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BAHAMIAN WHISTLE-BLOWER IS APPLAUDED FOR EXPOSING FIFA SCANDAL

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A DECISION by a Bahamian soccer official to "whistle-blow" on alleged corruption is being credited in the international media as exposing a scandal that is now threatening to "tear apart" FIFA, the wealthy global body that governs the hugely-popular sport.

The Telegraph of London yesterday reported that a secret dossier on the cor-
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Father is shot multiple times outside home

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"I guess he was saying his final goodbye because he was telling us he loved us," she told the *Tribune* yesterday. Ms Algreen said that she was awakened by the sound of gunshots near the family's home on Polehmus and Parker Streets around 4.08 am Saturday. She said it wasn't until around 6 am Saturday that the family discovered that Fidel was dead inside his car.

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Shooting report

REPORTS reached the *Tribune* news desk last night of a reported shooting in Union Village. Details were sketchy up to press time yesterday however police press liaison officer Chrislyn Skipplings confirmed that there was a report of a shooting in Union Village shortly before 1pm yesterday.

KIDS SCOOP

Owing to technical difficulties, Kids Scoop was not published in Saturday's paper. It will now go in Tuesday's paper. We apologise for any inconvenience.

BAHAMAS DEFEAT MEXICO IN CARIBBEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS



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ON TOP: The Bahamas beat Mexico 17-12 in the North America Caribbean Rugby Association Men's

BTC SEVERANCE DEALS FALL SHORT OF UNION HOPES

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THE Bahamas Communications and Public Officers Union "did not get what it wanted" from BTC in the voluntary severance packages that the company has decided to offer employees as it seeks to reduce staff by at least 30 per cent, the President of the BCPOU has stated.

Bernard Evans said the packages "fall short given the economic conditions and the climate in this country" and do not match or exceed the benefits offered to BTC employees who separated
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SHOOTING VICTIM DIES FROM INJURIES

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THE death of a 29-year-old man shot in Freeport two weeks ago has brought to three the number of people murdered on a single street in Freeport in three months.

Suny Anopolis died in the Princess Margaret Hospital in New Providence on Friday evening after being shot on Weddell Avenue in Garden Villas, Freeport, on May 17th.

His condition had initially been described as "poor" when he was admitted to the
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FINANCIAL DUTIES IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO ACCOUNTING PROFESSIONALS

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THE government is implementing recommendations from an internal audit of public high schools to transfer all financial responsibilities inside the schools to account-

ing professionals. In the new budget announcement last week, the government included provisions to appoint about 20 bursars to the new post at public high schools, according to Tribune sources.

"The financial burden that was placed
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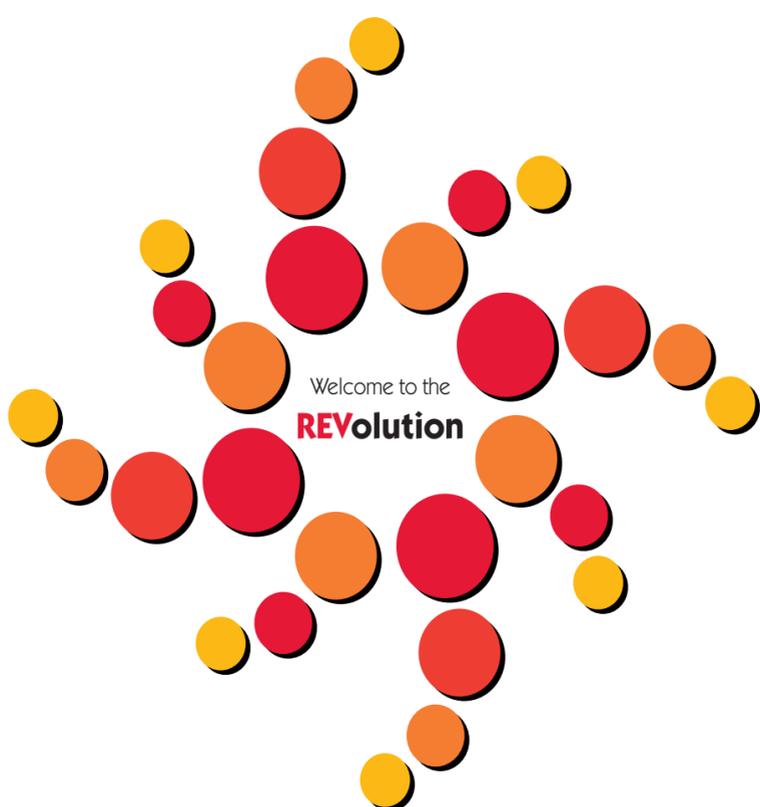
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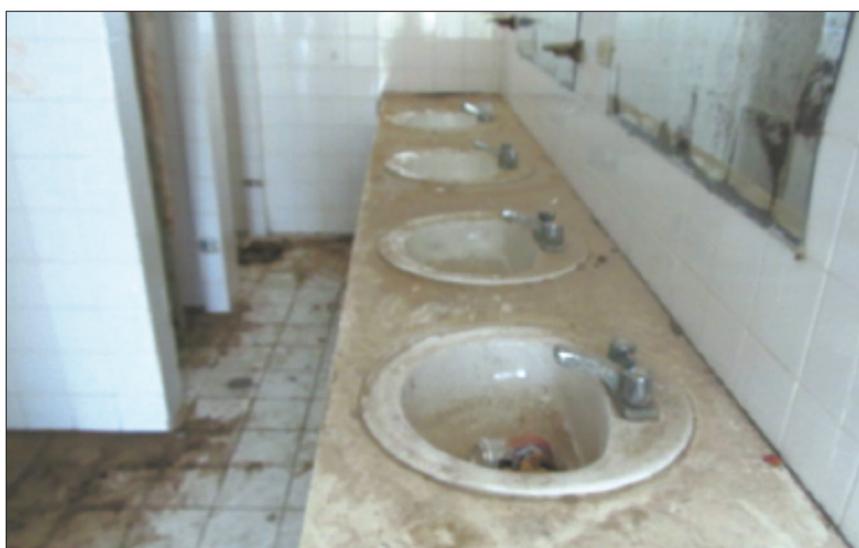
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DISTURBING photographs that depicted gross negligence of maintenance at court bathroom facilities were the subject of public health concerns yesterday.

Last night, officials within the Office of the Judiciary confirmed to the Tribune that "aggressive" action would be launched today to address the issue.

"We will move aggressive" **SEE page six**



GROSS NEGLIGENCE: Photos show the atrocious state of court bathroom facilities.

'Mother Pratt' hopes her first book will inspire struggling Bahamians

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ASPIRING to inspire downtrodden Bahamians, Cynthia "Mother" Pratt, former Minister of National Security and MP for St Cecelia, launched her first book this weekend, chronicling her "life, struggles, challenges and triumphs."

The parliamentarian and church leader said that her driving ambition now that she is preparing to exit public life is that her story, as a woman who came from "abject poverty" to rise to one of the nation's highest offices, can provide the encouragement needed to lead young people to make the best of their lives despite difficult circumstances.

"No Equal to God's Chosen" is the title of her 125-page work, which has been several years in the making.

"From Poverty to Destiny" is the sub-heading. It talks about where I've come from, my ear-



FIRST BOOK: Cynthia 'Mother' Pratt with PLP Leader Perry Christie.

ly childhood days where I grew up in inner city and the straw market, really in abject poverty, and it goes down through my years of sports and of nursing and of education and now in politics to show the masses who are in the gutter that there is hope and if God is able to elevate me it can happen for them," Mrs Pratt told *The Tribune* yesterday in an interview from her home.

At a reception hosted at the British Colonial Hilton on Friday, Mrs Pratt welcomed parliamentarians, church and community leaders, family and friends to announce the launch of the book: The first, she says, of a series to come.

But it is Bahamian children and teenagers who she hopes the book will have the most significance for.

"I am concerned about the child in Bain Town, the Grove, Montell Heights, even those in Carmichael who are in the middle class, but still poor. It's all about trying to encourage them that they don't have to resort to negative things, that there is hope," said Mrs Pratt.

Sixty-five-year-old Mrs Pratt was born the 13th of 16 children and spent her early years in "the inner city" just south of Meeting Street. She worked

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BAHAMAS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCER'S ASSOCIATION

Govt criticised for failing to consult with local farmers on WTO talks

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POLICE PROBE SHOOTING OF MAN AGED 50

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FREEPORT – Grand Bahama Police are investigating the shooting of a 50-year-old man in the Freeport area early Sunday morning.

ASP Loretta Mackey, police press liaison officer, reported that police responded to a shooting around 5.57am at Nansen Avenue.

When officers arrived at the scene, they saw a man lying on the ground with a gunshot injury at an apartment complex. The victim had been shot in the upper shoulder near the neck.

He was transported by EMS personnel to the Rand Memorial Hospital for medical treatment.

Ms Mackey said Central Detective Unit officers are continuing investigations into the shooting. Anyone with information that can help the police is asked to call 350-3107/8, 352-9774/5.

During the weekend the Police here on Grand Bahama arrested 19 adult males and one juvenile male for various offences that included house-breaking, shopbreaking, stealing, abstracting electricity, causing harm, disorderly behaviour, fighting, and using obscene language.

Six of the males arrested have outstanding warrants of apprehension issued by the Magistrates' Courts.

MAN ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED GUN POSSESSION

POLICE arrested a 31-year-old Chippingham man early yesterday morning when he was found in possession of a handgun.

The arrest occurred around 3am on Sunday. According to reports, officers of the Southern Division were on patrol on Nassau Street in the area of Bain Street when they saw a man actually suspiciously.

It is reported that the man upon seeing the officers threw an object under a nearby vehicle.

Officers retrieved the object, a loaded handgun. The man, a resident of Churchill Avenue, Chippingham was taken into custody.

Police investigations into the matter continue.

• THREE men were taken into police custody early Sunday morning after police recovered a handgun following a chase in the Pinewood Gardens area.

Reports state that shortly after midnight on Saturday officers of Rapid Strike were on routine patrol on Sequoia Street, Pinewood Gardens when they observed the occupants of a black Toyota Tercel acting suspiciously.

It is reported that the driver upon seeing the officers sped off.

The officers pursued the vehicle and saw one of the men throw an object out of a window. The officers intercepted the vehicle, conducted a search of the area where the object was thrown and recovered a handgun. The men ages 19, 20 and 27 years were taken into custody.

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THE Bahamas Agricultural Producer's Association have lodged concerns with the government over its "failure to consult" with local farmers on World Trade Organisation negotiations.

The criticism came as BAPA continued their appeal for government to reconsider its decision to remove customs duty from imported fruits in a press statement yesterday, suggesting that the move will hurt the agricultural industry.

Keith Campbell, the association's president, also warned that the removal of such duties would put the country at a disadvantage as it vies for entrance to the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

Unfavourable

"The removal of the duty from fruit also places us in the most unfavourable position possible when it comes to WTO accession," said Dr Campbell, "as prudent countries have always set their tariff rates as high as possible prior to accession and then engage in negotiations afterwards to adjust them."

The WTO is a global body governing trade between member nations with the goal of improving the ease of business between



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producers, exporters and importers.

"We are most concerned," said Dr Campbell,

"that as stakeholders we have not been involved in the WTO accession negotiations and that Finance has presumed themselves to be competent in all areas as they negotiate away our ability to be competitive in the markets of the WTO, inclusive of our own."

Tariffs

In his Budget presentation last week Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham announced plans to eliminate all tariffs on fresh fruit. Duty on imported vegetables was reduced from 35 to 10 per cent a few years ago. Following the presenta-

tion, The Tribune spoke with local farmers who said they would prefer the government to use existing legislation to implement seasonal tariff structures for local produce instead of eliminating tariffs across the board.

However, officials insisted that imports, and by extension the elimination of tariffs, was increasingly necessary due to consumer demand.

Larry Cartwright, Minister of Agriculture, advised that the local industry could not meet the country's produce demand and that the tax cessation would "cut down" on smuggling. According to Mr Cartwright, consumers have been

"shouting at the Ministry of Finance." Farmers also highlighted the need for a cultural shift from consumers, most of whom are still reluctant to patronise local growers.

"We would recommend instead that the duty be removed from temperate fruits," Dr Campbell said yesterday, "such as apples and Bartlett pears, etc, which we do not produce and remain in place for tropical fruits, such as mangoes, bananas, avocados, citrus, etc, which we do produce and in some instances also export."

Officials within the Ministry of Agriculture, as well as Finance, were unavailable for comment up to press

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Castro brother turns 80 in aging regime

HAVANA — Cuban President Raul Castro is set to join elder sibling Fidel in the ranks of octogenarians this week, even as he spearheads efforts to rejuvenate the Communist-run island's tired economy.

The big day comes Friday, June 3, and it is likely to pass with little fanfare. Raul and Fidel — who turns 85 on August 13 — have historically eschewed public celebrations of their birthdays, and the government told The Associated Press it had no word of any official events to mark the day.

But the milestone is sure to remind supporters and detractors alike that the era of the Castros is nearing its end, biologically if not politically. Raul is already a month older than Fidel was when a near-fatal illness forced him to step down — temporarily, then permanently — in 2006. In April, Fidel gave up his final post as head of the Communist Party.

"Fidel is out at the age of 85 — and he was always much healthier than Raul as a young man — and now Raul is 80," said Ann Louise Bardach, a longtime Cuba expert and author of "Without Fidel" and "Cuba Confidential."

She gave Raul credit for having the courage to push an agenda of economic change since taking over the presidency, but said he missed a great chance to bring in new leadership at a key Communist Party summit in April when he selected old-guard revolutionaries Jose Ramon Machado Ventura, 80, and Ramiro Valdes, 79, as his Nos. 2 and 3.

"Their challenge is that they must bring in a younger generation, but instead Raul picked someone even older than him as his chief deputy," she said. "It just shows how unconfident they are. They missed an opportunity."

On the streets of the capital, Havana, reactions to the president's round-number birthday were mixed.

"I'm not so concerned about his age because he looks like he's in good health," said Marcelo Delgado, a 72-year-old retiree. "What I am worried about is that it seems to be taking a long time to bring in the economic changes he is talking about, and there isn't much time left."

Since taking office, Raul has legalized some forms of self-employment, turned over fallow government land to small-time farmers and promised to trim the state's bloated payroll by 500,000 workers.

He also has pledged to legalize the sale of cars and homes, end restrictions on Cubans travelling abroad and open up credit to would-be entrepreneurs — though those proposals remain part of a vague five-year plan and many are still sceptical.

"Raul is going to turn 80, and the others

are even older," said Ernesto, a 26-year-old Havana resident, who asked that he only be identified by his first name for fear he could get into trouble for speaking out about the country's leaders.

"To make real changes the country needs young people," he said. "Raul talks a lot about giving power to the young, but I ask you, 'Where are they?'"

Those with long years of involvement in the island's affairs say Raul's birthday is a moment for reflection.

Wayne Smith, who was a young foreign service officer in Havana when President John F. Kennedy pulled U.S. diplomats off the island in 1961, said he never thought at the time that the Castros would still be in power all these years later, nor that Cuba would still be America's enemy.

"Good Lord, no," chuckled Smith, who is now a senior fellow at the Washington-based Centre for International Policy. "When we left in 1961, I expected to be back shortly. Here we are more than 50 years after the revolution and we still haven't come to a decent relationship with them."

Smith, who returned to Havana as America's chief diplomat in 1979 and remains an outspoken opponent of Washington's 49-year trade embargo, said he was hopeful Raul Castro could make good on his economic overhaul now that he is in command and out from under his charismatic brother's shadow.

"It will be interesting to see how far they get before he does pass from the scene, because of course he will," Smith said.

That would be fine with many Cuban exiles in Miami, who have grown old themselves waiting for an end to the brothers' reign.

"He's 80 and he may have another four or five birthday celebrations," said Pepe Hernandez, head of the Cuban American National Foundation, a Miami-based exile organization. "But our concern is what happens after that, and in Cuba they don't seem very concerned about that. I think we should be concerned about what happens when there are no more birthday parties for Raul."

One person who is unmoved by Castro's birthday is Daniel Torres, a 69-year-old retired veteran in Miami who left Cuba shortly after the 1959 revolution because he says he was threatened with jail time for speaking out against the government.

"After 52 years of tears and suffering, I don't know what else to say," he said. "It's a shame he's made it to 80."

(This article was written by Paul Haven of the Associated Press).

Criticism of police over John Bull robbery has been unfair

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Many unfair comments have been made about police presence and police action on Bay Street relating to the armed robbery at John Bull. Comments from politicians and other persons were carried in the media. It appears that media personnel did not attempt to get the facts.

At a time shortly after the robbery an armed policeman appeared on the scene and as he approached the vehicle he saw a huge automatic pointed towards him. This stopped his pursuit promptly, but he did follow the vehicle on foot and was able to observe the culprits abandoning the vehicle at Parliament and Shirley Streets.

There was police presence in the city with officers on the waterfront and straw market and on George Street. I could not confirm how many police officers were in the city area, but they were certainly not enough to be at each jewellery store or even on each block.

I have a concern as to what security measures are being taken by our merchants to protect their premises. It appears at times that all is left to the police. Crime prevention technology

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Cameras well placed provide information that assist immensely in detection. It is also a preventative measure.

Merchants should be advised to store their most valuable items as far inside the premises as possible some distance from the entrance. Hardened glass used on the showcases could be an asset. It is known that some merchants use cheap replicas of products for displays. Recording of serial numbers on expensive items

could be of help to the police and help in the identification process.

Well trained security officers, who are alert, observant and vigilant have been known to foil armed robbery attempts.

In recent times security officers have foiled armed robberies at at least two banks in New Providence. Many of our merchants consider security as an expense from which revenue is not derived.

They are hesitant to pay for the required standard of security.

I implore merchants, in particular the jewel merchants to consider crime prevention measures and security consultations to make their businesses safer for their employees and customers. Hardening the target is one of the concepts of crime prevention.

In spite of the critics and those who would like the crime trend to remain as it is, our Police Force continues to perform with distinction.

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Not surprised that Discovery is stopping Miami-Freeport service

EDITOR, The Tribune.

The announcement that mv Discovery was stopping its service between Miami and Freeport came as no surprise — really surprised that they didn't stop earlier.

The brilliance of our Ministry of Tourism forced SS Celebration, not the Carnival boat, from their preferred and liked service Palm Beach to Nassau to adding to the Freeport South Florida overnight service.

They I am told subsidized both services — obviously market forces won out and one service is now discontinued.

Whichever party you support the success of the government's interventions since 2007 have not been too successful except after the dredging of Nassau Harbour for \$45 million we see high percentage increases of cruise arrivals as well as a higher what I call

stay-on-board cruise passenger levels.

The John Bull incident over the weekend will have consequences — no cruise line is going to suggest to their passengers it is automatically safe if you leave the boat in case an incident occurs.

Atlantis if you didn't notice is running a new TV advertisement children free 100 per cent — free daily full breakfast — couple that with companion free we might as well tell the potential guests your vacation is on us!

It seems things are getting desperate as most Caribbean destinations indicate their arrivals by air and sea are respectfully in the black.

H RAHMING
Nassau,
May 23, 2011.

BAHAMAS HAS NO JURISDICTION OVER AIRPORT AREA OCCUPIED BY US CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION

EDITOR, The Tribune.

It was with great interest that I read the letter from Mr D'Aguilar, the former president of the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce who congratulated the government on the new airport but who complained bitterly about the length of time it took for him to pre-clear US Customs and Immigration and urging the government to do something about it.

I was surprised that Mr. D'Aguilar does not understand that the area of the airport occupied by US Customs and Immigration is US territory and the Bahamian government has no jurisdiction over it.

He is probably too young to remember when we did not have pre-clearance facilities and how the government worked hard and long to have such facilities in this country.

He possibly has not been in the arrivals terminal in Miami or another US port of entry along with thousands of travellers from Europe, the Caribbean, Latin America and other parts of the world waiting for long periods in longer lines to clear Customs and immigration.

Believe me, Mr D'Aguilar the time spent in the pre-clearance lines at the Sir

Lynden Pindling airport is a joke compared to the torture of doing the same in Miami after a long flight from Europe or South America.

JEANNE I THOMPSON
Nassau,
May 27, 2011.

POLITICIANS CONFUSE ME

EDITOR, The Tribune.

The politicians that make up the present Government have released their Budget for the next twelve months.

Meanwhile, the politician that is the leader of the Official Opposition is quoted in the press as saying the budget "is an election play" designed to get votes, while the only independent politician is quoted as saying the budget is "political."

Well, the dictionary says that a politician is "a person who is professionally involved in politics, especially as a holder of/or a candidate for an elected office." So shouldn't one expect a politician to be political or attempt to get votes?

RICK LOWE
Nassau,
May 26, 2011.

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BTC moves to improve ease of access to customer service

BTC is taking steps to improve ease of access to customer service by implementing a single number at its expanded call centre for all customer service needs.

The newly-privatised telecommunications company said in a release issued over the weekend that it is doing away with the multitude of different numbers customers were previously required to use to inquire about various services and report problems and replacing them with one "easy to remember" phone number: 225-5282.

"Remember that three-digit number you had to dial to report a phone out of order? Or the seven-digit number you called to change features on a mobile phone, set up VIBE or the other number you rang to inquire about a

bill or talk about international roaming? If you remember those numbers now, you can forget them in the future. BTC announced today that its expanded call centre is up and running with all calls being handled by one number seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

Marlon Johnson, Vice President, Sales and Marketing for BTC said: "The BTC call centre with all calls regarding all services being routed through a single number free of charge from anywhere within The Bahamas is one more way BTC is improving service to our customers by making it more convenient."

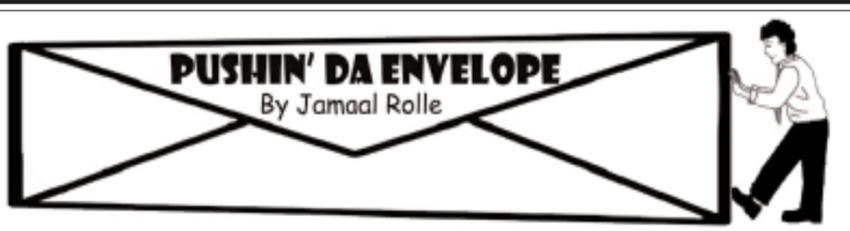
The single number call centre replaces more than 20 numbers that occupy a full services numbers page in the telephone directory.

He emphasised that in addi-

tion to making it easier to remember how to call BTC, "whether to discuss roaming or topping up minutes", the call centre also means extended hours and all calls to the centre are free.

"They do not use up any minutes and there are no toll charges if you are calling from a Family Island."

BTC will continue to roll out customer service initiatives as it deepens its commitment to unparalleled customer service, said the statement. "As customers rightly expect value for money, we must continually get better at how we interact with our customers. Frankly, we want customers to expect to get the best customer experience in The Bahamas at BTC and that is and will be our primary aim as a company," said Mr Johnson.



BUDGET BACKLASH



RANDY FRASER'S WIFE EXPECTED TO TAKE WITNESS STAND

THE wife of Baptist Bishop Earl Randy Fraser is expected to take the witness stand when his trial resumes in a Magistrate's Court today. Prosecutors have accused Fraser, 53, of abusing his position of trust by having a sexual relationship with a 16-year-old girl he had agreed to counsel.

It is alleged that Fraser, pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Temple on St James Road, had a sexual relationship with the girl between July 2005 and February 2006. Fraser has denied committing the offences and remains on \$10,000 bail. He is represented by attorney Jiaran Mangra. Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions Franklyn Williams is prosecuting the case.



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Woe to Evildoers

Micah 2:1-5

Woe to those who devise iniquity, And work out evil on their beds! At morning light they practice it, Because it is in the power of their hand. They covet fields and take them by violence, Also houses, and seize them. So they oppress a man and his house, A man and his inheritance. Therefore thus says the LORD: "Behold, against this family I am devising disaster, From which you cannot remove your necks; Nor shall you walk haughtily, For this is an evil time. In that day one shall take up a proverb against you, And lament with a bitter lamentation, saying: 'We are utterly destroyed! He has changed the heritage of my people; How He has removed it from me! To a turncoat He has divided our fields.'" Therefore you will have no one to determine boundaries [a] by lot in the assembly of the LORD.

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LOCAL NEWS

Cable Bahamas technicians try to restore cable, Internet services

CABLE Bahamas technicians were busy yesterday trying to restore cable and Internet services to residents of western New Providence.

The disruption in service reportedly began early Sunday morning.

Attempts to reach officials at Cable Bahamas for comment on the issue and to ascertain the cause of the disruption proved unsuccessful up to press time yesterday.

The company acknowledged by way of an automated messaging service that technicians were working "diligently" in western New Providence to restore service to its customers.

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Police continue appeal for help in finding convict, 26

POLICE continue their public appeal for any information that may lead to the arrest of 26-year-old convict Lavardo Rahming.

Rahming, a Pinewood Gardens resident, failed to attend Supreme Court in Grand Bahama last week Monday where a jury found him and Shavardo McPhee guilty of the 2008 murder and armed robbery of Abaco grocery store cashier Dion Strachan.

Rahming was described as having dark brown skin, being of slim build, and 6 feet 2 inches tall.

McPhee was present in court to hear the verdict, but Rahming, who was on \$35,000 bail, failed to show up and a bench warrant was issued for his arrest.

Dion Strachan was shot and killed on November 27, 2008 during an armed robbery at the M&R Foodstore in Marsh Harbour, Abaco where he



LAVARDO RAHMING

was employed as a cashier.

Five men were initially charged in the matter, however, during the course

of the trial the prosecution withdrew the charges against Calvin Edgecombe, 24, and Dario Mills, 24.

The jury was unable to reach a verdict in the case of Jermaine Russell, who was charged with conspiracy to commit armed robbery. He will remain on bail until September 1 when the prosecution will decide whether to drop the charges or proceed with other charges against him.

On Monday, a jury of eight women and four men returned a unanimous guilty verdict on the murder charge against the pair.

They also returned a guilty verdict by a vote of 9-3 on the armed robbery charge.

Persons with information that might assist police with their search are asked to contact police at 911, CDU at 502-9991, or Crime Stoppers at 328-TIPS.

Court bathrooms a 'disgrace'

FROM page two

sively in there and try to clean it up and restore it," said Leroy Sumner, an undersecretary. "This is the first complaint that we are getting that something was untowards at the toilets.

"We will move in there [today] to address the problem."

Human waste, graffiti and trash were shown to pervade the restrooms assigned to the Nassau Street court complex.

According to the sender, who took the pictures on Friday and wishes to remain anonymous, the filthy con-

ditions have remained unchanged since April.

The sender said he was directed to the facilities after he attempted to use the bathroom at the nearby police station.

"This is the same bathroom that defendants, plaintiffs and lawyers have to use," said the sender. "This should be investigated."

Because of these circumstances, the lawyers, magistrates and other people don't want to come to court. Pictures attached are self explanatory.

"I think this is a disgrace," he added.

Mr Sumner explained that conditions at the facility degenerated due to improper use which overwhelmed the restroom's sole janitress. "[The bathroom] was left open and became a community toilet," he said, "previously the bathroom was only to be used by persons appearing in and around the court.

"The police who had access to the key left the toilets open and the community had unfettered access."

Last night, it was unclear whether the facilities were operable.

"It does not fall under the responsibility of my ministry," said Earl Deveaux,



DEPLORABLE: Human waste, graffiti and trash were shown to pervade the restrooms assigned to the Nassau Street court complex.

Minister of Environment, "but now that you have given it to me I will ensure it is given to the right persons for appropriate action. Clearly this is a combination of absolutely poor sanitation and public cleanliness."

The Office of the Judiciary has administrative oversight of the court premises through the Direc-

tor of Court Services, according to Attorney General John Delaney. However, Mr Delaney advised that maintenance of public bathrooms was the responsibility of the Ministry of Public Works.

Attempts to reach Minister of Public Works Neko Grant were unsuccessful up to press time.

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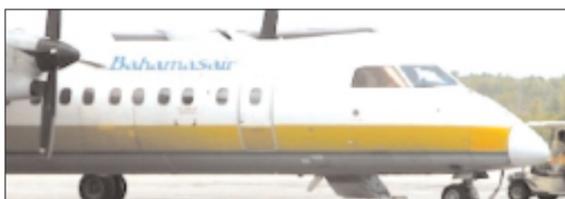


LOCAL NEWS

Bahamasair eases travel policy curb on animals who help people with disabilities

Traveller with Post Traumatic Stress allowed to take dog on board

By AVA TURNQUEST
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POLICY CHANGE: Bahamasair.

THE compassion of a Bahamasair pilot, and determination of a disabled traveller, has effected changes to the airline's operational policy concerning animals who assist persons with disabilities.

All types of assistance dogs used by disabled persons are now allowed to travel onboard Bahamasair planes with their handlers, according to traveller, Davis Hawn who suffers from Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) and who was allowed to take his dog Booster onboard his Bahamasair flight to Cuba.

"The warm reception I received in the small nation with the big heart (Bahamas) re-instilled my faith in my fellow man," Mr Hawn said. "It gave me the confidence to go forward into a 'new' foreign country (Cuba)."

In the past, only guide dogs - which assist blind persons - were allowed to fly inside the cabin, according to Mr Hawn.

Mr Hawn is a resident of Pass Christian, Mississippi and owns a timeshare unit in Grand Bahama. He explained that he developed a relationship with Bahamasair, specifically pilot Vincent Beneby, as a frequent visitor to the country.

After he explained his condition, and the need for Booster's continued presence, Mr Hawn said Capt Beneby immediately grant-

ed him approval. "Captain Beneby took me under his wing and made this all possible," he said. "Thanks to Captain Beneby and the Bahamian people that have given me so much more than they will ever know."

Mr Hawn later penned a letter, at the request of Capt Beneby, which explained the broad range of services that can be provided by assistance dogs and included published work on the topic. The letter led to the change in operational policy.

In an e-mail sent to Mr Hawn, Capt Beneby said: "Thanks to you (Mr Hawn), Bahamasair has made a change in our Operations Manual, to make it very easy for anyone with a service dog or service animal to travel.

"In the future, whenever your reservations are made, you only need to mention that you will be travelling with a 'Service Dog' and you will receive the royal treatment."

"I am extremely delighted to note that you had a successful trip to Cuba," said Mr Beneby in the e-mail correspondence with Mr Hawn, "and we at Bahamasair are happy to have con-

tributed to the success of your trip to Cuba."

"I believe that I represent thousands of Bahamians, who would have done whatever they could, to make you and Booster comfortable," added Mr Beneby.

Mr Hawn turned to Bahamasair in March, after he was turned away by a Cuban airline that refused to allow Booster in the cabin.

As a graduate student majoring in Canine Studies, Mr Hawn needed to travel to Cuba to complete a research project for his degree.

"All bet's were off," said Mr Hawn, "it wasn't possible. But two things made it possible, and both of them involve coming to the Bahamas."

An advocate for increased awareness towards the use and importance of assistance dogs, Mr Hawn had his first public speaking engagement in the Bahamas during the 2010 Disability week.

Along with Booster, Mr Hawn demonstrated the benefits of assistance dogs during an address to the Bahamas National Council for Disability.

OVERSEAS NEWS

Venezuelans protest US sanctions against oil co.

By CHRISTOPHER TOOTHAKER,
Associated Press
CARACAS, Venezuela

Thousands of government supporters jammed into a plaza Sunday to protest U.S. sanctions against Venezuela's state oil company, the latest in a series of demonstrations encouraged by President Hugo Chavez to invoke nationalist sentiments.

Chavez backers waving Venezuelan flags and chanting, "The people, united, will never be defeated!" marched from several points throughout the capital and converged on a downtown plaza where they listened to officials condemn the sanctions against Petroleos de Venezuela SA, known as PDVSA. "Nobody messes with Venezuela," Energy Minister Rafael Ramirez told the crowd. "Venezuela must be respected."

Ramirez has said shipments of heavy crude to PDVSA's U.S.-based subsidiaries will continue, but the company cannot guarantee shipments to non-affiliated private oil companies.

Under the sanctions, PDVSA will be barred from any U.S. government contracts, U.S. import-export financing, and export licenses for sensitive technology. But it will not be banned from selling oil to the United States or dealing with U.S. subsidiaries.

Venezuela is one of the United States' main suppliers of petroleum, and the U.S. is the South American country's chief oil buyer.

Under Chavez, PDVSA has sought to diversify its clientele, exporting more to China and other countries. Ramirez has hinted the oil company could seek to accelerate those initiatives to further reduce Venezuela's dependence on the United States.

President Barack Obama's administration slapped sanctions on PDVSA and six other companies from other countries for doing business with Iran. The State Department said PDVSA delivered at least two cargoes of refined petroleum products worth about \$50 million to Iran between December and March.

Chavez's opponents have also criticized the sanctions, but Chavez and his supporters have portrayed them as anti-patriotic U.S. flunkies who applaud the measures.

"They are pawns of the empire," said protester Edgar Torres, using a term Chavez and his supporters often

Police patrol car involved in crash

A POLICE patrol car was involved in a crash with a private vehicle at Paradise Island yesterday.

The collision, which involved a Ford Explorer, occurred at the traffic light shortly after 8am.

Last night, officers within the traffic division remained tightlipped over the details concerning the accident.

Investigations were said to be continuing.

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The pair also appeared on many television programmes, including Bahamas at Sunrise and Conversations with Etoile Pinder.

"The Bahamian people gave me the confidence to associate with people again in my life," said Mr Hawn, who suffers debilitating fear due to his illness, "and gave me the confidence to believe I can go forward with my dog and communicate my message."

Without that confidence, he added, "I would never have had the courage to go into a country like Cuba."



Betty Taylor
Journalist/Entrepreneur

Quote of the week

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LOCAL NEWS

Guyana: Recovering its 'lost' years

By SIR RONALD SANDERS

(The writer is a Consultant and former Caribbean diplomat)

insight

WORLD VIEW

MA Y 26th marked 45 years since Guyana became independent. During that time other countries, such as Malaysia, Singapore and the Maldives, that had been far behind Guyana in development have surpassed it.

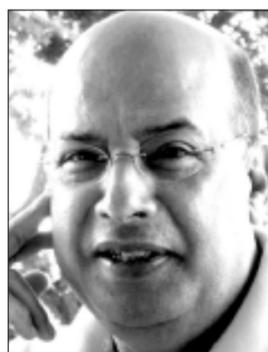
So, while this sprawling country, larger than England and rich in natural resources, marked its 45th

year as an independent nation better economically than it was a decade ago, it should have been much better developed and far more prosperous than it now is.

But, much has been achieved economically in the last decade prompted by the forgiveness of Guyana's debt under the Highly Indebted Poor Countries programme which allowed the government to secure

loans for spending on infrastructure and some betterment of wages and pensions. It also allowed the government to improve the climate for investment through a reformed tax strategy.

Today, Guyana's economy is one of the strongest in the Caribbean and as its President Bharrat Jagdeo observed, "the country is now enjoying its "sixth consecutive year of strong eco-



SIR RONALD SANDERS

omic growth – and has been one of the fastest growing economies in CARICOM every year since 2006."

These statements are supported by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) whose reports indicate that between 2006 and 2010, Guyana enjoyed average economic growth of 4 per cent – an enviable achievement among CARICOM countries, the majority of whose economies have contracted especially since the global financial crisis that started in late 2008.

Debt

Few would dispute that the two decades between 1976 and 1996 were 'lost' years for Guyana – a period when, despite its vast natural resources, the country experienced high debt, collapse of social and physical infrastructure and large-scale migration of its best educated people. The economic decline came in the wake of the nationalisation in the 1970's of much of the productive sector of the country – the sugar, bauxite and banking industries – for which it was punished by the industrialised nations and the institutions such as the IMF which they controlled. Improvements in the post-1996 period had its foundation in an Economic Recovery Programme introduced by the then government headed by President Desmond Hoyte.

Some may argue that the decline of national cohesion began even earlier and was particularly evident between 1962 and 1964, when racial riots and civil strife marred the country leaving a bitter legacy that continues to be the silent poison that runs through the body politic of the nation.

At independence Guyana was hardly one nation. It was more two societies coexisting with no appetite to return to past racial disturbances.

But, it would be untrue to say that, at the time, the country, as a whole, had overcome its racial divide in fulfilment of its national motto, "One people, One

nation, One destiny." This is still evident today in the fact that the main platform of the smallest of the three main political parties, the Alliance for Change (AFC), expresses the belief that, "if Guyana is to meaningfully experience the notion of independence", it "must adopt considered measures to cultivate and husband ethnic unity and harmony." The main opposition, Peoples National Congress/Reform (PNC/R) puts it less frontally, by its own statement that Guyana will attract investment to boost its economic development when an image is presented to the world of a "united, reconciled, purposeful and serious nation."

Nonetheless, it would also not be true to say that racial division remains a hallmark of the daily lives of the Guyanese people. No such division is evident among most people under the age of 30 who have no living experience of racial strife and are far more integrated than previous generations as a result of modern communication, access to global information, and a growing common culture.

The two main political parties – the opposition PNC/R and the ruling People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) – are both still perceived to be rooted in race with the former's support coming from people of African descent and the latter's from people of Indian descent.

One of the difficulties that each of these two main parties face in the upcoming elections for the Presidency and membership of the parliament, is that neither of them has outstanding persons in their leadership who are of the other race. Thus, the PPP has no group of outstanding Africans amongst its leadership, and the PNC has no group of outstanding Indians among its leaders. It is difficult to see how either party will succeed in securing the scale of non-racial support that would make them truly representative of all the people of Guyana.

This forthcoming election is a good opportunity for both the PPP and the PNC to broaden the base of their support by placing credible persons of all races in leadership positions.

And, it should not be for tokenism, but for good political sense and in the interest of the nation.

For, until all the political parties are regarded as racially cohesive and representative, the fear of neglect on racial grounds will continue.

Since the late 1970's and until recently, the economy of Guyana has been the sick



PRESIDENT BHARRAT JAGDEO

man of the Caribbean falling second only to Haiti as the poorest country in the region. Much of that has changed, and the economy looks set to change for the better even more.

This view is based not only on the economic growth of the last few years, but on Guyana's rich natural resources, and the diversification of its productive base to exploit these resources more effectively.

Twenty years ago, Guyana depended almost entirely on export earnings from sugar, rice and bauxite. Today, while these three commodities remain important, the agricultural sector has been diversified and Guyana is now a net exporter of agricultural products. Its other resources, especially gold, will catapult the country's economic growth in the future.

Last year the country earned US\$346.4 million from gold, almost three times the sum it earned from bauxite (US\$114.6 m), sugar (US\$104 m) and rice (US\$154.6 m). The country's gold sector is set for "catalytic investment" on an unprecedented scale that will earn the country as much as US\$1 trillion while introducing new technology that conforms to the high environmental standards that Guyana has set as part of its policy to employ a low carbon development strategy. Manganese will also once again contribute to the economy.

And then there is oil which, given all the positive studies, will eventually flow.

A few weeks ago Guyana received US\$40 million from Norway as payment for 8 million tonnes of carbon saved by preserving millions of acres of Guyana's huge forests. President Jagdeo has indicated that the country "can expect to receive in excess of a quarter of a billion dollars in similar transactions before 2015."

Managed efficiently, these revenues could transform Guyana and allow it to recover from the "lost" years – but they must also be distributed fairly and equitably through transparent machinery.

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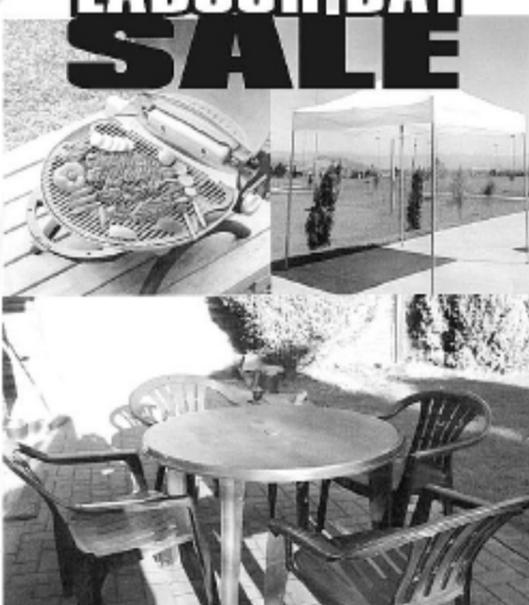
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'BUSINESS ARMED ROBBERY PREVENTION TIPS'

By CONSTABLE 3011
MAKELLE PINDER

Armed robbery is one of the most serious and potentially dangerous crimes committed today.

A robber commits a hold-up because he or she believes that their profit will be worth the risk. By decreasing the possible profit and increasing the risk of apprehension, potential businesses can reduce their chance of becoming a target.

Businesspersons must face the possibility of robbery on their premises realistically, and they should make security training a high priority.

You can avoid becoming a victim of such crime by adopting the following crime prevention measures provided by the Royal Bahamas Police Force National Crime Prevention Office:

Before A Robbery

Greet everyone who enters your business.

Keep doors and windows clear of signs and posters to allow good two-way visibility.

Use video surveillance and make it well known.

Make bank deposits at least once a day.

Place a surveillance camera behind the cash register facing the front counter.

Install an emergency (panic) alarm.

Make your sales counter clearly visible to observers.

A clean environment is good for business and



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uncomfortable for robbers. Keep your business well-lit inside and outside

During a Robbery

Stay calm and don't resist!

Do as instructed. Don't make sudden moves.

Keep your hands in sight at all times.

Get a look at the robber but don't stare.

If safe – Get a description of the robber's vehicle and direction of travel.

Activate the panic alarm ONLY when it's safe.

Personal safety first! Money and merchandise are not important.

Don't chase or follow the robber out of your place of

business. Let the police catch the robber!

After A Robbery

Close the store and lock the doors.

Call the police; even if the alarm was activated.

Don't touch anything the robber may have touched.

Ask witnesses to stay until the police arrive.

Only step outside when the police arrive and contact you via telephone.

Call your business owner, manager or other designated person.

Tips

Use a drop safe that is secured to the floor.

Post signs indicating limited cash on hand.

Professionally install security cameras to capture the best images of the suspects.

Trim landscaping for good view into and out of your business.

Should you be a victim of crime, please do not resist but take note of the description of the culprit e.g. his appearance, clothing, height, physical details and the direction or mode of escape.

Call the Police as soon as it is safe to do so.

If you come across any suspicious person(s) loitering around your business or have any information pertaining to any crime, please do not hesitate to call the police at emergency number '919' or Crime Stoppers at 328-tips (New Providence), 1-300-8476 (Family Islands

CREATIVE FINANCING

Bahamas real estate today

Mike Lightbourn

By MIKE LIGHTBOURN



APPLYING for a mortgage can be difficult. With concerns about reduced work hours and job loss, some purchasers who would have qualified for a mortgage a few short years ago may find they are unable to meet today's criteria.

However, a motivated vendor may be able to help out.

The first hurdle to clear is finding a property you like that's owned by a motivated vendor. Some owners of vacant property might even be willing to finance the sale outright.

The next step is to see if your BREA agent may be able to negotiate a lease-to-own option. Here's how it typically works:

A portion of the monthly rent is held in escrow, where it builds up for a portion of an eventual down payment on the home. If you think about it, this is a fairly easy way to save money for you to place a down payment on a home.

Within a stipulated period of time, you will have saved enough to secure a loan and complete your purchase. This process usually takes two to five years.

Of course, most vendors will probably want to be paid the full sales price up front. However, once they understand the process, some vendors like the idea of receiving regular income with the full price of the sale yet to come. You might say it's the "gravy" on the meat.

You'll never be able to recover your rent, but a rent-to-own option will help you build equity while you're making those monthly payments (as if you were paying a mortgage). Don't expect this to be a common occurrence since your agent will have to find the right scenario before it will work.

Your BREA agent will be happy to negotiate for you once a suitable property is found.

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

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'Mother Pratt' launches her first book

FROM page two

with her mother in the straw market selling straw work to tourists as a child, before later going on to become an MP and the first woman minister of national security in The Bahamas and perhaps "the only woman of colour to come from such abject poverty and reach high office," she suggests.

The book seeks to impress upon readers that if she can attain that which she has, then anyone can.

"There's been ups and downs and I want them to see some of these things. Because for many people, if they had to go through what I went through, they'd have given up, but I didn't. With some of the young people who have not had opportunity to be brought up but bringing themselves up, this is a good time for them to read this book – to know there are others with same kinds of struggles who didn't resort to violence, prostitution, stealing. That's the message I am trying to get across," said Mrs Pratt.

The former cabinet minister is excited about the prospect of further impacting the lives of Bahamian youth.

If she has one regret in relation to the book, she suggested, it is that her husband, who was "instrumental" in helping her formulate and write

it, did not live to see her complete and publish it.

"He was behind me for some time, urging me on to complete it, I just didn't have the time because I was wearing so many hats. I believe he was trying to tell me something, that is to say that he would not be here. Now it is a reality it really makes my heart full. I know he would've liked to be here to see that happen," said Mrs Pratt. The book is currently available from 100% Bible Bookstore on Madeira Street in Palmdale.

Meanwhile, Mrs Pratt said she is anticipating an opportunity to present copies of the book to the Ministry of Education for distribution in schools, and has also secured large orders from churches throughout New Providence. Outside of The Bahamas, Kentucky State University and St Augustine's College in Raleigh, North Carolina, are also expected to obtain copies of the book for their students' edification, said the MP.

Mrs Pratt said that her next book will focus on her political life, and the particular "advantages and disadvantages" of being a woman in public life and leadership.

"There will be advice for women who may be looking to enter politics. You have to be a quick learner, a good listener and make sure you don't make the same mistake twice. You also have to be certain that your family is standing with you, even if no one else is standing with you because hard times will come," said Mrs Pratt.

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LOCAL NEWS

Murder count climbs to 50

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"My neighbour was walking through the yard and she called to him, telling him to get up and go inside. He didn't respond and so she knocked on my mother's window. That's when we came out and realised that he was dead," she said. Police say that they received a report of the incident shortly after 7 am on Saturday. According to police, when officers arrived at the scene they discovered Miller's lifeless body in the driver seat of a gray car with

multiple gunshot wounds to the body.

"Justice needs to prevail, all this killing going on is senseless," Ms Algreen said.

Miller's mother, Rosemarie Bain-Deal, while admitting that her son had a checkered past said that she was deeply saddened by her son's death. "I am very much hurt. It's a different, strange feeling," she said. "Fidel was my last boy, he was loved by the young and the elderly. He had his problems, but I thank God for the 31 years he was here with me."

Miller who leaves behind

a 10-year-old son, worked primarily as a mechanic according to his mother. Police are uncertain of the circumstances surrounding this incident and are appealing to members of the public who may have any information to contact them at **911, 919**, the Central Detective Unit at **502-9991, 502-9910** or **CRIME STOPPERS** at **328-TIPS**. In 2010, the country recorded its 50th murder in July when 60-year-old Veronica Knowles - a taxi driver on Long Island - was discovered dead with injuries to her head in bushes near Salt Pond.

FINANCIAL DUTIES IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO ACCOUNTING PROFESSIONALS

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on principals was a bit too much for them in that a lot of them were not properly trained to be accounting officers and that is basically what we were asking them to do. What we sought to do then was remove that financial burden from principals, allowing them to manage the schools.

One of the key elements as in any school, universities and other schools abroad, you have an accounting area or bursary. So we are removing those duties from the principal and allowing the bursar to take full financial management of the school, because the schools are now generating a lot of revenue," said a source.

In addition to government allocations for school boards, public schools maintain other revenue generating accounts that sometimes generate hundreds of thousands of dollars. Last year, one high school generated \$200,000 in revenue just from its tuck shop that sells juice, sodas and hot dogs, among other snack foods. For some schools, their self-generated revenue is more than the government allocation.

Administrators

When school administrators were given responsibility to manage their other revenue generating accounts, the government did not anticipate schools would generate the volume of funds they do today, particularly from tuck shops. "General account principles were not always followed" in dealing with these accounts, because there was no uniform policy or guideline for schools to follow.

"The principals developed a generic approach. There was no accountability because there was no mandate to be accountable. (Their perspective was), 'We raised the funds and we spend it. If I need to buy a phone for the principal, some phone cards or lunch for teachers, whatever I need to do with these funds I do', because there were no guidelines," said a Tribune source.



Bursars will only be staffed at high schools to begin with. Eventually the government plans to create the post at junior high and primary schools. The move is intended to increase the overall fiscal management of schools. Although school board funds are heavily regulated, the government has found that schools are strained with implementing the proper procedures because they do not always have the technical know-how.

"We said to the principals, you are now the accounting officers. We expect you to produce financial statements and expenditure reports; we expect you to do record keeping; we expect you to have staff employed to manage the tuck shop and whatever else. You know all of that is an accounting department function and duty. So we have been grossly unfair to the principals to put all of that mandate on them and ask them to perform. So there you would find their shortcomings. So when the auditors come to the schools, to look at their financials, they are actually going to audit persons who have not been trained to carry out those duties; persons who have little experience. Some of them can hardly balance their own cheque books," said the source.

All of this is expected to change with the coming of the new school year, as each public high school is set to have a new bursar.

SHOOTING VICTIM DIES FROM INJURIES

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Intensive Care Unit at Rand Memorial Hospital for treatment following the shooting.

His death brings to four the number of homicide cases now being investigated by police in Grand Bahama.

Police have expressed concern about the level of violent and illegal activity in the Garden Villas, Freeport, in the wake of the shooting of Mr Anopolis.

The first of the series of shootings, which culminated this weekend in the death of Mr Anopolis, occurred on March 7, when 42-year-old Patrick Russell, of Lewis Yard, was discovered shot to death in his car at Weddell Avenue.

The second incident occurred on May 8, when 31-year-old Kiano Martinborough was discovered shot in the head at Weddell Avenue. He was taken to hospital where he later died.

No arrests have been made in any of the shootings, however police investigations are continuing.

Anyone with information that can assist the police are asked to call **911, 352-9774/5** or **350-3107/8**.

OVERSEAS NEWS

800 tons of fish die, rot on Philippine fish farms

TALISAY, Philippines

More than 800 tons of fish have died and rotted on fish farms in a lake near Taal volcano south of Manila, with authorities blaming it on a sudden temperature drop.

The massive fish deaths started late last week but have eased. Officials have banned the sale of the rotting fish, which are being buried by the truckload in Talisay and three other towns in Batangas province, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources official Rose del Mundo said Sunday.

The deaths are unrelated to recent signs of restiveness in Taal volcano, which is surrounded by the lake where many villagers have grown milkfish and tilapia — staple foods for many Filipinos, officials said. The volcano and lake are a popular tourist draw.

Government volcanologist Allan Loza said Monday that 115 earthquakes were detected in Taal in the past 24 hours compared to an average of 10 to 15 quakes daily in recent weeks, a sign that magma is rising from within the small volcano. Such unrest has been monitored since April, long before last week's fish deaths, he said.



IB world school

St Andrew's School, The International School of The Bahamas, an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, invites applications from qualified and experienced **Bahamian candidates** for the following teaching vacancies, with effect from **August 2011**. Full information regarding the school may be found at its website: www.st-andrews.com.

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Please note that applications received from non-Bahamian candidates will not be considered at this time, although permanent residents with the right to work are invited to submit their papers for future consideration. Applications from candidates living outside The Commonwealth of The Bahamas will not be acknowledged or considered at this stage of the recruiting process. If the school is unable to recruit any position locally, it will advertise internationally.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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- a full curriculum vitae,
- either the names, addresses, telephone numbers, fax and email numbers of three people who may be approached for confidential professional references or the name and address of the recruiting agency from which the candidate's confidential dossiers may be obtained.

Information on the teaching posts offered may be obtained from the principal or head of the school by **email or fax only**.

Yvette Simms, Head of the primary school:
Email yvette.simms@st-andrews.com
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Sharon E Wilson
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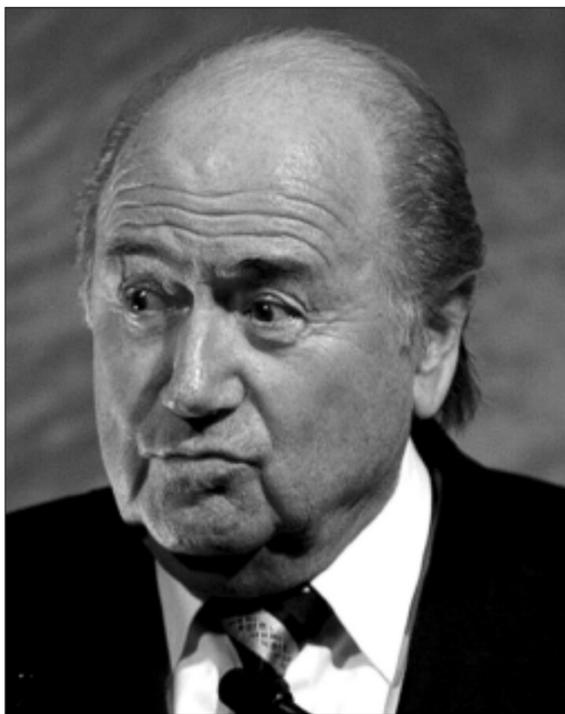
BAHAMIAN 'WHISTLE-BLOWER' IS PRAISED FOR EXPOSING FIFA SCANDAL

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it was Anton Sealey, President of the Bahamas Football Association, who "led" a group of Caribbean football officials who exposed an alleged attempt by an aspiring President of the International Federation of Football Associations to bribe regional officials with \$40,000 each to support his presidential bid.

Qatari President of the Asian Football Confederation, Mohamed Bin Hammam, along with FIFA Vice President, Trinidadian Jack Warner, and the long-standing current President of FIFA, Sepp Blatter, were preparing to face a FIFA ethics committee hearing over the allegations. However, although investigations will go ahead against Hammam and Warner, all accusations have been dropped against Blatter.

Mr Sealey was not available for comment yesterday, according to his wife, as he remains in Zurich, Switzerland, where FIFA's headquarters are located. The corruption claims highlighted by him and his fellow Caribbean Football Union officials are the latest in a series of claims of ethical misdemeanours by FIFA executives, among them suggestions that officials accepted bribes for votes on which countries should host future world cup tournaments.



PRESIDENT OF FIFA, SEPP BLATTER

According to the corruption probe dossier seen by the Telegraph, Mr Sealey and up to 25 Caribbean Football Union (CFU) officials were offered envelopes containing \$40,000 in cash, split into four \$10,000 "stacks" of \$100 bills at a CFU meeting in Warner's native Trinidad on May 10-11 in an alleged effort by Bin Hammam to persuade them to vote for him in this

week's FIFA presidential election.

They were allegedly told "not to tell anyone about the cash, not to discuss the cash with the others and not to show anyone the money."

A corruption probe was initiated after at least four of the delegates apparently refused the cash and reported the incident to FIFA executive committee member Chuck Blazer, who

engaged former US federal prosecutor John P Collins to conduct a full investigation.

The Telegraph reports that the whistle-blowers who went to Mr Blazer with the allegations were led by Mr Sealey. Mr Sealey's claims are backed by statements from the Bermuda, Cayman Islands and Turks and Caicos Islands Football Associations, the dossier shows.

The current President of FIFA, Sepp Blatter, was drawn into the ethics investigation after it was alleged by Mr Warner that he was aware of the payments to the CFU and had "raised no objections."

Mr Warner and Bin Hammam have denied wrongdoing. Bin Hammam claimed the allegations are a conspiracy designed to derail his chance to be FIFA President in Wednesday's presidential election. Last night international media reported that he has ended his bid for the presidency in the wake of the allegations. However, FIFA will open a "full blown" investigations into the accusations against Hammam and Warner.

Sepp Blatter, of Switzerland, FIFA's current president, will not be investigated because he knew nothing of the payments. He will stand unopposed for re-election on Wednesday to continue in a job that he has held for 13 years.

BTC SEVERANCE DEALS FALL SHORT OF UNION HOPES

FROM page one

from the company in 1999 – benefits the union had suggested it would demand for employees in this latest exercise.

Mr Evans said he has reason to believe the separation packages are likely to be formally offered to employees within the next "couple of weeks."

"Overall it could have been better, but the beauty of it is that it is not mandatory. If it were mandatory it would be another matter," said Mr Evans of the voluntary separation packages. He said the union will not be pushing for greater benefits to be offered in the packages for this reason but will instead be focusing on negotiating the "pivotal and very crucial" industrial agreement governing relations between BTC and staff under the newly-privatised entity.

Cable and Wireless Communications, which purchased 51 per cent of BTC from the Government in April 2011, have committed under the terms of their agreement with the Government to engage only in voluntary downsizing of employees for the first three years of their management and majority ownership of BTC.

In last week's Tribune, it was exclusively revealed that under the terms of the packages for BTC workers negotiated between BTC, the BCPOU and the managers' union, the BCPMU, all employees at BTC under the age of 45 years will be offered the chance to leave the company with a minimum of five weeks pay for every year on the job up to 104 weeks in total.

Employees between the ages of 45 and under 50 will be offered the same five weeks per year up to a cap of 110 weeks, and people ranging from 50 but under 55 will be offered 5 weeks salary for every year of employment up to a cap of 75 weeks.

"It's a pivotal and very crucial first industrial agreement under the partnership agreement with a private entity (CWC), and that changes the landscape."

Those in the range from 55 years to 58.5 will receive the same offer up to a cap of 68 weeks, with persons ranging from 58.5 and under 60 will be pro-rated from 68 weeks based on the number of months remaining to the age of 60.

These packages, it was said by sources close to the matter, are expected to be offered to all employees with the expectation that BTC's current staff levels could be reduced by at least 400 people.

Medical

According to a powerpoint presentation prepared for the company's executives, the report suggests that no person in the age group 45 to 50 will receive less than six months incentive payment. In addition the company appears to be willing to continue the cost of Medical coverage payment for all age groups for one year, with outplacement/training services to be provided.

On Friday, BTC's Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Marlon Johnson, declined to comment on the details of the packages revealed by The Tribune, telling this newspaper only that the company "would make a statement on

that."

Yesterday Mr Evans said that BTC is expected to hold a press conference today to announce the packages.

However, the union President suggested he has yet to see the full details of the packages, despite having been engaged with BTC for about a month in negotiations over them.

"Once we get the full details we will have a better idea of how it will affect each individual," he told Tribune Business.

Asked if he feels many people will accept the packages and leave the company, Mr Evans said it is hard to say at this stage.

Mr Evans said the union is keen now to focus along with the company on finalising a new industrial agreement for employees at BTC. He said a proposed agreement put forward to the company recently has yet to receive a formal response.

He said the industrial agreement will be "very, very different" to the previous one governing relations between workers and the company.

"It's going to be very, very focused and determined on ensuring we have protection for our members. It's a pivotal and very crucial first industrial agreement under the partnership agreement with a private entity (CWC), and that changes the landscape.

"They will be trying to streamline and cut back as much as possible. I am looking forward to the challenge we think it will be. We know there's an exclusivity period (during which time BTC holds the monopoly on cell phone service and which coincides with the agreement to keep staff reduction on a voluntary basis) and so we know that there's supposed to be no mandatory downsizing up to April 2013, so all of our energies will be on the protection of our members."

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A US investor with decades of agricultural production experience has received approval to set up a "large scale chicken operation" in North Andros, which he projects will involve a \$14 million investment.

In a brief interview on Friday, Robert L. Parker told Tribune Business the chicken farm will be a "major and a good project" for Andros that will "employ a lot of people". Minister of Agriculture, Larry Cartwright, confirmed that Mr Parker had received government approvals to go ahead with his chicken production investment in around autumn 2010. Yesterday, Mr Parker said he remains "a little bit short of money" but soon anticipates he will have the total financing in place to move ahead.

In the meantime, Mr Cartwright said the Department of Agriculture has been involved in an effort to try to locate the ideal property in North Andros for Mr Parker to develop his farm on. He is to lease Crown Land from the Government for the project.

"The area he was interested in is not available," explained Mr Cartwright, who added that it is likely the farm's chicken would be produced "primarily for export", since "the production of agricultural products in the Bahamas is reserved for Bahamians". He noted, however, that "concessions can be made for providing to the local market".

Mr Cartwright described Mr Parker as having "a wealth of knowledge in poultry production".

Venture fund seeking \$2m

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

The Government-sponsored venture capital fund is set to request a further \$2 million injection from the Ingraham administration to help fund another five-six ventures "in the pipeline", its chairman telling Tribune Business there were no plans to "discontinue" public funding.

While concerns have been expressed in some quarters that there was no 'line item' in the 2010-2011 Budget specifying the annual \$1 million injection that the Bahamas Entrepreneurial Venture Fund traditionally received from the Government, Michael Cunningham said this had been the practice "for the last two to three years", the funds being

- * Wants additional government injection to help finance further five-six projects deemed worthy of support
- * \$3.5m invested in 53 Bahamian start-ups to date, \$2.2m as debt and \$1.3m in equity
- * Delinquency ratio at 50%, with Fund focusing on 'balance sheet clean-up' and provisions recently
- * 'No plans' to end government funding

bound up with other forms of small and medium-sized business assistance.

His comments came as Edward Rolle, the fund's administrator and manager of Baker Tilly Gomez's corporate department, told Tribune Business that the Bahamas Entrepreneurial

Venture Fund was seeking a further \$2 million in government funding to support five-six business ventures it had deemed worthy of backing.

"We're addressing, requesting additional funds
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Regulators pave way to overturn SRG 'block' award

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Regulators have left the door open to reversing the previous "block allocation" of wireless spectrum to Systems Resource Group (SRG), saying such awards "would only be justifiable in exceptional circumstances", while also rejecting spectrum trading proposals.

Unveiling the results of its consultation over the opening up of new spectrum bands, the Utilities Regulation & Competition Authority (URCA) warned communications industry players that it did not consider itself bound by decisions taken by its predecessor, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), if these were inconsistent with international best practices.

It said it will only award 100 per cent capacity in a spectrum band to a single operator "in exceptional circumstances", with the company having to prove such a step was in line with international best practices.

URCA had asked the sector whether it agreed with its position that no single operator be awarded an entire spectrum band unless in exceptional circumstances.

In response, the Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) urged it to overturn a PUC decision that had granted SRG a "block" WiMAX spectrum allocation, namely 190 MHz in the 2.5 GHz band. It also claimed that SRG had more spectrum than it could allegedly use efficiently through the "en masse assignment" of two frequency bands.

"BTC's biggest current spectrum issue with URCA is the en masse assignment of WiMAX frequencies to a competitor, SRG, who have been assigned the bands 2150-2162MHz and 2500-2690MHz," the newly-privatised incumbent said then, branding this anti-competitive.

SRG hit back by alleging that past spectrum allocations in the Bahamas appeared to favour BTC.

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- * URCA says award of entire spectrum band 'only justifiable in exceptional circumstances'
- * Rejects Cable and BTC's spectrum trading proposal
- * Says will not be bound by PUC decisions



ANITA ALLEN

BAHAMAS WASTE GETS \$50K CARBON FINANCING

Bahamas has 'a lot of potential' to benefit from emission offsetting

By ALISON LOWE
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A renewable energy consulting firm believes the Bahamas is well-positioned to benefit from offsetting carbon emissions, with BISX-listed Bahamas Waste receiving \$50,000 in "carbon financing" so far for its "green" efforts.

In doing so, it has become the first Bahamian company to be recognised for its carbon offsetting measures, and to receive so-called carbon financing in return. The first tranche of the money helped the company set up its \$1 million biodiesel facility, and another \$50,000 award is expected once Bahamas Waste has achieved a certain amount of biodiesel production.

With assistance from Cape Eleuthera Systems, the consulting arm of the Cape Eleuthera Foundation and the Island School in Eleuthera, Bahamas Waste, was recognised by Pioneer Carbon Trading for its efforts to create biodiesel from waste cooking oil that would otherwise have ended up in the public landfill.

The financial support it receives for its carbon offsetting is higher than might be otherwise, as the biodiesel project meets the criteria that enables resulting credits to be sold as 'gold standard'. This is a 'premium quality' and higher value credit attached to those whose carbon offsetting not

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PARLIAMENT URGED: ADDRESS 3RD PARTY RIGHTS IN CONTRACTS

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

The Court of Appeal's president has called upon Parliament to address a 'grey area'/loophole in the law concerning "the rights of third parties under contract", after a majority verdict struck out a couple's claim against a contractor, finding they could not recover losses on behalf of a company they owned.

The verdict, which is likely to interest not just parties to construction contracts, but those involved in all forms of such commercial agreements, found that David and Melissa Solomon were unable to recover damages from contractor Jason Thompson because he was unaware, from the original

Lennox Paton QC wins verdict that couple cannot recover losses on behalf of company they own because its existence as land owner was not disclosed to contractor

contract, that the land upon which the construction occurred was owned not the couple but a company they beneficially owned.

Brian Simms QC, head of lit-
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RoyalFidelity Market Wrap

By RoyalFidelity Capital Markets

It was a slow week of trading in the Bahamian stock market. Investors traded in

eight out of the 24 listed securities, with one advancer and one decliner.

EQUITY MARKET

A total of 5,662 shares

changed hands, representing a decrease of 17,606 shares compared to last week's trading volume of 23,268.

Colina Holdings (CHL) was the big advancer, trading

a volume of 3,150 shares to climb by \$0.25, its stock closing at \$2.80.

Fidelity Bank Bahamas (FBB) was the decliner for the week, trading a volume of 1,000 shares to see its share price fall by \$0.19 to close at a new 52-week low of \$1.77.

Cable Bahamas (CAB) traded a volume of 251 shares, remaining unchanged to close at \$8.74.

FirstCaribbean International Bank (CIB) traded a volume of 240 shares, remaining unchanged to close at \$8.60.

Commonwealth Brewery (CBB), a newly-added listing to the exchange, traded a volume of 100 shares, remaining unchanged at \$8.33.

BOND MARKET

No notes traded during last week.

COMPANY NEWS

Earnings Releases:
Fidelity Bank Bahamas (FBB) released its unaudited financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2011. FBB reported a net income of \$1.1 million, compared to a loss of \$142,000 reported in the comparative quarter in the prior year.

Net interest income increased from \$2 million in the 2010 first quarter to \$3.1 million in 2011, or by 54 per cent, while non-interest income showed a slight increase of \$217,000 in comparison to the prior year.

The bank experienced a decrease in its loan loss provisions, which totalled \$31,000 compared to \$243,000 in the prior year, a decrease of \$212,000.

FBB's earnings per share increased to \$0.037 compared to a loss per share of \$0.005 in the previous year.

Total assets and liabilities as at end-March 2011 were \$306 million and \$270 million respectively, compared to \$282 million and \$247 million as at December 31, 2010.

Finance Corporation of Bahamas (FIN) released its unaudited financial results for

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BUSINESS

Super Value boss backs 'biggie' reductions in food tariff rates

By ALISON LOWE
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Super Value president Rupert Roberts has praised the Government for some "biggie" reductions in duty rates on "high volume" popular food and grocery items, suggesting the cuts will not only benefit consumers but also his own bottom line, as "lower prices mean higher consumption".

Mr Roberts suggested he would be ordering an extra inventory of items that now have diminished tariff rates, and will launch a special marketing campaign to raise public awareness of the retail price cuts that will result.

The businessman, whose company has 10 stores throughout New Providence, said he feels the Government "picked good items" to reduce if they were hoping to provide some relief to the cost of living for the average Bahamian.

"The poor people are struggling. They want more for less to put in the pot. I think [the Government] picked a good selection of items to do that," Mr Roberts said.

However, he noted that consumers should not expect to see retail price cuts equivalent to the duty rate reductions announced by the Prime Minister - up to 45 per cent reductions in some cases - as duty only constitutes one component of the retail price structure.

He added that freight costs on his most recent shipment of chicken were "one third more" than on the previous one, meaning that his ability to pass on savings to customers based on the duty reduction is diminished somewhat. Meanwhile, recent shipments of goods such as washing-up liquid, on which the higher 40 per cent duty rate was paid, will continue to be sold for the higher price that is necessary to recoup expenses.

More immediate reductions will be seen in "perishable" goods such as meat and fresh fruits. Duty rates on all fresh fruits were reduced to zero, while duty on "sliced/unsliced" ham, turkey and beef also reduced from 40 per cent to free.

Chicken was reduced from 40 per cent duty to 30 per cent duty in the Budget revealed last Wednesday by the Prime Minister. With a recent study suggesting that

The duty reductions on grocery items:

Chicken	- 40% - 30%
Sliced/unsliced turkey	- 40% - free
Sliced/unsliced ham	- 40% - free
Sliced/unsliced beef	- 40% - free
Fresh fruit	- 35% - free
Ketchup	- 30% - 10%
Sauces	- 30% - 10%
Salad dressing	- 30% to 10%
Dish liquid	- 40% - free
Powder detergent	- 7% - free
Liquid detergent	- 7% - free
Instant coffee and tea	- 30% - free
Prepared foods	- 40% - 30%
Deodorants	- 45% - free
Stockings	- 45% - free
Baby nipples	- 45% - free
Baby wipes	- 45% - free
Computer ribbons	- 45 - free
Baking powder/yeast	- 30% - 10%
Black/Red pepper	- 35% - 10%
Vanilla	- 35% - 10%
Dried seasoning	- 35% - 10%
Nutmeg	- 35% - 10%
Cloves	- 35% - 10%

Bahamians eat more chicken per capita than North Americans or Canadians, at 79 per cent of all their protein consumption, Mr Roberts suggested this particular reduction is very significant.

"That's a biggie," he said.

Other particularly popular items that saw substantial duty reductions in the Budget are fresh fruits, sliced ham, ketchup and washing up liquid.

"We sold tons of sliced ham when it was 40 per cent duty, so now it is duty free we'll sell tons more," said Mr Roberts. He added that Super Value typically brings in "entire container loads" of 'Joy' brand dish liquid alone.

"These are very high volume items with considerable reductions," said Mr Roberts.

He said he was unaware of any duties being raised on grocery items in the Budget. The tariff reductions took effect immediately on Wednesday of last week.

Maximising the purchase price

By SIMON COOPER
Res Socius



SIMON COOPER

Although Robin Hood was not a businessman, he was adroit at relieving wealthy people of their money and redistributing this as he saw fit. I have sometimes wondered why anybody would want to give a business a name like that, although many people ask me what Res Socius means, too. While I think of it, Res Socius means honest partner, which is how I believe a business broker ought to behave.

I am not suggesting for a moment that any of the parties involved in Trans-Island Traders' acquisition of Robin Hood's food retail interests have engaged, or will engage, in any skulduggery.

But they are equally unlikely to be completely happy with the result if the deal is concluded.

In my extensive experience of brokering sales of businesses, there is inevitably a huge divide between the expectations of the two parties.

A seller is foregoing future income and wants to be able to bank as much compensation as possible - typically up to seven years' worth of future income. A buyer who has to shell out money hopes to be back in profit within a matter of a few years.

So, given that neither Mark Finlayson, Sandy Schaefer nor Suresh Khilnani are likely to migrate across to the other side of the argument, what would be a fair way to agree the price to be paid? Traditionally, three different methods have been around for as long as people have been buying and selling businesses around the world, and believe me this stretches back into the mists of time.

* The Asset Method is similar to the way in which real estate brokers value fixed property, and is often used when a business sold is little more than

decide to buy or sell a business. However, I certainly do not have a crystal ball in this instance. I am going to sit back and see where this fascinating story leads. Why don't you pop by some time and tell me what you think?

NB: Res Socius was founded by Simon Cooper in 2009, and is a business brokerage authorised by the Bahamas Investment Authority. He has extensive private and public SME experience, and was formerly chief executive of a publicly traded investment company. He was awarded an MBA with distinction by Liverpool University in 2005. Contact him on 636-8831 or write to simon.cooper@ressocius.com.

an empty building. In this case, Trans-Island Trading would not be acquiring fixed premises at all, but just the right to lease.

* The Market-Based Model is sometimes used when a similar business (for example, another branch of the same franchise chain) sold recently, too. This provides an independent base from which to take out and add back differences.

* In my experience, the Income Model is the most reliable of all three, provided that proven business numbers are available (which they surprisingly often are not). These figures usually need adapting, too, because they often obscure the costs of depreciation, owner income and tax where this applies.

In the end, though, the price paid is what the buyer is prepared to stand, not what the seller believes they ought to get. This is a true test of the two party's abilities to out-eyeball each other, and how genuine their interest is. The general trend is to pay between one and three times the adjusted annual net income depending on how stable the business actually is.

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BTC unveils expanded call centre

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"The BTC call centre, with all calls regarding all services being routed through a single number free of charge from anywhere within the Bahamas, is one more way BTC is improving service to our customers by making it more convenient," said Marlon Johnson, vice-president of sales and marketing.

"The number is easy to remember: Call BTC or 225-5282."

The single number call centre replaces more than 20 numbers that occupy a full services numbers page in the telephone directory. There was a three-digit number you had to dial to report a phone out of order, a seven-digit number you called to change features on a mobile phone, set up VIBE, and another number

to inquire about a bill or talk about international roaming?

"In addition to making it easier to remember what number to call and easier to do business, whether discussing roaming or topping up minutes, the call centre also means extended hours," said Mr Johnson. "There are representatives on hand 24-7. And all calls to the call centre are free. They do not use up any minutes and there are no toll charges if you are calling from a Family Island."

BTC will roll out customer service initiatives as it deepens its commitment to unparalleled customer service.

"As customers rightly expect value for money, we must continually get better at how we interact with our customers. Frankly, we want customers to expect to get the best customer experience in the Bahamas at BTC, and that is and will be our primary aim as a company," added Mr Johnson.

Atlantis to stage tourism summit



TOURISM SUMMIT: The Atlantis resort on Paradise Island.

Hospitality industry consulting firm, HVS, have unveiled the inaugural Caribbean Hotel Investment Conference and Operations Summit (CHICOS), which will be held from November 10-11, 2011, at Paradise Island's Atlantis resort.

The conference is designed to bring hotel investors and operators together with Caribbean decision-makers to address the tourism industry's challenges and opportunities in the Caribbean.

"The Caribbean island region offers investors complex but rewarding opportunities for hotel and resort development," said Steve Rushmore, HVS's president and founder. He described CHICOS 2011 as "a landmark conference benefiting all interested in this region's lodging industry".

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BUSINESS

URCA 2.9% over spending budget



The Utilities Regulation & Competition Authority (URCA) has confirmed that expenses were 2.9 per cent over budget during its 2010 financial year, hitting \$4.917 million compared to a \$4.776 million projection at the start of the year.

Kathleen Riviere-Smith, URCA's director of policy and regulation, said the disparity was due to several additional costs, including membership of international organisations that was previously the purview of Government.

Extra travelling expenses were incurred for two out-of-town Board members to attend meetings in the Bahamas, plus additional staff costs, implementation of new performance management system, professional services for regulatory advisors, and costs associated with URCA's move to its UBS



URCA'S DIRECTOR OF POLICY AND REGULATION: Kathleen Riviere-Smith.

Annex House location. Still, URCA said it reported a comprehensive income of about \$131,000 for the year. The disclosures came when the regulator presented its 2010 annual

report and 2011 annual plan at a meeting on Wednesday, May 25, at the Harry C. Moore Library and Information Centre.

Mrs Smith said last year's amendments to the Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA) Act 2009 required the regulator to remit \$5.9 million to the Government's Consolidated Fund. In January 2011, URCA paid \$4.3 million into the Fund.

As URCA continues its mandate to facilitate electronic communications in the Bahamas, it has tabled a three-year plan that starts in 2011. In the 2011 first quarter, URCA

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Contractors are invited to demonstrate their experience, expertise and ability to safely execute a Project of this nature. At a minimum, respondents are expected to show evidence of the following:

- Contractors must demonstrate the capacity to have successfully executed a project of a minimum value of two million dollars (B\$2MM).
- Financial stability - at least three years audited financials & bank references.
- A bonding capacity of three hundred thousand dollars B\$300K with a named Bond Surety.
- A documented Health & Safety Programme for the execution of Construction Works.
- A valid Business License.
- National Insurance Compliance.

Contractors are also expected to be in good standing with the relevant Government Agencies. Only Contractors that are able to meet **ALL** of the above minimum requirements should respond.

Pre-qualification documents may be collected from the Corporate Offices of BAIC East Bay Street Nassau, Bahamas from Monday May 30th 2011 to June 10th 2011.

Pre-qualification documents should be signed, sealed and returned to the Corporate Office of BAIC East Bay Street Nassau, Bahamas on or before 12:00 noon June 13th 2011.

CAPTIVE AUDIENCE: URCA said it reported a comprehensive income of about \$131,000 for the year. The regulator presented its 2010 annual report and 2011 annual plan at a meeting on Wednesday, May 25, at the Harry C. Moore Library and Information Centre.

Cable Bahamas Appoints New Cable Bahamas Cares Foundation Chairman



Above: Sandra Knowles – Chairman, Cable Bahamas Cares Foundation

Ms. Knowles replaces the Foundation's first Chairman the late Dr. Keva M. Bethel. "I am honored by this appointment and see it as an opportunity for us to both continue and expand the support of the many youth oriented and community based projects and programs Cable Bahamas has mandated this Foundation to serve", stated Knowles. "Not only is it an opportunity to lead an exemplary group of individuals who make up the CBCF Board it is also a chance to demonstrate the effectiveness of consistent yet reasoned corporate giving," Ms. Knowles noted.

A former educator, General Manager of The Broadcasting Corporation of the Bahamas and Executive Director of the Securities Commission of The Bahamas, Sandra Knowles is a highly sought after business consultant and has held directorships on several local corporate Boards and is currently a director on the boards of Colina Holdings Bahamas Limited, Winterbotham Trust Limited and Cable Bahamas Limited.

About Cable Bahamas Cares Foundation

The Cable Bahamas Cares Foundation (CBCF) is a non-profit charitable funding organization, specifically focused on the funding of youth oriented individual and organizational educational programs as well as general community based projects and research publications.

Since its inception in 1998 the Cable Bahamas Cares Foundation has disbursed over **\$1,700,000** through the awarding of over 300 grants to local community organizations. Thus far groups from nine major Family Islands have received grant assistance from the Foundation. All grant recipients have the option of being featured on the Cable 12 original show, the **Cable Cares Show**, a 30-minute talk show seen monthly on Cable 12.

Groups or individuals interested in being funded by the Foundation should apply via CBCF grant application form, which is available at the reception desk of the Cable Bahamas Executive Annex building. Grant applications, application deadlines and board-meeting dates can also be accessed via the CBCF web site www.cablebahamascare.org. The foundation holds formal board meetings on a quarterly basis and application deadlines are two weeks prior to meeting dates.

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Ministry spends up to \$30k per repair on below-par homes



The Ministry of Housing has revealed that in several cases it had to spend \$30,000 in repairing 500 government homes built below standard.

The disclosures came when the Ministry outlined problems it had experienced in working with Bahamian contractors during a meeting with the New Providence Contractors Association.

The Association said the meeting was a first step in its mandate to represent and address the needs of Bahamian workers within the construction industry. The event took place at the Ministry of Housing, where the sector's status and concerns of both parties were discussed.

Minister of Housing, Kenneth Russell, told NPCA officials that he and his staff were committed to creating jobs for Bahamian contractors. This will be in evidence through government housing developments in southern New Providence later this year, plus other projects the Ministry of Housing expects to undertake early in 2012.

NPCA president, Delroy Meadows, committed to work closely with the Government to ensure work standard and quality issues were addressed. He said the Association's structure and policy will address the work produced by its members on all Government and private projects.

place with Government executives at the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, where other important industry concerns were shared. These included the proposed Contractors Bill, which is now being drafted in an effort to regulate the construction industry in the Bahamas.

Neko Grant, minister of public works and transport, told NPCA officials that his department's staff were the ones solely responsible for drafting of the Contractors Bill. He invited the NPCA to play a role in its creation.

The Ministry of Public Works and Transport also laid

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PHOTOS:
Left: The Ministry of Housing
Below: The Ministry of Works



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- Assisting with the overhaul and maintenance of diesel and gas turbines and auxiliary equipment;
- Performing cable excavation. This involves digging and refilling trenches near low and high voltage cables;
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- Assisting with the construction and maintenance of the Corporations' property and equipment e.g., painting electrical apparatus (transformers), well drilling, laying cables, cleaning engine parts; and
- Assisting with the transportation of personnel and the delivery of goods and materials from and to vendors and job sites, in the absence of drivers.

Job requirements include:

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- Reading and basic verbal communication skills
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MESSENGER ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

A vacancy exists in the Corporation for a Messenger in the Administration Division.

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Job requirements include:

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TYRE REPAIRMAN TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

A vacancy exists in the Corporation for a Tyre Repairman in the Transport Department, Field Operations Division.

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

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A vacancy exists in the Corporation for a Forklift Operator in the Supply Chain Division.

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- Ensures safe operation of vehicles and equipment.

Job requirements include:

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CHAMBER MAKES TV APPEARANCE



TV GUESTS: Representatives of the newly-reorganised Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation (BCCEC) will be guests on the next money matters show, You & Your Money, which airs today. They will examine the Government's new budget and explain how organisational changes at the Chamber will impact its operations. Pictured L to R: Khaalis Rolle, chairman, BCCEC; Jeffrey Lloyd, host, and Winston Rolle, chief executive, BCCEC

Photo: Wendell Cleare

Chamber partners for 2011 economic crime impact survey

The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation (BCCEC) has joined with accounting firm KRYs Global to launch an Economic Crime Survey for the Bahamas.

The survey, designed to provide information on the true state of economic crime in the Bahamas, and uncover new trends, will be dispatched to all BCCEC members via e-mail tomorrow. The date for all replies to be received is July 12, 2011.

"The Chamber feels that this survey is timely, as we are seeing an increase in crime for numerous reasons, the recession being just one of them," said BCCEC chief executive, Winston Rolle.

"We also feel that the survey will provide valuable

feedback on the economic impact of crime as we move to shape future programmes in our Crime Division to help businesses mitigate their potential risk to all types of crime."

Mr Rolle said the BCCEC had worked with KRYs Global to develop and tailor the questions, the latter having administered similar surveys in other jurisdictions.

Questions

The survey features 87 questions broken down into 48 economic questions; eight retail questions; eight internal fraud questions; three money laundering questions; and 20 physical/property questions.

It is aiming to discover just how prevalent misappropriation, bribery, cheque and credit card fraud, debit card fraud, corruption, cyber

crime, identity theft, insurance fraud, money laundering and theft have become. The survey is also seeking to determine their true impact on Bahamian businesses.

Ed Rahming, managing director of KRYs Global, said the survey's findings would assist Bahamian businesses in "planning their own controls".

"Although the focus in the Bahamas in recent months has turned primarily to violent and other traditional forms of crime, economic crime is still highly relevant during the current recession due to the potential magnitude of losses, the significance of any loss to a business whose profit margins are thin or non-existent already, and the likely increased motivation of perpetrators to commit economic crime," Mr Rahming said.



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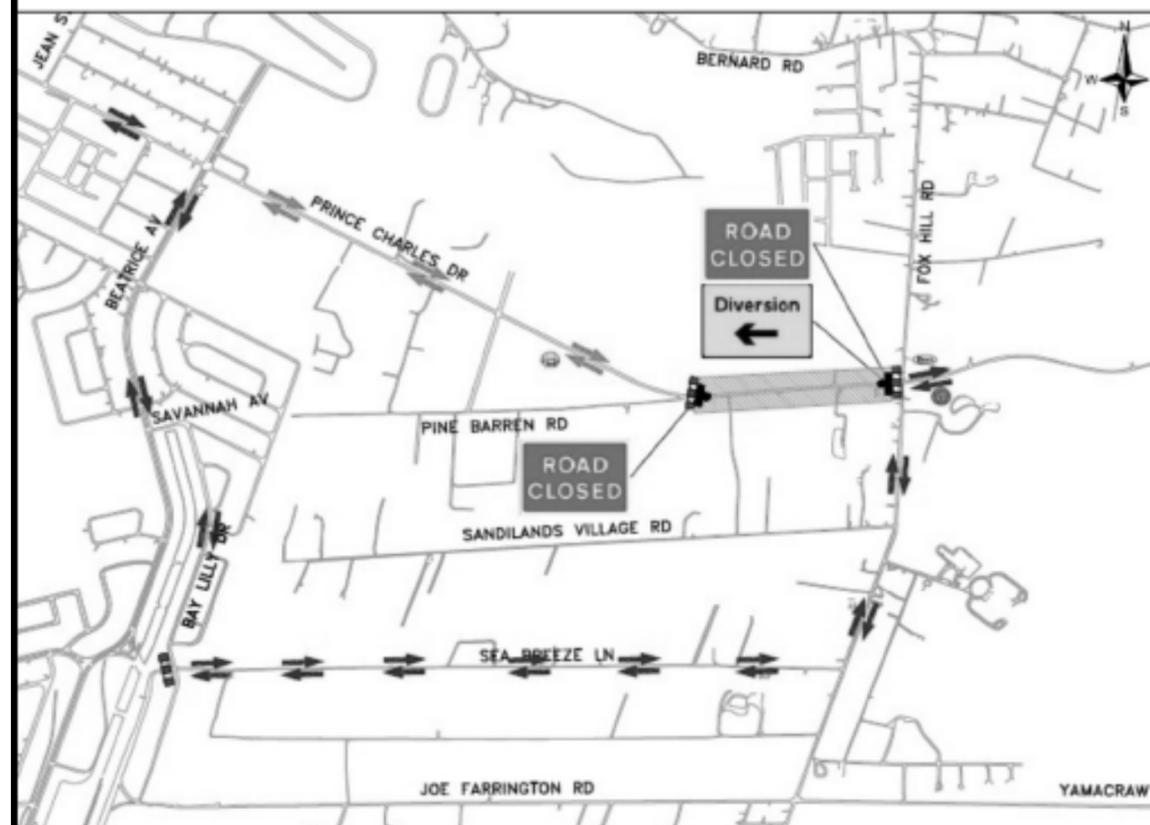
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- The Liquidator of the said company is Zakrit Services Ltd. of 2nd Terrace West, Centreville, Nassau, Bahamas.
- All persons having Claims against the above-named Company are required on or before the 12th day of July 2011 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims to the Liquidator of the company or, in default thereof, they may be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

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igation at Lennox Paton, successfully argued before the Court of Appeal that the "Solomons could not recover, on behalf of a third party, loss allegedly suffered as a result of a breach of contract", winning a two-one majority verdict that struck out the action. Brian Moree QC, senior partner at McKinney, Bancroft & Hughes, represented the Solomons.

Tracing the origins of the dispute, Appellate Court president Anita Allen said it related to work that Governor's Harbour-based Mr Thompson had performed for the Solomons on land they owned at Double Bay, Eleuthera.

The project involved renovation of an existing building, plus construction of two new buildings. The Solomons sued Mr Thompson in the Supreme Court on December 19, 2007, alleging breach of contract and damages for defective work, overcharging and "failure to use his best skill, efforts and judgment".

Losses and damages were claimed at \$451,092, and Mr Thompson alleged in

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"Specifically, in the past it would seem that the PUC apparently awarded spectrum in the 1900 MHz and 3.5 GHz to BTC without any public consultation or other transparent process," SRG's president, Paul Hutton-Ashkenny, alleged.

URCA's final decision dismissed SRG's call for it to uphold the PUC's decision on the grounds that "industry stakeholders must have confidence that past positions by the regulator will survive".

"URCA does not accept that the requirement for regulatory certainty means that URCA should be fettered by the decisions made by the legacy regulator, unless such decisions remain consistent with best practice, having regard to the circumstances which currently obtain," the regulator concluded.

Just to make certain the likes of BTC and Cable Bahamas/SRG got the point, URCA drove him this point in reply to another consultation question, adding that regulatory certainty "does not offer any guarantee that previous decisions or policies will not be changed as appropriate, based on the overarching requirements of the Sector Policy and international best practice."

"URCA considers that, if and to the extent the previous decisions by the PUC introduced a policy that led to spectrum assignments [being] made on an inefficient basis, such a policy is incompatible with the Sector Policy and will not be perpetrated by URCA."

With all the in-use spectrum bands capable of being divided among multiple operators to provide services to countries and populations larger than the Bahamas, URCA added that "the grant of an entire band to a single operator would only be justifiable in exceptional circumstances".

Addressing SRG, which is now a Cable Bahamas subsidiary, head-on, the regulator said: "URCA is firmly of the view that in the Bahamas, the application of 'best practice' is unlike-

PARLIAMENT URGED: ADDRESS 3RD PARTY RIGHTS IN CONTRACTS

his March 18, 2008, defence and counterclaim that the couple had failed to pay the sum owing under the 'final certificate' issued by the architect under the contract.

The Solomons then filed an amended claim on March 1, 2010, in which they mentioned that the land upon which the work was carried out was not owned by them.

"It was not until the amendment of the statement of claim did the contractor become aware that the fee simple in the land on which the works were agreed to be carried out was owned by a third person, namely David and Melissa Solomon Corporation, a company beneficially owned by the Solomons," President Allen said.

This led to the strike-out application, which was initially dismissed by Chief Justice Sir Michael Barnett at the Supreme Court level. He also ruled that "the 'final certificate' issued by the architect under the contract is not

determinative as to the value and quality of work performed by the contractor", finding for the Solomons on both occasions.

The central issue was whether this case fell within an exception to the general rule that only a plaintiff can recover damages for their loss. The Chief Justice ruled that it did, but a majority of the Court of Appeal overturned this, because at the time the construction contract was signed, Mr Thompson did not know the company - rather than the Solomons - owned the land involved and therefore might suffer damage. "If knowledge of the third party at the date of the contract was unnecessary, the result would be to open the floodgates and allow an infinite number of third parties to make a claim for substantial damages," President Allen wrote.

"Moreover, it is no answer to say that because the Solomons are beneficial owners of [David and Melissa Solomon Corporation], they are one

and the same. Indeed, a company is a legal entity separate and distinct from its members, and possessed of separate legal rights and liabilities, except of course where the court, because of special circumstances, pierces the corporate veil."

In overturning the Supreme Court verdict, she added: "I respectfully suggest that this might be an area of law for the intervention of Parliament by an enactment setting out the rights of third parties under contract."

She was backed by fellow appeal Justice Christopher Blackman, who said there was nothing to indicate Mr Thompson knew "the work he had been contracted to perform was on land owned by a company. It may be asked whether this is material. In my view, it is....."

"I am of the opinion that the courts are not required to fashion a remedy to aid a litigant whose own action or behaviour may create a difficulty. It was at all material times peculiarly and

exclusively within the knowledge of the [Solomons], who were the legal owner of the land when they entered into a contract with [Thompson], and if the outcome is unsatisfactory, so be it."

In his dissenting judgment, Appeal Justice Conteh said the outcome of finding for Mr Thompson was that he was not liable for any damages resulting from defective workmanship simply because he did not know that the Solomons' company owned the land, and that it might therefore suffer the loss.

"I am unable to agree that because the appellant did not actually contemplate at the time he concluded the building contract with the Solomons that someone, other than the Solomons, in this case their company, might suffer damage resulting from his defective workmanship, he should not be accountable for that damage or loss," Justice Conteh said.

While the Court of Appeal upheld the Supreme Court's verdict on the 'final certificate' issue, it was rendered moot by its finding in favour of the 'strike out' application.

Regulators pave way to overturn SRG 'block' award

ly to result in the award of an entire band to a single operator.

"URCA intends that future grants of spectrum should be closely aligned with the amount of spectrum that is required by the operator having regard to the geographic area, the topography, the population, the available technologies and the services to be provided.

"This will help to ensure that spectrum assignments in the Bahamas are efficient, and maximise the benefits to the Bahamas of the available spectrum."

While URCA did not specifically state that it would reverse the alleged "block allocation" of spectrum to SRG, nowhere in its response does it reject the possibility of doing so. Indeed, in declaring wireless spectrum "a finite resource", the regulator said it would use its powers under the Communications Act to cause the "vacating of spectrum" where warranted.

URCA also rejected the solution proffered by SRG's new parent, BIX-listed Cable Bahamas, which also called upon it to uphold the PUC's earlier decisions on spectrum grants.

However, to soften the blow Cable Bahamas suggested that URCA "mitigate against any efficiency issues" by introducing spectrum trading and inserting 'claw back' provisions into future licences that would allow it to regain previously allocated spectrum capacity.

URCA, though, rejected the spectrum trading notion, pointing to the fact that the Communications Act prohibited licencees assigning wireless and radio spectrum to a third party. It fears that spectrum trading will transfer the economic benefits from the taxpayer to

the private sector.

"URCA notes that spectrum is a national resource, and that licencees are currently required to pay spectrum fees to the Government of the Bahamas for the use of the spectrum," the regulator said, noting that these fees were designed to reflect the value of the assigned spectrum.

"URCA believes that the introduction of spectrum trading could transfer the benefits of increases in the economic value of the spectrum from the public to the licensee," URCA added. "Such a result could, in URCA's opinion, be inconsistent with the sector policy."

The regulator also rejected BTC's assertion that wireless spectrum be awarded on a national basis, giving an operator complete coverage of the Bahamas using that frequency.

"It seems clear to URCA that there will be instances in which a national award of spectrum will be inefficient and wasteful," URCA said. "URCA proposes to select the option of national spectrum licences or licences specific to particular islands or territories, based on the option which will provide optimal use of the spectrum band in question."

The regulator added that it had received "significant interest" in the 700 MHz band, with one party "submitting a completed licence application for spectrum in the band". However, to ensure a fair and transparent process for allocating capacity in this band, URCA said it had decided to delay opening it at this time.

The regulator added that it would open the 11 GHz and 40 GHz bands "forthwith", while there had been no interest in the 12 GHz band.



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The National Insurance Board
of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas

Request for Contractors Pre-Qualification

The National Insurance Board (NIB) is seeking to pre-qualify Bahamian contractors to bid on works to complete the exterior painting of the Sir Clifford Darling Complex, Headquarters Building of the National Insurance Board located on Baillou Hill Road, Nassau, Bahamas. Contractors must be in compliance with the National Insurance Act (social security programme), and in good standing with the relevant Government agencies.

Contractors seeking to be pre-qualified for this project must have at a minimum the following experiences:

1. General Construction and/or Commercial Painting of buildings
2. Completion of various structural repairs to commercial building.
3. Completion of quality work
4. National Insurance Board letter of Good Standing
5. Public Liability Insurance not less than \$1 Million.
6. Valid Business licence
7. Established business office with either employed and/or contracted Quantity Surveyor.
8. Documented construction works health and safety program

The Sir Clifford Darling Complex is a commercial multi-storey building structure of approximately 50,000 square feet. The exterior of the building has various overhangs, terraces, and soffit areas. The painting works will have to be coordinated to safely accommodate the flow of staff and customers that frequent the building daily. The uneven grades and sloped areas that surround the building and the architectural exterior façade of the building will have to be accounted for to accommodate scaffolding and swing stations that may be used to complete the painting works.

Pre-Qualification documents may be collected from the Security Booth at NIB's Clifford Darling Complex, Baillou Hill Road, from May 30 - June 8, 2011, or downloaded from NIB's website at www.nib-bahamas.com.

Pre-Qualification documents should be signed, sealed and returned to the Security Booth in an envelope addressed to The Director, The National Insurance Board, Clifford Darling Complex, Baillou Hill Road with the caption "Pre-Qualification Document - Exterior Painting of the Sir Clifford Darling Complex, Headquarters Building of the National Insurance Board, Baillou Hill Road", on or before 12:00 Noon on June 8, 2011.

Only contractors that meet the minimum requirements as described above, should respond.

The National Insurance Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all submitted Pre-Qualification documents that are submitted for consideration.

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BAHAMAS WASTE GETS \$50K CARBON FINANCING

only produces environmental benefits in terms of carbon reduction, but other economic and social benefits.

Cape Eleuthera's director of facilities, and its consultant to Bahamas Waste on the carbon market and renewables, Geoff Walton, said: "They are creating jobs that weren't there, and because they are using the waste cooking oil that would otherwise go into the landfill, they are creating another benefit in that regard too."

A carbon credit for one ton of 'gold standard' offset carbon can sell on the open market for around \$9, whereas other 'regular' carbon credits would fetch a lower \$4 or \$5 price.

Bahamas Waste entered into a contract with Pioneer Carbon Trading (PCT) in 2007. Essentially a global broker for carbon credits and offsets, PCI transfers funds to Bahamas Waste in return for being able to sell carbon credits in the international voluntary carbon market, based on Bahamas Waste's offsetting.

The concept underpinning the market is that credits are

sold to individuals, companies or governments wishing to mitigate their own greenhouse emissions from transportation, electricity use and other sources.

Transfer

International companies, seeking to enhance their own 'green' credentials, transfer money to other companies that are taking steps to reduce emissions and make the environment cleaner. Individuals may also wish to purchase carbon credits, thereby causing money to be transferred to "environmentally-friendly" projects, if they wish to offset the emissions from personal air travel

Carbon trading is seen as introducing financial incentives and market-based

innovation into the fight for carbon-reduction and climate change mitigation.

Mr Walton said: "Since this agreement was signed between Bahamas Waste and Pioneer Carbon Trading, Bahamas Waste cannot sell their CO2 offsets to anyone else, and Pioneer Carbon is obligated to pay \$100,000 to Bahamas Waste for the first 20,000 tons of carbon offset, even if the price PCT are selling the credits for on the market ends up going lower than that. They also have first right of refusal on a new agreement after the contract for the first 20,000 tons of offsets expires."

The renewable energy proponent said the Bahamas has "a lot of potential" to benefit from the implementation of other projects which, like Bahama

Waste's biodiesel manufacturing, would address waste and carbon emissions.

"There's a lot of waste here, a lot of CO2 is being produced. The Bahamas not required to meet any of the emissions standards that they have in the US, for example. The open landfill is a huge example of where offsetting could take place. So much methane is being produced there, and methane produces a lot of CO2.

"If someone were to come in and try to find a way to capture the CO2 in the landfill, they could create a new offset, create jobs and get carbon financing. Nobody has caught on to that yet. Anytime CO2 is being produced, there's a way to clean it up and you can get credit for that," said Mr Walton.

Venture fund seeking \$2m

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to support new ventures. We're looking for \$2 million, which will suffice to support the current projects on the table," Mr Rolle told this newspaper. "We have about five in the pipeline."

While the Bahamas Entrepreneurial Venture Fund had received submissions from around 200 potential applicants in the past year, Mr Rolle said "quite a lot were useless projects".

"Mainly, those projects we didn't think were fit to receive funding, as persons did not understand 'out of the box', what is needed and missing," he explained. "What's really happening with the Fund is a lot of custom coaching, making sure persons behave the way they should. It's the persons with the smart ideas who do not know how to successfully run a business."

Mr Rolle said that to date, since its inception in 2005, the Bahamas Entrepreneurial Venture Fund had provided 43 start-up ventures with debt financing in the form of loans, while it had take equity stakes in a further 10 businesses.

In total, it has invested \$3.5 million across these 53 companies, some \$2.2 million of that as debt financing, and \$1.3 million in equity stakes.

Describing Sunryse Shredding as the Fund's "flagship" investment, and an indication of what it's financial support could do, Mr Rolle said the performance of the entrepreneurs it had supported was "improving".

"With custom coaching, a lot of the participants are behaving the way they should behave, and in the running of a true business understand what is needed, ensuring the company is in good standing with the regulators," he said.

This involved paying all due Business Licence fees, real property tax, National Insurance Board (NIB) contributions and ensuring the firms were in 'good standing' with the Companies Registry.

Adding that the 53 companies assisted to-date would have been unable to attract commercial bank financing to support their dreams, and the more than 100 jobs created, Mr Rolle said: "I think the Fund, in a sense, is an excellent idea to advance small businesses. I think each one of the Fund's companies has a place in this society."

Meanwhile, Mr Cunningham said the Bahamas Entrepreneurial Venture Fund, which has a delinquency ratio of about 50 per cent, was looking to invest a collective \$700,000 with eight business prospects, two of whom had already received funding.

"In the last year we've cut back tremendously, because the quality of project requests coming in did not meet the Fund's requirements. We did not see the kind of requests we would want to risk the Fund's money on," Mr Cunningham told Tribune Business.

"In the last 12 months we've received 22 applications. We've seen the need to fund about eight of those requests, two of which we've already done. Those are not only in New Providence, but the Family Islands as well." The 22 completed applications were requesting collective funding of about \$20 million, although one project alone was seeking \$15 million, and another \$3 million.

One of the companies already financed is an existing Family Island-based fishing operation with "a very successful past", but in need of capital to move forward.

Agreeing that the Bahamas Entrepreneurial Venture Fund had "seen some serious challenges in the last two years", with the recession impacting the companies in its portfolio, Mr Cunningham said the Board had moved "to clean up the balance sheet because a lot of ventures funded by way of equity and loan, a number of them have not succeeded. We had to make provisions for quite a number of them.

"In the last 12 months, we've been pushing very hard, but it's been very difficult because of the southward trend created in some operations. We foresee that in the next six months or so, if things pick up in the economy, we should be even more active, and the success rate should be even better."

He added that the Bahamas Entrepreneurial Venture Fund was seeking "bigger projects" in which to take equity stakes or provide debt financing to, in the belief that the success ratio would improve.

Having initially focused on providing support in the \$15,000-\$20,000 range, the Fund's current ceilings are \$200,000 for equity in any one venture, and \$100,000 for debt. But, by focusing on bigger investments and companies, Mr Cunningham expressed hope the success ratio would rise to one-in-three or one-in-two, as it was harder "to walk away from a \$100,000 investment, than a \$15-\$20,000 investment".

"We're looking at a delinquency of roughly around 50 per cent, which is not bad for a venture-type operation," Mr Cunningham told Tribune Business.

"Administrative costs are very low. I think it [the Fund] fits in very well. When you look at the Fund itself, unlike other agencies that provide funding, you have an equity element to us. We become bosses in the venture, and establish ourselves as Board members. We assist with expertise, and provide free assistance with accounting and administration."

Mr Cunningham said the Bahamas Entrepreneurial Venture Fund had to "take full control and put in new management" at a Lynden Pindling International Airport (LPIA) based business it had financed.

He said the business in question had been "barely able to break even" and cost the Bahamas Entrepreneurial Venture Fund a "material amount, but now seems to be doing OK".

Mr Cunningham said the Fund had recently received a \$250,000 injection from the Government, and he had been told at ministerial level that the Ingraham administration wanted it to continue with its work.



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The Bahamas Electricity Corporation invites Tenders for the services described below:

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Bidders are required to collect packages from the Corporation's Administrative Office, Blue Hill & Tucker Roads
 Contact: **Ms. Charlene Smith** at telephone **302-1158**

Submissions should be marked as follows:

Mr. Kevin Basden
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Stock#	ESSE Low	ESSE High	Symbol	Final Name	Price	Chg	Vol	Open	High	Low	Close	Div	Yield
1138	4.25	4.35	ALL PORTS LIMITED		4.30	0.00	100	4.25	4.35	4.25	4.30	0.00	0.00%
1139	3.15	3.25	Bahamas Property Fund		3.20	0.00	100	3.15	3.25	3.15	3.20	0.00	0.00%
1140	2.90	3.00	Bank of Bahamas		2.95	0.00	100	2.90	3.00	2.90	3.00	0.00	0.00%
1141	2.10	2.20	Banktrust		2.15	0.00	100	2.10	2.20	2.10	2.20	0.00	0.00%
1142	2.70	2.80	Bahamas Bank		2.75	0.00	100	2.70	2.80	2.70	2.80	0.00	0.00%
1143	1.77	1.87	St. Mary's Bank		1.82	0.00	100	1.77	1.87	1.77	1.87	0.00	0.00%
1144	4.48	4.58	Cable Bahamas		4.53	0.00	100	4.48	4.58	4.48	4.58	0.00	0.00%
1145	2.95	3.05	Cable Holdings		3.00	0.00	100	2.95	3.05	2.95	3.05	0.00	0.00%
1146	3.38	3.48	Commonwealth Brewery		3.43	0.00	100	3.38	3.48	3.38	3.48	0.00	0.00%
1147	5.90	6.00	Commonwealth Bank (S.I.)		5.95	0.00	100	5.90	6.00	5.90	6.00	0.00	0.00%
1148	1.00	1.10	Commonwealth Bank (S.I.)		1.05	0.00	100	1.00	1.10	1.00	1.10	0.00	0.00%
1149	1.00	1.10	Commonwealth Bank (S.I.)		1.05	0.00	100	1.00	1.10	1.00	1.10	0.00	0.00%
1150	1.00	1.10	Commonwealth Bank (S.I.)		1.05	0.00	100	1.00	1.10	1.00	1.10	0.00	0.00%
1151	1.00	1.10	Commonwealth Bank (S.I.)		1.05	0.00	100	1.00	1.10	1.00	1.10	0.00	0.00%
1152	1.00	1.10	Commonwealth Bank (S.I.)		1.05	0.00	100	1.00	1.10	1.00	1.10	0.00	0.00%
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1155	1.00	1.10	Commonwealth Bank (S.I.)		1.05	0.00	100	1.00	1.10	1.00	1.10	0.00	0.00%
1156	1.00	1.10	Commonwealth Bank (S.I.)		1.05	0.00	100	1.00	1.10	1.00	1.10	0.00	0.00%
1157	1.00	1.10	Commonwealth Bank (S.I.)		1.05	0.00	100	1.00	1.10	1.00	1.10	0.00	0.00%
1158	1.00	1.10	Commonwealth Bank (S.I.)		1.05	0.00	100	1.00	1.10	1.00	1.10	0.00	0.00%
1159	1.00	1.10	Commonwealth Bank (S.I.)		1.05	0.00	100	1.00	1.10	1.00	1.10	0.00	0.00%
1160	1.00	1.10	Commonwealth Bank (S.I.)		1.05	0.00	100	1.00	1.10	1.00	1.10	0.00	0.00%

BUSINESS



WAYNE ARANHA

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hopes to implement formal regulatory safeguards, promote sustainable competition, establish public interest through public service broadcasting and content regulation, and ensure consumers across the Bahamas have access to the same quality of service.

In the second quarter, URCA is aiming to establish a Consumer Advisory Council made up of members of the public and stakeholders who will help its develop certain policies through providing input and feedback.

URCA will also consult on the publication of the Separated Accounts prepared by Significant Market Power (SMP) operators, such as Cable Bahamas and the Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC); alternative dispute resolution between operators, complaints handling and consumer dispute resolution; and conduct a market review of the methodology to assess Significant Market Power. The latter review is currently underway.

In the 2011 third quarter, URCA will conduct

URCA 2.9% over spending budget

a study of BTC's efficiency; consult on a proposed 2012 fee schedule; and consult on an official Codes of Practice for Broadcasters with regard to content.

In the fourth quarter, URCA will consult on the digital switchover from analog television broadcasting, in response to the mandate by the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) that all broadcasters must switch to digital signals by June 2015.

Other panel members at Wednesday's public meeting included Wayne Aranha, URCA's chairman; J Paul Morgan, deputy chairman; Katherine Doehler, communications specialist; and Vincent Wallace-Whitfield, senior case officer and secretary to the URCA Board.

URCA's Board consists of three non-executive members - Mr Aranha, Mr Morgan and MsDoehler -and two executive members - Mrs

Smith, and Usman Saadat, the outgoing chief executive. Non-executive appointments are made by the Governor General on the advice of the Prime Minister and, with respect to the chairman's appointment, after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr Aranha noted the absence of M Saadat from Wednesday's meeting, and said the Board, respecting the validity of Mr Saadat's reasons for wishing to terminate his relationship with URCA, accepted his resignation, which will take effect on 31 August, 2011.

"I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge the contribution that Mr Saadat has made to the development of URCA during his time here. He brought great intelligence, experience and professionalism to the task, which has been challenging, as pioneering times often are. The professionals of URCA charged with carrying the organisation forward have benefited from his tenure. We wish him success in his future endeavours," said Mr Aranha.

The Board is now in the early stages of initiating a "competitive selection process" for a new chief executive.

RoyalFidelity Market Wrap

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the quarter ended April 30, 2011. FIN reported a net comprehensive income of \$6.7 million for the quarter compared to \$3.4 million in the prior year.

Net interest income after provisions, of \$842,000, increased by \$3.5 million compared to \$5.5 million in the previous year, while total non-interest expenses increased slightly from \$3 million in the 2010 second quarter to \$3.1 million.

Allowance for credit losses stood at \$5.8

million, a decrease from the \$6.3 million reported in 2010.

Total assets at quarter-end April 30, 2011, stood at \$966 million, compared to \$967 million at October 31, 2010.

Total liabilities were \$862 million, compared to \$867 million during the previous period.

Dividend Notes:

Fanguard Corporation (FAM) has declared a dividend of \$0.06 per share, payable on June 7, 2011, to all ordinary shareholders of record date May 31, 2011.

EQUITY MARKET - TRADING STATISTICS

Week ending 27.05.11

BISX SYMBOL	CLOSING PRICE	WKLY PRICE CHANGE	VOLUME	YTD PRICE CHANGE
AML	\$ 1.18	\$-	0	21.65%
BBL	\$ 0.18	\$-	0	0.00%
BOB	\$ 6.91	\$-	0	41.02%
BPF	\$ 10.63	\$-	0	0.00%
BSL	N/A	\$-	0	0.00%
BWL	\$ 2.70	\$-	0	0.00%
CAB	\$ 8.74	\$-	251	-16.44%
CBB	\$ 8.33	\$-	100	0.00%
CBL	\$ 6.98	\$-	0	-0.29%
CHL	\$ 2.80	\$0.25	3,150	16.67%
CIB	\$ 8.60	\$-	240	-8.41%
CWCB	\$ 1.87	\$-0.03	121	1.63%
DHS	\$ 1.38	\$-	0	-13.75%
FAM	\$ 5.40	\$-	0	-11.04%
FBB	\$ 1.77	\$-0.19	1,000	-18.43%
FCL	\$ 5.50	\$-	400	0.73%
FCLB	\$ 1.00	\$-	0	0.00%
FIN	\$ 6.00	\$-	0	-17.01%
ICD	\$ 7.30	\$-	0	30.59%
JSJ	\$ 9.82	\$-	400	0.00%
PRE	\$ 10.00	\$-	0	0.00%

BOND MARKET - TRADING STATISTICS

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

INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

FOREX Rates Currency	Weekly	%Change
CAD	1.0237	-0.42
GBP	1.6513	1.62
EUR	1.4308	0.99

Commodities Commodity	Weekly	%Change
Crude Oil	114.98	2.39
Gold	1,533.00	2.83

International Stock Market Indexes

Index	Weekly	% Change
DJIA	12,441.58	-0.56
S&P 500	1,331.10	-0.16
NASDAQ	2,336.09	-0.65
Nikkei	9,521.94	-0.89

Ministry spends up to \$30k per repair on below-par homes



DELROW MEADOWS

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out its plans to create more jobs this year for Bahamians in the construction industry through various infrastructure developments in New Providence and the Family Islands. The requirements for bidding on projects tendered by the Ministry, and the inclusion of Bahamian labour within major developments such as Baha Mar were also discussed.

The NPCA added that plans for training of workers entering the industry through its construction education and certification initiative were also discussed.

The New Providence Contractors Association will hold its first annual Contractors Trade Show and Exhibition on June 25 at Arawak Cay. The event will focus on promoting Bahamian contractors and their work.



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CABINET OFFICE

RE: THE OPENING OF SHOPS ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

In accordance with Section 3 of the Public Holidays Act, (Chapter 36), the following day will be observed as Public Holiday :-

FRIDAY, 3rd June, 2011 - LABOUR DAY

On the said day, all public offices, banks and shops throughout The Bahamas must be kept closed, except that shops may open:-

- (a) for the sale of food, cooked or prepared for consumption on the premises;
- (b) for the sale of drugs, medicines or surgical appliances;
- (c) for the sale of ice;
- (d) for the sale of bread, fresh and frozen fish, fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, butcher's meat, and fresh dairy products, until the hour of ten o'clock in the morning;
- (e) for the sale of any article required for the burial of a dead body, or in the case of illness of any person or animal, or in any other emergency;
- (f) for the sale of petroleum products;
- (g) for the sale of fresh water;
- (h) for the sale of newspapers and periodicals.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Treasurer of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas advises all pensioners, Parliamentary, Judicial, Official, World War I Veterans & Widows, Bahamas Widows' & Orphans' and Re-employed whose pension payments are paid directly into their bank accounts and have not yet verified during the January, 2011 verification exercise to do so immediately as failure to comply will result in the disruption of pension payments directly into their bank accounts.

Pensioners' are further advised to visit the Pension Section of the Public Treasury Department building situated on the corner of East & North streets, Nassau between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. weekdays, bringing with them a valid form of identification such as Passport, National Insurance card or Drivers' license.

The following Life and Payment Certificates are available at the Treasury Departments, Nassau, Freeport and Abaco and at all Family Island Administration offices:

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- Official Pension Life & Payment Certificate - for retired Public Officers.
- World War I Veterans and Widows Life & Payment Certificate - for Veterans & Widows of World War I.
- Bahamas Widows' & Orphans' Pension Fund Certificate - for Widows' & Orphans'.

Pensioners residing within the Bahamas should also note that submission of Life and Payment certificates are no longer required on a monthly basis. However, all pensioners are required to verify during January and July of each year to avoid any inconvenience.

For further details please contact the Pension Section, Treasury Department at telephone numbers (242) 302-0539, 302-0565 or 302-0524. Life and Payment Certificates may be forwarded via facsimile to (242) 323-1459.

SPORTS

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MONDAY, MAY 30, 2011

North America Caribbean Rugby Association Championships



KICKER: The Bahamas beat Mexico 17-12 in the North America Caribbean Rugby Association Men's 15s Caribbean Championships.

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Photos by Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

Bahamas gets 17-12 victory over Mexico

By RENALDO DORSETT
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A late second-half score vaulted the Bahamas into an inspiring win before a galvanizing home crowd in the latest outing for the men's national 15-a-side rugby team.

Duran Beadle scored two tries for the Bahamas, including the go-ahead score in the second half, en route to a 17-12 win over Mexico in the North America Caribbean Rugby Association Men's 15s Championships.

Trailing 12-10 at the Winton Rugby Center Saturday, Beadle's try regained the lead for the Bahamas in the waning moments of the second half.

Kacey Charlton added a successful conversion to bring about the game's final margin as the Bahamas' defense held firm.

"We played pretty good. We kept up the



BALL IN PLAY: The Bahamas defeated Mexico 17-12 in the North America Caribbean Rugby Association Men's 15s Championships over the weekend.

intensity, especially with our defense. That's our biggest asset, our defense," Beadle said. "We just capitalized on any mistake they made and we just took it to them. We didn't want to lose in the front of our home crowd, and we just felt we had to represent for the Bahamas."

Beadle scored his first try of the game in the first half and a conversion gave the Bahamas a 7-0 lead.

Mexico would follow with their first try of the game and a penalty kick by Charlton gave the Bahamas a 10-5 lead going into the half.

Mexico took their first lead of the game early in the second half with their second try to take a 12-10 advantage.

Bahamas head coach Garry Markham said the team was inspired by the effort of the Bahamian faithful which created a true home-crowd environment.

"I think they were lifted to be honest. We had a good crowd out here and we were real-

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Bahamian athletes on IAAF top lists

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WITH their latest performances on the IAAF Diamond League Circuit last weekend, several athletes made progressions among the IAAF top lists in their respective events.

In the latest leg of the Golden Gala in Rome, Italy, last week, Brown posted a season's best of 45.16s in the men's 400m, sprinter

Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie was third in the women's 200 in 22.76 and Leevan 'Superman' Sands got fourth in the men's triple jump with another SB's leap of 17.13 meters or 56-feet, 2 1/2-inches.

Improving on the 45.37s he did in Kingston, Jamaica, on May 7, Brown climbed up the ladder with the 10th best time so far this year in the world.

Rondnell Bartholomew of Grenada heads the list with a world leading

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time of 44.65s.

Demetrius Pinder is the one of only two athletes to appear twice within the top 10 which includes the fifth leading time in the world, done April 2 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 45.06s and the ninth fastest time (45.26s on April 16) in Gainesville, Florida.

In the women's 200m, Ferguson-McKenzie's time of 22.76s was ahead

of Americans Allyson Felix's 22.81 and Sanya Richards-Ross' SB of 22.88.

It was the 11th best time on the IAAF top list on the season thus far.

For Sands, after posting a second place finish with a season's best of 17.09m (56-2 1/2) in a meet in Doha on May 6, Sands improved on that with a leap of 17.13 on his third attempt.

The leap of 17.13m in Rome placed him 14th on the IAAF top

list.

Brown, 32, is now heading to Ostrava, Czech Republic, for his next meet at the 50th Ostrava Golden Spike next week Tuesday.

Ferguson-McKenzie, 35, will head to Ostrava on Tuesday and then New York on June 11 for the Adidas Grand Prix.

Sands, 29, will head back to Auburn and continue his training before he competes again in New York on June 11.

LOCAL/INTERNATIONAL SPORTS

Div I athletes qualify for NCAA Championships

By RENALDO DORSETT
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COLLEGIATE athletics around the United States headed into regional qualifiers and championship rounds this weekend. And several Bahamian athletes made a dominant impact for their institutions.

A number of athletes at the NCAA Division I level qualified for the upcoming NCAA Championships – set for June 8-11 in Des Moines, Iowa – headlined by a new national record.

In the NCAA Div I West Regionals, Ivonique Kemp of the University of Arkansas set a new mark for the country in the 100m hurdles.

Kemp raced to a fifth place finish in a time of 13.20s en route to qualifying for the NCAA Championships and setting a new national record. She surpassed the old mark of 13.26s set by Tavianna Thompson in 2007.

Also at the West Regionals, other Bahamian athletes were able to qualify for the NCAA Championships.

Quartermiler Demetrius Pinder of the Texas A & M Aggies qualified in both his

signature event and as a member of both the 400m and 1600m relay teams.

Pinder ran to a 45.82s quarterfinal win to qualify and he was also a member of the 1600m relay team with a 45.60s split to anchor the Aggies to a first place finish in 3:03.95s. He ran the third leg of the 400m relay for a first place finish for the Aggies in 39.52s.

In the field, Lamar Delaney of the Houston Cougars claimed an NCAA bid in the triple jump. He finished 12th overall with a jump of 51' 3 3/4" to earn the NCAA berth.

Jamal Wilson of the Texas Longhorns finished 14th with a jump of 51' 3/4" while the TCU Horned Frogs' Cameron Parker was 25th with a jump of 50' 1/2".

In the NCAA East Regionals, the Bahamian connection at the University of Auburn earned several qualifying spots.

In the women's 200m, both Sheniqua Ferguson and Nivea Smith earned NCAA Championship berths.

Ferguson finished third in 23.22s while Smith was fourth in 23.25s. Ferguson, the 2010 NCAA Indoor Champion, finished with the 10th best



QUALIFIED: Quartermiler Demetrius Pinder (left), of the Texas A & M Aggies, qualified in both his signature event and as a member of both the 400m and 1600m relay teams.

time in Auburn history.

In the women's century, she finished in 11.33s to earn another qualification.

In the final women's event for the day, Cache Armbrister earned a spot in Des Moines as a member of the 1600m relay team. The team clocked a season-best time of 3:31.50

while winning their heat by nearly four seconds. The time ranked third in Auburn outdoor history for the event.

In the NCAA Division II Championships, defending champion in the 400m hurdles, Michelle Cumberbatch, was unable to successfully defend her title.

Cumberbatch, of Lincoln University, finished second in 59.62s. She ran the opening leg of the 1600m relay team which finished second in a time of 3:43.42s.

Carlyle Thompson of Nova Southeastern University finished fourth in the 400m hurdles in 52.42s.

Bahamas gets 17-12 victory over Mexico

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ly pleased with their performance today," he said. "A lot of things didn't go right, we dropped a lot of balls and at times we didn't make the right decisions, but that side Mexico, they didn't keep their heads down, they tackled, they kept it together, scored a try, got together and honestly had one of the best performances I've seen in a long time."

Markham pointed to the veteran leadership and a stingy defensive effort for the win.

"We had three guys come in, that was it. We have some older veterans on this team. Guys like Garfield [Morrison] came in at prop and did an excellent job today but they found towards the first half, beginning of the second half, their legs began to be weary and they had to give away to some of the younger players, lacking experience," he said. "A couple of things didn't quite gel, but you can not fault the entire team effort, absolutely fantastic."

In the opening round, the Bahamas suffered a 13-10 loss to Bermuda at National Sports Center in Hamilton, Bermuda.

Mexico followed with a 34-20 over the Cayman Islands in the Round One North and is now scheduled to play Bermuda at home on June 4.

The point differential between the teams would determine who would advance should Mexico beat Bermuda at home this weekend.

"We lost one in Bermuda, very tight game there. We won a tight game here against Mexico. Bermuda will go to Mexico now, where we hope to see another very tight game and a Mexico win," Markham said.

"Then it will come down to points differences and we are up five points on Mexico now, so the ideal scenario would be for them to win by two points."

Alberto Ruiz Luca de Tena, Mexico team manager, said the team suffered a lack of execution down the stretch in the loss.

"We had a good effort for most of the day, but in the second half we just gave up that late try which really hurt us," he said.

"We suffered some poor tackling and execution on defense and that made it a tough afternoon for us against the Bahamas."



OLYMPIC champion in the long jump Irving Saladino of Panama performs at the FBK games in Hengelo, eastern Netherlands, on Sunday.

Collins wins 100m at FBK Games

HENGELLO, Netherlands (AP) — Kim Collins clocked 10.05 seconds to win the 100 meters Sunday at the FBK Games, edging home favourite Churandy Martina.

Martina finished in 10.10 in his first race as a Dutchman after switching from his native Netherlands Antilles.

Olympic silver medalist Richard Thompson of Trinidad and Tobago crossed in 10.13 to take bronze.

Olympic champion Dayron Robles of Cuba made up for his loss last year by winning the 110 hurdles in 13:07 ahead of Dwight Thomas and Terrence Trammell. Robles fell after the last hurdle in 2010.

The men's long jump was won by another reigning Olympic champion, with Irving Saladino leaping 27 feet, 6 inches to beat Ignisious Gaisah of Ghana.

Danielle Carruthers edged fellow Americans Kellie Wells and Dawn Harper to clinch the 100 hurdles in 12:64.

Two-time reigning world champion Maryam Jamal of Bahrain got out front early and never gave up her lead en route to clinching the 1,500 in 4:00.33. Silver went to Ethiopia's Kalkidan Gezahegne and Morocco's Siham Hilali captured bronze.

Jenny Meadows and Emma Jackson surged from the pack with 200 meters to go in the 800, with Meadows finishing in 1:59.76 to edge her British teammate by 0.48. Uganda's Annet Negesa was third in 2:00.40.

Saudi Arabia's Mohammed Shaween rolled to victory in the men's 1,500 in 3:31.82. Haron Keitany of Kenya was second and Ethiopia's Mekonnen Gebremedhin took third.



KIM COLLINS, of Saint Kitts and Nevis, and Churandy Martina of the Netherlands Antilles (right) compete in the men's 100m.

(AP Photos)

LOCAL SPORTS

Bahamas defeats Mexico 17-12 in



FIELD PLAY: At Winton Rugby Center Saturday, the Bahamas beat Mexico 17-12 in North America Caribbean Rugby Association Men's 15s Caribbean Championships. Highlights of the game can be seen here.

Photos by Tim Clarke/Tribune staff



LOCAL SPORTS

Men's 15s Caribbean Championships



FIELD PLAY: The Bahamas beat Mexico 17-12 in the North America Caribbean Rugby Association Men's 15s Caribbean Championships at the Winton Rugby Center on Saturday afternoon.
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