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**ANXIOUS:** Little Bradston Bowe can't wait to play yesterday at the Southwestern Division Police summer camp Family Values session.



**ALL EARS:** Lynette Rose speaks to the children on family values yesterday at the at the Southwestern Division Police Summer Camp.

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# More than 3,000 children attend the Royal Bahamas Police Force Summer Camp

By **SANCHESKA BROWN**

MORE than 3,000 children flocked to 10 camp divisions yesterday for the official first day of the Royal Bahamas Police Force Summer Camp.

Assistant Commissioner

Stephen Dean said that for six weeks, the camp will provide the teens with a safe atmosphere where they can use their talents and have fun at the same time.

ASP Dean, who is now in charge of this effort, said the children will spend at least one day at the various children's homes and volunteer at a home for the elderly. This will not only teach them about service, he said, but also about respect for old people and their struggles.

The teens also will be visiting radio stations and media houses, in addition to participating in sports and other activities.

There will be speech competitions, soccer matches sponsored by the Bahamas

Football Association, basketball games sponsored by Caribbean Bottling, and musical performances with instruments and equipment provided by the Lyford Cay Foundation.

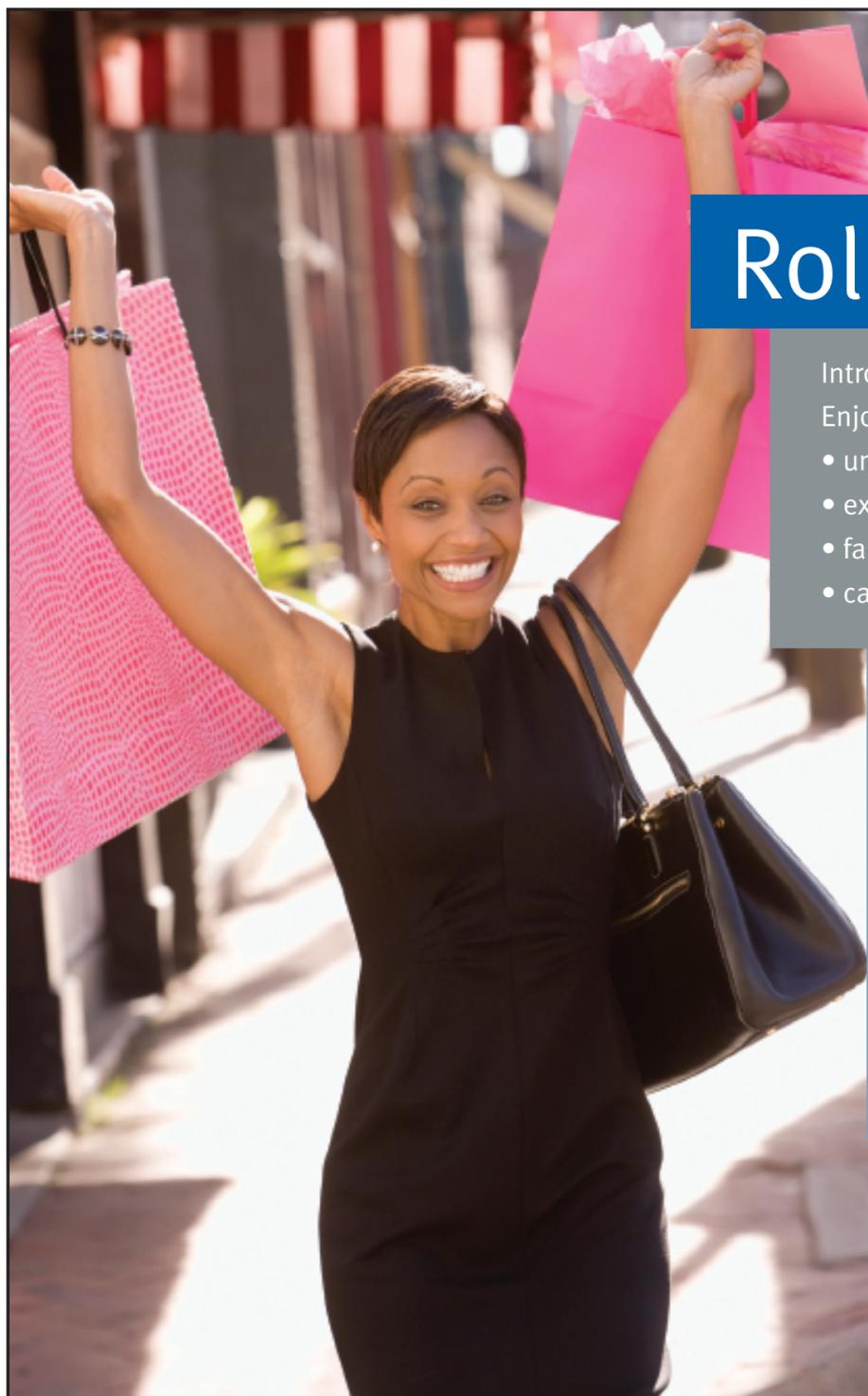
The Foundation is also helping to feed camp participants, and Cable Bahamas has pledged a financial donation to each of the 10 divisions.

In addition, several landscaping companies have agreed to help the children landscape the entrance to the Police Headquarters on East Street.

ASP Dean said the police are now working on expanding the camp to Cat Island, San Salvador, Exuma, Bimini, Eleuthera and Harbour Island.

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# MINISTER HAILS POTENTIAL OF SPORT AND ENTERTAINMENT TOURISM

By **TANEKA THOMPSON**  
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CAPITALISING on sport and entertainment tourism can bring in scores of visitors from untapped markets, Culture Minister Charles Maynard told Parliament as he moved legislation that will create a body to oversee the sports sector.

The new law will create a National Sports Authority (NSA) meant to manage the nation's sporting facilities and attract new sporting events – not only to the new national stadium but to other facilities country-wide.

"Once we build up a reputation and develop a global brand for being the place for sports and entertainment... more communities of this nation will be impacted by attracting new tourists who ordinarily would not travel to the Bahamas," said Mr Maynard, the Golden Isles MP.

"Sports and entertainment has the ability to bring people to our shores that our regular promotion of sun, sand and sea cannot attract them to. People with real disposable income. It's a known fact that the economic impact of major sporting and entertainment events on local economy outweighs that of non-entertainment and non-sporting regular tourism, the visitor spend is outweighed."

## Oversee

The new entity, established under the Bill for an Act for the Establishment of the National Sports Authority of the Bahamas, will be a quasi-government body that will oversee and promote the country's sporting facilities. The NSA will be in charge of maintaining sports facilities and will be able to grant leases and other concessions to various sporting groups.

The body also will be responsible for attracting spectators and sponsors to events organised by local federations and associations. A clause in the bill also calls for the creation of a national sports fund.

This NSA will manage money earmarked for sports development specifically through this fund.

As they debated the legislation, parliamentarians also stressed the important role sports can play in eradicating such social ills as crime and violence by creating positive alternatives for young people.

Once the bills is passed and enacted, Parliament will introduce regulations to clearly define rules that local and international sporting federations must adhere to in order to host games at a Bahamian facility.

The bill was first read in Parliament in May, but debate on the legislation was postponed over concerns that some members of the House of Assembly had different rafts of the law.

# Firearms marking machine is new tool in war on illegal guns



Patrick Hanna/BIS

**ANTI-CRIME TOOL:** Commodore Roderick Bowe, Commander of the Defence Force (first right) and Police Commissioner Ellison Greenslade discuss the technical aspects of the firearm marking machine. Also pictured (from left) are: Florencia Raskovan, OAS training facilitator; and Juliette Mallet-Phillip, country representative, Office of the OAS General Secretariat.

The government says it has added another important tool to its multi-faceted approach to the fight against illegal guns after receiving a firearms marking machine from the Organisation of American States.

The hand-over took place at the Paul Farquharson Conference Centre and followed months of negotiations that resulted in a joint agreement signed with the OAS under their "Promoting Firearms Marking in Latin America and the Caribbean" project in January.

The Bahamas was one of the first Caribbean countries to sign onto the agreement, joining Costa Rica, Paraguay and Uruguay.

The pact gives law enforcement and national security officials access to training and equipment for tracking marked firearms.

Minister of National Security Tommy Turnquest accepted the machine on behalf of the government.

"The marking of firearms will help us to identify the weapons that have been used in criminal activity and therefore help to combat crime in our country and in the region," he said.

"This programme is very important for the Bahamas because we have become a transit point for drugs and small arms."

OAS training facilitator Florencia Raskovan attended Wednesday's hand-over. She will conduct training sessions for local law enforcement and national security officials over the next two days.

In return, the Bahamas is obligated to provide the OAS with information on the coun-

try's capacity and needs with respect to firearms marking, recording and tracing.

The country also agreed to co-operate with the OAS on "follow-up missions" and to mark an average of 100 firearms per month over the course of the next 12 months.

## Commitment

Mr Turnquest said the joint agreement and receipt of the machine shows the government's commitment to getting rid of illegal guns, which statistics show have been responsible for 72 per cent of the murders committed in the Bahamas as of July 5, 2011.

He said the establishment of Magistrates Court No 9 as The Gun Court was another major

aspect of the war on guns, which has paid immediate dividends.

National Security officials say the illegal trafficking in firearms is tied directly into other transnational criminal activities such as drugs and human smuggling.

"The government of the Bahamas is determined to maximise our resources in thwarting all efforts to smuggle illegal firearms into our country," Mr Turnquest said.

"While reducing the trade in illegal weapons is a challenging undertaking, we are satisfied that improved gun registries, and the marking and tracing of weapons, along with improved interdiction of firearms at our ports can help," he said.

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## POLICE BRIEFS

### OFFICERS QUESTION TWO MEN AFTER DISCOVERING HIGH-POWERED FIREARMS

POLICE assigned to the Rapid Strike unit arrested two men after discovering a pair of high powered weapons in a home.

The men were taken into custody at 1.30am Wednesday at a home in Coral Vista.

Preliminary reports indicate that officers executed a search warrant on the residence at Coral Harbour and discovered the weapons inside a bedroom with a large quantity of assorted ammunition and what they suspected were ecstasy tablets.

The men are thought to be 36 and 40 years old. One is believed to be a Jamaican.

### MAN ARRESTED IN HANDGUN PROBE

A 25-year-old man was taken into custody for questioning after police discovered a handgun and ammunition, police said.

Officers of the Special Intelligence Branch arrested the man, a resident of London Avenue off Carmichael Road, at 8 pm on Tuesday between Carmichael Road and Ford Close.

### SEVEN MEN DETAINED IN ANTI BREAK-IN SWOOP

SEVEN men were taken in for questioning by officers of the Southwestern Division as part of their continuing efforts to curtail housebreaking in the area.

Officers from the division took to the streets on Monday seeking out suspects and executing search warrants.

The detained men range in age from 19 to 39 years old. They are currently helping police with a number of housebreakings, death threats and theft investigations.

The officers also discovered a number of what they suspect are stolen items, including flat screen televisions, a miniature laptop and computer hardware.

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## COURT BRIEF

### MAN, 21, ARRAIGNED ON MURDER CHARGE

A 21-year-old man was arraigned in Magistrate Court yesterday on a murder charge.

Police have charged Olando Woodside of Wulff Road with the Sunday, July 3, stabbing death of Anva Thompson.

Police reports indicate that Thompson was stabbed around 5pm on Sunday at Windsor Lane and Market Street, and was dead by the time paramedics arrived on the scene.

Woodside, who was not represented by an attorney, was not required to enter a plea to the charge.

Twenty-two witnesses are listed on court dockets.

Prosecutors expected to proceed with a Voluntary Bill of Indictment in the matter, which will be presented on September 8.

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## Schools, hospitals off limits to Immigration

THIS WEEK Belinda Wilson, president of the Bahamas Union of Teachers, agreed that undocumented Haitian students should be removed from the Bahamas' school system.

While recognising that it was a delicate situation, that no child in the Bahamas can be denied an education, and that no roundup of Haitian students whose parents are illegally in this country, should be carried out on school property, Ms Wilson said teachers are willing to assist Immigration in identifying the students for their eventual removal. She was supporting an intention allegedly made by Immigration Director Jack Thompson in a speech to the New Providence Association of Public High School Principals' annual retreat. However, Mr Thompson denied a newspaper report – not a Tribune report – that quoted him as saying that the country has to “flush out” undocumented immigrants who are enrolled in the country's school system “absorbing our resources.”

Mr Thompson denied any suggestion that the Immigration Department intends to target these children. He said he made it clear to the educators that education is a fundamental human right which every child is entitled to receive.

“Administrators were told,” said Mr Thompson, “that students of foreign nationals attending schools should apply to the Department of Immigration for a residency permit or permit to reside.” He said it was “emphasised that while students should not be denied the right of a basic education, records by the Department to Immigration are critical for future applications, or permanent residence or citizenship.”

He agreed that the children's issue was a sensitive one and requires professionalism and discretion.

He said that his department, fully appreciating the sensitivity of the matter, always tries to make certain that its policies and actions are in “compliance with international law and acceptable national and international standards and practices.”

This is a most difficult situation and unless handled extremely carefully can be turned into a human witch hunt. If vulnerable parents believe that they can be targeted through their school children, there will be a mass exodus from the schools, which then becomes a police problem as the children take to the bush.

The last problem will then be far greater than the first.

The situation of the children is not of easy solution. Many of these children have been born here of parents who have lived in the Bahamas for many years. No child born in the Bahamas after 1973 is automatically a Bahamian citizen. However, at the age of 18 that young person can apply for citizenship. No impediments being in the way, the grant of citizenship should be automatic.

However, a Haitian child born in the Bahamas, does have an impediment to block his automatic citizenship — his parents are illegal residents. We don't know if over the years the Bahamas and Haitian governments have worked out another thorny problem. However, at one time Haiti did not recognise as Haitian citizens a child born in the Bahamas of Haitian parents. If this is still the position it means that the Bahamas will have many stateless children on its hands. This is indeed a major problem — an international problem.

Many vocal Bahamians want Haitian children not only removed from the schools, but all undocumented residents — mostly Haitians — to be banned from the hospitals and clinics. This is a most shortsighted and dangerous position, and the fastest way to fan an epidemic that could affect us all.

Let these people fear seeking medical help for a disease that could be contagious, and rather than be arrested stay at home, they could infect their family, their neighbours, their community and eventually all of New Providence.

Doctors, for example, swear the Hippocratic Oath, which is one of the oldest binding documents in history. Its principles are still held sacred by doctors today. Doctors swear to treat the sick to the best of their ability, preserve the patient's privacy, teach the secrets of medicine to the next generation, etc. And so doctors, in practising their profession are bound to keep information about their patients secret. They are also obliged to treat them regardless of who they are or from where they come.

Mr Thompson has made it clear that the job of Immigration is to protect the Bahamas from illegal immigrants, but he stresses that it is a task that must be carried out with sensitivity.

“We never send any immigration officers to the schools,” said Mr Thompson. “The schools, the church and the hospitals are off limits.”

This does not remove the Haitian problem, which has to be approached in another way.

# Has the PLP lost its will to govern?

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Someone once said that silence gives consent. As an avid reader of the dailies I am astonished at the lack of public commentary that is coming from the PLP camp. All of us know that the PLP is the official opposition of the Bahamas. But their apparent lack of commitment to speak out on policies that affect the Bahamian people may adversely affect them in the upcoming general elections.

The PLP has all of the factors in place to succeed the FNM government in the next general election. The economy is bad, there is little faith in the government ministers and most of all Bahamians have become disenchanted with the Prime Minister, the Rt Honourable Hubert Alexander Ingraham.

Yet, the PLP seems not to be gaining any ground politically. Is it because of the leadership style of the PLP leader which is to sit and wait it out? Is it the hysteria surrounding the DNA? The recent debacle in the South Andros constituency, the continuing criticism by George Smith and

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the chants of weak leadership of Perry Christie has hurt the PLP and the PLP seems to be a ship afloat, but on dry dock.

To switch gears a bit, in recent times, the FNM is doing all it can to convince the public that they are for the people. Look at the recent budget. Look at the promise by the Prime Minister to stiffen policies on the death penalty. Look at the bill to introduce election reform.

On the other hand, the DNA is all over the air waves; whether it is on talk shows, television shows or hosting town meetings. Their message of change is reaching a wide cross section of the Bahamian electorate. And then look at the PLP. What are they doing to convince Bahamians that they should be given a chance to form the next government? Literally nothing. The PLP leader is yet to appear on a live talk show to discuss his party's plan and talk sensibly

to the Bahamian public. Has the Rt Honourable Perry Christie and the PLP lost their will to govern? Or are they waiting to strike at the 12th hour? Does Mr Christie believe that he has earned the job of Prime Minister?

The FNM is on the ropes, but it seems as if the DNA is throwing the punches and not the PLP. The PLP appears to be on the sideline, are disorganised and waiting to jump into the ring. They have an excellent chance before them to reclaim the government. But the leadership of the PLP must realise by now that they must get in the ring and start throwing punches as well. No one deserves to govern the Bahamas. This privilege is fought for.

The stakes this time around are extremely high and the electorate is becoming more and more informed daily. The Bahamian people want to hear straight, honest talk from its political leaders. But sitting on the sidelines will not get the job done.

DEHAVILLAND MOSS  
Nassau,  
July 5, 2011.

## ROAD WORKS IN NEW PROVIDENCE NEED TO TAKE A DIFFERENT APPROACH

EDITOR, The Tribune.

It's hard for me to understand the short term goals of the persons responsible for the road works in New Providence.

Persons charged with the construction of the road works must have enacted a plan of action, which must have been approved by qualified professionals.

While controlling cost is a major factor in the success of any project, certainly, the effect to stakeholders during the project execution phase cannot be overstated and should always be duly considered.

Or did someone wake up one morning, get a tractor and decide to dig up roads, close them, install new pipes and bring Bahamian businesses that were already struggling to its knees.

If you had told me the latter, I would not utter a word of disagreement. But to tell me that the former took place, where there was a project initiation, testing and execution plan, I would certainly question the sanity of the authorities involved. In fact, this looks like the actions of someone suffering from a mental disorder. All sundry agree that the works being done are absolutely necessary.

But infrastructural improvements on any island or cay in the Bahamas should be done in a systematic and concise fashion that shows common sense.

It makes no sense to me though, the current running of the project.

Businesses are closing, civil lawsuits are pending, motorists' frustration is rising daily and businessmen are advising that crime has increased because of the minimal police presence where roads have been closed.

Come on man. Something is wrong. Take a different approach. I am appealing to “the powers that be.”

DEHAVILLAND MOSS  
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Tivona is currently in the midst of completing a certification in Manual Therapy through the University of St Augustine for Health Sciences that she intends to complete in December 2011. In 2012, Tivona hopes to become the first Bahamian Therapist to pursue Certification in Hand Therapy (CHT).

When not working as a Physiotherapist, Tivona loves to laugh, have fun, meet people and, most of all, to spend time with her father and extended family. And if you listen closely, she may even serenade you with her soft, smooth singing voice.

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THE Rotaract Club of East Nassau, a community service organisation comprised of young professionals, has for the second year in a row won the District 7020 Rotaract Club of the Year Award.

District 7020 comprises 47 Rotaract Clubs in 10 countries, including Anguilla, the Bahamas, the British Virgin Islands, Cayman, Haiti, Jamaica, the French West Indies, the Netherlands Antilles, the US Virgin Islands and Turks and Caicos.

Requirements for the Club of the Year award are extensive, and include community service initiatives, fundraising, and membership.

A significant achievement noted by the awards committee was 'Masqued', the major fundraiser held jointly by the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of East Nassau in March, which raised nearly \$50,000 for community service initiatives.

## Dedication

"We can credit this award to the hard work and dedication shown by all of our members," said Anne Myers, president of the Rotaract Club of East Nassau, 2010-2011. "We're so honoured to have won again for the second year in a row, and it's our hope that this recognition will

inspire other members of our community to become involved in service organisations."

The Rotaract Club of East Nassau, sponsored by the Rotary Club of East Nassau and a member of Rotary International, is a community service organisation for young professionals ranging in age from 18-30.

This year the club also received a Presidential Citation, awarded to high-achieving clubs by the 2010-2011 president of Rotary International, Ray Klingensmith.

More information can be found at their website, [www.rotaracteastnassau.org](http://www.rotaracteastnassau.org) or at [www.rotaract.org](http://www.rotaract.org).

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### PORTS INTERNATIONAL SUPPORTS SPECIAL OLYMPICS BAHAMAS



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: Sheila Brown & Shelia McSweeney, Ports International; Stanley Forbes, Special Olympics Bahamas; Carolyn Papai & Michele Rassin, Ports International

THE Bahamas' branch of The Special Olympics has started its annual fundraising drive to finance Bahamian athletes in international competitions.

Special Olympics Bahamas has already received a donation from corporate partner Ports International which will assist in providing sports and training activities for intellectually challenged children and adults in the community.

Through its sports programmes, Special Olympics Bahamas strives to provide long-term benefits to individ-

uals' health, self-esteem and social integration.

The Bahamas branch relies heavily on the contributions of corporate citizens to raise funds for their athletes.

"We are very pleased to support such an important cause, and we wish our Special Olympics Team Bahamas great success in the 2011 World Summer Games," said Ports International President and CEO Carolyn Papai as she presented the donation to the group.

Special Olympics Bahamas representative Stanley

Forbes expressed gratitude to the company for its donation. He also noted they were able to send a team of 38 people to this year's Summer World Games in Athens, Greece.

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# ROADWORKS FACE THREE MONTH DELAY

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pipes will have to be relocated or contractors would have to work around them, which can throw a job off track for days or weeks.

When you get in an area that has a lot of underground pipes like Baillou Hill Road and Robinson Road, you do not want to interrupt existing services to the public, whether its water, cable or phone so the contractor has to use care and caution and often that results in manual labour and that takes time."

Ms Albury said contractors are facing another challenge in the Baillou Hill and Robinson Road areas where there is a high water table.

"The high water table causes a problem for the contractor particularly in installing new water mains because you cannot get them contaminated with ground water. So if the water table is high the contractor has to wait until he has low tide or until he can de-water a trench before he can continue with the installation. This is something that can happen everyday once the tide is high."

Ms Albury said old rusty pipes have also become an issue. She said the old water mains are brittle and rusty and as the contractor proceeds with the work, the pipes will burst or disintegrate because of the length of time they have been underground. The contractors will then have to call water services to deal with the problem before they can continue work.

Ms Albury urged members of the public to be patient as this is the first time such a massive undertaking of underground improvements has happened in the Bahamas.

"Most road works in the country have just been over-laying on pavement so the public has no idea of the volume of work that needs to be done underground. We are ensuring that all the pipes are laid properly, all the utilities are in so we do not have to dig up the road for another 20 years."

Ms Albury said the massive heat and rainy weather has also caused a brief delay in road works.

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## LOCAL NEWS

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he said there is a higher court, but he was not aware of any appeal.

"So the ruling of the court clears away the question as to whether the Bahamian public, by the Minister of Public Works and Transport, Neko Grant, whether there are additional issues of damages and costs in the course of executing public infrastructural work of a kind that is obviously a part of a major government policy initiative that has spanned three administrations now," said Mr Delaney.

Arnold Heastie, president of the Coconut Grove Business League, said the group is "disappointed," but not defeated. He said the fight is not over.

"There is disappointment, but I think we expected that there were going to be some setbacks. The attorney general won the second round. It is like a boxing match. It is not over until it is over. There is always a third round. We just need to huddle a little bit to get our bearings again, and look closely at the ruling in black and white; decide amongst ourselves, with legal help, what went wrong and if (the Court of Appeal) erred. They obviously thought the lower court erred, now we must see if they did," said Mr Heastie.

The reasons for the court's decision are expected to be handed down at a later date.

The Coconut Grove Business League represented itself in

### GOVT VICTORY OVER COCONUT GROVE RULING

court, after attorneys, Maurice Grinton and Paul Moss, withdrew their services last month. Mr Heastie said it was too early to tell whether or not that hampered their chances. Either way, he said they are "not going away."

"This whole case is about civil rights. Martin Luther King had setbacks. Malcolm X had setbacks. It is about civil rights. It is about a private citizen, a business owner, being able to challenge the government on decisions made at the executive level. We stand by our right to do so," said Mr Heastie.

"Their case is that no one has the right to question what they do. We are saying, yes we do and yes we can. We were prepared from the brink to challenge the issue. This is not about money for us. Now it takes money to go all the way, but this is not about money for us. It is about rights. It is about principles. I think the government is lacking in both. We are prepared to fight," he said. The Minister of Works "did not follow the requirement of law" when he effected road works along Baillou Hill Road and Market Street, according to Supreme Court Justice K Neville Adderley, when he ruled in favour of the Coconut Grove Business League last year. He awarded the group unspecified damages for loss of business due to the ongoing road works.

The Court of Appeal set aside

the former judgment in "its entirety," said Mr Delaney.

"The ruling this morning by the Court of Appeal is very important. It is important because it relates to a major infrastructure project that is presently ongoing for the benefit of all Bahamians and residents on the island of New Providence," he said.

The New Providence Road Improvement Project is not just about roads, said the attorney general. He said it was "a major infrastructural upgrade" that includes water, electricity, as well as roads, and other related public infrastructure.

"The other important thing to note is that the New Providence Road Improvement Project is not just any one road or two roads. It relates to 19 corridors, and it is not sufficient that one or two or three of them are done. It is a network, a network of 19 major corridors and several intersections," said Mr Delaney.

"That is why it was important to ensure that with respect to each of the pre-determined 19 corridors that they were all in place, and in place in accordance with the overall conceptual engineering design.

"As I have said, it is a network, and the optimal benefit that it has been designed for, with respect of the network, only happens when all of the parts of the network are in place, I am advised," he said.



TOURISTS walk by as ambulances carry the men away.

### TWO MEN STAB EACH OTHER DOWNTOWN

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A young businesswoman who was passing by at the time of the incident said: "It was horrible!"

"It was two men fighting and one of the men stabbed the other in the neck and pushed the knife further in. He had so much anger in his eyes. I didn't stay long enough to watch the rest.

"Police acted really quickly, but it was a mad house with tourists, and straw vendors crowding the area.

"Women were screaming and running after policemen directing them to the scene."

Both men were taken to hospital for treatment. Police are investigating.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

# US PULLOUT FROM AFGHANISTAN STARTING SLOWLY



**U.S. SOLDIER**, right, is seen with an Afghan police officer during a searching for a missing British soldier at a check post in Kandahar, Afghanistan Monday, July 4, 2011. The Taliban say that a British soldier who was reported missing in southern Afghanistan was captured by their fighters and then died in the crossfire during a battle with NATO troops. (AP)

WASHINGTON  
Associated Press

THE pullout of major U.S. combat units from Afghanistan may not start until the peak fighting season ends later in the year, U.S. military officials said Wednesday, although 800 National Guard soldiers will go home this month.

Details of the U.S. withdrawal are still being worked out, but thus far the only major combat unit designated to depart Afghanistan and not be replaced is a Marine infantry battalion set to leave in late 2011, officials said. That means the military could retain virtually all its current combat power until the fighting goes into a seasonal lull and still meet President Barack Obama's order to reduce the force by 10,000 by year's end.

It is possible, though unlikely, that new U.S. commanders arriving in Kabul this month will speed up the draw-down.

Speaking to reporters at the Pentagon from his headquarters in Kabul, Army Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez said the full plan for reducing the U.S. force will not be worked out until autumn.

Beyond the 10,000 troops this year, a further 23,000 troops are to be brought out by September 2012.

There currently are about 100,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan as part of an international coalition.

Rodriguez, the second-in-command in Kabul, said the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, would return home by September. Later, his staff said he had misspoken. Officials who spoke on condition of anonymity in order to discuss sensitive details said the Marines would leave in late fall.

The battalion has about 800 Marines in Helmand province, a heavily-contested area in the heartland of the Taliban insurgency. The province's capital of Lashkar Gah is one of several areas that are being transitioned this month to Afghan control, beginning a process intended to have the entire country under Afghan control by the end of 2014. At that point, all U.S. and other foreign combat

forces are to have been withdrawn.

Rodriguez, who has spent more than 40 months in Afghanistan over the past 4 1/2 years, said he believes the Obama pullout plan for 2011 and 2012 can be carried out without undue risk to the military's mission of gradually handing over security responsibility to the Afghans. The troop withdrawal plan has been criticized by some Republicans as too fast and risky, while some Democrats have complained that it is too slow and cautious.

"The decision's been made and now it's our turn to execute the decision," Rodriguez said. "And we can do that without a significant change in risk that puts any of the mission at risk at this point in time."

When he announced June 22 that all 33,000 reinforcements he had sent to Afghanistan last year would be brought home, Obama said the pullout would begin in July but he left it to his commanders to decide the details. That has given commanders flexibility in figuring out which units to send home and on what schedule.

Rodriguez said it will begin with the departure this month of two Army cavalry squadrons: the Nebraska Army National Guard's 1st Squadron, 134th Cavalry Regiment and the Iowa Army National Guard's 1st Squadron, 113th Cavalry Regiment.

The 1-134th has about 300 soldiers in Kabul and the 1-113th has about 500 in Parwan province north of Kabul.

Rodriguez himself is finishing his tour this month and will be replaced next week by Army Lt. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti.

In his final scheduled news conference before returning to the U.S., Rodriguez said violence levels in Afghanistan are up slightly over last year, and he doubted it would go down until 2012. And he said the international military coalition plans to shift its main counterinsurgency focus from the south of the country to the east, where violence has been on the rise. He said the timing of that shift is yet to be determined.

## ISRAEL AIRPORT GEARS FOR PRO-PALESTINIAN ACTIVISTS

JERUSALEM  
Associated Press

\* of pro-Palestinian foreign activists planned to fly into Tel Aviv this week, prompting Israeli warnings Wednesday that security would be beefed up at the country's already heavily fortified international airport.

The campaign coincides with a separate attempt to break Israel's sea blockade of the Gaza Strip with an international flotilla.

Those set to arrive at Israel's Ben Gurion International Airport on Friday said they plan to tour the West Bank in solidarity with the Palestinians and don't intend to stir up trouble. But the prospect of an influx of pro-Palestinian sympathizers sparked agitation in Israel.

The Israeli public security minister claimed some of the potential arrivals were "hooligans," and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made a show of reviewing security agencies' plans at the airport before flying to Romania on Wednesday.

"Every country has a right to block the entry of provocateurs," Netanyahu declared. At the same time, he said, officers were instructed to avoid "unnecessary confrontations."

The protesters accused Israel of distorting their message, insisting their activities would be peaceful. They said their only protest at the airport would be to declare they had come to "visit Palestine," and that they hoped to draw attention to Israeli policies that often bar foreigners with Palestinian ties.

Israel has been especially wary of trouble with foreign activists since a deadly clash aboard an international flotilla last year. Nine Turkish activists were killed, and the incident drew harsh international condemnations and forced Israel to loosen its blockade of Gaza. Israeli fears have been further heightened by deadly clashes in recent weeks with pro-Palestinian activists along Israel's frontiers with Lebanon and Syria.

Central District police commander Bentzi Sao told Army Radio the activists were expected to arrive on 50 flights from Europe between Thursday evening and Friday afternoon.

Israeli police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said hundreds of police officers would begin deploying Thursday evening at the airport.

Two Israeli TV stations said Israel has asked airlines to provide lists of passengers to identify possible activists. The reports said Lufthansa has already been asked to bar 50 people from boarding for Tel Aviv. An airline spokesman said he was not aware of the issue.

In London, Britain's Foreign Office said it had not been asked by Israel to prevent anyone from boarding flights to Israel.

Sao said Israel would deny entry to those considered troublemakers. He wouldn't say if Israel had a list, but suggested some activists might be deported or jailed.

Sabine Hadad, spokeswoman for Israel's Interior Ministry, said authorities would decide on "a case by case basis" who is allowed to enter.

She said a person who wants to visit "Palestine" would not be barred, unless authorities determine they plan to participate in what Israel considers illegal demonstrations or violent acts. Hundreds of foreigners, many of them aid workers or activists, are in the West Bank's Palestinian-controlled areas at any given time.



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## EMULATE EXUMA TO REVIVE 'DEAD ZONE'



FRED SMITH

\* Leading attorney warning Freeport continues to depopulate at rapid rate  
\* But 'boom time everywhere else in Bahamas'

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

A leading Freeport attorney yesterday said he would urge the Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA) to try and attract the investors driving Exuma's economy to revive the "dead zone" that is the Bahamas' second city, warning that it continued to depopulate at a rapid rate.

Contrasting his recent visit to Freeport with the state of that island's economy, Fred Smith QC, attorney and partner at Callender's & Co, told Tribune Business it appealed to be "boom time in the Bahamas everywhere other than Freeport".

"As a licensee of Freeport, I am dismayed and discouraged at the anemic investment energy and opportunity here," he said. "I recently visited Exuma, and was shocked at the level of heightened investment energy. I was amazed such

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## Top Bay Street owners plan redevelopments

\* Three landlords advancing designs, with one eyeing 'city within a city concept'  
\* 'Lot of interest' in downtown Nassau condo living

By ALISON LOWE  
Business Reporter  
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Three shipping company owners are advancing plans for the upscale redevelopment of their properties once the tenants move to the new Arawak Cay port, one telling Tribune Business they were eyeing "a city within a city concept".

John Bethell, of Bethell Estates, the current Tropical Shipping landlord, said they were looking for an investment/development partner for the prime waterfront Bay Street site, with the aim of potentially turning it into a "city within a city".

He added that they were  
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## Making business from Memories

By ALISON LOWE  
Business Reporter  
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A tribute to a much-loved relative became the inspiration for a now-blossoming business for a Bahamian entrepreneur, who returned to Nassau from the US a year

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\* One year-old start-up's products distributed to '25 per cent of all funerals' in recent week  
\* Trying to finance printing in Bahamas  
\* Aiming to become booklets 'go to' firm

## \$2.9M FAMGUARD RECEIVABLES RISE RAISES CONCERNS

\* Grow to \$9.3m, as RoyalFidelity puts on 'Sell' recommendation  
\* Questions raised on 'low' 12% loan loss provisions

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

RoyalFidelity Capital Markets yesterday said it currently had a 'Sell' recommendation on FamGuard Corporation's stock, expressing concern over the build up in premium receivables and relatively low 12 per cent loss provisioning for delinquent mortgage loans.

In its research report, the Bahamas-based investment bank said the \$2.4 million, or 1 per cent asset growth to \$212 million, which the life and health insurance holding company experienced during the 2011 first quarter was primarily due to rising premium receivables.

This sum relates to premiums due to it from policyholders, and the \$2.9 million increase experienced during the first three months of 2011 - from \$6.5 million to \$9.3 million - "could be attributable to customers

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## Court quashes \$78,747 Cable fee demands

\* PUC stance over Freeport 'wrong in law, completely irrational and unreasonable'  
\* But ruling avoids key wider issues of Hawksbill Creek and telecoms/utilities regulation in Freeport  
\* Hints URCA likely to demand Cable Freeport be licensed by it, not GBPA  
\* Cable criticised over co-operation

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

The Supreme Court yesterday quashed demands that Cable Bahamas pay \$78,747 in Internet licence fees based on revenues generated by its Freeport subsidiary, the judge describing the regulator's stance during the whole affair as "remarkable".

Justice Hartman Longley, in granting the relief sought by the BISX-listed communications provider via its Judicial Review action, found that the then-Public Utilities Commission (PUC), the forerunner to the now Utilities Regulation & Competition Authority (URCA), was attempting to collect licence fees from a company, Cable Freeport, which was not one of its licencees.

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## BUSINESS

# Corel is a top Draw

By DEIDRE M. BASTIAN

“I would really be interested in applying for this job advertised, but one of the requirements listed is an expert knowledge in Photoshop and CorelDraw. Unfortunately, I have little knowledge of Photoshop and I don't know anything about CorelDraw.” Does this sound familiar? If these are your sentiments, I guess you might opt not to respond to that advertisement, as CorelDraw is not your ‘cup of tea’.

With so many programs available, it may seem difficult to decide which one is best to



## THE ART OF GRAPHIX

DEIDRE M. BASTIAN

of paths defined by points, lines, and curves represented by mathematical equations), and critics say it looks complicated. It is reliable, and you must fight your way through to learn it.

If you're working in the DTP (Desktop Publishing) business, CorelDraw is your humble servant. It corrects your mistakes silently, and makes colour separation and pre-press work as easy as it can be. I think the developers of this software have created a sharp program, even though the colour management might not be that great.

### What Corel does

This program helps to express ideas and share stories in a more exciting and persuasive way. You can use CorelDraw to tackle a wide variety of projects, ranging from illustration and logo creation to web graphics, multi-page or eye-catching signs. It enables users to create professional illustrations for newsletters, logos and web graphics tools, and creates logotypes, publicity brochures attractive posters and many other designs. It is also useful for creating full personalisation of numbered raffle tickets, flyers, menus, invitations, mem-

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learn. It might take a lot of time and patience to learn all of them. CorelDraw is a flexible program that has not really changed much over time. It is a genuine treasure for many designers, and creates outstanding artwork when used. I truly believe the developers of CorelDraw have created a dynamic program, and its features can become a part of your thinking abilities.

Since CorelDraw's inception it has maintained its wow factor as a model software, with millions of active users in more than 75 countries. CorelDraw celebrated its 20th anniversary just recently, and experts believe it was the first of the Windows-based drawing programs to become the dominant drawing package on the PC

### What is CorelDraw?

I take a deep bow to the team that developed it, as I simply love CorelDraw. It is an excellent software that empowers users to create illustrations containing graphics, text and photographs. CorelDraw is a Vector graphics editor program (vector graphics are made up

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# 'Creative economy' expansion urged

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The Government has been urged to invest in strategies to research and expand the Bahamian "creative economy", with capitalising on this diverse sector deemed a key way of increasing resiliency and growth.

Royann Dean, principal of The Method Group (TMG), a "strategy and design" agency based in Nassau, told Tribune Business that unlike countries such as Barbados, Jamaica, St Lucia and the Dominican Republic, who have all "developed plans" to grow their creative economies, the Bahamas has not.

"The creative economy is at the intersection of creativity, commerce, economy and technology. It's more complicated than we're used to as it involves so many areas," she said.

"When we think about creativity we think about someone who's a painter or craft-related, but it's broader than that. The creative economy can include art, design, film and media, along with architecture, software engineering, publishing and advertising. We don't necessarily think about those things."

Doing so would be to our benefit, Ms Dean suggested given that research by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, plus CARICOM, indicates these types of industries are among the fastest-growing globally and most resilient in

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Royann Dean

economic crises. In light of this, Ms Dean recently organised a seminar on *The Creative Economy - What it is, why we need it now and what's being done about it.*

Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture, Charles Maynard; anthropologist Nicolette Bethel; John Cox, artist and director of the Popop International Centre for Visual Arts; creative entrepreneur Jonathan Murray; and COB professor Olivia Saunders were panellists at the event.

## Discussion

She hopes to get a "national discussion" underway about the creative economy and stimulate action to promote and support it.

"We need to develop an environment that will allow this type of economy to grow. They have sun, sand and sea in other economies, but they also have these other elements that add not only to their economy but to a sense of identity and cultural identity," said Ms Dean.

A jumping-off point for further development of creative industries in this nation is for

the Government to support research into them.

"We need to know how much money is being spent in creative industries here. There are bodies who are willing to help, but you can't get funding unless you prove this is viable. Without research we don't know what potential there is. We don't need to reinvent the wheel," she said.

Ms Dean suggested that the Bahamas may lag behind in terms of its own creative economy, in part because we are small and "there's a tendency to say: 'Well maybe this (the provision of a particular service or product) can be done elsewhere'."

Besides the benefits in terms of the potential contribution to the economy from the expansion of creative economy industries and professions, she added that there could be a wider spillover effect. By developing these types of industries, countries can "nurture a sense of entrepreneurialism" more broadly, where people are "encouraged to think about the way things can be done differently", she suggested.

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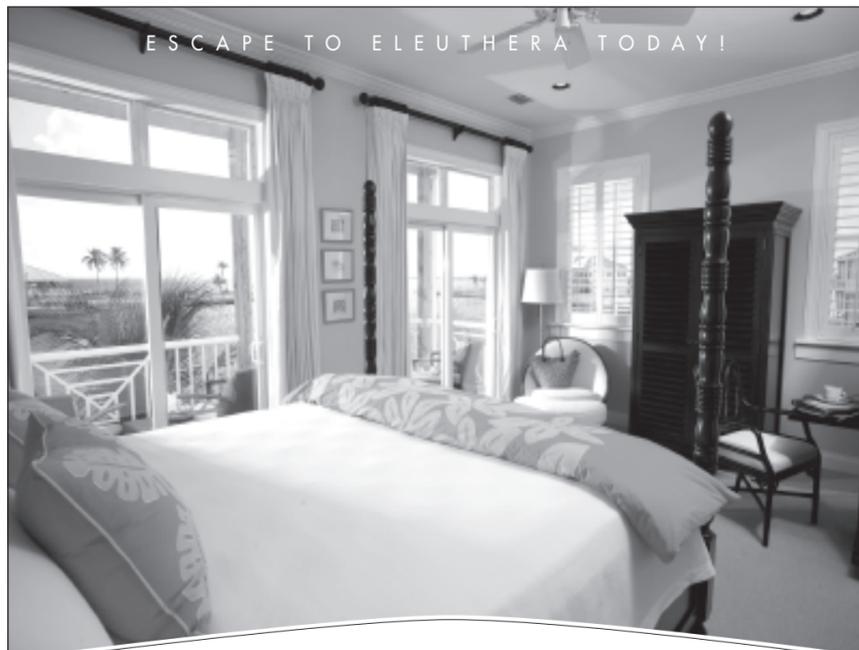
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# Top Bay Street owners plan redevelopments

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in the "very early stages of talking" about re-development of the property.

"We've got to find someone with lots of money to help us develop it. People are interested," Mr Bethell told Tribune Business.

His comments came as other landlords seek to redevelop their properties. Tribune Business was told that Ray Thompson and his family, owners of the waterfront real estate now home to Atlantic-Caribbean, and the former base of Pioneer Shipping, are looking at turning the site into a high-end development featuring condos, a marina and retail offerings.

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*John Bethell*

property when the tenant vacates.

Calls to Craig Symonette, though, went straight to voice mail.

### Momentum

All this activity indicates that plans to redevelop Bay Street and downtown Nassau, transforming it from today's current unsightly mess into a high-end mixture of retail restaurants, marinas, waterfront and condos, are gathering momentum with the imminent relocation of the shipping companies to Arawak Cay.

The site of the Valentine's Day fire is another piece of real estate ripe for redevelopment, and the arrival of the Cayman-based Dart Group, through its purchase of two properties on the corner of Bay and Parliament Streets from Parliament Properties, shows there is interest from major international developers.

An insight into what could be has also been given by the Klonaris' brothers upscale \$14 million Elizabeth on Bay property, the development acting as a beacon that could inspire other developers/property owners.

Bethell Estates has meanwhile conducted land use studies in relation to its property, and a concept involving transformation of the space into "some sort of multi-use area with condos, a hotel, retail, entertainment and restaurants - a city within a city", was proposed, said Mr Bethell.

The businessman said he was encouraged by the fact that many people were expressing interest in the possibility of residential property in the downtown area, something of which there is a very limited amount of at present.

"It's surprising how many people I've heard say in the last two to three months that if there were reasonably-priced condos in downtown Nassau, they would live in them. There's a lot of interest," he said.

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# Minister urges public private 'co-operacy'

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor



Zhivargo Laing

A government minister has called for the "concept of co-operacy" to take root in public-private sector relations, with both sides needing to better understand the other's needs to enhance the business environment and "maximise opportunities".

Zhivargo Laing, minister of state for finance, told Tribune Business that there needed to be "constant dialogue" between the Government and private sector in an effort to strike the correct "balance", recognising that initiatives by one sometimes impacted the other.

"There is a balance between the needs of the state and the needs of business that needs to be achieved," Mr Laing told this newspaper, "and while we're making progress we're not there yet and have some work to do in that regard. It's a balance that has to be appreciated by both business and the state, not one or the other."

As an example, Mr Laing said the obligation to pay taxes that funded essential public services in the Bahamas extended to businesses and their owners. Thus the Government's need to fund the likes of education, health and infrastructure upgrades conflict-

ed with private sector objectives of maximising profits.

Similarly, without identifying the New Providence Road Improvement Project by name, the minister said essential infrastructure improvements carried out by the public sector sometimes had a negative short-term impact on business.

However, he pointed out that the provision of roads, ports and similar infrastructure, plus public services like health and education, were used by - and benefited from - by business.

And, conversely, Mr Laing said that when the private sector laid-off workers, the public sector was impacted by the additional social services spending and

unemployment benefit burden this produced. If revenues did not compensate for increased spending, then the Government faced slipping into a larger deficit.

"This is the tension that persists, but both sides have to work to optimise the level of co-operation in that regard. There needs to be this constant dialogue between the two parties to achieve that," Mr Laing added.

"If these things are not done, we will not have the conducive environment that maximises business opportunities. There needs to be a recognition from time to time that some things done by either the Government or business can be disruptive to the efforts of the other. All of our efforts have an impact on society in one way or another."

Mr Laing delivered a message in this vein to last week's Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation (BCCEC) Captains of Industry Awards.

Observers present suggested he was reaching out, on the Government's behalf, to build and further strengthen bridges between it and the private sector, especially with an election upcoming.

"The message I am trying to argue for is that we are achieving some results in improving the business environment," Mr Laing said.

"We have more work to do, but increasing these

results means we need to come to a better understanding of the needs of the business community and the Government, and engage in this kind of dialogue that helps us to enhance each other's needs as much as possible.

"It's what I would call moving to this concept of

co-operacy. We all know democracy, we all know theocracy, we know all the 'cracy's', but what must rule is co-operation.

"It's hard in an environment of conflicting interests, but the only way to achieve the most without taking away from anyone's rights, responsibilities or benefits."

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# Making business from Memories

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ago to launch *The Original Memory Book*.

Addis Huyler, president of the Sidra Communications Group, has seen demand for the memorial booklet grow in leaps and bounds, with customers appreciative of the chance to create a long-lasting tribute to the life of a deceased relative/ friend that goes beyond a traditional funeral program.

"It's been an amazing first year of business. We are not just surviving but doing well, and growing and expanding. It's remarkable and humbling for me," said 34 year-old Mr Huyler, who left a career in public relations in Atlanta to return to Nassau to start his business.

From making "one or two" books a week a year ago, the company now regularly creates three or four. In a bumper week for the business recently, nine books were created and the company's "flagship product" was distributed to attendees at "25 per cent of all funerals in the country", said the businessman.

After beginning its life in Mr Huyler's mother's front room 12 months ago, and "pounding the pavements" with his product in hand to drum up business, the company has now been able to open an office and employs three full-time and four part-time employees.

Presently printing the Original Memory Book in Fort

Lauderdale and shipping it to Nassau, the company is also securing financing to bring this side of its operation to the Bahamas, potentially creating more jobs and streamlining its operations.

Describing how the memory book concept first came about, Mr Huyler said: "The first memory book was for my stepfather in 2007, when I was living in Atlanta. It was created at the time out of a desire to have something memorable and meaningful for family, not necessarily to start business. Between then and last year I got a lot of requests to do them for other people, and I decided to come home and start doing them full-time."

## Reception

The reception exceeded expectations, and has also contributed to the overall growth of the Sidra Communications Group by increasing demand for their corporate marketing and public relations, events production and corporate branding services, as their name becomes more known in the Bahamas.

"The Original Memory Book takes the idea of the traditional funeral program a step further. Instead of a utilitarian piece for the day of the funeral, which you will not look at again, it creates the opportunity to tell the story of that individual, their life and their legacy. You have extra added value for clients; people can hold on to them

and the family can use them to look back on life of relative," Mr Huyler said.

"The goal is to have someone who doesn't know them to pick it up and feel like they know them."

The popularity of the Original Memory Book has even led to copycats, claimed Mr Huyler, who said he considers this a welcome challenge for his company to up their game.

"Some of the other people creating funeral programs are trying to incorporate more of what we are doing. But even though you have other printing companies trying to replicate our pieces, I think it's recognisable as that - a copy," he added.

"In addition to the fact that the pieces are so meaningful, the quality is so much greater than what customers have been accustomed to at this point in terms of the print and design. It sets us apart from others."

Looking forward, Mr Huyler said he has ambitions for the Sidra Communications Group to become "the 'go to' company for booklets" in the Bahamas, and to expand the events side of their business.

"There's an opportunity to take money that's already being generated in the marketplace and create pieces that provide an additional value proposition for the money already being spent. I think that's what people are already looking for in this economy," he said.



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The then-Telecommunications Act stipulated that the PUC could only collect fees from entities that it licensed, and Cable Freeport was a

licensee of the Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA) - not the Nassau-based regulator.

As a result, Justice Longley agreed with Robert Adams, attorney for Cable Bahamas, who said that hav-

ing acknowledged that Cable Freeport generated revenues from Internet sales, "it was manifestly unreasonable and irrational" for the PUC to them demand that Cable Bahamas pay fees to it based on these earnings.

He described the PUC's actions as "wrong in law, and completely irrational and unreasonable as an administrative tribunal".

However, Justice Longley studiously avoided dealing with the wider issues raised by the Cable Bahamas action, namely the regulation of telecommunications and other utilities in the 230 square mile Port area, and the attendant implications for the Hawksbill Creek Agreement.

The Government, as revealed by Tribune Business last year, has been pushing for more than a decade for telecommunications in Freeport - and, by extension, all utilities in Grand Bahama's city - to be regulated from Nassau by a centralised supervisor such as URCA.

However, GBPA officials feel this move could undermine the Port's regulatory regime and right to licence communications companies in Freeport, ultimately "requiring us to breach the Hawksbill Creek Agree-

# Court quashes \$78,747 Cable fee demands

ment".

Indeed, Justice Longley himself hinted that yesterday's ruling is likely to be only the first battle in what could turn out to be a protracted legal saga. He wrote in his judgment: "Whether Cable Freeport is required under the Act to obtain a licence from the PUC is another issue."

Given that the Telecommunications Act and PUC Act have now been repealed, to be replaced by the Communications Act, it would appear that the Judge is hinting the door is open for URCA to commence legal proceedings with the aim of requiring that Cable Freeport be licensed by itself, not the GBPA.

Warning that the issue over who was responsible for communications regulation in Freeport, and potential breaches of the Hawksbill Creek Agreement, was not dead, Justice Longley said: "It may arise in the not too distant future, in which case all

sides will be well armed.

"Substantial arguments were made on the jurisdictional point, i.e. whether the PUC had jurisdiction to charge fees of a company operating in Freeport. However, having regard to the fact that the legislation is now repealed and this case has at its heart a question of fact, I refrain from expressing any opinion on the issue, which may arise again under the new legislation. Nor is it necessary to consider whether Cable Freeport is required to get a licence from the PUC."

Justice Longley said he had considered ordering that Cable Bahamas continue its action as a writ, not a Judicial Review, given that it was a factual dispute. He rejected this, though, on the grounds that the matter was more than two years-old and the relevant legislation had since been repealed.

Tracing the background to the dispute, Justice Longley noted that on December 21,

2001, Cable Bahamas gained a modified licence from the PUC allowing it to provide Internet services throughout the Bahamas. The regulator described this as a national licence.

Cable Bahamas paid fees to the PUC for the period 2002-2005, but the regulator then claimed, upon receipt of the company's financial statements, to have seen a discrepancy between its Internet revenues and the payment schedules submitted by auditors, Deloitte & Touche.

In response to a PUC letter, Cable Bahamas admitted on June 9, 2006, "its refusal to pay licence fees to the PUC on revenue earned by it from the provision of public Internet services within, to and from the Port areas of Freeport, Grand Bahama", given that the GBPA was responsible for telecommunications licensing and it paid

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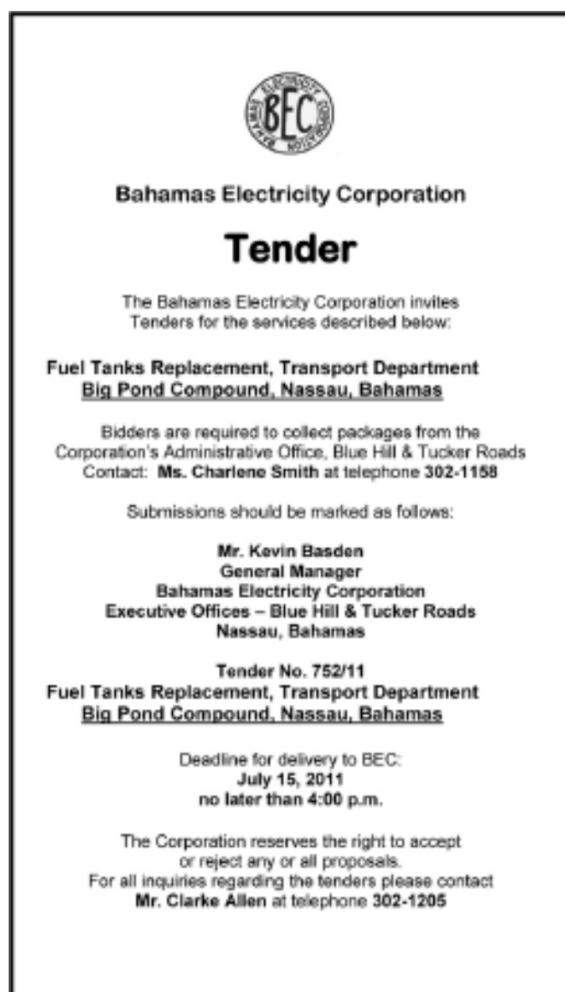
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**BUSINESS**

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# Court quashes \$78,747 Cable fee demands

the necessary fees to it. Essentially, Cable Bahamas was objecting to be 'double taxed'.

Demands for payment and rebuttal were exchanged, with Cable Bahamas on June 19, 2007, stating that the extra revenue was earned by Cable Freeport, its wholly-owned subsidiary, which was a GBPA licensee.

The PUC's in-house legal counsel rejected this position on June 26, 2007, taking the position that Internet revenues generated by Cable Bahamas and its Freeport subsidiary fell under the PUC's purview.

The then-regulator also lumped Cable Bahamas and Cable Freeport together on the basis that the former had 'a national licence', and argued that Internet services were not utilities under the Hawksbill Creek Agreement. Justice Longley said the PUC/URCA's attorney, Ferron Bethell at Harry B Sands & Lobosky, "divorced himself" from the latter position during the trial.

Cable Bahamas continued to refuse to pay, ultimately resulting in a January 8, 2008, letter from Barrett Russell, in which he noted that Cable Bahamas' Internet revenues for 2005 were stated as being \$16.24 million. The schedule provided by the auditors for the same period, though, showed Internet revenues at \$13.441 million, a \$2.799 million difference.

Mr Russell said the difference was presumably the revenues generated by Cable Freeport, and in his letter he suggested Cable Bahamas' dispute was really with the GBPA, as it was paying Internet fees on a cable TV licence.

"This was a remarkable position for the PUC to take," Justice Longley recorded. "For it meant that the PUC was seeking to compel its licensee, Cable Bahamas, to pay fees based on revenue earned not by it, but by its affiliate, Cable Freeport, which was admittedly not its licensee."

"And then to suggest that the problem was not with the PUC but with the GBPA, to whom Cable Freeport should not have paid fees on Internet revenue, notwithstanding that its licence was with the GBPA and, on a true construction, permitted it to provide Internet services as was earlier acknowledged by the former chairman of the PUC."

Ultimately, the PUC threatened to impose sanctions against Cable Bahamas over the alleged unpaid Internet fees, which could have led to a suspension or revocation of its licence. This resulted in the company launching Judicial Review proceedings.

Suggesting that the then-PUC did not properly consider Cable Bahamas' submissions on the issue, Justice Longley said had it done so it would have realised it could not charge fees on revenues

earned by Cable Freeport, as the latter was not one of its licensees.

Having already determined, via Mr Russell's letter, that Cable Bahamas had not earned the revenue subject to its decision, Justice Longley said the PUC also failed to vary the sum demanded. He added that the decision to charge Cable Bahamas on its Freeport subsidiary's fees, and demand payment, was "an error for it is not legally authorised by the Act to charge or exact fees from any entity that is not a licensee....."

"Mr Adams submitted that having acknowledged that Cable Freeport generated the revenue from Internet sales in Freeport, it was manifestly unreasonable and irrational for the PUC to then adjust the fees for Cable Bahamas by attributing the revenue to Cable Bahamas. I agree....."

"There is no dispute on the evidence that Cable Freeport was a licensee of the GBPA and was paying licence fees

to the GBPA, and that its licence was wide enough to cover the provision of public Internet services".

Justice Longley also criticised the PUC for waiting two years to seek out evidence supporting its decision, as it could have "taken the gloves off" and sought further information from Cable Bahamas via its regulatory powers.

Rejecting the regulator's arguments that the court should 'pierce the corporate veil' of Cable Bahamas, given that the PUC did not have this power, Justice Longley also criticised the BISX-listed communications provider.

"Neither Cable Bahamas nor Cable Freeport have been as cooperative and forthcoming as they could have been, and ought to have been, if they wanted to demonstrate unequivocally that the Internet revenues were indeed properly generated by Cable Freeport," Justice Longley said.

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Tender Documents may be purchased from the address below, beginning Tuesday 5 July 2011 between 10:00AM and 4:00PM, Monday to Friday and ending Tuesday 19 July 2011 at 4PM. Upon payment of a non-refundable fee of BS200.00 [Two Hundred Dollars] one set of Tender Documents in electronic format shall be issued by APD Limited. Payments may be made in cash, certified cheque, bank draft or money orders, payable to "APD Limited".

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Completed Tender Documents must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked, "CONFIDENTIAL – TENDER APPLICATION FOR ARAWAK CAY PORT UPLAND CIVIL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT" and shall be submitted to APD Limited at the address above before 4 PM on Tuesday, 26 July, 2011. Late submissions will not be accepted.

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BUSINESS

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# EMULATE EXUMA TO REVIVE 'DEAD ZONE'

investment was going on as I flew in."

Although acknowledging that Exuma's international airport "needs lots of work", Mr Smith said that has he arrived jets belonging to Delta, American Airlines and Bahamasair all flew in, along with a private Lear jet.

"The airport was littered with private planes," he added, contrasting this activity with his return to Freeport, where "the entire domestic international airport looked like a ghost town with no per-

son other than the baggage carrier".

Exuma's economy has been reinvigorated by the Emerald Bay re-opening under Sandals' ownership, but other projects - such as February

Point and Oceania Heights, plus private investors and the second home market - have also played their part.

"I was astounded at the level of high net worth individuals investing in Exuma, even

at small developments," Mr Smith told Tribune Business. "I saw houses worth \$5-\$15 million. Half-acre lots that are not even at the beach, and meet the ocean with honeycomb rock, are selling for \$2-\$3 million.

Mr Smith said that when he extolled to Exuma's investors/developers the benefits that the Hawksbill Creek Agreement afforded Freeport and its licensees, such as no Customs duties until 2054, and real property and business licence tax breaks until 2015, they were "astonished that Freeport, unlike Exuma, is not booming".

Focusing on his native Freeport, the attorney added: "I will urge the Grand Bahama Port Authority to meet some of the developers in Exuma, and invite them to come and make fantastic investments and economic opportunities here in Freeport.

"Freeport remains pregnant with potential, and as a 33-year resident and licensee of what was once the Magic City, I really hope something can be done to turn things around, because Freeport is currently a dead zone. People are leaving left, right and centre, unfortunately.

"I really hope something can be done to emulate the investment and development model that exists in Nassau, Abaco and Exuma.

"It's boom time in the Bahamas everywhere other than Freeport, and for me and so many others who have invested so much of our lives here, it's sad that this state of affairs exists."

## Niche

"When speaking to some of the real estate agents and developers down there, they have been able to identify niche markets of high net worth individuals.

"They've been able to get deposits before prospective investors visit, and then brought the prospects down," Mr Smith added.

"I'm told the sun, sand and sea, and beautiful vistas of Exuma from the hills, are selling land, and people coming down to buy one lot sometimes buy two.

"In short order they have been building homes, and they are such beautiful mansions.

"Having not visited Exuma for many years, I can only say it's an amazing success story. It's mind-boggling to see the prices investors are now paying for raw land, housing and condominiums in Exuma."



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"All THAT" piece parcel or lot of land being Lot No. 7 Block No. 24 situate in Gleniston Gardens Subdivision situate in the Eastern district of the Island of New Providence one of the islands of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Situated thereon is a single-family residence consisting (4) Bedrooms and (2) Bathrooms.

Property Size: 9,398 sq. ft  
Building Size: 1,882 sq. ft

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"All THAT" piece parcel or lot of land being Lot No. 8 situate in Southwind Subdivision situate in the Southern district of the Island of New Providence one of the islands of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Situated thereon is an undeveloped property.

Property Size: 11,451 sq. ft

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Living Area: 1,391 sq. ft

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"All THAT" being parcel or lot of land being Lot No. 20 Block No. 8 situate South Ocean Estates situate in the Western district of the Island of New Providence one of the islands of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Situated thereon is a vacant property with an incomplete structure.

Property Size: 11,750 sq. ft  
Existing Structure: 992 sq. ft

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"All THAT" piece parcel or lot of land being Lot No. 13 Block No. 12 situate in Village Estates Subdivision situate in the Eastern district of the Island of New Providence one of the islands of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Situated thereon is a multi family residence comprising of a duplex apartment with (1) unit consisting (2) Bedrooms, (2) Bathrooms and (1) unit consisting (2) Bedrooms and (1) Bathroom.

Property Size: 5,400 sq. ft  
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Property Size: 5,000 sq. ft  
Building Size: 1,531 sq. ft

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Property Size: 7,009 sq. ft  
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Property Size: 7,700 sq. ft  
Building Size: 1,264 sq. ft

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"All THAT" piece parcel or lot of land being Lots No. 31 and 32 Block No. 47 situate in Nassau Village Subdivision situate in the Eastern district of the Island of New Providence one of the islands of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Situated thereon is a multi family residence comprising of a duplex apartment with each unit consisting (2) Bedrooms and (1) Bathroom.

Property Size: 5,000 sq. ft  
Building Size: 1,500 sq. ft

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BUSINESS

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# \$2.9M FAMGUARD RECEIVABLES RISE RAISES CONCERNS

experiencing difficulties in meeting premium payments”.

RoyalFidelity said: “The continued increase in premiums receivable over the last two years is a cause for concern as it may reflect difficulties being experienced by clients in meeting premium payments.”

Focusing on the Family Guardian parent’s loan portfolio, which stood at \$74.8 million or 48 per cent of total invested assets, RoyalFidelity acknowledged that the mortgage delinquency rate had dropped slightly to 6.63 per cent at end-March 2011, compared to 7.06 per cent at the 2010 year-end.

However, the investment bank’s analysts said the ratio of loan loss provisions to delinquent loans was just 12 per cent, compared to the Bahamian banking industry’s average of 40 per cent.

“With Bahamian banks having provisions equal to over 40 per cent of delinquent loans, FamGuard Corporation’s relatively low level 12 per cent provision could end up being inadequate to cover losses incurred, and be a potential drag on future earnings,” RoyalFidelity said.

“FamGuard is currently trading at \$5.40. Even though FamGuard is currently trading below book value, based on our earnings per share (EPS) estimate for the next year, we currently have a SELL rating for the security.”

## Improving

And the investment bank added: “Management noted improving results generated from the group health product line, and also indicated that they are continuing with the difficult task of adjusting premium rates to reflect actual claims experience.

“Given the prolonged economic difficulties being experienced, it is anticipated that FamGuard will contin-

ue to experience challenges in growing profitable premium income and improving its investment returns.”

Although FamGuard revealed a 172 per cent year-over-year net income increase for the 2011 first quarter to \$825,215, RoyalFidelity said net income attributable to the company’s ordinary shareholders was \$650,000, a \$521,000 increase over the \$128,000 recorded the year before.

The investment bank’s analysts noted that FamGuard’s operating expenses rose by \$235,000 or 3 per cent to \$8.1 million in the 2011 first quarter, with benefits paid out to policyholders growing \$5.6 million or 48 per cent to \$17.1 million. Net premium income was

up by \$1.4 million or 7 per cent to \$20.9 million, while revenues from other sources were consistent with previous quarters.

## 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.

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.

# INSIGHT

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Property Size: 7,500 sq. ft  
Building Size: 1,516 sq. ft

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“All THAT” piece parcel or lot of land being Lot No. 68 situate in St. Andrews Beach Estates Subdivision situate in the Eastern district of the Island of New Providence one of the islands of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Situated thereon is a single-family residence consisting (3) Bedrooms and (2) Bathrooms.

Property Size: 8,100 sq. ft  
Building Size: 1,176 sq. ft

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“All THAT” piece parcel or lot of land being Lot No. 3377/78 situate in Sir Lynden Pindling Estates Subdivision situate in the Southern district of the Island of New Providence one of the islands of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Situated thereon is a single-family residence consisting (2) Bedrooms and (2) Bathrooms.

Property Size: 5,500 sq. ft  
Building Size: 928 sq. ft

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RBC FINCO invites tenders for the purchase of the following:

“All THAT” piece parcel or lot of land being Lot No. 41 situate in Fairview Subdivision situate in the Southern district of the Island of New Providence one of the islands of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Situated thereon is a single-family residence consisting of (3) bedrooms and (2) bathrooms.

Property Size: 7,000 sq. ft  
Building Size: 1,888 sq. ft

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“All THAT” piece parcel or lot of land being Lot No. 1103 situate in Golden Gates Section No. 2 Subdivision situate in the Western district of the Island of New Providence one of the islands of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Situated thereon is a single family residence consisting (3) Bedrooms, (2) Bathrooms.

Property Size: 6,000 sq. ft  
Building Size: 1,462 sq. ft

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RBC FINCO invites tenders for the purchase of the following:

“All THAT” piece parcel or lot of land being Lot No. 37 Block No. 2 situate in Nassau East North Subdivision situate in the Eastern district of the Island of New Providence one of the islands of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Situated thereon is a single-family residence consisting (2) Bedrooms, (2) Bathrooms.

Property Size: 7,700 sq. ft  
Building Size: 7,700 sq. ft

This property is being sold under Power of Sale contained in a Mortgage to FINANCE CORPORATION OF BAHAMAS LIMITED.

All offers should be forwarded in writing in sealed envelope, addressed to the Manager, Royal Bank Collections Centre, P.O. Box N-7549, Nassau, Bahamas and marked “Tender 4175”. All offers must be received by the close of business 4:00 p.m., Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2011.

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## NOTICE RBC FINCO INVITES TENDERS

RBC FINCO invites tenders for the purchase of the following:

“All THAT” piece parcel or lot of land being Lot No. 1852 situate in Pinewood Gardens Subdivision situate in the Southern District of the Island of New Providence one of the islands of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Situated thereon is a multi family residence comprising of a triplex apartment with (2) units consisting (2) Bedrooms and (2) Bathrooms and (1) consisting (1) Bedroom and (1) Bathroom.

Property Size: 5,000 sq. ft  
Building Size: 1,757 sq. ft

This property is being sold under Power of Sale contained in a Mortgage to FINANCE CORPORATION OF BAHAMAS LIMITED.

All offers should be forwarded in writing in sealed envelope, addressed to the Manager, Royal Bank Collections Centre, P.O. Box N-7549, Nassau, Bahamas and marked “Tender 4727”. All offers must be received by the close of business 4:00 p.m., Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2011.

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## NOTICE RBC FINCO INVITES TENDERS

RBC FINCO invites tenders for the purchase of the following:

“All THAT” piece parcel or lot of land being Lot of land situate off Gladstone Road situate in the Western district of the Island of New Providence one of the islands of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Situated thereon is a single-family residence consisting (3) Bedrooms and (2) Bathrooms.

Property Size: 5,000 sq. ft  
Building Size: 949 sq. ft

This property is being sold under Power of Sale contained in a Mortgage to FINANCE CORPORATION OF BAHAMAS LIMITED.

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## NOTICE RBC FINCO INVITES TENDERS

RBC FINCO invites tenders for the purchase of the following:

“All THAT” piece parcel or lot of land being Lots No. 2865 situate Cedar Groves Subdivision situate in the Southern district of the Island of New Providence one of the islands of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Situated thereon is a single-family residence consisting (3) Bedrooms and (2) Bathrooms.

Property Size: 5,000 sq. ft  
Building Size: 1,148 sq. ft

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## NOTICE RBC FINCO INVITES TENDERS

RBC FINCO invites tenders for the purchase of the following:

“All THAT” piece parcel or lot of land being Lot No. 164 situate in Sunshine Park Estates situate in the Southern district of the Island of New Providence one of the islands of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Situated thereon is a multi family residence comprising of a duplex apartment with (1) unit consisting (3) Bedrooms, (1) Bathroom and (1) unit consisting (1) Bedroom and (1) Bathroom.

Property Size: 4,109 sq. ft  
Building Size: 1,530 sq. ft

This property is being sold under Power of Sale contained in a Mortgage to FINANCE CORPORATION OF BAHAMAS LIMITED.

All offers should be forwarded in writing in sealed envelope, addressed to the Manager, Royal Bank Collections Centre, P.O. Box N-7549, Nassau, Bahamas and marked “Tender 1179”. All offers must be received by the close of business 4:00 p.m., Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2011.

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# Corel is a top Draw

bership cards, business cards and more.

Furthermore, it has the advantage of having compatibility not only with other Corel programs, but also Adobe PageMaker, Microsoft Publisher, Word, PowerPoint Presentations and other Microsoft Office formats. Other features include photo editing, image trace, training videos, and font identification in both TrueType and Postscript formats with more than 10,000 clip art files and 80 templates. Corel is an easy spin and can be very forgiving, even if you're not familiar with all its tools.

As a further extension, this graphic program is naturally affordable and alleviates the use of the 'How To' guides. You will find that many printing companies use CorelDraw primarily for their large scale format as well.

### Is it difficult to learn CorelDraw?

Many people have asked this. The answer is: It depends on your aptitude and how fast you understand its concept. Whether you are a first-time user or an experienced pro, CorelDraw makes it easy from the moment you start. You'll find all the learning tools you need to start smoothly, including built-in learning tools, valuable video tutorials, design insights from the experts and a visually rich online guidebook.

Although there are many tools that seem to go unused, learning this popular program is still a must, so much so that many service bureaus and commercial printers readily accept Corel files. There are many strange rules, keyboard shortcuts and secret handshakes, but remember that the tools are only as good as the operator. Frankly, your creativity is what pleases your client, not so much the brand of software.

### How to use CorelDraw?

Knowing how to use these tools is essential, so practice with this tutorial link for a quick spin on 'How to Use CorelDraw X3':

[http://www.ehow.co.uk/how\\_7479391\\_use-coreldraw-x3.html](http://www.ehow.co.uk/how_7479391_use-coreldraw-x3.html), <http://www.webreference.com/grap>

[hics/corel101/4/](http://hics/corel101/4/)

Creating logo using CorelDraw X3:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b7Dkj04Ffh0>

### Can I use CorelDraw on my Mac?

Yes, but initially the program was designed to run on Windows only. Unfortunately, in 2001, version 11 was the final Graphic Suite released for the Macintosh OS and Mac OS X due to poor sales. However, all is not lost as you can now install Parallels or Windows on your Mac, which requires purchasing the Windows license.

To run Corel on your Mac requires changing your Mac OS X operating system to Windows. Here's how to install CorelDraw on Mac by placing this link in your URL window: ([http://www.ehow.com/how\\_6930059\\_run-coreldraw-mac.html#ixzz1Pfh8ghux](http://www.ehow.com/how_6930059_run-coreldraw-mac.html#ixzz1Pfh8ghux)).

### Can Corel compete?

Absolutely. CorelDraw is capable of handling multiple pages, so many projects can be completed in three to four times the speed of its competitors. I've always gotten a kick from people boasting of the advantages of Adobe's Illustrator over CorelDraw (and vice versa). The fact of the matter is that Illustrator feels more comfortable to Mac users than to PC users. For example, the 'right mouse button' is as essential to CorelDraw users as the 'Apple key' is to Illustrator users.

This hasn't changed in the latest version of Illustrator (version 13 or CS3), but there's a slight new twist in Draw.

That, of course, does not eliminate the fact that both applications have different philosophies of creating and editing objects.

Both programs can be judged

by many measurements. Even though Corel may often get lost in the noise, it has long offered very powerful tools, tutorials and on-screen guidance that makes it more competitive and easier to understand, even for the novice user. Bluntly, CorelDraw destroys Illustrator in areas where it matters, and has unquestionably earned my vote.

Even though Adobe is the industry's darling, the bottom line is that both software versions are pretty powerful tools, and there is little that can't be accomplished with either in vector graphics design. As an avid user of CorelDraw, I do admit to a few weaknesses, but there is no doubt for me that it reigns as the one to beat on the PC and maintains its bragging rights.

If you are a customer pleaser or wish to be viable at the next job interview, make every attempt to become an ideal candidate through learning CorelDraw. Avoid being turned down for a high-paying job due to incompetence with Corel Draw or any other software.

Whatever your vision, never allow the fear of striking out to steer you away from winning the game. Together, let's embrace this idea and follow the path of Nike to 'Just do it'. Until we meet again, have fun, enjoy your life and stay on top of your game.

**NB: Author welcomes feedback at [deedee2111@hotmail.com](mailto:deedee2111@hotmail.com)**

Ms. Bastian is an extensively trained and qualified graphic designer. She has trained at many institutions such as: Miami Lakes Technical Centre, Success Training College, College of the Bahamas, Nova Southeastern University, Learning Tree International, Langevine International and Synergy Bahamas.

## READERS FEEDBACK

Hi Deidre,

Adobe recently read your article of InDesign, in the Tribune on the 6/23/2011, and would like to post content from that review on Adobe.com.

Please let me know if you have any questions or objections.

Thanks and best,

Elizabeth Poeschl

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Hi Ms Bastian,

I read your article every week in the Thursday Tribune, and was wondering if you have time or can assist me in learning a little more about the graphic design world. Let me know, I would be grateful.

Thanks

AJ Campbell



**THE INSURANCE COMMISSION  
OF THE BAHAMAS**

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**NOTICE TO INSURANCE COMPANIES LICENSED  
UNDER THE (DOMESTIC) INSURANCE ACT**

The Insurance Commission of The Bahamas will be hosting an Industry Briefing for Insurance Companies operating under the (Domestic) Insurance Act to discuss re-registration and other regulatory developments.

All Insurance Companies are asked to send a representative.

Date:	July 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2011
Time:	9:30 – 12:30 p.m.
Venue:	The Hilton, Nassau, Bahamas

Date:	July 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2011
Time:	1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Venue:	The Hilton, Nassau, Bahamas

Date:	July 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2011
Time:	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (max of 20 persons)
Venue:	The Insurance Commission of The Bahamas

All attendees are requested to register for the session by sending a request to [register@icb.gov.bs](mailto:register@icb.gov.bs) by July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

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PAVING THE WAY TO THE MALL AT MARATHON

# Catechists recognised and honoured during the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist

HUNDREDS of Anglicans were present at Christ Church Cathedral recently to celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of Saint John The Baptist, Patron Saint of the Anglican Diocese of The Bahamas and The Turks & Caicos Islands, and to show appreciation to a special group of laypersons within the Diocese – the serving Catechists.

Prior to the 1960s a number of parishes, especially in the Family Islands, did not have a resident priest. In these cases, the Catechist conducted Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer on Sundays, was responsible for the general administration of the church, the visitation of the sick, maintaining of good order, and fulfilled other administrative duties within the Parish. The Catechist also taught the Catechism from the Book of Common Prayer to young parishioners, and buried the dead.

Today each Anglican Parish has a Parish Priest; however some Family Island Parishes have more than one congregation. Therefore, while some of the responsibilities of the Catechist have been reduced, when the Priest is at another Church, as the leading layperson, the Catechist still performs many of these functions.

In New Providence the Catechist serves as a member of the Vestry, the chief lay reader, a leader in liturgical matters, and he/she assists the Priest with the overall governance of the Parish.

On Sunday evening, as the Diocese celebrated its Patronal Festival, Anglicans from throughout the Diocese gathered to say thanks to these persons.

Diocesan Bishop, The Right Reverend Laish Zane Boyd, Sr., thanked the Catechists for their years of service to their respective parishes and the wider Diocese. Assisted by the four Archdeacons, he presented each honouree with a special navy blue scarf bearing the Diocesan Crest and the Caufield Family Crest. Bishop Charles Caufield was the first Diocesan Bishop of The Bahamas. The scarves were made by Estella Farrington and monogrammed by Marie Poitier Smith.

The majority of the 69 Catechists were present at the service, led by 95-year old, Catechist Hartman Moncur, the oldest and longest servicing Catechist. Mr. Moncur is the Catechist of the Church of St Peter's, in Knowles, Cat Island, where he has served faithfully since 1944.

The two and a half hour service was a Solemn Pontifical Evensong, Sermon, Indoor Procession and Benediction. The Right Reverend Laish Zane Boyd, Sr., Diocesan Bishop presided, and The Venerable Harry Bain, Archdeacon of the Northern Bahamas/Rector of the Pro Cathedral of Christ The King, Grand Bahama preached the sermon.

The word "Catechist" has its roots in



**HONOURED:** 95 year old catechist hartman moncur receives scarf from Bishop Boyd.

the Greek word "Catecheo", which means to echo or to teach orally, and in the Early Church, there were well organized Catechists Schools presided over by celebrated Catechists or theologians who instructed the faithful on the teachings of the Church and its Liturgy through emphasis in the Word and Sacraments.

There has been an Anglican presence in The Bahamas for over 360 years, and this year the Church celebrates 150 years as a Diocese.

Honourees from the East Central Bahamas Archdeaconry, led by The Venerable Archdeacon Kingsley Knowles, included:

Catechist Harrison Barry, St. Paul's, The Bluff, Eleuthera, 1999 – present.  
Catechist William Farrington, St. Andrew's Arthur's Town, Cat Island.

Catechist Sylvia Jane Cambridge, St. Agnes, Gregory Town, Eleuthera, 1998 – present.

Catechist William Thomas Roosevelt Godet, St. Matthew's, New Providence, 2008 – present.

Catechist Kingdon Higgs, St. John's, Harbour Island, 1999 – present

Catechist Harrison Horton, St. Luke's, Rock Sound, Eleuthera, 1974 – present  
Catechist William Augustus (Gus) Hunt, St. Columba, Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera, 2010 – present

Catechist Blovena Hunter, St. Mark's, Port Howe, Cat Island, 2002- present  
Catechist Erick Johnson Sr., St. Patrick's, Governor's Harbour, Eleuthera, 1982-present

Catechist Eugene Lightbourne, St. Mary's Magdalene's, Wemyss Bight, Eleuthera, 1994 – present

Catechist Faith Jones, St. Augustine, San Salvador, 2010 – present  
Catechist Carolyn Moss, St. Joseph's, Upper Bougou, Eleuthera, 1999 – present

Catechist Albert Alexander Rolle, St. Anne's, New Providence, 2008 – present  
Catechist Theodore Alexander Quant, Christ The King, New Providence, 1971 – present

Catechist Neville Smith, Christ Church Cathedral, New Providence, 2005 – present

Catechist Reuben Stubbs, Holy Cross, Dumfries, Cat Island, 2002 – present  
Catechist Clarence Wilbert Thurston, St. Benedict's, Bennett's Harbour, Cat Island, 2002 – present

Catechist Tyrone Thompson,, St. Margaret's, Savannah Sound, Eleuthera, 1987 – present

Catechist Maxwell Selkirk Anderson Turner, Holy Cross, New Providence, 2008 – present

Catechist Cedric Peter Wilson, St. Mary The Virgin, Old Bight, Cat Island, 2002 – present

Honourees from the West Central Bahamas Archdeaconry, led by The Venerable I. Ranfurly Brown, were:  
Catechist William Adderley, St. Paul's, Calabash Bay, Andros, 1973 – present  
Catechist Wellington John Bullard, Holy Trinity, New Providence, 1973 – present  
Catechist Mizpah Braynen, St. Bartholomew's, Behring Point, Andros, 1979 – present  
Catechist Patrick Dorsette, St. Barnabas, New Providence, 1966 – present

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THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2011

THE TRIBUNE'S  
**RELIGION**  
SECTION C

RELIGIOUS NEWS, STORIES  
AND CHURCH EVENTS

# Thrill of the Grill and Parish Fair

ON SATURDAY July 16, the community known as "The Valley" will come alive when the St George's Anglican Church holds its annual "Thrill of the Grill and Parish Fair."

"Our Church fair is the major fundraising event which assists with the operating expenses of our church and its ministry to our members and the wider community," said Brenda Archer, chairperson of the organising committee. "This year we are raising funds to go specifically toward an electrical upgrade of the church and parish facilities which is urgently needed. However, even more important that the funds we hope to raise, is the opportunity to fellowship with each and to get to know each other better," said Mrs. Archer.

"The Anglican Church Men of our parish will man the grills where delicious steaks and chickens will headline the food items which will be available at the fair," said Mrs Archer. "Local foods including a conch of every type, home cookery and new items including chicken in da bag will be available to purchase."

"The youth department will man the soft drinks, daiquiri, ice-cream and

snowball stalls," said Fr Andrew Toopin, youth coordinator of the parish. "In addition the youth will offer computer games and hamburgers and hot-dogs, face painting and the bouncing castle to keep the kids busy during the fair."

"Of course we can't do without our cakes and pastries at an occasion such as this, so this year we intend to make this stall even bigger and better," said Betty Smith, president of the church's Guild to Help the Sick and Needy. "Our Guild goes all out to provide cakes, pastries, pies and tarts of every description and we expect no less this year

In addition to all these booths Agnes Munnings and Virgil Briggs will man the plants and books stall which has always been a great hit, said Archer. "Finally we will have games of chance including bingo, white elephant, hoopla and punch board where a number of great prizes will be available.

Live coverage of the fair will come via STAR 106.5 FM with Brad Hanna from 2 to 6PM. The Grill Out and Parish Fair will end with a Junkanoo Rush-Out with the Valley Boys.



## Seven principles for a better Bahamas

By PASTOR ORAL RAY ROLLE

AS WE celebrate 38 years of independence as a nation, we may ask ourselves are we really free? I know for many years, many of us as citizens of this great Bahamas have asked or pondered such a question. In my view, we are very much free, in contrast, to the countries that surround us and those that are very far away, that is to say in terms of freedom of worship, freedom of assembly and freedom of movement (to name a few). Therefore, as we celebrate, instead of pondering or asking ourselves the question, let us put to thought how best we can better ourselves and our country. Here are seven principles that may help better us and the nation.

• **UNITY:** Success starts with unity, unity of family, community, nation and

our race.

• **SELF-DETERMINATION:** To be more responsible for ourselves and each other, creating our own destiny

• **Collective work and responsibility:** To build and maintain our communities together

• **COLLECTIVE ECONOMICS:** To build, maintain and support our own stores, establishments and businesses.

• **PURPOSE:** To restore our Bahamian heritage to traditional greatness. To be responsible to those who came before (our ancestors) and to those who will follow (our descendants).

• **CREATIVITY:** Using creativity and imagination to make our communities better than what we inherited.

• **FAITH:** Re-commit ourselves to God through Jesus Christ, believing in our people, our families, our educators and our leaders.

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## Catechists honoured

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Catechist David Dean, St. Bartholomew's, Bullock's Harbour, Berry Island, 2000 – present  
 Catechist Clara Evans, St. Margaret's, Nicholl's Town, Andros, 1978 – present  
 Catechist Nelson Gaitor, St. Stephen's, Fresh Creek, Andros, 1979 – present  
 Catechist Clayton Newbold, St. James, New Providence, 2003 – present  
 Catechist Mildred W. Munnings, St. Margaret's, Mastic Point, Andros, 1973 – present  
 Catechist Hugh O'Brien, St. Agnes, New Providence, 1996 – present  
 Catechist Elizabeth Doreen Porter, St. Faith's, Stanyard Creek, Andros, 1992 – present  
 Catechist Wilbur Smith, St. Mary's, Mars Bay, Andros, 1990 – present  
 Catechist Idris Reid, St. Mary The Virgin, New Providence, 1938 – present  
 Catechist Ana Mae Rolle, All Saints, Mangrove Cay, Andros, 2010 – present  
 Catechist Edward Rolle, St. David's Lisbon Creek, Andros  
 Catechist Adline Wilson, St. Peter's, Bowen Sound, Andros, 1962 – present

Honourees from the Northern Bahamas Archdeaconry, led by The Venerable Harry Bain, included:  
 Catechist Euclid Baillou, Holy Saviour, Blackwood, Abaco, 2005 – present  
 Catechist Cyril Bernard Barr, Jr., St. Mary Magdalene, West End, Grand Bahama, 1994 – present  
 Catechist Frank Hinzey, Our Lady & St. Stephen's, Bimini, 2000 – present  
 Catechist Benjamin Alexander Pinder, St. Martin's, Sandy Point, Abaco, 1988 – present  
 Catechist Virginia Smith Lightbourne, St. Jude's, Grand Bahama, 1987 – present  
 Catechist Oswald Ethelbert Pinder, Church of The Good Shepherd, Pinder's Point, Grand Bahama, 1968 – present  
 Catechist George Reckley, St. Peter's, Green Turtle Cay, Abaco  
 Catechist Edward Roberts, St. Nicholas, High Rock, Grand Bahama, 1983 – present  
 Catechist Samuel Theophilus Rigby, The Pro-Cathedral of Christ The King, Freeport, Grand Bahama, 1989 – present  
 Catechist Theophilus Rolle, St. Anne, Crown Haven, Abaco  
 Catechist Annie Russell, St. Simon-by-the-Sea, Treasure Cay, Abaco, 2005 – present

Catechist Aldred Modesta Smith, St. John the Baptist, Marsh Harbour, Abaco, 1972 – present  
 Catechist Christopher Russell, St. Chad, Fox Town, Abaco, 2005 – present

Honourees from the Southern Bahamas /Turks & Caicos Islands Archdeaconry, led by the Venerable Keith Cartwright, were:

Catechist Lawrence Adderley, St. Mary Magdalene, Glington's, Long Island, 1999 – present  
 Catechist Oral George Bowe, St. Paul's, Clarence Town, Long Island, 2005 – present  
 Catechist Ted Bain, St. Christopher's, Rum Cay, 1972 – present  
 Catechist Kenneth Raymond Carroll, St. Andrew's, George Town, Exuma, 2008 – present  
 Catechist Lawrence Sheldon Cartwright, St. Theresa's, Gray's, Long Island, 1999 – present  
 Catechist Wendell Cartwright, St. Athanasius, Deadman's Cay, Long Island, 2005 – present  
 Catechist Raphael Nathaniel Cartwright, Holy Cross, Hamilton's, Long Island, June 2011 – present  
 Catechist David Daxon, All Saints, Church Grove, Crooked Island, June 1st, 2011 – present

Catechist Holton Larola Dickenson, St. John's, Salt Cay, Turks & Caicos Islands, 1991 – present  
 Catechist Edna Fox, St. Joseph's, Thompson Bay, Long Island, 1974 – present  
 Catechist Walter Ewing, St. Philip's, Matthew Town, Inagua, 1982 – present  
 Catechist Ashton Garland, St. Thomas' & St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Grand Turk, Turks & Caicos Islands, 2009 – present  
 Catechist Harry Harding, St. Andrew's, Whymms, Long Island, 1954 – present  
 Catechist Maxwell McDonald Knowles, St. John's, Buckley's, Long Island, 1980 – present  
 Catechist Mavis E. Knowles, St. Peter's, Simms, Long Island, 1999 – present  
 Catechist Terecita Loretia Major, St. Michael's, Roses, Long Island, 2005 – present  
 Catechist McField Nathaniel Mortimer, Holy Family, Mortimer's, Long Island, 1944 – present  
 Catechist Gabriel Styles, St. Mary Magdalene, Williams Town, Inagua, 1964 – present  
 Catechist Daniel Wallace, Holy Innocents, Ragged Island, January 1, 2011 – present  
 Catechist Alice Gray, St. Mary The Virgin, Bannerman Town, Eleuthera, 1955 – present

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# The Anglican Church Men of St James Anglican Church Adelaide give back



THE men of St James Anglican Church Adelaide, hosted a major annual fundraiser in honour of the late Fr Anthony Roberts. Men from various Anglican Churches in the diocese took part in a Grilling competition at the Church grounds in October 2010.

Proceeds from the Fr Anthony Roberts king of the Grill Fest assisted the church environment, the Adelaide community, the church young men mentoring programs, and a donation was made to a charity in honor of Fr Roberts.

On Sunday, June 26 at the patronal festival of St Peter's Parish in Bowen Sound Andros a donation was also made to the building fund of the St Stephen's Parish in Fresh Creek Andros. The rector Fr Ethan Ferguson was thankful for the kind gesture and praised the men for their thoughtfulness towards the restoration efforts of St Stephens Parish.

**L – R BACK ROW:** Kevin Ryan, ACM Council President, Dwayne Roberts - James ACM, Craig Stubbs, St. James ACM – Kendrick Stubbs, Secretary, St. James ACM – Julius Cox, St. James ACM

**L – R FIRST ROW:** Colin Wright, President, St. James ACM. James – Fr. Ethan Ferguson, Rector of St. Peter/St. Stephen's, Andros, Reuben McDonald, Treasurer, St. James ACM, Lawrence Pratt, St. James ACM.

## Nassau Students band together to fight hunger, save lives

WARS and natural disasters dominate the world's daily headlines, but behind the scenes and far from the spotlight, **hunger** and preventable diseases claim the lives of 24,000 of the world's children every day.

More than 1 billion people go hungry every day. More than 6 billion live on the planet. One in six will go hungry tonight.

Why so many? For some families, the only food they have is whatever they can grow themselves. One drought or flood can wipe out a year's harvest. When it does, there's no supermarket or food bank they can turn to.

Others can barely afford food despite their best efforts. Either way, hunger is

anything but yesterday's problem. For 1 billion people, it's a problem right now. But world hunger is 100 per cent preventable, and teens from **Global Village Youth Group** (a ministry of Global Village Methodist Church) are ready to help.

On July 1st-2nd these teens joined the efforts of hundreds of thousands of young people all over the US who set aside the usual "stuff" that fills their daily lives. Instead, they did World Vision's 30 Hour Famine because they are "LOVE HUNGRY" - which was the theme for this year. By going without food, they had a taste of what the world's poorest children and

families face every day. Prior to the event and immediately afterward, students raise funds with the knowledge that every \$30 they raise can help feed and care for a child for a month. Groups are also encouraged to perform hands-on service projects during the weekend in order to make a difference in their own communities.

As part of the Famine, local participants made 60+ lunch bags that were dropped to local children's homes.

Funds raised by 30 Hour Famine participants help feed and care for children in communities in need around the globe through World Vision. A portion of the

funds raised assist families in need in the United States. Famine funds contribute to World Vision's response in areas where famine, conflict, and other crises make children vulnerable to hunger and preventable disease. Since 1992, 30 Hour Famine has raised close to \$140 million, representing countless lives saved. World Vision works in nearly 100 countries, helping approximately 100 million people every year.

If you or your business would like to contribute to the local fundraising of Global Village Youth Group, please contact Matthew Cole at [gvmc.youth@gmail.com](mailto:gvmc.youth@gmail.com).



# 38 yrs, later !

AS WE celebrate another year of Independence it's always good to thank God (Yahweh) for His grace, mercy and goodness to us as a nation; collectively and individually.

And then we have to be true to ourselves and ask questions like *"Where are we going? What's our vision? Are the leaders we're electing qualified and capable of our destination? Or is this just an aimless journey that we're on as a nation?"*

As a nation, one of our greatest disadvantages as it relates to our Independence is that we didn't have to physically fight for our independence as some other nations had to; therefore Bahamians place very little value on the entire concept of Independence. Watch this! It was during one of the B.T.C's demonstration on Bay Street that I observed a uniformed Police Officer forcefully take a Bahamian flag from one of the demonstrators; throw the flag to the ground and walk on it as he tried to push the demonstrator to the side of the street. It's incidences like that and others that call into question our national pride and where are we going as a Nation.

Say what you want about Haitians; when it comes to National Pride and the honouring / respect of the Haitian flag, these people have got it together as do the Americans. The problem we have as Bahamians is that when it comes to dealing with / confronting controversial issues for the betterment / advancement of the Bahamas; we've been methodically



PASTOR  
MATTHEW  
ALLEN

trained to foolishly pray about the situation / issues and God will take care of them for us.

O' Foolish Bahamians, who hath bewitched you? **38 years later**, who really cares about the well being of the Bahamian people? Is it the politicians, the religious leaders, the civic leaders, who really cares? From 1973, to 2011, our political and religious leaders, and other influential voices of our community and government are still making excuses for the prehistoric, ancient, outdated systems that run / control everything in the Bahamas.

In this technology driven age, the Bahamian people have seen governments come and go (PLP and FNM), yet there are very few positive changes that we as a nation can collectively raise our voices to and be proud of. Some of our family islands are in the very same condition (infrastructurally) as they were before and since 1973.

With all of the technological breakthroughs and discoveries taking place in this day and time, it's most disappointing to see and know that the generation of tomorrow is not being given a fair chance

to compete with the global world; due to today's present leaders failure to see beyond their self interest.

Gone are the days of Statesmen in the Bahamas; for even the celebration of our (so-called Independence) has very little national implication today. The Independence celebration is more of a political football than that of a national event / celebration. July 10, 1973, was such a proud day in the Bahamas; I remembered seeing my mother cry tears of joy as the Union Jack flag was lowered and our Bahamian flag was hoisted; there was such a great spirit of pride flowing throughout the length and breadth of the Bahamas.

Thirty-eight years later, what has happened to us? Where has that pride gone? Where is the spirit of the Upward, Onward and Forward Together? From July 10, 1973, to the present date the building of the Bahamas could have been (or should have been) somewhat likened to a 4x4 relay race; whereby after each general election and government changes; the incoming government takes the baton from the outgoing government and runs an even stronger / more productive race in developing the Bahamas.

Unfortunately this is not the case as the country is no longer led by statesmen, but rather by politicians whose primary concern is to get re-elected. The once Honourable House of Assembly is now just a house where elected clowns / jesters gathers / sit to tear down one another, and to enact laws with great financial kick

backs in their direction; all may not be guilty of the same but their silence gives consent.

That pride of July 10, 1973, can very easily be resurrected if our leaders would put their personal agendas aside and begin to think and operate as statesmen / stateswomen. What was our forefather's true intent and purpose for the Bahamas being an independent / sovereign nation? What did Clarence Bain, Sir Alvin Brennen, Sir Kendal Isaac, Sir Cecil Wallace Whetfield, Sir Milo Butler and Sir Lynden Pindling envisioned for the Bahamas?

As a proud Bahamian, I would want to believe that with all that led up to July 10, 1973, a vision for the Bahamas was written. Here's what Yahweh said to the prophet Habakkuk: **(Hab.2:2. Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.)** And then here's one of the most quoted scriptures of today: **(Prov.29:18. Where there is no vision, the people perish)** Now, here's what Proverbs.29:18. doesn't say **"Where there is no vision, the leaders perish"**

I don't care for the country's politics but the facts are the facts; "People are perishing for there is no vision."

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# Mt Ararat Baptist Church celebrates 25th Anniversary



THE REV'D Dr Brice E Ferguson received the call to start this work of the Lord in July of 1984. At this time the Lord gave the name "Mt. Ararat Baptist Church" and the motto "The Place Where Travelers Would Find Rest", as He appointed His servant.

On July 17, 1986, the Lord provided a place to begin His work and on Sunday August 3, 1986 the inauguration service of the Mt Ararat Baptist Church was held at the Knights of George Building on Baillou Hill Road and Fleming Streets.

There were a total of ten families, including Rev'd Brice Ferguson and family, Veronica Rigby and family, Nathan and Maria Gibson and family, Olive Collie and family, Edith Gilbert and family, Olga Bain and family, Betty Munroe and family, Sonia Curtis, Sharon Stubbs and Eleanor Turnquest.

The following departments were established: Ushers, Sunday School, Women, Choir and Youth; and a Trustee Board was appointed. In 1987, the church's Radio Ministry, "Heart to Heart" was born on ZNS radio, this served to reach the nation by weekly teachings. The induction team for the radio broadcast consisted of Pastor Ferguson along with Deac. Gloria Ferguson, Veronica Rigby and Olga Bain. The ministry of "Heart to Heart" continues today under Rev'd Dr. Gloria D Ferguson, Rev'd Veronica Rigby and Evang Crystal Ferguson.

Within one year of ministry the diligent work of the trustee Board in its search for land soon led to the purchase of three lots on Washington Street.

On Sunday May 12, 1987, the groundbreaking service for the new edifice was held at the site. As a testament to the

blessings of God, three and a half years later, the church marched from Baillou Hill Road to its present structure on Washington Street.

Rev'd. Brice Edward Ferguson pastored and faithfully served the people of God for five years from the commencement of the church until July 2, 1991 when he went home to be with his Lord and Master. God in His sovereign wisdom saw fit that the work continued and Pastor Rev'd Gloria Ferguson answered the call.

Under her able leadership the work of this ministry thrives with the Lord as her guide. The various attainments include the establishment of a lively Pre-school, Tender Heart Academy; the completion of the Church's edifice; the organisation of our School of Ministry, Advanced Christian Training School (ACTS); and the formation of an enthusiastic Marching Band.

In July 2006, as we celebrated our 20th anniversary we held a mortgage burning ceremony by the goodness of God.

Over these few years, the Mt Ararat Baptist Church continues to witness and contribute substantially to the spiritual, educational, social and economic stability of our nation. It has been 25 years of commitment to the Great Commission, our numbers have increased and our membership is experiencing God's blessings. We the family of Mt Ararat, under the theme "Remembering God's Goodness", honour the faithfulness of God.

It is with grateful hearts and humble disposition that Pastor R Ferguson and the exciting people of The Mt. Ararat Baptist Church celebrate with full attention on the continued goodness and mercy of God celebrate our 25th Anniversary!

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# St Peter's Church celebrates its Patronal Festival

THE EXCITEMENT of the recent Patronal Festival of St Peter's, Simms will linger in the hearts and minds of many of its members. It also signifies the start of Vacation Bible School Week that will be held in the Parish of St. Peter's at the Ginton's Primary School in North Long Island.

Fr Chester Burton along with a cadre of members worked feverishly on St Peter's during the course of the week so that edifice would look immaculate when their companion parish of St Matthew's on Shirley Street visits to assist with Vacation Bible School. The connection between St Matthew's and St Peter's in Simms spans many decades having begun under the rectorship of Archdeacon James Palacios who is presently working in the Diocesan Office with responsibility for administration of the Anglican Diocese. So after some 25 years the marriage is strong and viral.

Assistant Curate Fr Don Haynes with responsibility for youth in the parish of St Matthews accompanied by a small group of Vacation Bible School workers arrived at the Stella Maris International Airport in North Long Island on Sunday afternoon. They were bused to the St Peter's Rectory in Simms which is nestled between the Island's Administrative Office Complex and St Peter's Church.

On Sunday July 3, at 4pm in the afternoon the family of St Peter's Parish came together with members of St Paul's Anglican Parish in South Long Island amidst the pomp and pageantry of this great festival day. Fr Don Haynes affectionately known as Fr Double D.D. conducted the opening prayers at the rear of St Peter's Church. Mavis Knowles, Catechist for St Peter's announced the first hymn "How bright these Glorious Spirits shine", altar servers, lay readers, various Catechist who were honoured last Sunday evening at Christ Church Cathedral worn their new stoles and they followed by the priests Frs Archer, Burton and Haynes.

The Old Testament Lesson (Ezekiel 34 verses 11 to 16) was done by Nolan Symonette, twelfth grade student at Queens College and young member of St Matthew's Parish. Newly elected Anglican Church Woman (ACW) President Grace Deal of St Peter's led

Psalm 87 and Amerol Ritchie wife of St Paul's adept organist and choir director read the second lesson from 2 Timothy chapter 4 verses 1 to 8. After the gradual hymn "We have a gospel to proclaim" Fr Archer sang the gospel as recorded in John's gospel chapter 21 verses 15 to 19. This passage of scripture records Jesus meeting Peter after His resurrection and asking Peter if he loved him. St Peter's Parish ACW Choir sang "I can't walk without you holding my hand" which was truly a congregation favorite.

Fr Haynes stated that he had never seen the church look so beautiful. He also announced that this would be his last official visit as Curate at St Matthew's as Bishop Laish Boyd has transferred him to the Berry Islands.

Fr Haynes took the text of his sermon from the gospel passage applicable for the Feast day of St Peter's and Paul. John's gospel chapter 21 verses 15-21 in which Jesus asks Peter about the genuineness of his love for him. And then he commands Peter to feed his sheep. Fr Haynes said that the Christian's responsibility is to feed Jesus' sheep for whom he died on the cross. Peter was insistent on taking the leadership role after Jesus had been crucified and led the process for the selection of a replacement apostle after Judas' betrayal of Jesus. In essence, Haynes tried to sensitise the membership body to the strong personal attributes that Peter possessed and stated that each person can take a page out of Peter's iconic legacy and be "Solid as a Rock" in their Christian duty and worship. After the sermon "Here I am to worship" was sung by St Peter's Sunday School.

Fr Burton believes that Patronal Festivals and Feast of Titles are monumental and memorable occasions in the life of the parish and should never be celebrated in any lack luster fashion and the presence of the persons from St Matthew's Church strengthens the community and boost the spirits of the members and many youngsters who will partake in Vacation Bible School. After the Eucharistic celebration the altar servers, lay-readers and Catechist processed down the main course way of Long Island in honour of Patron St Peter.

After the service members and well wishers retreated in the courtyard of St Peter's for a sumptuous dinner reception organised by Coral Patrice Burton.



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# Solutions to the national ills cited during Albania Pre-school's Spring Festival

PRE-SCHOOL personnel, who are involved in the early education and care of children on a day to day basis, are painfully aware of the stressful situations facing adults within the home environment. These situations are the results of the many national ills that affect little children more than people imagine! These very young citizens are called upon to "process" what they hear, see and feel as they interact with their families, environments, and the community at large!

Examples from ALBANIA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY's experiences serve to dramatically illustrate this reality. A five-year-old child has recently had to process seeing gunmen shoot his twenty-six-year-old relative, who regularly collected him from pre-school. He watched him die in a pool of blood. Another child, living elsewhere in

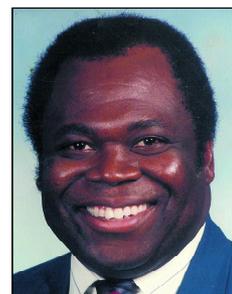
Nassau, recently watched her father die, in a pool of blood, having been stabbed repeatedly by an assailant, across the street from their apartment. Another child was observed at a funeral, staring and wondering what the drama was all about—she was somewhat puzzled at seeing her father "in a box"—he had been killed in a motorcycle accident.

As violent crimes, domestic violence and other atrocities escalate, seemingly unchecked within our little town, pre-school leaders, teachers and caregivers all over The Bahamas are being called upon to help pre-schoolers make sense of these situations even they, as adults, find very difficult to understand!

Swaying to the reggae music of the song, "WE NEED PEACE" by the vocalist, "Landlord", the pre-schoolers of ALBANIA CHRISTIAN ACADE-

MY held their annual Spring Festival program that took the form of a "rally of sorts". They held placards that displayed messages such as, "No more murders", "40 murders up to April", "More peace and love in our homes", "Let's start within ourselves", "Rape—No", "Hatred—No", "Only love can save us now", and more.

Through choral verses, memorized scripture passages and choreographed dancing, the children drew attention to the national ills and negative influences



Albert Ferguson

in society, which they also displayed on their placards. Some 150 parents, relatives and friends were present to witness this thought-evoking but lovely, Sunday afternoon outdoor show.

ALBANIA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY, now completing its seventeenth year of operation, has impacted the lives of thousands and some of its graduates are successfully pursuing studies in institutions of higher learning or are gainfully employed. The Principal of CV Bethel High School, Eulase Beneby recently gave the graduation address for the class of 2011.

• Dr Albert S. Ferguson, J.P., is the founder and director of Albania Christian Academy Pre-School and his wife, Critical Care Registered Nurse, Mrs. Sandy J Ferguson, serves as principal.

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**MICKELSON TO CHANGE APPROACH AT BRITISH OPEN**

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**CAVENDISH WINS CRASH-MARRIED 5TH TOUR STAGE**



TURN TO 7E...

# Valentino into semis, earns spot in 16th Pan Am Games

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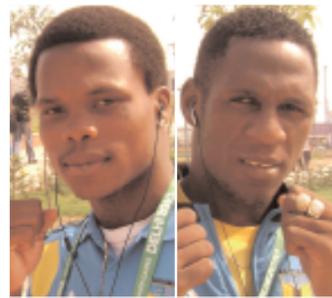
Day three of the final Pan American Games Boxing qualifier produced mixed results for the Bahamas as just one of the two remaining fighters were able to advance.

Valentino Knowles landed into the semifinals of the American Boxing Confederation Championships third and final qualifiers, while Carl Hield fought valiantly but fell in a closely contested bout.

Knowles advanced in the junior welterweight category with a 7:4 win over Nathan Robert Ridings of El Salvador.

With the win, he earned a spot in the 16th Pan American Games,

## Carl Hield loses closely contested bout



V KNOWLES CARL HIELD

which is scheduled for October in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. If he goes on to win the gold medal at the

event, he could receive a bye in the opening round of the Pan Am Games.

In one of the highest scoring matches of the preliminary round, Knowles outboxed Daniel Munoz of Chile to a 17:12 win in the 64kg category to advance. He became the first Bahamian to qualify for the Pan Am Games since Taureano 'Reno' Johnson did so in 2007 when he secured a gold medal in the third round.

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

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

Hield was unable to keep pace when he fell in the quarterfinals of the welterweight class to Luis Miranda of Peru, 3:2.

In the preliminary round, Hield dominated local favour Lesvy Maure of Panama with a 12:4 win on points.

Godfrey Strachan, the third member of Team Bahamas, was unable to advance out of the preliminary round when he fell to Enrique Colazo of Puerto Rico 12:6.

# Shaunae leads Team Bahamas' strong start

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LED by Shaunae Miller, the reigning world junior champion in the women's 400 metres, Team Bahamas got off to a strong start in the preliminary rounds of several events in the IAAF World Youth Championships yesterday.

With a squad of 15 members, the Bahamas is targeting its best-ever showing at the meet in Lille, France.

In heat two of her signature event, Miller easily dominated the field to take first place in a time of 53.49 seconds.

Brigitte Ntiamoah of France was second in 57.06s while Anna Parfenova of Russia was third in 57.07s.

In the men's 400m, Andre Wells of Grand Bahama continues to excel following his upset of Carifta champion O'Jay Ferguson at the BTC Jr & Sr Track and Field Championships.

Wells finished second in the final heat of the event in 47.87s behind Alex Boyce of Great Britain who set a new personal best in 47.82s. He will run in the first of three semifinals out of lane three. His time of 46.63s at the BAAA World Youth Trials ranks him seventh in the world.

In the century sprints, three of the



**FIRST PLACE:** Shaunae Miller easily dominated the field in the 400m to take first place in a time of 53.49 seconds.

Bahamas' four competitors made it through to the semifinal round.

Delano Davis ran to a first place finish in heat four in 10.95s, just edging out Bradley Britz of South Africa who finished in 10.96s.

In heat three, Tommy Outten finished second in 11.00s to advance.

Davis will run in lane five in the first of three semifinals, while Outten will run in lane one of semifinal number three.

In the women's 100m, Devynne Charlton finished second in heat six in 12.03s to advance.

Gregaria Higgs did not fare as well when her fourth place finish in heat seven in 12.26s left her on the outside looking in.

Charlton will compete in heat one in lane three with the fast qualifier of the event thus far - Christiana Williams of Jamaica.

Middle distance runners also took to the track on day one for the Bahamas in the men's 800m. However, both failed to advance.

In heat one, Ashley Riley finished seventh in 1:57.40s while in heat four, Andre Colebrook also finished seventh in a much faster heat in 1:55.38s.

In the six previous editions of this event, the Bahamas has won only one medal - a bronze in the 200m by Grand Bahama's Nivea Smith in Ostrava, Czech Republic, in 2007.

# Basketball campers' delight in 24th year

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THE nation's biggest and longest running summer basketball camp is underway at the Bahamas Academy of Seventh-Day Adventists campus.

The 24th Annual Jeff Rodgers Summer Basketball Club will run for a total of five weeks. It's geared towards boys and girls between the ages of five and 19 and will focus on good character building, maintaining a positive attitude and building productive citizens through basketball.

"This year, there will be a number of professional basketball players from the NBA, spearheaded by Cleveland Cavaliers' coach Byron Scott and former NBA player Tyrone 'Muggsy' Bouges," says organizer Jeff Rodgers.

"A number of high school and college coaches from the United States will be present along with local trained and skilled instructors, namely Charlene Smith and Harrison Moxey, arguably the finest in the country," he added.

Yesterday at the camp, members of corporate Bahamas made sponsorship presentations to camp members.

Chris Mortimer, CEO of Galleria Cinemas, sponsored three young men with their membership fees to the camp, as did Asue Draw, represented my marketing director Levin Wilson.

On Wednesday, July 27, there will

## NBA players expected to take part in exhibition



**LEVIN WILSON**, director of marketing and public relations at Asue Draw, is thanked by Jeff Rodgers for his support in the Jeff Rodgers basketball camp.

be a fun night where the campers will be able to showcase their skills learnt from the camp.

Parents, along with the general public, are invited to watch an exhibition game with the trained instructors and the guest NBA stars.

Giving more young people an opportunity to participate, the camp

will also be held in North Abaco, North Andros, North Eleuthera and Exuma this summer.

A number of companies are supporting the camp through their sponsorship. They include the Bahamas Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture, Baha

Mar, J S Johnson Insurance, Family Guardian, Royal Bank of Canada, Bahamas Fast Ferries, Scotiabank, Vitamalt, Robin Hood, Echo and ZNS.

The camp hours are 9am to 1pm and will run Mondays to Fridays. Each camper will receive a pair of shorts, a T-shirt and basketball.

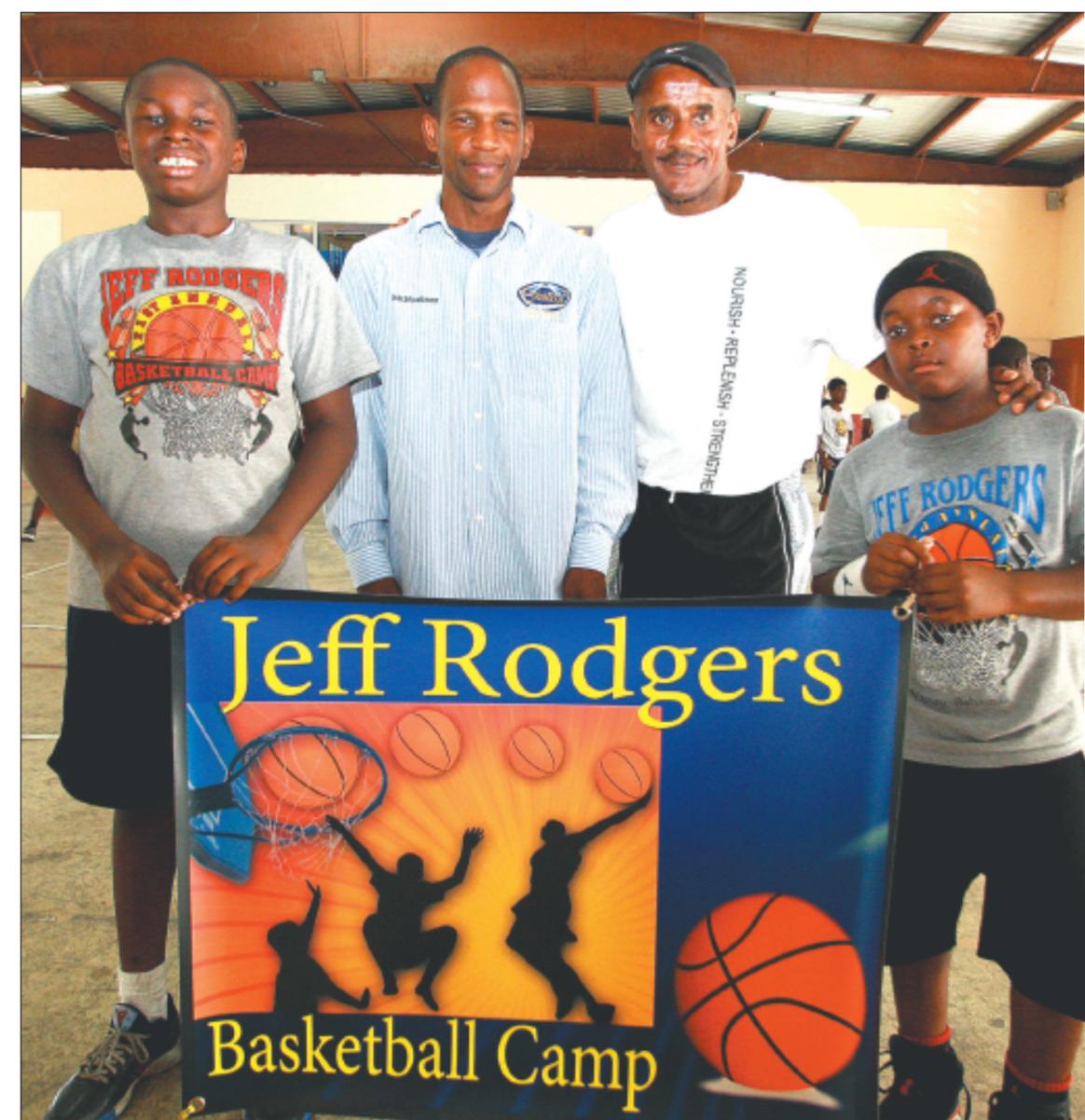
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# 24th Annual Jeff Rodgers Summer Basketball Club

# Building productive citizens



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**CRAIG MORTIMER** (second from left), chief executive officer of Galleria Cinemas, is thanked by Jeff Rodgers (second from right) for his support in this year's Jeff Rodgers basketball camp – the nation's biggest and longest-running summer camp – on the Bahamas Academy of Seventh-Day Adventists campus. The 24th edition of the camp will run for five weeks and is geared towards boys and girls between the ages of five and 19. The camp focuses on good character building, maintaining a positive attitude and building productive citizens through basketball. Some of the young participants look on.

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# Hepple signs with top-class European club

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SUCCESS on the national level for one of the Bahamas' leading soccer stars has coincided with his professional career reaching another milestone.

Cameron Hepple recently had his rights sold to a top-class European club - KF Tirana in the Albanian Superliga.

As Tirana has qualified for UEFA's Europa League, Hepple will immediately have an opportunity to play against some of the most well-known clubs in Europe following the current round of qualifying for the Bahamas.

Tirana is the most successful Albanian football club, earning 46 major trophies in the country and is a branch of Multiple Sport Klub of Tirana (Football Men's). KF Tirana is the most popular football club in the country with a considerable number of supporters.

Prior to the sale, Hepple has been a member of the Kitsap Pumas of the USL Premier Development League since April 2010.

"What makes this equally important is that this is a purely cash sale - a rare occurrence for an American club," said Ben Pecora, executive director of the Kitsap Soccer Club.

"We wish this young man all the best as he has been a key contributor to our success in our very brief history."

Hepple competed at the collegiate level for Bowling Green State University. He was featured in trials for the Southampton and Wolverhampton Wanderers in the English football league but eventually signed play for

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**— Ben Pecora**

Bradenton Academics in the USL Premier Development League in 2009.

Hepple has had several national team appearances for the Bahamas, dating back to his days as an under-17 and under-23 player. At 15, he made his senior debut in a World Cup qualification match against Dominica in March, 2004.

His national career thus far includes 12 caps, six in World Cup qualification games.

Hepple is currently at home as a member of the men's national team preparing for the second game in a home-away series with the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Hepple scored on a penalty in the team's 4-0 rout of the Turks in Providenciales last weekend.

Game two is slated to take place at the Roscow Davies soccer field 4pm July 9.



**SHINING STAR:** Cameron Hepple has signed with KF Tirana in the Albanian Superliga.

**DARLING FAMILY DAY**

BAHAMIAN professional football player Devard Darling was in town recently to finalize plans for the "Darling Family Day" - a one-day fundraiser with activities for the entire family. The family fun day event is scheduled to take place at D W Davis Jr High on Saturday (July 16).

Activities include a flag football tournament, a steak-out and party boat cruise. The day begins from 10am and runs until 4pm for the steak-out and flag-football tournament. The party boat leaves Potter's Cay Dock at 9pm.

**CYCLING JEFF BURNSIDE CLASSIC**

THE Baptist Sports Council will honour another outstanding athlete with the 2011 Deacon Jeffery Burnside Cycling Classic on Saturday.

The event is set for 10am at the National Cycling Track, Baillou Hills Sporting Complex. It will feature competition in the five-and-under, 10-and-under, 15-and-under, 19-and-under, open and masters men's and women's divisions.

Interested churches and individuals are advised that the registration for the event will begin 9am at the Cycling Track. The event will be organised by Bertram 'Turbo' Musgrove, president of the New Providence Cycling Association. Trophies and medals will be presented to the various winners. Burnside is a member of the St Paul's Baptist Church, Fox Hill, where he presently serves as a deacon. He is a member of the Burnside clan that in the past was a household name on the local cycling scene.

# Red Cross Society set to host 3rd annual golf tourney in Lyford Cay



**ON COURSE:** The Bahamas Red Cross Society is scheduled to host its third annual golf tournament at Lyford Cay Golf Course Friday.

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FOR the third consecutive year, the local governing body for golf in the Bahamas will partner with one of the country's most well-known humanitarian movements for a worthy cause.

The Bahamas Red Cross Society is scheduled to host its third annual golf tournament, sanctioned by the Bahamas Golf Federation, at the Lyford Cay Golf Course on July 8 (Friday).

The format of the tournament is a two-person scramble event with a variety of prizes offered for top achievements over the course of the day-long event which begins with an 8:30am shotgun start. There is a registration fee of \$200 per player.

First place will net a

round-trip ticket to Las Vegas, second place a round trip ticket to Freeport and third place to Treasure Cay.

There will also be awards given to the "straightest drive on hole, longest drive, closest to pin hole on Par 3s and most honest golfer" while the first hole in one on the 17th hole will receive a new car.

**Effort**

Brendon Watson, president of the Bahamas Red Cross, said he anticipates this year's fundraising effort to exceed recent years.

"We had full participation and we will do so again this year. The first year, we netted \$14,000, the second year we netted \$20,000, and we are hoping to do even better this year," he said.

But "we need the support of the public to do that,"

added Watson.

Over 70 players are expected to participate in this year's event.

"The money from the golf tournament will aide our ongoing programmes like Meals on Wheels, food support for individuals in Nassau and the Family Islands, CPR training, Readiness to Respond, First Aid Peer Training and others," he said.

"The golf tournament goes along with the Ball, The Fair, the Car Raffle, the Christmas Card and all the other programmes that go towards fundraising to assist the community."

Platinum sponsorship for the event is \$3,000 (four players), Gold Corporate is \$2,500 (three players), Silver Corporate is \$2,000 (two players), Bronze Corporate is \$1,500 (one player) and Teabox is \$500.

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**BACK TO BASICS:** Aspiring basketball players take part in the Jeff Rodgers basketball camp – the nation’s biggest and longest-running summer camp – on the Bahamas Academy of Seventh-Day Adventists campus. The 24th edition of the camp will run for five weeks and is geared towards boys and girls between the ages of five and 19.

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