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By NOELLE NICOLLS Tribune Staff Reporter

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Brent Symonette, Minister of Foreign Affairs, would not say when the matter will definitively be addressed...

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Corrupt officials and second-hand car lots in police investigation

By PAUL G TURNQUEST Tribune Staff Reporter

are still being driven on the island.

In most instances, a well-placed source revealed, these vehicles may have only been "repackaged" or "tweaked" to differentiate them from their original condition.

"If people feel that they have been duped, they should come forward and speak to us. If they are not certain of the legitimacy of their vehicle, we can run it through our database and check to see if it is stolen.

The CDU has some 10 persons in custody for an alleged vehicle licensing scam that is estimated to have milked "millions of dollars" from the Bahamian public over the past two

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PHONE CARD VENDOR LOSES LEG IN TRUCK SMASH



HORRIFIC ACCIDENT: The truck crashed into the vendor's booth in Nassau Village.

By CELESTE NIXON Tribune Staff Reporter

A PHONE card vendor lost his leg in a horrific accident in Nassau Village yesterday.

According to witnesses at the scene, the vendor's booth on Alexandra Boulevard was struck by an out of control truck, leaving the vendor pinned between the vehicle and a utility pole, one of his legs completely crushed.

Witnesses said the man driving

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KEOD SMITH TO CHALLENGE PICEWELL FORBES FOR SOUTH ANDROS NOMINATION

By PAUL G TURNQUEST Tribune Staff Reporter

FORMER PLP MP for Mount Moriah Keod Smith confirmed last night his intention to challenge South Andros MP Picewell Forbes for the party's nomination to run in that constituency.

Making no apologies for "accepting the call of the people," Mr Smith said he intends to keep his name in the ring before the PLP's candidates committee, and "God willing" be named the party's candidate for the upcoming general election.

"I don't expect special favours," Mr



CHALLENGE: Keod Smith and Picewell Forbes

Smith declared. "Indeed, I am not one of the so-called 'blue-eyed boys' who get to cherry pick where they wish to run. Nor

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## LOCAL NEWS

# Excavation work underway at Big Bell Island

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## Aga Khan moves forward with development plans

EXCAVATION of a yacht basin at Big Bell Island in the Exuma Cays Land and Sea Park is underway as owner the Aga Khan forges ahead with development plans.

Around 4.32 acres of rock is being dug out around a shallow salt pond on the southeast corner of the island to create

space for boats up to 164ft long at a depth of 14ft below the Mean Water Level (MWL).

Silt curtains have been installed to minimise damage from dredging, before the 80ft wide access channel is dredged to give boats access to the marina at the 14ft

depth.

And a jetty will be constructed alongside the entrance to the yacht basin to prevent water flow and reduce the need for further dredging, states the Environmental Management Plan (EMP).

Director of the BEST Commission Philip Weech said

developers Islands of the World Development Ltd, for the island's owner Prince Karim, Aga Khan IV, scaled back their original plans following an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) completed in March last year.

The plans to dredge and develop the 349-acre island

within the protected land and sea park stirred debate when revealed by *The Tribune* last year, as environmental and political activists voiced their opposition to development within the protected zone.

Environment Minister Earl Deveaux came under heavy criticism for taking a free ride in the Aga Khan's luxury 12-seater helicopter to a site visit on Bell Island and to Abaco for an unrelated event, as planning applications were being considered by his ministry.

And the BNT, charged with stewardship of the park, was criticised for not rejecting the plans outright, and for accepting a \$1 million donation from the Aga Khan, according to *Tribune* sources.

But environmental activist Sam Duncombe of non-profit organisation reEarth said the real tragedy is the desecration of the world's oldest marine park.

"It's extremely distressing because if you can't save the park what can you save? If even the things that are completely off-limits are not off-limits, then there is no hope," Ms Duncombe said.

"Whether or not the National Trust received a donation from the Aga Khan or not is immaterial – they should have been at the forefront screaming that there should be no development there, and we have seen time and time again that they sit on the fence with issues, or they downright agree.

"The argument that there have been other sites in the park that have been dredged is no defence.

### Property

"If people are allowed to purchase property in the park there needs to be restrictive covenants on what you are able to do.

"You can't take a fish, but you can dredge out several acres – it's such hypocrisy, and it's really devastating to watch these things that are allowed to happen without any public outcry, and if we sit back and say nothing then the government is going to go ahead with what they want."

Excavation of the yacht basin is now well underway, as is construction of a staff

housing area and upgrades to the service dock, while living coral and coral reefs are relocated within the park.

Marine biologist Dr Craig Dalhgren is relocating the marine species with help from BNT staff as environmental compliance officer Rochelle Newbold, a former environmental manager for the BEST Commission and environmental project manager at Albany, oversees the execution of the EMP.

Dredging around the service dock and barge landing area has been reduced by 72 per cent, or 31,041.8 cubic yards according to the EMP, as the channel proposed for the northwest corner of the island has been eliminated and dredging around the dock reduced.

### Discussions

BEST Commission director Philip Weech said: "The existing impact area is much smaller than what was originally proposed and that came directly as a result of discussions.

"The EMP shows the initial proposals and the final agreement, and you can see the significant changes.

"The footprint has been reduced significantly and the owner has taken responsibility."

Prince Karim Aga Khan IV, the 49th and current Imam of the Shia Imami Nizari Ismaili Muslims, is regarded as a philanthropist for his charitable endeavours, and has included a native plant reserve in his plans as well as scaling back his development.

Ms Duncombe said: "The Aga Khan is touted as a person who has done so much in terms of the environment and humanitarian need, but it kind of negates what you are doing if you can come to our country and trash our national park, and it baffles me that people don't see that."

Calls to attorneys at Gail Lockhart Charles and Co, representing the Aga Khan, were not returned yesterday.

Officials from the BNT, BEST Commission, and the Department of Physical Planning will visit Bell Island later this week and *The Tribune* has requested permission to attend.

Full details of development can be seen in the EIA and EMP available online at [www.best.bs](http://www.best.bs).

## THE RUSH FOR PEACE JUNKANOO FESTIVAL

THE RUSH FOR PEACE COMMITTEE held its first Junkanoo Festival in Freeport, Grand Bahama on Labour Day. Participating were the Valley Boys and the Saxon Superstars, out of Nassau, and from Grand Bahama The Swingers and The Majestic Crusaders.

Leader of the Vally Boys Gus Cooper is pictured putting on a show for Governor-General Sir Arthur Foulkes and his wife Lady Foulkes. Also pictured is the Minister of Housing Kenneth Russell.



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## SEPTIC TANK CONCERNS AT SCHOOL

By DENISE MAYCOCK  
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FREEPORT – A septic tank covered only by wood planks at the Eight Mile Rock High School is a source of concern among parents.

Principal Keith Barr told *The Tribune* that some work was being done on the septic tank several months ago but was not completed.

He said that a thick layer of planks have been placed over the tank and the area has been roped off until work can be completed.

But parents are still worried that the tank poses a safety risk to the students.

One said: "Students play and run around the campus and it is just not safe.

Mr Barr pointed out that none of the students have ever fallen in the septic tank.

"There is no open septic tank here, I think someone is trying to be mischievous," he added.

"The tank does not have a concrete slab on it, but there is a thick layer of planks covering it until repairs can be carried out when school closes on June 17.

"It has been roped around, and even if they can get in, they cannot fall in because it is covered."

Mr Barr said that it would be better if parents came to the school and bring their concerns directly to him

*The Tribune* attempted to contact District Superintendent Julian Anderson about the matter, but was told the he was out of office on Monday and Tuesday.

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• THE BUDGET DEBATE 2011/12

# Branville McCartney: FNM promises are not believable

## Independent MP hits out at party's 'trust' slogan

INDEPENDENT MP Branville McCartney used his Budget Debate speech to hit out at the FNM's "trust" slogan – saying party's new promises are not believable in light of its past record.

Mr McCartney noted that over the years, the FNM and its leader Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham have established an image and identity tied to the idea of trustworthiness.

Now, he said, the nation is being asked to trust that the government's budget plans will meet the public's needs, both social and economic.

However, Mr McCartney said that for those who remember the government's failure to keep past promises, its budget communication "may sound extraordinarily unbelievable".

He spoke of the run-up to the 2007 election, when the FNM promised a number of things, including that it would:

- deepen and strengthen democracy
- ensure domestic security and tranquility
- ensure sustainable economic development
- ensure access to land for Bahamians
- alleviate poverty
- improve the quality of education
- begin restoring people's faith in government by being accountable and ensuring media access to information.

"Four years later," Mr McCartney said, "trust in government is at an all time low; the values of democracy is being threatened on a daily basis; domestic and public security and tranquility is practically non-existent; sustainable economic development says 'where you put ma'; there is still a fire-sale of Bahamian land to foreigners; the alleviation of

INDEPENDENT MP Branville McCartney gives his contribution to the Budget Debate in the House of Assembly yesterday.

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poverty and improvements in the quality of education are still only a figment in somebody's imagination; and the media still does not have access to information because the Freedom of Information Act that, at the time, was also paramount and promised is still not yet to be publicly produced."

He added that the Budget Communication cannot be trusted because it is "90-plus pages of vague, empty promises designed right in time for this government just to get elected."

Mr McCartney said the communication contains no concrete policies or initiatives, has no substance, "and falls far short of addressing or redressing social objectives that are paramount to today's crime weary, economically burdened, socially disenfranchised, and politically disillusioned citizens".

sioned citizens".

He noted that government's proposed plans to tackle unemployment will involve retraining 3,000 people – "not nearly enough to even put a dent" in the unemployment problem affecting around 42,000 Bahamians.

## Jobs

He also questioned how retraining programmes are supposed to translate into jobs, claiming they appear to be new versions of the old 'jobs-for-votes' scheme that has been part of every election since independence.

Mr McCartney said: "Despite no mention of initiatives to deal with crime and the growing fear of crime; no real policies and initia-

tives that would address real problems in education; despite no pronounced plan to handle the growing national debt that many of us have been unwillingly dragged into; despite no mention of illegal immigration; or swift justice, we are now being asked to trust that the so called policies, Acts, and initiatives presented in this document will bring about societal objectives and positive and progressive outcomes that are of paramount importance to us as citizens."

He added: "There has been a breach of the public's trust; the 2007 Manifesto proves it, and the government's record over the past few years backs it up; this new budget communication, here my friends, cunningly and deceptively tries to convince us otherwise."

## BTC staff set for voluntary separation package offers today after delay

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BTC employees are expected to get their voluntary separation package offers today, union leaders confirmed.

The offers were set to be given out yesterday but were delayed because officials at Cable & Wireless Communications had not finalised all the details.

"We haven't received it as yet, they tell us (the offers will come) tomorrow," William Carroll, president of the Bahamas Communications and Public Managers Union, said yesterday.

Dissemination of the offers signals an end to a long process many employees have grown tired of, he told *The Tribune*.

"It's long and drawn out and I hope we'll see it to the end. The package will not suit everybody, I know some people may be fed up, they're tired, they've been going

through this a long time this process of privatisation.

"People are fed up and want to put it behind them, it's like coming to the end of the journey and they can see the end – either you accept or you don't," said Mr Carroll.

However, Bernard Evans, head of the Bahamas Communications and Public Officers Union, thinks the negotiation process for the voluntary severance offers was done too quickly, not taking into account older staff with specialised training at a disadvantage for a new job search.

"I think it's a little bit rushed given the life-changing event such as this. There are so many things you need to analyse given the average age (of an employee) at BTC is 48 with a mortgage, kids in college, bills, and a (specialised) skill set.

"There's also the fact that there wouldn't be any (other) telecoms company to work for," said Mr Evans, who represents line staff at the company.



BERNARD EVANS, head of the Bahamas Communications and Public Officers Union

According to company documents obtained by *The Tribune*, all employees at BTC under the age of 45 are expected to 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 45 and under 50 will be offered the same five weeks per year up to a cap of

110 weeks, and people aged 50 but under 55 will be offered five weeks salary for every year of employment up to a cap of 75 weeks.

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.

According to a presentation prepared for the company, the report suggests 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.

## CALL FOR PROGRAMMES TO HELP FIRST-TIME OFFENDERS REINTEGRATE

By CELESTE NIXON  
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A COMMUNITY leader is arguing that programmes to help first-time offenders reintegrate with society must be created to deter them from committing crimes in the future.

T Edward Clarke, president and CEO of the National LEAD Institute, told *The Tribune* yesterday that the lack of a system to prepare and reintroduce rehabilitated offenders into the community is major factor in the increase of crime throughout the country.

"It can be seen from incidents in the last 12 to 18 months – in many cases the people committing murders are repeat offenders, persons who have already been involved in criminal activity," said Mr Clarke.

He said one of the many factors driving crime in the Bahamas is the fact that ex-

convicts are not supervised and have no help finding work, which eventually pushes them back into criminal activity.

LEAD is a non-government, non-profit organisation established to provide programmes for 'at risk' young men as well as a post-prison/correctional services for inmates who have paid their dues to society.

LEAD is one of the only organisations that provides a "Life management male empowerment programme" open to formerly incarcerated persons, however Mr Clarke said a more systematic approach is necessary to provide assistance to men looking to escape the "revolving door" prison cycle.

According to Mr Clarke, what is needed is a two-fold process – firstly, to help with employment options, and secondly, to change ex-convicts' mentality and decision making process by introducing them to anger management and conflict resolution

techniques.

"No one can be blamed for the current crime rate – not the government or politicians – only ourselves and the community," said Mr Clarke.

He noted that the Office of the Prime Minister has declared July 11-15 'Project Re-entry Week' and revealed that LEAD in partnership with the Ministry for National Security and the US Embassy will be holding a conference from July 12-15 at Police Headquarters, covering various topics including re-entry strategies and crime prevention methods.

"It is our hope that from the conference a systematic re-entry programme will be developed and put in place in the Bahamas," said Mr Clarke.

He added that if the public wants to see a reduction in crime, the community needs to come together with the support of the government and NGOs to work out a solution and produce results.

## POLICE CONTINUE SEARCH FOR MISSING US CRUISE SHIP PASSENGER

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POLICE are still searching for an American cruise ship passenger last seen jetskiing off Cabbage Beach over the weekend before he was reported missing.

According to an article on NBC's www.wlwt.com, husband and father Nathan Wells from Westchester, Ohio was vacationing on a Carnival cruise ship with two friends to celebrate his 32nd birthday when the ship docked in Nassau Harbour Saturday morning.

## Excursion

Mr Wells rented a jet ski during an excursion to Cabbage Beach, Paradise Island later that afternoon, but he never returned to shore, according to his friends.

The report said family members describe Mr Wells as a hard working family man who pushed those around him to do better.

They continue to stay strong, pray and hope that Mr Wells will be found alive.

Up to press time, no further information concerning the status of the search for Mr Wells was available.

Police are calling on anyone with information that could assist the investigation to call 328-TIPS (8477), 911 or 919.

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## The corrupters of the judicial system

IN 1981 then Attorney General Paul Adderley considered a court system not in tune with the society in which it functioned, lawyers with neither a good nor high reputation, and corrupters of the system as part of this country's problems in getting criminals off the streets.

On the floor of the same House from which Mr Adderley had made that observation 30 years before, Prime Minister Ingraham advised politicians to distance themselves from criminals.

"The stark reality is that we did not reach the current level of crime overnight.

"And our attitude towards crime makes a difference. Complaining about crime, yet aiding and abetting criminal behaviour hurts our shared fight against crime," Mr Ingraham said.

"The less tolerant and accommodating we are of criminal enterprise and behaviour, the more effective will be our fight against crime.

"The entire society has an obligation to assist the police in doing their jobs."

Mr Adderley was of the opinion that the police were not getting the assistance they needed from the courts. He believed the judicial system was demonstrating more sympathy for the law-breaker than for the long suffering public.

Mr Adderley criticised the category of people who perpetrate acts of corruption — influence peddlers and people seeking permission by paying off someone.

Lawyers, he said, among other professions, fall into this category.

"For the most part," said Mr Adderley, "the vast majority of lawyers are entitled to a good and high reputation, but those who are entitled to a good and high reputation do not have either a good or a high reputation because there are some lawyers who have an atrociously bad reputation who are

entitled to neither a good nor a high reputation.

"By the conduct of a relatively small number of lawyers in the Bahamas, lawyers generally today have a low reputation.

"This is to be attributed to those lawyers who belong in the category of the corrupt."

He also had something to say about the category of lawyers who charge clients "outrageously, almost criminally high fees."

He then moved to those — especially drug dealers — who bribed the courts.

"One of the most corrupting influences on the total system is the amount of money which is in the hands of the drug traffickers," he said.

As attorney general he found it necessary to have drug cases put in a distinct category.

Two years before he felt he had justifiable reasons to give directives to magistrate's court prosecutors that any case involving drugs could not be withdrawn without the consent of the Office of the Attorney General.

He knew of "prevalent incidents" that justified his decision "because some way along the way the system had been corrupted."

Even juries in the Bahamas were bought, he said, but unfortunately, sufficient evidence could not be found to prosecute.

We leave it to our readers to judge whether much has changed in the profession since Mr Adderley's 1981 observations.

What he as Attorney General complained of in 1981 remains among the many problems that make the fight against crime difficult today.

# Did Perry Christie deal Craig Butler a bad hand?

### EDITOR, The Tribune.

It appears as if Opposition Leader the Hon Perry G Christie is unmoved by the sudden resignation of Craig Butler from the Progressive Liberal Party. Christie stated that people are always leaving the PLP. He also stated, however, that people are always joining his party. Mr Christie also added that he wished Mr Butler all the best in his future endeavours. Christie said this much about Craig Butler during a PLP rally that was held at their headquarters, Gambier House on June 1st.

Mr Butler is the grandson of Sir Milo Butler, the first Bahamian Governor General. He was also the treasurer of the PLP. It appears that Mr Butler's family connection was not enough to help him get the nomination for the PLP.

Mr Butler has on numerous occasions expressed an interest in running as a candidate for the PLP. In fact, just last year after the resignation of Elizabeth MP Malcolm Adderley from the House of Assembly, Mr Butler, along with Ryan Pinder, both vied to get the PLP nomination for that constituency. The nomination was given to Mr Pinder. He was favoured by Mr Christie to run in the 2010 bye-election in Elizabeth. However, Mr Christie, before he had made his final decision on who would run in Elizabeth, sounded as if Mr Butler had a fighting chance to gain the nomination.

Nevertheless, despite what could only be described as a major disappointment in being rejected by the PLP in Elizabeth, Mr Butler remained a loyal PLP supporter. Mr Butler then turned his attention to the Kennedy constituency. That constituency is represented by FNM MP Kenyatta Gibson. Gibson had defected from the PLP in 2008. I understand that Mr Butler had been canvassing the Kennedy area, with the hope of galvanizing support from PLP supporters.

Many of PLP supporters in Kennedy were interested in Mr Butler and his message. It appears as if Mr Butler really believed that he would be given the PLP nomination for

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Kennedy. According to some political observers, it appears as if Butler was given this impression by the leaders of that party. This would explain why he was so disillusioned with the PLP and resigned after he was once again rejected by the party.

According to the press, one Dion Smith has been given the nomination to run for the PLP in Kennedy. It is obvious to myself that Mr Butler was really disappointed at being overlooked again by the PLP. According to the press, Butler was denied a nomination because of his past drug addiction. Butler has admitted that he once struggled with drug addiction. Yet he is quick to add, however, that he has truly reformed. Christie, however, appears not to be impressed with Mr Butler. Perhaps the Opposition Leader feels that Butler's past indiscretions would turn off too many voters from the PLP.

Mr Christie obviously wants to present to the Bahamian electorate a slate of candidates that are squeaky clean.

Therefore, it is understandable why Mr Christie is unwilling to accept Butler's nomination. But with that being said, why has Mr Christie refused to heed the warning of Raynard Rigby, Philip Galanis and George Smith? These three prominent PLPs had warned Christie not to accept the nominations of Obie Wilcombe (West End and Bimini), V Alfred Gray (MICAL), Shane Gibson (Golden Gates), Leslie Miller, Picewell Forbes (South Andros), Anthony Moss (Exuma) and Vincent Peet (North Andros), for the upcoming general election. Most of these gentlemen listed above have also had their share of issues. In fact, several of them, including Keod Smith, Kenyatta Gibson and Sidney Stubbs, had caused the PLP to lose the 2007 general election.

Mr Christie obviously intends to run these men in the general election. He had written a letter to a prominent tabloid newspaper stating the reason why he had rejected the suggestions of Rigby and Co. Question: If

the Leader of the Opposition is hell-bent on running these candidates, who have also made their share of mistakes, why is Mr Christie unwilling to do the same for Craig Butler?

If Mr Christie is willing to overlook the alleged indiscretions of these men, why not do the same for Butler? After all, what is good for the goose is good for the gander. If he is determined to reject Mr Butler's nomination, because of his past, then he should do the same thing to his MPs, who were mentioned in that famous letter that was leaked to the press!

Further, the incident with Craig Butler is similar to an incident that had occurred almost ten years ago in Marco City. The Rev Frederick MacAlpine was a PLP supporter who himself was given the impression that he would be given the PLP nomination for Marco City to run in the 2002 general election. I live in Marco City. I remember the Rev MacAlpine sending us letters and holding functions in Marco City. I thought that he would be running in Marco City for the PLP. However, Miss Pleasant Bridgewater was given the nomination instead.

The Rev MacAlpine felt slighted by Mr Christie and the PLP. Therefore, he, like Butler, eventually left the party. It appears as if Mr Christie and his party have a penchant for leading people on. These men had obviously spent a lot of money and time in these constituencies, only to be told at the eleventh hour that they won't be receiving any nomination from the PLP. If this is what was done to Mr Butler, then Christie and the other leaders of the PLP should at least apologise to him for wasting his time. Why tell a man that he has a good chance of securing a nomination, when you have already made up in your mind to run someone else? This is one reason why I find it difficult to support Mr Christie.

Mr Christie needs to understand that you just can't treat people like impersonal objects.

People are to be treated with dignity and respect. I believe that Christie had dealt Craig Butler a very bad hand in this case!

KEVIN EVANS  
Nassau,  
June, 2011.

## QUESTION: What is 'Cash for Gold'?

## ANSWER: An invitation & green flag for robbers

### EDITOR, The Tribune.

This past Saturday morning in Cost Right car park, I was violently attacked and thrown to the ground while having my gold necklace ripped off my neck. I was fortunate in having friends nearby who were able to give the police a detailed description of the attacker and also the licence number of the get-away car.

It is unfortunate that we have reached a point where it is foolhardy when going out, to wear gold jewellery of any description. This only serves as an invitation to these thugs to "help themselves."

Cash for Gold outlets are not only an encouragement for these muggers they also provide the ideal fence for the robbers to dispose of all their stolen gold. Because of this, I strongly suggest these outlets be closed down immediately. I am not alone in making this suggestion. Many people are of the same opinion. I've been reliably informed that around the Christmas season last year, tourists were targeted for their gold jewellery on the Cable Beach Strip. Just what the country needs!

May this letter be a warning to others. Being forewarned is being forearmed.

It would be remiss of me not to thank Mr Frank McGwier, Manager of Town Centre Mall and their security staff who were most solicitous and caring after the attack. The police also deserve my thanks for their prompt response and the courtesy they afforded me.

JUDY ANSELL-GRINDROD  
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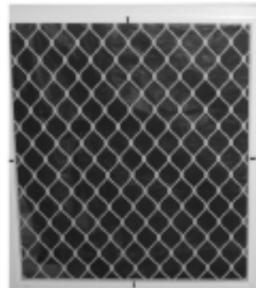
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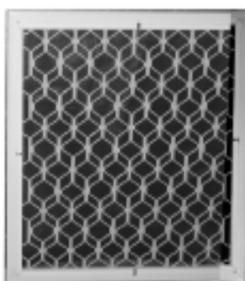
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## LOCAL NEWS

## • SENTENCING HEARING



CONVICTED: Angelo Poitier is escorted to court yesterday.

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# Man convicted of former girlfriend's murder in court for sentencing hearing

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A MAN accused of killing his former girlfriend and dumping her body in a grave at the Bahamas Veteran's Cemetery is expected to be sentenced in two weeks.

Angelo Poitier, 24, was back in court yesterday for a sentencing hearing. Poitier was convicted last October of the murder of Shanice Adderley, 19.

The young woman's body was discovered inside a grave at the Bahamas Veteran's Cemetery on Infant View Road on May 27. According to an autopsy report, Ms Adderley died as a result of blunt force trauma to the body.

## Crime

At his sentencing hearing yesterday, probation officer Matrena Carey told the court that Poitier stated that he was sorry that Shanice had died but she concluded that he was in a state of denial and felt absolutely no remorse for the crime he committed.

Poitier's attorney Terrel Butler noted

there was no witnesses to the actual murder and that the case was based on circumstantial evidence.

Mrs Butler noted that a statement attributed to Poitier as his confession had been accepted as evidence at his trial.

She pointed out that Poitier denied the purported confession statement. He had claimed he had unwillingly signed a confession because he feared police would brutalise him.

Mrs Butler asked the judge to take into consideration the mitigating circumstances of the case.

She said Adderley's body had been disposed of in the way it had, not because Poitier was cold and callous, but because he panicked.

She asked the judge to consider imposing a fixed term of imprisonment on Poitier.

Prosecutor Franklyn Williams noted that Poitier either had to accept guilt and seek mercy or not accept guilt for the crime.

"He cannot proclaim innocence and claim to be remorseful at the same time," Mr Williams said.

Poitier is expected back before Justice Vera Watkins on June 21 at 1pm.

# AIDS-RELATED DEATHS IN THE BAHAMAS AT AN 'ALL-TIME LOW'

By MATT MAURA

THE Bahamas' National AIDS Programme has moved one step closer to meeting the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) goal of "zero" AIDS-related deaths by 2015, Minister of Health Dr Hubert Minnis said.

Dr Minnis said a decision by successive governments of the Bahamas to "direct significant resources" towards the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS has resulted in a "dramatic fall" in the number of AIDS-related deaths in the Bahamas to an all-time low of 59 at the close of 2010.

The minister presented opening remarks to the National AIDS Programme and UNAIDS on June 2 at the Sheraton Nassau Beach Hotel.

He said there were no babies born with HIV infections in 2010 as a result of the very successful mother-to-child-transmission (MTCT) programme.

"Successive governments have directed significant resources to controlling the epidemic. Successes experienced by this forward-thinking include the decline in newly reported HIV infections; a decrease in the number of new AIDS cases (year-on-year) and a dramatic fall in AIDS related deaths," Dr Minnis said.

"It should be noted that the Bahamas was among one of the first countries to recognise that the possibility that zero MTCT could become a reality."

Dr Minnis said the commitment to prevention and control of HIV has also had significant impact on a number of critical areas and programmes within the Bahamas.

These include a "seven-fold impact" on people living with HIV/AIDS. Persons receiving antiretrovirals drugs have increased from 300 persons in 2002 to 2,152 at the end of December 2009. The medications have been provided at

no cost to patients, Dr Minnis said. The minister further said the 'Focus on Youth Programme' – a research-based prevention initiative that was launched to give young women the skills to postpone their first sexual encounter and to make wise decisions regarding their sexuality – has enjoyed "significant successes at both the primary and secondary school levels."

The National HIV Reference Laboratory, Dr Minnis

said, continues to expand with plans to begin in-country DNA, PCR (polymerase chain reaction) and resistance testing. PCR testing is a specific test for HIV/AIDS.

Dr Minnis said despite the many successes in HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, management, education and awareness, there are still areas of concern.

"Of concern to us are those persons who are at great risk of acquiring HIV infection such as the youth, migrant

populations, men who have sex with men, commercial sex workers and persons over fifty years of age.

"Our services are now focusing on how to reach individuals at highest risk to receive the appropriate HIV counselling, testing, follow-up and referral services. Mobile testing seems to be a feasible option for outreach workers to reach high-risk populations," Dr Minnis added.

The Health Minister said decentralisation, which will allow any person living with HIV in the Bahamas access to HIV care at any government

facility "in a safe, private and confidential environment," will also assist.

"The Bahamas is making great strides in the area of offering/providing testing in non-conventional settings – in other words, taking the service to where the people are," Dr Minnis said.

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## EIGHT-YEAR-OLD STUDENT HIT BY CAR WHILE WALKING FROM SCHOOL

By DENISE MAYCOCK  
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FREEPORT – Police are appealing to drivers to take extra care near school zones after an eight-year-old student was hit by a car on Monday while walking from school.

According to the police report, the accident occurred at around 3.40pm at

the intersection of Coral Road and Ponce de Leon Drive and involved a red Ford F-150 truck driven by a male resident of Freeport.

The student was not seriously injured, and was taken to hospital for treatment and discharged. ASP Loretta Mackey reminded drivers to adhere to the speed limit in school zones between the hours of 7.45am to 9.30am and in the afternoon from 2.45pm to 4pm.

## SUMMER ROAD CLOSURES TO BE DISCUSSED AT PUBLIC MEETING

THE Ministry of Public Works and Transport will hold a public meeting tomorrow at First Baptist Church, Coconut Grove Avenue and Market Street, from 6 pm to 8 pm to discuss coming road closures over the summer months. The public is invited to attend.

## • CRIME NEWS IN BRIEF

### MAN STABBED ON VIRGINIA STREET

A man is in hospital after he was stabbed on Virginia Street by another male, police said.

The 32-year-old victim was walking on Virginia Street with a woman around 4 am yesterday when he was approached by a light skinned male armed with a knife, police reported.

Police were told that the two men got into a fight during which the victim was stabbed multiple times. He was taken to hospital by EMS and is in stable condition.

Police are appealing for

anyone with information on this incident to contact them at 911, 919, 502-9991, 502-9910 or at 328-TIPS.

### WANTED MAN IN CUSTODY

A wanted man is in police custody after being turned in by a family member.

Police said that Edwin Cunningham, alias CJ, was brought into the Central Detective Unit around 6.25 pm Monday a day after the Royal Bahamas Police Force issued a wanted bulletin for the 20-year-old.

He was wanted for questioning in connection to a

murder investigation. Active police investigations continue.

### POLICE CONTINUE TO TICKET TRAFFIC OFFENDERS

POLICE in New Providence continue to issue traffic tickets to motorists who fail to adhere to traffic rules.

During the past week, police cited 136 drivers in the capital for various traffic infractions and placed 78 matters before the traffic court.

Persons were cited for driving an unlicensed and uninsured vehicle, driving on a closed street, failing to keep

left, failing to notify change of ownership, heavily tinted windows and failure to have rear license plate well illuminated.

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## LOCAL NEWS

# 380,000 feet of water pipes laid in infrastructure improvements

WATER pipes have been laid all over New Providence totalling almost 380,700 feet of infrastructure improvements, according to the 2011/2012 Budget Communication now being debated in the House of Assembly.

Government has invested almost \$31 million to update the 83-year-old cast iron pipes with PVC water mains to correct the Water and Sewerage Corporation's (WSC) productivity problem of reducing non-revenue water (NRW).

"The opportunity for the corporation to become a financially viable entity is slim unless it resolves the challenges it faces relative to its high rate of non-revenue water. This conclusion is consistent in all the professional reviews done on the Water and Sewerage Corporation," said Phenton Neymour, Minister of State for the Environment.

"While the focus has always been on New Providence, the Family Islands with its high cost of water has high NRW figures resulting in financial losses of nearly \$7 million annually. A sizable proportion of non-revenue water is water that is leaked out of the system because of an aged piping and distribution network."

Upgraded areas so far include Blue Hills Estates, Regency Park, Joan's Heights, Bamboo Town, High Vista, Deal's Heights, Buttonwood Drive, Peter Street, Deveaux Street, Imperial Park, Pine Barren Road, Catherine Street, Marshall Road, Fire Trail Road, Cowpen Road, Eastern Road.

Other areas also include Fox Hill Road, Domingo Heights, Step Street, Hanna Road, Kool Acres, Kent Avenue and York Street, Sherwood Drive, Tower

Estates, Theodora Lane, parts of Eastern Estates, parts of South Beach, Johnson's Estates, the eastern end of Yamacraw Hill Road, Nassau East south, Foxdale Subdivision, Coral Harbour east and west, Winton Gravity System Transmission Main, Danottage Estates, Blair and Golf Course Boulevard in Sea Breeze.

Although WSC has tried to implement several action plans since 2002, the only viable solution left to do was to advocate for funding to replace the aging pipes, Mr Neymour explained.

"In 2002, Mr Speaker, a corporate business plan was produced using funding from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). Emanating from that business plan, a three-year action plan was developed by the corporation. In 2005, a national water and wastewater plan were developed. Neither of these plans was ever fully approved nor implemented. Two years ago in 2009, a water and sanitation sector strategic plan was produced, utilising grant funding from the IDB," he said in Parliament.

The plan identified the domino effect of several of WSC challenges, from the high percentage of non-revenue water - 50 to 54 per cent that costs WSC almost \$16 million per year - to how the non-revenue water impacts the high cost of barging, shown to be more expensive than desalination.

"WSC has clearly shown that the cost of barged water is higher than that provided by a large-scale reverse osmosis plant. More importantly, barged water from North Andros is a less reliable source of water and inferior in terms of water quality. It has undoubtedly served its purpose

**ABOUT 400,000** feet of PVC water main pipes have been laid so far to update the infrastructure that will withstand the population expansion and urbanisation of New Providence.  
**Gena Gibbs/BIS**

over the last quarter century, especially for an operation that was supposed to be temporary," said Mr Neymour.

"The corporation recently issued a letter of acceptance to expand its desalination facility at Blue Hills by an additional four MIGD (million imperial gallons a per day) production, and are in final negotiations with a new supplier to provide two MIGD in the western district to meet existing shortfalls. This will prepare us for new demands, like Baha Mar and other developments in the western district of New Providence."

The IDB said that the Government's past failure to establish tariffs reflecting the cost of



service has resulted in substantial subsidies being paid out regardless of the need to improve staff productivity to bring the corporation in line with other well-run utilities and international standards.

The IDB pointed out that the lack of productivity impeded the Government from being able to rehabilitate and expand sewerage facilities, resulting in community environmental failures, such as in Pinewood Gardens.

"The Water and Sewerage Corporation has not received a tariff adjustment since 1999, despite significant improvements in water quality and in service levels in both New Providence and the Family Islands," said Mr Neymour.

"Where services have improved, which always comes at great costs, tariff needs to reflect the cost of such services."

The utilities sector has been absent of regulation enforcement and best practices reform, which has hindered WSC from establishing and enforcing transparency and independence of oversight service standards. Efficiency improvement can only happen with an expansion of private sector involvement to supervise the sector, the state minister said.



**PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:** Candace Key, school principal; Edison Key, MP South Abaco; Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham; primary school student of the year Anna Albury; Theresa Albury, mother; Minister of Education Desmond Bannister.

Back row from left: Ricardo Deveaux, president Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Foundation and Minister of Youth Sports & Culture Charles Maynard.

**Patrick Hanna/BIS**

## PM WELCOMES PRIMARY STUDENT OF THE YEAR TO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

PRIMARY school student of the year Anna Albury visited the House of Assembly and was greeted at the door by Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham.

Anna is a 12-year-old blind student with a grade point average of 3.80 from Abaco's Hope Town Primary School.

Candace Key, principal at Hope Town Primary School, described Anna as a "gifted young lady who gained the respect of her classmates early on by demonstrating her disciplined manner during school and her pleasant demeanour on campus in student activities and relationships."

Anna was second runner-up

in the Abaco District Spelling Bee competition in 2009; took second place in the Rotary Club of Abaco Speech Competition; and was the top academic achiever in grades four, five, and six.

During the 2011 Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Awards Competition held on Saturday, May 21 at Golden Gates World Outreach Ministries, Anna beat out 115 of the best and brightest minds in local primary schools to capture the top award. She was awarded a \$6,000 scholarship donated by Bahamas Office and School Supplies (BOSS) and a new laptop computer donated by Jonathan and Michelle Ford.

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A memorial service will be held at St. Anne's Anglican Church, Fox Hill, Nassau, on Thursday, 16th June, 2011 at 3:30p.m.

In lieu of flowers the family request that donations be sent to Bahamas Air Sea Rescue Association (BASRA), P.O. Box SS 6247, Nassau or to The Rotary Club of East Nassau, in memory of Ernest C. Grindrod.

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# sunday showdown

## for Miss Grand Bahama hopefuls

By DENISE MAYCOCK  
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FREEPORT – Nine contestants will be vying for the title of 2011/12 Miss Grand Bahama in this year's pageant on Sunday.

Pageant spokesman Janet Albury of VIP Services said several events are planned leading up to the pageant, including the judges' interview tomorrow and a motorcade of contestants on Friday.

The contestants are Misty Thomas, sponsored by Sage Fashion; Anita Roberts, sponsored by Emerald's Fashions; Keriann Stuart, sponsored by Stuart Fashion; Amanda McIntosh, sponsored by Family and Friends; Raquel Oliver, sponsored by Sabor; Sheria Rolle, sponsored by Rolle's Fashion; Leshelle Forbes, sponsored by the Eight Mile Rock Pageantry Committee; Gabriel Moss, sponsored by Crystal Seas Enterprises, and Shamica Deveaux, sponsored by The Jewelry Box.

Last Sunday, the contestants competed in the evening gown and swimsuit competitions at the Treasure Bay Casino.

The top three finishers in the swimsuit competition were Amanda McIntosh, who was the second runner-up with 42.28 points out of a total of 50 points; Raquel Oliver was the first runner-up receiving 46.71 points, and Keriann Stuart was the winner with 47.07 points.

Ms Albury said the win automatically qualifies Ms Stuart as the first finalist in the Miss Grand Bahama Pageant.

The winner of the evening gown competition will be announced on Sunday at the pageant, she said.

Ms Albury said she was pleased with the audience turn-out last week.

She said contestants were provided with black and aqua bikinis and colourful wraps by 1.9.6., which sponsored the swimsuit competition.

Emceeding the night's event was Kerel Pinder, Miss Grand Bahama 2008.

**RIGHT:** Beauty queens Kerel Pinder, Miss Grand Bahama 2008, and Tempestt Stubbs, reigning Miss Grand Bahama, share the spotlight at the pageant's pre-event competitions.

**FAR RIGHT:** Keriann Stuart, sponsored by Stuart Fashions, was named the winner of the swimsuit competition. She has automatically become the first finalist in the upcoming Miss Grand Bahama Beauty Pageant. Amanda McIntosh, sponsored by Family and Friends was second runner-up and Raquel Oliver, sponsored by Sabor Restaurant, was voted first runner-up.

**BELOW RIGHT:** Given the task of critiquing each contestant are judges Craig Turner, Joan Rolle, Miss Grand Bahama 2009 Nikie Sever, Cheryl Rodgers, Melissa Forbes, Theresa Saunders and Barrington Sinclair.

The panel of judges were Craig Turner, general manager and guest judge representing the Treasure Bay Casino; Joan Rolle, Miss Grand Bahama 2009 Nikie Sever; Cheryl Rodgers; Melissa Forbes; Theresa Saunders, and Barrington Sinclair.

Ms Albury said contestants are judged on facial beauty, expression, figure, posture, sense of style, physical fitness, self-confidence, poise and grace.

"The overall package has to be impressive, as the winner will represent the Bahamas in international competitions," she said.

The current queen, Tempestt Stubbs, said she has enjoyed her reign and looks forward to crowning a new queen.

Saturday's motorcade and float parade will commence at 4pm at the YMCA. It will end at the International Bazaar where the judging of costumes will take place.

The pageant will be held on Sunday at 8pm at Hilton Outten Convention Centre on Settler's Way.



## Minister praises Sandals' commitment to Bahamas

SANDALS' commitment to the Bahamas over the past 15 years has come without hesitation and can be seen "in both word and deed", Tourism Minister Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace said.

The minister's statement came as Sandals Royal Bahamian marks what is the most important week in celebration of its time in the Bahamas.

Sandals Royal Bahamian first opened its doors on June 6, 1996. In fact, Mr Vanderpool-Wallace happened to have been involved in the arrival of Sandals to the Bahamas and said he has always been proud of that fact.

"There was no hesitation of their commitment to the Bahamas either in Nassau or in Exuma and to the expansion of their properties in the Bahamas in both locations.

"In fact, they probably have the record for the speed with which they move from initial investment to expansion. So their commitment is seen both in word and deed," Mr Vanderpool-Wallace said.

Sandals' prides itself on having a commitment to its staff and dedication to training that is unrivalled in the industry.

### Decision

From its in-house training called the Master Class which gives line workers a chance to move up into management, to its decision to have butlers trained at the highly respected Guild of Professional English Butlers, the resort has made both a philosophical and financial pledge to the personal advancement of its team members.

Sandals even extends training into the wider community with its Hospitality Training Programme.

Dozens of young Bahamians have been welcomed onto the property, given training free of charge, and gained experience that is vital



**SANDALS** team members gather in the ballroom for a prayer service to mark the start of their 15th anniversary celebrations.

for employment in the industry.

Participants of the programme also get first preference when a permanent job opens up at the resort.

In addition, through the Sandals Foundation, the resort has supported initiatives that uplift and improve the lives of those less fortunate.

"It is never sufficient to say that tourism is our largest economic sector without circling back and showing that tourism is also a philanthropic sector. We do not say it often enough but no society can measure its value solely in terms of GDP and the contribution of any entity on that society cannot be measured entirely by its contribution to GDP. The Sandals Foundation is evidence of the company's belief in these principles and for that we applaud them," Mr Vanderpool-Wallace said.

In the past few years, Sandals' commitment to the Bahamas has extended beyond New Providence into the Family Islands.

Commerce on the island of Exuma was severely affected when the former owners of the Four Seasons Emerald Bay closed its doors in 2009.

Sandals stepped in and rescued that island's economy however, and now, a year after opening the re-branded 500-acre property, Sandals

officials note that Emerald Bay is going strong with at least an 80 per cent occupancy rate.

The resort further anchored itself in the island community by expanding the infrastructure at Sandals Emerald Bay.

Overall, more than 400 people to work at Sandals Emerald Bay.

Since taking ownership of the property, Sandals has done a lot to enhance the reputation of Exuma as a destination.

### Resort

Most recently Sandals Emerald Bay, was named the ultimate Caribbean resort for 2011 by Brides Magazine, the world's number-one bridal publication.

Mr Vanderpool-Wallace said that the numbers "speak loudly" for the impact of Sandals in Exuma.

But beyond the numbers, he said Sandals has had significant impact in terms of both tours and sourcing of goods.

"We have no doubt that the Sandals in Exuma is the finest Sandals to be found anywhere which is sufficient testimony to the faith that Sandals has not only in the Bahamas but also in the people of Exuma", the Minister of Tourism said.

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- To take action on such matters as may come before the meeting.

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Linda Symonette  
Secretary

# Bahamas desperately in need of innovation

By LARRY SMITH

INDIAN-AMERICAN journalist Fareed Zakaria presented an interesting CNN special this past weekend. The topic was innovation, which is something that the Bahamas desperately needs in both the private and public sectors if we are to move forward at more than a snail's pace.

Zakaria is editor-at-large of *Time Magazine* and host of CNN's *Global Public Square* Sunday newsmagazine. He is an incisive commentator and author, who argues that older industries in the US are under



tremendous pressure and future growth will have to come from new industries that create new products and processes.

This requires a high level of innovation, but surveys show the US ranks well down the top ten list in spending on things like research, patents and venture projects. In one measure of how much a coun-

try has improved its innovation capacity over the past decade, the US was last among 40 nations. That survey took account of factors like research funding, education and corporate-tax policies.

Innovation requires novel business ideas and new technology. For example, Google's Eric Schmidt explained that after developing a better online search programme, his company figured out how to make money from it by creating a new model for advertising sales. But Zakaria makes the interesting point that innovation is not an exclusive property of the private sector.

In 1957 Soviet Russia launched the world's first space satellite – Sputnik – which stunned the Americans into making huge investments in science research and development. These investments were largely channelled through two new government agencies – the National Aeronautics & Space Administration and the Advanced Research Projects Agency. Within a dozen years the US had landed men on the moon and created the early internet.

After the microchip was invented in 1958 by Texas Instruments, the US government bought virtually every chip that could be produced. This achieved huge improvements in the production process so that the price of the Apollo microchip fell from \$1,000 per unit to between \$20 and \$30 per unit in the span of a couple years. It was the purchasing power of the government that made the microchip an affordable and ubiquitous technology.

Since 1979, the Danish government, through intelligent and sustained public investment, has mobilized the development of next-generation wind energy. Today, a third of all wind turbines produced in the world are made by Danish firms, and wind power provides 20 per cent of that nation's electricity.

Powered human flight was invented in the US, but by the First World War America lagged behind in the emerging field of aviation. By the 1950s,



SINGAPORE: 'rich, sleek and sophisticated'.

government support had restored American leadership in aeronautics and laid the foundations for the modern aviation industry.

Looking around the world today, Zakaria concludes that "the fastest-growing economies are all busy using government policy to establish commanding leads in one industry after another."

For example, South Korea decided to become a major steel and shipbuilding centre 40 years ago, with enormous success. The Chinese are taking commanding leads in development of solar panels, high-speed rail, and even nuclear power plants. And Singapore is recognised as the world's most innovative economy, as well as the easiest country in which to do business.

The Singapore government has worked hard to achieve a pro-innovation environment. It has focused on local training as well as attracting international talent through various business visa programmes. Government agencies respond promptly to inquiries and are available via Skype to exchange ideas. Public-private partnerships have been built in the biomedical sciences, clean energy and water treatment industries.

Here's how one expert described Singapore: "When I first visited back in the 1960s, the country seemed nothing more than a developing country fishing village – one with no territory to speak of, and no natural resources other than people. Today Singapore is rich, sleek and sophisticated – a country of 4.5 million people with a global airline, a world-class life sciences research centre, a whopping

bank balance, and a national innovation strategy."

There are many who think the Bahamas is in dire need of such a strategy – one founded on education reform, public-private partnerships, promotion of new technologies, strategic investments, and economic liberalisation. In fact, there seems to be a general yearning amongst the intelligentsia for ANY strategy that goes beyond the next election cycle.

## ELECTRIC VEHICLES FOR THE BAHAMAS

Following the unprecedented spike in oil prices in 2008, this column considered the prospects for electric vehicles as a way to cut pollution as well as fuel costs, but the high duty rate for all vehicles made such a proposal impractical. Fast forward three years and the government has finally reacted by cutting the import tariff on EVs to 25 per cent.

This minor policy change has led at least one auto dealer (Nassau Motor Company) to pursue the first commercial electric vehicle enterprise in the Bahamas – golf carts aside. It is a small example of the kind of innovation that the Bahamas needs to advance both socially and economically.

The global automotive industry is in the midst of what many consider a major transition to electric-powered transportation. We are on track for broad availability of battery electric vehicles by 2012 from several start-ups as well as many mainstream manufacturers. And analysts estimate that hybrids and all-electric vehicles together will account for some 30 per cent of auto sales in the US and Europe by 2020.

The Chevy Volt and the Nissan Leaf are the industry leaders so far, although initial production levels are small and prices still high. Others are playing catch-up. Daimler expects to be producing 10,000 electric cars by 2012 and the all-electric version of the Ford Focus will debut later this year.

Both Toyota and Honda will launch all-electric city cars in 2012, and Volkswagen is also working on an electric mini.

In addition, most manufacturers will be producing many more hybrid models – cars that combine electric drive with gasoline engines.

Some people believe that a gas-powered car's cost per mile is comparable to an electric vehicle. And since the electricity for recharging is often generated by fossil fuel power plants, they question whether electrification really works out to be better for the environment. But when you compare battery to gasoline power, electricity wins hands down.

At current BEC rates (average 33 cents per kilowatt), it will cost about \$4 to charge a battery electric vehicle with a total energy capacity of 12 kilowatt hours. If you travel, say, 50 miles on that charge, the cost is about 8 cents per mile. A car getting 25 miles per gallon with gasoline at \$4 per gallon uses 16 cents worth of fuel per mile – at \$5 per gallon the cost is 20 cents per mile. And electricity prices are much less volatile than gasoline prices. Electric

vehicles can also be charged via solar or wind power generators.

Experts also agree that noise and air pollution can be significantly reduced by switching to electric vehicles, and air pollution can be cut even further by using cleaner electrical sources like wind and solar. Even relying on fossil fuel power plants, overall levels of greenhouse gases would be reduced because the entire process of moving a car one mile is more efficient using electricity than producing gasoline and burning it in a car's engine.

The US has already evaluated the impact of vehicle recharging on the electrical grid and estimates that three-quarters of the small vehicles on US roads could be charged by the existing grid, without building new power plants. A government study determined that if all the cars and light trucks in the US switched from oil to electricity, idle capacity in the existing power system could generate most of the electricity consumed.

And preliminary indications are that a few hundred EV's in the Bahamas won't crash the grid here either. Peak load in Nassau occurs between 7 and 11pm, so battery charging after midnight until around 7am (when there is only 60 per cent of peak load) would be ideal. In short, the deployment of electric vehicles in the Bahamas will not create a need for more power plants.

Another big concern is the batteries themselves.

The lead-acid batteries currently used in cars can be a source of ground pollution unless they are disposed of properly. Both acid and lead are toxic to humans and animals, and there is currently no organised safe battery disposal programme in the Bahamas. Newer lithium-ion batteries used in advanced electric cars have longer lives and are more desirable for recycling.

Government landfills around the Bahamas are supposed to provide special facilities where hazardous waste can be stored for re-export, but it is unclear whether this actually happens. There is also a local grey market that reclaims lead from waste batteries, with the acid simply being dumped. These practices should be stopped, but they are not specific to electric vehicles.

We should also consider the capacity of local auto dealerships to market and service electric vehicles. EVs do not require air cleaners, oil filters, spark plugs, engine oil, fan belts, radiators, fuel filters, and various other components of gas-powered vehicles, but models that use sophisticated electronics can be a challenge.

When EV's are more widely available they are likely to become fashionable as the next big thing.

Local dealers need to anticipate this and determine what investment in training and facilities is needed to leverage the trend.

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# MINISTER SEEKS TIES WITH ORGANISATIONS IN WASHINGTON, DC TRIP

By K QUINCY PARKER  
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Embassy of The Bahamas

WASHINGTON, DC – While in the US capital with the Bahamas' delegation to the Scripps National Spelling Bee, Minister of Education Desmond Bannister established initial contacts with important entities including the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), the Office of the Mayor of DC, the State Department, the Organisation of American States and the National Science Foundation.

The minister said his hope was that through partnership and collaboration with these entities, the Bahamian education system might share best practices in a number of critical areas: teacher training, the integration and effective servicing of special needs students and development of partnerships for the advancement of science and technology.

Dr Carey Wright, chief academic officer of the DCPS Central Office, spoke with Mr Bannister about DC's Effective Schools Framework. The goal of the programme is to ensure that every child in every classroom has access to engaging instruction. Key elements reflect the focus areas for district reform. One of the elements of this framework is principal accountability, by which principals' effectiveness is in part measured against student achievement data.

They also discussed the use of instructional coaches which are professional development specialists embedded within the schools to work with specific teachers. The DCPS plan, according to Dr Wright, will implement this system district-wide in 2012. They also discussed the implementation of video recording of lessons as a professional development tool, mandatory offering of advanced placement (AP) courses at each DC public school and the use of instructional superintendents, whose job is to work with the principals and DCPS.

Prompted by Mr Bannister, they also discussed the charter school system at length. Dr Wright confirmed that about 38 per cent of DC's student



MINISTER OF EDUCATION Desmond Bannister presents a series of Bahamian schoolbooks to Pamela Hayes, whose class has been adopted by the Embassy of the Bahamas in Washington, DC, for the 2010/11 school year.

population is in charter schools. She said DCPS loses many students to the charter school system – which in DC is fairly independent – in the middle school years, which meant that DCPS must focus on middle school reform and improvement as well.

The minister visited three schools while in DC: Neval Thomas Elementary, West Education Campus, and McKinley Technology High School.

McKinley Tech is one of DCPS' premier magnet schools, with hundreds of students applying for places each year. Gideon Sanders, director of partnerships/internships at the school, talked with Mr Bannister about some of the partnerships and programmes at the school, including partnerships with Lockheed Martin, Microsoft and SMART Technologies, makers of digital blackboards for educators.

In addition to the school's greenhouse – part of the biotechnology programme – the minister toured McKinley's library/media centre, where the school is in the process of building a podcast studio, a 3-D computer modeling classroom and a science

lab. There, he met and spoke with Aqueelah James, the Air Force Association's 2011 National Science Teacher of the Year.

The minister also visited Neval Thomas Elementary, the school adopted by the Embassy of the Bahamas for the 2010-2011 academic year as part of the Washington Performing Arts Society/DCPS "Adopt-A-School" programme. He took with him three students from the Bahamas: Samuenta Marc, second place winner in the Bahamas National Spelling Bee, Suraj Vinuraj Nair and Brittany Demeritte, who tied for third place.

Meanwhile, Abaco student Sujith Swarna represented the Bahamas in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in DC, only just missing the semi-final round.

The Bahamas delegation to the bee included Eula Gaitor, supervisor Student Services Section; Rochelle Cox-Hill, National Spelling Bee coach in the Student Services Section; Haldane Chase, professor with the College of the Bahamas, Mr Swarna and his parents, the runners-up and others.



EDUCATION MINISTER Desmond Bannister at McKinley Technical High School.



THE EMBASSY hosted a reception for Education Minister Desmond Bannister, at which he met with Bahamian educators working in DC, Maryland and Virginia, Bahamian students in the area and other Bahamians interested in education.



AMBASSADOR CA SMITH and Education Minister Desmond Bannister with Neval Thomas principal Ruth Barnes and three Bahamian students as they visit Neval Thomas Elementary during the trip to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC.



## BAHAMAS SPELLING BEE CONTESTANT

SUJITH SWARNA, a student from Abaco, won the Bahamas National Spelling Bee and represented the Bahamas in the Scripps Bee in DC.

## Tribune Trivia Yesterday's Question

Which 3 awards did Paul Longley win at the Bahamas Bodybuilding and Fitness Federation's National Novice Championships?

## Yesterday's Answer

Most muscular, The best poser and he was named the overall Champion.

## Yesterday's Winners

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## LOCAL NEWS

# Phone card vendor loses leg in truck smash



ABOVE: The remains of the vendor's booth.  
RIGHT: The truck is towed from the scene.

Felipé Major/Tribune staff



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the truck attempted to flee the scene but was detained by several young men who live in the area until the authorities arrived.

It was said that the driver claimed he was being chased by someone and was fleeing when the accident took place.

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late last year after several rounds of talks between technical experts from various ministries and agencies and their Cuban counterparts.

The Cuban government has since made the necessary approvals, according to *Tribune* sources. The ball is now in the Bahamas' court.

Persons involved in the negotiations say they are anxious for the government to move forward with the recommendations and seal the deal.

The delimitation of the maritime boundary between the two countries is required by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). The agreement also has "practical importance," because of the various interests in drilling for oil.

Cuban officials have expressed a direct interest in drilling for oil. The Bahamas has done the same, although there is a moratorium on exploration.

The border issue is also a precursor to establishing a fisheries agreement with Cuba, which would address

## THE BAHAMAS AND CUBA REACH 'AGREEMENT' OVER MARITIME BORDER

any concerns about poaching.

In December 2008, the Bahamas successfully established its straight archipelagic baselines through the UN. The proclamation defines the boundaries that enclose all of the islands inside the archipelago.

Experts say without archipelagic baselines, each Bahamian island had its own territorial sea belt which created pockets of "high seas" in between the 700 islands.

The straight archipelagic baselines were deposited with the United Nations, as required by UNCLOS, and enacted into domestic law by the Archipelagic Waters and Maritime Jurisdiction (Archipelagic Baselines) Order.

Where maritime zones overlap with neighbouring states, UNCLOS requires the parties "to agree to their boundaries by negotiations or otherwise according to international law."

Mr Symonette said nego-

tiations were in full force with Turks and Caicos before the recent political upheaval. Once negotiations with Cuba are complete, the Bahamas will have to resume negotiations with the Turks and Caicos and initiate discussions with the United States of America and Haiti.

The Bahamas National Geographic Information Systems Centre (BNGIS) played a major role in helping to establish the Bahamas' straight archipelagic baselines, said Mr Symonette.

He said the work being done by BNGIS was necessary to move the Cuban negotiations forward. That played a role in the pace of negotiations.

Mr Symonette said new equipment acquired by BNGIS assisted the organization in conducting the global positioning system (GPS) survey of the islands. This included establishing GPS points on every island.

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am I arrogant to the extent where some people have declared they will be running for the PLP as a threat rather than as an entreaty.

"I am just an ordinary 'fella', raised in the low-cost government housing subdivision of Big Pond by an ordinary hard-working mother who was abandoned by her husband when I was a mere toddler. I am humbled by my desire to serve," he said.

Mr Smith claimed he has in no way, shape or form "impugned, maligned or negatively sought to displace or discredit" the current MP for the area, Mr Forbes, who he described as his "colleague and friend."

Indeed, Mr Smith added, it was Mr Forbes who first encouraged him to visit the constituency as he was of the view that the Boundaries Commission might create a third seat on the island of Andros with portions of the South Andros constituency being allotted to this presumptive third seat.

"There are some in the PLP who quite wrongly feel that a sitting incumbent has an automatic right to the candidacy for a subsequent nomination. Not only is this view deeply harmful to any nomination process, it is also anti-democratic and peculiarly non-PLP."

"The late great Sir Lynden (Pindling) in his political wisdom, caused an amendment of the party's constitution in the 1970s which gave effect to a new policy position that made all incumbents subject to review before going forward again as candidates.

"It was Sir Lynden speaking from Kemps Bay, South Andros on that August 19 night in 1992 who reminds us again that the 'voice of the people is the voice of God'. Today, the people of South Andros are speaking. If we truly put people first, let us listen to them

## KEOD SMITH TO CHALLENGE PICEWELL FORBES FOR SOUTH ANDROS NOMINATION

and ensure that powerful forays into South Andros by special interest groups seeking to engineer democracy are rebuked and discontinued," Mr Smith said.

Mr Smith, who helped fund the South Andros Regatta with fashion mogul Peter Nygard over the holiday weekend, said he preferred not to engage in political commentary at the time, but now feels he must "set the record straight."

Attempts to reach Mr Forbes for comment on Mr Smith's declaration were unsuccessful up to press time last night.

## STOLEN VEHICLE LINK TO LICENSING SCAM

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years.

The investigation started six months ago, according to Superintendent Paul Rolle, the head of the Central Detective Unit. Currently CDU has a list of more than 100 registrations. He urged drivers who have licensed vehicles through this unauthorised scheme to bring their vehicles into CDU before officers are forced to "come and get you."

As the CDU continues its investigation, they expect to make additional arrests.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

# THOUSANDS ORDERED OUT OF ARIZONA TOWN AS FIRE NEARS

SPRINGVILLE, Ariz.  
Associated Press

FLAMES from a mammoth forest fire licked the ridges surrounding the eastern Arizona town of Eagar on Tuesday afternoon, forcing the evacuation of about half the 4,000 residents as surrounding towns also prepared to empty.

People started streaming out of Eagar as sheriff's deputies and police officers directed traffic. Flames were spotted on a ridge on the southeastern side of nearby Springerville and columns of orange smoke rose from the hills. Ash rained from the sky, which was filled with thick smoke, and when the sun peeked through, it was blood-red.

Angie Colwell, her husband Mike and their two children were loading up their belongings as authorities ordered their Eagar neighborhood to evacuate.

"We love the mountains and we're just afraid of what's going to be left after the fire comes through," the longtime resident said.

The blaze has burned 486 square miles of ponderosa pine forest, driven by wind gusts of more than 60 mph since it was sparked on May 29 by what authorities believe was an unattended campfire. It officially became the second-largest in Arizona history on Tuesday.

No serious injuries have been reported, but the fire has destroyed 10 structures so far. It has cast smoke as far east as Iowa and forced some planes to divert from Albuquerque, N.M., some 200 miles away.

Joe Reinartz, commander of a fire-fighting team battling the so-called Wallow fire, told residents Tuesday night that the fire was within two miles of Springerville and Eagar. He said the blaze had skirted around Greer because crews were able to keep it out of the canyons surrounding the small resort town.

Reinartz said several structures had burned in the Alpine and Nutrioso areas but he couldn't provide specifics.

Crews were doing back burns Tuesday night and trying to build dozer lines around Eagar and Springerville to keep the flames away as law enforcement officers patrolled the evacuated areas.

The Apache County Sheriff's Office issued the evacuation order for areas south of Highway 260 and east of Greer just before 4 p.m. The highway will be closed after the evacuation is complete.

Eagar has about 4,000 residents, while Springerville has another 2,000. In all, about 7,000 people have been ordered to prepare for evacuation in recent days.

Several tiny resort towns in the nearby Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest were evacuated earlier. Winds whipping the fire Monday drove the last holdouts from Greer.

Earlier in the day, bulldozers scraped away brush and trees to create a barrier between the towns and the approaching flames in the surrounding mountains. Other crews removed brush from around homes and firefighters were sent to protect buildings from the flames.

Thousands of firefighters, includ-



SCOTT SHELLENBERGER, 32, packs his belongings during a mandatory evacuation in Eagar, Ariz., Tuesday. Flames from a mammoth forest fire licked the ridges surrounding the eastern Arizona town of Eagar on Tuesday afternoon, forcing the evacuation of about half the 4,000 residents as surrounding towns also prepared to empty. (AP)

ing many from several western states and as far away as New York, hope to keep the flames from getting into Springerville and Eagar, which sit in grassland at the edge of the forest.

"The worst-case scenario is we're going to order an evacuation and the fire is going to burn up to the homes here," fire incident command spokesman Steve Miller said before the order was issued. "Or to wherever we stand and defend, hopefully not further than that."

With a blaze as large as this being driven by unpredictable and gusty winds, putting the fire out is a gargantuan task. All fire managers can do is try to steer it away from homes and cabins by using natural terrain, burning out combustible material first and trying to put out spot fires sparked by embers blowing in front of the main fire front.

New mapping showed that some fire breaks have held but the wildfire was still considered zero percent con-

tained Tuesday night.

Dozens of firefighters worked Tuesday alongside a stretch of Highway 191 about two miles outside of Springerville, burning combustible material such as vegetation along one side of the road in an effort to keep the approaching fire from jumping across and heading into town.

Puffs of smoke billowed from underneath juniper and pinyon trees as flames licked at the trees.

Jeff Brink, a member of an Idaho-based Bureau of Land Management fire crew, had spent the better part of Tuesday doing burnouts and making sure the flames stayed on one side of the highway while warily watching the weather.

"Obviously, with these winds, when we're burning out the wind can shift," Brink said.

The American Red Cross has an evacuation center at the high school about 15 miles west in Lakeside, Ariz. that can handle several thousand peo-

ple, spokesman Mark Weldon said. The center was opened at Blue Ridge high after last week's evacuation of about 2,700 people from nearby mountain communities, but only about 50 were there before the new evacuations on Tuesday. Extra cots, blankets and comfort kits were rushed to the school early Tuesday as the threat heightened.

Smoke from the fires was worst in the towns just north of the blaze, including Eagar and Springerville. But haze was being carried by a ridge of high pressure as far as central Iowa, said Kyle Fredin, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Denver. The smoke was also visible in New Mexico, Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas.

Colorado health officials canceled a smoke health advisory Tuesday as smoke cleared from the southern half of the state. Two airliners headed to Albuquerque were diverted Monday night because of smoke and high winds.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## NATO, RUSSIA TEAM UP IN ANTI-TERROR EXERCISE

WARSAW, Poland  
Associated Press

NATO and Russia teamed up Tuesday to test their ability to fight terrorism, using a military transport plane to simulate a hijacking over Poland and sending in fighter planes to save it, an official said. It was the first time NATO and Russia, which doesn't belong to the alliance, had conducted such an anti-terrorism exercise together.

During it, the transport plane departed from the southern Polish city of Krakow and was "hijacked" as it flew toward St. Petersburg, Russia, said Polish Maj. Waldemar Krzyzanowski.

Russian Su-27 and Polish F-16 fighter planes led the transport plane to a safe landing in Malbork, northern Poland, after being told to assume that terrorists had damaged its navigation system before being overpowered.

In a similar scenario Wednesday, a Turkish plane is to be "hijacked" over the Black Sea, then brought safely home by Turkish and Russian fighters.

Krzyzanowski, who described the "Vigilant Skies 2011" exercises, said the goal is to coordinate the abilities of NATO countries such as Poland and Turkey to join up with Russia to quickly track down and rescue hijacked aircraft.

"This is the first such counterterrorism exercise held between NATO and the Russian Federation," a NATO statement said. It called the exercise "a major milestone" in the so-called Cooperative Airspace Initiative system, a NATO-Russian effort to enhance the collective capability of fighting possible terrorist threats.

# HAITI MUDSLIDES, RAINSTORMS KILL AT LEAST 13

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti  
Associated Press

HEAVY RAIN hammered southern Haiti for a seventh straight day Tuesday, triggering floods and mudslides and causing houses and shanties in the capital to collapse. The official death toll from the storm was 13 but likely to rise.

Runoff from the rain sent rivers surging and flooded many homes as people scrambled to their rooftops. The slow-moving storm system also toppled trees and debris blocked streets throughout the capital.

Haiti's Civil Protection Department said at least 13 people were killed and more than a dozen injured.

In Petionville, a hillside neighborhood south of downtown Port-au-Prince, a concrete house slid down a ravine and crashed into several smaller houses. Crews dug through the wreckage with a tractor for survivors.

"We are sure there are more bodies," Petionville Mayor Claire Lydie Parent told The Associated Press. "We're waiting to see just how many bodies there are."

The storm system has saturated much of the Caribbean in recent days, with flooding reported in the neighboring Dominican Republic as well as in Jamaica, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Authorities have attributed one death in the Dominican Republic and one in Jamaica to the weather.

In Haiti, the week of pounding rain has deepened the misery for tens of thousands of people living in the tent-and-tarp settlements that sprung up after the January 2010 earthquake. Aid groups have warned that the wet weather could worsen



**PEOPLE WATCH** rescue efforts next to the bodies of two people killed by a landslide caused by heavy rains in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tuesday. Rains hammered southern Haiti for a seventh straight day Tuesday, triggering floods and mudslides and causing houses and shanties in the capital to collapse. The official death toll from the storm was 13 but likely to rise. (AP)

a cholera outbreak that has killed more than 5,300 people since October.

Michel Davison, a coordinator for the International Desk of the U.S. National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, said satellite data indicate that rain drenched Haiti along the border with the Dominican Republic for at least six hours Monday night, dumping between four to six inches.

"That's a fairly intense rainfall amount," Davison said in a phone interview. "That's been happening now for five, seven days.

The ground is so saturated at this point that it doesn't take much to produce floods."

Davison said Haiti will see more rain Wednesday, but should get a much-needed reprieve later the week.

Marie Alta Jean-Baptiste, director of Haiti's Civil Protection Department, said the 13 deaths recorded so far were people who either drowned or died in mudslides. Ten of the deaths happened in the Port-au-Prince area.

Two children died and three others were injured in the Nazon neighborhood in

Port-au-Prince after the wall of a home fell on them, according to the Civil Protection Department.

Meanwhile, hospitals saw an influx of patients.

Doctors at a hospital run by the Miami aid group Project Medishare treated at least 10 people for injuries, including a puncture wound, said Gabriele Denis, a hospital administrator. Aid group Doctors Without Borders treated at least 10 people, many of them injured when walls fell on them, said Sylvain Groulx, chief of mission for Doctors Without Borders.

Haiti's newly elected President Michel Martelly took to national television just before midnight to calm the nation as the storm was still passing over the city.

"This message is to tell the population that I'm with you," the president said.

Martelly ordered government construction workers to show up to work early Tuesday to help remove debris.

Rains earlier this week prompted the government and international aid groups to evacuate dozens of families who live around the overflowing Lake Azuei.



**FROM LEFT:** U.S. astronaut Michael Fossum, Russian cosmonaut Sergey Volkov and Japanese astronaut Satoshi Furukawa, crew members of the mission to the International Space Station, ISS, walk to a bus from a hotel the launch of Soyuz-FG rocket at the Russian leased Baikonur cosmodrome, Kazakhstan, Tuesday, June. (AP)

## Russian spacecraft blasts off for space station

BAIKONUR, Kazakhstan  
Associated Press

A RUSSIAN SOYUZ craft has blasted off from southern Kazakhstan to take a three-man crew to International Space Station.

Russian cosmonaut Sergei Volkov, NASA's Michael Fossum, and Satoshi Furukawa of Japan roared into the night sky from the desolate but balmy Kazakh Steppe early Wednesday.

They will spend almost two days in the cramped Soyuz capsule before docking with the space station, where they will remain until mid-November.

Family, friends and colleagues of the astronauts attended the launch at the Russian-leased Baikonur cosmodrome in the former Soviet nation.

The team will witness the final mission of the U.S. shuttle, with NASA retiring the 30-year programme after Atlantis flies to ISS on July 8.

### • TRAVEL CHAOS

## VOLCANIC ASH FROM CHILE GROUNDS ARGENTINA FLIGHTS

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina  
Associated Press

STIFF WINDS blew ash from a Chilean volcano Tuesday in a widening arc across Argentina to the capital, grounding most air travel to and from the country for much of the day.

Since airborne ash can severely damage jet engines, Aerolineas Argentinas and Austral, the country's state-owned international and domestic airlines, canceled all flights within Argentina as well as to and from other countries. At least six international carriers also suspended flights between Buenos Aires and cities in the United States, Europe and South America, and flights from Chile over Argentine territory also were suspended.

Later Tuesday afternoon, Aerolineas announced it was slowly resuming flights from Buenos Aires to the north and east, areas beyond the reach of the thickest part of the plume.

But airports closer to the volcano were ordered closed through at least Sunday. LAN Air Lines also was resuming flights over Argentine territory.

The cancellations left the usually bustling international and domestic airports in Buenos Aires nearly deserted as aviation regulators met to study the weather patterns. Geologists have said the Cordon Caulle volcano could keep erupting for several weeks.

The ash cloud was blowing well to the south and away from Chile's capital, Santiago, but at least four international carriers there also suspended flights across Argentina to Buenos Aires, Brazil, Uruguay and Europe as a precaution.

The closest major city to the volcano is San Carlos de Bariloche, just over the border in Argentina, where thick abrasive soot was coat-

ing slopes in a string of resorts that depend on the winter ski season, opening in less than two weeks. The plume then stretched northeast before curving east, dumping ash over Argentina's vast ranchlands before reaching the capital and even Paraguay, north of Argentina.

"Given that even this morning the volcano continues to be active, the reopening of the airports isn't expected until the conditions necessary for security can be guaranteed," Argentina's transportation department announced.

Transportation officials were meeting with representatives of Argentina's meteorological service, civil aviation board and airport regulator to figure out where the ash cloud will move next and what to do about it, the statement said.

The ash couldn't be seen in the streets of downtown Buenos Aires by midday Tuesday.

But Jorge Echarran, who runs the emergency council of the surrounding Buenos Aires province, said in a local radio interview that "the cloud is already in the suburbs and is reaching the capital," hovering at an altitude of between 16,400 feet (5,000 meters) and 22,970 feet (7,000 meters).

Closer to the volcano, strong rains that began Monday night increased the danger of rivers getting clogged with ash and then overflowing in flash floods. Evacuations were expanding, with more than 4,000 people already fleeing their homes.

Vulcanologist Jorge Munoz of Chile's National Geology and Mines Service said the eruption so far is considered to be moderate, but that could change.

He said the volcano will likely begin to expel lava in the coming days, along with pyroclastic material that can turn waterways into avalanches of mud and rock.



## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

# President Ali Abdullah Saleh badly injured YEMEN LEADER 'HURT WORSE THAN THOUGHT'

WASHINGTON  
Associated Press

OBAMA administration officials said Tuesday that Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh was more badly injured than thought in a blast at his compound last week, complicating the U.S. response to increased instability in a key battleground in the war against al-Qaida.

Saleh is receiving treatment in Saudi Arabia for burns covering some 40 percent of his body, three U.S. officials said. Yemen's leader also is suffering from bleeding inside his skull, the officials said on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the situation.

One current and one former U.S. official also said Saleh had additional, significant injuries to his upper body. Those officials, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence matters, said U.S. officials think the injuries were caused by a bomb planted inside his compound in the Yemeni capital, not a rocket attack from outside the compound walls. That conflicts with initial reports of the attack.

Also Tuesday, The Pentagon confirmed that the U.S. military has

ceased its training of Yemeni forces.

Col. Dave Lapan, a Pentagon spokesman, said the training is now "in abeyance" but the U.S. hopes it will be able to resume the program. He declined to say exactly how many U.S. military personnel are now in Yemen, including the number of special operations trainers, which has fluctuated over time. U.S. officials, however, have suggested the number of trainers has been close to 80.

The developments Tuesday fueled fears about the deepening unrest in a nation that has been a launching pad for attacks against the U.S. by the Yemen-based al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula. Those include the foiled Christmas Day 2009 bombing of an airliner over Detroit and explosives found in parcels intercepted last year in Dubai and Britain.

The United States initially believed that Saleh escaped the Friday attack unscathed, though officials later amended their assessment to say he had suffered slight wounds.

Saleh underwent surgery on Monday to remove shards of wood from his chest and treat heavy burns on his face and chest from the attack, which killed 11 bodyguards and seriously wounded five other senior officials.

It is not known when the leader of 33 years planned to return to Yemen, but a top official said he would return home within days. The United States opposes his return.

A return by Saleh would likely spark new, intensified fighting between his forces and opposition tribesmen determined to topple him. Both sides' fighters are deployed in the streets of the capital, and a cease-fire brokered by Saudi Arabia only a day earlier was already starting to fray, with clashes killing at least six over the past 24 hours.

The information on his condition was circulating in Washington as the U.S. continued to press him to step down, so that a transition process can end months of political unrest. The U.S. also fears the dangerous al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula offshoot could take advantage of the chaos to expand its power.

On Monday, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton called for an "immediate transition" in Yemen. She said the country needs a process that "everyone knows is going to lead to the sort of economic and political reforms that they are seeking."

Government forces have killed 30 Islamic militants in Yemen's troubled



YEMENI PRESIDENT Ali Abdullah Saleh. Saleh is receiving treatment in Saudi Arabia for burns covering some 40 percent of his body, three U.S. officials said. (AP)

southern province of Abyan, the defense ministry said Tuesday, in what appears to be an escalation of a military campaign to retake areas captured by extremists.

The violence underscores fears of increasing instability in the Arab world's most impoverished country.

Warplanes bombed areas around the town of Zinjibar, which was seized by Islamic militants late last month, overnight, according to witnesses and military officials.

Fighting also occurred on the ground when dozens of militants attacked an army position in Abyan, prompting a gunfight that left nine soldiers and six of the attackers dead,

according to the military officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to release the information. The army had regained control of the post after hours of fighting.

A brief defense ministry statement said 30 Islamic militants were killed Monday night and Tuesday, but did not provide a breakdown or give more details about the fighting.

An attack on the presidential palace in Taiz on Sunday was blamed on a group recently set up to avenge the killing of anti-regime protesters at the hands of security forces. It was not immediately clear whether the same group was behind Tuesday's attack.



AN ISRAELI ARMY TRACTOR carries concrete blocks to be placed along the border between Israel and Syria, Tuesday in the Druze village of Majdal Shams. A Syrian government newspaper says marches to the border will continue and warns Israel the day will come when thousands of Syrians will return to their occupied villages. (AP)

## SYRIA WARNING OF MORE MARCHES ON ISRAELI BORDER

DAMASCUS, Syria  
Associated Press

A SYRIAN government newspaper said Tuesday that more Syrians and Palestinians plan to march to the Israeli border, warning Israel the day will come when hundreds of thousands of refugees return to their occupied villages.

Israeli forces opened fire on Palestinian and Syrian protesters Sunday, killing as many as 23 people who tried to cross into the Israeli-occupied Syrian Golan Heights.

The article referred to Palestinian refugees in camps in Syria, as well as Syrians who fled the Golan Heights when Israel captured the strategic plateau



in the 1967 Mideast war.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Mark Toner said the U.S. believes President Bashar Assad's government is actively supporting the Palestinian protests near the Israeli border.

"We don't have any hard evidence," Toner said. "But we've seen this kind of behavior before. And certainly it seems in keeping with the Syrian regime's actions that they would try to deflect or distract international attention from what's going on internally in Syria by encouraging these kind of protests."

The Tishreen newspaper said the Sunday march was only an "introduction," adding Syrians and Palestinians were now determined to recover their territory through resistance.

It said Israel should expect 600,000 refugees to march "at any time" back to their villages and farms from where their families were forcefully uprooted.

Israel's military responded with a stern warning. It said in a statement that breaching the frontier lines "is a violation of international agreements," and the military would "operate as necessary to prevent the recurrence of similar incidents in the future."

"Provocative rioters who breach the Israeli security fence place themselves in danger and must accept the responsibility for their actions," the statement said.

The deaths from Sunday's march led to violent tensions among Palestinian factions in Syria and a gunfight within the Yarmouk refugee camp in Damascus. Clashes erupted late Monday at the camp between a group of Palestinians and

SYRIAN PROTESTERS carry national flags as they shout slogans against President Bashar Assad in front of the Syrian embassy in Cairo, Egypt, Tuesday. Syria's army has carried out days of deadly assaults to crush protesters calling for the end of Assad's rule. (AP)

the guards of a building belonging to the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command.

The clashes erupted following funeral processions for Palestinians who were killed Sunday by Israeli gunfire on the Golan Heights. They were sparked when some youths began shouting slogans against the PFLP-GC's leaders and pelted them with stones.

The PFLP-GC issued a statement Tuesday saying two of its members were killed and several of its offices were torched. It accused Palestinian "agents working for the Zionist enemy" of the killings and provocation.

Some relatives of Palestinians who died while marching Sunday were reportedly angered that the march was allowed to happen and some blamed the PFLP-GC.

A two-year war that followed Israel's creation in 1948 displaced about 700,000 Palestinians. Together with their descendants, they number several million today. According to U.N. figures, about 450,000 refugees and their descendants are registered in Syria.

Roughly 100,000 Syrians fled the Golan Heights when Israel captured the territory in 1967.

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## 'We've stopped the rot' with 32% car sales rise

By **NEIL HARTNELL**  
Tribune Business Editor

Despite a collective 32.12 per cent increase in new car sales year-over-year for the first four months of 2011, Bahamian Motor Dealers Association (BMDA) members yesterday said the industry had only regained half of its pre-recession numbers, although one said: "We've stopped the rot."

Andrew Barr, Friendly Motors' sales manager, told Tribune Business that the Bahamian new car industry - a key bellwether for the economy - had "probably lost 50-60 per cent" of total industry sales over the past three years of economic contraction, with many dealers reaching a "borderline position".

Yet with sales starting to show some recovery, Mr Barr said the sector was likely to avoid adding to the unem-

\* But BMDA members cautious on outlook, as only regained 50% of pre-recession position

\* Growth enables some dealers to pull away from lay-off 'borderline position'

\* One says: 'Few industries that would take 60% sales drop and keep all employed'

ployment numbers through lay-offs, and said this testified to the industry's strength and owner attitudes.

"Right now, I think we're starting to head in the right direction. We've stopped the rot," Mr Barr told Tribune Business, after BMDA members posted a 32.12 per cent collective year-over-year sales increase - almost a one-third rise - for the four months to end-April 2011.

"We're all achieving the figures to keep our staff

employed, remain where we are, and anything beyond that accrues to the growth of the company. From 2009 until now, the motor industry has taken a major, major hit. There's not a lot of industries, businesses that will take a reduction of 60 per cent in sales and keep all staff employed.

"We've taken a severe, severe beating in this recession, but are still strong, focusing on growing a little bit at a time, and bringing in vehicles

that are attractive to the consumer but a little bit cheaper."

The Friendly Motors sales manager conceded that many dealers had come close "to the borderline position", where the reduction in new car sales and top-line revenues would force them to lay-off staff.

"All the dealers got very close to that point, we got to that level, but we did not

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## BIO ENERGY CAN MEET 12.5% OF POWER NEED

By **NEIL HARTNELL**  
Tribune Business Editor

Bio energy could generate 375,000 Megawatts (MW) of electricity per annum, equivalent to 12.5 per cent of the Bahamas' current power demand, a report for the Government has estimated, with Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) also able to produce "several tens of MWs".

German consultants, Fichtner, in their *Promoting Sustainable Energy in the Bahamas* report, zeroed in on these two renewable energy technologies as having most potential for the Bahamas, together with wind power.

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## Musician turns the tables on copyright violators



Brad Lundy

\* Brad Lundy uses Internet to advantage, with new album selling '4-5m CDs' since October launch on 45 websites

\* Targeting July for 1,000-strong concert audience in Nassau

By **NEIL HARTNELL**  
Tribune Business Editor

A veteran Bahamian musician yesterday said he has turned the tables on years of copyright violations by exploiting the Internet to his own advantage, telling Tribune Business that he has "effectively sold over four-five million CDs" since launching his album on October 20.

Brad Lundy, the almost 50-year veteran of the Bahamian and international music scene, said his 16-track *I Need You* album's performance since last autumn's launch had surpassed all expectations, now being featured on 45 different websites, such as Napster, Amazon and iTunes.

A long-running victim of copyright and intellectual property rights violations by websites who sold his music without

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## 'DOOR CLOSED' ON MANY TOP END CAR BUYERS

\* Sales and traffic 'still very sluggish'

\* Dealers say rate cut likely to have minimal impact

By **NEIL HARTNELL**  
Tribune Business Editor

Bahamian new car dealers yesterday told Tribune Business that the Central Bank of the Bahamas' interest rate reduction would have minimal impact on vehicle demand, given the increased costs produced by Excise Tax and manufacturing cost rises.

Andrew Barr, Friendly Motors' sales manager, told Tribune Business that while the 0.75 percentage point reduction in the Discount Rate would help, it was unlikely to have a major impact on new car demand, especially for high-end vehicles such as the Ford Explorer that now cost \$50,000-plus.

"Anything along those lines will have an impact, but when you're talking about a \$50-\$60,000 vehicle, that's still a dramatic amount of money," Mr Barr said.

He explained that the combination of the 2010-2011 Budget, which both raised Excise Tax rates and changed the structure to one based on engine sizes, plus a rise in manufacturing costs had worked to effectively "close the door" to new vehicle purchases for a significant segment of the Bahamian market.

"The price of the more

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## Jobs data hit by AC blow

By **ALISON LOWE**  
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A broken-down air conditioning system in the building housing the Department of Statistics will delay the release of key unemployment figures, the its director said yesterday.

Kalsie Dorsett expressed her frustration with the situation, which has forced the Department to permit staff to leave their jobs after working just half days in order to avoid the "insufferably" hot conditions that have existed for the past "two to three months" as a result of the equipment malfunction.

"It is very difficult to meet deadlines if people are going home half day," said Mrs Dorsett, who added that in addition to some staff going home, others have had to share office space with co-workers - she herself having had two other staff members working in her office of late.

The director said she "does not see how" the Department, based in the Clarence Bain Building on Thompson Boulevard, will be able to meet its initial target of releasing unemployment statistics for public consumption by the end of June 2011.

Some 40 of the Department's 80 Nassau-based staff are affected by the AC shutdown. Other departments in the building are also impacted.

The unemployment statistics in question are a long-awaited key indicator of the country's economic health, and the financial and social well-being of the population.

The figures are to come from the findings of the Department of Statistics' first Labour Force Survey in two years. The survey was conducted by the Department in May this year.

The survey, normally conducted on an annual basis in the Bahamas, was postponed last year because the Department was tasked to conduct the Census, leaving it unable to muster the manpower for the Labour Force Survey.

Based on the last Labour Force survey of May 2009, it was determined that New Providence had an unemployment rate of 14 per cent,

Unemployment report likely to be released in July, not this month, after air conditioning woes force Department staff to work half days

while Grand Bahama's unemployment level had risen to 17.4 per cent.

The opposition PLP and some business stakeholders have suggested that the Government has allowed too much time to elapse without releasing updated unemployment data, with the former suggesting that the postponement was political, based on a desire to hide the true level.

The Government has

denied this charge, pointing to the fact that a Labour Force survey has never taken place in a Census year.

Mrs Dorsett said that based on delays so far she expects that rather than by the end of June, the new jobs data will likely be released around "the middle of July". The Director added that she has been informed the AC system is in need of a new 10-ton compressor.

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## BUSINESS

## BANK ASSISTS BUSINESS OWNERS WITH CASH FLOW



**CASH FLOW MANAGEMENT:** Pictured front row L to R: Dawn Cash, manager of Scotiabank's East Street & Soldier Road branch; Debra Wood, sales leader - Small Business Banking; Clem Foster, senior manager, credit risk. Back row L to R: Jim Wilson, vice-president, corporate and commercial banking; Samuel Haven, senior manager, client relationships, corporate and commercial banking.

Small business owners obtained valuable insights on how to manage their cash flow at a recent seminar hosted by Scotiabank.

The workshop attracted more than 50 small business owners. Participants examined various aspects of *Cash Flow Management* and its significance in running a business.

They were shown how to set up a cash flow spreadsheet, and taught the importance of understanding the influences of cash flowing in and out of the business.

"The success of the small business segment is vital to the sustained economic growth of our economy," said Debra Wood, sales leader of Scotiabank's Small Business Banking team.

"At Scotiabank, our goal is to educate our Small Business owners, and to provide them with the necessary tools to gain easier access to funding."

Mrs Wood facilitated the seminar with the assistance of Clement Foster, senior manager of credit risk.

# Carefully craft your customer apologies

## TALKING TIPS

KIM WELCOME



There will be instances where the company has somehow dropped the ball, or there has been a misunderstanding. Company representatives often feel hesitant to offer an apology for fear of implicating the firm, or being forced to take the blame for something they had nothing to do with. When is it appropriate to apologise to a customer who is obviously upset? Should you apologise when the customer is at fault?

Remember, the issue is never the issue. Your customer's experience will be determined by the way the incident is handled.

First, an apology helps to calm down the customer who is emotionally charged.

Second, it gives you the opportunity to show empathy to someone who is having a bad experience with your company.

And third, it is an excellent prelude to ensuring your client understands you want to make things right.

Sincerity is key. An off-handed apology can be even more agitating than no apology at all, so think before you speak. Put yourself in the customer's situation and understand what they are feeling. Apologise for the experience that is being associated with your organisation. Never use the word: 'Sorry'. This word is weak and takes the focus off the customer and the solution.

"Please accept my earnest apology for the frustration this has caused you."

This is an example of a carefully crafted apology. It effectively shows you understand what your customer is feeling without placing blame or accepting responsibility. Learn to apologise well to reduce profit loss and retain customers.

**NB: Kim Welcome is chief executive of Influential Voice, a communication trainer, coach and voice actor. She assists businesses and individuals to achieve their goals through helping them to develop deliberate, skillful, polished communication skills. For more info e-mail info@influentialvoice.com.**

## BTC CONFIRMS NEW TOP FINANCIAL MAN



DAVID W. KELHAM

The Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) yesterday confirmed David W. Kelham's appointment as its chief financial officer.

Mr Kelham, who was nominated in a recent survey conducted by the international accounting firm, Grant Thornton, as one of the most outstanding financial directors worldwide, is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

He has spent nearly 20 years as a financial director or chief financial officer in various industries, including

12 years in telecommunications.

"David Kelham brings depth, expertise and experience to the position of chief financial officer, and we are pleased that he will help move BTC forward at this critical juncture, as we streamline and upgrade operations, prepare for competition and make BTC attractive to shareholders in the very near future," said BTC's chief executive Geoff Houston.

"The post of chief financial officer is vital in determining many significant matters - financing new equipment,

optimum timing for capital expenditure, managing costs of operations and sales, investment opportunities, retiring of loans.

"Those major issues are part of the daily diet of a chief financial officer's workload, and we are fortunate to have someone of David Kelham's calibre in creating value and profitability for BTC."

Between 2004 and 2006, Mr Kelham participated in the turnaround and sale of Courts Caribbean, today the Caribbean's largest furniture, appliance and electric retailer with 93 stores in 11 regional countries.

He replaces fellow expatriate Paul McLean. "We would also like to acknowledge the service of Paul McLean, who for the past three years of his career with BTC held the post of chief financial officer prior to returning to the UK to pursue other interests," said Mr Houston.

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## 'DOOR CLOSED' ON MANY TOP END CAR BUYERS

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expensive cars are being adversely affected by the duty rates, and in 2011 we had a lot of manufacturing cost increases.

"With the duty rises, that was a double whammy, and put us in a higher duty bracket anyway," Mr Barr said.

IN THE ESTATE OF William Simon Deleveaux late of East Street, New Providence, Bahamas.

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"If you're looking at a top-end vehicle, you're looking at \$50,000-plus for a higher-end US car. That closed the door on a lot of potential customers. They might have been able to get a loan for \$38,000, but banks are not going to lend \$50,000 to a lot of customers."

"Before they raised the duty, you could have got an Explorer for \$38,000. It was tough to get a loan for that amount, but it's a damn sight tougher getting a loan for \$54,000 to buy a new Explorer now. Five out of 10, seven out of 10 might have qualified to buy it pre-recession, now one out of 10, two out of 10 might qualify."

And the Friendly Motors sales manager added: "I personally think sales are very sluggish, traffic is very sluggish. Banks have a lot of money to lend, but not a lot of people are qualifying for the high-end cars, which pushes a lot of traffic towards the lower-end cars."

Analysing the interest rate cut's impact, Rick Lowe, Nassau Motor Company's (NMC) operations manager, said that on a \$25,000 auto loan, with a 10 per cent interest rate over five years, the monthly repayment was \$528.70.

If the lending bank passed on the full impact of the interest rate cut, dropping the loan rate to 9.25 per cent, Mr Lowe said the monthly repayment would fall to \$519.89, a savings of \$8.81.

"Really, it's kind of insignificant," Mr Lowe told Tribune Business of the monthly savings effect. "It all sounds good and makes a good selling point, but it's nothing. It's a joke."

## BUSINESS

■ **NASSAU CONFERENCE:** June 15, British Colonial Hilton



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## Bahamian panellists to lead-off conference

Panels focusing on *Doing Business in Latin America* and *Compliance Issues in Emerging Markets* will lead-off next week's Nassau Conference, scheduled for June 15 at the British Colonial Hilton.

Five Bahamas-based experts will join one international speaker on the panels under the theme, *Wealth Management: Navigating Our Future*.

The *Doing Business in Latin America* discussion will feature three panellists with in-depth knowledge of the region.

\* James Hoar, senior vice-president, EFG Wealth Management (Canada), is a senior global banking executive with 18 years in international private banking. He provides personalised international structuring and financial solutions to a small number of transnational families, most of whom own and operate family-owned businesses.

\* Patrick Feuz is chief executive of Julius Baer Bank & Trust (Bahamas), a subsidiary of Switzerland-based Julius Baer Group. He has lived and worked for many years in different countries such as Venezuela, the US and Mexico.

\* Ronny Siev, Credit Agricole Suisse (Bahamas), has a strong bias towards Latin American culture. He worked in Ecuador for a year after high school, concluded a political analysis on the Andean political situation for the United Nations Department of Political Affairs and worked at the Swiss Peace Building Program for Guatemala.

With emerging markets attracting increased attention from Bahamian institutions and professionals, understanding compliance requirements is a factor that can determine success or failure. *Compliance Issues in Emerging Markets* will feature a panel of experts with broad experience on these matters.

\* Cheryl E. Bazard, partner in Bazard & Company, established her firm in 2009 with a focus on anti-money laundering, compliance consulting and training.

From 2002 to 2005, Ms Bazard was regional director of compliance for First-Caribbean International Bank with responsibility for the creation of a compliance programme in 16 countries, including the Bahamas, the Cayman Islands, Belize and

the Caribbean. Her experience also includes acting as counsel in the Office of the Attorney-General, advising government offices and ministers as well as processing Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty Requests (MLATs) and Letters Rogatory.

\* Daniel Soto is the chief compliance officer for Ally Financial, based in Charlotte, North Carolina, where he is responsible for Ally's enterprise-wide compliance activities. Before joining Ally, Mr Soto spent two years with Wachovia/Wells Fargo in anti-money laundering and retail banking compliance.

Prior to joining the private sector, Mr Soto was in the public sector as a commissioned bank examiner, where he spent six years with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and nearly 10 years with the Federal Reserve Board.

\* Mildred L. Johnson is manager for compliance, human resources and corporate services in the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation's Nassau branch.

Mrs Johnson has worked for various entities within the HSBC Group in the Bahamas, and was appointed area compliance officer and country money laundering reporting officer for the HSBC Group in the Bahamas in 1996, roles in which she continues to function.

More than 150 financial services professionals, as well as students from the College of the Bahamas, will be in attendance for The Nassau Conference 2011 which was established by the Association of International Banks and Trust Companies in The Bahamas (AIBT) in 2005.

# GDP data's accuracy reaches new heights

By ALISON LOWE  
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Responding to calls suggesting that upward revisions to historical gross domestic product (GDP) data make it imperative that the Department of Statistics take steps to "restore confidence" in their work, officials yesterday said the key economic indicator is now "as accurate as we can possibly make it based on the information that's available to us".

Assistant director of statistics, and supervisor of national accounts, Clarice Turnquest, explained that the GDP data revision came from the fact that the Department is now able to include more data sources that have only recently become available, and calculate the GDP using an updated methodology recommended by the United Nations (UN).

Department of Statistics officials met with Tribune Business yesterday to discuss the changes to the GDP levels, announced by the Prime Minister during his 2011-2012 Budget Communication in May, following statements by businessman Franklyn Wilson, in which he suggested it needed to explain the changes if they are to "restore the confidence of people who turn to the Department of Statistics for important and accurate information".

Mr Wilson said he found it "amazing" that in some instances the GDP for recent years had been revised upwards by as much as \$1 billion, adding that these changes had thrown off other economic indicators which are based on GDP - such as debt to GDP ratios.

Recapping her comments made to Tribune Business in April, when the Department of Statistics initially announced the introduction of the new method of calculating the Bahamas' Gross Domestic Product (GDP) using so-called 'Supply and Use Tables' (SUTs), Mrs Turnquest said the Department was able to consider the recommended approach once it obtained access to new and expanded sources of data in the form of tourism expenditure surveys, household surveys and an economic census.

"Now you have more accurate data, more complete data, then you have to incorporate that," she said.

In doing so, added Director of Statistics, Kalsie Dorsett, the Bahamas is one of the "forerunners" in the region, as some countries have yet to move to the updated methodology when calculating their GDP.

Elaborating on the methodology, Mrs Turnquest said: "The introduction of the supply and use tables basically involves balancing the supply of a commodity with the use of a commodity, with the resulting figure being a GDP figure."

"Most countries do the production approach and the expenditure approach. The supply and use combines all three approaches, and along with the balancing between these approaches you come up with the GDP."

"With the production and expenditure approaches, normally you get a difference, measures of error, because you are looking at different sources. With the supply and use tables you don't have that. It's more accurate because you have more data, and it's just like accounting - you have to balance your data. It allows for this balancing."

Mrs Turnquest said she did not think the public should be "shocked" by the revisions to Bahamian GDP based on the calculation using SUTs, as the Department had "put the feelers out there in terms of the SUTs and the fact that it was coming".

Mrs Dorsett added that statistics and how they are calculated are "an evolving thing".

"Methods change. Definitions change. If you look at something like the labour force, 30 years ago when the

Department was doing it the definition of 'unemployed' was slightly different to what it is now. People also now want to know about under-employment, so you have to adapt new measures to try to capture those things. The SUT is a new element to give you more refined data in relation to GDP," the Director said. Meanwhile, the officials added that "the critical thing" is that "the trends were maintained" in the GDP data, despite the revisions.

"We were careful to maintain the trend. So when we moved from one year to the next, what originally happened in that year is still reflected at the industry level and the GDP level. The increase or decrease was still of the same magnitude."

"So it shouldn't affect them

in terms of decision making. They can still look and say, well, this particular industry is growing so I am going to put my money there...." Mrs Dorsett suggested.

Mrs Turnquest said businesses can use the data to engage in "forward planning".

"They could also see what items are imported, and they could also get in there and see if they could replace some of those imported items. They could also look at the usual expenses that generally fall within a particular industry, and decide how their company matches against those cost structures. Maybe there's something they could adjust in their cost structure," she said.

The officials said the decision to release the upwardly-revised GDP data based on

the new methodology had nothing whatsoever to do with political considerations or influence.

"We assure the public we act totally independently, and whatever government is in power we work to meet the needs of the nation in terms of policy. We are not influenced by (whichever administration is in power) in terms of our data," Mrs Dorsett said. "The UN has guidelines for the principals of how a statistical office should be operating, and some of those are transparency and independence. So we operate quite independently of influence from our ministry. Whatever the results we come up with, we pass to them like everyone else. They might not like it or they may do."

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## BUSINESS

# 'Bridging the gap' on compliance Accord

By ALISON LOWE  
Business Reporter  
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A former bank examiner with the Central Bank of the Bahamas has set out to "bridge the gap" between financial services providers and the regulators that govern them by offering home-grown technological solutions to "enhance their risk management and control regime".

Tyrone Neely yesterday said he set up Accord Bahamas in summer 2010, after years of experience working on behalf of the Central Bank to assess financial institution compliance with the regulatory regime, in areas such as corporate governance, credit risk and liquidity.

"We perceived the need for value-added services. We think there's a gap between licensees and the regulatory regime. It's common everywhere you go - not just in the Bahamas - so we wanted to form a bridge to bring those services to anyone who comes under the regime. We are looking at banks principally, but it could be insurance companies or other financial services and corporate providers," said Mr Neely.

By making available a locally-developed software called 'OnSite', the former bank examiner said Accord



TYRONE NEELY

Bahamas offers Central Bank licensees the opportunity to more easily document their risk and control regime and its ongoing performance.

This will enable financial institutions to better demonstrate to examiners, auditors and their own senior management and Board that risks have been identified and are being controlled in an adequate manner.

Mr Neely said: "There is increased supervision in the current environment, and financial institutions must be able to respond to increased supervision from the regulators or whoever else.

"Banks are generally aware

of what they should be doing, in my experience. Where I saw a need, and this is why we exist, is the tools to organise and demonstrate the controls that they have in place respond to the risks that they face.

"They are doing these things within their organisation, but if you were to ask to show me in one place where you can show all your risks, defined, assessed, and all the controls, I think they are hard-pressed to show that.

"We are providing one place where you can document all risks, how you assess them, all the controls you have, and provide background attachments of samples of documents where you can show you are doing the work. When auditors come they can click on those attachments and see that you are doing it. It's very simple and easy to use."

Mr Neely said the usefulness of such software will only increase with the inevitable growth in demands on the financial industry from regulatory supervision.

Meanwhile, Accord Bahamas has also produced a video, 'Admit-One', which is now available to banks and other financial institutions to ensure their staff are up to date with issues in reputational risk which, if not properly managed, can destroy an institution's value, erode its client base and potentially threaten the entire jurisdiction's competitiveness.

"We produced the video on reputation risk in response to an annual requirement by the

Bahamas government, through the Central Bank, that staff in banks get training each year on reputation risk procedures and concepts," Mr Neely said.

"It outlines the regulatory environment, and defines reputation risk. It proceeds to explain the entire client process from consideration of a prospective client to profile creation and risk rating, client acceptance, transaction monitoring, client review and staff training. It also addresses operational processes affecting reputation risk.

"It's made locally from a Bahamian point of view to respond to that need, so it makes the training requirements a no-brainer.

"Instead of having to look for seminars we bring the video, the compliance department shows it to staff and we give them the narrative in a written form, along with three different assessment tests."

Accord Bahamas will also perform general operational reviews of an institution's control processes in areas such as governance and human resources, credit and investments, funding and liquidity, reputation and fiduciary, information technology and internal control processes. The company assesses how they stack up against regulatory requirements and best practice industry standards, said Mr Neely.

"Our reviews are relevant at any time, but especially as a preview before a scheduled examination or audit is to be performed," said Mr Neely.

## 'We've stopped the rot' with 32% car sales rise

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break that point," he added.

Mr Barr expressed scepticism as to whether BMDA members and the industry as a whole would ever return to the sales numbers they achieved in the 2007 and early 2008 'golden days', telling Tribune Business: "I don't think the car industry will ever get back to pre-recession numbers.

"The industry lost a tremendous percentage in the recession - we probably lost 50-60 per cent. When you see an increase it's 5 per cent here, 5 per cent there, so it will take many years to get back to where we were. I just don't think the market is smaller cars is big enough."

Mr Barr said BMDA members were under "unbelievable pressure" from the ever-increasing competition provided by used car imports and proliferation of such dealerships, telling this newspaper: "They're all over the place. They're now selling right-hand drive Japanese vehicles on almost every corner of Nassau."

### Benefited

These vehicles, he added, had also benefited from the Government's decision in the 2010-2011 Budget to change the Excise Tax rate structure for the auto industry, switching it from the CIF (Cost, insurance, freight) basis to one of engine size. Their smaller engines ensured import duties were relatively low.

Pointing out that it was "in everyone's best interests" that BMDA members - and the industry as a whole - "remain solvent", Mr Barr said the Excise Tax rate increase - and the structural change - had "caused major problems for an industry that makes a significant duty contribution to the Government".

Andrew Johnson, the BMDA's president, told Tribune Business yesterday that with April 2011's sales figures "still down considerably" on pre-recession numbers, the industry had not wanted "too paint too good a picture" despite the improved year-over-year showing.

While the annual Motor Show had produced the traditional fillip to BMDA member sales, the increase in 2011 had not matched the spikes seen in past year. And, with the traditionally slower summer months to come, and the Bahamian and world economies plagued by uncertainties, dealers remain cautious in their outlook.

"We still haven't recovered from the past recession, so we're nowhere near back to 2008 numbers," Mr Johnson told Tribune Business. "We're hopeful, but still taking all necessary precautions. We're increasing inventories, but at a gradual pace. We've got to be hopeful but move ahead steadily."

Rick Lowe, operations manager at Nassau Motor Company (NMC), told Tribune Business: "We've only regained 30 per cent after being down. We're about 50 per cent back to the levels we were. Sales did drop initially by 62-63 per cent. We've got a long way to go to get back to that."

Acknowledging that there was likely to be an overall dip in new car sales during the summer, as expected, Mr Lowe added: "Hopefully, by the end of the year, we will be showing some positive growth."

Legal Notice

### NOTICE

#### STARFISH PREMIER INVESTMENTS LIMITED (In Voluntary Liquidation)

Pursuant to Section 137(4) of the International Business Companies Act, 2000, notice is hereby given that the above named Company is in dissolution, which commenced on the 6th day of June, 2011. The Liquidator is BdS Corporate Services Limited, George House, George Street, P.O. Box N-8159, Nassau, Bahamas

BdS Corporate Services Ltd.  
(Liquidator)

### NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

OF

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## BIO ENERGY CAN MEET 12.5% OF POWER NEED

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On the biomass front, the report recommended confining this to islands where it could cover the electric demand. "Under these constraints there is a potential for 8 MW from biomass at Abaco and for 42 MW at Grand Bahama," Fichtner said.

"This would result in yearly power generation from biomass of 375,000 MW, which equals to approximately 12.5 per cent of the total expected demand of the Bahamas in 2010."

And the report added: "The capital cost for one generic biomass power plant with 5 MW net output is estimated to be about \$19 million. For a plant with 20 MW, the respective figure is about \$59 million.... The power generation costs will be in the range of \$100-\$200 per MW hours, strongly depending on the cost of biomass."

### Locations

As for OTEC, the report said there were two potential locations for such a plant - off western New Providence, and off west Grand Bahama.

"At both of these sites there was a temperature difference of more than 20 degrees centigrade, and for about seven months the difference was above 24 degrees. This makes these sites suitable for the development of OTEC power plants," Fichtner's report said.

"The electricity produced by an OTEC plant is base load, and so the installation must be sized to fit into the island grid receiving power. In the case of New Providence, a maximum size plant of around 50 MW could probably be considered."

Capital investment estimates for OTEC plants were around \$8,000 per MW, with the cost of electricity between \$0.16-\$0.20 per Kilowatt Hour (kWh).

"The most suitable technology for large scale power supply from the ocean in the Bahamas is OTEC with potential installed capacity of several tens of MW," the report concluded.

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## BUSINESS

# Grand Bahama Power gets new chief executive

Grand Bahama Power Company's majority shareholder, Canadian utility Emera, yesterday appointed Sarah MacDonald as president and chief executive of Grand Bahama Power Company.

In her current role as executive vice-president of human resources at Emera, and chief executive of Emera Utility Services, Ms MacDonald has been working with Emera's Caribbean companies to integrate them into the Canadian power giant's operations. In her new role, she will focus on stabilising and strengthening operations at Grand Bahama Power Company.

Ms MacDonald joined Emera in 2001 as the general manager of human resources for Nova Scotia Power. She became vice-president of human resources for Emera in 2004, and was appointed executive vice-president for human resources in 2010.

Ms MacDonald has also served as president and chief operating officer, and later chief executive, of Emera Utility Services, Emera's utility construction affiliate, overseeing the operations and growth of that company.

"Since taking over majority interest in Grand Bahama Power Company, Emera has been making improvements to system reliability and operations," said Chris Huskison, Emera's president and chief executive.

"Sarah has the experience and leadership to ensure

that improvements in reliability, customer service and safety standards continue to the benefit of Grand Bahama Power Company's employees and customers."

Ms MacDonald will concentrate her efforts on oversight of the construction of Grand Bahama Power Company's new 52 MW diesel plant, set to come online in 2012, and the installation of two leading-edge wind turbines.

## Training

She will also focus on employee training and development to ensure Grand Bahama Power Company's workforce is skilled, knowledgeable and ready to bring improved reliability and efficiency to all aspects of operations.

"I am excited to be taking on this new role at GBPC," said Ms MacDonald. "I look forward to working with the management team and all employees as we continue to make improvements in reliability and customer service, and bring rate stability to the residents of Grand Bahama. It's a beautiful island, and I am grateful for the opportunity to work with the GBPC team."

Ms MacDonald's new position is effective immediately with a transition period before she and her family will move full time to Grand Bahama Island later this summer.



**NEW PRESIDENT & CEO, MACDONALD WITH GBPC EXECUTIVE TEAM:** Pictured centre is new President & CEO of Grand Bahama Power Company along with members of her Executive Team in the foyer of the company's Headquarters. "I am excited to be taking on this new role at GBPC," said Ms. MacDonald. "I look forward to working with the management team and all employees as we continue to make improvements in reliability and customer service, and bring rate stability to the residents of Grand Bahamas. It's a beautiful island, and I am grateful for the opportunity to work with the GBPC team."

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### TENDER – PRINTING AND DELIVERY OF 2012 TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES

The Bahamas Telecommunications Company Ltd is pleased to invite tenders from experienced companies to provide for the printing and delivery of the 2012 Telephone Directories.

Interested companies may pick up a specification document from BTC's Head Office located at #21 John F. Kennedy Drive, Nassau Bahamas, between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday.

Bids should be received by 4:00 pm, Friday June 24, 2011. Bids are to be marked, "Tender for the Supply of Telephone Directories" to the attention of:

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## Musician turns tables on copyright violators

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paying for the rights to do so, Mr Lundy told Tribune Business he had decided to turn the Internet to his advantage through the widespread release of *I Need You* online.

"We've effectively sold over four to five million CDs with the 40-plus websites," Mr Lundy explained. "Everything is going much better than I would have really thought. I did not know what to expect.

"This is new for me. I've never had the Internet websites before. This thing happened because of the copyright infringements around the world, and we had to offset that."

And he added: "This is going much better than anticipated. I couldn't honestly tell you I expected it to work like this, because on every country on this planet I'm getting play and feedback. Looking at the amount of fan feedback I'm getting from the Bahamas, that was shocking."

*I Need You's* performance has been boosted by the partnership Mr Lundy has forged with New York-based Jango, the social online music service that has become the fifth largest music site in the US.

The company's 'Jango Airplay' service enables Mr Lundy and other artists - to promote their works to as wide a global audience as possible by guaranteeing their airplay on its stations.

Explaining how the partnership worked, Mr Lundy said he and other artists bought 'credits' from Jango. He added: "They will allow you to pick 30 of the popular artists out there, and when those artists play anywhere in the world, my song plays."

Effectively, the arrangement with Jango enables Mr Lundy and *I Need You* (and its individual tracks) to 'piggy back' off the popularity of major artists, with his songs played after theirs. "Every two weeks I buy 1,000 credits and they're going to go fast," Mr Lundy told Tribune Business, "because depending on the artists you choose to go behind, you're going to get a whole lot of play and have got to keep up with it."

The Jango partnership, he added, also enabled him to know where exactly people were downloading and listening to his songs from, and the ones they were selecting.

Describing the Internet as "the future of the music industry", Mr Lundy added: "The record companies, only a few of them are going to survive. When artists are released, they will release on the Internet. Radio stations will become almost obsolete."

Acknowledging that the Internet afforded Bahamian artists the opportunity to introduce themselves, and their works, to an even wider global audience, Mr Lundy said: "They should use it, but they're going to have to have something that's marketable.

"People want to be able to have a selection of stuff, of choices, and that's what you're going to have to offer. It's simple enough to get on the Internet, but you've got to have something. Not too many people are going to have the coverage I have."

Meanwhile, Mr Lundy told Tribune Business he is aiming to stage his first concert in Nassau for 10 years at the end of July, targeting about a 1,000-strong audience for the Sheraton Nassau resort at Cable Beach.

"I'm looking at the end of July," he confirmed. "It's going to be here, and we're looking at the Sheraton Nassau. We have not confirmed the date, but it's going to be on that property. This is the first concert for about 10 years.

"The last one I did was at the Hilton, and it was sold out. I want to do the concert because too many people were asking me for too long, especially since the album is out there and doing as well as it is doing. There will probably be about 1,000 people there, and we're really thinking about doing something for some charity organisation.

"Things are pretty bad in this country. We're going to have to help somebody, because you go to the grocery store and have people begging for food stamps. Some people are suffering in this country, and that causes you not to sleep at night. My role is to help, and that's what we're going to do."

# arts

& ENTERTAINMENT

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2011



By JEFFARAH GIBSON • Tribune Features Writer

**M**IME Toinette Mackey is giving people a chance to throw away all of the excess baggage from the past and focus on moving forward in her latest mimodrama, *Broken*.

The drama highlights fear, anger, as well as brokenness in the family, in marriages, in friendships, on the job and in our personal lives. *Broken* will challenge audience members to look their past in the eye and say good-bye.

"This mimodrama is trying to get people to put the past behind them and move on from that. Sometimes we tend to hold onto things whether it is a bad past or a bad personal experience and the majority of the times we don't recognise how holding onto some of these things does us no good," Ms Mackey explained.

*Broken* will be in some ways a therapeutic experience. "The drama is just me portraying the way we react to certain situations. And audience members will get to see themselves through my actions in the performance and reflect on their lives, which can in turn foster a change."

This is a solo performance and Ms Mackey has incorporated local references in the story line. "The theme of the event is the past hurts but we can either run from it or learn from it. The production is a something new. It takes you through an emotional experience. Individuals will see who they are as well as who they could be. It teaches people to think before reacting and will show them that they don't have to become a product of their environment, even though they may have given up on themselves," she explained.

Ms Mackey is encouraging people to come to the event as it will be a very fulfilling experience.

"The production is for anyone and everyone regardless of their beliefs. This is also a great family event and it has a very good message as well," she explained.

In the near future Toinette is hoping to do a collaborative performance title "The Painted Mask" which will also highlight some of the social ills in the community.

Toinette Mackey was first inspired to pursue mime art by a performance in 1996. And after watching the touching performance by the Reborn International Ministries, the first mime group in the Bahamas, she decided to enter the world of "silence."

She has always used her talents to inspire true change among individuals. "After seeing how mime can have such an impact because of the way it is delivered, I decided to use it to send positive messages. We are going through so much in our community and through this performance I wanted to address social ills and show how it affects us," she said.

The event will be held this Friday night at Bahamas Harvest Church on Prince Charles Drive at 7pm. Tickets are available at Faith Life Bookstore, and Logos bookstore.

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Toinette Mackey

THINGS 2 DO

**June 9 - Monday**  
**HOTEL ASSOCIATION MEETING & BTC PLANS UPDATE**

• The Bahamas Hotel Association holds a Board of Directors' & Members Meeting at 9.30 am at the Sheraton Nassau Beach Hotel, (The Arawak Room). There will be a special round-table presentation by Geoff Houston, Chief Executive Officer, BTC Bahamas. He will provide the latest updates on BTC's plans. RSVP by contacting: 322-8381-4 or email Charlotte Knowles Thompson at: BHA@BahamasHotels.org.

**June 9 - Thursday**  
**BHS TALK: DR PETER MAYNARD**

• The Bahamas Historical Society hosts its June talk with Dr Peter Maynard as he discusses his book "Great Awakening: Meta Davis Cumberbatch, Mother of the Arts". Books available for purchase. Cost: \$30. Telephone: 322-4231. Email: info@bahamashistoricalsociety.com.

**June 9 - Thursday**  
**LEADING IN TURBULENT TIMES: A LEADER'S SURVIVAL KIT**

• The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce presents "Leading in Turbulent Times", a leader's survival kit facilitated by Valderine Hamilton and designed for those leaders facing a multitude of finance, customer and employee challenges, 9am-4pm. Registration ends Wed, June 7. Telephone: 322-2145. Email: lswain@thebahamaschamber.com See www.thebahamaschamber.com.

**June 10 - Friday**  
**"BEHIND HER SHADES" PRODUCTION**

• The College of the Bahamas presents the "Behind Her Shades" production, a riveting stage musical and play for all to see. 7.30pm at the college's Performing Arts Centre.

**June 11 - Saturday**  
**SEARCH FOR "MISS PHILIPPINES BAHAMAS"**

• The search for the "Miss Philippines Bahamas" will be taking place this Saturday, starting at 8pm at the church of St Paul the Apostle, Lyford Cay.

**June 11 - Saturday**  
**242 PEOPLE CLOTHING'S 2011 FASHION SHOW**

• 242 People Clothing launches its 2011 summer line Goombay style, with a fashion show featuring a live band, photo shoots, and video interviews. 6pm-9pm in Rawson Square.

**June 11 - Saturday**  
**ONE LOVE JUNKANOO ASSOCIATION SPRING FLING**

• Don't miss the One Love Junkanoo Association's spring fling event, a night that promises to be both fun and exciting. 8pm-12am at The Shack, Mt. Pleasant and Arawak Avenues.

**June 11 - Saturday**  
**ROTARY CLUB OF NASSAU SUNRISE'S 3RD ANNUAL MOCK CASINO NIGHT**

• The Rotary Club of Nassau Sunrise presents their 3rd annual "Mock Casino Night" with exciting games such as blackjack, poker, bingo, roulette, and craps. 8pm in Sheraton Ballroom. Cost: \$100/regular; \$2,000/VIP package that includes private room, sectional seating for 10 persons, private gaming tables, themed tables and party favours, exclusive cash bar and buffet, champagne and red and white wines, company logo at entrance sponsor wall and advertisement on all promo materials. Part proceeds in aid of Project Read & Literacy in the Bahamas. Register at www.sunriserotaryevents.com.

**June 11 - Saturday**  
**ATLANTIS LIVE: JERRY SEINFELD**

• Atlantis LIVE presents comedian Jerry Seinfeld for a one-night laugh-out-loud comedic event, 9pm in the Imperial Ballroom. Cost: \$150/reserved seating; \$175/premium seating. Telephone: 363-6601. See www.Atlantis.com.



# 117 GB YOUTHS RECEIVE GGYA AWARDS

OVER 100 participants in the Governor General's Youth Award received their Silver and Bronze Awards on Thursday, June 2, at the Foster B Pestaina Hall in Grand Bahama.

By PRECISION MEDIA

**Freeport, Grand Bahama --** President and founder of Earth Care, marine biologist and conservationist Gail Woon, shared her story of triumph, passion and fortitude with 117 participants in the Governor General's Youth Award who received their Silver and Bronze Awards Thursday, June 2.

The ceremony was held at the Foster B Pestaina Hall in Grand Bahama where Ms Woon offered up her fight as evidence that in life, one should never doubt one's ability to make a difference.

**Death Threats**

Ms Woon said she received death threats in the mid-90s in her quest to ban long-line fishing in Bahamian waters. Her group, along with other well known conservation groups, re-Earth and Ocean Watch were eventually successful.

Ms Woon's presentation was met with thunderous applause as she encouraged GGYA participants to go out and make a difference in the world.

Phillippa Munnings, 16, a student at the Bishop Michael Eldon High School received the GGYA's Bronze Award. She attributed her success to a strong willpower.

"I learned that I am much stronger than I thought I was, not

just physically but also mentally and spiritually. GGYA is a very God-centered organisation and it teaches you that you can do anything through God who strengthens you," said Ms Munnings.

"I felt very accomplished and empowered. I felt like I could do anything as long as I look to the future as promising."

Laron Burrows of St. George's High School had no idea that he was indeed a leader until he participated in the GGYA programme.

"It is a talent you're born with but you just don't know that you have it," he said. "Many of the situations we were in weren't normal but I could handle it. I brought normalcy to it and peace to it and gathered everyone together."

The 15-year-old added: "This is a programme that helps you to learn so much about yourself. It helps you find out so much stuff about who you are that you didn't even know about. It is more than just sleeping outdoors and walking around."

Denise Mortimer, the GGYA's national executive director said participants learn simple tenets from the GGYA which give them the courage to re-shape the world.

"We give them the opportunity to develop self confidence. That is what a lot of our young people are lacking. They learn a lot of life skills and appreciation for their country and for the environment," she said. "They become more aware of the

world in which they live and where they work."

The GGYA helped 15-year-old Sunshine Armbrister gain confidence and a better appreciation for teamwork.

"For anyone who wants to join, I would say go ahead because this programme strengthens you, makes you a better person and gives you a better outlook on life," said the 11th grader at Jack Hayward High School. "I learned that even in my independence that there are still some things you can't do alone. You need a team and you need to work together."

**Worldwide Success**

The GGYA is a member of The International Award Association. The Award is an exciting self-development programme available to all young people worldwide, equipping them with life skills to make a difference in themselves, their communities and the world.

Once participants have successfully completed hiking expeditions, community service engagements, mastered new skills and participated in physical activities, they are eligible for a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award.

Since its establishment in 1987, over 8,000 local participants have passed through the programme, which is open to participants age 14 to 25.



PRESIDENT and founder of Earth Care, marine biologist and conservationist Gail Woon, shared her story of triumph, passion and fortitude with participants in the Governor General's Youth Award.



THE 10 contestants in the Miss Gospel Bahamas Pageant pose with John Bull representatives following a demonstration on proper skin care and make-up application on Tuesday, May 31, at the Mall at Marathon.

# MGB contestants get make-up, skin care tips

By PRECISION MEDIA

MISS Gospel Bahamas Pageant is not obsessed with beauty, yet that doesn't mean contestants' make-up and skin won't look fabulous when they take to the stage of the Rainforest Theatre on July 31, to battle it out for the crown.

On Tuesday, May 31, contestants of the 16th Annual Miss Gospel Bahamas Pageant visited John Bull's Marathon Mall location for a demonstration on proper skin care

and make-up application.

The event was organised by store manager, Natasha Pratt and hosted by assistant store manager Shelly Toote along with beauty advisors Andrea Donaldson and Rovell Delancey-Butler.

The presentation aimed to advise the ladies on proper skin care before and after applying make-up, in addition to providing contestants with tips on simple daytime make-up application versus an elegant evening look.

"Cleanser, toner, treatment, moisturiser and eye cream are the main factors in maintaining healthy skin," according to Ms Donaldson, the beauty advisor.

Two contestants, Candice Rolle and Nikirah Braynen were treated to makeovers.

"It's exotic," said Ms Rolle as she peered into a mirror. On her face Ms Donaldson focused on pre-make-up skincare while beauty advisor, Ms Rovell demonstrated an appropriate evening look.

"I've never had my make-up done like this," said the contestant. "It's refreshing."

Miss Gospel Bahamas, the brainchild of Great Commission Ministries International, is not all about the glitz and glamour typically associated with pageants.

Contestants must exemplify a "Christ-like" attitude and demonstrate a willingness to be "an ambassador for Christ." While the pageant is a great learning experience for contestants, it's the year of commu-

nity service which follows that helps the winner learn the importance of making a true difference in society.

Although pleased with her new look, Ms Braynen said she realised the pageant's focus was not on beauty transformations, rather changing lives and communities for the better.

"I was so happy when I joined this pageant because all odds were against me," said the 18-year-old. "I had no support from those who are closest to me. I entered this competition, not necessarily focusing on just winning the title, but also showing my peers that I can make a positive change in our community."

Ms Braynen hopes to become an example not only for her younger siblings, but for all in need of a role model.

"I'm tired of the state my neighbourhood is in," said Ms Braynen. "I hope that in being in a pageant like Miss Gospel, my friends can finally recognise that if I can do it, there is hope that they can too."

RED hot cherry peppers have an ox-heart shape and a dangerous level of heat.



# HOT PEPPERS

Although hot peppers grow year round, it is in the summer they are at their most abundant. Now is a good time to start new plants from seed. Most hot peppers grow true from seed, especially the Bahamian favourites bird and goat pepper.

Bird peppers are much rarer now than they used to be. Here on Abaco a succession of hurricanes depleted the native pepper population. It is easy to buy packets of commercial hot pepper seeds but bird pepper seeds have to come from local stock.

The same applies to goat pepper but the real problem is that native goat peppers have naturally cross-pollinated with other habanero varieties and have lost their essential character. A true true Bahamian goat pepper is now hard to find.

During the past year, I grew several peppers I had not experienced before and three of them are now among my regular standards.

First was fish pepper, an heirloom from West Africa that was estab-

lished in the northeast United States, especially around the Baltimore area. The pepper is unique in two ways: It is the only pepper with variegated leaves, and the only one that has two distinct colours while ripening. The peppers start off yellow, then green and a purple-brown before ripening red. The fish peppers have a bullhorn shape and average two inches in length. As the name suggests, fish pepper is used for fish dishes and is the standard fare for seasoning Chesapeake Bay crab cakes. We Bahamians like our seafood well seasoned and fish pepper does the job just fine.

The second pepper is a red-hot cherry that grows as large as a golf ball and has fiery heat. The plant is very ornamental when carrying ripe peppers. One cherry pepper in a large pot of souse is guaranteed to get gustatory juices flowing.

The third pepper was one that I had heard about for years but had never found the seeds. Peter pepper produces truly ugly peppers up to three or four inches in length but they have good flavour without being too strong. I tie them with

string and allow them to air dry for a month or so, then cut them up and grind them in a coffee mill. I mix the Peter pepper with Ragged Island sea salt and pour the mixture into a salt grinder. A few twists over my morning eggs make them fit for a king. Peter peppers are very productive and ripen quickly.

Finger peppers seem to have become the mainstay hot peppers in most gardens. Whether Tabasco or ladyfinger, the large plants produce exuberantly and are perfect for general-purpose use and pickling. Finger peppers are easier to harvest than bird peppers and have a very similar taste and bite.

No garden should be without Serrano hot peppers. They also produce in abundance and because they are so fleshy they have a long storage life after being picked. Many recipes call for green Serrano peppers, but the red ripe ones are only moderately hot and are perfect for fresh salsas.

If you insist on having the very hottest of peppers then Red Savina will be perfect. Although it is no longer the world's hottest pepper, those that supplanted it are exotic hybrids produced in Britain of all



PETER peppers are oddly shaped but are prolific. They have medium heat and a pleasant taste.

places. A Texas lady who loves pepper heat bit into one of my Red Savinas and, through the tears, confessed she had finally met her match.

The best way to preserve an overabundance of peppers is to quickly freeze them on a cookie sheet and store them in the freezer in a plastic freezer bag. You can pickle your peppers but then have to live with the vinegar taste. If you pickle your

peppers in vodka the taste is purer but the jar will have to be refrigerated.

And do not forget sherry peppers. Peppers aged in good quality dry sherry must be stored in the refrigerator but are almost essential for conch chowder.

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## Flash Back

Just a few images of what we the Bahamas looked like 40...50...60... years in the past

BY ROLAND ROSE



Snow in the Bahamas??? While it did snow in Freeport, Grand Bahama during the Blizzard of 1977, these images are the clearing process of the salt operations in Inagua. They build mountains of salt for export. The Morton Salt Company has worked there for many years.



YA HEAR  
GOSSIP CORNER

• **YA HEAR** Lauryn Hill is having a baby? On Saturday, June 4, Ms Hill took a few seconds at the end of her set in Chene Park, Detroit to announce her pregnancy. Lauryn Hill told the crowd that she'd be "taking time off to give birth." This will be Hill's sixth child. She is a mother of three boys and two girls. Her oldest son, Zion, who she wrote a song for "To Zion," will turn 14 in August.

• **YA HEAR** Ron Artest will be on a reality show? The Los Angeles Laker will be joining the ranks of the reality TV world but his show is not about the drama. Artest will be helping ex-cons change their lives through basketball. In a show entitled Last Second Shot, Artest will mentor a group of parolees. Ron Artest will work with a team of mental health experts and life coaches to help the parolees take control of their lives while teaching them life lessons through basketball.

• **YA HEAR** rapper Eminem is suing Audi car dealers? Rapper Eminem's music publishing group, Eight Mile Style LLC filed a lawsuit yesterday against foreign car retailer Audi for using the artist's song in their new commercial. The company used the rapper's number one song Lose Yourself to promote the release of its Audi A6 Avant which was revealed in a Berlin press conference last week. Upon the ad's release earlier this week, Eight Mile Style LLC filed a cease and desist order to Audi AG and will proceed to seek further damages of the unauthorized use of the song through the Hamburg Regional Court for copyright infringement.

• **YA HEAR** T-Pain will never use auto tune again? The rapper has vowed to never use the Auto-Tune effect again, quite possibly ending a long-running trend in R&B and Hip-Hop music. "I vow right here, right now, to never use Auto-Tune again," T-Pain told AllHipHop.com in an exclusive statement. "I'm onto something that I think is bigger and better called 'The T-Pain Effect.'"

# RIHANNA'S

## NEW VIDEO BRINGS CONTROVERSY TO PRIMETIME TV

By LESH

THE BARBADOS princess Rihanna, premiered her newest music video "Man Down" from her LOUD Album. The long awaited video came out on BET's 106 & Park just last week. It was said to have been filmed on the island of Jamaica and directed by Anthony Mandler.

The video for the song features depictions of a sexual assault/murder. While the sexual assault was not shown in the video in detail, the shooting was displayed in broad daylight. A few of the lyrics include, "Cause I didn't mean to hurt him, Could've been somebody's son, And I took his heart when I pulled out that gun."

After the video was aired, in every celebrity fashion style, Rihanna took to her twitter and tweeted to her fans: "Thank you for the amazing response on ManDownVideo I love you guys, and I love that u GOT IT. Young girls and women all over the world, we are a lot of things. We're strong innocent fun flirtatious vulnerable, and sometimes our innocence can cause us to be naïve. We always think it could NEVER be us, but in reality, it can happen to ANY of us. So ladies be careful and listen to your mama. I love you and I care!"

While I, as well as the RiRi fans absolutely loved the video and the story behind it, not everyone agreed with it. According to Blog sites, the Parents Television Council called Man Down "violent and inappropriate," and asked BET and MTV to airing it.

When the news of the controversy got to Rihanna, she took to twitter once again stating: "I'm a 23 year old rockstar with NO KIDS! What's up with everybody wanting me to be a parent? I'm just a girl, I can only be your/our voice. Because we all know how difficult and embarrassing it is to communicate touchy subject matters to anyone especially our parents! And this is why! Because we turn

the other cheek! You can't hide your kids from society, or they'll never learn how to adapt! This is the REAL WORLD! The music industry isn't exactly Parents R Us! We have the freedom to make art, LET US! It's your job to make sure they don't turn out like US."

When BET made the decision to not pull the video off the station, co-founder of the media watchdog group, Industry Ears, Paul Porter said in a statement: "Man Down" is an inexcusable, shock-only, shoot-and-kill theme song. In my 30 years of viewing BET, I have never witnessed such a cold, calculated execution of murder in prime-time. (BET parent company) Viacom's standards and practices department has reached another new low."

Continuing to defend herself and her new video, "Man Down," Rihanna took her argument to BET's when she called live onto 106 and Park.

The young star said: "I don't like to make videos, I love to make an experience, and this is art with a message. This time around I wanted to explore and experiment a little bit with my acting even more than I have ever before."

"Man Down is a song about a girl who has committed a murder that she regrets, and is completely remorseful about. You hear her crying to her mama, saying why she did it, [that it] could've been somebody's son, she didn't mean to hurt him. Making that into a mini-movie or video, we needed to go back to why it happened. Obviously she's not a cold-blooded killer. It had to be something so offensive, and we decided to hone in on a very serious matter that people are afraid to address. Especially if you've been victimised in this scenario."

"I didn't go into it to make a controversial video. I wanted to make a mini-movie, something raw and artistic. If I can be a voice for so many that aren't heard, then I win twice. Look at how it's effecting people. Girls are empowered by this. It's easy to turn it to something negative but I'm just really impressed



that my fans 'get it.' That was really important to me," she said.

American actress, Gabrielle Union also supported Rihanna and her Man Down Video as she shared her views on it saying: "When I was 19 years old, I was raped. I was working at a shoe store in California, and the store was robbed. The person robbing the store ended up putting a gun to my head and raping me. As he was raping me, I felt as though I was floating over myself, thinking, 'This isn't happening.' I blanked out and had an out-of-body experience, like I was hovering above seeing this horrible thing happen to someone else, not me. I was fortunate enough to go the UCLA rape crisis center after this horrific ordeal. It gave me my life back. My dignity and self-esteem were gone and they helped me find them again."

The actress also took to Twitter and tweeted: "Saw 'Man Down' by Rihanna. Every victim or survivor of rape is unique, including how they THINK they'd like justice to be handed out. During my rape I tried to shoot my rapist, but I missed. Over the years, I realised that killing my rapist would've added insult to injury. The DESIRE to kill someone who abused or raped you is understandable, but unless it's self defense in the moment to save your life, it just adds to your troubles. Man Down. I repeat SELF DEFENSE to save yourself and protect yourself, I'm ALL for. Otherwise victim or survivor taking justice into your own hands with violence equals more trouble for you."

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### LINE OF THE DAY

LOYD'S  
PLAYERS PRAYER

"Thou shall not run these streets, Thou shall not hit these clubs  
Every night of the week looking for some groupie love  
Thou shall respect your heart,  
Thou shall not play you hard  
But I did, I was wrong and I'm hating it"

### TOP TEN POP SONGS

ROLLING IN THE DEEP  
ADELE

E.T.  
KATY PERRY f/ KANYE WEST

JUST CAN'T GET ENOUGH  
THE BLACK EYED PEAS

TILL THE WORLD ENDS  
BRITNEY SPEARS

THE LAZY SONG  
BRUNO MARS

ON THE FLOOR  
JENNIFER LOPEZ f/ PITBULL

WRITTEN IN THE STARS  
TINIE TEMPAH f/ ERIC TURNER

GIVE ME EVERYTHING  
PITBULL f/ NE-YO, AFROJACK & NAYER

BLOW  
KESHA

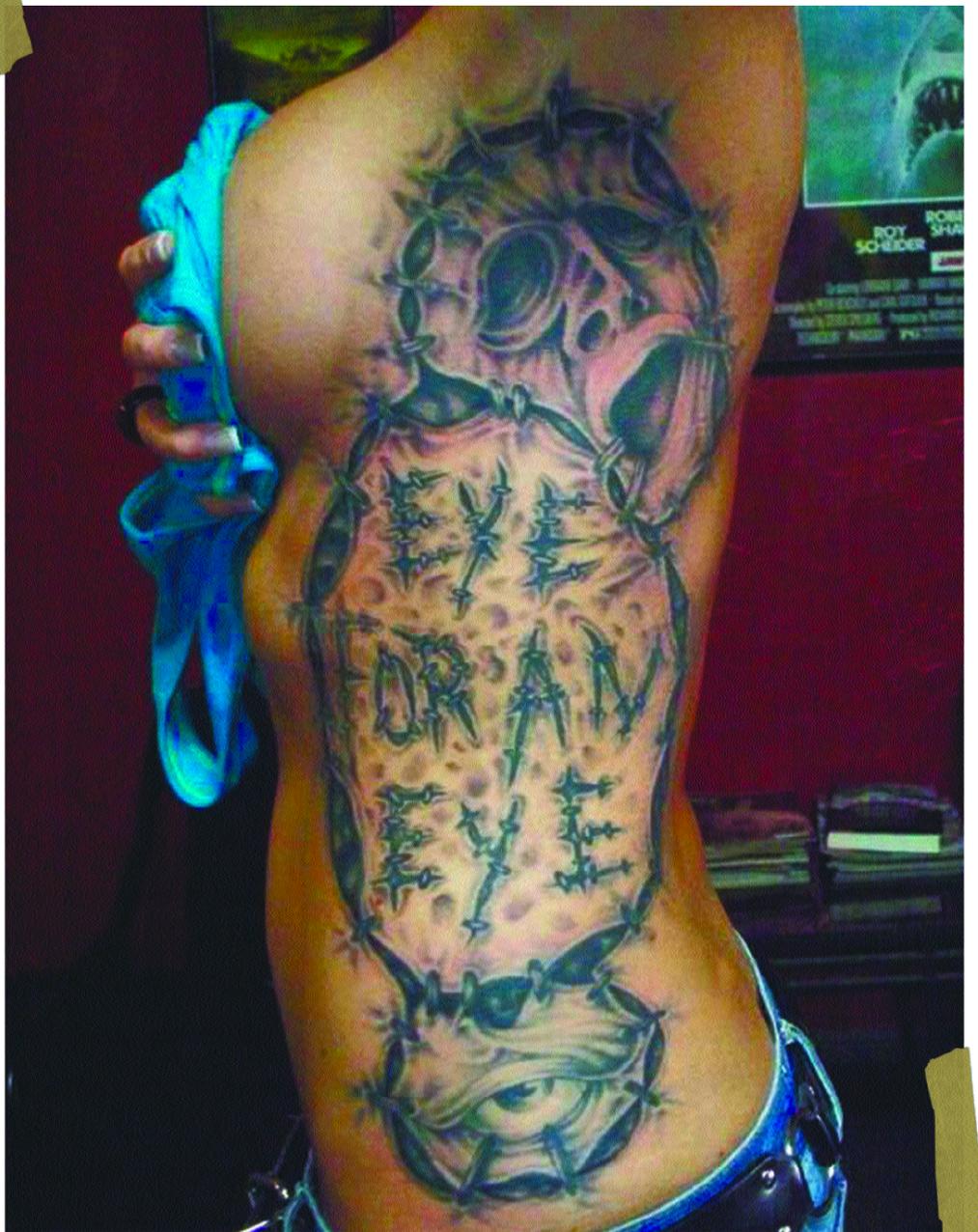
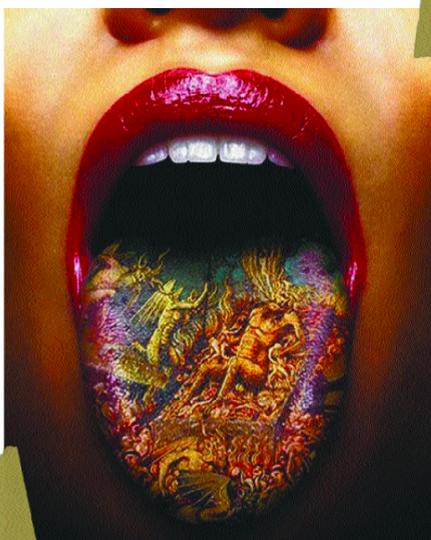
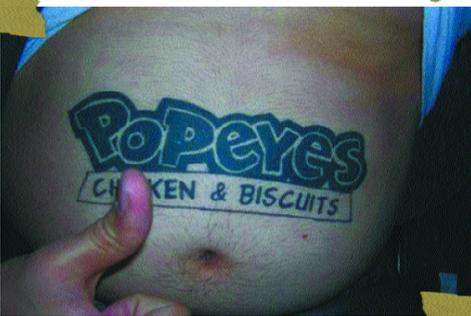
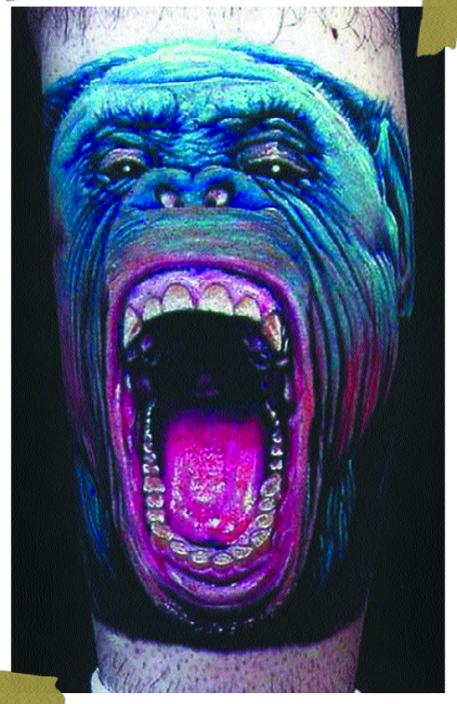
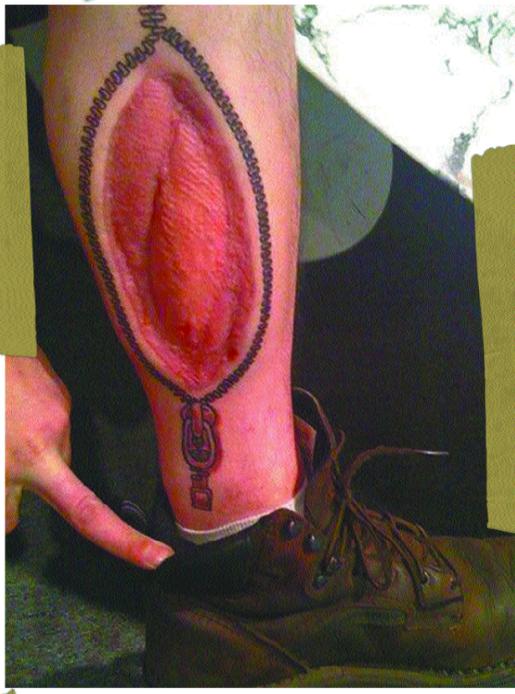
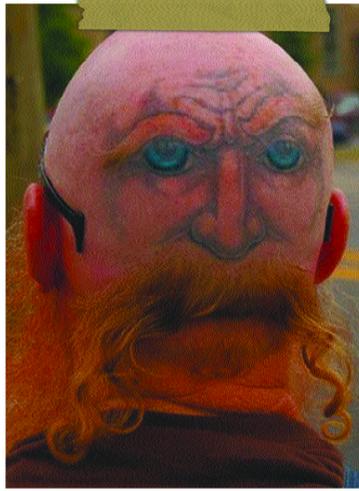
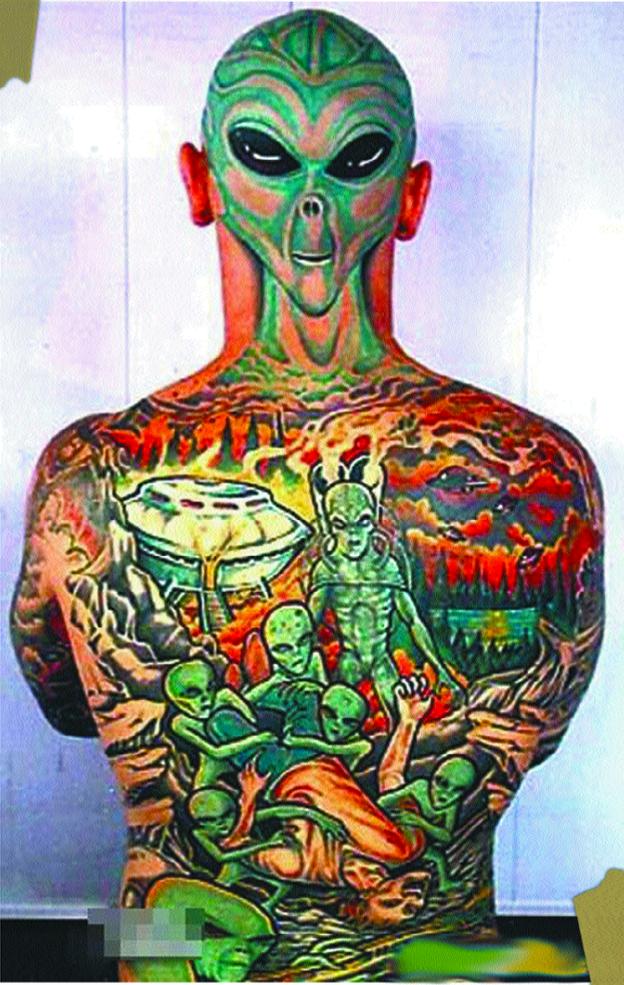
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# made You Look



What's more outrageous than shaving your head bald and getting aliens in a space war tattooed on your head straight down to your back? Well...getting your entire tongue tattooed!

It is a universal thought to get a tattoo on your arms, legs, chest, or back but getting one on the tongue screams crazy. That is why that picture made the cut in this week Made You Look. Here are some of the most craziest tattoos from some of the most extreme people around the world. Now go on and look!



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JAMAICA recorded its biggest ever win in a CONCACAF Gold Cup game, beating Grenada 4-0 on Monday.

In the day's other Group B game, Guatemala hung on for a 0-0 draw against Honduras despite being reduced to nine men for the final 11 minutes.

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## Tonique to instruct COB camp

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The country's leading tertiary institution prepares to fill the void for scores of young students this summer.

The Athletics Department of The College of The Bahamas is scheduled to

host its third annual Summer Sports Camp June 27 to July 22 on college grounds.

The camp will feature four sporting disciplines that students between the ages of 8-14 can participate in, including basketball, soccer, swimming and track and field. This year's camp is expected to feature guest instructor, Olympic gold



WILLIAMS-DARLING

medallist Tonique Williams-Darling.

Sean Bastian, assistant athletics director and director of intramural sports, also serves as camp co-ordinator and spoke highly of his expectations for the event.

"Since its inception two years ago, we had a lot of repeat campers who have enjoyed themselves and we saw progression in them as

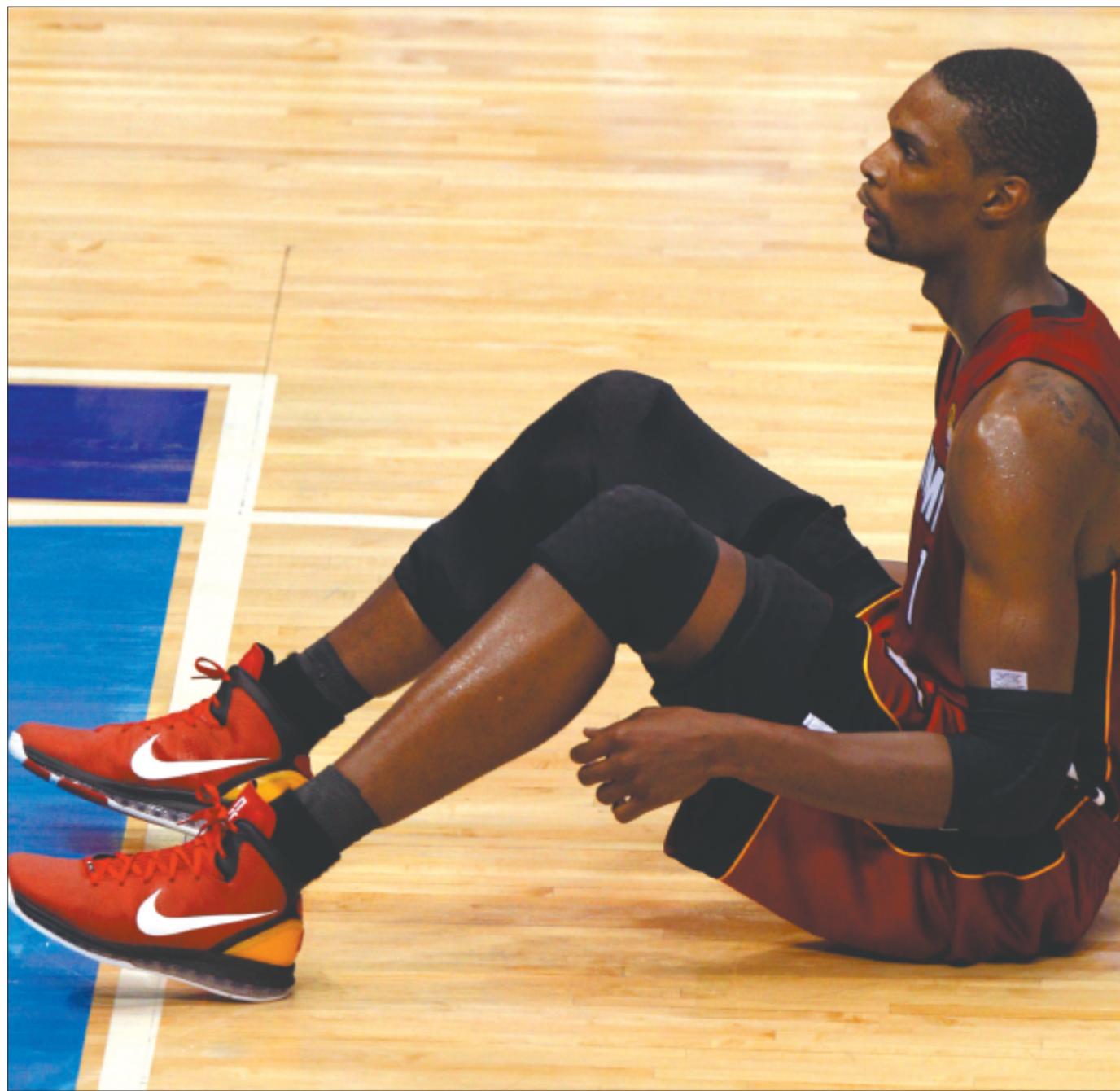
athletes. What makes the camp so exceptional and so different is that every hour and 15 minutes we rotate to another sport so at the end of the camp you will really see some improvement in their skill level.

"We touch on not just one discipline but a camper will have exposure to four. I

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## Mavs cool Heat

### Dallas ties the NBA finals series, 2-2



**STUNNED:** Chris Bosh reacts after missing a shot in the second half of the NBA Finals against the Dallas Mavericks last night in Dallas. The Mavericks won the game 86-83 to tie the series at 2-2. Nowitzki shook off three poor quarters to score 10 of his 21 points in the final period as the Mavericks outscored the Miami Heat 21-9 over the final 10:12 for the victory in a memorable Game 4. The Mavs avoided going down 3-1, a deficit no team has ever overcome in the finals, and guaranteed the series will return to Miami for a Game 6 Sunday night.

(AP Photo)

## Chad Burrows on All-World baseball team

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AFTER helping the Bahamian connection at Faith Baptist Christian High School to an impressive showing in the Florida Christian Conference, Chad Burrows is now preparing to display his talent at the 2011 Power Showcase in December.

Burrows, a third-baseman/right-handed pitcher, was only one of the five players of the Eagles team selected to the 2011 Power Showcase All-World baseball team that will perform at Chase Field in Phoenix, Arizona - home to Major League Baseball's Arizona Diamondbacks.

"It's a good chance, a good opportunity for me to get some exposure

from it," said Burrows in an interview from Florida where he and some of the members of the team were going through a workout session.

"I think it's going to be good for me to go there and showcase my talent. But only one person gave me this opportunity and that is God. So I want to give all of my thanks to him."

However, the 6-foot-3, 210-pound Burrows said he was surprised that he got the opportunity, although he prayed for it.

"This should open my eyes to know that with a little more push, anybody can accomplish their dream," he stated. "I'm just glad that I did it."

As a junior, Burrows played on Faith Baptist Christian's team with

Bahamians Dino Sweeting, Crandon Wallace, Rodney Forbes and Addie Finley.

Together, the team went through the season with a perfect 11-0 win-loss record before the Eagles lost their only game 14-0 to the Arlington Country Day Apaches.

"There's not an I in team. Everybody worked hard. That was why we were so successful this year," Burrows said. "More importantly, everybody worked together."

Burrows, who went 48-for-78 with 52 runs batted in and 45 scored in the 20 games he played for the Eagles, got nothing, but praise from his team-mates.

"When you put God first and work hard, you will be rewarded," said Dino Sweeting, a second baseman. "I know that when he goes

there, he will perform very well."

Graduating versatile first baseman, pitcher and outfielder Crandon Wallace said the Showcase is such a huge one that all of the players have had to perform very well during the regular season to be selected.

"This is the real deal," Wallace said. "I think Chad did an excellent job and he deserved to be there."

And sophomore out-fielder/second baseman Rodney Forbes said it's great to see a Bahamian from such a small school selected to participate in such a prestigious tournament.

"This is a big tournament with some great players there," he said. "I'm looking for him to do very well

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FISHING

# Game-fishing quartet: 'We missed it by just one marlin'

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## Bahamian team wins silver medal in the international offshore world championship

FOR the second consecutive year, a quartet from the Bahamas has solidified its position as one of the top game-fishing quartets around the world.

The team of Paul King, Keith Kelty, Kristian Kwiecinski and Jimmy Bernard were awarded the silver medal in the 2011 International Game Fishing Association Offshore World Championship.

This prestigious tournament, also known as the Olympics of offshore fishing, was held May 8-13 in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

Each of the 59 teams qualified by winning an IGFA qualifying event to receive an invite to the World Championship.

A total of five teams from the Bahamas participated in the IGFA Offshore World Championships, including the 27th Treasure Cay Annual Billfish Tournament Bahamas (Lisa Flack, Eddie Flack, Scott Hitch, Migdalia Hitch), Lyford Cay Offshore Tournament (Basil Goulandris, William Stratton, Jacob Disston, Charles Biggie, Dean Adler), Harbourside Marine Bahamas Rotary Tuna Classic (Alberto Suighi, August Schnabel, Colin Callender, Gregory Cottis) and Spice Island Billfish Tournament (Anthony Brash, Nigel Bennett, Basil Aleong, Spencer Tardieu, Charles Brash, Albert Romain, James Craig).

This year's event featured 59 teams and 282 anglers from more than 25 countries. The billfish were also in attendance with the anglers catching a grand total of 282 striped marlin, 6 sailfish, 2 blue marlin and 2 swordfish.

Captain Paul King and his team released 16 striped marlin over the course of the four-day tournament for a total of 3,200 points.

On the final day, it came down to the wire as the Bahamian team released 4 striped marlin for 800 points vs. 2 striped marlin by the



**STRIKING SILVER:** The team of Paul King, Keith Kelty, Kristian Kwiecinski and Jimmy Bernard were awarded silver medal in International Game Fishing Association Offshore World Championship.

Champions for 400 points.

Unfortunately, it was not enough to secure the win. King and his team took the silver medal by a narrow difference of only 200 points.

After a slow start on day one, King and his team began to move up the rankings after they released six striped marlin on day two to move up to fourth.

On day three, they released an

additional four striped marlin and closed out the competition with four on the final day.

Kelty said after a pair of second place finishes, his team looks to continue its streak of success en route to an international championship.

"Last year, there were a few less teams and we placed second. This year, the number grew to about 60 teams and we placed second once

again. We didn't win but it was very close and we missed it by just one marlin," he said.

"I don't think we would change very much with what we are doing. We're very happy with the system that we have and it works. We have shown that it works for us to finish this high in consecutive years with the best from around the world. The Mexican team that won, they

pitched live bait only. They spot the Marlin and they pitch live bait to them, whereas we have a different style of fishing but it's effective and it's been proven to work just as well."

The team has won four local tournaments on the year, most recently the Lyford Cay Tournament which took place a week before the IGFA Championships.

## Part proceeds of junior fishing tourney for Ranfurly Home for Children

THE Bahamas Sport Fishing Network is pleased to announce that The Generations Junior Angler Tournament is all set for 10am to 3pm June 25 in Nassau.

The event is for anglers aged 12 and under and 13 to 17. There is a cost per boat for up to 5 anglers with multiple prize categories, according to a press release.

"Twenty children from Ranfurly Home will be participating and a portion of the proceeds from the event will be provided to support Ranfurly Home. Donations are welcome. Captain's meeting is 6pm June 23 at the Green Parrot with the weigh-in and

awards ceremony immediately following the meeting. Hamburgers and ice cream will be served at the awards ceremony for all participants," said the release.

### Captains

Any local captains that would like accommodate children from the Ranfurly Home for the event or any business or person that would like to donate prizes or make a financial contribution to the event, please contact Steven Cartwright at BSFN at 242-552-7618 or Nick Rademaker at Harbourside Marine at 242-393-0262.

"This is a great opportunity to take a child fishing and support the community. Your support and participation is greatly appreciated," the release added.

The Generations Junior Angler Tournament is sponsored by Harbourside Marine, BASRA, the Green Parrot and G&G Shipping.

The Bahamas Sport Fishing Network is producing the tournament in co-operation with tournament directors Nick Rademaker, Chris Lloyd, Peter Maury and Brooks Russell.

For more information, please visit [www.BahamasSportFishingNetwork.com](http://www.BahamasSportFishingNetwork.com)

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