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# PM's pledge on economy

## BAHA MAR CONSTRUCTION COULD START IN JANUARY

By AVA TURNQUEST  
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CONSTRUCTION for the single-phase \$2.6 billion Baha Mar development project could break ground as early as January, pending the close of the Export Import (EXIM) Bank of China loan.

Contractors have already been chosen for the first six construction packages, totalling \$60 million, which will include the Commercial Village contracts and the new West Bay Street.

According to Robert Sands, senior vice-president of External Affairs at Baha Mar, the initial payout will cover construction contracts and also includes numerous Bahamian architects, engineers, quantity surveyors and many other related parties who will participate in these first six contract packages.

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## Ingraham to stake his reputation on recovery by 2011



**DECLARATION:** Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham.

PRIME Minister Hubert Ingraham yesterday declared he will stake his reputation on the economy improving by next year.

Although government, he said, is supporting a bloated public payroll it has never been hard-pressed to make civil servants salaries and they don't have to worry about salaries being paid.

Despite this, Mr Ingraham said the government will not be firing civil servants, but when things get better in private sector he anticipates civil servants leaving the public sector for better private jobs.

Mr Ingraham made the statement while appearing on

the Love 97 talk show *Issues of the Day* yesterday.

In response to repeated questions on the performance of the economy by host Wendall Jones, Mr Ingraham said "I will stake my reputation on the economy improving by next year".

While the national debt has grown since he assumed office in 2007, the Prime Minister said the country has something to show for it in terms of infrastructural improvements.

The Prime Minister said "no informed person can say the economy is being mis-

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## GETTING A GRIP ON CRIME: ELECTRONIC BRACELETS STRATEGY



**TIGHT FIT:** Mr John Hastings, President Officer of SecureAlert, demonstrates to a member of the press the security bracelet as the Minister of National Security Tommy Turnquest looks on.

By CELESTE NIXON  
 Tribune Staff Reporter

VIOLENT offenders out on bail may, for the first time, be fitted with an electronic monitoring bracelet within the next 30 days, National Security Minister Tommy Turnquest announced yesterday.

During a contract signing between ICS of The Bahamas Co Ltd, SecureAlert and the Government at

Police Headquarters yesterday, Mr Turnquest announced that the first "subject" would be tagged by December 20.

"The Government's objective for implementing the system is to provide a practical and workable solution to improve national responses to crime, criminality and particularly violent crimes such as murder and armed robbery," said Mr Turnquest.

According to the Minister, the

Government will be leasing the devices for \$15 per day, per monitoring device, with an estimated budget of \$700,000 per year. Five hundred monitoring units have been ordered in the first instance.

The new crime prevention measure aims to more effectively keep surveillance on alleged violent offenders who have been granted bail, pro-

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### CORRECTION

IN a recent *Tribune Business* story headlined - Exuma told: 'Don't look giffhorse in the mouth' - The Tribune inadvertently misquoted Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham.

The Tribune quoted Mr Ingraham as saying: "I have had the opportunity to speak with some of the leaders in Exuma before. They have no intelligence and they grumble and grumble, and they impact and influence and pollute the environment."

What Mr Ingraham actually said was: "...They have no **ALTERNATIVES** ...." We wish to apologise to Mr Ingraham for any embarrassment that has been caused.

## Kerzner 'ticked off' by Christie statement on Baha Mar

By TANEKA THOMPSON  
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KERZNER International CEO Sir Sol Kerzner was "ticked" off and "hurt" by Opposition leader Perry Christie's statement that Baha Mar developers "only want to get what Kerzner got," said Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham.

Mr Ingraham also revealed his respect and gratitude for Sir Sol's contributions to the country, adding that he will do anything in his power to ensure the Atlantis product remains successful. However this commitment does not mean he will not be fair to other developers, he said.

The Prime Minister also assured the nation he is confident that Sir Sol's concerns – that 8,000 jobs at Atlantis could be lost if the \$2.6 billion Baha Mar deal is approved in his current



**ATLANTIS CHIEF:** Sir Sol Kerzner

say that the thing that ticked Kerzner (off) more than anything else is a statement by Perry Christie to the effect that Baha Mar only wants to get what Kerzner got," said Mr Ingraham on the radio show *Issues of the Day*. "And he (Sir Sol) was of the view

state – can be resolved satisfactorily.

"We were always concerned, when we came to office that there was nothing in the Baha Mar deal that would have given them a better deal than Kerzner. I think I can

say that the thing that ticked Kerzner (off) more than anything else is a statement by Perry Christie to the effect that Baha Mar only wants to get what Kerzner got," said Mr Ingraham on the radio show *Issues of the Day*. "And he (Sir Sol) was of the view

that Baha Mar is getting more than him, and he was very hurt that he (Mr Christie) would make such a statement," he continued during the live broadcast from the Free National Movement's headquarters on Mackey Street.

Earlier this week Sir Sol said he was extremely disappointed in the former PLP government for their "overwhelming support" of Baha Mar which would violate the "most favoured nation" clause of Kerzner International's 1993 and 2003 Heads of Agreement.

When asked by the show's host if he has a bias towards Sir Sol, Mr Ingraham expressed his gratitude towards the South African businessman for revolutionising the country's tourism product in the 1990s.

"There is no question in my mind of my high regard for Sol Kerzner and what he has done for the Bahamas. I

was berated by many when he came in 1994 and what he has done for the Bahamas has transformed our tourism industry. He has provided us with 2,000 more jobs than he committed to, he has a very successful project on Paradise Island and I will do all I can, for as long as I can, to ensure that his project is successful.

"That has nothing to do with whether I will be fair to anybody else. (But) I will not knowingly give anybody else a better deal than Kerzner got," said the nation's chief.

Mr Ingraham also accused the former Christie administration of engaging in secret deals with Baha Mar by promising them concessions not included in their contract. He said these secret deals were part of what government is trying to renegotiate.

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## PM: I regret not privatising BTC during my first two terms

By **TANEKA THOMPSON**  
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ONE of Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham's biggest regrets while in office is that he did not privatise BTC during his first two terms.

"There are obviously some regrets I have about governance in the time I've been in office since 1992. One of my great regrets is that since the 1990s, we didn't privatise BTC. We ought to have done so. We didn't do so before the 2002 election because we got a bogus set of accounts that could not guarantee an accurate list of the assets of BTC.

"In retrospect I should have disposed of it notwithstanding the fact that we did not have an asset register that was verifiable," said Mr Ingraham.

His comments came while he was a guest on the radio talk show *Issues of the Day* which was broadcast live from the Free National Movement's headquarters on Mackey Street.

The Ingraham administration is now in the final stages of offloading 51 per cent of the state owned telecommunications company to Cable & Wireless (LIME).

The selection of Cable & Wireless has garnered some criticisms based on the company's previous track record. Yesterday Mr Ingraham conceded that the company has had problems in the past but added that he is satisfied with their ability to run BTC. "It did not have (a good reputation); it has made substantial improvements. Ten years ago I would not have sold to Cable & Wireless. I am satisfied with the improvements they made in the region," said Mr Ingraham.

Last month, former Prime Minister Perry Christie also said he regretted passing up the opportunity to sell BTC days before the 2007 general election. Mr Christie said he chose not to formally sign off on two big projects days before the country went to the polls - the BTC deal and the Baha Mar project negotiated under his administration - because it was too close to the election and the moves would have been seen as politically motivated.

# Man convicted of attempting to murder New Jersey police officer gets 25 years

## Co-accused sentenced to 20 years on attempted robbery charge



**SENTENCED:** 24 year old Bradley Saunders outside of court yesterday.



**SENTENCED:** 20 year old Ebenezer Sherman at court yesterday.

PHOTOS: Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

By **NATARIO MCKENZIE**  
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A MAN convicted of the attempted murder of a veteran New Jersey police officer was sentenced to 25 years in prison yesterday.

Senior Justice Anita Allen sentenced 20-year-old Ebenezer Sherman to 25 years imprisonment for the attempted murder of Sergeant John Casper and 20 years imprisonment for the attempted armed robbery of Joan Algios.

The sentences are to run concurrently.

Sergeant Casper was shot in the chest on May 14, 2008, while walking with friends on the Cable Beach strip in the area of Ruby Avenue, not far from the home of former prime minister Perry Christie.

The victim, who was vacationing in Nassau, was shot while attempting to prevent an assailant from snatching Mrs Algios' handbag.

Sherman was convicted on the charges in October. His co-accused Bradley Saunders, 24, who was acquitted of the attempted murder charge,

was also sentenced yesterday to 20 years imprisonment on the attempted armed robbery charge.

Senior Justice Allen noted that the two men were young and had no prior convictions.

She also noted that had it not been for medical intervention and the help of a good Samaritan who transported Mr Casper to hospital, he would have died.

### Violence

The judge further noted the prevalence of violence in the country and the fact that the victims were visitors - "Not that they are more important, but we spend resources to get them to come here. They should feel safe," she said.

Both accused men appeared visibly distraught about their sentences. Outside the courtroom, Sherman's attorney Godfrey "Pro" Pinder said he intends to appeal his client's conviction and sentence.

"I think the outcome was a miscarriage of justice. I don't think these two men had anything to do with the crime," Mr Pinder told reporters.

Attorney Donna Major, who represented Saunders, said, "The conviction from the beginning was unfair.

"In this case I fully believe they have the wrong persons. I'm hoping that on appeal this whole matter will be resolved."

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## Crime report

### SHOOTING AND ARMED ROBBERIES IN NIGHT OF VIOLENCE

THURSDAY night was a night of violence according to police, who are investigating one shooting and three armed robberies.

The first incident took place just after 7pm, when police were called to the scene of an armed robbery at the Island Game Web Shop on East Street South.

Witnesses said two men, one wearing a red and white shirt and the other a "dark" shirt, both armed with handguns, entered the shop and demanded cash.

They made off with an undetermined amount of money and fled on foot.

Just a few minutes later, the Island Luck Café on Cowpen Road was attacked by armed robbers fitting the description of the East Street South culprits.

One was said to be wearing a red and white striped shirt and the other a dark shirt. They were both said to be armed with handguns.

They robbed the establishment of an undetermined amount of cash and fled heading in an unknown direction.

Then, about an hour later, police rushed to Iesha's Convenience Store on Malcolm Road East, where another armed robbery had been reported.

Witnesses said a man wearing dark clothing and armed with a handgun, entered the store demanding cash.

He made off with an undetermined amount of money and fled heading in an

unknown direction. Just before 9pm, police were called to another armed robbery at Lady Slipper Avenue in Garden Hills.

A woman was in her house when a masked man broke in, produced a handgun and demanded cash.

### Robbed

The culprit robbed the woman of an undisclosed amount of cash as well as some personal effects and fled the area on foot heading in an unknown direction.

Then, at about 2.20am, a fight broke out at Larry's Pub on the corner of Cordeaux Avenue and East Street, which resulted in a man being shot in the stomach.

The victim, a 41-year-old Wilson Track man, was involved in an altercation with a group of men which resulted in his being shot.

He was rushed to the hospital by ambulance and was listed in serious but stable condition last night.

Police say they have significant leads in this matter, and investigations into the armed robberies are continuing.

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## Irish, EU, IMF face tough talks for loan deal

DUBLIN — As EU experts dug through the books of Ireland's debt-crippled banks, the question moved from whether Ireland will take an international bailout to under what conditions.

On the firing line was Ireland's prized low business tax, which the government says has lured 1,000 multinationals to Ireland over the past decade — but which it may have to give up to satisfy conditions of being rescued.

The Irish rescue is the latest act in Europe's yearlong drama to prevent mounting debts and deficits from overwhelming the weakest members of the 16-nation eurozone. Greece was saved from bankruptcy in May, and analysts say Portugal could be next in line after Ireland for an EU-IMF lifeboat.

Officials on all sides cautioned that the Dublin talks could stretch into early December, after Ireland gives more clarity on its plans by publishing a four-year outline for slashing euro15 billion (\$20.5 billion) from its deficit — forecast this year to reach a stupendous 32 per cent of economic output.

The Irish government said the plan, to include euro4.5 billion in cuts and euro1.5 billion in new taxes for 2011 alone, will be published by Tuesday — but won't include any change to its 12.5 per cent rate of corporate tax, among the lowest in Europe.

Officials in Germany, France, Britain and Austria argue Ireland should be prepared to raise that rate to help pay off its debts. They say it's not fair for Ireland to receive aid from EU partners while simultaneously sticking to a tax policy that amounts to unfair competition.

Ireland says the low tax policy is an essential anchor for keeping employers who generate a fifth of Ireland's gross domestic product and provide the healthiest stream of tax revenue. Finance Minister Brian Lenihan, speaking ahead of Friday's talks, said the defence of the 12.5 per cent rate was "a red line" that Ireland would not allow the IMF to cross.

For Lenihan and Prime Minister Brian Cowen, the low corporate tax is one of the few points of unity with Ireland's opposition Fine Gael party. Giving it up might be the death sentence for Cowen's government, whose approval ratings are languishing at 11 per cent.

But Ireland's hand has been forced by a recent run on deposits at Irish banks, which are already receiving a minimum euro45 billion bailout. Allied Irish Banks said Friday it has lost euro13 billion (\$18 billion), or 17 per cent, of its total deposit base since June. It also announced plans to sell euro6.6 billion (\$9.05 billion) in new shares next month — likely taking the government's stake in the bank from 18 per cent to more than 90 per cent.

The European Central Bank has been stemming deposit losses with short-term loans that have ballooned to a reported euro130 billion, a quarter of the ECB's eurozone loan book. But the ECB's unlimited supply of liquidity to banks is likely to end as the central bank continues to phase out its financial crisis support measures, adding pressure on the Irish gov-

ernment. Ireland's representative on the Frankfurt-based bank, Irish Central Bank governor Patrick Honohan, said Thursday he expects Ireland to receive a credit line worth tens of billions of euro that would serve as a backstop for Irish banks struggling to access funds elsewhere. Critics of Ireland's low tax on business profits say raising it would be the quickest way to increase state income without hurting consumers. According to Eurostat, corporate tax rates in the eurozone average 25.7 per cent, and only Cyprus and Bulgaria are lower than Ireland with rates of 10 per cent.

Germany and France, whose rates stand at 29.8 per cent and 34.4 per cent respectively, have spent the past decade grumbling as some of their own companies and a disproportionate share of U.S. multinationals choose Ireland as their EU headquarters.

"There's only one real reason for that, namely the avoidance of taxes," said Markus Ferber, a member of the European Parliament for the German Christian Social Union, part of Chancellor Angela Merkel's governing coalition. Some go even further, saying that the low corporate tax rate was central to Ireland's economic collapse.

"Ireland has constructed its development strategy for many years not on attracting large-scale corporate investment, but on corporate headquarters activity," said John Christensen, an economist and accountant who heads the Tax Justice Network, a nonprofit that advocates more transparent tax policies.

Dublin's "beggar-thy-neighbour tax policy" is helping large corporations shift profits to tax havens outside Europe, hurting both the Irish government and Europe as a whole, Christensen said. Irish business lobbyists say it would be crazy for the former Celtic Tiger to increase taxes on foreign investors at the moment when Ireland is shedding domestic jobs and depending on high-tech exporters to lead a recovery. But many more Irish people express disbelief that — in the midst of a crisis caused by Dublin bankers who gambled hundreds of billions on property deals gone bust — the government is bailing out those same banks and defending profits for wealthy multinationals like Microsoft, Intel and Google.

The Rev. Sean Healy, a Catholic priest who leads a pressure group called Social Justice Ireland, called the government focus on protecting bondholders and Fortune 500 companies "hypocritical and deeply unjust."

There were few signs Friday of protest on the streets of Dublin, only private expressions of shock and disgust that Ireland's economy had been mismanaged so badly and fallen so quickly since 2008. "There's no point protesting. We've gambled away our sovereignty, and all we can do is try not to make matters worse," said Eamon Delaney, a newspaper vendor. "Our own leaders have made such a shambles of it, the IMF crowd will hardly do worse."

(This article was written by Gabriele Steinhäuser, and Shawn Pogachnik of AP)

# Time has come to take our country back

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Please permit me an opportunity to make comment on something that has been troubling me which I think was confirmed today by two things published in your paper today — a notice from the Immigration Department and an article on MP Edison Key and the Pigeon Pea situation.

Like thousands of other Bahamians, I am keenly watching the developments in this country.

I must. I have young children for whom I am obligated to do the very best I can and, hopefully, to leave where they live better than we met it.

I am a professional and I have lived in several developed countries. In past elections, I have supported the FNM.

Like thousands of my colleagues and counterparts, however, I am faced with an awful decision in the next general elections. I am unable to support the PLP not because of their policies but because of the current leadership of the party. I am, however, not able to vote for the FNM either. The policies advocated by the FNM and the behaviour of its leadership have left me embarrassed and angry. Men who are desperate to hold on to power even when their time has passed are in my opinion dangerous men. Both parties are being led by dinosaurs in a high tech era.

In my professional capacity, I am aware of immigration matters. Having lived in other countries, I am appalled at how lax our immigration controls are. What is most troubling, however, is that the current Minister of Immigration either doesn't appreciate or doesn't care about the long term impact on granting citizenship in particular as casually as they do. For far too long, this has been a tool used in general elections and the Bahamian people pay the price for the short sightedness of both major political parties.

I was very angry when I opened The Tribune this morning, to be greeted by an article where Edison Key is alleged to have stated that the immigrants — illegal or

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otherwise who are illegally squatting on land in Abaco and Pigeon Pea in particular cannot be moved until they have somewhere to go. What an outrage! He further added that he wanted the government of The Bahamas to make arrangements for these people. In today's paper, Mr Key is also calling for land to be set aside for these illegal to live on!

This is an insult to all Bahamians. What arrangements have been made for the Bahamian families affected by the court's ruling in the Arawak Homes dispute?

The people in the dispute with Arawak Homes are Bahamians, many of whom did nothing wrong but were the victims of a broken system of government.

They have paid thousands of dollars for a place to live. The people in Pigeon Pea are only in this country because they broke the law. They shouldn't be here and it is not in dispute that they are living on land that they do not own.

In fact, it is widely acknowledged that they have blatantly disregarded the eviction notices.

These people have no respect for the Bahamas and its laws.

Every day they are allowed to remain where they are is a day they thumb their noses at the rule of law in this country.

Their children are born into this lawlessness and disrespect for the law and are allowed to operate outside of law. It is no wonder that they grow up to be menaces to the Bahamian society.

I find the statements from Mr Key to be unacceptable and irresponsible.

Thousands of Bahamian families are struggling to make ends meet and hundreds of Bahamian families face the possibility of losing the homes they have paid for in the southern part of

New Providence because courts rule that the property they paid for in fact belong to Arawak Homes. There has been absolutely no public support of the Bahamian families affected in the dispute with Arawak Homes from the government. However, when the question of eviction of Pigeon Pea illegal residents came up, the Prime Minister was quick to come to the defence of the illegal and was quoted as talking about "equity" as it relates to them. Where is the equity for the Bahamian? Is it that the Prime Minister and Mr Key only think illegal immigrants need to be protected in the Bahamas? To add insult to injury, the Department of Immigration is inviting hundreds of persons with obviously Haitian names to come to the Department on Saturday, presumably to give them some sort of legal documentation.

No Bahamian should take these developments lightly. The Prime Minister has told us to watch what he does and I have. What he has consistently done is to elevate the foreign above the Bahamian, whether from Canada, Europe, the US, Asia or Haiti. The message that he has sent us is that Bahamians don't count in The Bahamas.

The Bahamian who is awake and conscious will therefore understand the Immigration Department's behaviour for what it is — an attempt to give away our birthright by granting as many citizenship applications to Haitians as possible in preparation for the next general election.

If this trend continues, prepare for the backlash because there are those among us who will not allow the only country we have to be destroyed.

The old political games where the Bahamian loses must stop and all involved be held to account. The time has come to take our country back.

J E COAKLEY

Nassau,  
November 9, 2010.

## Concerned about the 'new straw market' along Woodes Rogers Walk

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Please allow me a space to voice my concern about the ever expanding "new straw market" that has sprung up along Woodes Rogers Walk.

In a recent article in your paper, the straw market vendors rightly complained that it is very unfair for these temporary stalls to be placed in the most prime location downtown at very little cost to these stall owners while straw market vendors and businesses across the road suffer huge losses in the amount of business they receive.

These Woodes Rogers stalls are now permanently erected in the wharf and are a danger to the public, having blown into the street on sev-

eral occasions when the wind is strong.

Imagine if a tourist was injured or killed by one of these stalls as they fly across the street in the heavy wind we receive during the winter months?

It is very unfair that these Woodes Rogers stalls are allowed to remain permanently erected and manned almost every day, discouraging people from making their way to the legitimate straw market and affecting many business people downtown who pay their rent and salaries!

CONCERNED  
BUSINESS OWNER  
Nassau,  
November, 2010.

## Eat your heart out FBI!

EDITOR, The Tribune

Re: CBS 48 HOURS prepares to air 'Barefoot Bandit' drama tonight. — November 13, 2010.

Astonishingly, it only took our RBPF a mere seven days to capture the wily runaway boy after he crash landed at Abaco — even though he doubtlessly blended in very well with all the other 6'5", blue-eyed, 175lbs, barefoot American teenagers residing in the Sandy Point bush at the time.

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KEN W KNOWLES, MD  
Nassau,  
November 14, 2010.

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managed, or badly managed, in fact informed people, informed international organisations, informed financial institutions will say the Bahamas economy is being managed very well indeed by ourselves."

"The fact that the economy of the Bahamas is not growing at the pace that we would like it to grow as a result of the recession, the worldwide recession, has nothing to do with management," Mr Ingraham said.

He pointed out that Vopac and StatOil in Grand Bahama are investing millions into that island.

"The Government itself is undertaking significant capital works in Grand Bahama building a new Government building, expanding the hospital, the College of the Bahamas, the hotel Pelican Bay has just opened its new conference Centre, etc. So it is not as bad as you make it out to be," Mr Ingraham said.



HUBERT INGRAHAM

# BAHA MAR CONSTRUCTION COULD START IN JANUARY

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Mr Sands said: "The first earth movements and site works will commence in early January following the Christmas/New Year holidays.

The six individual companies will be formally notified in December.

These include the Commercial Village contracts comprised of four buildings and four separate Bahamian contractors and the new West Bay Street and C7 connector which will be built by a joint venture of two

Bahamian contractors."

The Baha Mar labour resolution was passed unanimously before the House of Assembly (36 voting for, with four absent), which allows for 8,150 foreign workers, but no more than 5,000 at one time to be employed on the Baha Mar Cable Beach project.

Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham said \$400 million in construction work on the Baha Mar project will go to Bahamian contractors, marking what he called the largest sum ever awarded to Bahamians on a project in the Bahamas.



ROBERT SANDS



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# GETTING A GRIP ON CRIME: Electronic bracelets strategy



Felipe Major/Tribune staff

CHECKING VIOLENT CRIME: The electronic monitoring bracelets.

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vide an alternative to imprisonment for persons who have committed minor offences, and monitor inmates performing community services and/or involved in work release programmes.

Other objectives of the programme include reducing the inmate population and the backlog of accused awaiting trial and to provide opportunities for inmates to be resocialised and reintegrated into society.

Superintendent of Prisons, Dr Elliston Rahming, said the new electronic monitoring system also will be a deterrent "providing a tremendous disincentive to a trusted inmate

who might otherwise allow the devil to fool him into walking or running away."

Under the Agreement, ICS will provide 24/7 monitoring services, specialised equipment and training. The project will be based in New Providence, following which the system is expected to be launched in Grand Bahama and the Family Islands.

Dr Rahming added: "Since its inception at Harvard University in the 1960s, electronic monitoring has gradually become a form of community incarceration and Her Majesty's Prison fully endorses the introduction of electronic monitoring as a means of controlling and supervising offenders in the community."



CRIME FIGHTERS: Pictured (left to right): Minister of National Security Tommy Turnquest, Police Commissioner Ellison Greenslade, and Superintendent of Prisons Dr. Elliston Rahming.



A DEAL: Minister of National Security Tommy Turnquest and Mr. John Hastings, President and Chief Operating Officer of SecureAlert.

# Kerzner 'ticked off' by Perry Christie statement on Baha Mar

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tiate. "The PLP government gave Baha Mar a deal over and above what they signed in the contract. So on the same day that they signed the contract they issued what was called side letters offering Baha Mar more.

"We tried to pull those things back. We are now doing an analysis to see the extent to which we have been successful, we think we

have been somewhat successful in ensuring that there is equity and balances between the two."

Also a guest on yesterday's show, FNM Chairman Carl Bethel said Government will not be intimidated by Kerzner International's threat of thousands of job losses.

"We are concerned, but we are not intimidated," said Mr Bethel, who spoke ahead of the Prime Minister. He said the Government will work to ensure the two major resorts complement rather than compete with each other.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

# Cholera protests ebb in Haiti but anger remains



FURY: Demonstrators set up a barricade during a protest in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010.



BURNING ANGER: Demonstrators run past burning tires during a protest in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010. Following days of rioting in northern Haiti over suspicions that U.N. soldiers introduced a cholera epidemic that has killed more than 1,000 people, protesters in Haiti's capital clashed with police Thursday lashing out at U.N. peacekeepers and the government, blocking roads and attacking foreigners' vehicles.



EPIDEMIC: Children, suffering from cholera symptoms, rest at a hospital in Cap-Haitien, Haiti, Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010. Anti-U.N. violence spread some cities of Haiti as protesters blocked roads and attacked foreigners' cars over suspicions that peacekeepers introduced a cholera epidemic that has killed more than 1,100 people.



PROTESTING: A demonstrator shouts as he carries a sign reading in Creole "Minusta and Cholera are twins" during a protest in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010.

**JONATHAN M. KATZ,**  
Associated Press  
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti

Protests over the cholera epidemic faded Friday but young men burned tires and threw rocks at police near government buildings amid surging anger over a disease that has killed more than 1,100 people so far, according to Associated Press.

Frustrations simmered as the medical aid group Doctors Without Borders issued a statement that "despite the huge presence of international organizations in Haiti, the cholera response has to date been inadequate in meeting the needs of the population."

The aid group, which has been one of the primary responders to the epidemic, said that other international organizations have failed to provide enough safe water or soap, build enough latrines and waste disposal sites, or remove dead bodies. It also criticized groups for not reassuring people that the disease is treatable.

Cholera had never before been confirmed in Haiti, and fears spurred by the arrival of the disease have led to attacks on treatment facilities and riots against U.N. peacekeepers who many suspect of having brought the disease to Haiti.

Friday's small-scale protest in the capital, Port-au-Prince, was far more muted than in previous days, when protesters clashed with U.N. peacekeepers, leaving three dead in Cap-Haitien, Haiti's second-largest city. On Thursday, demonstrators attacked foreigners' cars in Port-au-Prince.

Cholera cases appeared to be surging in the streets of Cap-Haitien, where medical aid has been all but shut off through days of violent anti-U.N. protests. An Associated Press cameraman saw corpses lying on the streets Friday.

One man dragged a body on a makeshift trolley, while others carried coffins.

The area has the highest fatality rate in the country, with 7.5 percent of people who are hospitalized succumbing to the infection.

U.N. humanitarian agen-

cies renewed an appeal to stop the demonstrations Friday, saying that lives are being lost because they can not reach people who need care. The upheaval over the cholera outbreak that has killed comes just days before national elections planned for Nov. 28. U.N. officials argue that the violence is being encouraged by forces that want to disrupt the ballot, and some demonstrators Thursday threw rocks at an office of President Rene Preval's Unity party and tore down campaign posters.

## Suspicious

But the anger is fueled by suspicions that a contingent of Nepalese soldiers brought cholera with them to Haiti and spread the disease from their rural base into the Artibonite River system, where the initial outbreak was centered last month. It is a suspicion shared by some prominent global health experts. Cholera had not been recorded before in Haiti despite rampant bad sanitation and poor access to drinking water, problems that cause outbreaks of the disease in other parts of the world.

Cholera is endemic to Nepal and there was an upsurge there before the Nepalese troops came to Haiti.

The disease had spread to Haiti's national prison in Port-au-Prince, International Red Cross spokesman Marcal Izard said Friday in Geneva.

Izard said 30 inmates have been infected with the diarrheal disease and 10 have died in the past four days. The prison holds 2,000 inmates, or about a quarter of Haiti's total prison population. The disease is spread by contaminated fecal matter. Health experts say it can be easily treated with rehydration or prevented outright by ensuring good sanitation and getting people to drink only purified water.

But after years of instability, and despite decades of development projects, many Haitians have little access to clean water, toilets or health care.

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NOTICE is hereby given that **SARAHJEEN JAMEAU of EXUMA STREET, P.O. BOX N-949, 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 **13<sup>th</sup> day of November 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 CLE/qui/788  
Common Law and Equity Division

**IN THE MATTER** of The Quieting Titles  
Act, 1959

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of **ALL THAT** piece parcel or tract of land comprising Six Hundred (600) acres originally granted to Henry Johnson (Grant B-98 in the Department of Lands & Surveys) situate on Moores Island off the Island of Abaco in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas but now found by recent survey to comprise Eight Hundred and Eighteen and Four Hundred and Twenty-four Thousandths (818.424) acres

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of the Petition of  
Christopher Brown

(as Attorney by Power of Attorney for  
Frederica Ann Brown as Personal  
Representative of The Estate of  
Dr. Harcourt W. Brown)

**NOTICE**

**THE Petition of Christopher Brown**( as Attorney by Power of Attorney for Frederica Ann Brown as Personal Representative of The Estate of Dr. Harcourt W. Brown) in respect of:-

**ALL THAT PIECE** parcel or tract of land containing by admeasurements Eight Hundred and Eighteen and Four Hundred and Twenty Four Thousandths (818.424) acres being the original crown grant to Henry Johnson recorded in book B page 98 situate in the central part of the Island of Moores Island in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas; and bounded on the **NORTH EAST** by Black Wood Pond and running thereon 3,597ft on the **EAST** by mangroves ( Crown Land) and running thereon 7,966ft more or less on the **SOUTH** by vacant land originally granted to Benjamin Kemp and running thereon 4,273.55ft on the **WEST** partly by vacant land; partly by the settlements of Mangrove Creek and The Bight; partly by vacant land being a portion of the land originally granted to Richard and John Saunders now claimed by the McBride family and partly by Moores' Island Airport and collectively running thereon 9,668.69ft. The boundaries of which are more particularly shown on Plan number 1783 AB.

Christopher W. Brown claims to be the owner of the unincumbered fee simple estate in possession of the said land and has made application to the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas under Section Three (3) of the Quieting Titles Act 1959 to have his title to the said land investigated and the nature and extent thereof determined and declared in a Certificate of Title to be granted by the Court in accordance with the provisions of the said Act. Copies of the Petition and Plan of the said land may be inspected during normal office hours in the following places:

The Registry of the Supreme Court, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Ansbacher Building, East Street North, in the City of Nassau, Bahamas; The Chambers of Arnold A. Forbes & Co., Bay and Fredrick Streets North, Nassau, Bahamas; and The office of the Administrator at Sandy Point, Abaco.

NOTICE is hereby given that any person having dower or right to dower or an Adverse Claim or a claim not recognized in the Petition shall on or before the expiration of Thirty (30) days after the final publication of these presents, file in the Supreme Court and serve on the Petitioner or the undersigned a Statement of his claim in the prescribed form verified by an affidavit to be filed therewith. Failure of any such person to file and serve a Statement of his Claim on or before the expiration of Thirty (30) days after the final publication of these presents shall operate as bar to such claims.

**ARNOLD A. FORBES & CO.**  
Chambers  
Bay & Frederick Streets North  
Nassau, Bahamas  
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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

# NATO agrees to turn Afghanistan security control over by 2014

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Associated Press  
**LISBON, Portugal**

NATO will start drawing down its troops in Afghanistan next July and its combat role in the war-torn nation will end by 2014 or earlier so security can be turned over to the Afghans, a top alliance official said Friday, according to Associated Press.

"We think that goal is realistic, and we have made plans to achieve it, but of course if circumstances agree, it could be sooner, absolutely," said Mark Sedwill, NATO's top civilian representative in Afghanistan.

Sedwill said the troop withdrawal starting next year will be "shallow" and eventually accelerate but did not elaborate.

The escalating war in Afghanistan, where the alliance is struggling to contain Taliban militants, looked set to dominate a two-day NATO summit opening Friday in Lisbon.

NATO spokesman James Appathurai also said the alliance's 28 leaders, including President Barack Obama, were poised to approve the withdrawal plan. He said NATO is "quite confident of the end of 2014 timeline for handing responsibility to Afghan security forces" as requested by Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

Appathurai and Sedwill did not say how many NATO troops would stay in Afghanistan after 2014 serving as military advisers and trainers or in a support role.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, who arrived in Lisbon ahead of Obama, met for an hour Friday with Karzai, a State Department official said.



(AP Photo/Andre Kosters, Pool)

**SHAKE ON IT:** U.S. President Barack Obama, left, shakes hands with unidentified officials as he steps off the plane for a NATO summit in Lisbon on Friday, Nov. 19, 2010. U.S. President Barack Obama and the leaders of NATO's 27 other member nations will open a two-day summit Friday aimed at finding ways to keep the Cold War alliance relevant in the 21st century with revamped roles including ballistic missile defense, anti-piracy patrols, and counterterrorism.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss a private meeting, said the session at Karzai's hotel was "candid and friendly" and covered key aspects of the NATO mission in Afghanistan — including the planned transition to Afghan security control, as well as international civilian assistance to Kabul.

They reached a "common understanding" on outlines of a longer-term Afghan-NATO partnership, the official said.

NATO officials say they expect unanimous support from

the allies for Obama's plans for a new, expanded missile defense system in Europe that would be based on an existing shield meant to defend military units from attack. The U.S. already has a missile defense system based mainly in North America, and it is planning one for its European allies.

But Obama will face tough questions from U.S. allies on his exit strategy in Afghanistan. He will also meet with leaders of the European Union on Saturday to defend his preference for stimulus spending at a time

when many European nations are enacting economic austerity measures.

The NATO leaders are expected on Saturday to endorse the plan by Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. and NATO commander in Afghanistan, to start handing over responsibility for security in some areas of Afghanistan to government forces next year.

Obama told El Pais, Spain's leading newspaper, he expected the allies will pledge additional trainers for Afghan security forces.

"This effort is going to take time and our commitment to Afghanistan and the Afghan people is for the long-term," Obama said. "We cannot turn our backs on the Afghan people."

Clinton defended the high cost that European nations are paying for their participation in the war in Afghanistan, and urged them to stay the course despite dire economic difficulties for many countries that have translated into wage cuts, lost jobs and massive government budget reductions.

"Though we are very supportive of the difficult decisions that will have to be made concerning the economy, just as back home President Obama is making difficult decisions concerning our own economy, we believe that the mission we are pursuing in Afghanistan must continue," Clinton told reporters.

The alliance has 140,000 troops in Afghanistan, two-thirds of them Americans. The government's security forces are being built up to just over 300,000 members. Their Taliban opponents are estimated to number up to 30,000 men.

Allied commanders have highlighted their successes this year against Taliban insurgents in Helmand and Kandahar provinces, to emphasize that transition is ready.

But allied casualties have also reached record levels of some 650 dead this year, and the Taliban have spread out into other parts of Afghanistan.

In most provinces, the transition to Afghan-led security is expected to take 18-24 months, said a senior NATO official who spoke on condition of anonymity because plans had not been officially announced. Although, the official said, NATO and Afghan forces have regained the initiative from the rebels, the situation still could turn around.

The official also said that NATO was aware it was "working against the clock" because Afghans are more opposed now to a foreign troop presence than they were earlier in the nine-year war.

On other issues, NATO's newly expanded anti-missile shield would cost euro200 million (\$273 million) over the next 10 years, according to NATO chief Anders Fogh Rasmussen, who also wants Russia to cooperate in the project. Despite claims by protesters that debt-plagued Europe can't afford it amid austerity cuts, alliance officials insisted the project is worth it.

"We think it's a good thing to have a missile defense system which is NATO-based," Britain's Defense Secretary Liam Fox told BBC Radio 4's Today program. "That provides us with communal protection over the years ahead, it's cost-effective for us, and there are some 30 countries now which either have or are developing ballistic missiles."

NATO's leaders will not explicitly identify any potential enemy, although in the past officials have publicly singled out Iran and its ballistic missile program. But alliance member Turkey, which maintains close ties with Tehran, refused to let NATO name Iran as a threat.

"We cannot accept that any specific country (including) our neighbor Iran to be shown as a target," Turkish President Abdullah Gul said. "It is absolutely out of the question."

Founded in 1949 to counter the threat of a Soviet invasion, the 28-member alliance is in the midst of a mid-life crisis as it searches for relevance almost 20 years after the collapse of its communist rival.

Other elements of NATO's new mission statement expected to be adopted Friday include new roles such as cyber-warfare and missions outside NATO's traditional area in Europe, such as anti-piracy patrols off the Somali coastline.

## Nurse Association of the Bahamas



Willamae Stuart



Rose Marie Josey



Peggy Cooper

The executives and members of the  
Nurses Association extends  
congratulations to our nurses for  
achieving the following position on the  
Caribbean Nurses' Organization (CNO)  
Mrs. Willamae Stuart our Nursing Advisor,  
PHA to Treasurer of CNO Mrs. Rosemarie  
Josey, out going President to position of  
Assistant Secretary of CNO and Ms.  
Peggy Cooper member of NACB  
re-elected Regional One Director.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

# Search delayed for 29 miners in New Zealand

RAY LILLEY,  
Associated Press  
WELLINGTON, New Zealand

Rescue crews waited impatiently Saturday outside one of New Zealand's largest coal mines for the go-ahead to begin a search for 29 men missing after a powerful gas explosion struck deep underground, according to Associated Press.

Two dazed and slightly injured miners stumbled to the surface hours after the blast shot up the 354-foot- (108-meter-) long ventilation shaft at the Pike River mine. Video from the scene showed blackened trees and light smoke billowing from the top of the rugged mountain where the mine is located, near Atarau on New Zealand's South Island.

A company official had earlier said that five men had come out of the mine, based on information provided by the two men who had surfaced. By Saturday morning, however, officials had seen no sign of the other three men.

By daybreak, no communication had been received from any of the missing workers, the company said, and rescuers were unable to enter the mine because of the risk of a buildup of explosive methane gas.

"There could be another explosion," said mine safety expert David Feickert, who noted that officials don't what caused the original ignition, and rescuers will enter the mine only when it is safe.

Peter Whittall, Pike River Coal Ltd.'s chief executive, said officials would have enough analysis in six to eight hours to decide whether a rescue team can go underground, adding that the missing miners would have to deal with such hazards as air pollution, high levels of methane and carbon dioxide, and low levels of oxygen.

Each miner carried 30 minutes of oxygen, enough to reach oxygen stores in the mine that would allow them to survive for "several days," said Pike River chairman John Dow.

"This is a search and rescue operation, and we are going to bring these guys home," police superintendent Gary Knowles told reporters.

Unlike the accident in Chile, where 33 men were rescued from a gold and copper mine



(AP Photo/New Zealand Herald, Stewart Nimmo)  
**AERIAL VIEW:** The Pike River Coal mine near Atarau, the site of an underground explosion, Friday, Nov. 19, 2010, while about 30 people were underground. Five workers, dazed and slightly injured, stumbled to the surface, while more than two dozen are missing.

last month after being trapped a half-mile (one kilometer) underground for 69 days, officials did not have to worry about the presence of methane gas, Feickert said.

He added, however, that the Pike River mine has two exits, while the mine in Chile had only one access shaft that was

blocked. It could be days before it was safe enough for specialist teams to enter the mine, said Tony Kokshoorn, mayor of nearby Greymouth.

Electricity went out shortly before Friday's explosion and that failure may have caused ventilation problems and contributed to a buildup of gas.

## NOTICE

**IN THE ESTATE of DOROTHY LOUISE MOSS**  
late of the Western District of the Island of New Providence, one of the Islands of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claim or demand against the above Estate are required to send their names, addresses and particulars of the same certified in writing to the undersigned on or before the 9th day December A. D., 2010, and if required, prove such debts or claims, or in default be excluded from any distribution; after the above date the assets will be distributed having regard only to the proved debts or claims of which the Executors shall have had Notice.

And Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the said Estate are requested to make full settlement on or before the aforementioned date.

**MICHAEL A. DEAN & CO.,**  
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Denise Johnson



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LOCAL NEWS

# HONOURING THE FINEST EDUCATORS IN THE BAHAMAS

## National Teachers AWARDS

**I**T was a night to honour the efforts of the nation's finest educators as this year's recipients of the Sir Gerald Cash National Distinguished Teachers Awards were recognised at a special ceremony at Government House last week.

*The Tribune* along with Fidelity Bank Bahamas Ltd (FBBL) and Cable Bahamas were proud sponsors of the programme which awarded the distinction to ten teachers representing pre-schools, primary schools, junior high and high schools as well as special needs and all-age schools throughout the country. The teachers were chosen because they have gone beyond the call of duty in their professional and community involvement. Deputy to Governor General Sir William Allen hosted the awards ceremony on November 12.

(BIS photos by Raymond A Bethel)



**SEATED FROM LEFT ARE:** Denise Barnes Director Human Resources FBBL; Minister of Education the Hon. Desmond Bannister; HE Sir William; Gregory Bethel, President Fidelity Bank Bahamas Ltd. (FBBL); and Alfred Stuart, Executive Vice President FBBL. Standing from left are David Mindorff; Josette Green-Thompson; Carolyn Wright-Mitchelle; Lynn Gibson; Gaynell Funes-Padilla; Ramona Wells; Joan Knowles-Turnquest; Alexya Young; and Lanora Brown.



**EDUCATION MINISTER** Desmond Bannister; Deputy to the Governor General Sir William, and Josette Green-Thompson, all-age school category winner of Moore's Island All Age School, Abaco.



**EDUCATION MINISTER** Desmond Bannister; Deputy to the Governor General Sir William, and Pre-School category winner Alexya Young of Willard Patton Primary School.



**EDUCATION MINISTER** Desmond Bannister; Deputy to the Governor General Sir William, and junior high school category winner Lynn Gibson of Garvin Tynes Primary School.



**EDUCATION MINISTER** Desmond Bannister; Deputy to the Governor General Sir William, and Senior High School category winner Ramona Wells of Lyford Cay High School.



**EDUCATION MINISTER** Desmond Bannister; Sir William; and Junior High School Category winner Demetra Rolle of Anatol Rodgers High School is Ms. Major, Principal.



**EDUCATION MINISTER** Desmond Bannister; Sir William; and Senior High School Category winner David Mindorff of Lyford Cay High School..



**EDUCATION MINISTER** Desmond Bannister; Sir William; and receiving on behalf of Senior High School Category winner Demetra Rolle of Anatol Rodgers High School is Ms. Major, Principal.



**EDUCATION MINISTER** Desmond Bannister; Deputy to the Governor General Sir William, and primary school category winner Joan Knowles-Turnquest of Oakes Field Primary School.



**EDUCATION MINISTER** Desmond Bannister; Deputy to the Governor General Sir William, and primary school category winner Gaynell Funes-Padilla-Burrows of Palmdale Primary School.



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**'Shine On' wins Leg 1 of Wahoo Challenge**

Leg 2 of tourney set for January

WEIGHING up their best four fish, 'Shine On' out of Key Biscayne, Florida, won the first leg of the Bahamas Wahoo Challenge at the Bimini Big Game Club in Alice Town, Bimini.

Big Game Club officials say the first leg marked the "return of a legendary sport-fishing outpost" to tournament fishing.

According to tournament director Tony Albello, Leg 1 of the event attracted a number of competitive teams. "Each tournament is an individual competition, but also adds points to the overall series. Teams can compete in one or all three legs."

"'Shine On' came in with 116.15 pounds and Airborne in with 115.30 pounds, followed by Hit That with 42.2 pounds. The difference between first and second places was less than a pound," he said.

"There were some great fish to be caught and to be fishing from one of the sport's legendary big game fishing resorts made for a highly memorable experience," said a team member.

Leg 2 of the tournament is set for Port Lucaya on January 12-16 and the third leg is scheduled for March 3-6.

# Stars in the making



**WHERE'S THE POOL?** — For the third consecutive year, Bahamas Swimming Federation (BSF) coaches have been teaching primary school students how to swim. Students from various government schools are taught by 10 instructors over a two and-a-half hour period.

## 'Just some food for thought'

By BRENT STUBBS

IT'S not an election year, so members of the Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations (BAAA) and the Bahamas Baseball Federation (BBF) are all set to converge at their annual general meeting to discuss the way forward within their organisations.

The BAAA is scheduled to meet 9:30am in the VIP Room at Thomas A Robinson Track and Field Stadium and the BBF in the conference room on the ground floor of the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture.

Both organisations will have some pressing matters to deal with which should make the dialogue between the executives and the membership quite an interesting one.

Not privy to what will be discussed, I would think that both sporting bodies will come up with some solutions to the issues that have surfaced over the last year.

For example, with the new national stadium being built by the Chinese Government slated to come on stream some time next year, will the BAAA look at the possibility of hosting an IAAF Area Permit Meeting where we can attract some of the top stars to compete on a yearly basis?

We certainly need to have a bona fide track and field meet to show the rest of the world our ability to put on a major international meet like we did in the past with the Carifta Games and the Central American and Caribbean (CAC) Championships.

As for the local front, are we going to ensure that there won't be another clash of track and field meets between the BAAA National Open Track and Field Championships and the Grand Bahama Schools Sports Association's championships?

For the first time in a long time, the nationals ran into a snag with the Grand Bahama based schools skipping the trip here for the nationals because the dates conflicted with the time they hosted their meet.

We need to see all of the schools come out and compete to ensure that the event is truly a national one.

One other point I would like to suggest to the BAAA for consideration:

We've talked about the fact that not all of the schools are in the same league as

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others because of their size. Why not look at implementing a separate division one and two championships where the schools, based on their size, can compete on an equal plane. Just some food for thought.

As for the BBF, while we continue to applaud Freedom Farm for an historic feat in winning the Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Little League World Series, why not look at a national team to join Freedom Farm to compete in the event.

Obviously, the federation still doesn't have the ability to be able to take a national team to compete in the more prestigious events because the Bahamas Baseball Association still holds the international sanctions.

But there's nothing wrong with seeing a national team, truly representative of all of its affiliated member associations, competing in the Little League World Series. If Freedom Farm can win the title, imagine what the national team can do in representing the Bahamas.

Additionally, I hope the federation can have some discussion on the future of the sport as it pertains to the senior

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league.

We've seen so many of our young, budding stars leave the Bahamas to complete their high school careers in the United States.

Byron 'BJ' Ferguson was so impressive at Trinity Christian Academy that he has been invited to participate in the 2011 Under Armour Pre-Season All-American Tournament in Tucson, Arizona.

The accolades have been flowing in for the Ferguson family and his father, former sprinter Byron Ferguson Sr, who has been a long-time coach at the Junior Baseball League of Nassau (JBLN) at the St Andrew's Field of Dreams.

While I commend Ferguson and his family for joining other players who have left our high school system for a greater chance of acquiring athletic scholarships to colleges and universities abroad, and eventually inking their names on professional contracts, we need to see the game continue past the junior level.

There's a strong base, particularly here in New Providence with Freedom Farm and the JBLN. But what happens to those many players who can't afford to go off to high school or secure athletic scholarships to college when they graduate?

We need to look at the possibility of extending the programme so that the sport can continue to grow in the future for those players who wish to continue to play the game beyond the junior level. Just thought that the federation can give this some consideration in today's discussions.

## Executives, officials hold 'bragging rights'

THE Baptist Sports Council (BSC) concluded its 2010 Rev Dr Anthony Carroll All-Star Classic Thursday night at the Banker's Field with the executives and officials holding onto bragging rights over the managers and coaches.

Managed by treasurer Olympia Evans, the executives routed the managers, managed by Cara Knowles, 24-4 as the combo of Stephen 'Bishop' Beneby, Gay Knowles and Ken Wood got the job done on the mound.

Wood was joined by Cleo Symonette, Jonique Webb, Rev Dr Anthony Carroll, Brent Stubbs, Robin Shepherd and Jason Saunders on the offensive end, while Rev Harrison Thompson, Sherman Ferguson, Saunders and Stubbs came through with some clutch defensive plays.

Vernon Bowles suffered the loss and Cadwell Taylor Sr and Jr, Stephen Beneby Jr and Kelly Smith all scored a run for the managers.

- And in the men's game, the vice president's team, managed by Cara Knowles, prevailed with an 18-8 decision over the president's team. Cadwell Taylor Jr and Eugene Pratt both scored four times and Ken Wood Jr and Sherman Ferguson both came home twice. Wood was the winning pitcher. Wayne Bain was tagged with the loss.

- Brian Rolle was 2-for-2 with two RBI and a run scored, Bain and Vernon Bowles both were 2-for-2 as well with a run scored and Bain added a RBI, while Robin Shepherd scored a pair of runs in a losing effort.

The BSC completed the first two All-Star games on Tuesday night at the same venue with the president's teams winning both the 19-and-under and co-ed games over the vice president's team.

- In the 19-and-under game, the president's routed the vice president's team 23-3 as Temple Fellowship's Angelo Butler and Devon Francis both were 4-for-5, scoring four and two runs respectively. Butler also drove in three runs.

Transfiguration's Miguel Hanna cracked a solo home run and his team-mate Charlie Gaitor Jr singled and St John's Rickea Coakley walked and they both scored a run for the vice presidents.

Macedonia's Michael Ferguson got the win on the mound and Orlando Gordon suffered the loss.

- In the co-ed game, Golden Gates led the attack as Candice Smith had a perfect 4-for-4 night, just missing hitting the circle with a pair of singles, a double and an in-the-park home run. Ramon Johnson and Culbert 'Buster' Evans both had a home run in the win.

The latter two players also combined for the win on the mound over St Paul's Harold 'Banker' Fritzgerald for the vice president team.

St Paul's Debbie McClure and Dwayna Pratt had a triple and single respectively, while Transfiguration's Corey Burrows doubled and all three scored the only runs for the vice president's team in a losing effort.

The BSC is scheduled to play its final weekend of regular season action with a series of games on tap, starting 9am Saturday with Calvary Deliverance taking on Golden Gates at the Baillou Hills Sporting Complex.