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ZNS staff told: refuse govt redundancy offer

16-year-old accused of shooting boy in head

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A 16-YEAR-OLD boy accused of shooting 13-year-old Rashad Rolle in the head three weeks ago was arraigned on an attempted murder charge yesterday. The 16-year-old John Road resident appeared before Magistrate

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Union leader advises members at Broadcasting Corporation of the Bahamas

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THE Bahamas Communications and Public Officers Union chief, Bernard Evans, advised his union members at the Broadcasting Corporation not to accept the government's redundancy packages, which were offered them yesterday.

Speaking with *The Tribune* moments after meeting with his members, Mr Evans said that ZNS chairman Michael Moss met with the entire staff of the BCB yesterday and offered them "separation packages."

Giving the staff a week to decide whether or not they will accept the offer, Mr Evans said the staff at the corporation's northern division will be given a similar offer today.

"We are not pleased at all with their offer. With these tough economic times and the fact that you are putting people out of a job after so many years, and them in many instances having amassed so much debt (school loans, cars, home loans,

etc); when you look at the average debt ratio of over \$150,000 and if you are not talking packages comparative to that then what are we talking about?" he asked.

Mr Evans said that he has since advised his members to decline the government's offers thus far as the figures are far from "enough."

When pressed for specifics in terms of dollar amounts that some staff have been offered at differing salary scales, Mr Evans said that he was unable to quote figures at this time. However, he promised that if it was necessary, he would reveal these numbers later this week.

According to a well placed source at the BCB, while the line staff at the corporation may be unhappy with the packages offered to them, there are some managers at the corporation who received "some very attractive offers."

"At this stage, I expect that they (government) will have more people taking the packages than they expected. So if they don't be careful, this place (ZNS) will be a ghost town, because it looks like everyone is signing up to take these packages," the source

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PROPERTY OWNERS STAGE ARAWAK HOMES PROTEST



PROTEST: Maria Wood, whose house in Sir Lynden Pindling Estates was bulldozed by Arawak Homes Limited, speaks to the media yesterday.

By **MEGAN REYNOLDS**
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ANGRY property owners protested outside the Arawak Homes office on Shirley Street yesterday calling for justice and security in a bitter land dispute with the real estate developer.

Homeowners fear they will lose their homes after Frederick and Maria Wood's house in Sir Lynden Pindling Estates was bulldozed by Arawak Homes Limited on September 24.

Mrs Wood cried as she spoke of the grief she and her family have endured since they lost their home and belongings as she claimed her property was destroyed without warning and left her family of six to now seek shelter in a two-room apartment.

"My kids can't sleep and can't eat because our home and everything in it was destroyed and something needs to be done," Mrs Wood said.

"I expect justice to be done."

"Our laws and our lawmakers are corrupt. If you remain down they will keep trampling on everybody so I am calling on you to boycott Arawak Homes."

The grieving mother said she has heard no word from her MP and Minister of Lands and Local Government Byran Woodside who said government would step in to mediate in the land dispute.

Arawak Homes Ltd maintains there is widespread trespass on their property in the area and hundreds of people in Pinewood Gardens are liv-

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PLP: government must do more for straw vendors

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TAKING credit for the government's decision to provide some further help to straw vendors detained in New York City on criminal charges, the PLP yesterday said the government must do more – including getting bail for the women and ultimately, trying to get the charges against them dropped.

While advocating that a "vigorous national education" campaign must be launched to teach Bahamians of the illegality of trading in counterfeit goods and why it must stop, the PLP proposed that straw vendors held in the US deserve the full support of the



STATEMENT: Fred Mitchell

government as any illegal act they may have engaged in was done with the "complicity" of a Bahamian government which allowed them to do so in a "government-sponsored" market and collected 10 per cent customs revenue on the knock-off goods.

The party also announced that it intends to launch a "defence fund to assist the vendors with their expenses" in New York, which the public will be invited to contribute to once it is established.

Their comments were made during a press conference in the Opposition Committee room at the House of Assembly yesterday. The PLP's par-

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Ministry reminder for Bahamian citizens travelling to the US

THE Ministry of Foreign Affairs is reminding Bahamian citizens that a United States visa is normally required for travel to the US for pleasure or business.

"The ministry has received a number of requests for assistance from Bahamian citizens who have been unable to return to the Bahamas in transit through the United States after their travel to the Caribbean, Europe or Central America," officials said in a statement yesterday.

"In this regard, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to bring to the attention of Bahamian citizens that, under the terms of the Pre-Clearance Agreement with the United States of America, the holders of Bahamian passports can travel to the United States with a current police certificate under the following condition:

"If you are departing the Bahamas through the US Customs and Border Pre-Clearance facility at the Freeport International Airport or the Lynden Pindling International Airport in Nassau; and if travelling to the United States only."

The ministry said the Bahamian travelling public should note that a valid US visa is required for travelling under the following conditions:

- If you are departing the Bahamas from an airport other than Freeport or Nassau.

- If you do not clear US Customs and Border Pre-Clearance facility at the Freeport International Airport or the Lynden Pindling International Airport.

- If you are going on a cruise that leaves from a seaport in the United States or Puerto Rico. For example, travelling to Fort Lauderdale to board a cruise ship sailing to the Caribbean.

- If you are travelling to the US to connect with another flight that will take you to another country. For example, travelling to Miami to board the American Airlines flight to Trinidad and Tobago, or travelling to New York to go to London, or to Atlanta to go to Ghana.

Bahamian citizens planning to work or study in the US also require a visa and should apply at the Embassy of the United States of America at Queen Street in Nassau.

Information on the application process can be found at the website of the US Embassy in Nassau, www.nassau.usembassy.gov.

NDP promotes 'third choice' for the next general election

Voter registration centres open across the country

By MEGAN REYNOLDS
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LEADERS of the National Development Party reminded voters they will have a third choice in the next general election as voter registration opened yesterday.

Registration centres across the country opened for voters to sign up for the right to cast ballots in the next election.

National Development Party (NDP) steering committee leader Renward Wells and his associates greeted potential voters on the steps of the Parliamentary Registration Department on Farrington Road.

The next general election expected in early 2012 will be the first for the two-year-old NDP and Mr Wells said it marks the first time Bahamians will have a real choice.

"We believe it marks the end of visionless leadership for this country and we are here to encourage the vast majority of Bahamians to come out and let their voices be heard," Mr Wells said.

Mr Wells suggested only 140,000 of 150,000 registered voters cast their ballots in the 2005 general election because of apathy invoked by a lack of choice between the well-established PLP and FNM.

But in the next election he hopes the 250,000 Bahamians eligible to vote will be inspired to exercise their right to choose leadership of the country with the added choice of the NDP by registering to vote and casting their ballots on the day.

They should not be deterred by the newness of the NDP as Mr Wells said his party's vision and wisdom has been proven in the governing FNM's taking of their advice on issues such as gambling, property rights, education and crime.

"They are adopting our vision and we don't mind because we need all hands on deck," Mr Wells said.



'THIRD CHOICE': Renward Wells, chairman of the NDP's steering committee, speaks to *The Tribune* yesterday at the Parliamentary Registration Department.

"But we say they shouldn't be captains of the ship because they don't know where they want to go.

"We may not have experience in the House of Assembly but we do have the clean clear thinking that can bring the Bahamas to where it needs to be."

Parliamentary Commissioner Errol Bethel encouraged voters to register early in order to avoid confusion when the Boundaries Commission is appointed in the run-up to the next general election and the Parliamentary Registrar provides the vital voter information.

Around 50 staff overseeing registration will assist voters in establishing their address in order for the Boundaries Commission to then determine their constituency.

However, Mr Bethel said it is up to the voter to inform the Registrar if they then move home prior to the election.

"We really rely on the information people give us so we expect people to give us the right information," Mr Bethel said.

"People who have moved and were previously registered need to get their registration transferred.

"Sometimes we will have two people registered at the same house and we base that on the information we collect.

"If we get the wrong information there's nothing we can do," he said.

Bahamians over 18 can register at any of the six locations in New Providence, including the Town Centre Mall, the Mall at Marathon, the Post Office in East Hill Street, and post offices in Carmichael Road, South Beach and Elizabeth Estates, as well as the Parliamentary Registration Department in Farrington Road, from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.

The National Insurance Board office in Freeport is also accepting registration, as well as Family Island Administrator's offices across the country.

Proof of citizenship is required such as a passport or voter's card, and if you do not have a passport



ENCOURAGING EARLY REGISTRATION: Parliamentary Commissioner Errol Bethel

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Action needed to tackle serious concerns of South Andros

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Firstly, it must be pointed out that the contents and motive of this letter hold no political bias. It is apolitical.

At a recent Community Town meeting hosted by the South Andros Chamber of Commerce, it was noted that “for many decades, infrastructural and many other basic but essential needs of the district and community of South Andros have been terribly and painfully neglected. Far too many of these needs still exist today. This distasteful state of affairs covers the span of all political regimes and should now be addressed with a sense of urgency and compassion by the current administration.

Our two bridges are in awful disrepair. They are in a horrible and depreciated condition, and are likely to collapse at any moment. The necessary and constant use of these bridges is really a risky and frightening experience for the travelling public, tourists and for all vehicular traffic, including our school buses and heavy duty equipment.

This can even lead to deaths or a very serious accident, which can result in lawsuits from Bahamian and American tourists. The central government is quite aware of the seriousness of the situation, and thus far has only been giving lip service to it and seems to be waiting for a tragic accident to happen. The bridges should be repaired immediately and without further delay!

Further, it is suggested that once the bridges have been repaired, a planned maintenance programme be developed to facilitate the maintenance of the bridges on an ongoing and regular basis.

Ecotourism is one of the island's most fruitful industries and holds great potential for growth and further development. The conversation between the Ministry of Tourism and others regarding the introduction

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of direct airlift services between Florida and South Andros should persist in all earnestness. Likewise, discussions at that ministry for the infrastructural development of Eco-tours in South Andros should be revived and pursued vigorously. These proposed ventures and projects hold much potential for significant economic benefits, and when operational, would provide employment and business ownership opportunities.

South Androsians want to become empowered to grow and create things for themselves. Why not establish a Campus of BTVI here? Consideration should also be given to establishing an agricultural base or presence in the district. These facilities would serve to equip many of our young minds with the necessary technical and vocational skills which are critically needed, and aid in the production and processing of various foods. The majority of the youthful population in particular, desires to live at home. Acquiring such skills could provide useful occupation and opportunities at home, and stem the constant migration flow to an overpopulated New Providence.

The completion of underground potable water infrastructure from the government complex to Mars Bay continues to be a critical need and of grave health concern.

There is lack of security personnel at the Community Health Clinic in Johnson's Bay, and inadequate security and maintenance personnel at the High School in

Johnson's Bay. The building which is occupied by the police and other local government personnel in The Bluff is inadequate and in need of urgent repairs.”

Fellow South Androsians, these and other pressing needs and concerns throughout the district require central government's urgent and remedial attention.

But we as sons and daughters of the soil – sisters and brother, have a role to play also. We must come together and work together to do some things for ourselves, and cause some things to happen; putting aside our many unimportant and petty differences that divide and enslave us and make us easy and convenient prey for self-serving opportunists. The interest and well-being of our community must always come first.

We have helplessly watched several homes destroyed by fire far too often for lack of a fire truck, a shed and other equipment? Another of these fires happened on Saturday, September 18, 2010 in Duncombe Coppit; myself and others were there to witness the disaster.

Hopefully, this first thrust would serve as the impetus for the beginning of better working relationships amongst us, and for the good and benefit of South Andros and those of us who live here.

We earnestly do look for immediate attention and action to aggressively address and resolve some of the above serious concerns of South Andros.

EDMUND RAHMING Sr
President South Andros,
Chamber of Commerce,
Congo Town,
South Andros.
September 27, 2010.

Crime is out of control

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Crime is out of control. I am truly frightened. I fear we have lost it.

Read the morning papers, most times the entire front page is negative. Watch the evening news and you get the same picture.

I respect Minister Turnquest and Commissioner Greenslade, but what they are doing is not sufficient. The latest shooting on Bay Street has probably hurt our tourism image more than we realise.

A few questions:

- 1) What happened to the anklets we were promised? Is it legal? If so introduce them and maybe save a few lives.
- 2) Have we given thought to a curfew? There are different kinds. Better some negative publicity than for crime to get completely out of control and get black listed by the USA.
- 3) What about bail? Can the bail act be amended to ensure fewer criminals are on the street?

I ask you why is it taking so long to implement some of the above?

JAMES McINTOSH
Treasure Cay,
Abaco
September 28, 2010.

Looking at the politics of power

EDITOR, The Tribune.

MR PIERRE DUPUCH'S recent letter to the editor suggesting the Cabinet Ministers of a ruling party, and by extension MPs and candidates of an Opposition Party, have no say in who becomes the leader of a particular political party speaks volumes.

The history of conventions of both major political parties in The Bahamas shows us how it's done.

Just ask Dr Bernard Nottage for example. Maybe Mr Tennyson Wells can also fill us in?

While the popularity of an individual does come into play, the delegates of political parties are controlled, as a rule, by the incumbents.

And for "Convention" to vote against the leadership of a ruling party is a most unusual occurrence, in The Bahamas or elsewhere.

To suggest that Cabinet Ministers have no say on who gets the reigns of power is like believing in Bookie and Barbie.

One of the common misconceptions of politics, and more specifically politicians, is that they abide by the Constitution of the country or their particular political party.

After many years of front line politics, and a former Cabinet Minister himself, I'm sure Mr Dupuch knows very well how the system works.

RICK LOWE
Nassau,
September 25, 2010.

Why wasn't the illegal trade stopped in 2006?

AS TO be expected the PLP are trying to make hay from the plight of the arrested straw vendors while the sun still shines.

They are looking to the Bahamas government to somehow bargain with the US government to have the charges against the nine Bahamian vendors – recently arrested in New York and charged with possession of counterfeit goods for resale at their market stalls in Nassau – dropped.

Some of the vendors held in New York have been quoted as admitting that they knew the goods purchased in New York for resale in Nassau were counterfeit, and, therefore, illegal. However, once they passed through Nassau Customs they believed they were absolved of all illegality on the paying of Customs duty. The PLP are now trying to make government complicit in the illegal trade because by exacting customs duty the government tacitly approved their sale in the local market.

When the news first broke in Nassau of the women's arrest the president of the Straw Business Persons Society said that unless someone could provide a means for Bahamian vendors to get the counterfeit designer bags back in their stalls without risking getting caught by US authorities, “things are going to get rough for vendors and their families.”

“It will,” she said, “affect the vendors and it will affect The Bahamas. These bags are generating a lot of funds. The whole economy will feel it.”

This is what the tourists want — cheap designer goods — and this is what they should get was the opinion of many of the vendors.

Bamboo Town MP Branville McCartney, who wants a crackdown on crime, starting with the petty offences, had his own answer for such an argument. Mr McCartney gave the case of the vendors as an example of where the local authorities had fallen down on law enforcement.

“For example,” he said, “with the straw vendors recently, the fact of the matter is what they are doing is illegal.” In his opinion the vendors' reasoning to continue the trade sent a “terrible message” to the nation's youth.

“They also say that's what the tourists want. Well if the tourist wants illegal drugs are you going to give them that? If they want you to rob a bank, you going to do that?” asked Mr McCartney.

According to the PLP the vendors held in the US deserve full government support —

which incidentally they are getting — as any illegal act that they may have engaged in was done with the “complicity” of a Bahamian government that allowed them to do so in a “government-sponsored” market and collected 10 per cent customs revenue on the knock-off goods.

Now we invite the PLP to take a step back in time to the year 2006 — it was the five-year era of the Christie administration. At the end of that year Customs, Immigration and police officers swooped on a warehouse in East Street south. There they confiscated a quantity of merchandise — more 5,000 Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Chanel, Prada handbags and other designer goods. Two persons were charged — four years have passed and their case is yet to be heard. The owner, a Chinese national with Bahamian status, pleaded ignorant — he did not know that the mock designer goods were illegal.

This warehouse was the source of supply for the straw vendors. In a letter written to us yesterday, retired assistant commissioner of police, Paul Thompson, who is still in the police reserve, told us that at the time of the raid he called one of his senior police friends. He told his friend that if the police were to do a proper job they would now have to move on to the straw market and clear the shelves of the same illegal goods there. Mr Thompson was told that that was what the police had planned to do. However, he said, the police got a call from “a senior official in government”, who told them to drop the idea of a raid and give the vendors an opportunity to sell the goods.

When nothing was done, Mr Thompson reasoned, the vendors thought they were in the clear and sought another outlet of purchase.

This took them to New York. One of the vendors admitted that she had been shopping in New York for about four years.

If, Mr Thompson argued, the police had been permitted to complete their job in 2006, everyone would have known that their trade was illegal, and the Ingraham government would not now be in the embarrassing position of having nine Bahamian women awaiting trial in New York for a trade that should have been stopped by law enforcement four years ago.

As for the PLP we suggest they go back to their Bible – Matthew ch. 7, v.3 – and ponder:

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Haitian migrants repatriated by Defence Force over weekend

A LARGE group of illegal Haitian migrants was repatriated by Immigration officials over the weekend.

Director of Immigration Jack Thompson said his Department repatriated 211 illegal immigrants to Haiti on Saturday, this included 144 individuals who were apprehended in the Exuma chain and 67 apprehended in New Providence.

These individuals were due to be repatriated last Wednesday, but that exercise was rescheduled to Saturday due to the inclement weather, he said.

"The Bahamas Immigration Department continues to be vigilant in its sustained efforts to apprehend and repatriate those attempting to enter the Bahamas illegally, as well as those residing and working illegally in the country," Mr Thompson said in a statement.

Bahamian Forum to concentrate on Baha Mar

THE newest instalment of the Bahamian Forum will be held tomorrow evening at "Barnacles on the Sea" in the Olde Town Mall, Sandysport.

The topic of discussion will be "Baha Mar: Yes or no?" The guest speaker will be Richard Coulson.

Mr Coulson is a Bahamian who specialised in private international banking.

Members of the public are invited to attend and express their views.

The forum starts at 7pm.

Two federal police die in Mexico firefight

MORELIA, Mexico

MEXICAN authorities say two federal police and a bystander were killed and 15 others injured in a clash with gunmen in the western state of Michoacan, according to Associated Press.

The Michoacan Attorney General's Office says the three died Sunday night when gunmen opened fire on federal police patrolling in Apatzingan, about 310 miles (500 kilometers) west of Mexico City.

The report Monday said police tried to stop several vehicles of heavily armed men, who opened fire in response.

Seventeen agents were injured, and two later died from their injuries.

A woman bystander also died at the scene, the report said.

Michoacan is considered a stronghold of a cartel known as La Familia, one of Mexico's most violent drug-trafficking groups.

Govt holding consultations with public on land bill

State Minister 'aware land is a major issue' for many Bahamians

BYRAN Woodside, State Minister for Lands and Local Government, is holding consultations with the Bahamian public throughout the country on the Land Adjudication Bill 2010.

During a recent town meeting at the British Colonial Hilton, Mr Woodside explained that the good and marketable title to land is essential to economic empowerment. He said that is why the government is placing before the public a Land Adjudication Bill which will permit the certification of free simple title to generation lands.

Also, legislation will be put before the public for a Law of Property Act and for a Registration Land Act, he said.

Mr Woodside said he is acutely aware that land remains a major issue for many Bahamians. He said the government wishes the public to take advantage of the opportunity to participate in creating a legal framework for ownership and registration of land in the Bahamas, including, but not limited to generational land.

Generation land is a form of common property, where several claimants hold undivided interests in the property, he explained.

"They derive their interests from claims of inheritance from a single ancestor, although without the legally prescribed procedures for administering the estates of deceased ancestors for generation after generation," Mr Woodside said.



PUBLIC FORUM: State Minister for Lands and Local Government Byran Woodside.

There are several challenges to land administration, which include: No marketable title for generation land; multiple owners claiming the same land; high proportion of land disputes; unscrupulous lawyers, and realtors; holding of land for speculative purposes; lack of surveys for many land parcels; prohibitive cost; need for banking transparency; search by name and not by title; notice only given in the Gazette; and outdated laws and land reform needed.

Mr Woodside said the object of the Bill is to provide a legal framework to enable families who have been in possession for 12 years or more of a parcel of land of not more than one and a quarter acres to claim ownership of such land, and if successful, to be granted a certificate of title for the land.

He told those present at the town meeting that the Bill provides for the appointment of a special adjudication officer who has the qualifications of a Supreme Court judge to

ascertain and record titles throughout an adjudication area to which the Act has been applied.

The Bill also sets out the procedure to be followed by the adjudication officer and defines his or her duties.

"The adjudication officer will prepare notices in respect of an area, (the) notice will declare that all interest in land claimed under the provisions of the Act will be ascertained and recorded," Mr Woodside said.

"The notice will be published in the Gazette and in public offices and in such other manner as the adjudication officer sees fit in order to bring it to the attention of all persons in the Bahamas.

"Any persons who claim an interest in land in the area will be required to make a claim in person or by an agent," he said.

All other claims for land title is stayed unless the adjudication officer gives consent to proceed in writing, including applications made under the Quieting

Title Act 1959.

The Bill also specifies the principles to be followed in preparing the adjudication record and form of the record, and provides for the issue of a certificate when the record is complete, Mr Woodside said.

Also, the Bill provides for the making of objections and for hearing of the same, corrections of the adjudication record and its publication after 60 days from the publication of the notice of completion or the determination of any objections, he said.

The record is final and not subject to appeal, Mr Woodside said.

The public can read the Bill at the government's website, under "Bills, Laws and Acts" and under "Drafted, New and Amended."

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UN will urge USA to lift blockade against Cuba

By JOSE LUIS PONCE
Ambassador of Cuba

OPINION

FOR the 19th consecutive time, on October 26, Cuba will present for the consideration of the United Nations General Assembly a draft resolution entitled: "The Necessity of Ending the Economic, Commercial and Financial Blockade Imposed by the United States against Cuba".

Last year, 187 member states voted in favour of this resolution; this constitutes a true demonstration that the battle to lift the blockade enjoys the acknowledgment and backing of an overwhelming majority in the international community. Only United States, Israel and Palau voted against.

Every year, member states

have the chance to send a response to the Secretary General of the UN explaining their agreement with the resolution. This year the SG received answers from 135 states – 13 more than last year, and 11 of them were responding for the first time.

This is another sign of increased support for the cause of lifting the Blockade.

Direct economic damage to the Cuban people as a result of the economic, commercial and financial blockade by the United States against Cuba up to December of 2009, according to

very conservative calculations, reaches a figure surpassing \$100 billion – a figure that would reach almost \$240 billion if calculations were made at the current value of the American dollar.

If we take into consideration that the value of the dollar, measured in terms of gold prices on the international financial market, has decreased by more than 30 times since 1961 – when it was set at \$35 per Troy ounce – until the close of 2009, when it surpassed the thousand dollar mark, total repercussions on the Cuban

economy would be more than \$ 751 billion.

The economic, commercial and financial blockade, imposed by the United States government against Cuba continues to be the main obstacle to the country's economic and social development.

Since adoption of Resolution 64/6 by the United Nations General Assembly on October 28, 2009, until present, the main factors of the blockade against Cuba have been kept and reinforced, manifested in greater economic sanctions and the persecution of Cuban business activities and financial transactions.

Therefore, the policy of economic strangulation of Cuba by the United States remains intact. The complicated framework of laws and legal regulations that comprise and sustain it has not been dismantled. The blockade against Cuba continues to be the longest and toughest system of sanctions that the United States has ever applied against any country throughout its history.

Business

The Torricelli and Helms Burton Acts and their extra-territorial application continues to impede Cuba's business with subsidiaries of American companies in third countries, continues to be the basis for threats and the imposition of sanctions on business people who wish to invest in Cuba, and continues to make the maritime shipment of goods between Cuba and third countries more difficult and expensive.

Just a few examples of the extra-territorial application of the blockade against Cuba:

- On August 24, 2009, OFAC fined a bank group headquartered in Australia, the Australia and New Zealand Bank Group, Ltd, a total of \$5,750,000 for involving itself in financial transactions regarding Cuba and Sudan.

- On December 16, 2009, OFAC fined the Credit Suisse Bank \$536 million for violating the regulations of the blockade and making financial transactions with several countries sanctioned by the United States, Cuba being one of them.

- On March 19, 2010, that same office imposed a penal fine on the Swedish subsidiary of the chemical company Innospec Inc, which is headquartered in Delaware, of \$2,200,000 for selling a gasoline additive to Cuba.

- On December 2009, the enterprise "Komatsu Brasil Int," of Japanese origin, refused to sell Cuba construction machinery for \$55 million through the Brazilian company SURIMPEX, because it was a subsidiary of Komatsu Latin America, established under the laws of the United States.

- Cuba could no longer buy Cytotoxic Dactinomycin, used for treating several forms of Cancer, because the company Lemery, from Mexico, was bought by the Israeli



UN BUILDING: The United Nations headquarters in New York.

Transnational company TEVA. The same can be said of several medicines, directly affecting the well being of the Cuban people.

The report by Cuba to the United Nations Secretary General shows many other examples of the extra-territorial application of the blockade and of its economic and social impact on all spheres of Cuban society.

Additionally, the present American government, violating elementary international norms, continues to use political subversion as a weapon in its confrontation with Cuba.

With the aim of encouraging subversive programmes, a total of \$40 million was approved for the fiscal years of 2009 and 2010.

The blockade violates international law. It is against the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter.

It constitutes a transgression of the right to peace, development and security of a sovereign state. In its essence and purposes, it is a unilateral act of aggression and a permanent threat against the stability of a country.

Violation

It constitutes a flagrant, massive and systematic violation on the rights of an entire people. It also violates the constitutional rights of the American people by impeding their freedom to travel to Cuba.

It also violates the sovereign rights of many other states because of its extra-territorial nature.

The government of the United States harbours no intention of producing any change in its policy towards Cuba, or of complying with the reiterated resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly that request it to put an end to the economic, commercial and financial blockade against Cuba.

On the contrary, the government of the United States continues to firmly adhere to unacceptable interfering conditions and demands as a condition for change of policy towards Cuba.

Despite the fact that he had considerable political support in Congress, the press, public opinion and the business sector surpassing any preceding consensus in

American society – which would have allowed him to act with a great degree of autonomy – President Obama has remained well below the expectations created by his speech regarding modifying policy towards Cuba.

Here are a few examples of actions that President Obama could have taken to ease the Blockade without the authorisation of Congress, using his executive prerogatives:

- Eliminate or make more flexible the prohibition against use of the American dollar in Cuba's international transactions.

- Eliminate the prohibition against use of credit and debit cards, personal cheques and travellers cheques issued by banks of the United States or third countries.

- Authorise the importation into the United States of medicines and medical products made in Cuba and the payments to corresponding Cuban exporters.

- Eliminate the prohibition against Cuban enterprises transporting visitors between the two countries.

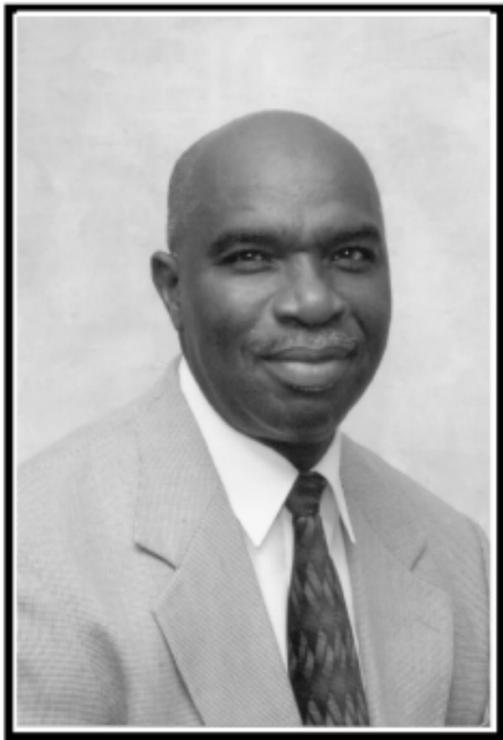
- Substantially expand the opportunities for North Americans and foreigners residing in the United States to travel to Cuba, through a wider interpretation of the 12 trip categories established by American law.

Furthermore, the blockade is morally unsustainable. There is no other unilateral system of sanctions being applied against any other country in the world for such a long period of time and which has awakened such a high level of rejection within the international community. The United States should unconditionally lift the blockade without further delays.

According to polls conducted by CNN, Gallup, Insider Advantage and Orbitz Worldwide between April 2009 and April 2010, 61 to 67 per cent of American citizens favour being allowed to travel freely to Cuba; 58 to 71 per cent support the re-establishment of normal bilateral relations; and more than 50 per cent support the lifting of the Blockade.

According to the real norms of democracy, that is a majority of the population and their government should listen.

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ZNS staff told: refuse govt redundancy offer

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said. However, Mr Evans questioned whether this impression was widespread amongst the management of the corporation.

"That is not what I'm hearing generally. I heard they were also surprised of what the government's offer was.

"If the packages are based on your salary then their calculations will obviously result in higher packages. But when you compare that to our members salaries of around \$20,000 it is nothing to talk about," he said.

The BCB is currently undergoing a restructuring exercise that is intended to reduce costs at the BCB as it transitions to becoming a public service broadcaster. According to reports it is suggested that ZNS' northern service be reduced from 48 workers to 26 and its editorial department in New Providence from 36 to 22. The programming department will also be slashed from 38 to 36, radio from 23 to 11, sales and marketing from 16 to three and accounts from 17 to seven. Only five of the eight executives would remain at the BCB under the government's current proposal.

Property owners stage Arawak Homes protest

FROM page one

ing on their property.

Residents who have lived in the area for years fear they will lose their homes in the dispute and around a dozen of the 79 property owners in the Nassau Village and Sea Breeze Property Owner's Association participated in the protest yesterday with support from the Justice League.

Association president Rodwell Dean said he had no choice but to get involved and has hired attorney Carl Bethel, chairman of the FNM government, to represent them.

Lincoln Bain of the Justice League said he wants to ensure property disputes are settled in court.

"If the homes are owned by Arawak Homes they must get justice, and if they are owned by these people they must get justice," Mr Bain said.

"But it is not in the best interest of this country to have hundreds of homes demolished.

"The courts have to be the mediator in this.

"Once the courts decide and give a demolition order, the people should be informed and given the chance to vacate the property and take their things.

"What the people are saying



PROTEST: Property owners demonstrated outside of Arawak Homes yesterday.

is give us our day in court."

The Tribune understands Arawak Homes Ltd was granted title to 150 acres of property in Pinewood Gardens in a 2003 court case against John Sands presided over by Supreme Court Justice John Lyons.

Arawak Homes president Franon Wilson said a comprehensive report on the matter will be issued on Friday.

He called a brief press conference yesterday to issue a statement refuting allegations made in the press regarding the recent demolition.

He said: "Arawak Homes Ltd has watched with great dismay the inaccurate and blatantly false allegations being made against it with respect to the removal of an incomplete structure affecting seven of its lots in Sir Lynden Pindling Estates.

"Arawak Homes went to considerable lengths to satisfy itself that no one was living in the incomplete structure that was demolished.

"The building was not occupied.

"Arawak Homes informed the affected persons from the time they commenced construction around eight years ago that the land was owned by Arawak Homes.

"Over the past eight years the company made considerable efforts to advise the affected persons about continuing construction in disregard of the court order and on land which was not their property."

Communication efforts were

met with hostility resulting in criminal complaints, and still the Wood's were not able to prove ownership of the land as he said they were making payments to an attorney and had been promised a conveyance but were not in possession of it.

Mr Wilson added: "The Minister of State for Lands Byran Woodside has been in contact with us relative to the desire of the state to gain a proper understanding of the circumstances.

"We have assured him of our co-operation, particularly since it is difficult for us to see a comprehensive solution to these challenges without involvement of the government."

But those who believe they are rightful property owners have concerns of their own.

Peter Morris, 61, and his wife Patsy, 58, have lived near the Wood's former home in Sir Lynden Pindling Estates for 16 years and fear their family will befall the same fate as Mr and Mrs Wood.

"We are here to support the association because we don't know when it's our turn," Mrs Morris said.

Rita Thompson, 38, of Abraham Street off St James Road said Arawak Homes built two homes on her vacant land in Pinewood Gardens in 2006.

She said she bought the property for \$22,000 in 1996 after lawyers established the

100ft by 100ft property had a clean title.

When Arawak Homes started claiming land in the area she erected a fence around the perimeter of her property on the advice of her lawyer, but it did not prevent Arawak Homes from developing the land and leasing it out to two families who now live there.

"They haven't given me anything, no paperwork whatsoever," Ms Thompson said.

"I am here because I am sick and tired of Bahamians being taken advantage of, especially the poor who have worked hard and made such sacrifices.

"We are going to protest like this for days and months to come because enough is enough."



16-year-old accused of shooting

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Jeneane Weech-Gomez, charged with the attempted murder of Rashad Rolle.

On September 13, the eighth grade T A Thompson Junior High school student, was waiting at a bus stop at John Road with other students when a fight broke out at about 4pm. A short time later guns were fired. The boy was hit on the left side of his head and was taken to hospital by ambulance. A bullet passed through his head damaging parts of the brain that control speech and movement. Reports state however that the Rashad is able to speak and is on the road to recovery.

The accused juvenile pleaded not guilty to the attempted murder charge. He was represented by attorney Gregory Hilton. Twelve witnesses are listed on court dockets. The juvenile was remanded to Her Majesty's Prison. The case has been adjourned to October 21 when the accused is expected back in court for a bail hearing. The trial is expected to begin on February 15, 2011.

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PLP: government must do more for straw vendors

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liamentary caucus was out in full force to support the statement made by Opposition spokesman on Foreign Affairs, Fox Hill MP Fred Mitchell, and MP for Fort Charlotte Alfred Sears.

Joined by several family members of the nine women held, the parliamentarians said that though they do not "condone what these vendors are alleged to have done" they do not believe they should be made examples of in what they view as an attempt by the US Government to punish the Bahamian government for not properly protecting the copyright of US companies.

The government released its own statement yesterday morning announcing that it had retained a United States law firm, Hogan Lovells, to assist in matters related to the arrest and detention of the nine vendors. Last week Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham revealed the government had issued a "diplomatic notice" to the US Embassy in Nassau regarding the matter.

However, the PLP said this still does not go far enough. They noted in particular the difficulty vendors and their families are having in meeting the requirements to get bail. This includes the provision of varying amounts of cash

and two \$50,000 sureties from people who must be American residents, along with the ability to show that one has suitable accommodation in the south Manhattan area to reside until a trial can take place.

"The government could help with the accommodation, and they ought to go further and resolve the bond issue and see whether - since this is a government to government issue - to see if we can't through the attorneys seek to get the charges dropped.

"The argument that this is an extraordinary situation, this is not like someone over there whose murdered someone, who's peddling drugs, the fact is that at all stages the government has been complicit in this enterprise and so they ought to take the extraordinary measure to try to get the matter resolved," said Mr Sears, who suggested that not only has the government condoned but "almost induced" straw vendors to act as they are alleged to have.

Kirk Hanna, husband of Patricia Hanna, one of the nine vendors charged after they were arrested on September 15th at John F Kennedy Airport, said the vendors did not know that what they were doing was illegal.

"Everytime we bring in products, we pay the government. Why then didn't they step up and say 'You're bringing

these products but they're illegal.' How can you reap the benefits from the products I bring in and then turn around and abandon me afterwards? (How can the government do that) when you are supposed to be saying what is allowed and what isn't allowed?" asked Mr Hanna.

Mr Hanna, who is looking after the couple's two sons, aged 12 and 17, while his wife remains incarcerated, said he has not had much opportunity to speak with his spouse, but in their last communication she told him she is looking forward to getting back to Nassau.

"She said she was all right. She didn't give me any details because the calls are monitored and she didn't want to discuss too much on the phone. She just told me she was okay, and she wanted to come home."

Meanwhile, PLP and vendors' families expressed concern in particular about the status of Marva Ferguson, one of the detained vendors, who has allegedly been separated from the rest of the group because of her similarity to her twin sister, Marvette, who is also being held.

Marva has been moved to a Brooklyn remand centre, away from the south Manhattan centre where her sister and the rest of the group are located.

"The government must make special representation with regard to her case," said Mr Sears.

Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Resources striving to help local farmers and fishermen



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THE Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Resources is striving to enhance the ability of local farmers and fishermen to fuel economic development, and thereby improve quality of life in the Bahamas, Minister Larry Cartwright said.

He said the ministry aims to do this by channelling "human, financial and technical resources" into areas where competitive advantage exists.

At the same time, the government wants to ensure that there is a regulatory environment that will protect and preserve agricultural and marine resources for future generations.

Mr Cartwright identified the Rapid Assessment Programme, the Backyard Garden Programme, the National Expo, and the upgrade of the Down Home Fish Fry as key initiatives in this effort.

Rapid Assessment is a five-year development plan for the agriculture and marine resources sectors with the overall aim of developing sustainable food security.

Consideration has been given to environmental concerns, natural disasters, trade agreements, and improving the regulatory and legislative framework for the sectors, he said.

"I am pleased to say that we are currently engaged in further fine-tuning the plan with considerations being given to human resources and budgetary requirements and to a relevant strategy of implementation and evaluation.

"Wednesday, August 18 was its unveiling. We are excited about this grand endeavour and intend to be full partners with the people of the Bahamas as we take steps toward its progress," Mr Cartwright said.

The Backyard Garden Programme is specifically geared toward meeting persons at their level of competency in backyard farming and offer assistance with upgrading their knowledge and skill base in this area.

The minister said: "This has proven to be most successful and since its inception participants have exceeded 2,000. Growing food from their very own backyard has afforded persons with the ability to decrease grocery bills and in some cases supplement incomes from sales of goods."

An advanced Backyard Gardening Programme is currently being considered.

The National Expo is slated for February, 2011. It is the culmination of the Family Island Expo which were held this year from January to May throughout the country.

"Our National Committee is making plans for an exciting time and 47 participants are

expected from the Family Islands to amount to some 140 vendors in total," Mr Cartwright said. "Under the theme: 'Progressing Toward Food Security', all will be able to spectate, sample and shop for the various items offered within the categories of ornamental, vegetable, root crops, fruits, processed fruits, jams, jellies et cetera, poultry, marine resources or livestock.

"Awards will also be presented to those winners of the various competitions just prior to the commencement of the Expo. We want the public to make plans to attend, but you will be hearing more about this event in due course."

Mr Cartwright added: "I am pleased to say that the Down Home Fish Fry, a site frequented by Bahamians and tourists alike, is undergoing some infrastructural improvements, one of which is the installation of grease traps and a new sewer system, roof repairs, inter alia. These grease traps should lead to an environmentally friendly premises.

"Consideration is also being given to upgrading the Fish and Farm Store on Potters Cay Dock. For Bahamians who may not already be aware, the Fish and Farm Store offers supplies of fishing and farming items used by farmers, fishermen and the general public."

In addition to the these initiatives, the Ministry is also engaged in the Embryo Transplant Programme, and improvements to the Abattoir and the Gladstone Road Agricultural Complex.

The Embryo Transplant Programme involved the implantation of under-developed fertilised eggs into various female sheep and goats.

The programme has resulted in the successful introduction of high quality animal genetics at a reasonable cost, the minister said.

The minister also noted that the Animal Control Bill was recently passed, and said regulations in respect of the bill are currently being drafted.

"From the initiatives I have briefly outlined it can be seen that my ministry is forthright in seeking to meet its mandate and priority to the people of the Bahamas whilst making a dent in the challenge of food security. And we intend to take the Bahamian people with us as we make big changes from small steps," Mr Cartwright said.



PICTURED are Embryo Transplant Programme. Expos throughout the Family Islands.

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'Marriage' to 'revolutionise' small business development

Chamber and government aiming to merge their initiatives into legislation, with emphasis on providing support network to improve SME 'risk profile' and make them attractive to investors/lenders



KHAALIS ROLLE
 By NEIL HARTNELL
 Tribune Business Editor

The Government and Chamber of Commerce are working together to "marry their two concepts" into the Small and Medium-Sized Business Development Act, the latter's president describing the joint venture approach as something that will "revolutionise the way we approach small business development".

Khaalis Rolle told Tribune Business of the two parties' discussions: "It's going to be something huge. This is going to be a huge win for the private sector and small and medium-sized enterprises. This will revolutionise the way we approach small business development from the private sector standpoint and the public sector standpoint."

While unable to divulge details, Mr Rolle confirmed he had discussed the issue with Zhivargo Laing, minister of state for finance last week, and

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\$80m project plan 'in next few days'

■ Government awaiting imminent receipt of 'masterplan and financing' for Cultural Village proposed for Arawak Cay

■ Receiving many expressions of interest in site expanded by 40 acres for port project

By NEIL HARTNELL
 Tribune Business Editor

A Bahamian investor group proposing an \$80 million Cultural Village project at Arawak Cay is expected to present a "masterplan and financing" to the Government within "the next few days", the minister of tourism and aviation told Tribune Business yesterday, with numerous other investors having also expressed interest in the site.

Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace said Gerald Strachan, president and chief executive of Cultural Village (Bahamas), and his fellow investors were readying to

submit their concept and accompanying materials to the Government for its review.

"They are coming back to the Government with a masterplan and financing," Mr Vanderpool-Wallace confirmed. "I know Gerry and his group are quite ready to do that, so we're expecting them to come through in the next few days. It's certainly very interesting."

The minister said that financing, and having the necessary wherewithal in place to complete what an investor proposed to do, was a key consideration for the Government in the aftermath of the credit crunch

and global recession, which had left the Bahamian landscape - and the Family Islands, in particular - littered with resort projects that had come to a grinding halt and had yet to start.

He added that the Government was also keenly interested in ensuring the "best use of the land" at Arawak Cay, whose size had been increased by 40 acres due to the recently-completed Nassau Harbour dredging. The recovered fill, in turn, had been used to expand the Cay and pave the way for the \$70 million port project and relocation

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'Catching Almighty Hell' from 15-18% revenue declines

* Former Chamber chief says Bahamian businesses in Robinson Road and the Grove areas being 'strangled' by tactic of carrying out all roadworks at same time

* Area turned into 'huge parking lot' deterring customers, and adds that Town Centre Mall firms seeing 10-20% sales decreases

* Urges 'Someone please here our prayers', and calls for PM to 'take charge'

By NEIL HARTNELL
 Tribune Business Editor

Bahamian-owned businesses in the Grove and Robinson Road areas are being "strangled" and "catching Almighty Hell" as a result of the decision to carry out multiple roadworks at the same time, a former Chamber of Commerce president yesterday saying two of his outlets had seen sales drop 15-18 per cent as a result.

Dionisio D'Aguilar, president of Superwash, who has two laundromats in the affect-

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DIONISIO D'AGUILAR

Customs backs down on firm's trailers release

* Kelly's (Freeport) imports now being processed, after initial hold-up over bonded goods sales reports

* Minister and firm's attorney optimistic lasting solution acceptable to all can be found

* Freeport tax regime described as de factor VAT, and potential 'model' for whole Bahamas, relieving firms of up front tax burden associated with inventory imports

* Government still earning over \$100m per year from Freeport

By NEIL HARTNELL
 Tribune Business Editor

Customs is releasing eight trailers belonging to a leading wholesaler after the Government determined their detention had no connection to a dispute between the two sides, it was confirmed yesterday, the firm's attorney telling Tribune Business that Freeport's practice of post-paying duties due to the Government was a "model" that could be adopted by the entire Bahamas.

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ZHIVARGO LAING

Bahamas is good break for Interval

But timeshare company laments this nation's barriers to investment

By CHESTER ROBARDS
 Business Reporter
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ORLANDO, Florida - Interval International's affiliated timeshare properties in the Bahamas continue to generate a high market share when compared to other Caribbean islands, the company's regional sales and service director told Tribune Business yesterday, as it eyes expanding that inventory to properties attached to high-end brands.

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Adjustment of Pensions & Grants Payments

The National Insurance Board wishes to advise that included in the recent amendments to the National Insurance Regulations, was the provision for the automatic adjustment of pensions and grants to keep pace with the cumulative change in The Bahamas Retail Price Index. This amendment took effect in July of this year. As a result of the amendment, additional payments are owed to all persons who were awarded Maternity Grant or Funeral Benefit in respect of births or deaths on or after July 1, 2010. These payments will be made starting on Wednesday, October 6, at all NIB Local Offices. Claimants are advised to collect adjustment cheques at the Offices where they submitted their claims, and to bring along the usual supporting documents.

Adjustments to long-term benefits and assistance will be made to the regular monthly pension payments.

BUSINESS

Seminar to maximise firm results



PATRICK SMITH

Speakers including the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce's president and NIB director Algernon Cargill will address a seminar this Thursday that is designed to enhance the operations/management of small Bahamian businesses.

The seminar, called *Maximising Your Business Performance* and being staged by Diversified Business & Accounting (DBA), will be held at the British Colonial Hilton.

Apart from Khaalis Rolle, who will be speaking on *trade and industry opportunities*, and Mr Cargill, the speaker line-up will also

feature Jerome Gomez, administrator of the Bahamas Entrepreneurial Venture Fund. He will give an insight into the funding of new ventures and business expansion.

Other speakers will include Hubert Edwards, senior manager of corporate finance at Bank of the Bahamas, and Yvette Bethel, president of Organisational Soul.

DBA's president, Patrick Smith, said the company was formed to help other firms develop their operations by providing management accounting support and general business consulting services.

Customs backs down on firm's trailers release

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Speaking to this newspaper after Zhiyargo Laing, minister of state for finance, had confirmed that Customs was now clearing the eight trailers it had detained after Kelly's (Freeport) refused to submit a 'bonded goods sales report' to it, Fred Smith QC urged all parties to negotiate a comprehensive, lasting solution to the issue.

The Callender's & Co attorney and partner, pointing out that the Government still earned - for little outlay by itself - more than \$100 million in tax revenue from Freeport per annum, said the practice where Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA) licencees collected duty on products sold to non-licencees after the sale, then remitted the proceeds to Customs, meant the city was effectively operating a Value-Added Tax (VAT) regime.

He urged the Government to look at adopting a similar tax structure for the rest of the Bahamas, arguing that it would free Bahamian companies from the tax burden of up-front duty payments when inventory was imported, enabling them to compete on price with rivals in Florida.

"We have received an indication that the trailers are going to be released on the basis that the bonded report has absolutely nothing to do with the content of the trailers," Mr Smith told Tribune Business. "but, nonetheless, I see it as very important that a consensus be reached between the Port Authority, Customs, and the licencees on developing a..... protocol for over-the-counter sales of bonded goods.

"This is a process which promotes business in Freeport, it inures to the benefit of the revenues of the Government, in that each of these retailers and wholesale businesses act as tax collectors.

"It's a good model that might be used elsewhere in the Bahamas, allowing companies owned and operated by Bahamians to compete with companies in Florida, like Home Depot, Costco and Pet Smart. Why not farm out the process of collecting taxes to the merchant, who has to account to the Government for duty-paid sales, just like VAT.

"What the bonded over-the-counter sales process is, in effect, is a VAT construct in Freeport, where merchants bring in goods duty exempt, so they do not incur a tax burden on the merchandise pending the sale and, once the sale occurs, a monthly report is submitted to Customs with the duty payment."

Mr Smith added: "Everyone



FRED SMITH

is served that way. The Bahamian merchant becomes more competitive with Florida, and those companies entitled to buy duty-free can do so on their home turf, not having to travel abroad to buy their supplies.

"It's a win-win situation, and just has to be set up in an accountable, transparent and sensible way. That's what the Hawksbill Creek Agreement is about. It's a partnership between the Government, licencees, the Port Authority and the residents of Freeport."

Bonded goods sales is a practice whereby Freeport-based wholesalers, such as Dolly Madison, Kelly's (Freeport) and Bellevue Business Depot, are able to sell products to other GBPA licencees for use in their respective businesses only, without any duty being paid to Customs/Government on their sale.

Report

It is a report on this activity that Customs is seeking, but Kelly's (Freeport) and its attorneys are arguing that this has never been requested before, and is not included in any statute law, policy or agreement concerning their relationship.

The current practice, they argue, is that on the 15th of every following month, Kelly's and other licencees submit a report on sales where duty is post paid - such as sales to residents and non-GBPA licencees - together with the relevant duty sum. And it was Kelly's refusal to submit bonded goods sales reports that saw Customs detain eight of their imported trailers, in a bid to force the company to bow to its demands.

Sounding a more positive tone, Mr Smith said yesterday: "We are confident that a resolution is developing which will bring benefits to Kelly's and the Government. Co-operation is the key to Freeport's success. If businesses in Freeport succeed, government will continue to earn income.

"Despite Freeport being a tax-free zone, the Government earns over \$100 million in revenue a year. They earn it with very little government expenditure."

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But he warned: "Everybody concerned should be working together for the common good of the community. Certainly, the spasms of irrational abuse of power by trying to move situations, such as by holding Kelly's to ransom with their trailers, will not be tolerated."

Mr Laing also struck a positive tone when contacted by Tribune Business, echoing Mr Smith's comments by suggesting that a solution to the many issues surrounding the sale of over-the-counter bonded goods could soon be on the cards.

He also confirmed that Customs was processing for release Kelly's (Freeport) trailers, telling this newspaper: "For some of the people, the principal challenge was having their goods held, and that issue has been resolved because the two things [the bonded goods sales report] are not connected.

"What we have done is to speak to some of the persons affected, and speak to Customs. We have facilitated a meeting of both sides. Quite frankly, we now have an understanding of where things ought to go from here with that issue."

Mr Laing said "not all or a majority of licencees" had been impacted by the situation, adding that a "small number" had been. Conceding that the latter had "put some legitimate points on the table", he added: "I expect there is going to be some meeting of the minds on these issues, so in the end the law will be obeyed and business facilitated.

"That is in the best interests of the economic progress of Freeport and Grand Bahama. I expect there will be ongoing discussions involving all parties in this matter."

Acknowledging that there had been "some conflict" in the past when one side attempted to "exercise their rights" in relation to over-the-counter bonded goods sales, Mr Laing said he was "optimistic" this could be avoided going forward.

He suggested that Customs' demand for the submission of bonded goods sales reports had been prompted by concerns that some licencees were not submitting their post-paid reports, and by the emergence of queries relating to these.

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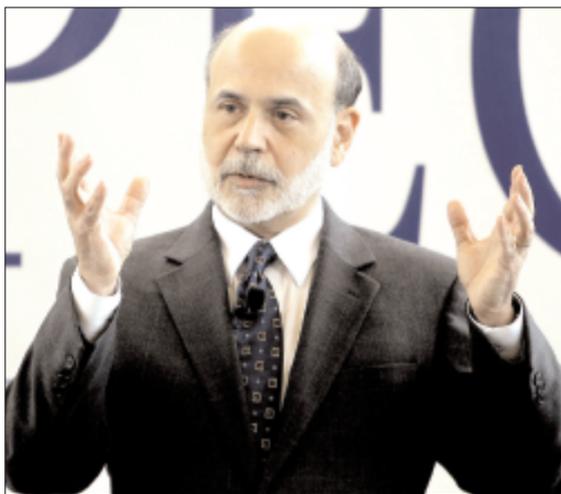
The economy could be hurt if Congress and the White House fail to come up with a plan to curb the nation's huge budget deficits in the coming years, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke warned Monday, according to Associated Press.

Bernanke, in a speech prepared for delivery, reiterated his belief that the government shouldn't raise taxes or slash spending now because the economic recovery is still too fragile.

But failing to bring the deficits under control could endanger the economy later on, he said. Exploding budget deficits can lead to higher interest rates for people buying homes and cars, and for businesses buying equipment or expanding operations. That could crimp Americans' spending and slow economic growth.

"The threat to our economy is real and growing," Bernanke said. "The sooner a plan is established, the longer affected individuals will have to prepare for the necessary changes."

The federal government is on track to produce its second-highest deficit ever — \$1.3 trillion — for the budget year that ended Sept. 30. That would be slightly below last year's record \$1.4 trillion in red ink.



(AP Photo/Stephan Savoia)

QUESTION TIME: Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke responds to a question during a question-and-answer hour with invited students from various Rhode Island colleges and universities in Providence, R.I., Monday, Oct. 4, 2010.

Commission

President Barack Obama assembled a commission to tackle the soaring deficit. Its goal: come up with a plan to cut the deficit so that it is no bigger \$550 billion by 2015, an amount equal to about 3 percent of the total U.S. economy.

The options for slicing the deficit — cutting spending on popular entitlement programs like Social Security and Medicare and raising taxes — will be difficult for the White House and Congress to sell to the American public.

Bernanke steered clear of making recommendations on the best way to reduce the deficits, saying those tough decisions are best left to the nation's elected officials.

Rapidly rising health-care costs and the aging of the U.S. population are among the major forces putting pressure on the deficits in the years ahead, Bernanke said.

"We should not underestimate these fiscal challenges; failing to respond to them would endanger our economic future," Bernanke said in remarks to the annual meeting of the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council.

At another event earlier in the day, Bernanke defended the government's decision in 2008 to bail out banks, even though the action was unpopular with the American public.

"For what it's worth, it's worked," Bernanke said in a town-hall style meeting with college students in Rhode Island. "It's stabilized the system. The financial system is now much healthier than it was. It's no longer in crisis, and moreover, the money that went into these financial firms is coming back to the taxpayers with interest. So it turns out to have been not only a successful program, but for the most part, a pretty good investment for taxpayers."

GM pays out \$1.3m in stock to current and ex-CEOs

DETROIT

General Motors gave its current and former chief executives more than \$1.3 million in stock in the third quarter under terms of their pay packages, according to Associated Press.

The automaker says in filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission that former CEO Ed Whitacre got more than 16,300 shares worth over \$883,000 on Sept. 30. Current CEO Daniel Akerson received nearly 8,200 shares worth over \$438,000.

GM has said that Akerson will get a \$9 million pay package. That includes \$1.7 million per year in pay, \$5.3 million in short-term stock payable over three years, and \$2 million in long-term stock.

Whitacre will get \$6.4 million in stock and salary for his eight months as CEO. That includes \$1.1 million in pay and \$5.3 million in short-term stock compensation.

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BUSINESS

\$80 million project plan 'in next few days'

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of container shipping terminals from downtown Nassau. "We have had a number of entities who have been inquiring about space at Arawak Cay," Mr Vanderpool-Wallace revealed. "Needless to say, when you add 40 acres to what is there, there are plenty of people who have ideas about what they can do there."

Mr Strachan last year said the Cultural Village, which would be situated on 30-35 acres of land at Arawak Cay, could create some 500 jobs during phase one construction and 150-200 full-time jobs.

It would be designed as a Bahamian theme park, shopping area and entertainment centre, and is modelled on Granville Island in Canada, which is a mixed entertainment/industrial facility. An initial study estimated net revenue for the proposed project at close to \$39 million in the project's first year of operation. It projected net revenue to increase to \$53 million by its fifth year, with 657,000 visitors per year likely to visit the site.

The plan was to give Bahamians 51 per cent ownership, and the Cultural Village could include a 4-D theatre, a clock tower topped by an enormous conch shell and pirate ship.

Mr Strachan told Tribune Business previously that the development will augment the attractions of the surrounding area including the Botanical Gardens, Fish Fry, Fort Charlotte and Ardastra Gardens.

Conceptual drawings of the village show craft markets, eateries, a hammock bar and the crowning conch shell clock tower, which Mr Strachan said could be the welcome beacon for incoming cruise ships.

Also on the drawing board was a cable car that would take guests from Arawak Cay to other attractions, such as the Fort Charlotte and the Botanical Gardens.



VINCENT VANDERPOOL-WALLACE

Bahamas is good break for Interval

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Neil Kolton said Grand Bahama's Island Seas Resort and Paradise Island's Harborside Resort properties have sold - and continue to sell - extremely well. Harborside recently revealed that its inventory is 97 per cent sold out, and Mr Kolton, coy about the actual figures, added that Island Seas was selling a large amount of units yearly.

He said that despite the depressed Grand Bahama market and foundering stopover visitor numbers, the property, with its timeshare model, draws those owners to their vacation spot yearly.

Mr Kolton added that these islands' proximity to the US was also a huge draw for individuals who want to purchase shared ownership properties.

However, he lamented that like many other Caribbean islands, the barriers to doing business in the Bahamas often dissuade investment in large, branded, mixed-use and exclusively timeshare -entred properties.

President of Ragatz and Associates, Richard Ragatz, speaking yesterday at Interval International's Vacation Ownership Investment Conference, outlined the expansion of fractional properties across the shared ownership market, and which markets are best suited for the niche offering.

While not stating specific markets, what he outlined aptly described the Bahamas' natural, economic and physical attributes, including: High-end tourist profile and repeat guests; demand for whole-ownership properties (second home); good proximity and limited seasonality.

According to him, fractionals have the lowest depreciation rate next to second homes, and far lower than that of timeshares. And while the Bahamas could be a good fit for fractional properties, more hotel branding and high-end property affiliations are the key to introducing more ownership-style properties to the Bahamas that draw a sustainable, year-round stopover client.

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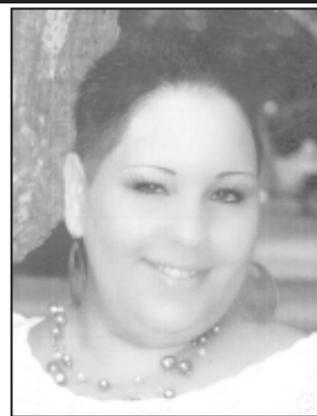
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BUSINESS

'Catching Almighty Hell' from 15-18% revenue declines

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area on Robinson Road and East Street, told Tribune Business that the area had become "a huge, huge parking lot", especially at peak travel hours, due to the decision to implement multiple roadworks - part of the New Providence Road Improvement Project - at the same time.

Urging Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham to make good on his pledge that he was always working for the betterment of the Bahamian people and "take charge" of the situation, Mr D'Aguilar thundered: "The roadworks are creating a complete traffic nightmare on Blue Hill Road, East Street, Robinson Road, the Grove. It is almost impossible at peak times to move."

Speaking to this newspaper just after escaping one traffic jam's clutches, the former Chamber president said that while he supported the Government's decision to undertake the various road upgrades, "they are strangling Bahamian businesses in these areas because they have so many road projects going on at once".

It was impossible for traffic to move east or west on Robinson Road, Mr D'Aguilar said, with roadworks taking place at both ends of the road - by the Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet and one of his laundromats on the western end, and by R. M. Bailey on the eastern end.

With half of Blue Hill Road also shut off, it was impossible for potential customers to easily access many businesses in the area, costing these companies lost sales and profits.

"Any business on Robinson Road, where I have two laundromats, is catching God Almighty Hell," Mr D'Aguilar told Tribune Business, estimating that their sales were "probably down 15-18 per cent" year-over-year.

"Who wants to do business in these areas? The businesses in the Town Centre Mall are suffering. They're complaining that they have had a 10-12 per cent reduction in sales because no one can get to them. It really is a challenge.

"I can't imagine that KFC is faring well," he added. "I can't imagine any of the businesses on Robinson Road are faring well. You just don't want to go into those areas. Moving east or west is a nightmare. It's just a parking lot; no one can move. You end up doing so many loops, and have to go back north to go south. A five-minute journey ends up taking 25 minutes."

Emphasising that he was not against the roadworks project in principle, the former Chamber president said another bugbear was that, when the roads were dug up, the contractor and relevant utilities did not appear to have all the necessary materials "on hand", the result being that tarmac was often not re-paved for weeks.

"What I'm being told is that Water & Sewerage were totally unprepared and unable to deliver on time, so roads are going unpaved for weeks," Mr D'Aguilar said. "East Street between Robinson Road and the highway has been in a state of strangulation for weeks. I think we're entering into the second or third weeks at the western end of Robinson Road, and at the eastern end of Robinson Road, the fifth or sixth week of being blocked off. I know the Ministry of Works, Water & Sewerage and those contractors are getting paid every week or month, but all the businesses on Robinson are screaming for someone to take charge."

Calling on that person to be the Prime Minister, Mr D'Aguilar added: "Someone, please hear our prayer. I don't know what their plan is, but they need to think about the existing situation on the ground and how it impacts traffic flow.

"It needs proper planning and proper execution. I can't imagine it not costing them votes."

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added: "I think we've made significant progress in our discussions; good progress."

The Chamber president said that during their talks, the minister had acknowledged that the Government, through its various small business support institutions, such as BAIC and the Bahamas Development Bank, and lending programmes had "never got it right from an administrative perspective and operational perspective".

Recognising that neither side held the complete solution to small and medium-sized enterprise development in the Bahamas, Mr Rolle said: "I can comfortably say that the Government and the Chamber are working closely together to benefit small and medium-sized enterprises in this country."

"In a private-public setting, a joint venture approach to it, there's a platform for communication of expectations and execution of what we decide on as priorities. I believe that things will happen with this. It just goes to show there is still a strong private sector-public sector partnership as we stand."

Speaking to Tribune Business yesterday, Mr Laing indicated that one key component of the Chamber-Government efforts, and the proposed Small and Medium-Sized Business Development Act, was to "reduce the risk profile" of many such firms in a bid to make them more attractive for private sector equity investors and lenders.

Confirming that the Government was working closely with the Chamber, and that the two sides had met last week, Mr Laing said: "Fortunately, they have a project that has many complementary things to what we're looking to do, so we're trying to marry the two concepts in a piece of legislation....."

"We're moving, and are satisfied with the progress made in coming up with something that makes sense for the small and medium-sized business community. We're working to get this done as quickly as we can get it done."

The minister added that both the Ministry of Finance and Chamber, plus consultants they had hired, had found that the key factor impeding small and medium-sized enterprise devel-

'Marriage' to 'revolutionise' small business development

opment in the Bahamas was the lack of a comprehensive network of support services in areas such as information technology (IT), accounting, legal, operations and management.

Describing these as "the kind of things that make an operation operate profitably and successfully", Mr Laing added: "If we're able to provide facilities that give them that kind of support, it will be extremely helpful."

The joint government-Chamber strategy is thus to provide

such a support network, plus bring the greater pool of private sector capital into play when it comes to financing small and medium-sized enterprise development in the Bahamas.

The hope is that the support network will reduce the risk profile of such companies and entrepreneurs, making them more attractive to private investors and lenders.

"The idea is to move in that direction," Mr Laing told Tribune Business.

"The more important point is the extent to which we're able to reduce the risk profile of SMEs, which is the extent to which they will have better access to a wider pool of capital in the private sector.

"Many SMEs do not have the wherewithal themselves to mitigate the risk.

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FINANCIAL CONTROLLER

One of our clients is seeking to employ a Financial Controller.

The successful applicant is expected to organize and direct all aspects of the accounting and financial control function and provide reports on operational results. Maintain accounting systems that ensure the proper accounting and recording of the Company's resources. Provide management with relevant and reliable financial data necessary for budgetary and financial decisions. Oversee the operation and management of the Accounting Department's activities and staff.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

- Supervises and trains the general accounting staff.
- Regularly reviews entries to the general ledger to assure accuracy and compliance with established accounting principles and procedures.
- Prepares annual budgets and forecasts.
- Responsible for compliance with all Bahamian fiscal regulatory requirements.
- Recommends changes in financial policies and procedures, as necessary. Writes policies and procedures and ensure they are being adhered to.
- Monitors established internal controls to assure proper compliance.
- Assures protection of assets of the business through internal control and ensuring proper insurance coverage.
- Maintain a regular review of income and expenditure to ensure that cash flow is adequate to meet future business needs.
- Prepares and makes recommendations based on financial analysis of operations.
- Provides assistance to external auditors as requested.

Qualifications and Experience

- Bachelor's degree in accounting or related field and professional certification (CPA, CA, or ACCA)
- Five (5) to seven (7) years of experience in all aspects of Accounting, ideally gained through increasingly responsible positions within Finance.
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Excellent computer skills

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Interested candidates should submit their resume, including the name, address and telephone contact of three references to:

PricewaterhouseCoopers
Providence House
East Hill Street
P.O. Box N-3910
Nassau, Bahamas
Re: Financial Controller Position

Bahamas Public Services Union



ANNOUNCEMENT

In Accordance with Article 7- (1) of the union's Constitution, The Bahamas Public Services Union will hold its Annual General Membership Meeting on Friday, 8th October, 2010 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the union's hall, East Street South, off Soldier Road.

Auditors Reports will be presented in addition to reports on the growth and development of the Union by the President, Secretary General and Treasurer.

All members are urged to attend and be on time.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.


SECRETARY GENERAL

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Govt sues 3 biggest credit cards, settles with 2

WASHINGTON

The Justice Department on Monday sued the three largest U.S. credit card companies for anticompetitive practices and reached a proposed settlement with two of them, MasterCard and Visa, according to Associated Press.

"We want to put more money in consumers' pockets, and by eliminating credit card companies' anticompetitive rules, we will accomplish exactly that," Attorney General Eric Holder told an afternoon news conference. "The companies put merchants and their customers in a no-win situation" and "consumers are being held hostage."

In papers filed in federal court in Brooklyn, the department and various state attorneys general sued all three companies, saying they were attempting to insulate themselves from competition. At the same time, the Justice Department filed a settlement it has reached with Visa and MasterCard. Court approval of such settlements is usually a formality. Under the settlement, Visa and MasterCard agree not to prohibit merchants from offering customers discounts or rebates for using a particular kind of card. Visa and MasterCard also must allow merchants to express preferences for the use of a low-cost card within a network or other form of payment. The lawsuit says the card companies are impeding merchants from promoting the use of competing credit or charge cards with lower acceptance fees.

US airline stocks fall on fuel prices, market dip

DAVID KOENIG, AP Airlines Writer Dallas



ON THE ALERT: Police officers watch the crowd at the Oktoberfest beer festival in Munich, southern Germany, Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010.

Shares of U.S. airlines fell Monday. Although the Obama administration issued a terrorism alert for Americans traveling to Europe, the more likely culprits were higher jet fuel prices and a broader stock market downturn.

American, Delta, United and Continental said they weren't seeing unusual numbers of cancellations and were operating their full schedules of flights to and from Europe on Monday.

The airlines were not waiving fees for passengers who wanted to change itineraries because

of the alert issued Sunday. American Airlines spokesman Tim Smith said that's because the government issued a general alert instead of a more serious warning against travel to Europe. Such fees typically run \$200 to \$300 on international flights. Anne Banas, executive editor of SmarterTravel.com, said those penalties could reduce cancellations.

"If you're on the fence, the cost might be a factor in going or not going," she said. "People will say, 'I don't want to lose my investment.'"

Banas still plans to leave this week for a conference in Germany, followed by travel to Switzerland and Italy. She believes that the lack of an actual warning against travel in Europe will keep cancellations to a minimum.

Still, Robert T. Walters Jr., owner of Worldwide Travel Associates in Avondale, Pa., said two couples called him to cancel trips to Europe.

One couple told Walters by e-mail that "being frightened and nervous on a vacation is not what a vacation is all

about." The travel agent said the couple had planned to visit Munich, Paris and London. They are not seasoned travelers, but the other couple who canceled visits Europe a half-dozen times a year, he said.

Peter Vltas, senior vice president of sales for Protravel International Inc. in New York, said he had received only five calls about the alert — all from consumers; none from business clients.

"The corporate travelers are shrugging this off," Vltas said. "It's the world we live in. I think the government is just trying to hedge its bets" in case there is an attack in Europe.

Airline stocks opened higher on Monday, possibly a reaction to the report late Friday from Continental Airlines that an important revenue measurement rose about 20 percent in September compared with a year ago. JPMorgan analyst Jamie Baker said the report should ease fears about demand for air travel.

But the airline stocks dropped later in the session as the Dow Jones industrial average went from break-even to down nearly 1 percent. Analysts said the market was due for a pullback after big gains in September. With airlines, Hudson Securities analyst Daniel McKenzie said he was concerned about a 20 percent run-up in jet fuel prices in the past month. Airline stocks gave back some of the gains notched last week after Southwest said it would buy AirTran. The AMEX Airline Index rose 4.5 percent last week. It fell 2.1 percent Monday.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

MERISIER GLOBAL LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that liquidation of the above company on the 15th day of June, 2010. **Credit Suisse Trust Limited** of Bahamas Financial Centre, Shirley & Charlotte Streets, Nassau, The Bahamas has been appointed Liquidator of the Company.

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Liquidator

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

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INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

In brief

Watchdog: Treasury bailed out 66 weaker banks

DANIEL WAGNER, AP Business Writer WASHINGTON

A government watchdog says the Treasury Department bailed out dozens of banks with known financial problems. It is calling for better monitoring of banks seeking to tap a new \$30 billion lending fund.

The Government Accountability Office says more banks that got bailouts appear to be faltering. It says Treasury officials justified bailouts for 66 weaker banks by pointing to factors like strong management. The report says banks were treated unevenly because Treasury didn't track key decisions by regulators. It calls for more consistent oversight of the new program, which will send billions to small banks.

The new program aims to spur lending to credit-starved small businesses. Its structure is nearly identical to the \$700 billion financial bailout that expired on Sunday.

Interest rates fall at the weekly Treasury auction

WASHINGTON

Interest rates on short-term Treasury bills fell in Monday's auction with rates on three-month bills dropping to their lowest level since June.

The Treasury Department auctioned \$29 billion in three-month bills at a discount rate of 0.130 percent, down from 0.155 percent last week. Another \$29 billion in six-month bills was auctioned at a discount rate of 0.185 percent, down from 0.190 percent last week.

The three-month rate was the lowest since these bills averaged 0.115 percent on June 21. The six-month rate was the lowest-highest since these bills averaged 0.180 percent on Sept. 7. The discount rates reflect that the bills sell for less than face value. For a \$10,000 bill, the three-month price was \$9,996.71 while a six-month bill sold for \$9,990.65. That would equal an annualized rate of 0.132 percent for the three-month bills and 0.188 percent for the six-month bills. Separately, the Federal Reserve said Monday that the average yield for one-year Treasury bills, a popular index for making changes in adjustable rate mortgages, rose to 0.26 percent last week from 0.25 percent the previous week.

Obama debates tax reduction with business leaders



US PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

MARK S. SMITH, Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON

Intending to talk about colleges and worker training, President Barack Obama on Monday suddenly found himself in a spirited, election-year debate with a U.S. business advisory group about whose tax cuts should be extended and for how long.

At a meeting of the President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board, Harvard University economist Martin Feldstein pressed Obama to keep all the Bush-era tax cuts, not just the middle-class cuts the president wants to extend.

"That would give a boost to confidence," Feldstein declared. Security and Exchange Commission Chairman William Donaldson added that an extension would allay business and consumer uncertainty.

Benefit

Obama replied that his stand would benefit 98 percent of American taxpayers. "You'd think (that) would provide some level of certainty," he said.

The fate of the Bush-era tax cuts has become an issue as campaigning for the Nov. 2 congressional vote enters its last four weeks.

Obama and most Democratic leaders favor letting the cuts, passed in 2001 and 2003, lapse for the rich, but continue for everyone else. Republicans suggest that could wreck the fragile economic recovery; they want all the cuts extended.

Obama also reiterated his view that top-income tax brackets would do little to boost the recovery, since the wealthy are not holding off buying flat-screen TVs and other big-ticket purchases for lack of a tax cut.



INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Plus, he said, those tax cuts are unaffordable. "If we were going to spend \$700 billion, it seems it would be wiser having that \$700 billion going to folks who would spend that money right away," he said.

Obama dismissed the notion that the well-off — he included himself — would simply "take our ball and go home" if they did not continue to get a big tax cut. Former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, who heads the advisory group, backed up Obama. "I want to assure you that my psychology will not be affected," he declared amid laughter.

Congressional Democratic leaders have postponed a vote on tax cut extensions until after the November election, but Obama has accused Republicans of holding middle-class cuts "hostage" by demanding top-end cuts, too.

TOSHIBA MAKING 3-D TV WITH NO GLASSES



HIGH DEFINITION: A model shows Toshiba Corp.'s world's first high definition liquid crystal display 3-D television in Chiba, east of Tokyo, Monday, Oct. 4, 2010. The new 3-D TV does not require special glasses, one of the biggest consumer complaints about the technology. Toshiba uses a "perpendicular lenticular sheet," which consists of an array of small lenses that directs light from the display to nine points in front of the TV. If a viewer is sitting within the optimal viewing zone, the brain integrates these points into a single 3-D image. Toshiba will offer two sizes — 12 inches and 20 inches — in Japan for 120,000 yen (\$1,400) and 240,000 yen (\$2,800) in late December.

■ (AP Photo/Kyodo News)

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that JIMMY SOLOMON of ST. VINCENT ROAD, P.O. BOX N-9406, NASSAU, BAHAMAS is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the 5th day of October, 2010 to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS 2010

IN THE SUPREME COURT No. 1323

Equity

NOTICE

The Petition of **LEYVON AND JOYCELYN MILLER** is in respect of the following parcel of land:-

ALL THAT piece or parcel or tract of land containing a total acreage of Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Eight (7,608) square feet situate in a Subdivision called and known as Englerston Subdivision in the Central District of the Island of New Providence, one of the Islands of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

Copies of the filed plan may be inspected during the formal hours at:-

(a) The Registry of The Supreme Court, Ansbacher House, East Street North, Nassau, Bahamas, and;

(b) The Chambers of Kingdom Advocates & Associates, Rosetta Street, Palmdale, Nassau, Bahamas.

Notice is hereby given that any person having right to dower or any adverse claim not recognized in the Petition shall within thirty (30) days after the last day on which the appearance of the Notice herein filed in the Registry of The Supreme Court and serve on the Petitioner or the undersigned a statement of such claim. Failure of any such person to file and serve a statement of such claim and requisite documents within thirty (30) days herein will operate as a bar to such claim.

Dated this 15th day of July, A.D., 2010

YOLANDA K.J. ROLLE
Attorney for the Petitioner

(D. 15, 17, 19)

BISX LISTED & TRADED SECURITIES AS OF: MONDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2010

BISX ALL SHARE INDEX: CLOSE 1,516.84 | CHG 0.01 | %CHG 0.00 | YTD -48.54 | YTD % -3.10
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52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Previous Close	Today's Close	Change	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
1.26	1.00	AML Foods Limited	1.01	1.01	0.00	0.250	0.040	4.0	3.96%	
10.75	9.67	Bahamas Property Fund	10.63	10.63	0.00	0.013	0.200	817.7	1.88%	
4.19	4.50	Bank of Bahamas	4.90	4.90	0.00	0.598	0.260	8.2	5.31%	
0.58	0.18	Benchmark	0.18	0.18	0.00	-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
3.49	3.15	Bahamas Waste	3.15	3.15	0.00	0.168	0.090	18.8	2.86%	
2.15	2.14	Fidelity Bank	2.17	2.17	0.00	0.016	0.040	135.6	1.84%	
12.50	9.62	Cable Bahamas	10.77	10.77	0.00	1.212	0.310	8.9	2.88%	
2.84	2.50	Collina Holdings	2.50	2.50	0.00	0.781	0.040	3.2	1.60%	
7.00	5.40	Commonwealth Bank (S1)	6.60	6.60	0.00	0.422	0.230	15.6	3.48%	
3.65	1.53	Consolidated Water BDRs	1.94	1.95	0.01	0.111	0.052	17.6	2.67%	
2.55	1.60	Doctor's Hospital	1.90	1.90	0.00	0.199	0.110	9.5	5.79%	
6.99	5.94	Fanguard	6.07	6.07	0.00	-0.003	0.240	N/M	3.95%	
10.20	8.50	Finco	8.50	8.50	0.00	0.287	0.520	29.6	6.12%	
11.40	8.77	FirstCaribbean Bank	9.74	9.74	0.00	0.645	0.350	15.1	3.55%	
5.51	3.75	Focol (S)	5.46	5.46	0.00	0.366	0.170	14.9	3.11%	
1.00	1.00	Focol Class B Preference	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
5.59	5.00	ICD Utilities	5.59	5.59	0.00	0.012	0.240	465.8	4.25%	
10.50	9.92	J. S. Johnson	9.92	9.92	0.00	0.883	0.540	11.2	6.45%	
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.355	0.800	28.2	8.00%	

BISX LISTED DEBT SECURITIES - (Bonds trade on a Percentage Pricing basis)

52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Last Sale	Change	Daily Vol.	Interest	Maturity
99.46	99.46	Bahamas Note 6.95 (2029)	99.46	0.00		6.95%	20 November 2029
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	100.00	0.00		7%	19 October 2017
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	100.00	0.00		7%	30 May 2013
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015

RoyalFidelity Merchant Bank & Trust Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)

52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid %	Ask %	Last Price	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
10.06	5.01	Bahamas Supermarkets	5.01	6.01	14.00		-2.945	0.000	N/M	0.00%
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.55		0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%

CFAL Securities Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)

52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid %	Ask %	Last Price	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
41.00	29.00	ABDAB	30.13	31.59	29.00		4.540	0.000	9.03	0.00%
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.45	0.55	0.55		0.002	0.000	261.90	0.00%

BISX Listed Mutual Funds

52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD%	Last 12 Months %	NAV 3MTH	NAV 6MTH	NAV Date
1.4904	1.4005	CFAL Bond Fund	1.4904	3.59%	6.42%	1.475244	1.452500	31-Jul-10
2.9265	2.8265	CFAL MSCI Preferred Fund	2.9115	0.85%	0.23%	2.926483	2.906205	31-Aug-10
1.5546	1.4905	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.5555	3.18%	4.30%	1.537403	1.521720	24-Sep-10
3.2025	2.8522	Royal Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	2.8624	-8.16%	-7.49%			31-Aug-10
13.6388	13.0484	Royal Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.4286	0.46%	2.40%			31-Aug-10
109.3929	101.6693	CFAL Global Bond Fund	109.3929	5.20%	7.60%	107.570620	103.987340	30-Jun-10
105.7795	93.1998	CFAL Global Equity Fund	100.1833	-1.52%	3.56%	105.779543	101.725415	30-Jun-10
1.1223	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.1272	3.43%	5.28%			31-Aug-10
1.0917	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.0948	6.10%	6.10%			31-Aug-10
1.1198	1.0000	J. S. Johnson	1.1275	3.37%	5.64%			31-Aug-10
9.5955	9.1005	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 1	9.5955	2.71%	5.96%			31-Jul-10
11.2361	10.0000	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 2	10.3734	-3.69%	3.38%			31-Jul-10
10.0000	9.1708	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 3	9.1708	-8.29%	-8.29%			31-Jul-10
7.9664	4.8105	Royal Fidelity Int'l Fund - Equities Sub Fund	7.5827	-1.74%	11.58%			31-Aug-10

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52wk-Hi - Highest closing price in last 52 weeks
52wk-Low - Lowest closing price in last 52 weeks
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Today's Close - Current day's weighted price for daily volume
Change - Change in closing price from day to day
Daily Vol. - Number of total shares traded today
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Breast Cancer, Early Detection, and Digital Mammogram!

By ALESHA CADET
Tribune Features Reporter

It is essential that woman care for their breasts by having timely screenings, medical officials at the Breast Centre at The Medical Pavilion said if they want to ensure lifetime preservation.

The Breast Centre located in the Medical Pavilion, Bahamas on Collins Avenue was the first medical facility to introduce the Digital Mammography Machine to the Bahamas. Shortly thereafter, The New Sunrise Medical Centre in Freeport, Grand Bahama acquired a machine to aid the northern islands of The Bahamas with this state-of-the-art technology for the early detection of breast cancer.

According to Domicia Davis, Marketing and Public Relation Officer at The Medical Pavilion, breast cancer is the number one diagnosed cancer in the Bahamians.

Ms Davis said, "Early detection by screening in order to improve breast cancer outcome and survival remains the cornerstone strategy of breast cancer control by the World Health Organization (WHO). Screening is looking for cancer before a person has any symptoms. This can help find cancer at an early stage."

Mammogram

The mammography exam, often called a mammogram, is used as a screening tool to detect early breast cancer in women experiencing no symptoms and to detect and diagnose breast disease in women experiencing symptoms such as a lump, pain or nipple discharge.

"When abnormal tissue or cancer is found early it may be easier to treat, but by the time symptoms appear, cancer may have begun to spread. Screening helps with the early detection of cancer, early detection will give Bahamian women a better chance of survival," Ms Davis said.

The Breast Centre at The Medical Pavilion, Bahamas and The New Sunrise Medical Centre digital mammogram machines are fully equipped and have functional Computer-aided detection and diagnosis (CAD). This is used on the digital images to help their highly experienced radiologist to analyze the overall images, and flag areas that need closer study.

According to The Medical Pavilion: "A digital mammography machine uses compression and x-rays to screen the breasts, but instead of capturing the image on film as with traditional mammography, the image is captured to a computer as a digital image file. Once the mammogram images are in the computer, the radiologist can then view them on a monitor, much as you would look at digital photos."

"On the computer, the radiologist can closely examine the images by zooming in, adjusting the image brightness, or changing the contrast, making all areas of the breast easier to see. Telemammography is used by doctors should they wish to consult another breast specialist about a mammogram, the digital image files can be electronically sent to other sites for examination."

Digital Mammogram is faster than film mammograms, because there is no film to develop. Compared with the ten to fifteen minutes needed for conventional film mammography, digital mammography images are acquired in less than a minute. The image can be sent immediately to the radiologist for viewing. If the image is unclear, you will be told about it right away, and the image can be retaken," Ms Davis said.

CAD

"This may help reduce mammogram callbacks, and stress on patients. The National Cancer Institute did a study comparing film and digital mammography, and concluded that digital mammography is more accurate than film at finding cancer in women less than 50 years old, and women who have dense, not fatty, breast tissue. Digital mammography uses less radiation than traditional film mammography, reducing your lifetime exposure to x-rays."

The CAD can find tumors that a radiologist might not spot and "once a CAD analysis has been done, a radiologist will do a visual check of those areas, and based on training and experience, decide how serious the mass may actually be," Ms Davis told *Tribune Health*.

Digital mammography also offers the possibility of three dimensional breast tomography using relatively low radiation doses. More and more studies are showing that digital mammography is significantly better in screening women in three categories, such as those under age fifty and women with dense breast as that of most Bahamian women.

Screenings

Ms Davis added that most screening tests are ordered by doctors, so is not surprising that women who do not see a doctor often have no clue about the availability of newer and better technologies for screening.

Women during their annual checkup are rarely recommended to get any other than a regular mammogram. Opportunities to save lives may be missed. More and more research shows that Digital mammography with CAD is the best process to use for screening for breast cancer in younger women with dense breasts.

For more information contact The Breast Centre at The Medical Pavilion Bahamas and The New Sunrise Medical Centre at 502-9678.



SCANS: Pictured here are women doing a Digital Mammogram. According to Domicia Davis, Marketing and Public Relation Officer at The Medical Pavilion, breast cancer is the number one diagnosed cancer in the Bahamians.



Poisonings and pet safety issues



By DR BASIL SANDS

BECAUSE we live in a tropical region of the world and in an antiplegic country - a group of many islands in a large body of water there is always an over abundance of tropical pests such as insects, spiders, snails, rodents and weeds.

And each day we see on TV or hear on radio, a new product on the market to eliminate the problematic pests, but sometimes at a huge price. All too often our pets are the unintended targets of these chemicals.

The summer seems to be a risky time or our pets. The long warm days of summer will put our pets at increase risk to injuries, fleas and ticks etc. Also during this time there is an increase usage of

household pesticides and chemicals around the home, and increased risk of inadvertent pet poisoning.

Dogs and cats, as well as birds, come in contact with toxins through many routes. Ingestion of chemicals is one of the most common ways pets can become poisoned, but inhalation and skin contact are additional routes for poisons to enter the body.

If a pet swallows a poison we want to do what we can to get some or all of it back out. Most veterinarians agree that if it has been less than 2 hours since an animal has ingested a toxic substance, a fair amount will still be in the stomach where it can still be removed. After 2 hours, much of the poison will likely have

passed into the small intestine where it will start to be absorbed into the blood. During that critical first 2 hours your vet will use medication to induce vomiting in your pet to help remove at least some of the toxins from the stomach.

If more than 2 hours have passed since the toxin was ingested, we will often have the pet swallow a liquid charcoal containing product that helps to bind up some of the poison in the intestines so it will pass out with the stool and not be absorbed. In these cases, we have to assume that at least some of the poison will be absorbed into the bloodstream and may cause some problems. We will need to support these animals in

the hospital with Intravenous fluids to help their liver and other major organs.

The liver and kidney systems will likely be the organs that do most of the detoxification, and the IV fluid will greatly help that process. Certain types of poisons have antidotes (drugs that directly counter the effect of the poison) while others don't. Sometimes all we can do is use medications to control the symptoms caused by the toxin and keep the patient comfortable while the animal system is slowly detoxified.

Insecticides

Insecticides are used extensively in many homes and in most cases they are used safely. Occasionally, pets will ingest material recently sprayed or treated with products intended for ants, spiders, or other bugs. Most insecticides, if ingested in toxic amounts will cause symptoms such as muscles tremors,

excessive salivation, vomiting, diarrhea and sometimes seizures. These can develop in minutes to hours after ingestion depending on the type of toxin, how much was ingested and how much the pet weighs.

Snail and slug bait is another common household pesticide. Most of these products contain Metaldehyde, a potent neuro muscular toxin. Once ingested, this toxin can cause uncontrollable muscle tremors that can progress to seizures and death. Dogs and sometimes cats seem attracted to the taste of these products. Rodenticides are used in many households to help control mice and rats. The most common type of rodent killing product is made from coumatrin like compounds. These chemicals cause excessive and uncontrollable bleeding in the rodent as well as any other animal that may ingest them. The most challenging aspect about rodenticide toxicity is that symptoms

of bleeding may not be evident until 3-5 days after ingestion.

Rodenticide poisoning is relatively easy to control if treatment is started soon after ingestion. But if we wait to see symptoms of bleeding, heroic measures may be needed to save those patients. Remember, early treatment is very effective and usually life saving. If you choose to use these potent products, be very careful to place them in an inaccessible location where your pet cannot reach them.

There are many other things that can cause poisoning in our pets. Various plants, cleaning agents, drugs of all kinds, fertilisers, herbicides, and automobile products are just a few examples. Considering the potential for severe illness and even death from such poisoning (this would include children as well as pets). We all need to keep our family's safety in mind and choose and utilise these products wisely.


 LOVING RELATIONSHIPS

Why should we forgive?

Love's greatest challenge has to be forgiveness. The older we get the greater the chance of having been faced with a deep hurt. Wouldn't life be easier if we did not have to deal with forgiving people?

These people may or may not be in our lives. They may be our parent, friend or love partners. We may feel them thrashing through our lives causing mayhem and destruction. All too often we feel as if the offender calmly walks away saying, 'sorry and please forgive me', and yet we are the ones left bruised and bleeding.

Are we made to feel that forgiving is just a way to put up with wrongs that we just do not deserve? Do we have to forgive everybody? Aren't there some people and the wrongs they do just off the radar concerning forgiveness?

There are some people who exemplify the word forgiveness. They forgive everyone across the board and treat all hurts the same. They do not



By MAGGIE BAIN

hold a grudge and things just seem to wash of their backs. They bounce back quickly and easily. They start each day with a new and refreshed attitude. You may know such a person, marvel at their disposition and wish you could be like them. On the other hand you may have questioned their sincerity and perhaps even their motives. It is true that forgiveness comes more easily to some but for most of us it is a struggle. Not being able to forgive is viewed as a weakness; consequently we do not like acknowledging our battle within.

Cynics amongst us, or realists as they like to be called, would say that the world is full of unfairness. They are the first to say, "Everyone gets hurt at one time or another. So get

used to it." Opening ourselves to any type of relationship makes us vulnerable to another's betrayal and disloyalty. We may pull back as we nurse ourselves but we soon realise that living life does not mean cutting ourselves off from people.

As children we class all unfairness together, but as we mature we are able to decipher the things that are really small disappointments or slights compared with true deep hurts. The person feeling the pain can only measure this. What one person looking on may consider a huge injustice, the person who is directly involved may view differently.

Pain

Our hearts tell us when it is a deep pain. We start wondering how to get past the pain and if it will ever end. We come to understand that it is only by forgiving that we can start to heal. But how can forgiveness be right when it feels so natural to let the offender get their punishment? It is this very unnatural feeling that makes forgiveness such an uphill

struggle. The mountain climb is arduous and filled with an array of emotions.

First we have to feel the hurt only to find the accompanying pain immobilizes us. It is these helpless and overwhelming feelings that consume us. Not being in control of our pain pushes us to find the power by blaming the other. Getting attention and sympathy from those around us is a much happier state to be in and so we continue to blame. Many people live in this state for years with out recognising that it prevents them from healing and moving on. How often have you not been able to look, talk or interact with that person, let alone contemplate forgiving them?

Then we may even find ourselves hating them. We can not move from these terrible feelings and perhaps even wish them harm. How could we possibly deserve a friend betraying, a parent abusing, or a partner leaving us out in the cold?

Some people get stuck at this stage-like getting stuck in the mud. Their feet are deeply implanted. They

want to move but as hard as they try they just can get anywhere. Sometimes it is just a matter of time or perhaps it is with a lot of introspection. Years of being stuck and not being able to move forward will usually require professional help. Seeing things with new eyes and from a new perspective often releases the feet to walk forward. They stop blaming and punishing and come to understand why it happened. The pain changes direction and for some even dissipates. Our hearts feel freer and forgiveness moves in. The climb up the mountaintop has been worthwhile and a new stronger person emerges.

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 GREEN SCENE

By Gardener Jack



PREPARING: October and May are two good months to prune roses rather drastically so they can adjust to the new temperatures.

October in the garden

OCTOBER is a defining month in the Bahamian year. The weather will be summery in the early part of the month but autumn will definitely be with us by the end.

The cooler weather makes gardening more comfortable and more successful. Most large tomatoes do not set fruit until the temperature is below 68 degrees F so if we have flowering vines at the end of the month we should get fruit set and be guaranteed tomatoes for Christmas.

October is the month when we can sow cool weather crops, those that would either fail or be bitter if we grew them during the warm months. Cool weather crops include leaf spinach, cauliflower, garden peas and all types of lettuce.

October is a good time to sow leeks and scallions (spring onions) as these appreciate cool weather but do not bulb. Regular bulbing onions should be left until late December or early January as the plants respond to lengthening days in order to bulb properly.

As October is the first full month of autumn we need to fertilise our fruit and citrus trees by applying Sequestrane 138 drench to the bole of all trees and then spreading fruit

tree fertiliser or 6-6-6 around the drip line. A spray of minor elements along with sticker/spreader completes the operation.

Palm trees demand that their diet include manganese and magnesium. This is best done by applying a fruit special as fertiliser or by using 6-6-6 and Epsom salts as a side dressing.

A little judicious pruning is in order during October but remember not to touch your poinsettias or any other flowering shrub that is due to blossom soon. In order to keep hibiscus blooming during the pruning process you can prune one-third of the shrub now, another third in two weeks, and the final trim two weeks after that.

Bougainvillea can take heavy pruning right about now and will come back stronger than ever. Many bougainvillea vines blossom better in the winter than in the summer.

Roses can also take a heavy pruning as they grow back so quickly. I like to cut them back in May and October as summer foliage is not up to the same standard as winter foliage. Give the roots dressings of compost and fertiliser after pruning and ready yourself for a wonder winter rose



display.

It is time to think about Christmas bedding annuals and start them from seed in the early part of the month. Virtually any annual will grow from October to April so we can ring the changes from the usual hot weather annuals we depend on during summer. If we do not sow annuals now we will have to resort to buying seedlings later on and they

are much more expensive

drastically reduced during the late autumn and winter months the grass is still growing and should be fertilised with high nitrogen lawn specials at least twice between now and Easter.

This past summer was really hot and I think we are all ready for cooler conditions.

When planting annual seeds it is a good idea to sprinkle snail bait over the area to prevent snails browsing through your seedlings like vegans through an organic salad bar.

Cooler weather will slow down the rate of growth of grass but the effects will only be noticeable in November. Although mowing will be

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Understanding Chiropractic

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CHIROPRACTIC is a health care profession that focuses on disorders of the musculoskeletal system and the nervous system, and the effects of these disorders on general health.

Chiropractic care is used most often to treat neuromusculoskeletal complaints, including but not limited to back pain, neck pain, pain in the joints of the arms or legs, and headaches. Doctors of Chiropractic practice a drug-free, hands-on approach to health care that includes patient examination, diagnosis and treatment.

The most important procedure performed by Doctors of Chiropractic is known as a Chiropractic adjustment. The purpose of an adjustment is to restore joint mobility by manually applying a controlled force into joints that have become hypo mobile - or restricted in their movement as a result of a tissue injury.

Tissue injury can be caused by a single traumatic event, such as improper lifting of a heavy object, or through repetitive stresses, such as sitting in an awkward position with poor spinal posture for an extended period of time. In either case, injured tissues undergo physical and chemical changes that can cause inflammation, pain, and diminished function for the sufferer. Adjustments of the affected joint and tissues, restores mobility, thereby alleviating pain and muscle tightness, and allowing tissues to heal.

It is important to get your spine checked for overall optimum health.



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How do we measure effectiveness?

"An important measure of a leader's success is the success of her followers. It's one thing to talk about positive change; it's another thing to actually be the change."
Unknown



By YVETTE BETHEL

There are more women in the education system, religious, charity organisations; more women in nursing, in the majority of workplaces and more women playing the lead role in homes within this society. When compared to the limited number of opportunities available to women of the past, this saturated number of women so intricately involved in these critical sectors of society, may be considered progressive.

But how do we measure the effectiveness of women in today's society? In an environment where social disorder and the apparent lack of inspiration prevail, what is the magnitude of leadership amongst women? I suppose that the first real dilemma is the lack of tools in which to measure but the results of our social discourse speak volumes. Still, many tend to utilise the false positive test scores and GPA results as a means of insight into effectiveness. Notwithstanding that these tools offer only a skewed view of the whole picture. There is very little means of differentiating memorisation from actual learning and understanding when it comes to exams.

It is at this crossroad where mothers of yesterday taught their children skills that enabled them to think. They recognised that inner development was a major key to life success. This was the reason behind learning to do chores and being responsible for younger siblings. The teaching of manners and respect was important not because it would show up in some test score but because it gave the child the ability to grow into a respectful

and cooperative citizen

Today however, parents and educators alike are more likely to use academically motivated test scores as a means of determining the child's overall disposition; whereas, the truth is such scores offers only the results of the child's possible ability for information retention and regurgitation. It does not specifically assess a child's capacity to think critically, to navigate emotions or to effectively manage their decisions. Essentially, academic proficiency in school has become the benchmark of the child's overall success.

Let's be clear here, there is no doubt an essential need for academic proficiency; however the current social anarchy suggests the need to take a deeper look at the holistic development of our children. And this is where the rubber meets the road; because the real challenge is how well do children manage themselves after having spent so many years in school.

Facing the reality head on

Every child is developed in the womb of a woman. Indeed, the hands that rock the cradle should have the capacity to inspire change. That being said; the point blank truth is - women today have dropped the ball. This is the first uncomplimentary comment for which women must

take personal responsibility. We cannot be the majority number in critical sectors of the society where a severe degree of social mayhem is rampant, without questioning our effectiveness.

Part and parcel to this downward social spiral also have to do with the displaced focus of women; which is often blinded by materialism and status symbols. This is another unflattering comment women may not like to hear; but the results are what they are. In addition, the issue of socio economic status, where certain class of women only desire to interact with certain class is another underlying truth that must be faced. This small-mindedness only hinders collaboration.

Fundamentally, we cannot be a great nation divided; we must see ourselves beyond our pigeon holes. If we are only able to inspire our biological children then we have failed in our role as bearers of life and nurturers of humankind. Womanhood is about maternal instinct to evoke change; to be the light of hope. Our roles travel beyond barriers; hence we are the missionary servants of life. We cannot fall asleep because we are the ones holding the wheel.

In this small society of ours, what can women point to as a demonstration of our effectiveness? We have built our lives on the shoulders of the women of yester year; where we boast of privileges that most of them could not even fathom. Yet, take a sincere look at our society. Take a listen to the language of today's generation.

We cannot take credit for any means of progress without simultaneously taking responsibility for those parts that are failing. Now is the time to break out of those pigeon holes and get down to doing the work. The old idea of hiding behind



superficialities and so called safety of gated communities must give way to a deeper appreciation of our responsibility. We must find creative new ways to inspire a brighter more hopeful future.

Final Thoughts

Whether we choose to act or not; time will keep ticking and the social decadents will continue. We must adopt a sense of urgency and arm ourselves with a true sense of authenticity. Now is a time for inspirational leadership that helps us to see that we are all us; and we must let go of the delusion of us vs. them. This is the only way that we can evolve as a people and move forward as a nation.

We must stop talking about acting and act now. Time for change; real changes that can pull this nation out

of the cesspool of blame and mediocrity and place it onto the horizon of possibility where it belongs.

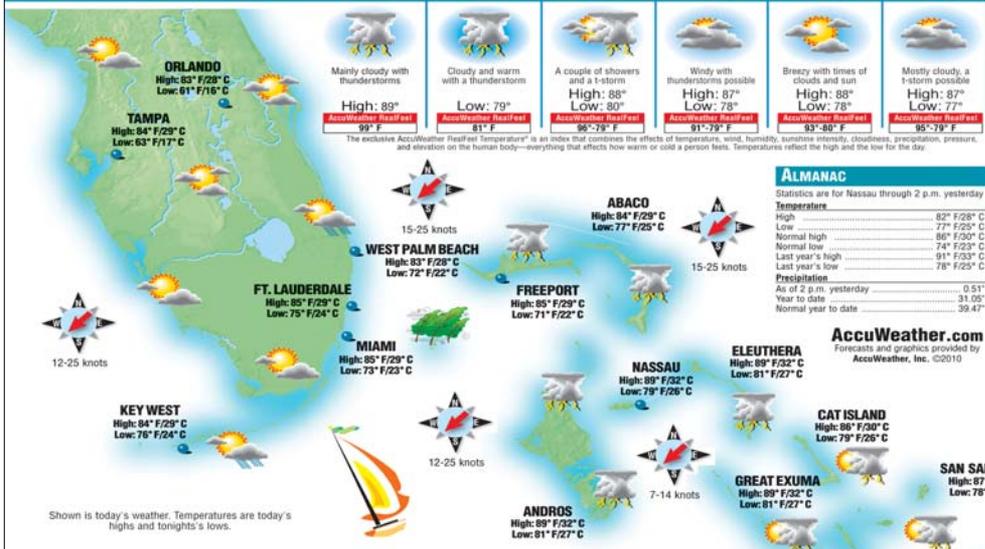
We are the stewards of this land and we are responsible for what we allow to grow. According to our unconscious point of focus, we are allowing social mayhem and negativity to flourish. For there to be an improved result, we must shift our focus. This is our land and it is the only one; now is the time for us to get it done!

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	High	Ht. (ft.)	Low	Ht. (ft.)
Today	4:59 a.m.	3.4	11:17 a.m.	0.3
	5:23 p.m.	3.4	11:42 p.m.	0.0
Wednesday	5:33 a.m.	3.6	12:13 p.m.	0.0
	6:16 p.m.	3.5		
Thursday	6:45 a.m.	3.8	12:31 a.m.	-0.1
	7:06 p.m.	3.4	1:07 p.m.	-0.1
Friday	7:35 a.m.	3.9	1:18 a.m.	-0.3
	7:55 p.m.	3.3	1:59 p.m.	-0.1
Saturday	8:25 a.m.	3.9	2:06 a.m.	-0.3
	8:44 p.m.	3.2	2:51 p.m.	-0.1
Sunday	9:15 a.m.	3.8	2:53 a.m.	-0.3
	9:34 p.m.	3.0	3:42 p.m.	0.1
Monday	10:05 a.m.	3.6	3:42 a.m.	0.0
	10:26 p.m.	2.9	4:35 p.m.	0.4

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Temperature
High: 82° F/28° C
Low: 77° F/25° C
Normal high: 86° F/30° C
Normal low: 74° F/23° C
Last year's high: 91° F/33° C
Last year's low: 78° F/25° C

Precipitation: 0.51"
As of 2 p.m. yesterday: 0.51"
Year to date: 39.55"
Normal year to date: 39.47"

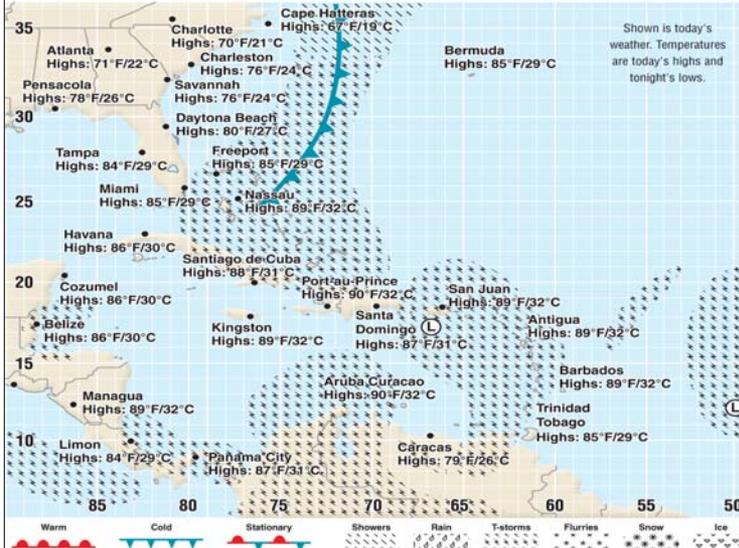
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	WINDS	WAVES	VISIBILITY	WATER TEMPS.
ABACO	Today: NE at 15-25 Knots Wednesday: NNE at 20-30 Knots	8-12 Feet 10-14 Feet	5 Miles 10 Miles	84° F 84° F
ANDROS	Today: NE at 12-25 Knots Wednesday: NNE at 15-25 Knots	3-6 Feet 4-7 Feet	5 Miles 10 Miles	86° F 85° F
CAT ISLAND	Today: ESE at 8-16 Knots Wednesday: E at 8-12 Knots	4-7 Feet 4-8 Feet	5 Miles 5 Miles	85° F 84° F
CROOKED ISLAND	Today: E at 8-16 Knots Wednesday: ESE at 8-16 Knots	3-5 Feet 3-5 Feet	5 Miles 5 Miles	85° F 84° F
ELEUTHERA	Today: E at 7-14 Knots Wednesday: NE at 20-30 Knots	4-8 Feet 5-9 Feet	5 Miles 10 Miles	85° F 85° F
FREEPORT	Today: NE at 7-14 Knots Wednesday: NNE at 20-30 Knots	1-2 Feet 6-10 Feet	5 Miles 10 Miles	85° F 85° F
GREAT EXUMA	Today: NE at 7-14 Knots Wednesday: NE at 7-14 Knots	1-2 Feet 1-2 Feet	5 Miles 10 Miles	85° F 85° F
GREAT INAGUA	Today: E at 8-16 Knots Wednesday: ENE at 4-8 Knots	3-5 Feet 1-3 Feet	5 Miles 3 Miles	84° F 85° F
LONG ISLAND	Today: E at 8-16 Knots Wednesday: ENE at 4-8 Knots	2-4 Feet 1-3 Feet	5 Miles 3 Miles	84° F 85° F
MAYAGUANA	Today: E at 8-16 Knots Wednesday: ESE at 8-16 Knots	4-7 Feet 5-9 Feet	5 Miles 3 Miles	85° F 83° F
NASSAU	Today: NE at 8-16 Knots Wednesday: NE at 8-16 Knots	1-3 Feet 1-3 Feet	10 Miles 10 Miles	85° F 85° F
SAN SALVADOR	Today: E at 8-16 Knots Wednesday: ENE at 4-8 Knots	2-4 Feet 1-3 Feet	5 Miles 4 Miles	86° F 85° F
RAGGED ISLAND	Today: SE at 7-14 Knots Wednesday: ENE at 7-14 Knots	1-3 Feet 3-5 Feet	5 Miles 10 Miles	85° F 85° F

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BAHAMIAN BEAUTY PLACES IN TOP FIVE AT PAGAENT

Miss Global Jamaica, Shereen Sterling, was crowned Miss Global International 2010 by outgoing queen, Miss Azaria Clare, a native of Nassau, at the pageant's Coronation event finale held on September 26 at the Grand Palladium Resort and Spa Hotel in Jamaica.

The 1st runner up is Miss Venezuela, the 2nd runner up is Miss Malaysia, Miss Global Bahamas, Valdeana Bain placed in the Top 5 position.

"I greatly enjoyed competing in this pageant and I am grateful to the Miss Grand Bahama Beauty Pageant organisation for this once in a lifetime opportunity", says Miss Global Bahamas Valdeana Bain. "It was hard work preparing for the competition, however, it was well worth it." Looking back at the pageant she continued, "I have made new friends, visited many sites in Jamaica and greatly appreciate the hospitality of the Miss Global International pageant committee and the numerous hosts and sponsors of all of the events".



MISS Global Bahamas attends a special dinner at Sandals Whitehouse, one of the pageant's sponsors.



MISS Global Bahamas meets second runner up Miss Malaysia.



MISS Global Bahamas poses with first runner up Miss Venezuela.

When moms take care of their cars, they take care of their families

(ARA) - For moms, their automobile is quite possibly the most important component in their daily lives from taking the kids to school, doctor's appointments, soccer practice and then off to run the millions of errands on their "to-do" list.

With all of these activities swirling around in their schedules, becoming a savvy automotive consumer may not be at the top of most moms' priority list. To help them be better informed, Kim Danger, savings expert, mother of two and author of "Instant Bargains," has collaborated with automotive expert Ricardo Rodriguez-Long and Uniroyal Tire in the creation of a new e-book to help moms become empowered owners when it comes to their cars and tires. The "Mommy's Guide to Cars & Tires" e-book features the best tips on automotive maintenance, car safety and

emergencies on the road. It is available for free download at www.UniroyalTires.com.

Mothering your tires

"When driving, your tires are the only thing between you and the road," advises Ms Danger. As moms carry around precious cargo, it is important to make sure these tire tips are followed to keep everyone safe:

- Next time you park your car, take a moment to inspect your tires for cuts, slashes and irregularities. It could save you from a potential blowout or changing a tire on the roadside.
- Eighty-five per cent of drivers fail to properly check tire pressure, according to a recent survey by the Rubber Manufacturers Association. Keeping the right tire pressure is easy to

do and a key component in tire longevity and safety.

- Be sure to rotate your tires at every other oil change (approximately every 6,000 miles) to help balance tread wear.

Be car seat savvy

Busy moms often become the taxi driver for their families. Making sure the kids are safely and securely fastened-in is crucial. Be smart about the type of car seat your child is sitting in by following these guidelines:

- If you are in the market for a car seat, buy it new. Avoid buying a seat without knowing its history.
- Take the time to get your car seat inspected by a Child Passenger Safety Technician.
- Check the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's rating for your car seat.

Emergencies are no joke

With more vehicles on the road than ever before, it is essential to be prepared for emergencies. Having the knowledge to act quickly and correctly can help keep your children safe. Here are some important rules to follow:

- Have an updated emergency kit in your vehicle at all times.
- During a tire blowout, don't panic. Slightly increase your speed and keep steering stable to maintain the vehicle's forward motion. Then, slow down and move to the emergency lane when possible.
- If you have power locks, keep an escape hammer in your car in case you are involved in a water-related accident and your vehicle becomes submerged.



SAFETY FIRST: For moms, their automobile is quite possibly the most important component in their daily lives when dealing with their kids.

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TEAM BAHAMAS: Boxer Valentino Knowles (carrying Bahamian flag) leads Team Bahamas during the opening ceremony for the 19th Commonwealth Games at the Jawaharlal Nehru stadium on Sunday, October 3, 2010.

(AP Photo)

'Kudos' to the Games' organisers

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NEW DELHI, India — The Bahamian dignitaries have all expressed their delight in watching how India has defied the odds and is hosting what is turning out to be the most spectacular Commonwealth Games to date.

Bahamas Olympic Committee (BOC) president Wellington Miller said having been to four of the past 18 games held every four years, he was more than impressed with the Indian organising committee.

"The international press should apologise to India for spreading the bad press that they did before the games started," Miller said. "Maybe those pictures they showed were file photos taken some time ago."

"When I look at this facility in the games village where athletes can go right over there and practice and walk right back to their room, the Indians have done a tremendous job in putting these games on."

Miller joined others in congratulating his chef de mission, Roy Colebrooke, who had called for the other nations to cease from lambasting the organisers and lifting a helping hand to ensure that the games are a success.

"The chef and his team have been doing a good job with our team," Miller said. "I'm happy that he didn't get cloned into those negative comments that were taking place. The Caribbean and the Africans have been following his lead with his positiveness to India."

Miller said after speaking with all of the athletes, he expects some good performances over the next 10 days of competition.

Travelling with Miller is his secretary general, Rommel Knowles, who said the Indian government and the organising committee should be given a lot of kudos.

"Not to be biased towards anybody, but I think these were the best structured games in terms of facilities," Knowles stressed. "The Indians have taken the friendly games and made them much friendlier and the hospitality received by the people has been exceptional."

"I will tell you, people who have been to Beijing for the Olympics are comparing these facilities with them. So despite all of the negative comments in the press, I think that these games will far exceed any expectations."

Knowles said he was quite impressed with the training facilities, especially its proximity to the village, which is just exceptional.

"You could see that a lot of thought and planning has gone into this whole venue and a lot of billions as well," he said. "I spoke to a lot of the athletes and they are saying these are by far the best facilities that they have been in."

Knowles said the International Olympic Committee has also been in awe with the facilities and, after what they've experienced at the opening ceremonies, have asked the Indian IOC to make a bid for the 2020 Olympic Games.

"I'm not saying that they didn't have some problems, but when you can build a structure like what they did in seven years, new facilities, new roads and new games village, they have to be applauded," he said. "They have done a good job in getting the games off the ground and they have made sure that the athletes are all comfortable and secure with their security personnel all around the place."

Day 1: Mixed results for tennis players

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NEW DELHI, India — Team Bahamas' first day of competition in the tennis segment of the XIX Commonwealth Games produced mixed results Monday.

While Larikah Russell and Nikkita Fountain split their women's single matches, the team of Russell and Marvin Rolle got eliminated after turning in a gallant effort.

In her singles, Russell wasted very little time in disposing of Maetiu Keebwa of Kiribati with an impressive 6-0, 6-0 decision. Fountain, on the other hand, lost 6-1, 6-0 to No.8 seed Maria Erakovic



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of New Zealand.

Following her match, Russell teamed up with Marvin Rolle for their mixed doubles match, only to lose 6-7, 6-4, 7-5 to the team of Heather Watson and Patrick Orieg of Guernsey.

"It was good. It was a tough match overall that could have gone either way with a point here or there," said Rolle, who came up

with a couple of brilliant plays to keep their rallies going at times.

"I think we could have been a little more aggressive at the net. But overall, I think we played very well. Just a point here and there and we were right in the match. We had our chances to win."

Trailing throughout the third and final set, the Bahamas managed to break Orieg to pull even at

5-5 when Russell powered through a big volley return.

But that seemed to have given Watson and Orieg more intensity as they stormed right back and broke Russell for the 6-5 lead.

With Watson serving for the match, Orieg played exceptionally well at the net and they were able to hold on for the win.

"Overall, it was pretty tough. I think every match in that game was pretty tough," Russell reflected. "It was of a high level, but I'm proud of the way we hung in there from the start to the end."

Rolle, a little bit jet lagged after just arriving into New Delhi on a 13-hour flight the night before, said he knew he had to suck it up

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Two-man boxing team to take it 'one bout at a time'

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NEW DELHI, India — Now that all of the pre-Commonwealth Games festivities are over, head coach Andre Seymour said he's looking forward to his two-man boxing team putting its best foot forward on Wednesday.

That's when the duo of opening ceremonies' Bahamas flag bearer Valentino Knowles and Carl Hield will begin competition in the boxing arena at the XIX Commonwealth Games.

Hield, competing out of the welterweight or 69-kilogram division, will be the first up. His opponent will be Hubert Lucien of Dominica. If he is successful, Hield will go on to box in the second round on Friday. Knowles, the first boxer and the youngest Bahamian to carry the flag

at the Commonwealth Games, the second largest sporting event in the world, will be contesting the light welterweight or 64kg division.

He was given a bye in the first round and will now compete in the second round against Emil Kaoka of PNG. A win and Knowles will be in the quarterfinals set for Sunday.

An excited Seymour, who is being assisted by his cousin Floyd Seymour, said he likes what he has seen in the draw and is confident that if the two boxers follow their instructions, they should be successful.

"I'm quite satisfied with the draws. We got some good draws and we know the majority of these boxers because I scouted them from the last championships we went to in March," Seymour said.

"Carl got a good draw and once he wins on the 6th, he has another bout on the 8th before

he can get into the quarterfinals. Valentino got a bye and he will fight on Thursday. If he wins, he will get into the quarterfinals."

The goal, according to Seymour, is to take care of business each match. "We just have to take it one bout at a time. We can't take anybody for granted coming into these games," he charged. "The boxers just have to go out there and fight very hard."

Seymour, a former two-time Olympian, said the Bahamas is overdue for a Commonwealth Games medal, having won one — a bronze from Stevie "The Heat" Larrimore in Melbourne, Australia, in 1982.

"We're looking forward to erasing that and we hope that any one of these boxers will give us our first medal since 1982. We are in a very

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Spotlight finally turns to sports at Commonwealth Games

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NEW DELHI (AP) — Small crowds, minor glitches and the prospect of contracting dengue fever were still a concern for organisers Monday as the spotlight finally turned to sports at the Commonwealth Games.

Swimming was the first sport to get going in New Delhi on Monday, the morning after the games officially

opened with a spectacular ceremony at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.

India had another minor setback when the first gold medal of the games was won by Nigerian weightlifter Augustina Nwaokolo in the women's 48-kilogram category. Sonia Chanu, who had been expected to win the host country's first gold medal, finished second and Indian teammate Sandhya Rani Devi Atom took bronze. But health

issues, one of the main concerns in the buildup to the games, came to fore on the weekend when 30-year-old Indian lawn bowls team official Ruptu Gogoi was admitted to hospital with the mosquito-borne dengue fever.

English freestyle swimmer Steven Beckerleg, however, said he wasn't that concerned about getting the disease. "We've been seeing them spraying frequently," Beckerleg said, "and the fact that one person has

acquired it really doesn't worry me."

Others also seemed to be unaffected by the news. "We've got supplies of repellents," the New Zealand team said in a statement. "So far we haven't seen too many mosquitoes but we're continuing to apply regularly."

Organisers have been regularly spraying pesticides at high-risk areas, including at the athletes' village and at the swimming venue, where stagnant water provides a

breeding ground for mosquitoes.

"This is the peak season," said Dr R N Singh, the chief medical officer of the New Delhi Municipal Corporation. "Our teams have fanned out searching for breeding places in every nook and corner of New Delhi and spraying anti-larval medicines."

McKay Savage, a 34-year-old Canadian who works for a charity

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SPORTS

Men's senior national cricket team ready for Kuwait test

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AS the international profile of our national cricket programme continues to grow, the Bahamas is preparing to face arguably its toughest test yet in the month ahead.

The Bahamas men's senior national cricket team is gearing up for the challenge to compete at the Pepsi International Cricket Council's

World Cricket League Division Eight, November 6-12 in Kuwait.

Teams from eight countries dispersed across five continents will contest the first ever WCL Division Eight. Participating teams include Suriname, Vanuatu, Bhutan, Gibraltar, Germany, Zambia and the Bahamas.

The Bahamas will have to finish in the top two to be promoted into Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Division Seven, which is scheduled

to take place in Botswana in May next year. Teams that have already qualified for that tournament are the host country Botswana, Japan, Nigeria and Norway.

Matches

The matches will be hosted on four match grounds in Kuwait, Hubara, Unity, KEC and Sulaibiya.

This particular event will feature eight sides, whereas other ICC

events traditionally hosted six teams in the World Cricket Leagues and thus the tournament is being played in a format with two groups of four.

In the group stages, each team will be assessed two points for a win, one point for a tie and will receive no score for a loss.

The sixth day of the tournament will feature playoffs between the groups after the final group standings have been completed. The Division Eight finals and position play-

offs will conclude the tournament on its final day.

The senior national team will travel early to Kuwait to familiarize itself with the surroundings and participate in a few exhibition matches before the tournament gets underway.

The junior programme continues to excel as well as they prepare for international competition in the US at the end of the year for an age-group tournament.

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because he was representing the Bahamas.

But he vowed that after getting in a good night's rest, he should be fresh and ready to compete in his men's opening singles against Thangarajah Dineshkanthan of Sri Lanka.

"I'm not representing myself anymore. I'm here to represent the people of the Bahamas, so I have to be up for it," stressed Rolle, who is scheduled to be in action at noon today. "I have to come out and give it 100 per cent again."

Looking back at her clean sweep in her singles match, Russell said it was "easier than I expected."

"But I used it to work on some stuff for my next match. But it was hard to stay focus playing against somebody who really didn't give you much of a challenge."

The Grand Bahamian native, however, knows that she will have to put it all together when she plays her second round match against top seed Anastacia Rodionova of Australia. That match is scheduled for Wednesday.

"I don't have any pressure on me. I'm just going to go out there and play and have fun," she said. "I'm just going to enjoy it and see how far it will take me."

In her match yesterday, Fountain said she started off



MIXED DOUBLES: Larika Russell and Marvin Rolle on the court at the XIX Commonwealth Games. They lose 6-7, 6-4, 7-5 to the team of Heather Watson and Patrick Orieg of Guernsey.

playing very well, but she got distracted and just simply lost her rhythm. "I played pretty well to get up in the game, but I was losing the important points," she said. "Obviously, I'm disappointed that I lost, but I didn't play that badly, so it was a good experience."

Fountain is hoping to redeem herself when she teams up with Russell to play in the women's doubles. They

won't play until Wednesday as scheduled.

"I expect that we will win," she said. "Larika played against one of the girls that we will be playing, so I can't imagine that match being that difficult for us."

Still waiting to get on the court is Grand Bahamian Devin Mullings, who is slated to open up against top seed Somdev Devvarman of India in a rematch from their days

as junior players. That match is set for noon Wednesday.

"I think it will be a good experience. I don't think I will put too much unwanted pressure on myself," he said. "I will compete hard like I always do. The last time I played him in Junior Wimbledon in 2003, I beat him in the first round. Since then, he's being playing very well. He won NAAs in college. He's done well. He's had a pretty good pro career, qualifying for Wimbledon this year."

"I'm just going to go out and play hard. I don't have any pressure on me. The pressure is on him. He's competing at home. But I have a little bit of a mental edge, having beaten him before. I'm just coming off a hip injury, so I know I will have to compete hard."

Like Rolle, Munnings is also coming off the jet lag having just arrived the night before. But he's confident that it shouldn't affect his play that much.

Coach Leo Rolle said the Bahamas had a pretty good day, despite the mixed results. "Larika won her match pretty easy, but Nikkita didn't play her match as well as she normally does," Rolle said. "So that was kind of a let down. Better luck next time."

Rolle said he's looking forward to the rest of the games as his son Marvin, and

Mullings, along with Rodney Carey Jr are getting ready to play singles. "All of these matches are tough. You can't take anyone lightly," he said.

While he has not arrived as yet, Carey Jr will have to head directly from the airport to the tennis center when he gets in today as provisions were made to play his singles match against Jamie Murray of Scotland at 2pm.

Tennis kicked off the sporting disciplines for the Bahamas at the games and chef de mission Roy Colebrooke, who got to view the mixed doubles, said he was pleased with what he saw.

"I think the team played extremely well," he said. "We are going to make it a point as Team Bahamas to come out and give the athletes their full support because we expect that the other disciplines who were here before tennis, and well rested, to do extremely well."

Colebrooke was referring to the fact that the tennis players started to arrive in New Delhi five days after the rest of the team, made up of track and field, boxing and cycling athletes, had already settled in.

Deputy chef de mission Tim Munnings, who accompanied Colebrooke to the watch the tennis matches, said the team played well, although they had just arrived.

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good position in the draw. They just have to take each bout one at a time, but fight as if it is the gold medal round."

Knowles, 22, is coming off three consecutive medal performances at the international meets, including the recently held Central American and Caribbean Games in Puerto Rico in July when he won the gold.

He was also a silver medalist at the Commonwealth Championships and bronze medalist in the Pan Am Boxing Championships. Hield is going after his first major international medal.

"Watching the game, they played very well. They played a good team, but they fought right to the very end," he said. "I know Marvin, although he may not realize it, his timing was not what it should have been. But under the circumstances, he played well."

Munnings said all of the other disciplines are eager to follow tennis, having been here for a week now. So he's looking forward to some great things from them during the next week.

US beats France at volleyball worlds

ROME (AP) — The United States opened the third round of the volleyball world championships with a 3-0 win over France on Monday.

Clayton Stanley led the Olympic champions with 14 points, 4 blocks and 4 aces — while Sean Rooney and David Lee added 11 points each.

U.S. coach Alan Knipe called his squad's attack and block percentage "almost per-

fect."

Two-time defending world champion Brazil had to rally from a 2-1 deficit to beat the Czech Republic 3-2, winning the tiebreaker 15-8.

Ranked

Also, fourth-ranked Serbia beat Argentina 3-1, with Ivan Maljovic leading the way with 20 points; and Bulgaria defeated Spain 3-1.



SPIKE: David Lee of the US spikes the ball past France's Gerald Hardy-Dessources during a third round match in Rome.

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organisation in London, said at the tennis venue that he had heard about the dengue fever outbreak before traveling to India for the Commonwealth Games.

"But I was not super worried. I had noticed there were problems caused by the rains but that didn't stop me from coming," he said. "It was an opportunity to watch something interesting and these things don't bother me too much."

Dengue fever, a painful viral disease that can be life-threatening, has become an issue in the Indian capital this year because of the extended monsoon season, with thousands of cases reported.

In the aquatics center, Australia started to dominate right from the start, winning three of the first five swimming gold medals awarded.

Kylie Palmer won the 200-meter freestyle in 1 minute, 57.50 seconds, with Jazmin Carlin of Wales earning silver and dual Olympic gold medalist Rebecca Adlington of England in third. Alicia Coutts later won the 200 individual medley in 2:09.70. Australian teammate Emily Seebohm, who can still win seven gold medals in New Delhi, was second and Julia Wilkinson of Canada was third.

"It's nice to step up and show that I'm capable of being a champion and being the best," Coutts said.

Ryan Cochrane of Canada won the men's 400 freestyle and Chad Le Clos of South Africa took the men's 200 butterfly before the Australian men's 4x100 freestyle relay team claimed the final gold medal of the night.

Australia also won the men's team competition in gymnastics, while Amirul Hamizan Ibrahim of Malaysia won the men's 56-kilogram category weightlifting gold. Indians again won silver and bronze in weightlifting.

Malaysia's best medal hopes both won on the opening day of the games. Top-ranked men's badminton player Lee Chong Wei beat

Joshua Green of Isle of Man, and No. 1 Nicol David defeated Damindhi Udangawe of Sri Lanka in the women's squash competition.

Although the swim stadium had a good size crowd for the evening session, many of the venues struggling to bring people in.

At the 19,118-seat field hockey stadium, only about 100 spectators came to watch New Zealand beat Wales 5-1 in the opening match of a tournament featuring India's second-favourite sport. Rohan Bopanna's match to open the tennis competition drew only dozens of fans at the 5,015-seat venue.

In netball, Australia beat Samoa 76-39 in front of only 58 spectators. "Netball is not that huge in India so I can't imagine the crowd improving much, but we don't care," Australia shooter Cath Cox said. "If we win a gold medal in front of a man and a dog, that's fine with me."

Last week, the government said only 200,000 of the 1.7 million tickets for the games had been sold. On Monday, games ticketing chief Monika Jolly said she "count not reveal any figure straight away" when asked about the volume of sales or value of tickets sold.

Glitches were also reported at some venues. The boxing weigh-in scales were giving faulty readings, causing several athletes to panic because they were said to be too heavy. But after testing the scales, the organisers decided to reschedule to weigh-in to Tuesday morning, the day the boxing competition opens.

In the morning session at the swimming pool, Seebohm was briefly listed as disqualified in the heats of the 200 individual medley before organisers said it was mistake. And in the evening, a worker had to use a net to scoop some debris out of the pool ahead of the men's 4x100 relay final.

The organising committee's buses also had a bad day, getting lost while taking official personnel around the city.

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