with a gain in ADR and room nights sold (three properties) or with a decrease in ADR and an increase in room nights sold,” said the BHA.

Comparing this year’s performance with pre-recession levels, room nights sold and room revenue

in February 2011 for Nassau and Paradise Island’s 14 major hotels remained down 16.5 per cent and 24.6 per cent respectively from 2008.

Mr Bowe said: “While major hotels in Nassau and Paradise Island reported that January and February failed to meet projections, in large part due to severe weather problems affecting travel, the industry anticipates making up for lost ground with stronger performances in March and April, particularly fuelled by strong consumer response to the re-introduction of the popular Companion Fly Free program.

“Hotels continue to be challenged in raising their rates to pre-recession levels due to competitive pressures throughout the global marketplace.”

Mr Bowe said the BHA anticipates improve-

ments to both hotels’ occupancy and revenue over the next several months “as the industry on average continues to show marginal increases in revenue and occupancy”.

He added that while it continues to be difficult to project growth beyond the near-term, the BHA is “encouraged to see an increase in advanced bookings for group business, a major part of our business which dropped significantly during the recession”.

“Advance group bookings for this fall and into 2012 are encouraging. We are concerned about the rising price of fuel and its impact on travel costs, and this concern will figure into ongoing strategies by the Ministry of Tourism, BHA and the Promotion Boards,” Mr Bowe said.

‘Revolution’ promised by Cable

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on to win a 70 per cent market share.

“We’re really looking forward to this,” said Mr Butler. He was speaking at a press conference held yesterday at Cable Bahamas’ headquarters, where the company launched its “rebranded” image and products.

The re-branding coincides with the company’s \$10 million acquisition of Systems Resource Group/IndiGO, the company that currently holds the only other license to provide international and domestic voice/telephone competition against BTC.

With the acquisition of SRG/IndiGO, Mr Butler explained that Cable Bahamas will now offer “triple play bundles” of Internet, TV and telephone services to customers in “a few weeks time”.

By doing so, it will become a competitor to BTC, newly-managed and owned by Cable and Wireless Communications, not only in the provision of Internet service but also land-line phone.

Cable Bahamas said that as it moves to become a “Triple Play” player, it is not just the addition of phone service that will be new but its TV and Internet offerings will also be subject to changes that will ben-

efit the Bahamian consumer.

The new-look Cable Bahamas will offer Internet service under the product name ‘REVON’, phone service as ‘REVOICE’ and TV as ‘RETV’, with the ‘Rev’ standing for “revolution.”

The company said the “flagship of the REV product suite” is RETV, which will “dramatically reposition TV viewing as a premium entertainment experience for Bahamians”.

The number of HD (high definition) television channels which will become available to Cable Bahamas customers, should they purchase or rent an HD set-top box, will “effectively triple” to 60, while the company is also significantly expanding its ‘Video on Demand’ (VOD) offering from the 120 hours currently available and updated on a weekly basis to 4,000 hours, although not all 4,000 hours of VOD will be updated weekly.

Expanded

“RETV will offer an expanded and cleaner channel line-up with exciting programming and a sharper picture quality,” said Mr Butler.

“Increased speeds and reliability” will be the focus of the company in the provision of its broadband Internet service, he added.

Mr Butler said the company will leverage its existing network of subscribers, which includes 70 per cent of all Internet customers in the Bahamas, to build its market share in telephone service.

“It is our full intention to utilise that network to its extreme as far as offering ser-

vices. We have proven we have done that with Internet and broadband,” he added.

“If you get Internet in your home from Cable Bahamas you will be able to take voice (telephone) with very little work. They can provide a phone for you within half an hour of these people being in the house. The hardware basically involves swapping out the cable modem you have for a voice port.

“We have a very large subscriber base, so we have hopefully very loyal customers there who have shown us over the years that they are interested in taking services from Cable Bahamas. We are obviously going to go to that subscriber base and offer them these new services.”

Asked whether the new product offerings will come with any reductions in cost to consumers, Mr Butler said that Bahamians may be able to save depending on how they choose to “mix and match” the services they buy.

“What it will mean is bundled services, so you’ll be able to mix and match the three services that you want really to suit the products that you’re using, so there will be savings depending on the mix that you do,” Mr Butler said.

The company will “strive for simple pricing”, its vice-president of marketing, Mark Cabrielli, added.

“Not only are we rejuvenating our market name and image, but more importantly, we are improving everything we do - from delivering a better TV experience to introducing new innovating products all backed by world class customer service,” said Mr Butler.

SRG DEAL GIVES CABLE \$9 MILLION REVENUE BOOST

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Bahamas’ senior vice-president of finance, revealed that the company paid \$10 million to buy SRG and may spend up to \$7.5 million on upgrades.

“The wireless capability of SRG and the spectrum license they have are all opportunities for Cable Bahamas to get into. The price tag certainly could be around that amount depending on the synergies we can put together. Cable Bahamas has a very extensive fibre optic network in the four major islands of the country, and SRG has a wireless infrastructure...we are having talks at the moment about the different kinds of things we can do, whether it’s WiFi or WiMax, and estimating what we think the price tags on those kinds of opportunities may be,” said Mr Williams.

No redundancies will result from the acquisition, said Mr Butler, noting that SRG brings with it the wireless services which Cable Bahamas “did not have in house”. Its current staff support that “and will continue to do so”.

Mr Butler would not discuss any projections as to what the acquisition of SRG will add to Cable Bahamas’ revenue stream in the longer term, but added that the deal is “all about growth”.

Going forward, Mr Butler said Cable Bahamas would be seeking to get “as much of the fixed line telephone market as we possibly can” from the Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC).

“This will be a real phone alternative in the Bahamas and REVoice (the name of Cable Bahamas’ phone product) will offer a variety of packages to both residential and business customers. This will provide Bahamians with real choice for the first time, as Cable Bahamas will provide phone service that is clear, reliable and affordable,” said Mr Butler.

He added that number portability - the ability for consumers to make the decision to change service providers without having to change telephone numbers - would be something that Cable Bahamas will be “pressing (URCA) very hard” on to ensure that consumers can indeed benefit from this opportunity.

“We think consumers want it. If your family and friends know your number as 356-1111, it’s of interest for you to keep that. This is all about competition,” Mr Butler said, noting that URCA is currently conducting a consultation with the public on number portability before it makes a determination on the issue.

As far as the pricing of Cable Bahamas’ new telephone service, Mr Butler said he expects it will remain similar to what IndiGO currently provides, “which means free local calls.”

Work is ongoing to integrate the new operations and services SRG/IndiGo offers into Cable Bahamas and, in the meantime, the subsidiary “will continue to operate as a separate entity” for the next several months.

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FAITHFUL crowd St Peter's Square at the Vatican, Sunday, May 1. Pope Benedict XVI beatified Pope John Paul II before more than a million faithful in St Peter's Square and surrounding streets Sunday, moving the beloved former pontiff one step closer to possible sainthood. (AP)

Pope beatifies John Paul II before 1.5M faithful

VATICAN CITY
Associated Press

SOME 1.5 million pilgrims flooded Rome to watch Pope John Paul II move a step closer to sainthood in one of the largest Vatican Masses in history, an outpouring of adoration for a beloved and historic figure after years marred by church scandal.

The turnout for the beatification Sunday far exceeded even the most optimistic expectation of 1 million people, the number Rome city officials predicted. For Catholics filling St. Peter's Square and its surrounding streets, and for those watching around the world the beatification was a welcome hearkening back to the days when the pope was almost universally beloved.

"He was like a king to us, like a father," Marynka Ulaszewska, a 28-year-old from

Ciechocinek, Poland, said, weeping. "I hope these emotions will remain with us for a long time," she said.

Pope Benedict XVI praised John Paul for turning back the seemingly "irreversible" tide of communism with faith, courage and "the strength of a titan, a strength which came to him from God."

John Paul is universally credited with helping bring down communism in his native Poland with support for the Solidarity labor movement, accelerating the fall of the Iron Curtain.

"He rightly reclaimed for Christianity that impulse of hope which had in some sense faltered before Marxism and the ideology of progress," Benedict said. "He restored to Christianity its true face as a religion of hope."

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RELIGIOUS NEWS, STORIES
AND CHURCH EVENTS

Pope beatifies John Paul II

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John Paul's beatification, the fastest in modern times, has however triggered a new wave of anger from sex-abuse victims because much of the criminality occurred during his 27-year watch. Critics also say John Paul's legacy is clouded by evidence of a dwindling faith: empty churches in Europe, too few priests in North and South America, priests who violate their celibacy requirement in places like Africa and a general decline of Catholicism in former Christian strongholds.

John Paul's defenders argue that an entire generation of new priests owe their vocations to John Paul, and that millions of lay Catholics found their faith during the World Youth Days, which were a hallmark of his papacy.

Vatican officials have insisted that the saint-making process isn't a judgment of how John Paul administered the church but rather whether he lived a life of Christian virtue.

Benedict put John Paul on the fast-track for possible sainthood when he dispensed with the traditional five-year waiting period and allowed the beatification process to begin weeks after his April 2, 2005, death. Benedict was responding to chants of "Santo Subito!" or "Sainthood Immediately" which erupted during John Paul's funeral.

With a sea of red and white Polish flags fluttering in the square, the beatification Sunday evoked the days after the pope's death in 2005, when some 3 million faithful held vigil under his studio window and filed past his remains for days on end.

Pilgrims from Mexico to Mali repeated the procession after the Mass Sunday, for hours filing past the simple wooden coffin that had been raised from the grottoes underneath St. Peter's Basilica to the church's center aisle, where it was surrounded by four Swiss Guards standing at attention.

Beatification is the last major milestone before a candidate is declared a saint. John Paul needs another miracle attributed to his intercession before he can be canonized.

Already, Vatican officials have said reports of inexplicable cures were pouring in, suggesting it is only a matter of time before John Paul is declared a saint, or even a doctor of the church — an even greater honor.

Police placed wide swaths of Rome miles (kilometers) from the Vatican off limits to private cars to ensure security for the estimated 16 heads of state, eight prime ministers and five members of European royal houses attending.

Helicopters flew overhead, police boats patrolled the nearby Tiber River and some 5,000 uniformed troops manned police barricades to ensure priests, official delegations and those with coveted VIP passes could get to their places amid the

throng of pilgrims.

Spain's Crown Prince Felipe and Princess Letizia, wearing a black lace mantilla, mingled with Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi, Poland's historic Solidarity leader and former President Lech Walesa and Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe, who sidestepped a European Union travel ban to attend.

"He went all over the world," said Bishop Jean Zerbo of Bamako, Mali, who came to Rome for the ceremony. "Today, we're coming to him."

Many in Rome and in capitals around the world erupted in cheers, tears and applause as Benedict pronounced John Paul "Blessed" and an enormous color photo of a young, smiling John Paul was unveiled over the loggia of St. Peter's Basilica.

"John Paul is an angel, he has such charisma," said Esperanza Concilio, a 69-year-old hairdresser who traveled from Guadalajara, Mexico for the beatification.

Catholics jammed churches from Mexico to Australia to pray and watch broadcasts of the Rome Mass on television.

"He was a model and an inspiration who united the world with his extraordinary charisma," said John Paul Bustillo, a 16-year-old medical student named after the pontiff who turned out Sunday along with more than 3,000 others for a six-mile (10-kilometer) race followed by a Mass near Manila Bay in the Philippines.

In Brazil, which has more Roman Catholics than any other nation, the beatification resonated among the faithful and sparked hope that it might renew faith in the church in the South American nation which is facing stiff competition for souls from evangelical Protestant movements.

"The beatification is going to renovate the faith of those who may have lost their way and left the church," said Adimir Godoy, as he left a Sunday mass at the Santa Cecilia church in central Sao Paulo. "We were all blessed by the life of Pope John Paul and he deserves to be a saint."

In John Paul's native Poland, tens of thousands of people gathered in rain in a major sanctuary in Krakow and in Wadowice, where the pontiff was born in 1920 as Karol Wojtyla. Prime Minister Donald Tusk and his wife Malgorzata watched the ceremony together with Wadowice residents.

In Panama, Roman Catholic authorities laid the first stone of a chapel that will be built in honor of the late pope. The site in Albrook marks the spot where John Paul II held a mass during his 1983 visit to the Central American country.

In the United States, many churches held special masses and other programs to honor the first pope to connect widely with American Catholics, especially young believers.



THE faithful take pictures of the casket containing the remains of late Pope John Paul laid out in state inside St Peter's Basilica the day the late pontiff was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI during a solemn celebration in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, Sunday, May 1, in the fastest beatification in modern times. Pope John Paul II died April 2, 2005. (AP)

Freedom from Alcohol



BISHOP VG
CLARKE

of God – (I Corinthians 3:16, 17). It adversely affects every cell in the body. It causes toxic damage to the central nervous system and the brain. It causes a loss of mental powers and destroys inhibitions that are needed for morality and personal safety. God wants us to think clearly, but our God has given us the power of choice, which is lost under the influence of alcohol.

Sobriety is commanded in the Holy Scriptures. Believers are exhorted to not be drunken, “But let us, who are of the day, be sober” (I Thessalonians 5:8). As Christians we are to be in control of our mind, and be sober. (I Peter 1:13). Believers are to be alert to the times, sober and prayerful (I Peter 4:7). Grace teaches against drunkenness and that we should live soberly, righteously, and Godly in this present world.”

Many Olympic champions of the world are total abstainers from alcohol beverages. They know the damage it does to the body, mind and spirit.

Alcohol is Destructive – A person who destroys his body and mind will be destroyed by God. Many do not understand whenever the first drink is taken; it is the first step toward death. Alcoholics are candidates for suicide.

Alcoholism destroys families. It makes widows and orphans, fills divorce courts, and dooms families with vicious force. It bankrupts families and does not care whether they are not properly sheltered, educated, fed, or clothed. There can be no peaceful co-existence with alcoholism. “It masters all under its influence and destroys all it masters.”

Alcohol is involved in escalating rates of murders, rapes, robberies, physical abuses and violent crimes. Government estimates place the economic cost of alcoholism (including lost population, accidents, health care, and fires) in the billions each year.

DRINKING alcohol beverages is not cool; it is contrary to God’s will.

Alcohol deceives, defiles, destroys and the Holy Scriptures condemns drunkenness. Total abstinence from all alcoholic beverages is the only wise choice for Christians. The consumption of alcohol is dangerous for several reasons.

Alcohol Deceives – “Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler, whoever is led astray by them is not wise” (Proverbs 20:1, N.I.V.). Alcohol does not make you beautiful, smart, handsome, tall, strong, witty, sexy or more sophisticated – just drunk.

Alcohol is a depressant, not a stimulant. It staggers the brain, the feet and the whole personality. It promises exhalation yet actually destroys the sensitivity of the nervous system and reflexes. It dulls thinking. Alcohol promises to settle the nerves and help one gain control, but in fact it leads one to loss of control.

The user believes that he or she can stop at any point. The alcoholic lies to himself and refuses to believe he is an alcoholic. How many times does the poor deceived persons, brag about being able to handle his alcohol? The juvenile offender in court says to the judge, “I just had a soft one or a few beers”. (The character of alcohol in beers does not differ from that in wine, whiskey, brandy or vodka.) The alcoholic knows the harmful effects of the drug, but excuses himself by saying, “I am hurting myself and no other”. But homes are broken, school fees are unpaid, child support not given and families are destroyed because of this drug.

I saw a sign, some time ago on one of our main streets, which read: “Drink Responsibly”. Can you really drink responsibly? I do not believe so. I am just not addressing this topic because of my religious faith. No, as a matured Bahamian, I wish to state that I never used alcohol at any time in my life. I believe it is impossible to be under the influence of Alcohol and not affect others.

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All Saints Anglican Parish Grille Out

ON Saturday, May 7, the clergy and people of All Saints Anglican Parish, Mangrove Cay and South Andros will hold a grille out in aid of its building restoration fund.

Proceeds for this the first annual parish grille out are earmarked for the replacement of the roof for the historic church of St Barnabas in Long Bay Cays, South Andros. The grille out will take place on the grounds of Holy Trinity Anglican Parish in New Providence on Saturday May 7 from noon - 6pm.

There will be steak, chicken and fish dinners available along with conch and rice, conch and grits, conch fritters, crab and dough, crab and rice, and much more food and drink. There will be a bouncing castle, cotton candy and popped corn for the children as well. This is the first annual building restoration fund raiser.

The next project after the replacement of the roof at St Barnabas is the expansion of St Alban's Church in Drigg's Hill South Andros following that will be the replacement of the roof of St David's Anglican Church Lisbon Creek, Mangrove Cay and finally the restoration of the Rectory in Peats, Mangrove Cay. All persons are invited to come out and have a fun filled day.

Warriors in Christ

By PASTOR TONYA COLEBROOK
Heavenly Dove Prayer and
Deliverance Ministry

1 TIMOTHY 6v 12: Warriors for Christ! Fight the Good fight of the faith, take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Ephesians 6v12 for we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

TO BECOME A WARRIOR IN CHRIST THERE ARE SOMETHINGS THAT

MUST BE DONE!

Put on the whole armor of God

1. Ephesians 6v13: Take on the whole armor of God, which you may be able to

withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Grid your loins with truth and Breastplate of righteousness .

2 Ephesians 6v 14 ; Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness ..

Gospel of Peace

3 Ephesians 6v 15: And having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace.

Shield of faith

4. Ephesians 6v16: Besides all these taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one.

Helmet of Salvation which is the word of God

5 Ephesians 6v17: And take the helmet of Salvation, and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God.

Stand firm and be focused on the things of God, for he careth for you. Pray

with ceasing. 1 Thessalonias 5vs 17. You must pray more than ever before. This means continue to pray without looking in the natural, but be more spiritual. You might not see the results now, but in the spiritual realm God is working it all out for your good. Because you are going through a situation right now and you don't even know which way to turn just hold on to Jesus more than ever before.

Jesus is the answer for the world today, above him there is no other, for Jesus is the way.

Stand Up Stand Up for Jesus
Stand Up Stand Up for Jesus- Stand in Jesse's strength alone

The arm of flesh will fail you- You dare not trust your own

Put on the gospel armor- Each piece put on with prayer

Stand Up Warriors for the Lord, for he will never leave you nor forsake you.

Jesus is your mighty conquer. Today stand still.

India Hindu Festival

Artists from India's Uttarakhand state watch a procession to mark Hindu festival "Parasuram Jayanti" in Jammu, India, Tuesday, May 3, 2011. The festival is dedicated to the worship of lord Parasuram, who according to Hindu mythology is an incarnation of god Vishnu. (AP)



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Bin Laden's burial shines light on Islamic rules

By JEFF KAROUB
Associated Press

OSAMA bin Laden's burial at sea by the U.S. government has spurred worldwide debate among Islamic leaders and scholars: Did officials follow Islamic tradition in handling the body before and during burial, as they contend?

Experts' responses vary as widely as the interpretations among followers of any faith. Some saw the burial as an appropriate option; others decried it as an unacceptable way to treat a body of a Muslim, regardless of his actions in life.

Still, there are some basic customs and practices of Islamic burial commonly followed, according to Muslim clerics who discussed them with The Associated Press:

— The preference is always for bodies to be buried on land, but custom allows for sea burials if someone dies on a ship and there is no way to quickly get the body to land.

— The body must be buried within 24 hours to honour the Prophet Muhammad, and should not be cremated or embalmed.

— In the grave, the head should be pointed toward the holy city of Mecca in preparation for judgment day.

— Before burial, the body needs to be ritually washed from top to bottom and dried. The process is meant to honour God, or Allah.

"Allah created the body and we have to respect the body as though the air and blood is still going through it — that's the vessel that held the spirit of the human being," said Abdullah Bey El-Amin, a Detroit imam and president of a company that provides funeral products and services.

— After the washing, custom calls for



SUPPORTERS of Pakistan's Islamic Lawyer Forum offer funeral prayers for al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden outside the Peshawar High Court in Peshawar, Pakistan on Wednesday, May 4, 2011. People were still confused and suspicious on about the killing of Osama bin Laden, which took place in their midst before dawn on Monday. (AP)

the body to be wrapped in three pieces of cloth for men, five pieces for women.

— The funeral service at a mosque or elsewhere should include a special burial prayer with four parts to glorify God, and reading of the first chapter of the Quran.

The bottom line is "we should not insult the body of any person when he is dead," said Ahmad Sakr, president of the Foundation of Islamic Knowledge and director of the Islamic Education Center in Walnut, Calif.

"There are rules and regulations for burial, whether he's a practicing Muslim or a lazy Muslim," Sakr said.

President Barack Obama said bin Laden's remains had been handled in accordance with custom, which requires speedy burial, and the Pentagon later said the body was sunk in the waters of the northern Arabian Sea after adhering to traditional Islamic procedures — including washing the corpse — aboard the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson.

A US official said the burial decision was made after concluding that it would have been difficult to find a country willing to accept bin Laden's remains. There was also concern that a grave site could have become a rallying point for militants.

Some prominent Muslim clerics in the Middle East have suggested that the burial at sea could be interpreted by some Muslims as an insult and invite retribution.

China says US report on religious policy biased

BEIJING
Associated Press

A US commission that accused Beijing of restricting religious freedom is biased and is meddling in China's internal affairs, the Foreign Ministry said Wednesday.

Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu said Chinese citizens enjoy "complete religious freedom" despite the assertions by the US Commission on International Religious

Freedom in a report issued last week.

In a statement, Jiang urged the commission to "abandon its prejudices, respect facts and stop intervening in China's domestic affairs by means including issuing reports."

In its annual report, the commission listed China among the worst violators of religious freedom, saying the government imposes severe restrictions on unregistered religious groups and those deemed

to threaten national security or social harmony.

"Religious freedom conditions for Tibetan Buddhists and Uighur Muslims remain particularly acute as the government broadened its efforts to discredit and imprison religious leaders, control the selection of clergy, ban religious gatherings, and control the distribution of religious literature by members of these groups," the report said.

The report also said that over the past year, the government has detained over 500 unregistered Protestants and dozens of Catholic clergy, increased efforts to destroy or close unregistered churches and meeting places, and targeted followers of the banned Falun Gong spiritual movement and their defenders.

Commission Chairman Leonard Leo also accused China of trying to hack into the commission's emails.

The other "countries of particular concern" were Egypt, Eritrea, Iran, Iraq, Myanmar, Nigeria, North Korea, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Vietnam.



BROTHERHOOD: Anglican clergy from throughout the archipelagic diocese boarded Bahamasair Dash 8 flights and headed to Abaco for their Annual Clergy Conference which takes place each year during the month of May.

Anglican Priests begin their Annual Clergy Conference in Abaco

NEWLY installed Rector Willish Johnson organised the members of her parish, St John the Baptist, to be the gracious host of the week long expedition. The clergy would reside at the luxurious waterfront resort of "Regattas".

On Monday, the august body led evening devotions in the recently renovated and refurbished St John the Baptist Parish Church located on the main thoroughfare of the economically bustling settlement of Marsh Harbor.

Upon entering the parish hall one could see that it was bee-hive of activity as members of the vestry working along in tandem with Anglican Church Women group gave the various clerics a royal welcome and a sumptuous meal.

On Tuesday morning, day two of the week's retreat, the clergy began with morning prayer at 7am followed by breakfast in the church's parish hall. The business session reconvened with an update on the 150th anniversary celebrations and each cleric tabled statistical data and events coinciding with the

Diocese celebrations.

The Eucharist was celebrated at mid-day, celebrated by Bishop Boyd assisted by Deacon Letha Strachan. It was the feast day of St Philip and St James and the birthday of Archdeacon I. Ranfurly Brown, Rector of St Agnes and Archdeacon responsible for the West Central Archdeaconry.

During the Conference clergy concerns and upcoming events marking the celebration of the Diocesan milestone were also discussed. On Wednesday evening clergy attended Eucharistic celebrations in the church of St Martin's of Tour in Sandy Point, Abaco. Thursday evening they travelled into the Parish of St Peter's and St Anne's in North Abaco and St Peter's in Green Turtle Cay. The rector of this particular parish is Fr Deangelo Bowe.

This year's clergy conference saw more than sixty priests coming together for fellowship, frolic and relaxation after a most busy and tiring Lenten season and Holy Week activities.



GATHERING: Anglican clergy from all over the diocese gathered in this Abaco this week for their annual clergy conference.

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Bahamian athletes on NCAA top 100 lists

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INSIDE • International sports news

Battle 4 Atlantis boosts sports tourism

By **RENALDO DORSETT**
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WITH a number of landmark sporting events on the horizon in the Bahamas, there will be more and more opportunities for the island-chain to seize with regard to developing our sports tourism brand.

At the announcement of one such event, the highly anticipated Battle 4 Atlantis Basketball tournament, Minister of Tourism and Aviation Vin-

cent Vanderpool-Wallace outlined how the event and others of a similar nature increases the Bahamas' profile as a destination for sports tourism.

"We have outlined a strategy we were going to follow because amateur sports has this remarkable capacity to draw a large number of people to come into an area. This is an outstanding start to something that we have been talking about for quite some time. This is the beginning.

"With basketball, there are all kinds of other opportunities that we were

already beginning to explore and suddenly it appears to be much easier for us to accomplish these other initiatives in terms of other amateur sports, other NCAA events, to do exactly the same kinds of things for the Bahamas and the same kind of things which is to get the fans and friends and the teams to come over and compete in the Bahamas," he said.

"In amateur sports, anywhere you would go in the US you would see that the city is sold out so it isn't just the property in and around where the

event is happening. We are finally beginning to see the execution of an idea and doing it in a very visible and effective way speaks to the kind of events and the kind of efforts Atlantis has been known for."

The University of Connecticut Huskies are expected to headline the eight-team roster to compete in the inaugural "Battle 4 Atlantis" at the Paradise Island resort over the Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 23-27.

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VANDERPOOL-WALLACE

Bahamians burning up track and field

By **RENALDO DORSETT**
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The IAAF has released the most recent updated version of its top lists with a number of Bahamians listed among the world leaders in their respective events.

Approximately 12 Bahamian athletes are ranked amongst the 25 best performances of the year thus far.

Highlighting the list of athletes and standout performances was junior sprinter Anthonique Strachan (below), fresh off her double sprint championship performance at the Carifta Games which earned her the "Austin Sealy" award.



In her signature event, Strachan's time of 22.92s, en route to a gold medal in Montego Bay, Jamaica, is 11th best in the world on the season. Her Carifta double performance was also good enough to place her on the top list in the century with a time of 11.38s, which placed her 24th in the world.

Strachan, 17, is the youngest athlete to appear within the top 25 on either list.

Collegiate superstar Sheniqua 'O' Ferguson has solidified her position as one of the world's top sprinters by having a pair of performances ranked in the top 10.

The Auburn University Tiger and reigning SEC Champion in both the 100m and 200m continues to excel.

Ferguson posted the fourth fastest time in the world at the War Eagle Invitational April 16 in Auburn, Alabama and also recorded a new personal best of 11.17s.

American Carmelita Jeter leads the top list with a time of 10.99s, the only sub-11 time recorded this year.

In the 200m, Ferguson's performance is ranked eighth with a time of 22.92s, clocked April 9 in Tallahassee, Florida.

Nivea Smith is ranked 15th on the list with a time of 22.97s.

American Lauryn Williams has the world leading time of 22.65s, followed by Shelly-Ann Fraser-Price of Jamaica in 22.69s.

In the women's long jump, Bianca Stuart recorded the 10th best jump of the year with a mark of 6.53m, also at the War Eagle Invitational.

At the same meet, the fourth and fifth best jumps of the year were also recorded by Shara Proctor of Great Britain and 6.68m and Jovane Jarrett of Jamaica, 6.65m.

American Brittney Reese heads the list with a jump of 6.83m.

In the men's 400m, the productive year thus far for Demetrius Pinder has been displayed throughout the top lists.

Pinder is the only athlete to appear twice within the top 10 which includes the fourth leading time in the world, done April 2 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 45.06s and the seventh fastest time, 45.26s, April 16 in Gainesville, Florida.

Michael Mathieu also appears within the top 25 with the 23rd fastest time, 45.69s.

In the 200m, Pinder has recorded the 11th best finish, 20.54s, ran March 19 in San Diego, California.

Mathieu posted the 22nd best finish thus far in 20.62s, which he recorded March 26 in Orlando, Florida.

Maurice Mitchell of the US posted the fastest mark of the year just weeks ago in Durham, North Carolina, in 20.19s.

In the men's triple jump, Leevan 'Superman' Sands recorded the seventh best jump of the year at 17.02m at the War Eagle Invitational.

The top six marks in the event are all recorded by Cuban athletes in various meets performed at home, lead by Alexis Copello at 17.27m.

In the high jump, Donald Thomas has the fifth best mark of the year with a leap of 2.30m.

Trevor Barry has the 15th best mark of 2.24m, which he reached last weekend in Des Moines, Iowa.

The top four jumps were all by Americans, led by Jesse Williams with a leap of 2.34m.

The Bahamas men's 4 x 400 relay team of Ramon Miller, Mathieu, Andrae Williams and Chris Brown qualified for the IAAF World Championships in Daegu, South Korea and in doing so recorded the ninth best time of the year with their time of 3:02.79s.

Knowles and Hield ousted in preliminary rounds of Pan Am qualifier

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A TREK towards qualification in the region's top boxing tournament has just one remaining opportunity for the Bahamas' top amateur boxers after an early exit in their latest outing.

At the second of three Pan Am qualifiers, Valentino Knowles and Carl Hield were both ousted in the preliminary rounds at the event in Quito, Ecuador.

In the 64kg category, Knowles lost a tough match by a single point to Antonio Ortiz of Puerto Rico, 7:6. And in the 69kg category, Hield fell to Myke Carvalho of Brazil, 14:4.

Both fighters needed to advance to the medal round in order to secure a spot at the games after falling short in the first qualifier in Venezuela last March.

As a last resort, the boxers will have to gear up for the third and

final round that will be held in June.

Twenty-two countries are participating at the second Pan Am Qualifier, competing for six slots in the women's division and 37 in the men's.

Taureano 'Reno' Johnson was the last Bahamian to qualify for the Pan Am Games, the second biggest event outside of the Olympic Games. He did it in 2007 when he secured a gold medal in the third round.

Seymour said based on Knowles' and Hield's performances in the past, he is confident that they both can prevail because "they're not new to this level of competition and they know the boxers."

"This is what we have been preparing for the last 4-5 years, so we know what we are up against. They are ready. Those guys are ready."

Seymour foreshadowed a difficult road ahead for his fighters in Ecuador.

"It could play a difficult part in your breathing. We were there last



OUSTED: Valentino Knowles (right) and Carl Hield were ousted in the preliminary rounds of the Pan Am qualifier in Ecuador.

year at the Continental.

"This is also the cold weather time

in Ecuador when the second qualifier takes place. So we are going to do

our best to try and qualify in this first one."

Seymour said he's confident that if both Hield and Knowles go out and box smart and don't take anyone "lightly," they should have no problems qualifying.

"You can't leave anything up to the officials. We have to win everything fair and clean," he said. "We just don't want to leave anything up to the officials. That is one of our focus. We can't take anyone lightly."

The 2011 Pan Am Games will be contested October 14-30 in Guadalajara, Mexico, and will showcase women's boxing for the first time in the event's history.

The three Olympic women's weight classes – flyweight (112lbs), lightweight (132lbs) and middleweight (165lbs) – will all be featured.

The third and final Pan Am Games qualifying tournament is tentatively scheduled to take place in June at a location to be determined.

LOCAL SPORTS

Bahamian athletes on NCAA top 100 lists

By LAMECH JOHNSON

WITH the NCAA Division I outdoor track and field championships approximately six weeks away, Bahamian athletes are working hard in order to be eligible to compete in that prestigious meet.

On the US track and field results reporting system website (www.tfrs.org), a number of our athletes are among the top in their respective events in track and on the field.

Grand Bahamian native Demetrius Pinder, a senior at Texas A & M University, is No.2 in the 400m with a season's best time of 45.06s. Pinder is also ranked sixth in the 200m with his personal best of 20.54.

Jamal Wilson, of the University of Texas, is ranked No.4 in the triple jump in a



SHENIQUA 'Q' FERGUSON

best leap of 16.23m. He is ranked 22nd in his specialty of the high jump with 2.15m.

Raymond Higgs, who attends the University of Arkansas, is also ranked 22nd in the high jump with the same mark as Wilson. In the



DEMETRIUS PINDER

long jump, he holds the eighth spot with a leap of 7.91m.

On the women's side, Sheniqua 'Q' Ferguson and Nivea Smith of Auburn lead the way with tied 5th place spots in the 200m. Both have ran 22.92s. Ferguson, howev-

er, has the faster time in the 100m in 11.17s which places her 9th in the division.

Smith's time this year is 11.57 which is 62nd overall. Cache Amrbrister is 60th in the half lapper with a 23.69s season's best and 40th in the full lapper in 53.84s.

Ivanique Kemp, who also attends the University of Arkansas, ran a personal best of 13.34s in the 100m hurdles at the Drake relays last week. That time puts her 29th overall.

Other athletes ranked on the top lists are Geno Jones of LSU - 77th in 100m 10.49s, Karlton Rolle of UCLA - 56th in 200m 20.97s and Latoy Williams of Texas Tech - 45th in 400m 46.78s.

Before the collegiate athletes can compete at the NCAA outdoor track and field championships, they

must first compete in their respective conference championships where they have a chance to duplicate and/or improve their performances to improve their rank in the lists.

Then the top athletes from the two regions, east and

west, are selected to compete in the preliminary rounds to be held at the end of this month.

The top 12 finishers from each region advances to the championships which is scheduled to begin in Des Moines, Iowa, on June 8.

Battle 4 Atlantis boosts sports tourism

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The Huskies will be joined by fellow Elite Eight participant from the 2011 NCAA Tournament, the Florida State Seminoles, along with other tournament participants, North Carolina-Asheville and the College of Charleston.

Harvard University, Utah, Massachusetts and Central Florida round out the remainder of the eight teams. Participating schools will receive \$2 million annually, which organisers say makes it the richest preseason tournament in college basketball.

Vanderpool-Wallace also stated that the ministry is set to produce its official sports tourism brochure in the near future, outlining its plans for development.

Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, at the contract

signing and groundbreaking ceremony for the redevelopment of the Queen Elizabeth Sports Center, underscored the importance that an improvement in facilities and infrastructure has on the impact of sports tourism.

Promotion

"The promotion and pursuit of sports is an important part of our national development. These works will not only complement the operations of the new national stadium and augment the development of the Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre, they will also contribute to my government's goal of transforming the landscape of New Providence and providing residents and visitors with modern and reliable infrastructure and utility services," he said.

"It should not be lost on

any of us that enhanced sporting facilities hold considerable potential for other and additional benefits to our country, namely the growth in sports tourism, potential new revenue sources to the benefit of sport and the increased opportunities for additional sports development."

Tyrone Sawyer, director of sports tourism, previously stated how the connection between his ministry and local federations has facilitated the development of the particular tourism sector.

"We are finding that the opportunities in sports tourism are extremely great and the goal, strategy and objective is to stimulate air stop over arrivals, and also room growth through the vehicle of sports tourism events. "We are successfully

accomplishing that through close liaison with the Bahamas Olympic Committee and with the various sporting federations," he said.

"I must say that we must give credit to all the sporting bodies because they have been very helpful to us. We have established a relationship where we put our resources to their disposal and the results are great," Sawyer said.

In 2010, more than 20 international teams competed in tournaments hosted by local federations. Some tournaments are now listed as annual events on the sporting calendars.

One sporting organisation in particular, the Bahamas Basketball Federation, schedules tournaments every year for NCAA Div I teams, including the Junkanoo Jam and Sunshine Shootout.

Berry Islands: Seminoles fly over Eagles, 33-24

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WHILE most basketball leagues around the Bahamas have wrapped up, one of the least populated Family Islands recently hosted its inaugural event on the hardwood.

The R N Gomez All Age School Eagles of the Berry Islands hosted its first annual basketball tournament featuring a trio of schools - the hosts, North Andros High Seminoles and Acklins High Stingers - April 28-30.

In the senior boys' division, the Seminoles took first place after they defeated the host Eagles in the championship game 33-24. Lashann Storr led all scorers with 13 points while Polhemus Adderley led the Eagles with eight points.

The Seminoles reached the championship game with a 30-25 win over the Stingers and finished the tournament at 3-1.

They opened with a 45-37 win over the Stingers led by 19 points from Trevor Newton, while Gregory Knowles Jr led the Stingers with 24.

In game two, they suffered their lone defeat of the tournament, 42-34, at the hands of the Eagles. Jeron Smith led the Berry Islands with 11 points while Storr

RN Gomez All Age hosts its 1st annual basketball tourney

finished with 10.

The Eagles finished the tournament at 2-1. They won the opening game in a thriller over the Stingers, 29-28, led by Deangelo Miller's eight points. Storr was named the tournament's most valuable player.

Newton led the tournament in assists, the Eagles' Denni Rolle led the tournament in rebounds while the Seminoles' Demetrius Colebrooke led in steals and Kyle Knowles in blocked shots.

In the junior boys' division, the Eagles protected home court and took the championship with a 27-19 win.

The Eagles defeated the Seminoles in back-to-back contests, after a 31-19 win in the opening game. Jeron Smith was named the most valuable player and recorded the most blocked shots as the Eagles swept the awards honours.

Kevin Wallace Junior had the most assists and Danzel Rolle recorded the most steals and most rebounds.

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