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MP: BOUNDARIES COMMISSION 'LEAVES ELECTORAL PROCESS OPEN TO LEGALISED CHEATING'

By TANEKA THOMPSON
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THE current make-up of the Boundaries Commission leaves the electoral process open to "legalised cheating" and gerrymandering, claims Opposition Member of Parliament Dr Bernard Nottage.

The constitution enables four MPs - two from the governing party, one from the opposition and the Speaker of the House of Assembly - to sit on the commission. A judge must also be appointed.

Dr Nottage argued that sitting MPs should not be on the board because the opportunity to rig boundaries in their

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PUNCH EDITOR SET FOR COURT AFTER US CUSTOMS DETENTION

By CELESTE NIXON
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PUNCH editor Ivan Johnson is to appear in court today after being detained by US customs officers, police say.

According to police reports, the tabloid boss was arrested just after 5pm in the pre-clearance section of Sir Lynden Pindling Airport on Monday on suspicion of having made a false declaration.

Tribune sources confirmed Johnson was found with \$9,800 in his possession and was accompanied by two women carrying \$2,000 each.

Court dockets further claimed

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STAFF HAVE ONE MORE DAY TO DECIDE ON BTC SEVERANCE PACKAGES

By SANCHESKA BROWN

BAHAMAS Telecommunications Corporation employees have one more day to decide whether they will accept or decline the voluntary severance packages being offered by the new owners, Cable and Wireless.

Bahamas Communications and Public Officers Union (BCPOU) vice president Mario Curry said the majority of his members are leaning toward accepting the package. In fact, he says, the company may be surprised because the number is higher than they originally thought.

"I would say at least 40 per cent of the members want to take the package," he said.

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By NOELLE NICOLLS
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A FORMER senior administrator of the Education Loan Authority said he is not aware of any duties that would require the chief administrative officer to receive remuneration akin to a board member.

Howard Bastian, former chief administrative officer (CAO), said he did not receive any compensation outside of his salary for work rendered to the board of directors. He served as CAO from 2003 to 2006, on secondment from the National Insurance Board. He is no longer connected with the Education Loan Authority (ELA).

"No, I did not have to perform above and beyond my duties. If I did anything pertaining to the board it was in the capacity as the CAO. They were a part of my duties as CAO," said Mr Bastian.

He was questioned by *The Tribune* after it was reported that Deborah Jackson, current CAO, receives \$5,000 in "board remuneration", in addition to her more than \$50,000 salary.

Lowell Mortimer, chairman of the board, said the payment to Ms Jackson is not as a board member. He said it is an "ex gratia payment, or honorarium" for performing duties of service to the board "beyond"

her regular job.

He noted that Ms Jackson prepares documents for board meetings, but he did not specify what "above and beyond duties" she is required to perform.

Ms Jackson referred all comments to the chairman. She confirmed that Patrice Paul, ELA executive secretary, attends board meetings, being responsible for taking minutes. No records seen by *The Tribune* indicate Ms Paul receives board remuneration.

Under previous administrations, sources said it was standard for the CAO, with the executive secretary and the financial officer, to attend board meetings, and there was no "one-man band."

"There is no need for a stipend, because if everybody acted in their capacity then the CAO would not have no pile of work to do, no over-exorbitant nothing," said a *Tribune* source.

According to documents seen by the *Tribune*, Ms Jackson was paid a performance bonus of \$4,975 in January 2011. The documents indicated this cheque was signed by Ms Jackson in payment to herself. As one of only two signatories, *Tribune* sources claim, it is not uncommon for Ms Jackson to sign cheques to herself.

Hubert Chipman, deputy board chairman, said: "I am

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BODY FOUND IN BURNT OUT CAR



POLICE have issued an urgent appeal to relatives of missing persons after a body was found burnt beyond recognition yesterday.

The charred human remains were discovered inside a razed vehicle at the rear of Dignity Gardens subdivision, Carmichael Road shortly after 11:30am.

Persons with missing relatives are asked to come in to the Central Detective Unit to aid with identification efforts. Investigations are continuing.

Felipe Major/Tribune staff

RESORT 'HAS ADDRESSED MANY ISSUES' OF SCATHING 2002 REVIEW

THE world-famous One and Only Ocean Club on Paradise Island was branded the "worst luxury hotel ever" by a leading contributor for *Forbes.com* and the *Travel Edition of Cigar Aficionado* yesterday.

Larry Olmsted, a self-described expert on golf travel, reviewed in great detail his "unpleasant" visit at the luxury resort eight years ago, and the "unprofessional" service he received during

his stay.

His detailed description, which outlines poor service at the Dune Restaurant, "tired" food with "surly service" at the Courtyard Terrace, and a haphazard golf service, can also be found making the rounds on Facebook as Bahamians debated back and forth on the poor review.

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US diplomacy in Bahamas not understood

WE RECALL seeing during the Second World War a most effective poster of Uncle Sam, top hat and all, with a cautionary finger to his silent lips and the warning: "Lose lips costs lives."

The leaked diplomatic briefing cables flowing to Washington from the US Embassy on Queen's Street have not cost lives, not even reputations, but have just reaffirmed what Bahamians openly talked during that period about their politicians and the state of their country.

However, many Bahamians seem not to like the fact that their open talk got to the ears of Embassy officials through official channels.

We do not know whether Bahamians who complain about Americans informing Washington about our "dirty linen" really understand the functions of an embassy in a foreign country. Embassies and high commissions are not established just to take care of their own citizens who might find themselves in difficult situations far away from home, or to issue passports and visas. They are also here to promote friendly relations between our two countries, find out what the problems are in the host country as it relates to the embassy's home country so that a potential problem caught early can be settled by discussion and a friendly handshake. For this it is important to get to know the country's leaders, how they view various situations of mutual interest and how far they can be persuaded to be on "your side" when it comes time for that all important vote on various world issues at the UN. It is a world of friendly persuasion — for this it is important to know your neighbour, how they think, their ambitions and how far those ambitions can be meshed with your own. And so all these small and big talks — confidential as both sides thought they were — are all a part of a day's work in an embassy. In their reporting the US Embassy staff were doing their job — it is not their fault that their security was breached.

And for Opposition leader Perry Christie to complain that Embassy officials "seem to have taken on the FNM propaganda" about him is not realistic. US diplomats did not have to be told what to think about Mr Christie. Like others they had frequent dealings with him as prime minister, and like all those others, it is no coincidence that most arrive at the same conclusion. In one Embassy report it was said that Mr Christie "has always been weak and indecisive and lacks vision, but is a good man." This happened to be an Ingraham quote, but the same could have been said in all honesty, and without malice, by almost anyone who has ever

had to depend upon Mr Christie for a decision. The Americans would have arrived at the same conclusion in their own dealings with him.

During the drug years the performance of the Bahamas government and its citizens was important to the US because it was through the participation of so many Bahamians in the drug trade that American lives were being adversely affected. And so it was important to infiltrate the network, and keep the information flowing during the drug wars. The Americans during that era certainly knew who they could trust and not trust and that is why — as they did in Afghanistan — several surprise raids were conducted without their Bahamian counterparts being included in the planning. Probably that is why in the end — like Tribune staff — they trusted few in official circles.

It was during that period that Paul Adderley, then Attorney General, made a trip to Washington and came back home breathing fire and brimstone against The Tribune. He accused us of sending Tribune clippings to Washington to keep them informed on our narco-economy. Therefore, we were traitors.

Here at The Tribune at the time, not only were we fighting the drug trade, but we were fighting a government that was trying to close this newspaper down for the position we had taken. We had no time to be a newspaper clipping service for Washington. This was an example of the work of US Embassy staff in their business of keeping Washington informed.

It was during that period that at least two of our anti-drug editorials were read into the records of the US Senate. What Mr Adderley did not realise until the 1984 Commission of Inquiry report into the transshipment of drugs shook him into reality was that in his own government he was daily rubbing elbows with some of this country's real traitors.

Today we think that the Bahamas and the position of its government would be of great interest to the US — especially with China in a strong position at her backdoor in the Panama Canal, at her front door in the Bahamas, and infiltrated throughout the Caribbean basin. The world's two giant powers are now paddling in what was once America's exclusive zone of influence. For the sake of our country and its people when it comes to a crucial vote in the UN, let's hope that China and the US are on the same side. The day that the Bahamas has to make a choice as to which one it will support, will be the day that it will certainly have to do a mean "Long Island shuffle" to disappear into the shadows.

Wind power indeed feasible in Nassau

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I am referring to the article entitled "Wind Power Would Not Be Economically Feasible in Nassau" on June 27, 2011.

Firstly that is complete and absolute rubbish. Wind Power can and does work in the Bahamas, including in Nassau, in fact, wind speeds on New Providence, Nassau are on average 6.8 m/s (or 15.2 mph) at 150 ft hub height — excluding hurricane data — making it a Class III wind regime similar to most of North America.

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Mr THOMAS Schneider, B.Com
Chairman
Bahamas Renewable Energy Corporation
June 28, 2011.

Level the playing field, either handcuff all or handcuff none

EDITOR, The Tribune.

A policeman who was not handcuffed was charged with having sex with a minor and given a small bail and a lawyer who was handcuffed was charged with an unlicensed gun and given a \$10,000 bail and has to report to a police station every week.

Now I am not saying one way or the other who is guilty or who is innocent, but this is a clear example that the law is dispensed on an uneven playing field. Why was a man who has been charged with destroying a little girl's life not handcuffed? Does the police not think it serious enough to make sure this man is treated with the same contempt like any other accused.

Why has a reputable lawyer who is vying for political prominence handcuffed? Is this orchestrated to embarrass him or is this procedure? If it were procedure I would rest my case. But because the officer who was charged with rape was not handcuffed, then I could easily conclude that this exercise by the police was done intentionally to embarrass Paul Moss.

On the other hand, could this be an indication that the police do not take allegations of rape of a young girl, allegedly by a police officer, seriously? I would hate to believe that we as keepers of the gate have trivialized rape and focused on playing political games.

Again I must hasten to say, I do not know the particulars of either case, but I know for sure that perception is reality. It is high time that the playing field be levelled.

Either handcuff all persons charged or do not handcuff anyone. Stop this foolishness, document the procedure for all to know and the public would cooperate better.

A word to the wise is sufficient.

IVOINE INGRAHAM
Nassau,
June 21, 2011.

A TROUBLESOME QUESTION ABOUT THE DEATH PENALTY

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Re: Government plans legislation to strengthen death sentences. — The Tribune, June 21, 2011.

There are many interesting aspects to the capital punishment debate, such as why it is not a deterrent to murder. However, although it does have an enviable recidivism rate, it seems that those with the capital don't always get the punishment.

Bearing in mind that capital punishment is so completely irreversible, there is one troublesome question that we might ask ourselves when advocating it: Are our police, jurors and legal systems so infallible that we can always guarantee that 100 per cent of death sentence convictions are 100 per cent just and 100 per cent free of well-meaning human error?

If not, sooner or later, we might unintentionally leave ourselves open to the horrific tragedy of taking an innocent human life.

KEN W KNOWLES, MD
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June 26, 2011.

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OWNERS FACE PENALTIES IMPOSED BY PORT CONTROLLER

BOATS IN RESTRICTED AREA OF NASSAU HARBOUR MUST BE REMOVED TODAY

BOAT owners who have anchored their vessels in the restricted area of Nassau Harbour must remove them today or face penalties imposed by the port controller.

The small boats and fishing vessels clogging up the area around Potter's Cay dock will be removed by the port authority if not by their owners.

Port controller Commander Patrick McNeil said he is determined to clean up Nassau Harbour and keep it clean for the whole community.

He worked with the National Coastal Awareness Committee (NCAC) of volunteers from the public and private sector to remove 18 sunken vessels last

month, as they had been abandoned in the restricted area between Malcolm Park and the Bahamas Air Sea Rescue Association (BASRA) on the west side of Potter's Cay, and the Nassau Yacht Haven on the East side.

Commander McNeil said boaters must have his permission to anchor in the area, and he has made several public announcements to ensure the owners of small boats and fishing vessels kept at Potter's Cay are aware they must move them by July 1.

Once they are moved, he can continue to work with the NCAC to dredge up the refrigerators, toilets, batteries and

other heavy and toxic waste from the water near the popular eateries at Potter's Cay dock.

"We want to clean the sea bed from all the junk that's sitting on the bottom there, so persons will have to take charge of their vessels and relocate them," Commander McNeil said.

"I would do anything I could possibly do to assist them in trying to find a location for them, they can put them in a marina, or at a dock, or park them up on a trailer and carry them home, but there isn't anywhere for them in Nassau Harbour and we have to move them, we have to clean up.

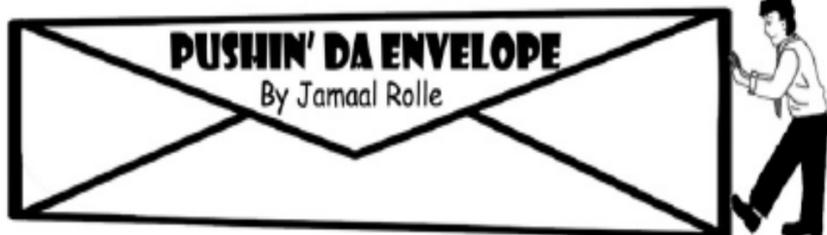
"We want to return the Port of Nassau to its natural beauty, it's going to take a bit of time, but we are going to be very persistent and focused towards that end."

Commander McNeil said he will ensure boats left in the restricted area are removed and owners pay the costs so taxpayers do not have to foot the bill.

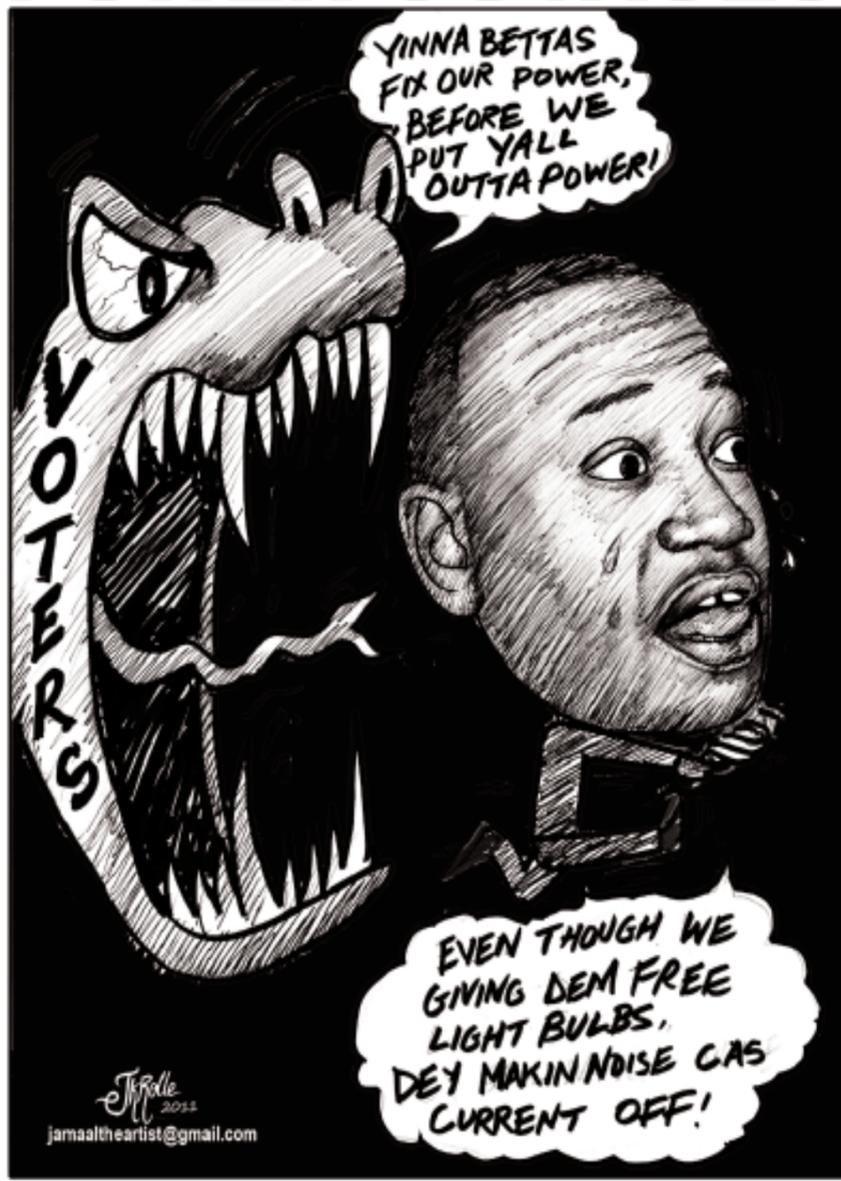
The courts will decide what happens to boats that are not claimed.

Commander McNeil is determined to ensure the hard work of the NCAC and volunteers will not be in vain, by ensuring no more boats are anchored or abandoned in the area.

The clean up project supported by the government ministries of tourism and the environment, extends to Malcolm Park where the Bahamas Football Association, with funding from FIFA, is installing recreational facilities for the public, including football facilities.



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Third man charged with murder of phone card vendor

A THIRD man charged in the murder of a phone card vendor was arraigned in Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Police have charged James Mombache with the February 26 murder of Charles Chrysotome.

Chrysotome, 27, was shot and killed during a home invasion in Domingo Heights.

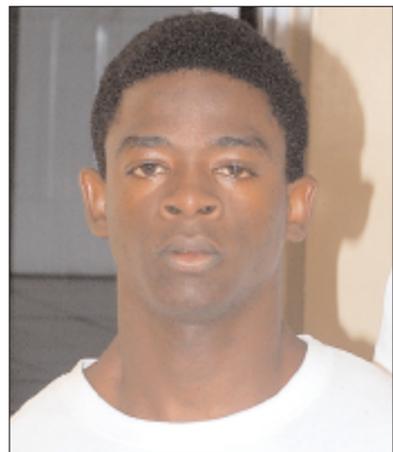
Mombache, 18, of Winders Terrace, was not required to enter a plea to the charge during his arraignment before Chief Magistrate Roger Gomez in Court One, Bank Lane.

He was not represented by a lawyer.

Twenty witnesses are listed on court dockets. Prosecutors will proceed with a voluntary bill of indictment, to be presented on August 5.

Mombache was remanded to Her Majesty's Prison.

Rodney Oneil Johnson, 19, of Garden Hills and Ricardo Brown, 23, of Kennedy Subdivision have also been charged in Chrysotome's murder.



CHARGED: 18 year old James Mombache at court yesterday.

Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

Turnquest: 'Operators should be able to purchase propane gas bonded'

By DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREPORT - Grand Bahama Port Authority licensees are entitled to bond privileges under the Hawksbill Creek Agreement, however, some are questioning why they are not able to purchase propane gas bonded for use at their businesses in Freeport.

Laundromat and restaurant operators in the Port area believe they are being put at a disadvantage and complained that the high cost of propane is affecting their businesses.

Two local laundromat owners made their concerns public by holding a demonstration last week near the Grand Bahama

Port Authority, which is the regulator for the Freeport area.

The Tribune attempted to contact Port Authority president Ian Rolle, however, he was unavailable for comment and did not return a call up to press time. The Tribune spoke with Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce President Peter Turnquest on Tuesday about the matter.

He felt that the operators should be able to purchase propane gas bonded.

"If they are licensees I see no reason why they should not be able to purchase it bonded. It is not as if it is going to a portable tank that they take to their house to use for personal consumption.

"It is obviously being used in their business and they ought

to be able to benefit from bonded concessions just like any other business. It is the same as if someone was using diesel in their truck; I don't see what the difference is," Mr Turnquest commented.

Mr Turnquest said he first heard about the situation last week. He said the men have not made any representation to the Chamber.

The laundromat operators are calling on more businesses that are affected to come forward.

"This has been going on for too long. Unfortunately, we in Grand Bahama sit back and do nothing and it is time that people who are affected by these things come out...because as long as they sit down, nothing will happen," they said.



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BPOSA voices concern over proposed Corrections Act

By CELESTE NIXON
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THE mission of Fox Hill Prison should not be changed from "punishment and retribution" to rehabilitation, according to a group of prison officers.

During a Press Conference held yesterday by the Bahamas Prison Officer Staff Association (BPOSA), their attorney Romona Farquharson said if reconditioning prisoners is going to be part the Prison Department's mandate, it should be conducted at a separate facility.

This, she said, is one of the BPOSA's core problems with the proposed Corrections Act.

According to Ms Farquharson, the prison is currently run as a state penitentiary more concerned with retribution and punishment than rehabilitation.

"If we move toward a correctional facility then we are talking more along the lines of rehabilitation and the entire structure would have to change and there would have to be further training of officers," she said.

Looking at the crime rate and the opinions of officers and the general public, Ms Farquharson said, the question needs to be asked who is calling for this change.

She said this has been one of the core issues on the mind of officers since the Act was first proposed some years ago.

Ms Farquharson added the association has met with a certain amount of resistance and even hostility when trying to voice its opinions.

Prior to the press conference, the National Congress of Trade Unions (NCTU) met with Prison Supt Dr Elliston Rahming and the BPOSA with the



ACCORDING to a group of prison officers, the mission of Fox Hill Prison should not be changed from "punishment and retribution" to rehabilitation.

hopes of moving forward with negotiations on amendments to the draft version of the Act.

NCTU president Jennifer Isaacs-Dotson said that a small step has been made in terms of all parties concerned being able to come together and talk.

tate them just simply talking to each other and to be able to move past a number of issues," said Mrs Isaacs-Dotson.

She noted that this meeting has been one of many attempts to facilitate negotiations.

In May, the NCTU met with Minister of National Security Tommy Turnquest to discuss issues and concerns expressed by the BPOSA and while a follow-up meeting was scheduled, ministry officials did not show up, the union leader said.

Dialogue

She said: "Social dialogue was the theme of the meeting because you have to be able to sit down and speak with each other to resolve issues."

Mrs Isaacs-Dotson said the BPOSA and prison executives will meet on July 18 and will be looking in detail at the Corrections Bill with the goal of coming to an agreement on amendments that would accurately represent concerns of all parties involved.

"The important thing for us was to be able to facili-

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POLICE FORCE YOUTH SUMMER CAMP 'WILL HELP REDUCE CRIME'



POLICE speak to the press at the East Street north police headquarters.

By LAMECH JOHNSON

OFFICERS responsible for the Royal Bahamas Police Force 18th annual Youth Summer Camp said that the programme is an opportunity for the force to help reduce the number of criminal activities that affects the country.

In a meeting with the press yesterday morning at the East Street north police headquarters, Supt Stephen Dean said that young people have become idle and new camp initiatives will help their policing plan.

"We have added a number of new initiatives to the camp and we believe this will go a long way with the police and our policing year plan, in engaging our young people in a positive environment. And this is an important part of the plan because if we can get to our young people, we believe that we can reduce the number of criminal activities that exist now in our Bahamaland."

He also revealed that the camp's duration would be extended for an additional two weeks. "So now instead of four weeks the camp will run for six weeks to meet the demands and needs of parents," he said.

Sgt Dean said plans were "well along the way for the start of the camp," which

opens on Monday with a ceremony at the Grants Town Seventh-day Adventist Church. He thanked the many corporate sponsors who continue to assist with the success of the camp.

There will be 10 camps under seven policing divisions at different school grounds in New Providence, in addition to camps throughout the family islands, said Sgt Dean. Those islands include Grand Bahama, Abaco, Cat Island, San Salvador, Exuma, Bimini and Long Island.

"All of these will be having camp simultaneously as will New Providence," he said.

Sgt Chrislyn Skippings spoke more on the emphasis of the camp for the six week period.

"This year," she said, "our programme will be focusing on four things. The Bible, culture, law, sports and the family so that would make five aspects we will be focusing on."

She also spoke about the addition of a speech competition that would help young people to "develop their

thoughts, to be able to work on their language skills as well as to be able to come up with solutions to problems that are happening in the country."

"This camp will be truly amazing, unlike anything the force would have ever had."

The camp will also add soccer to its sporting activities (basketball league and track and field meet) thanks to assistance from the Bahamas Football Association.

Supt Dean expects a larger attendance in the programme this year, surpassing last year's mark of 3,000 campers. "It has been working and continues to expand each year."

Officers in command of each camp will be joined by 200 collegiates this year.

The six week camp is for children ages 8-14, though Sgt Skippings says no child will be turned away if they are younger siblings of a camper.

The camp closes August 12 with a cultural concert at the National Centre for the Performing Arts.

HUMANE SOCIETY SEEKS HOME FOR DOBERMAN ROBIN

THE Bahamas Humane Society is trying to find a home for a very friendly Doberman named Robin.

She was terribly treated by her former owners, who hacked off one of her ears, used her for breeding and then abandoned her to starve.

Robin, who vets think is about three years old, has been living at a good foster home since being rescued and is recovering well.

But her foster parents are leaving Nassau next week, and Robin will find herself homeless again unless another loving family steps in.

She is described as a mellow, well trained dog that likes to lie in the sun or on the cool tiles indoors.

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JAMAICA TO HOST CEREMONY IN AUGUST

VINCENT SAUNDERS IN THE RUNNING FOR SANDALS 'ULTIMATE TEAM MEMBER' AWARD



NOMINEE: Vincent Saunders of the Sandals Royal Bahamian Resort

VINCENT Saunders, an employee at the Sandals Royal Bahamian Resort, has been nominated for Sandals Resorts International's prestigious "Ultimate Team Member of the Year Award" and will go to Jamaica for an awards ceremony to be held in August.

Mr Saunders was recently named Sandals Royal Bahamian's Prestige Award for Team Member of the Year, which made him eligible to be nominated for the top title.

"Being nominated was the best feeling in the world. I am still a bit mystified that they chose me. I thank the Sandals management team for seeing me and the hard work that I do. I love what I do and overall it is a great feeling to be recognised for your hard work and dedication," Mr Saunders said.

The "Ultimate Team Member of the Year Awards" were first held in 2009 at Sandals Grande Ocho Rios and were intended to reward the person who across Sandals Resorts International's properties best represented the qualities and characteristics of an ideal Sandals team member.

Mr Saunders, who is a member of Sandals Royal Bahamian's Butler Department, will be up for consideration for the title with finalists selected from the pool of 10,000 Sandals, Beaches, Royal Plantation and Grand Pineapple Beach Resorts' employees across the Caribbean.

Mr Saunders said his love of service and the desire to be the best at whatever he does led him to the hospitality industry and made him determined to become a butler.

"As a butler I am the first person they see when they come in and the last person they see when they go out. I basically direct their thoughts and ideas about the Bahamas and I believe I contribute a lot to my guests' impressions of Bahamians and the country," Mr Saunders said.

Last year's winner was Antiguan Nasasha White, a team member at Sandals Grande Antigua Resort and Spa.

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SANDALS SET FOR FOURTH SESSION OF HOSPITALITY TRAINING PROGRAMME

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This six-week training program is designed to provide participants with exposure, training and skills within the hospitality industry.

The program is free of charge and welcomes persons between the ages of 18 and 25.

At the end of the training, the participants are evaluated and those who pass the test will

graduate with a certificate and letter of recommendation signed by General Manager of Sandals Royal Bahamian Patrick Drake.

If the resort has vacant positions in a student's area of training following graduation the person will likely be offered employment at Sandals.

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2011-2012 OFFICERS AND BOARD TAKE OVER

ROTARACT CLUB HOLDS CHANGEOVER CEREMONY

RSENC'S ROTARACT OF THE YEAR award winner (2009-2010) Kenyatta Rolle (centre), Chantal Curtis (left) and Rishad Bain (right).



RISHAD BAIN (centre) was presented the Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow Award for outstanding achievement. The award is being presented by Sean Blyden (left), Rotary Club of South East Nassau Youth advisor and Marvin Bethell (right), outgoing Rotary Club of South East Nassau President.



THE ROTARACT CLUB of South East Nassau Centennial (RSENC) held its change-over ceremony for its new 2011-2012 Officers and Board on Thursday.

Rotaract, a Rotary sponsored community service club, is made up of young men and women ages 18-30. Rotaract stands for "Rotary in Action."

The sponsor club for RSENC is the Rotary Club of South East Nassau (RSENC) who formed the group in 2005. RSENC meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Nassau Yacht Club.

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Mr. Dennis Dean394-3654

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Members of the Public are urged to be careful about purchasing any lots in the disputed areas of Nassau Village Subdivision. Land owners in the disputed areas of Nassau Village are also urged not to enter into any arrangements with any company or individual respecting their land. It is the view of the Association that many of the land owners in Nassau Village have valid legal titles to their land and that their titles need to be protected. Such land owners should not give into any individual or company who tries to pressure them into signing an agreement with them to get a better title, when in fact they already have good and marketable titles.

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RESORT 'HAS ADDRESSED MANY ISSUES' OF SCATHING 2002 REVIEW

A portion of Mr Olmsted's post reads: "The only consistent thing about our stay was unfriendly and unwelcoming, often hostile, service across the board. Then a few months later a friend of mine who was the sales manager of a major pharmaceutical company had a contest and took his two top salespeople and their wives on an all-expense paid trip to the Ocean Club, booking three rooms and spending a lot of money, and when we debriefed, he basically had most of the same problems I had, said the front desk totally screwed his bill up and tried to overcharge him, and he vowed not to return. I completely understood."

In response yesterday, Alex Kim, the general manager of the One and Only at Ocean

Club, issued a statement that said while Mr Olmsted was not looking for an apology for his service, the resort was still sorry that the time he spent at the resort did not meet his expectations.

"We are always seeking to improve our guest experience and while I cannot speak to your service in 2002 (which is when our records show you last stayed with us), I can assure you that we have addressed many of the issues and challenges you outline in your review since your visit nearly a decade ago," said Mr Kim.

"We take your feedback very seriously and while there is no excuse for poor service, we would like to take this opportunity to update you on some of

the changes that have taken place at the resort since 2002. Since your stay, we have invested more than \$30 million in resort upgrades and maintenance, including the creation of three 4,400 square foot sea-side villas and a complete interior renovation of the Crescent Wing's 40 beachfront rooms and 10 beachfront suites (which is where our records show you stayed)."

Mr Kim said the resort also recently renovated the Courtyard Terrace and appointed a new executive chef and menu.

"While we have received a number of honours from leading travel and golf publications already in 2011 (including Conde Nast Traveler, Travel+Leisure, Golfweek and Golf

Digest), one award which truly speaks to our inroads in service that I wanted to share with you was our current ranking as the number four resort in the Atlantic Ocean by the readers of Condé Nast Traveler in October 2010. This is the sixth time we have been honoured with a top ranking by CNT's Reader's Choice Awards since we opened in 2000.

"I joined the One and Only Ocean Club as general manager in 2010 and have lived and worked in the Bahamas since 2003.

"Like any international destination, there are certainly challenges and perceptions to be overcome, but I strongly believe in the dedication and warmth of the Bahamian peo-

ple and my team at Ocean Club.

"On behalf of my entire team, we thank you for your

feedback and promise to continue working at creating the best possible experience for our guests."

MP ON BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

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favour is too tempting.

He said: "I do not believe that serving members of Parliament on the commission best serves the implied independence of the process. This process so critical to free and fair elections that, in my view, it should be taken out of the hands of active politicians. The temptation, pressures, the opportunity for partisan political mischief is just too great."

The Prime Minister also has the power to alter the decisions of the commission to his advantage, Dr Nottage said, which makes the whole process even more partisan.

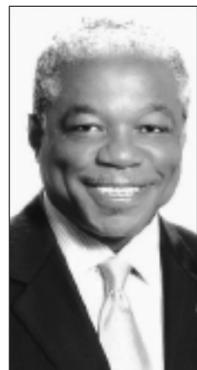
"I call that legalised cheating," the Bain and Grants Town MP said, during the debate on amendments on the Parliamentary Elections Act.

The commission should be formed with independent and impartial members from civil society who should be tasked with reviewing the boundaries from time to time. Dr Nottage also called for reforms to the powers of the Prime Minister to take away his ability to interfere in the commission's choices.

The creation of a permanent voter register – an idea PM Hubert Ingraham has said he is in favour of – should eliminate the justification of appointing the boundaries commission which cuts new constituency lines near the next general election, said Dr Nottage.

The former health minister, who held the post in the Christie administration, also lamented the plight of "functionally stateless" persons born in this country to foreign parents – many Haitians – who are unaware of the process of obtaining Bahamian citizenship.

He told Parliament that current laws make it impossible for many young residents who are entitled to Bahamian citizenship to exercise their right to vote because of bureaucratic hurdles to naturalisation.



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“Some already have jobs lined up, some are looking forward to retiring and starting a new life. So the number may be a bit more than the 400 people BTC anticipated.”
But Mr Curry also pointed out it is still at the discretion of the company to decline some employees.
He said while the deal is a good one, he thinks they could have got more. Mr Curry said he would like BTC to consider giving increments

BTC staff

to the members they turn down for the packages.
“I think they should at least get an increment and a half or double increment in addition to their salary. We know it’s a win-win situation for the company and they will make money. As a measure of good faith, I think they should at least give them something,” said

Mr Curry.

BTC is offering five weeks salary per year of service to employees aged 45 and under who accept the package. The maximum payment would be 104 weeks salary.

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All employees will also receive a lump sum payment to cover medical coverage for one year following separation.

After the Friday deadline, employees of BTC have to wait four to six weeks to find out if they have been selected to receive the package.

PUNCH EDITOR SET FOR COURT

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that Johnson, 58, of West Hill Street, Christine Toote, 22, and Michell Gomez, 21, made a false declaration to a US officer just prior to entering the US Customs area.
It is further alleged the three made a false declaration that they were not carrying in excess of \$10,000 when they were found to be in possession of \$13,685 US and \$90 in Bahamian currency.
Johnson is expected to be arraigned tomorrow on charges of making a false declaration and failing to declare.

FAMILY ISLAND LISTINGS

DEVELOPED RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL



1. CARAVEL BEACH SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 75
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Six-Plex Apartment Complex
PROPERTY SIZE: 19,055 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The subject property is located on Bonita Lane and Bluefish Street.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$462,649



2. MALIBOO REEF ESTATES SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 104
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Residential / Duplex
PROPERTY SIZE: 11,866 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The subject property is located Galleon Avenue & Outrigger Court.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$300,000

3. BAHAMIA NORTH SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 7 Block LN Unit 1
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Incomplete Single Storey Apartment structure
PROPERTY SIZE: 0.98 acres
LOCATION: The subject property is located south on Cadwallader Jones Drive.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$91,000

6. GRASMERE, UNIT 1 SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 3 Block 15
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Family Residence, 3 beds / 2 baths
PROPERTY SIZE: 13,500 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The subject property is located on Glenburn Drive and East Indiaman Road.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$173,000

9. LINCOLN PARK SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 1 Block 51 Unit 3
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Incomplete Single Family Residence, 3 beds / 2 baths
PROPERTY SIZE: 0.41 acres
LOCATION: The subject property is located on the southern side of Crossjack Road.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$126,456

12. POINCIANA GARDENS SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 53
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Duplex Apartment, 2 beds / 2 baths
PROPERTY SIZE: 0.26 acres
LOCATION: The subject property is located on Nelson Road.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$80,000

15. YEOMAN WOOD SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 26 Block 55 unit 2
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Family Residence, 3 beds / 2 baths
PROPERTY SIZE: 0.23 acres
LOCATION: The subject property is located on the northwestern side of Fiddlers Green Road and Spinney Road.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$130,200

4. CARGILL CREEK SETTLEMENT - ANDROS
LOT NO. 30
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Duplex Apartment Building
PROPERTY SIZE: 21,000 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The subject property is situated on the east side of the Queens Highway.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$188,000

7. GRASMERE UNIT 1 SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 13, Block 1 Unit 1
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Family Residence, 4 beds / 3 baths
PROPERTY SIZE: 18,000 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The subject property is located north of S. Ringwood Drive.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$283,000

10. LINCOLN PARK SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 5 Block 51 Unit 3
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Family Residence, 3 beds / 2 baths
PROPERTY SIZE: 0.26 acres
LOCATION: The subject property is located on the western side of Churchill Drive.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$126,456

13. ROYAL BAHAMIAN ESTATES SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 14 Block 3 Section B
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Incomplete Single Family residential structure
PROPERTY SIZE: 0.34 acres
LOCATION: The subject property is located on the eastern side of a minor street called Madeira Lane and east of Beach Way Drive.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$67,000

5. FREEPORT CITY SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 5, Block “J”
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Condominium Apartment No. 219 2 beds / 2 baths
PROPERTY SIZE: 1,177 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The subject property is located at Jansel Court Condominium, East Mall Drive and East Atlantic Drive.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$85,000

8. HAWKSBILL SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 124
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Family Residence, 1 bed / 1 bath
PROPERTY SIZE: 5,400 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The subject property is located on Abaco Drive.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$70,000

11. MURPHY TOWN - ABACO
LOT NO. Crown Allotment #77
Parcels “A” and “B”
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Storey Structures
PROPERTY SIZE: Each 7,000 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The subject property is situated on Great Abaco Harbour Road off the main Murphy Town Road.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$135,000

14. WINDSOR PARK SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 22 Block 2
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single storey Duplex, 3 beds / 2 baths Units
PROPERTY SIZE: 0.34 acres
LOCATION: The subject property is facing the southern side of Regent Row; a minor street connecting to Waterfall Drive.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$356,000

VACANT LOTS

1. BAHAMA SOUND - EXUMA
LOT NO. 6521 Section 8 East
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lot, 10,000 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The vacant lot is located 11 miles west of George Town and 2 miles northwest of Moss Town Airport.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$30,000

6. GRAND BAHAMA EAST SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 220 Block “E” Section 2
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lot, 0.23 acres
LOCATION: The vacant lot is located on the northwestern side of Okamua Avenue.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$15,000

11. LINCOLN GREEN SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 10 Block 3 Unit 5
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lot, 0.40 acres
LOCATION: The vacant lot is located near the southern end of Lambeth Place and east of Churchill Drive.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$41,000

16. LUCAYAN ESTATES SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 18 Block 112 Unit 12
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lot, 1.0 acre.
LOCATION: The vacant lot is located on the western side of Rutland Road, a minor unpaved road which connects to Awston Drive.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$9,000

21. SUNRISE PARK SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 57
PROPERTY SIZE: Duplex Lot, 0.29 acres
LOCATION: The vacant lot is located on Gladstone Terrace.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$26,000

2. BAHAMIA NORTH SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 10, Block AN, Unit 2
PROPERTY SIZE: Duplex, 12,000 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The vacant lot is located at the intersection of Woods Rodgers Drive and Santa Maria Avenue North.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$50,000

7. GRAND BAHAMA EAST SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 152 Block “D” Section 2
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lot, 0.23 acres
LOCATION: The vacant lot is located on the south side of Kay Avenue West of Drayton Street Intersection.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$15,000

12. LINCOLN GREEN SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 46 Block 16 Unit 5
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lot, 13,800 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The vacant lot is located on the southern side of Moor Drive & Moor Close.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$30,000

17. LUCAYAN ESTATES SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 10 Block 32 Unit 3
PROPERTY SIZE: 1.2 acres
LOCATION: The vacant lot is located on the northwestern part of the Clarendon Road and Alnwick Drive East intersection.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$10,500

22. YEOMAN WOOD SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 38 Block 9 Unit 3
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lot, 0.22 acres
LOCATION: The vacant lot is located on the southern side of Fiddlers Green.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$20,000

3. DERBY SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 9 Block 17 Unit 3
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lot, 0.30 acres
LOCATION: The vacant lot is located on Queens Highway and Dagenham Drive.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$33,000

8. HOLMES ROCK - GRAND BAHAMA
LOT NO. Tract of Land
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lot, 0.20 acres
LOCATION: The vacant lot is located on the southern side of Queens Highway and eastern side of PC Plaza.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$20,000

13. LINCOLN GREEN SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 52, Block 16, Unit 5
PROPERTY SIZE: Duplex, 14,800 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The vacant lot is located on the northeastern corner of Moor Drive and Moor Close.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$45,000

18. MURPHY TOWN - ABACO
LOT NO. Crown Allotment #49
PROPERTY SIZE: Multi-family 10,000 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The vacant lot is situated on the Great Abaco Harbour Road off the main Murphy Town Road.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$28,000

4. DERBY SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 2 Block 4 Unit 2
PROPERTY SIZE: Multi-family Canal Front Lot, 0.35 acres
LOCATION: The vacant lot is located on the western side of a minor cul-de-sac called Lindsell Road which connects to Lindsell Drive.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$120,000

9. HUDSON ESTATES SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 393
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lot, 7,493 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The vacant lot is located on Nansen Avenue & West of Coral Road.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$34,000

14. LUCAYA ESTATES SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 5 & 6 Block 48 Unit 5
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lots, 1.0 acre each
LOCATION: The vacant lots are located on the southern side of Alnwick Drive and Richmond Road.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$11,000 each

19. MURPHY TOWN - ABACO
LOT NO. 27 in Crown Allotment #125
PROPERTY SIZE: Multi-family 15,000 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The vacant lot is situated off the Front Street of Murphy Town.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$37,500

5. FORTUNE POINT SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 11 Block 2 Unit 3
PROPERTY SIZE: Duplex Lot, 0.35 acres.
LOCATION: The vacant lot is located on the western side of Pearl Drive and Pearl Close.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$44,000

10. LINCOLN GREEN SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 3 Block 16 Unit 2
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lot, 20,250 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The vacant lot is located on the southern side of a minor street called Fulton Lane and East Sunrise Highway.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$47,000

15. LUCAYA ESTATES SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 6 & 7 Block 31 Unit 3
PROPERTY SIZE: Single Family Lots, 1.08 acre each
LOCATION: The vacant lots are located on the southern side of Eastnor Avenue.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$11,000 each

20. ROYAL PALM BAY SUBDIVISION - FREEPORT
LOT NO. 23 Block 21
PROPERTY SIZE: Multi-Family Lot, 17,500 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The vacant property is located on the southern side of Bartlow Road and Fortune Bay Drive.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$55,000

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LOCAL NEWS

CONFUSION SURROUNDS DEATH OF MAN AFTER TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

By LAMECH JOHNSON

THERE has been confusion surrounding the cause of death of an elderly man following a traffic accident in southwestern New Providence.

Former musician and sloop sailing enthusiast, John Gibson, 78, died in hospital after being rushed from Cowpen Road where he had the accident occurred.

On the eve of Father's Day, June 18, Mr Gibson was driving a 1995 silver Dodge Stratus heading north across Cowpen Road when there was a collision with a car driven by Sidney Jones, heading east on the same road. Both drivers were injured and taken to hospital. Gibson died shortly before 5pm the same day.

The subsequent confusion started at the hospital. Family claimed a doctor, overseeing Mr Gibson after he was admitted to the Princess Margaret Hospital, failed to give clear information about the patient's condition to family and police.

Jane Gibson-Major, daughter of Mr Gibson, says she and her

family were upset by the physician announcing that her father died from a heart attack when an autopsy report days later revealed death was caused by injuries from the accident.

"The doctor responsible for daddy in the accident and emergency came out and announced to the police that he died of a heart attack. Sixteen of daddy's family members were there in the lobby waiting and he did that to us. That was not professional at all."

She also alleges the doctor relayed this information to the police.

In the traffic report issued to the family, autopsy results conducted by Dr Leander Farrington of PMH's Rand Laboratory, revealed his death was the result of "multiple blunt force injuries to the head, chest and pelvis" said to be "consistent with the history of a road traffic accident."

The *Tribune* spoke with Sgt 2100 Carlos Mitchell of the Traffic Division, one of those investigating the traffic accident, who confirmed that the doctor at

Princess Margaret Hospital had made those claims.

Sgt Mitchell said: "When he arrived at the hospital, the attending physician would have noted on his hospital form, 'heart attack or likely to be caused by heart attack'."

This aroused suspicion among family members and resulted in miscommunication with the police. The officer said that a police report could not be issued without the findings from the pathologist as to the cause of death.

"So for us to begin a fatality investigation, we must confirm, 'okay it was not a heart attack'. Only a pathologist can do that."

Following this and inspecting the damaged car driven by the victim Sgt Mitchell said "from my experience I said, 'hold on, this may not be a heart attack,' we might have to jump on this case."

The *Tribune* found the doctor overseeing the victim on June 18 and spoke with him on the matter. He denied telling the family or police that Mr Gibson died

from a heart attack.

He said: "I don't know how he died and no I never announced that (heart attack). I told them that possibly he could have because when he came in clearly, he was sweating, clammy. I told them I don't know if it's a heart attack or chest injury, I don't know."

He based the possibilities of a heart attack on Gibson's hypertension and diabetic history along with age but said it was impossible to say a heart attack because "in order to have a heart attack (result) you would have to have blood tests, an ECG and he had just come in when I had spoken to them so it's impossible for me to say that he had a heart attack."

He also noted that Mr Gibson had arrived during a shift change at the hospital and hadn't been with him for long.

Mrs Gibson-Major is sticking with her story. She claims that witnesses present heard the doctor make the statement about the heart attack.

"Sixteen of daddy's family was there when he said daddy died of a heart attack. And furthermore daddy was not diabetic, he had high blood pressure, but he was not a diabetic."

As this incident had not been mentioned to the press, she and the family had initial concerns about the handling of the case.

Mr Gibson's son had arrived on the scene of the accident shortly after hearing the news.



ONE OF THE CARS damaged in the collision.

He said that the police officer not only arrived more than two hours late, but also dismissed the son's requests to take measurements at the scene from where both drivers were taken by ambulance to the hospital.

Supt Caroline Bowe said it is not the traffic division's policy to report accidents to the press. It is the job of the press liaison officer.

Sgt Chrislyn Skippings, press liaison officer, said she did not receive information about the accident. However, she said, such things do happen, but not intentionally.

"Sometimes these things happen with the number of things going on. It's not intentional, but it happens sometimes."

Supt Bowe could not confirm or deny the claim about the time that the traffic officer arrived on the scene. As for drawing tape for measurements or pictures, she said: "Now in that case he might not have been equipped. And so if he was not equipped, then he would not have been in a position to draw measurements."

"It (June 18 car accident) started out as an accident with injuries because when he left the scene of the accident he was very much alive."

Sgt Mitchell agreed and stated the officer "did all that was required of him to do in that situation. He drew a sketch of the position of the vehicles at the accident and jotted down the necessary information."

He said the issue was not the officer carrying out his duties, but "the problem with that was Mr Gibson did not die on the scene." Nevertheless, he said the case has almost been completed and police are waiting for the family to produce witnesses who were at the scene of the accident before making a final decision on the case.

The funeral service for Mr Gibson will be held at the Church of God Hall on Joe Farrington Road at 10am on Saturday. A memorial service will be held today at 7pm in the New Mount Zion South Beach Church on Blue Hill Road.



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NOTICE

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF TRADE UNIONS

The Public is hereby notified that the Registration of following Trade Unions have been cancelled pursuant to section 15 subsection 1(b) and 2 of the Industrial Relations Act Chapter 321 Statute Laws of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

- Johnny Canoe Restaurant Employees Union
- South Eleuthera Taxi Cab Union
- The New Providence Restaurant and Allied Service Employees Union
- Cable Beach Bus Drivers and Owners Association
- Montaque Vendors Association

[Signature]
Harcourt V. Brown
Registrar of Trade Unions

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not aware of any cheques signed by Ms Jackson to Ms Jackson." Mr Chipman, a chartered accountant, said he does not sign ELA cheques. The alternate signatory is executive secretary, Patrice Paul, according to sources.

The various forms of compensation paid to Ms Jackson are noted in the ongoing audit being conducted by the Auditor General's Department, covering the period January 2007 to January 2011. The audit is not complete.

Terrance Bastian, auditor general, did not return calls. Roger Forbes, senior deputy auditor general, said: "I think you need to speak to the auditor general. He is in charge of the office."

Until the findings are published they are just "audit notes", said a *Tribune* source. Questions raised by auditors in the investigation are "not suspicions"; they are "just questions", said the source.

"Yes there may be things which are not done properly, but come on. There is a process. You cannot base stories on audit notes."

When asked to explain claims from *Tribune*

Stipend of admin officer

sources alleging that on more than one occasion Ms Jackson was paid a \$10,000 per diem, Mr Mortimer refused to comment. However, Mr Bastian said he "cannot imagine any job as CAO that would require a \$10,000 per diem."

Mr Mortimer confirmed Ms Jackson is also paid a \$10,000 honorarium for the duties she performs as financial officer. The financial officer is a statutory position established under the Education Loan Authority Act. That position has been vacant at the ELA for over three years.

The ELA has made repeated requests to the Ministry of Education for an appointment, according to *Tribune* sources. Those requests have been denied, said the source. The ELA Act empowers the minister of education to appoint a financial officer. Asked why no appointment has been made, Desmond Bannister, Minister of Education said: "Right now I am having an audit of the ELA. When that is finished I will make some decisions about the operation of the ELA. It is not as cut and dry as you think it is."

Hotel Seeks Human Resource Manager

Essential Duties:

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All submissions will be kept confidential.

Qualified persons should apply before July 18, 2011

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Tribune Trivia

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Yesterday's Answer

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS



A PROTESTER wears a mask as he gestures during clashes with security forces in Cairo, Egypt, Wednesday. (AP)

TWO DAYS OF STREET BATTLES IN CAIRO

CLASHES REVEAL EGYPT'S VOLATILITY FIVE MONTHS LATER

CAIRO
Associated Press

TWO DAYS of street battles between security forces and protesters in Cairo show just how volatile Egypt remains nearly five months after the popular uprising that ousted authoritarian leader Hosni Mubarak.

More than 1,000 people were hurt in the unrest Tuesday and Wednesday, driven by discontent over the slow pace of justice for old regime figures accused of corruption and killing protesters.

The clashes in Tahrir Square — the worst since the 18-day uprising — add a new layer to an already painful and chaotic transition from Mubarak's regime to democratic rule under the supervision of the military.

The violence will likely set back efforts to empower the discredited police to fully take back the city's crime-ridden streets after they melted away during the early days of the Jan. 25 to Feb. 11 uprising.

Additionally, it will almost certainly deepen the distrust felt by many Egyptians toward the 500,000-strong security forces blamed for the worst human rights abuses during Mubarak's 29-year rule.

Gigi Ibrahim, one of the protesters, said security forces rained tear gas on demonstrators this week.

"It was like January 25 again," she said. "The protesters have enough anger, either because change has not come or because the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces hasn't done enough" to meet their demands.

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokesman Mark Toner said the latest unrest "underscores the fact that this is a very difficult period for Egypt."

"It's a period of transition and we remain committed to assisting the people of Egypt as they make their way through this period of democratic transition," Toner said. "Transparency and rule of law are absolutely crucial and violence by any party will not help achieve the goals of the January 25 revolution."

In addition to discontent over serving justice to Mubarak and stalwarts of his regime, the country is plagued by a dramatic surge in crime and divided by a debate on whether a new constitution should be drafted before or after parliamentary elections due later this year.

Many Egyptians also fear that Islamists are poised to dominate the country, taking advantage of the weakness of liberal and leftist groups born out of the uprising. Others are worried that remnants of Mubarak's regime are undermining the nation.

The ruling military issued a statement on its Facebook page asserting the clashes were designed to "destabilize the country" and drive a wedge between the opposition and security forces. It called on Egyptians not to join the protests.

Security officials said at least 30 protesters were arrested and were being questioned by military interrogators. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

The clashes had an immediate impact on the country's stock market, whose benchmark index tumbled 2 percent Wednesday.

Riot police fanned out around the Interior Ministry building in Cairo's downtown area and fired in the air or used tear gas as demonstrators threw rocks and firebombs. The fighting left streets littered with rocks and debris. A heavy, white cloud of tear gas hung over the area.

By late afternoon, army troops backed by armored vehicles took over from riot police, closing all roads leading to the Interior Ministry complex, the official Middle East News Agency, MENA, reported.

Ihab el-Manharawi, a 27-year-old protester injured in the January protests, said this week's violence reminded him of the deadly

clashes with security forces earlier this year.

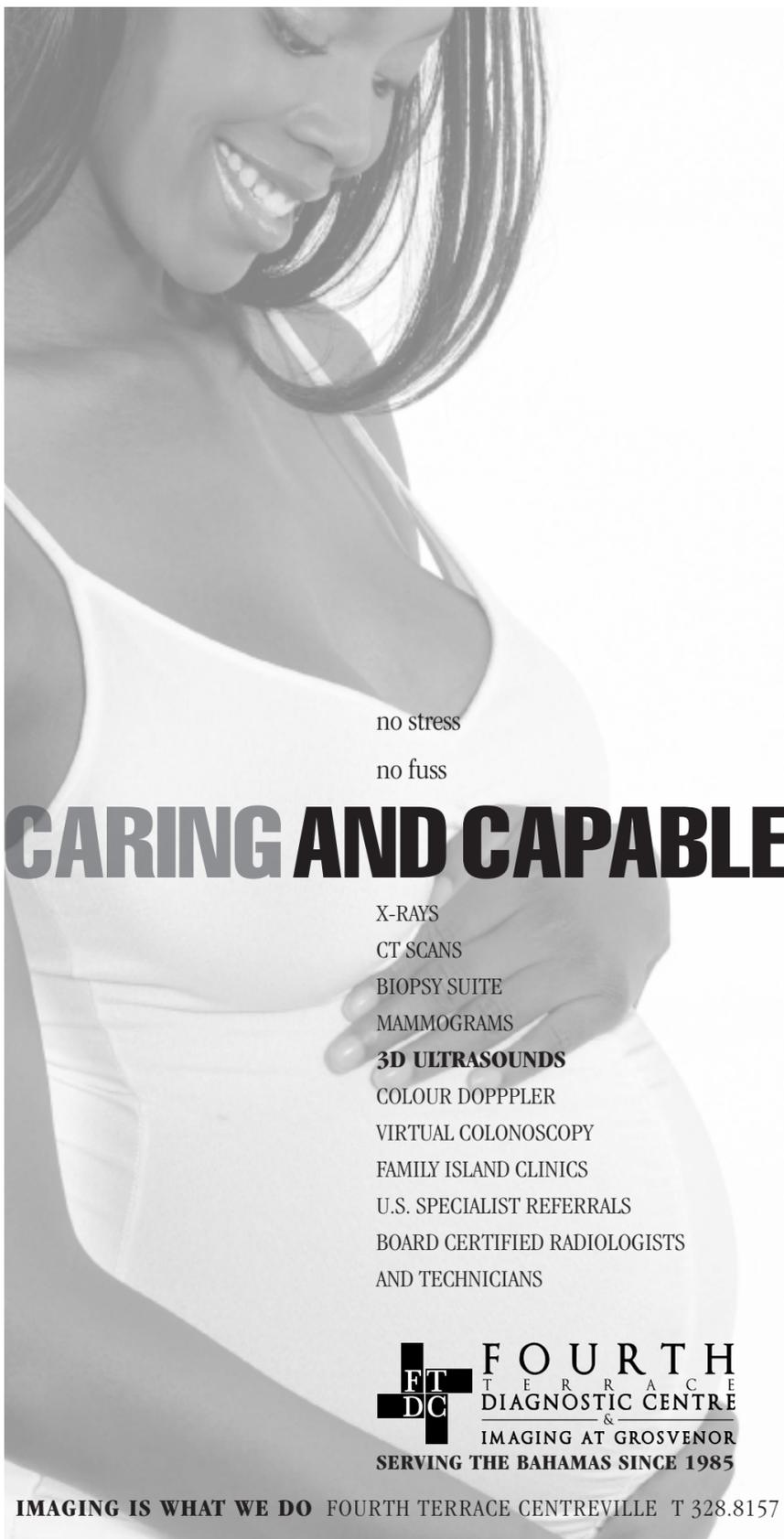
"When I saw that, I didn't care. ... I joined the protesters," he said. "The same old tactics ... People have changed, but they haven't. We wanted to believe it for a while, but the mindset (of Egypt's current leaders) is still the same. These people must leave."

More than 1,000 people were injured, MENA quoted Assistant Health Minister Abdul-Hameed Abazah as saying. About 900 were treated at the scene and more than 120 went to hospitals. Most of the injured suffered from gas inhalation, cuts, bruises and concussions, he said. At least 18 cars and 11 stores were damaged.

Ambulances, cars and motorbikes ferried the wounded to hospitals, while volunteer doctors and nurses treated others on the sidewalks.

Some protesters used scarves to shield their faces from tear gas. They pelted police cars with rocks and advanced when the riot police lines retreated.

The main chant back in January and February — "the people want to oust the regime!" — was replaced by screams of "the people want to oust the field-marshal," a reference to Mohammed Hussein Tantawi, Mubarak's long-time defense minister and chairman of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces that has taken over.



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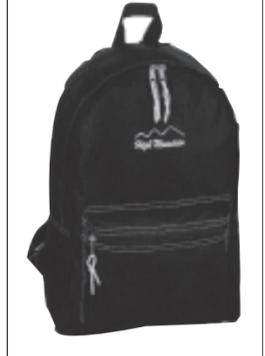
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

UK CLAIMS IRAN CONDUCTING SECRET BALLISTIC MISSILE TESTS

LONDON
Associated Press

IRAN has conducted covert tests of ballistic missiles in addition to a 10-day programme of public military maneuvers, Britain alleged on Wednesday.

Foreign Secretary William Hague told the House of Commons that there had been secret experiments with missiles that would be able to deliver a nuclear weapon, but did not specify precisely when the tests had taken place.

Iran has "been carrying out covert ballistic missiles tests and rocket launches, including testing missiles capable of delivering a nuclear payload," Hague said.

Britain believes Tehran has conducted at least three secret tests of medium-range ballistic missiles since October, amid an apparent escalation of its nuclear program and scrutiny from the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Iran is currently displaying its military hardware in a series of war games in an apparent show of openness, and on Tuesday fired 14 missiles in public tests.

However, the U.K. believes that the covert missile tests show Iran's leaders are seeking to avoid scrutiny over the real extent of their weapons programmes.

"On the back of the recent IAEA report and the unanswered questions about its nuclear programme, they only serve to undermine further Iran's claims that its nuclear program is entirely for civilian use," said a Foreign Office spokesman, on customary condition of anonymity in line with policy.

An IAEA report last month listed "high-voltage firing and instrumentation for explosives testing over long distances and possibly underground" as one of seven

"areas of concern" that Iran may be conducting clandestine nuclear weapons work.

Hague also said Britain was concerned over Tehran's decision to increase its capacity to enrich uranium to a higher level at the Fordo site near the holy city of Qom in central Iran.

"It has announced that it intends to triple its capacity to produce 20 percent enriched uranium. These are enrichment levels far greater than is needed for peaceful nuclear energy," Hague said.

Uranium

Low-enriched uranium — at around 3.5 percent — can be used to fuel a reactor to generate electricity, while uranium enriched to around 90 percent purity can be used to develop a nuclear warhead.

Enriching to 90 percent can be done much more easily from material enriched to 20 percent purity than from low-enriched material.

Some Western officials claim Iran is accelerating its attempts to produce a nuclear weapon, partly because leaders have been shaken by protests against authoritarian regimes across the Middle East.

Iran and the West remain in dispute over its nuclear program. The U.S. and its allies insist it is aimed at developing atomic weapons — a charge Iran rejects.

"We will maintain and continue to increase pressure on Iran to negotiate an agreement on their nuclear program," Hague said.

Hague also condemned Tehran over its support of the violent crackdown on anti-regime demonstrations in Syria.

"Iran continues to connive in the suppression of legitimate protest in Syria and to suppress protests at home," he said.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

MORE DRONE STRIKES, SPECIAL OPERATIONS RAIDS
WHITE HOUSE UNVEILS NEW PLAN TO HUNT AL-QAIDA

WASHINGTON
 Associated Press

THE United States will push ahead with more targeted drone strikes and special operations raids and fewer costly land battles like Iraq and Afghanistan in the continuing war against al-Qaida, according to a new national counterterrorism strategy unveiled Wednesday.

The doctrine, two years in the making, comes in the wake of the successful special operations raid that killed al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden in May, and a week after President Barack Obama's announcement that U.S. troops will begin leaving Afghanistan this summer.

The document is a purposeful departure from the Bush administration's global war on terror. The worldwide hunt for terrorists that began after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks focused first on Afghanistan, and small numbers of al-Qaida are still active there.

White House counterterrorism chief John Brennan said the reworked doctrine acknowledges the growing threat of terrorism at home, including al-Qaida attempts to recruit and attack inside the United States.

Brennan told a Washington audience Wednesday that more resources would be spent on the fight at home to spot would-be militants and their recruiters.

"Our best offence won't always be deploying large armies abroad, but delivering targeted, surgical pressure to the groups that threaten us," Brennan said at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

The operations Brennan describes are almost solely the province of the intelligence and military special operations agencies, especially the CIA and elite forces of the Joint Special Operations Command that worked together to carry out the bin Laden raid, but also including the special operations trainers

that work with host nation's militaries.

As for threats from abroad, Brennan said the strategy relies on "surgical" action against specific groups to decapitate their leadership and deny them safe havens, and rejects costly wars like Iraq and Afghanistan that bleed the U.S. economically and feed al-Qaida's narrative that America is out to occupy the Muslim world. He said the U.S.

would work whenever possible to help host countries fight al-Qaida so the U.S. didn't have to, just as it was currently trying to hand over responsibility to the Afghans.

Brennan, who is a former CIA officer, did not make specific mention of the covert armed drone program that targets militants in Pakistan and, on rare occasions, in countries like Yemen. But he referred to



A PREDATOR DRONE is pictured in the US. The new strategy will push ahead with more targeted drone strikes and special operations raids and fewer costly land battles. (AP)

the administration's work to rush what he called "unique capabilities" to the field, an oblique reference to classified programs like the stepped-up construction of a CIA drone-

launching base in the Persian Gulf region to use the unmanned aircraft to hunt militants in Yemen.

Bush White House veteran Juan Zarate questioned the wis-

dom of singling out al-Qaida as the main American enemy "inadvertently aggrandizing them when they are in decline, by making them the focus of the strategy."

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A FIRE TRUCK leaves the Los Alamos Laboratory as smoke rises from the Las Conchas fire in Los Alamos, N.M., Wednesday, June 29, 2011. As crews fight to keep the wildfire from reaching the country's premier nuclear-weapons laboratory and the surrounding community, scientists are busy sampling the air for chemicals and radiological materials. (AP)

AIRPLANE DEPLOYED TO MONITOR AIR OVER US FIRE

LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico Associated Press

THE government sent a plane equipped with radiation monitors over the Los Alamos nuclear laboratory Wednesday as a 110-square-mile (285-sq. kilometer) wildfire burned at its doorstep, putting thousands of scientific experiments on hold for days.

Lab authorities described the monitoring as a precaution, and they, along with outside experts on nuclear engineering, expressed confidence that the blaze would not scatter radioactive material, as some residents feared.

"Our facilities, our nuclear materials are all safe, they're accounted for and they're protected," said lab director Charles McMillan.

The twin-engine plane, which can take digital photographs and video as well as thermal and night images, was sent to New York City to take air samples after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. It has flown over wildfires and areas damaged by Hurricane Katrina. It monitored the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt

Lake City. It also helped locate debris from the disintegrated space shuttle Columbia shuttle.

"It can look for a wide variety of chemical constituents in a plume and the plumes can originate from fires, from explosions, from a wide variety of sources," said lab spokesman Kevin Roark.

And in a testament to the sophisticated research done at Los Alamos, the plane was developed with technology from the lab, the desert installation that built the atomic bomb during World War II.

The pillars of smoke that can be seen as far as Albuquerque, 60 miles (96 kilometers) away, have people on edge. The fire has also cast a haze as far away as Kansas. But officials said they analyzed samples taken Tuesday night from some of the lab's monitors and the results showed nothing abnormal in the smoke.

Anti-nuclear groups have sounded the alarm about thousands of 55-gallon (45-imperial gallon) drums containing low-grade nuclear waste — gloves, tools and other contaminated items — about two miles (three kilometers) from the fire. Lab officials said it was highly unlikely

ly the blaze would reach the drums, and that the steel containers can in any case withstand flames and will be sprayed with fire-resistant foam if necessary.

Kevin Smith, site manager for the National Nuclear Security Administration, said the lab's precautions have been scrutinized by dozens of experts.

The lab has been shut down since Monday, when all of the city of Los Alamos and some of its surrounding areas — 12,000 people in all — was evacuated. The fire has held up research on such topics as renewable energy, AIDS and particle physics.

"We have 10,000 experiments running at the same time," said Terry Wallace, science chief at the lab. "We'll have to do an analysis to see what's been affected and how it's been affected."

The plane is just one part of an elaborate air monitoring network surrounding the lab. The lab and the New Mexico Environment Department have dozens of monitors on the ground throughout the region. McMillan said four high-volume air samplers were deployed Tuesday and more were on their way Wednesday.



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POSSIBLE CLICO ASSET IN \$17.9M FORECLOSURE



CRAIG GOMEZ
By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

CLICO (Bahamas) liquidator is investigating with the insolvent insurer's funds were used to acquire another US real estate investment, which is facing a foreclosure action from a bank over an alleged \$17.894 million outstanding loan.

Craig A. "Tony" Gomez, the Baker Tilly Gomez accountant and partner, in his fifth report to the Bahamian Supreme Court on CLICO Enterprises, the Bahamian affiliate that was used to invest CLICO (Bahamas) assets in non-insurance projects, especially US real estate, said the insurer and others had been told they could acquire the loan for \$12.6 million.

Updating the courts on the Coral Gables-based DYL Merrick Park Development, Mr Gomez said the property had been "purchased, in part, with funding that may have passed through CLICO Enterprises, which funds were received by CLICO Enterprises from CLICO Bahamas".

CLICO Merrick Park, he added, owned a 49 per cent equity stake in the project, and also held a chunk of its Series A preference shares.

"I was also advised that US Century Bank has filed a foreclosure action against Mr J Yanopoulos and Mr [Lawrence] Duprey (CLICO's owner), guarantors on the property, for a loan amount outstanding in the amount of \$17.894 million plus offer costs," Mr Gomez said.

"CLICO and the other owners of the property were given an offer by US Century Bank to purchase the loan for \$12.6 million. The liquidation team is currently reviewing subpoenaed documents received from United States counsel to determine the origin of funds used to purchase this

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'Revoke' insurance licences of banks

- * Brokers chief says situation creates 'a really unfair playing field' that is anti-competitive
- * Says small Bahamian players have 'born the brunt' of 'strongarm approach' by Scotiabank

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

The Bahamas Insurance Brokers Association's (BIBA) president has called for the revocation of agency/brokerage licences held by commercial banks, telling Tribune Business the situation creates "a really unfair playing field" that prevents smaller firms from competing and squeezes them out of the market.

Vaughn Culmer, of Vaughn Culmer & Associates, told this newspaper that while some Bahamian commercial banks were able to compete in the insurance

market through their agency and brokerage licences, insurance firms were unable to get the relevant permits and do the reverse.

And he pointed out that small, independent Bahamian insurance brokers often lost clients when they took out mortgages, as the banks directed them to insure through carriers they had a 'relationship with.

Tribune Business understands that only two Bahamian commercial banks/mortgage lenders, FINCO and CIBC First-Caribbean International Bank (Bahamas), have insurance agent/broker

licences. Mr Culmer said FINCO largely directed its clients to RoyalStar Assurance for their insurance needs, while FirstCaribbean did similar with Insurance Management, in both cases giving independent, smaller brokers little opportunity to compete.

While the Insurance Commission of the Bahamas (ICB) has rejected applications by other commercial banks, in particular Scotiabank, to obtain agent/broker licences, Mr Culmer told Tribune Business: "We're

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'THROUGH THE ROOF' BUT FOR LOAN PROVISIONING

- * Bank of the Bahamas chief warns of 'significant, noticeable' impact from rate cut
- * Says it will take first half of 2012 financial year to work through
- * Despite 19% Q3 net profit rise, warns: 'Making tough decisions right now'

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Bank of the Bahamas International's managing director yesterday warned the recent interest rate cut would have "a significant impact" on top-line revenues in the first half of its 2012 financial year, although net profits for the fiscal 2011 third quarter and first nine months would have been "through the roof" if not for extensive loan loss provisioning.

Speaking to Tribune Business in the wake of the BISX-listed bank generating a 19 per cent net income rise to \$1.441 million for the three months to end-March, compared to \$1.21 million the year before, Paul McWeeney said that notwithstanding its continued growth he was focusing on further balance sheet strengthening given continued Bahamian credit market weakness.

Warning that the bank was "making tough decisions right now", with its 2011 financial year-end coming today, Mr McWeeney said both shareholders and the general public had to take heed of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) warning that bank profits - in the Bahamas and the wider world - would generally be lower than in previous years.

"There are significant issues we still have to deal with," Mr McWeeney told Tribune Business. "My strat-

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PAUL MCWEENEY

BAHAMAS WASTE PROFIT '50% OVER' INTERNAL FORECAST

- * Despite 34.6% year-over-year net income fall, BISX-listed firm says net revenues 5% above projections
- * Hit by 34% increase in fuel costs
- * Hoping Baha Mar and other projects will result in 'lot better second half'

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Bahamas Waste yesterday said its net income was "50 per cent better than anticipated" for the 2011 first quarter, with the BISX-listed waste collection services provider hoping it will enjoy a "better" second-half if Baha Mar's \$2.6 billion Cable Beach project and other major investments kick into full swing.

Despite a 34.6 per year-over-year net profit decline, from \$192,517 to \$125,986, Disa Harper, Bahamas Waste's chief financial officer, told Tribune Business that the company beat internal first quarter projections, aided by stronger-than-expected business levels from projects such as the Lynden Pindling International Airport (LPIA) construc-

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TIAMO UP FOR SALE AT \$4.5M

By ALISON LOWE
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An ultra-high end Andros property considered one of the Bahamas' few "eco-resorts" has been placed on the market for \$4.5 million just two years after it was re-opened under new ownership.

The Tiamo Resort lies in the southern cove of South Andros island, and includes just 10 beach front cottages on 900 feet of beachfront.

The resort was re-opened by its current owners "just under two years ago", according to the director-general of tourism, David Johnson, who said they made a "huge investment" to significantly upgrade it from a "nice, eco-sensitive resort to something that moves into the realm of great luxury".

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BUSINESS

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By DEIDRE M. BASTIAN

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DEIDRE M. BASTIAN

its software offerings, it recognised the need to satisfy both types of user. As a result, in 1996 Macromedia ventured into the emerging wysiwyg (what you see is what you get) web publishing market, and introduced Dreamweaver, which is available to both the Mac and Windows operating system.

HTML, CSS and JavaScript. It is the program that constructs websites for business and personal needs.

Dreamweaver has become the industry's standard web development software, seeing off its rival Microsoft FrontPage and deserving its position. It is a great software package with powerful features and an approachable interface, which lets anybody who can use a computer use it with a bit of patience and knowledge of a few fundamentals.

In the early days of web development there were two types of tools: Those used by coders (the specialists who understood the technologies underlying web pages) and the visual software tools, which functioned in a manner similar to word processing and page layout programs used by non-specialists and inexperienced web developers.

Nevertheless, during the 1990s, when Macromedia looked for ways to expand

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BUSINESS

FamGuard unveils 172% profits jump

* Driven by 14% total income and 86% per cent annuity growth
 * But policyholder benefits paid out rise at faster rate

By NEIL HARTNELL
 Tribune Business Editor

FamGuard Corporation, the BISX-listed holding company for life and health insurer Family Guardian, yesterday unveiled a 172 per cent year-over-year net income increase for the 2011 first quarter to \$825,215, driven largely by top-line premium and annuity growth.

In his message to shareholders on the first three months of 2011, Norbert Boissiere, FamGuard's chairman, said: "The increase in net income was driven by a 14 per cent growth in total income over the first quarter prior year, and by improving results generated from our group health product line.

"Gross premium income increased by \$1.3 million or 5.8 per cent, and our annuity deposits grew by \$3.7 million or 88 per cent over prior year-to-date."

Family Guardian's total 2011 first quarter income rose from \$24.196 million the year before to \$27.577 million this time around, a rise of more than \$3.3 million. Gross premium revenue jumped from \$22.506 million to \$23.814 million, while annuity deposits jumped from \$1.954 million to \$3.679 million.

Net premium income increased by 7 per cent to \$20.944 million, compared to \$19.569 million in the 2010 first quarter.

However, while the top line grew, so did benefits paid out. Total policyholder benefits

increased at an even faster rate than premium income and total income, jumping 28.2 per cent to \$19.057 million from \$14.868 million.

Net policyholder benefits rose 48.4 per cent to \$17.135 million, compared to \$11.543 million the year before, as Family Guardian generated less from reinsurance recoveries, possibly indicating it is taking more risks on to its books.

But total benefits for the 2011 first quarter increased by only just over \$2 million, from \$16.004 million to \$18.628 million, due to the fact that Family Guardian increased reserves for future policyholder benefits by just \$1.492 million this time around, compared to \$16.003 million.

Total expenses were held relatively flat at \$8.124 million, compared to \$7.888 million the year before. Total benefits and expenses increased by 12 per cent to \$26.752 million, compared to \$23.892 million in 2010.

Mr Boissiere said Family Guardian's mortgage delinquency ratio stood at 6.63 per cent at end-March, compared to the banking industry average of 10.8 per cent.

"In our group health business we have recorded improving trends in medical loss ratios, as premium ratios continue to be adjusted to more adequately reflect actual claims experience. Efforts to improve our group life and health operations are continuing with the implementation of software to enhance our client services delivery," he added.



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Standing from left to right are: Brandon Watson, Director-A.I.D., Frank Russell, Director-A.I.D., Jason Watson, Manager-A.I.D., V. Keith Rolle, Vice President Group Claims & Operations, Bahamas First General Insurance Company Limited (BFG), Harold Watson, President-A.I.D., Warren Rolle, Managing Director, Nassau Underwriters Insurance Agents & Broker Limited (N.U.A.), Gerard Mortimer, Financial Controller-A.I.D., John Robertson, Director- A.I.D., and Richard Darville, Manager,

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Baha Mar selects training leader

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Wrinkle to step down as BCA head at month's end

Baha Mar has now selected the person who will head its construction and hotel employee training initiative, while Stephen Wrinkle, president of the Bahamian Contractors Association (BCA), has confirmed he will be stepping down at the end of this month.

Mr Wrinkle had previously indicated in this newspaper in April he had been asked to stay on for another two-year term as president, on top of the four he has served, so he could continue working on initiatives being pursued by the BCA. These include the joint construction training program with Baha Mar and the 18 month IDB-funded project to "strengthen" the BCA.

Since then, the 59 year-old BCA president has been charged with "dishonestly consuming energy" supplied by BEC in a magistrate's court. He pleaded not guilty to the charge on June 23, 2011.

It is not clear if this factored into the decision. According to Mr Wrinkle, voting for the new slate of executive members at the BCA took place in mid-June.

Yesterday, he said he would remain a council member with the BCA, and will have the IDB-funded project in his portfolio of responsibilities. The program, aimed at enhancing the ability of the BCA to serve its constituents, will involve designing of education and training programs for contractors, construction workers and consumers; the preparation of a national library of contract documents; expanding the BCA's capabilities by seeking to automate its administrative functions, with particular focus on its website; promoting knowledge-sharing between regional and international contractor's associations; and expanding the

BCA chapters to include all major Family Islands.

In relation to the IDB project, Mr Wrinkle said the BCA has just finished interviewing consultants to run it, and expects it will be "another couple of months" before it starts. This is a separate initiative to the Baha Mar-funded training for construction workers.

In relation to the Baha Mar training, which is intended to ensure a maximum number of Bahamian construction workers can participate in the projects that will arise from the \$2.6 billion development, Mr Wrinkle said he is satisfied things are progressing in this regard.

Waiting

Having been waiting for Baha Mar to select an individual to head the training and workforce development program before it could move ahead, this has now happened, with Ann Williams being chosen to fill the post. Baha Mar is expected to announce the new hire shortly, and Mr Wrinkle said he understands some of the training in construction trades that will be required as part of the development should begin at BTVI next month.

The BCA is also shortly to submit a proposal to Baha Mar that it be responsible for administering a training program aimed at contractors specifically, which will provide them with the "managerial and administrative tools" to manage the demands of contracts that will arise through Baha Mar.

"It's an extremely comprehensive schedule that they have [at Baha Mar], with a lot of demands on contractors for construction and performance. The big thrust is for us to make sure

contractors have those managerial skills to do that," said Mr Wrinkle.

He added that the BCA would "ideally" like this component of the training drive to begin within the next "30 to 60 days".

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BUSINESS

Sandals makes Latin American inroads

Sandals Royal Bahamian last week welcomed the first tourists from the newly-established Copa Airlines direct airlift to Nassau from Panama City, and believes the favourable impression made will enable this nation to make further inroads into the Latin America travel market.

Robson and Michelle Lima, a newly-married couple from the Brazilian city of São Paulo, chose to spend a week in New Providence for their honeymoon. Through Sandals Royal Bahamian's resident Portuguese speaker, food and beverage manager Manuel Santos, Mr Lima explained that the decision was made after a random search on the Internet.

"For our honeymoon we wanted to spend time at a beautiful beach, so we Googled the words 'paradise' and 'beach'. The first pictures to come up were ones from the Bahamas. So then it was just a matter of what resort to go to, and we chose Sandals," Mr Lima said.

The availability of a direct flight from a South American country assisted in making the decision an easy one.

Mr Lima praised the warm Bahamian weather, saying they stepped off their Copa Airlines flight dressed in winter coats and boots. Because it is below the equator, winters in São Paulo run from 22 June-21 September. The Limas also made a day trip to the Exumas on the Power Boat Adventures. "The weather is beautiful, the country is beautiful, the people are beautiful; we would recommend it to anyone back home," Mr Lima said.

Word-of-mouth recommendations could easily play to both Sandals' and the Bahamas' advantage, given that Sao Paulo is the largest city in both Brazil and the southern hemisphere, and the world's seventh largest. South America is relatively untapped by the Bahamian tourism industry to date, and home to several of the world's fastest growing economies.

Sandals Royal Bahamian's general manager, Patrick Drake, said: "While continuing to provide excellent service to our North American guests, we must not forget the special needs of visitors to the Bahamas from South America and Europe, who are travelling great distances to be here."

In the past five years, South America has experienced great economic development, with Venezuela, Colombia, Argentina, Uruguay and Peru growing their economies by over 8 per cent per annum.

Brazil is the seventh largest economy in the world, and the second largest in the Americas. It leads South America in total exports at \$137.8 billion dollars.



HONEYMOONERS: Robson and Michelle Lima, a newly-married couple from the Brazilian city of São Paulo, chose to spend a week in New Providence for their honeymoon.

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS 2010/CLE/gen/01295

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Common Law and Equity Division

BETWEEN

COMMONWEALTH BANK LIMITED Plaintiff

AND

EVERETTE HENRY STRACHAN, III Defendant

TO: EVERETTE HENRY STRACHAN, III

TAKE NOTICE that:

1. A Summons and Supporting Affidavit both filed on the 12th of May 2011 have been issued against you in the Supreme Court of The Bahamas being Action No. 2010/CLE/gen/01295 by Commonwealth Bank Limited, the Plaintiff herein. The Hearing date of the Summons has been adjourned and is now set to be heard on the 14th day of July A.D., 2011 at 11:30 a.m. before Assistant Registrar (Acting) Camille Darville-Comez whose chambers is located on the 2nd floor in the Ansbacher House, East Street and Bank Lane, Nassau, Bahamas. Details of the claim are set out in the Affidavit of Merrit A. Starr filed on the 21st of June A.D., 2011.

2. On the 22nd day of June A.D., 2011 the Court ordered that the Summons and Affidavit are deemed to be served on you by this advertisement.

Otherwise Judgment will be entered against you pursuant to Order 73 rule 3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court 1978.

Dated the 22nd day of June A.D., 2011.

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No. 14 Village Road (North),
Nassau, Bahamas
Attorneys for the Plaintiff

BUSINESS



HONOURED: Members of the Bahamas 2011 Culinary Team proudly display their awards from the Taste of the Caribbean Culinary Competition.

CULINARY TEAM GAINS NUMEROUS HONOURS

The Bahamas Culinary Team has returned from the Taste of the Caribbean competition in Miami with numerous awards, having fielded its youngest professional level team ever in the contest.

The team received a silver medal for their overall performance, with the judges commending them on their high level of achievement as first-time competitors.

"We're extremely proud of the performance of our young chefs and bartenders. They exhibited great team work, professionalism and high standards in representing our nation and the quality of our culinary offering. The future is bright for these young stars!" said Bahamas Hotel Association president, Stuart Bowe.

Led by team manager, executive sous chef Jason McBride from the Wyndham Cable Beach Resort, and team coach, executive chef, Devin Johnson, from the Sheraton Nassau Beach Resort, the team had been training weekly since early April.

The Bahamas received the award for the Caribbean's

Most Innovative Dish, with junior chef Kevyn Pratt, from Kerzner International, receiving this honour traditionally awarded to senior level chefs. His plate included Abaco-spiced rub beef and pan-seared Exuma scallops, served with Nassau sweet potato and plantain cheesy croquettes, and coconut-infused warm vegetable slaw, accompanied with Eleuthera pineapple chutney and finished with Andros mango reduction.

Kerzner International in the Bartender of the Year category. Team captain chef Jamal Small, from Albany, received a bronze medal in the pastry category. Chef Charon McKenzie, from the Lyford Cay Club, was also awarded a bronze medal in the beef category.

Joining the other team members in receiving a silver medal for their overall team performance, and rounding out the team, was chef Charon McKenzie from the Lyford Cay Club, and chef Charlicia Greene, from Sandals Royal Bahamian.

The Taste of the Caribbean is an annual event organised by the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association (CHTA) to showcase the region's unique and diverse cuisine. Attending chefs also participate in a series of professional development workshops put on by master chefs, celebrity chefs and leading industry professionals.

This year, event organizers added a new public element called 'Taste of The Islands'. Several hundred people were given the opportunity to sample dozens of 'road' foods and national dishes prepared by the teams.

"The Bahamas booth, decorated in an appealing backyard style, and with menu offerings featuring crab, conch, guava duff and other delicacies was a crowd favourite. CHTA was so impressed with the event, they plan to create a new award category from it next year, and to build it into a festival-type public celebration of Caribbean food," said DeAnne Gibson from the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation.

Mr Bowe thanked the team member's hotels and clubs for supporting the professional development of their chefs. He also expressed appreciation to the team's sponsors, the Bahamas Hotel Association, the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation, the Bahamas Culinary Association, the College of the Bahamas Culinary and Hospitality Management Institute, Bahamas Food Services and Bristol Wines and Spirits. "Without their support, the team's success would not have been possible," he added.

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Grand Bahama Power Company invites qualified applicants to apply for the position of Instrument, Electrical & Controls Supervisor.

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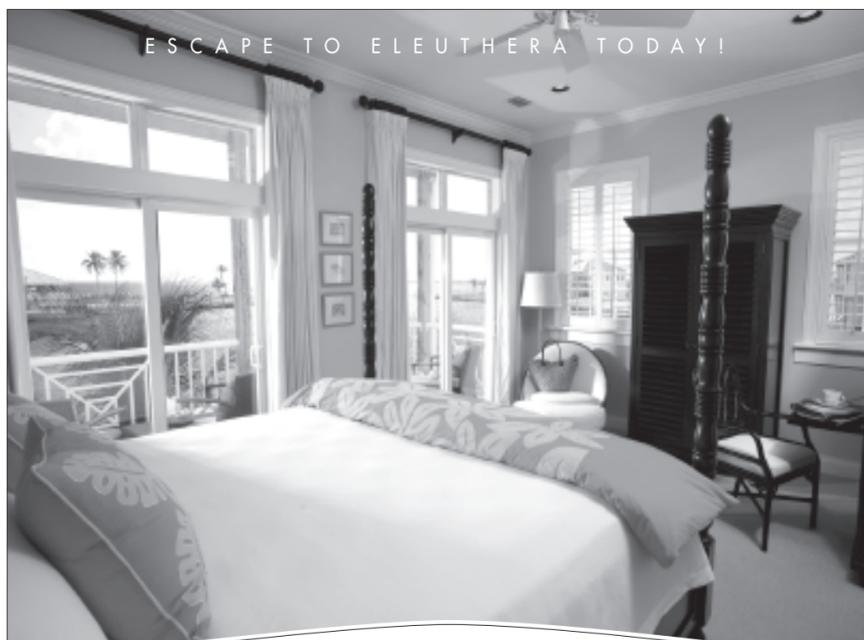


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Tiamo up for sale at \$4.5m

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of \$2 million.

"It became a different resort with different price points," he added. Room rates per night at the all-inclusive property have been advertised as starting at upwards of \$800 a night.

It is not clear what has driven the decision by owners, Brits Bill Warburg and Ellie Boddington, to sell the resort.

Mr Johnson said that

while he was not aware of the resort's "internal numbers" related to arrivals and revenue, he does know that its small size means Tiamo "requires very high occupancy and very high room rates" to drive profitability.

The Director-General said the resort has found in the past that it has benefited significantly from the Ministry of Tourism's visiting journalist program, which sees foreign travel writers sent to resorts throughout the Bahamas at the Ministry of

Tourism's expense to experience the properties and write articles about them.

"That's support we give particularly to the Family Island properties because many of them are small and not well known. [The owner of Tiamo] found that when these journalists visited, he often found his numbers benefited significantly as a result, and we will be stepping that up a bit in the near future," said Mr Johnson of the journalists program.

Aside from the beach and cottages, Tiamo's 12 acres of freehold land also include a full kitchen and restaurant, infinity pool, library, great room, fitness centre and spa, retail shop, staff housing, other utility-related assets and numerous boats to entertain guests.

There is also a separate three-bedroom, three-ensuite bathroom home on the property.

Its location allows visitors the chance to access snorkelling at the Andros Barrier Reef, the world's third largest barrier reef and much-sought-after bone-fishing opportunities.



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MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is advised that the Department of Environmental Services has temporarily contracted the services of Bahamas Waste Management to assist with the collection of household waste on the island of New Providence.

This arrangement commenced on Thursday 23rd June, 2011 and will continue until further notice. A telephone "Hot Line" number (242)341-1995 has been established to assist the general public in lodging complaints of non-garbage collection.

The department apologizes for any inconvenience caused.

Director
Department of Environmental Services



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Ministry of Public Works & Transport GOVERNMENT NOTICE

INVITATION FOR TENDERS

MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC CEMETERIES IN NEW PROVIDENCE

The Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas through the Ministry of Works and Transport (MOWT) invites Tenders for the maintenance of the under-mentioned public cemeteries in New Providence.

- Old Trail Section A
- Old Trail Section B
- Old Trail Section C
- Old Trail Section D
- Old Trail Pauper's Section
- Southern Cemetery
- Eastern
- Fox Hill
- Marshall View
- Western Cemetery
- Out Island
- Adelaide
- Eastern Parade

The main scope of services to be provided for the maintenance of each cemetery is as follows:

- Weeding
- Mowing and weeding of grass
- Removal of debris
- Pruning of trees

The Ministry of Works and Transport now invites interested contractors to collect tender documents and to complete and submit same in accordance with the instructions therein.

Tender documents can be collected for a non refundable fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) by interested parties as of **Monday June 27, 2011** from:

The Civil Engineering Section
Ministry of Works and Transport,
P.O. Box N-8156,
Nassau, Bahamas.
Telephone: (242) 322 4830 Extn 4042
Fax: (242) 302 9770

between the hours of 9:30a.m. and 4:30p.m. Mondays to Fridays.

The completed tender document is to be deposited in the Tender Box located at the office of the Director of Public Works Ministry of Works & Transport, 3rd Floor, John F Kennedy Dr, Nassau, Bahamas no later than **10:00a.m.** on or before **Friday, July 15, 2011.**

All clarifications and/or questions are to be directed to the Chief Civil Engineer at the above mentioned address.

Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Works and Transport



Qualifications

- University degree in computer science with 2+ and/or 6+ years equivalent work experience.
- Certifications in Cisco Networking (CCNA, CCIE, CWNA etc), MCSE + Internet is a plus.
- Strong, hands-on technical knowledge of network and workstation operating systems, including: Windows (AD & server), VMWare and virtualization, SAN, iOS is a plus.
- Highly self motivated and directed, with keen attention to detail.
- Strong interpersonal, written, and oral communication skills.

Position Summary

- The successful candidate should be able to:
- Maintain LANs, WANs, and wireless networks, including servers, routers, hubs, switches, security appliances, and other hardware.
- Create and maintain documentation as it relates to network configuration, network mapping, processes, and service records.
- Maintain and administer business applications including Active Directory, Citrix, Intranet, Websense, Scanning and Archiving Solutions and Health Care Information System amongst others.
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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

INVITATION FOR TENDERS

The Government of The Bahamas is hereby inviting tenders for the supply of Litter Bags and related supplies to the Department of Environmental Health Services. Interested parties may obtain further information including eligibility to participate and may collect the bidding document upon payment of a non-refundable fee of fifty (\$50.00) dollars as of **Wednesday June 22nd 2011** from:

The Department of Environmental Health Services
Farrington Road
Nassau, The Bahamas
P. O. Box SS - 19048

Telephone No. (242) 322-8037, Facsimile NO. (242) 322-8118, between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday .

The method of payment will be by certified cheque or cash. Tenders are to be submitted in duplicate (2) in sealed envelope (s) addressed to:

The Tenders Board
C/O The Financial Secretary
Ministry of Finance
Cecil V Wallace-Whitfield Centre
P. O. Box N - 3017
Nassau, The Bahamas

No later than **Monday July 4th 2011** at 4:30 pm local time.

Tenders will be open at 10:00 am on **Tuesday July 5th 2011** at the office of the Tenders Board, Ministry of Finance.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all Tenders.

'Revoke' insurance licences of banks

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hoping they can revoke those [existing] licences. Quite frankly, they shouldn't have them.

"There's a moratorium right now on giving any new licences to banks, but we feel they shouldn't do it, and those that have it, their licences should be revoked. Let the expertise stay where it is in the insurance industry only."

While the regulator has insisted that no more insurance licences will be handed to commercial banks, the BIBA president told Tribune Business: "There's nothing they can do if another bank tries to obtain a licence, because the precedent has already been set. If Scotiabank and others do not get theirs, they will test it."

Advantages

Pointing to the competitive advantages and scale enjoyed by banks, through having access to a huge consumer base, Mr Culmer added: "Clients that we have, who may decide to get a mortgage, we lose them, because the banks say they have to go through these tied agents. It's a really unfair playing field.

"Banks have insurance licences, but we don't have banking licences to be able to compete with them in banking.

"It's kind of an unfair playing field, as banks have a tied client base and a captive audience. We felt the brunt of that with the

Scotiabank/J S Johnson deal."

That arrangement, while not a 'tied' deal of the variety Mr Culmer referred to in this article, involved Scotiabank placing its commercial and residential mortgage clients' on a group insurance policy it took out with J S Johnson if they do not receive confirmation that coverage has been taken out by the due date.

The insurance coverage is ultimately placed with Island Heritage, the regional carrier that J S Johnson acts for in the Bahamas, and Scotiabank - in response to criticism from BIBA and others - has said the move was merely a prudent response to ensure its \$1 billion-strong mortgage portfolio was not exposed to catastrophe risk through clients either failing to insure or under-insuring.

And while Scotiabank previously used to pay the premium to the client's relevant broker/agent if they did not, the bank has eschewed this approach on the grounds it is too difficult and expensive to administer, instead employing the blanket approach via J S Johnson.

"They've taken a strongarm approach," said Mr Culmer of s approach, "and if we're not vigilant we will lose our clientele.

"We have to make sure clients renew before the due date, or we lose them to J S Johnson.

"It's quite a lot to make sure it's done before, and we have had to encourage our members to keep on top of that on a monthly basis."

'THROUGH THE ROOF' BUT FOR LOAN PROVISIONING

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egy at this point in time is to ensure the balance sheet remains strong, even though the bank continues to grow and was able to contain expenses.

"Year-over-year, [the results] would have been much higher without provisioning. They would have been through the roof right now."

Bank of the Bahamas International increased its net loan loss provisions to \$2.488 million during the 2011 third quarter, a 33.3 per cent increase over the \$1.866 million taken the year before.

For the first nine months of its current financial year, the BISX-listed financial institution raised loan loss provisions some 505 per cent, more than five times' the previous year's amount, to \$5.658 million compared to \$1.12 million in fiscal 2010.

Without that more than \$4.5 million increase, Bank of the Bahamas International's net income for the nine months to end-March 2011 could have breached the \$9 million mark to stand at \$9.2 million.

New business was largely responsible for the 19 per cent net income rise during the 2011 third quarter, and Bank of the Bahamas International continues to find lending opportunities despite the difficult credit market. This is shown by the more than \$38 million growth in its loan book in the past nine months to \$667.525 million, compared to \$629.212 million at the year's start, a 6 per cent increase.

Still, erring on the cautious side, Mr McWeeney reiterated: "My focus is really on balance sheet strength, making sure those fundamentals remain strong as we weather this storm.

"There continues to be weakness in the credit market. There's hope on the horizon, but until we see a broad-based recovery and broad-based unemployment decline, we will continue to have to deal with this in the future. We have to accept

the weakness, and do what is necessary to insure the bank against future shocks, and take provisions where necessary. We're making tough decisions right now. We have to stick to our fundamentals."

With the increased capital requirements of the new Basle accords on the horizon, plus the Central Bank of the Bahamas' stress testing, supervision and enhanced requirements, Mr McWeeney said these developments - combined with the general economic environment - would require adjustments to bank profit expectations.

"The increase in capital requirements, the need to continue to make provisions to counter weakness in the credit markets, they will continue to dampen profits," the Bank of the Bahamas International managing director.

Impact

As for the impact of the 75 basis point reduction in the Bahamian Prime interest rate to 4.75 per cent, which will reduce commercial bank interest income on all loans whose pricing is tied to this, Mr McWeeney said it would be "significant" until all fixed deposit rates can be adjusted accordingly.

Until that happens, Bank of the Bahamas International and all commercial banks will be faced with reduced interest income and interest margins, which is likely to impact the bottom line.

"Fortunately, most of our deposits are short-term and mature in 12 months. We do have longer-term investments, but they support other initiatives," Mr McWeeney said.

"I would imagine that for up to six months we will see a significant impact on revenue. It will be noticeable..... The impact will be noticeable, but the correction should be made by the second half of the [2012] fiscal period."

Between the interest rate cut and loan loss provisioning, "everything is being squeezed", but Mr

McWeeney said Bank of the Bahamas International had "done an excellent job" in containing operating expenses through "new initiatives to streamline costs". Operating expenses for the three months to end-March dropped slightly, falling from \$6.466 million the year before to \$6.307 million.

Mr McWeeney acknowledged that the Prime rate cut would be partly compensated for by the reduced interest payments on its \$37 million worth of bonds and \$15 million preference shares, but its main funding is some \$649.263 million in deposits.

"We still are expanding our electronic banking platform, and think it will be a key driver of new business opportunities in the future," the Bank of the Bahamas International chief said.

"What we've done, we've entered into a new partnership which we're working to finalise now with a few international players fairly soon. It will enable us to offer these services to the market at low cost. We are making progress on that, and working with one institution in respect of providing service to them."

Bank of the Bahamas International's ordinary shareholders, though, will enjoy little of the \$1.441 million in third quarter net income, as some \$1.362 million was paid out in interest to the bank's preference shareholders.

This left \$78,682, or \$0.01 per share, available to common shareholders, compared to \$0.08 per share the year before.

Mr McWeeney explained there was a "timing" issue, as the preference share dividend was not paid during the same period in the 2010 financial year.

That same dividend had been paid in the second quarter the year before, but this year's payment was delayed until early January 2011 because, under the Central Bank's new policy, it is now required to approve such dividends.

BUSINESS

Royal Bank card a Caribbean first

The Royal Bank of Canada unveiled the launch of its "business platinum rewards cards" on Tuesday, becoming the first Bank in the Caribbean and Latin America to offer this product to its customers.

At a press conference held at the Sheraton Nassau Beach hotel, Nat Beneby, RBC's president and country head for the Bahamas, said the launch of the Visa Platinum Credit Card signals the "ushering in of a new era of innovation and commitment to the Bahamas" by the bank.

He suggested the introduction of the RBC Rewards Platinum Card is consistent with the bank's "history and reputation for delivering innovative ser-

VICES and products that have transformed banking in the Bahamas".

Mr Beneby said: "The launch this evening is yet another example of innovative leadership aimed at meeting and exceeding our clients' expectations. We are very proud of this new product, as it demonstrates our commitment to giving our clients world-class, leading edge products."

He noted that of Royal Bank's 30,000 card holders in the Caribbean, over two thirds of those are in the Bahamas.

Royal Bank touts the credit card as providing premier travel and rewards for personal and business

banking clients. "The RBC Rewards credit card has the most flexible travel rewards program in the Bahamas, with zero blackout periods and the freedom to choose any airline, hotel or car rental agency. In addition to travel, RBC Rewards points can be redeemed for gift cards at popular merchants, as well as for cash-back credit to the card," noted Mr Beneby.

The executive said Royal Bank currently has the largest retail network of any bank in the Bahamas, with 26 locations. It employs 800 staff in this nation for an annual payroll of \$35 million.

POSSIBLE CLICO ASSET IN \$17.9M FORECLOSURE

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investment." When it came to the rest of his work on CLICO Enterprises, Mr Gomez said he was still attempting to determine the shareholders of Grand Bahama Millworks and Builders Supplies, the hardware firm the company purportedly wholly owned. He is actively looking to sell the company, plus the 12 West Ridge lots in New Providence and the Golfview townhouse complex in Freeport that it also allegedly owns.

"The company [CLICO Enterprises] owns 12.472 acres of land which is divided into 12 lots, situated in Lake Point, Westridge Estates," Mr Gomez said. "I received one offer to purchase this property, which was accepted by me.

Agencies

"General counsel has approached certain government and regulatory agencies for assistance with respect to information on CLICO Enterprises and Grand Bahama Millworks. Should the regulatory agents be able to assist in relation to this request, this will enable potential actions being taken in relation to Grand Bahama Millworks and the Golfview apartment complex in Freeport."

Mr Gomez said his attorneys were actively pursuing the enforcement the \$58 million guarantee given by the Trinidadian parent, CL Financial, for the funds lent to CLICO Enterprises by CLICO (Bahamas).

The liquidator said questions remained as to whether CLICO Enterprises "circumvented exchange control regulations" by acquiring real estate in the Bahamas and US without proper approvals, moving funds to the US and elsewhere without Central Bank approval, and transferring funds to persons outside the Bahamas.

Confrontational Obama rebukes GOP on debt talks

BEN FELLER, AP White House Correspondent WASHINGTON

In a blistering rebuke of Republicans, President Barack Obama on Wednesday pressed lawmakers to accept tax increases as part of a deal to cut the nation's deficits and avoid a crippling government default. "Let's get it done," Obama challenged, chiding Congress for frequent absences from Washington.

Senators from Obama's own Democratic Party quickly said they'd consider canceling next week's July 4 recess to work on a possible agreement.

In a White House news conference, Obama offered one fresh wrinkle to try to give the economy and pessimistic voters a lift, calling on Congress to pass a one-year extension of the Social Security payroll tax cut that employees got this year. But he used most of the hour-long session to try to sway public opinion his way on the debt debate consuming Washington.

Obama accused Republicans of intransigence over tax hikes, comparing their leaders to procrastinating children and painting them as putting millionaires, oil companies and jet owners ahead of needy students.

The Republican House Speaker, John Boehner of Ohio, shot back that the president was ignoring reality.

"His administration has been burying our kids and grandkids in new debt and offered no plan to rein in spending," Boehner said as the day's events seemed only to entrench both sides. "The president is sorely mistaken if he believes a bill to raise the debt ceiling and raise taxes would pass the House. The votes simply aren't there."

Obama insisted he wouldn't support a deal to cut the deficit unless it includes higher tax revenue, not just spending cuts. Republicans have refused to consider that. The stalemate threatens to derail an extension of the nation's \$14.3 trillion debt limit, which in turn could lead the government into an unprecedented default.

"They need to do their job," Obama said to Republicans. "Now's the time to go ahead and



ON THE OFFENSIVE: Barack Obama.

make the tough choices." Professing optimism — but with a bite — the president said, "Call me naive, but my expectation is that leaders are going to lead."

Obama's aggressive response came with the country souring on the recovery, the Republican presidential contenders taking aim at his economic record and GOP leaders in Congress challenging him to show more leadership in the debt talks. His reelection hinges on the economy, and Obama is trying to restore a sense of public confidence.

The Treasury Department says the government is on pace to begin failing to pay its bills by Aug. 2 unless Congress votes to allow the limit on federal debt to rise. Obama declared that is a "hard deadline" and warned that waiting too long could spook capital markets and prompt investors to bail. Here, too, he tried to put heat on Congress by saying lawmakers should cancel any plans to take days off in July if they can't make substantial progress by the end of this week.

He said even his daughters, 12-year-old Malia and 10-year-old Sasha, get their homework



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done ahead of deadline. "Congress can do the same thing," the president said. "If you know you've got to do something, just do it."

Obama sought to reframe the entire debt debate in terms people would care about, accusing Republicans of protecting tax breaks for corporate jet owners on the backs of college students who would lose their federal aid — even though there is no direct relationship between that tax provision and any particular

budget cut. He spoke of eliminating tax cuts that favor the rich and oil companies — "I don't think that's real radical" he said — but Republicans contend the White House is pursuing far broader tax changes that would undermine job creation.

At his first formal White House news conference in more than three months, Obama also pushed back against Republican criticism of the U.S.-aided military campaign in Libya, saying congressional concerns about consultation were not substantive. And he even took a sharp tone toward the business leaders that his White House has tried to court. "The business community is always complaining about regulations," he said in response to one question. "Frankly, they want to be able to do whatever they think is going to maximize their profits."

The president stepped to the podium not long after the International Monetary Fund publicly urged lawmakers to raise the U.S. debt limit, now \$14.3 trillion, and warned that failure to do so could produce a spike in interest rates and "severe shock to the economy and world finan-

Table with financial data including BISTX, ROYAL FIDELITY, FG CAPITAL MARKETS, and COLONIAL. Includes sections for BISTX LISTED & TRADED SECURITIES AS OF: TUESDAY, 28 JUNE 2011, and BISTX LISTED DEBT SECURITIES - (Bonds trade on a Percentage Pricing basis).

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BUSINESS

Bahamas Waste profit '50% over' internal forecast

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tion and the downtown Straw Market.

Cleaning up the damage from the Valentine's Day fire that destroyed the Betty K dock also generated work for Bahamas Waste, and Ms Harper said: "Our first quarter was about 5 per cent better than anticipated in terms of net revenue. Historically, our first quarter is always the strongest.

"In terms of net income, we went into the year with guarded optimism, because there are still so many uncertainties. We have a lot of growth areas that are potentially non-revenue generating, until we get them to the level we want to be at."

That refers to Bahamas Waste's fledgling cardboard recycling and biodiesel facilities, which will take some time to become profit centres for the BISX-listed company. As a result, net income forecasts for the 2011 first quarter were relatively conservative.

Sales/services revenues grew by 10.9 per cent year-over-year during the three months to end-March 2011, rising from \$1.85 million to \$2.052 million.

However, cost of sales/direct expenses rose at an even faster rate, growing by 19.3 per cent from \$1.195 million to \$1.426 million. This squeezed gross profits, which dropped 8.2 per cent year-over-year to \$601,825 from \$655,937. A major factor behind the expenses increase was global oil prices, Ms Harper telling Tribune Business: "Year-over-year, they were up 34 per cent in the first quarter. Fuel has a significant effect on our bottom line."

Francisco de Cardenas, Bahamas Waste's managing director, said fuel prices had been the main factor continuing to impact the company's business through the first two months of its second quarter.

"Everything is tied into fuel, in particular tyres, steel and lubricants," he explained.

Turning to Bahamas Waste's ongoing initiatives designed to generate both new revenue streams and benefit the environment, Mr de Cardenas told Tribune Business the company now had "over a dozen" of its 50-strong vehicle fleet, around 15-16 trucks, running on the biodiesel it was producing.

He added that the company was producing between 500-1,000 gallons of biodiesel per week, Mr de Cardenas: "We really are just trying to do the best we can."

"Cardboard recycling is going ahead slowly but surely. Our biggest challenge is securing cardboard. It's so cheap to dispose of, people do not make the effort to collect it, and those people that are want to get paid for it.

"They don't understand it's a lot of time and money to collect, bail and export. Not only are we trying to be environmentally responsible, we're trying to make it a profit centre."

Mr de Cardenas said Bahamas Waste had exported some "600 tonnes plus" of recycled cardboard to China and India to date.

As for its medical waste treatment facility, Mr de Cardenas said business was "pretty flat", and suggested the Government now enforce a law requiring medical practitioners to properly

dispose of their waste.

"We're trying to get the clinics on board and the Family Islands on board," he added. "There are still quite a number of private practitioners that haven't signed up.

"My understanding is that there's a law in place requiring all medical practitioners and physicians to dispose of their waste properly. The law was not able to be enforced in the past because there was no facility to do it, but now there is, there shouldn't be any excuse."

Mr de Cardenas said Bahamas Waste was hoping to see a third quarter boost when the \$2.6 billion Baha Mar project moved into high gear, as it was providing a small amount of equipment and services to it currently. He was also cautiously optimistic about the chances of Kerzner International moving ahead with its Hurricane Hole redevelopment by year-end.

"I think there is a little bit of a rebound going on," Mr de Cardenas said of the Bahamian economy, "but it's still pretty stagnant. It's still a challenge. In some cases it's got better, and in some cases it's gotten worse.

"Once these larger scale projects start to kick-in, hopefully things will be a lot better for us in the last half of the year. We're hoping that by the end of the third quarter, these larger projects will be in full swing and see some revenue growth. This is what we thrive on, these big projects."

Ms Harper added: "We're optimistic about the last two quarters of this year. The last two quarters of last year were particularly difficult."



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UTILITIES REGULATION AND COMPETITION AUTHORITY (URCA)

ABOUT URCA:

The Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority ("URCA") is the converged regulator for Electronic Communications Services (ECS) (covering broadcasting, radio spectrum and electronic communications) in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

URCA is seeking to employ a suitably qualified individual to fill the post of Chief Executive Officer. This position will be based in Nassau, The Bahamas and will report to the Board of URCA.

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The successful candidate will be required to:

- Lead and promote the development of URCA as set out in the URCA and Communications Acts
- Take total ownership and overall responsibility for leading URCA through post liberalisation reform, policy development, priority mapping and stakeholder management. Ownership includes, but is not limited to, leadership and human capital development, prioritizing of strategic initiatives and use of scarce resources, monitoring, implementation and reporting same to the Board
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Candidates must:

- hold a university degree, preferably at the post graduate level in the area of law, economics, engineering, accounting or business management or a professional designation that is equivalent, to be able to meet the intellectual demands of the job; and or equivalent experience
- have worked in, consulted in or regulated in comparative sectors for over ten years and ideally have both regulatory and industry experience
- have proven experience in areas of regulation, i.e. communications, broadcasting, electricity, or water at a senior level in a leadership role
- have proven experience in managing post liberalization regulatory issues

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COMPETENCIES & OTHER KEY REQUIREMENTS:

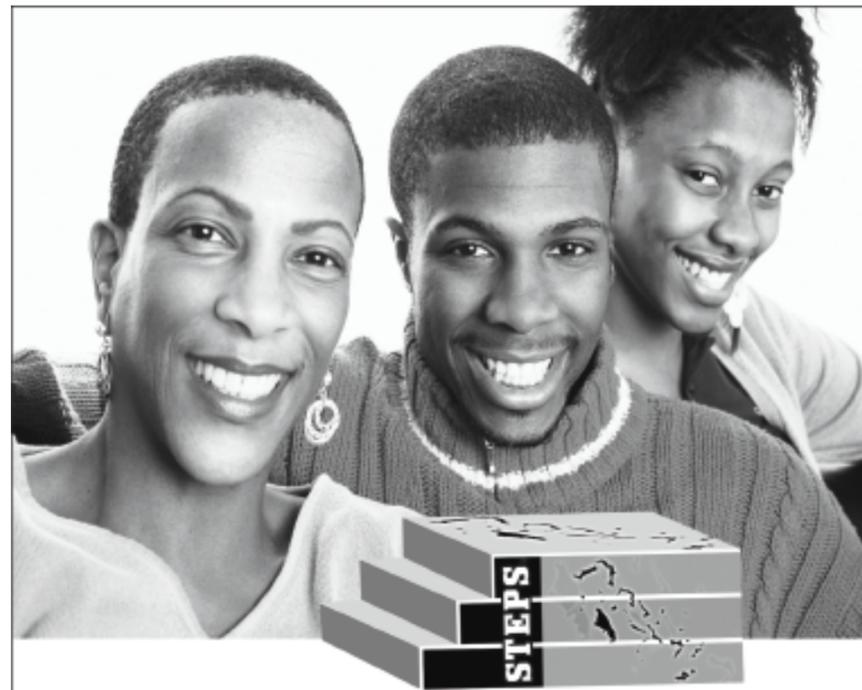
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- Must have a high degree of organizational awareness and political sensitivity
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URCA is a performance driven organisation and offers a competitive and attractive remuneration and benefits package as well as opportunities for career enrichment. Further information about URCA can be obtained from the website: www.urbahamas.bs

CONTACT:

Interested applicants should email their resume to info@org-soul.com. Applications should be received on or before July 8, 2011. Only candidates with the credentials and experience required for the role will be contacted. Thank you for your interest.



What is STEPS?

STEPS is a health survey similar to the recent national census. It is being conducted by the Ministry of Health in conjunction with the World Health Organization. Information is collected on risk factors for chronic diseases. These risk factors include tobacco use, alcohol consumption, physical activity, intake of fruits and vegetables, high blood pressure, high blood glucose (sugar), obesity and high fat levels in the blood. STEPS has three levels (1) interview questionnaire, (2) measurements of height, weight and blood pressure and waist circumference (3) finger stick tests for sugar and fats.

Three BASIC Steps

1) Questionnaire

2) Physical Measurements

3) Finger-Stick Blood Test

June - July, 2011

3,000 persons between 25-64 years will be randomly selected to participate in the survey. The survey will be conducted in New Providence, Grand Bahama, Cat Island and Inagua.



The Government of The Bahamas
MINISTRY OF HEALTH

BUSINESS

SANDALS STARTS LATEST TRAINING PLAN PHASE



Sandals Royal Bahamian will begin the fourth session of its Hospitality Training Program (HTP) today at 5pm at the HO Nash Junior High School.

This six-week training program is designed to provide participants with exposure, training and skills within the hospitality industry.

The program is free of charge and welcomes persons between the ages of 18-25.

At the end of training, the participants are evaluated.

Evaluation

Those who pass their evaluation will graduate with a certificate and letter of recommendation signed by the general manager of Sandals Royal Bahamian, Patrick Drake.

Usually, if there are openings in the person's area of training following graduation, they would then be hired.

On Tuesday, the resort graduated 20 young persons from its third Hospitality Training Program class.

Of that group, seven were employed by Sandals Royal Bahamian.



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- ✓ Bachelor's degree in Culinary Arts or related subject; professional certifications
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- ✓ Previous experience with a start-up property a plus.
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Bahamas Electricity Corporation

The Bahamas Electricity Corporation invites proposals from suitably qualified companies to provide for the operation and maintenance of four Ambient Air Monitoring Stations which comprise a network covering the Central Abaco area.

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

Submissions should be marked as follows:

Mr. Kevin Basden
General Manager
Bahamas Electricity Corporation
Executive Offices – Blue Hill & Tucker Roads
Nassau, Bahamas

Tender No. 748/11

Four Ambient Air Monitoring Stations
Wilson City, Cherokee Sound, Spring City & Marsh Harbour, Abaco Bahamas

Deadline for delivery to BEC:
July 22, 2011
no later than 4:00 p.m.

The Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

For all inquiries regarding the tender please contact **Mr. Michael Wilson** at mwilson@bahamaselectricity.com

Site Visit: Thursday, July 7, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

INSIGHT

For the stories behind the news, read *Insight* on Mondays



Bahamas Electricity Corporation Tender

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

Fuel Tanks Replacement, Transport Department
Big Pond Compound, Nassau, Bahamas

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

Submissions should be marked as follows:

Mr. Kevin Basden
General Manager
Bahamas Electricity Corporation
Executive Offices – Blue Hill & Tucker Roads
Nassau, Bahamas

Tender No. 752/11
Fuel Tanks Replacement, Transport Department
Big Pond Compound, Nassau, Bahamas

Deadline for delivery to BEC:
July 15, 2011
no later than 4:00 p.m.

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We are seeking to appoint a **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER** of a newly established company, to be regulated by The Securities Commission of the Bahamas, which will provide investment advisory services to clients in both Europe and South America.

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Bahamian musician releases new book 'A Woman's Cry Her Fight For Freedom'

By JEFFARAH GIBSON
Tribune Features Writer

BAHAMIAN award winning music artist, Jaynell Vernice who hails from the island of pink sand, Eleuthera, is releasing a new self help book for women who are struggling with low self esteem, low confidence, physical and emotional hurt.

The book which is called "A Woman's Cry Her Fight For Freedom" speaks to the women that have been suffering in silence and are crying out for help.

Jaynell's book is considered a self-help and practical guide for women to understand who they are, where they are going and certainly how to get there.

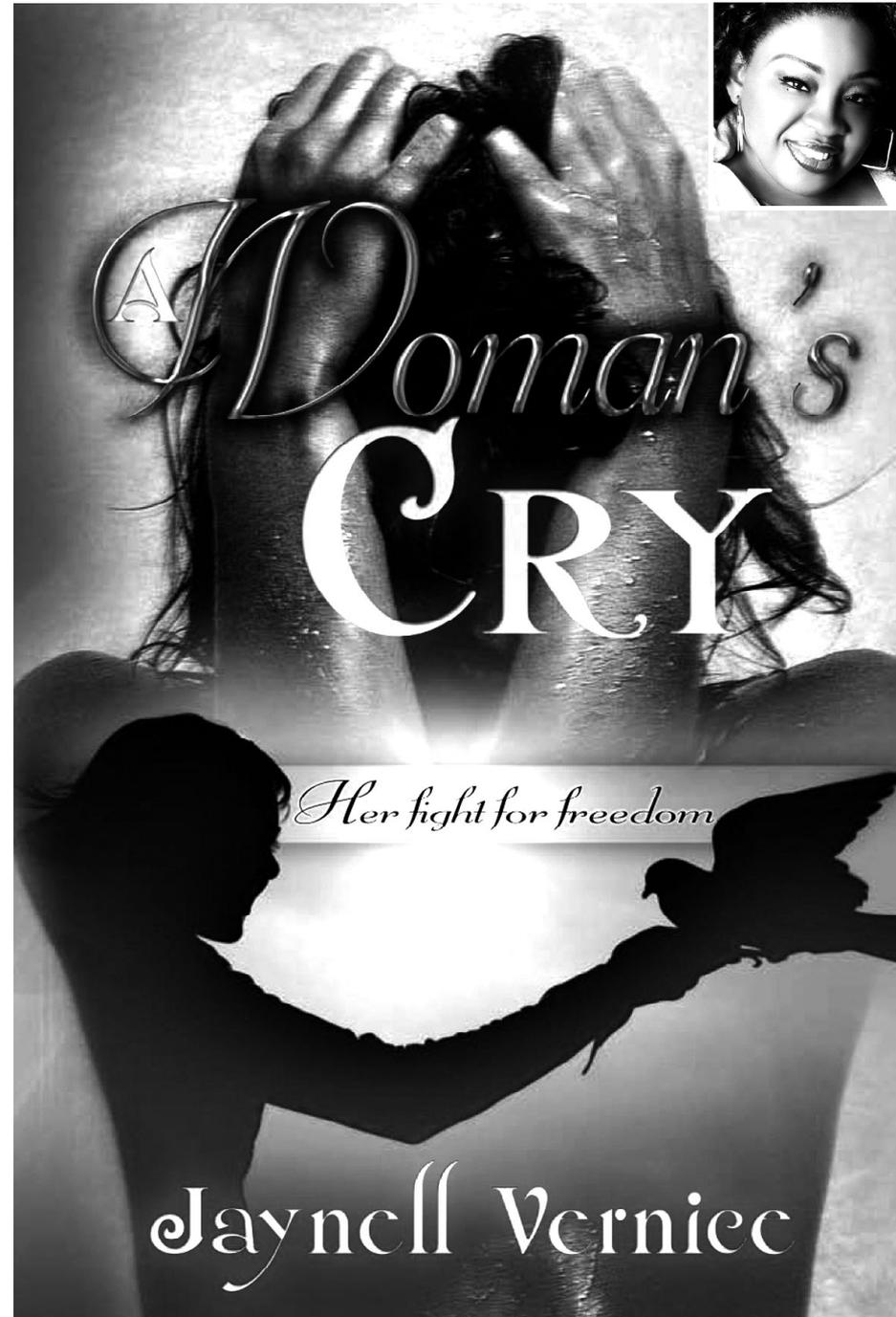
In her book she seeks to empower and encourage all women who are facing difficult times in their lives right now. With her encouraging words and insight she is determined to remind them that they are not alone no matter how unique they feel their situation is. "It doesn't matter whether or not a woman is single, married, divorced or even on the look out, this book will provide answers that women are searching for."

In a Woman's Cry Her Fight For Freedom Jaynell intends to target single women in search of Mr Right. Her conclusion is that once a woman recognises and affirms her worth to herself she is able to weave easily through the guys who do not display long term potential.

"My desire is to reach out to single women that will eventually be seeking a mate whom they will share the rest of their lives with. In my book I talk about a pre-paid man Vs a post paid man and I share in detail the reasons why so many relationships fall a part. I give you practical exercises to rate your potential mate to see if he's the one for you or should you move on. I also speak to women that have low self-esteem issues and don't feel beautiful in the chapter "Women you have the right to remain F.A.B-ulous. Women you don't have to wait for someone to affirm you of your beauty and inner radiance. No matter what your size or your color; you must see yourself as God sees you. Remember you are fearfully and wonderfully made. There is no one else on this planet that has been given the same characteristics that you have," she explained.

Jaynell said because of her past struggles and understanding the role her tribulations played in shaping her future she is able to extend advice to women and bring them hope with her book.

"I am glad to say that I have found my purpose and understood the reason for my storms. I am so much stronger and wiser because of my trials and tribulations. I have found a way to channel all of my hurt and pain to good use and create something pos-



JAYNELL Vernice new book is a self help guide for women struggling with self esteem issues.

itive out of a negative situation.

She continued: "I've learned to trust in Jesus knowing that he has the power to change and turn around any situation that you may be faced with. I am now free from my nightmares; free to smile again for real this time, free to dream, free to finally be a woman of integrity and honour knowing that I am beautiful because God says so. God has given me a new perspective on life. Along with the book I am releasing my newest single "Best is yet to come", holding

firm to the promises of God in faith.

In addition to releasing her book and her new single she is also starting the Woman's Freedom Movement that she hopes will swing a positive key throughout the Bahamas. She intends to accomplish this by bringing awareness and shedding the light of truth on issues that even some churches are afraid to talk about.

Jaynell will be making special appearances on local radio and television talk shows in the days ahead.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2011

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God's gift to us



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AS A people, we are blessed to have so much that is good in spite of what needs transforming. It is for us to understand how to fully appreciate those blessings. In Acts 2:28b, St Peter quotes King David to the people: "You have made known to me the ways of life, you will make full of gladness with your presence."

The presence of God indicates accessibility to wisdom for the future, strength for the challenges of the day, and knowledge of the faithfulness of God in the past to have sustained us this far. Psalm 111:5 speaks about God's provision: "He provides food for those who fear Him."

As we ponder world developments, it is imperative that we return to some of the former practices of family gardens, as we look for new and creative methods to become more self-sufficient. Solar energy is one of our great resources as the heat seems to increase daily. What can we do to harness this national asset for our benefit?

not seen him you love him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls."

In the midst of great distress, and in spite of our size as a very small island state, the presence of God can mean peace if only we will believe, and act according to God's plan: John 20:19 describes how peace will overcome even the terror of terrorism: "*When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had me were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."*

SECOND CHANCE

At a time when too many of our own are experiencing a sense of guilt over what they have done, or shame over what has been done to them, let us understand what it is that the cross means for us all. Redemption is a second chance, a clean start, a new beginning to value ourselves as precious in God's sight and in each other's sight. We are reminded in 1 Peter 1:3 and 8 that there is a way to leave the past behind and obtain a living hope for a better life here on earth:

"By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you...although you have

PEACE

When we make our peace with God, and we are at peace within ourselves about ourselves, we become a national resource as we overflow with our own unique thoughts and contributions, and out of gratitude to God, freely give to others whatever is needed at the time: our skills or just a smile, our prayers and our presence, encouragement and praise, money and time, ideas and imaginative solutions. Let us lead the way by seeking to develop every person's potential with policies that will not sell each other back into slavery for personal gain, with programs that call us to respond to life in ingenious ways, with prayers that remind us of our total dependence upon God alone as we strive to live as an independent nation in a time of global relationships.

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Be a blessing

Genesis 12: 2. *And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:*

Despite all of the prosperity teachings and other materials concerning prosperity circulating throughout the church today; there's still a vast amount of poverty and lack among the majority of saints. It's fair to say that this consistent level of poverty and lack is due to greed, selfishness and blatant disobedience to God's word by those who have gained access to levels of financial prosperity / blessing.

Here's the purpose of the blessing **"and thou shalt be a blessing"** As God begins to show himself strong on behalf of his people in the realm of finances, many of these persons have allowed the finances and other blessings to get the better part of them. This is where the saying comes into play **"It's not bad to have money, but it's bad when money have you; OR as, 1Tim.6:10, says "For the love of money is the root of all evil:"** The key to walking in and being the recipient of God's blessing is being obedient to His word.

There are two facets of being blessed or receiving a blessing; one is of God and the other is orchestrated by Satan. **(1)KJV: Prov.10: 22. The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.** This facet of the blessing is surrounded with joy that's unspeakable and filled with God's glory and is gladly extended / shared with others, (with wisdom as the Holy Spirit leads). **(2) NLT: Ps.62: 10. Don't try to get rich by extortion or robbery. And if your wealth increases, don't make it the center of your life.**

This facet of the blessing is methodically laid out by Satan of which many within and outside the church are chasing after; upon its gain there is great sorrow attached one way or another. God's purpose of the blessing is not for one to consume it upon his / her own lust.

In the process of receiving the blessing, God will make the recipient's name great. Not for the recipient's name sake; but for His (God's) name sake. As man chases Satan's facet of the blessing, one of the very first things that happens, is that the name of the man / woman becomes the center of attention. The media is normally involved or some other means of making public known of which has been gained or distributed by the recipient of such financial or other material blessings.

The perquisite for God's blessings is clearly laid out for us: **Deut.28: 1. And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee**



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this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: : 2. And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. : 3. Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. : 4. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. : 5. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. : 6. Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. : 7. The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways. : 8. The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. The reverse of the blessing is the curse, which is also clearly laid out for us: **Deut.28: 15. But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: : 16. Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field. : 17. Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store. : 18. Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. : 19. Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out. : 20. The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me. : 21. The LORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it.**

Follow the path of the blessing.

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Royal Settings presents a Royal Affair

By ALESHA CADET
Tribune Features Reporter

ONCE AGAIN young Bahamian marital artist, Darren "Heavy Metal" Sears is making headlines as he was privileged to be one of the persons chosen as an honouree at the Royal Settings event at Chapel On The Hill just a few weeks ago.

In an interview with *Tribune Religion*, Mr Sears noted, " This invitation helped me to realise that God has all my hair numbered, and he cares about me personally."

He goes on to explain: " Sometimes when standing for righteousness we will feel as if our efforts are in vain. At the event I was the youngest of all the men being honoured, this was a great feeling in itself to be honoured at such a young age."

Mr Sears said the event was a great success and many people came to support the men of God. The decorations were "five star quality with an excellent program."

"There was also a guest artist at the event, Mr Lynx who gave a powerful testimony about his life and music career and Sharon Gibson, one of the promoters of the event, came to me and spoke to

me about an event that was about to take place. She said that they are honoring people who have made a great impact in the community that go unnoticed, washed away in the works of evil done and spoken, of men on the news and around the nation.

" I immediately thought it was a great idea, for people need to know that there are men out there who are doing God's will and making a large impact in the world today.

"She then told me that while in prayer God told her that he wanted me to be honoured at the Royal Settings event. I was excited to know that God noticed all the work that I was doing for him and it showed me that I was being effective."

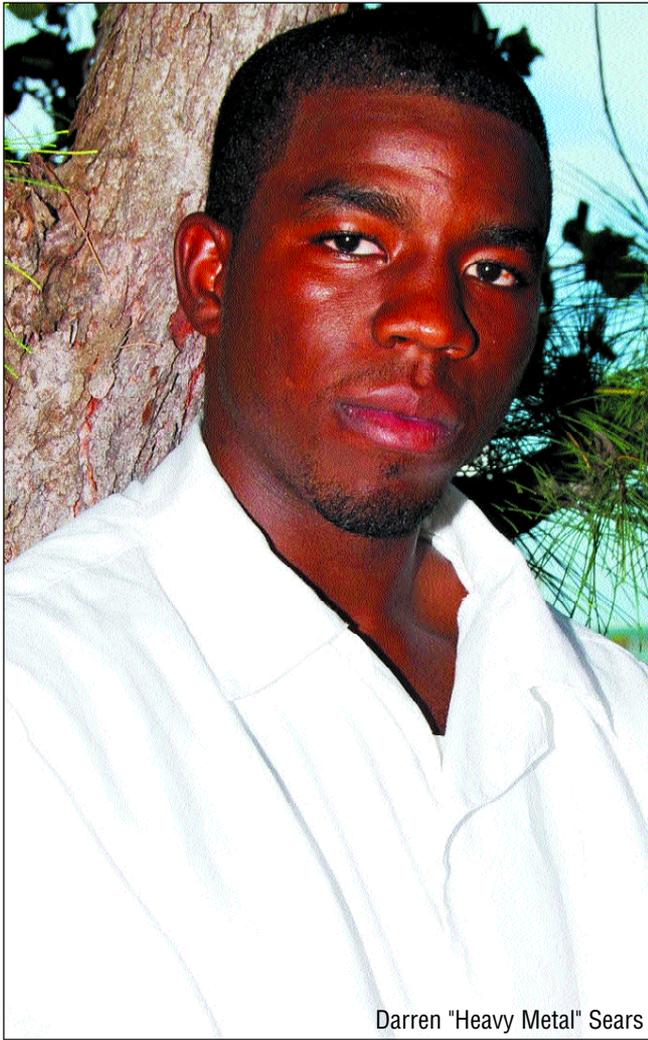
Going further, he continued: " Many people die before they get honoured or recognised. It was a great blessing and encouragement to me to be recognised for the efforts of working hard for God. Many people say things about you that are not true but we as believers of God need to ignore this completely, because God will expose that which is good and bad in due season."

" He will make your name great, you don't need people to encourage or uplift you, God should be your motivation, his word has to come to pass, his word is inevitable if you believe in hope. I pray that

this be an encouragement for all those people labouring in the name of Jesus and feel like they are unappreciated. God is telling you today everything you do for him, everything you say, every tear you cry, down to every drop of sweat is being recorded by God," Mr Sears said.

"Those who humble themselves before God will be exalted and that which is done in private will be rewarded openly. People wonder why I am so radical and on fire for God, but if they only knew what God has done for me, they would be radical and on fire too. In this life don't worry about what people think. Stand unashamed to represent Jesus."

Mr Sears goes on to say, " I stand unashamed because when I was down and out no one was there but God, when I had nothing, no one was there but God, when I cried, no was there but God, when I am in need no one can help me like God. Now I strive to do greater works for God, because I understand that his desire is for all to come to know him and none to perish. For those who are reading this I would like you to know that there is no love like God's love. God is a person who wants to have a relationship with you, and Jesus is the key to getting to know God. Place God first place in your life and watch him blow your mind to where he will take you."



Darren "Heavy Metal" Sears

Increased Capacity

"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. The eyes of your understanding; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints." Ephesians 1:17 & 18.



ALLISON MILLER

This year the youth group that I am apart of (Bethel Baptist Youth Department) has been challenged with a unique topic for our Youth's Day service- "Increased Capacity" seeing clearing, hearing, better and going higher. Taken from Ephesians 1:15-23 and Col 1:25-27. We are indeed proud of the fact this not just a one day topic but something that we can carry with us for the rest of our lives.

The word increase means to become greater in size in our spirits. The word capacity, the power of holding; containing; absorbing or grasping more of what

God is saying to us in this season. That we have the qualification and authority, that can be contained in the positions in which we function. Higher, extending upward from where we currently are, to go higher levels in God. Not just a, 'step' but a dimension. Dimension is a place of dominion; beyond the norm or regular; serious altitude, elevation above horizon just basking in his presence.

Seeing clearer this a visual perception or to perceive by the eye with understanding, to observe or discern. To have power of vision; to see without difficulty

in the spirit. Improved hearing or hearing better in a greater degree. In a more excellent manner.

I said all of that to say that God is calling us to go higher in Him! We have God in us, His blood flows on the inside of us. Are you able to contain what God wants to deposit in you? He has given us a choice, whether we want more of him or not. Are you afraid of the price that has to be paid to contain or hold what God wants to give to you? Well I know I'm tired of the regular/nom! God wants to use us to fulfill His will in the earth. We have dominion, authority and power to defeat and devour the plot of the enemy to steal, kill and destroy. We must realize who lives on the inside of us and stop living defeated lives.

We must not live in fear, powerless, sickness, poor, hopelessness... but bold, courageous, powerful, healthy, hopeful, rich, strong, undefeated as we go higher, see clearer and hear better, the GIANTS will increase as well! They will come to TRY and kill us, discourage us, and cause us to give up on God. But God is with us and will never leave you. He loves us,

hears our every prayer, sees our good works, and sacrifices. Keep fighting, keep praying, fasting, stay in His will and He will strengthen, equip and prepare us. Be strong, disregard the negative jeers, filter the negative thoughts in your mind with the word of God, we will live and not die! Keep pressing!

God is able and will do just what He has promised us. The Potter knows what he is doing and we will come out as pure gold! Be encouraged everyone! God wants to do even more supernatural things in the earth in us and through us - but we must surrender and be broken! Newness in our minds, our speech, hearing, sight, movement in dance, singing, leading, parenting, marriages, jobs, relationships etc... God is going to move on Youth's Day and every activity prior or before this special day. Revival is in Bethel and it's in us all. So receive all that God has for us in this season and give to those that need God with the gifts, talents, and abilities instilled in each of us.

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Fantastic four get 'Lifetime Achievement Award'

By BRENT STUBBS
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IT WAS a special Saturday night at the Grand Bahama Baseball Park for Bertram Murray Sr, Frankie 'Cinderella' Sweeting, Willard Rutherford and Jeff 'Sangee' Francis.

The quartet were awarded the "Lifetime Achievement Award" during the opening ceremonies at the Bahamas Baseball Federation's 9th Andre Rodgers National Baseball Tournament.

Ask Murray, Sweeting or Francis

and they all would tell you that they were not only thrilled to have received such an honour, but it's one that was long overdue.

Francis, the youngest member of the class

"I'm honoured to get the award, but I'm still bust in what I do," said Francis, who is still assisting the federation in its administration and worked as an official at the tournament.

"I help baseball and I try to push the game, so I guess my peers see it fit to honour me for what I've been doing probably in the last 10-12

years."

But Francis admitted that it wasn't until he was presented the award by Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture Charles Maynard that he really felt the significance of it.

"Everybody said it was well-deserved, but even when they were voting on it, there was 14 votes and I got all 14 votes to put me in there to get the award. But it really just set in when I got the award."

Born on April 29, 1961, Francis is the sixth of 13 children born to the late James Frances and Rejoinder Rolle.

"Sangee" as he is called, started

playing the sport of baseball at the age of 12. Today, he is the current president of the New Providence Amateur Baseball League and the former first vice president of the Bahamas Baseball Federation.

He is married to the beautiful Andrea Gwendolyn Francis (nee Rolle) and they have two talented daughters - Janae Latoya (a graduate of Allegany College of Maryland) and Jessica Lee (a forward/center at Potomac State College). Both girls are black belts in karate which has taught them to be

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Wild card moves on



CENTRE COURT: Wild card entry Shaquille Taylor takes part in this year's Junkanoo Bowl tournament at the Bahamas Lawn Tennis Association National Tennis Centre yesterday. SEE MORE PHOTOS ON PAGES 4 & 5E

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Hundreds of junior tennis players from around the world have descended on the Bahamas to compete in the country's most high profile junior tennis tournament.

The Junkanoo Bowl began Monday and will continue daily at the Bahamas Lawn Tennis Association's National Tennis Center.

The Grade 4-Hard Surface tournament is sanctioned by the International Tennis Federation and features players ranked within the top 200 in the world.

In the boys' main draw, Shaquille Taylor continues to take advantage of his position as a wild card entry, and carried the flag proudly for the Bahamas into the second

round. Taylor defeated Kevin Carpenter of Mexico, 6-1, 4-6, 7-5. He will advance to face the second seeded player of the draw, Dekel Bar of Israel, who defeated Arsav Mohanty of the USA, 6-2, 6-4.

Other Bahamian players in the boys' main draw were not as fortunate as they suffered elimination in round one.

Christian Cargill was defeated by Josh Hagar of the US, 2-6, 1-6. Ondre Cargill was defeated by Walner Espinoza of Panama 3-6, 4-6 and Rasheed Carey fell to Thomas Colautti of Great Britain, 0-6, 2-6.

In the girls' main draw, Simone Pratt was able to move through to the second round following her 6-1, 6-2 win over Olivia Hauger of the United States.

Other Bahamians in the main draw included Gabriella Bowe who lost to Kristina Chasovskikh of Russia 6-1, 6-2. Miranda Rodriguez of Mexico defeated

Adrienne D'Alewyn 1-6, 0-6, Yijia Shao of China topped Gabrielle Moxey 2-6, 0-6, and Tatijana Sheikhan of the United States eliminated Erin Strachan 1-2-6.

Several opportunities in doubles play remain for the Bahamas to capture a title on the home court.

In girls' doubles, Danielle Thompson paired with India Hart of Canada and advanced to the quarterfinal and will face Alexandra Clark of Great Britain and Blair Shankle of the US. Pratt and Shao also advanced to the quarterfinal and will face Peeraya Charoensirisutthikul of Thailand and Katarina Guarino of the US.

In 2010, Rodney Carey Jr reached the final of the Junkanoo Bowl but fell in tournament finale.

Carey, the tournament's second seed, lost to the top seed of the main draw, Shaun Bernstein of the United States, 3-6, 4-6.

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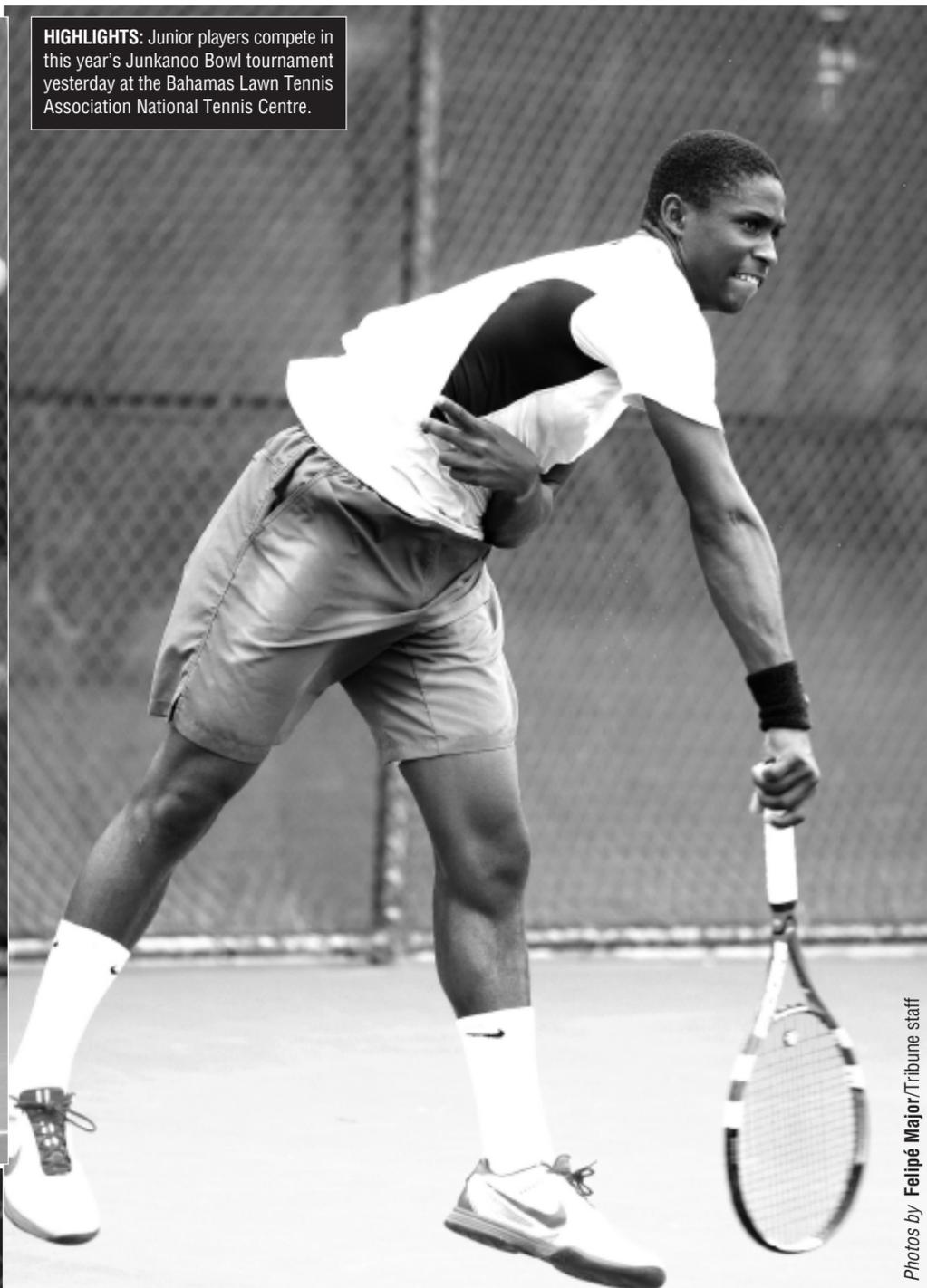
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