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Two dead after latest shootings

Another fights for his life

By **SANCHESKA BROWN**

TWO shooting incidents, one in Grand Bahama and one in New Providence have left two men dead and another fighting for his life in hospital.

The first shooting, according to police, happened around 10pm in Garden Villas, Freeport.

Police say one man was shot in the head and the second was shot in the stomach at Weddell Avenue.

Asst Supt Loretta Mackey said when officers arrived at Weddell Avenue, near East Atlantic Drive, they discovered a man suffering from an apparent gunshot injury to the head.

The victim was taken to Rand Memorial Hospital, where he later died.

The second victim, who was shot in the stomach, had already been taken to the hospital for medical assis-

tance and was not at the scene when police arrived.

The identities of the victims had not been released up to press time on Friday.

This shooting death is classified as the island's seventh homicide for the year. No arrests have been made and investigations are continuing into the matter.

ASP Mackey said police do not know the motive for the shooting and are appealing to anyone with information that can assist detectives to call **350-3107/8, 352-9774/5** or **911**.

There have been several shooting incidents at Garden Villas this year, despite a police walkabout in the area last month.

So far, four persons have died in separate shootings at Garden Villas, including 42-year Patrick Lewis and 31-year-old Kiano Javier Martinborough in March,

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MOST CALLS TO NATIONAL HOTLINE CONCERN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

By **SANCHESKA BROWN**

DOMESTIC Violence accounts for the majority of calls to the National hotline, followed closely by attempted suicides.

According to Minister of Social Services Loretta Butler Turner, more people call into the hotline seeking advice regarding domestic matters despite the fact that the hotline was originally created for suicide prevention.

"Sometimes people are under siege in their own homes, this hotline connects individuals who need assistance to the various avenues for help and so it's not just a matter of people being depressed or suicidal. If there is a cry for help this is the hotline number that you need to call. We are really in the business of preventing future crimes, homicides and suicides within our community."

Despite not having actual statistics, Mrs Butler Turner said she believes suicides have gone down since the hotline



MINISTER OF SOCIAL SERVICES
Loretta Butler Turner

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LAWYER ACCUSED OF STEALING BY REASON OF SERVICE



CHARGED: Ralph Jan Ward is shown leaving court yesterday.
Felipé Major/Tribune staff

By **LAMECH JOHNSON**

A **LAWYER** was arraigned before a Magistrate's Court yesterday on charges of stealing by reason of service and fraudulent breach of trust.

Ralph Jan Ward appeared before Magistrate Guillimina Archer in Court 10, Nassau Street. He is accused of stealing property worth \$61,750 on September 6, 2010 which he had access to through his services.

He is also accused of misusing the funds entrusted to him on behalf of his client.

Ward was not allowed to enter a plea to the charges during his arraignment. Prosecutors intend to proceed with a Voluntary Bill of Indictment in this case, bypassing a preliminary inquiry.

His former bail was revoked and a new bond of \$20,000 with one surety was issued.

The case was adjourned to October 3 when the Voluntary Bill of Indictment is expected to be presented.

Earlier this week, Ward pleaded guilty to similar charges in a separate case.

MASS SICK-OUT AT GAMING BOARD

By **CELESTE NIXON**
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THE Gaming Board was virtually deserted after a labour dispute led to a mass sick-out yesterday.

In response to a breakdown in negotiations for an industrial agreement Gaming Board employees were absent from work Friday. This could be just the beginning of industrial action yet to come, said the union president.

According to President of the Bahamas Public Service Union John Pinder 95 per cent of the 118 Gaming Board employees were involved in the industrial action carried out yesterday to protest the failed negotiations.

"Employees are frustrated, stressed out and not fit to work," said Mr Pinder.

For months the union has attempted to have the last component to the new industrial agreement, which deals with salaries, approved and signed by the government, Mr Pinder said.

He added that the gaming board has been without an industrial agreement since 2009 and while the majority of the contract has been agreed to three proposals regarding employees' salaries have been rejected.

Minister responsible for the Gaming Board, Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace, said yesterday that the apparent industrial action was in response to the government's decision not to approve the board's salary proposals which were part of

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CONCERNS SPEEDY REINSTATEMENT ONLY GIVEN TO A 'SELECT FEW' POLICE OFFICERS

By **DENISE MAYCOCK**
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FREEPORT - Although some police officers have been reinstated within weeks of being exonerated before the courts, many others are still not back at work in the Royal Bahamas Police Force.

There is concern that consideration for speedy reinstatement is only being given to a select few who may have close ties or relations to prominent persons in the community, an officer complained.

Within two weeks of being discharged in a sexual crime case involving two minors, the police son of an MP was reinstated as an officer in Freeport.

An officer in New Providence who also was accused of having sexual intercourse with his daughter was also reinstated upon being discharged of the offences in the court.

And, a third officer charged with killing in the course of dangerous and

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LOCAL NEWS

"My vexation yuk up because I can't see how some people trying to make excuses for the illegal shanty town dwellers. It ain't matter if you was paying rent, it ain't matter if you was Bahamian or Haitian, whether you had a dog or not, if the landlord was a big-shot or if your ma was the queen of Sheba living there. "Fact is, you is be trespassing on your neighbours' property which in the Holy Christian Bible of the Bahamas and the world is quite clear."

WHY YOU VEX?

door in at night." - Sick of devils in Christ-ian clothing

"I vex that my neighbour rims and tyres get tief right off her car in front of her house while the whole street was sleeping. Maybe it's time our judicial system took a page out of the book from some Islamic countries and cut off these tiefs hands. See if they could steal rims with they mout."

"I am vex that despite the authorities' stand and public stated moratorium on no drilling for oil in the Bahamas, we have yet again seeing oil exploration articles on billions of gallons of oil potential from apparent ongoing oil explorations in the Bahamas."

"I vex 'cause I can't wait for this road works to done fix up. . . So yinna please do your endeavour best to hurry fix them roads. Thank you."

"I done vex (and somewhat proud) when I hear the authorities acted with such incredible lighting speed to take applications for the sale of some 250 lots, measuring 50 by 100 ft for some \$17,000

each, since the fire burn down the illegal shanty town a short while go because that is quicker than it still is taking to fix the not working traffic lights."

"I am vex that the land space of New Providence must have shrunk by several square miles

because of the removal of land for the waterways and inland canal systems throughout and more so dumbfounded that some of the remaining land is being grossly undersold at some \$3.50 per sq ft. Any more beach front property available?"

"I am vex because t'ings worsening when cantaloupes been selling in the foodstore for say 'round \$1.50 before the stamp tax removed from imported fruit, and the next week after, the same cantaloupes - 'cause it looking much older - selling for double the previous price."

"I am vex because I have to soon deal with the horrible winter weather in Buffalo, NY and not enjoy the great sunny nation that is the Bahamas."

"I is happy that the 'gubment' at least is be moving."

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PET OF THE WEEK: ABNER THE HOUSE PIG



By LAMECH JOHNSON

HE'S not the same piglet he was only four months ago. Abner, *The Tribune's* pet of the week and the only pig residing at the Bahamas Humane Society, has flourished under the care of employee Nidia Grant.

She said: "I had him from March this year when he was just a piglet, he was very small. He used to live with me and I had him inside the house. But in May when I went on vacation, I brought him here to the Humane Society. My mom told me that he was too big to live in the house so I had to turn him over to the society."

But this separation did not change the fact that Abner is Nidia's favourite animal in the whole world.

"I still take care of him like he is my pig. I feed him and play with him whenever I get the chance," she said.

Abner certainly has grown since March, and Nidia explained how this came to pass.

"I gave him a special formula made from combining real milk and pig mash. He didn't like it when I was trying to feed it to him in a bottle so I used a container and he liked it better, if the mess on his face was any indication.

"In April he just ate the pig mash and that's how he got his size. I remember when I used to carry him on my shoulders. Now he would probably break my back. He's a nice pig though," she said.

Abner is expected to be adopted and taken to a Family Island farm to live.

He has found a new home, but there are dozens of dogs, cats and other pets at the Humane Society waiting for the right family to come along.

US MARINE CORPS DETACHMENT, LOCAL CLUB HOST FUN-DAY FOR CHILDREN'S HOME



SUNSHINE PILOT CLUB MEMBERS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT - Projects co-ordinator Jacqueline Evans, Brain Minders co-ordinator Sophie Cason, fundraising co-ordinator Dellareese Edgecombe and membership co-ordinator Carolyn Deleveaux.

THE US Embassy's Marine Corps Detachment, embassy staff and the Sunshine Pilot Club of Nassau treated the residents of the Bilney Lane Children's Home to an afternoon of fun, games and treats at the Marine Corps compound.

A spokesperson said the initiative was part of the embassy's ongoing commitment to empowering at-risk youth throughout the country and helping them reach their full potential.

Volunteers from the Sunshine Pilot Club opened the fun day with a "Be Safe, Play

Safe" presentation, encouraging the children to wear safety helmets when riding bicycles and floatation devices when going swimming.

After the safety demonstration, the 30 children set off for the pool, bouncy castle, basketball court and craft table for an afternoon of fun and relaxation.

The Fun Day was the latest in a series of community outreach activities spearheaded by the Marine Corps Detachment.

Last spring the Marines partnered with the embassy's

Foreign Service National Employees Association and Urban Riders to host a retreat for residents of the Willie Mae Pratt Centre for Girls.

The Marines also donated toys to local children as part of the Toys for Tots programme, delivered household goods to AIDS patients, and participated in the annual Special Olympics Torch Run.

The US Embassy thanked co-sponsor Bahamas Food Services for helping to make the day a success for all and for their support throughout the year.

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TOURISM director general David Johnson is pictured with employees from the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation who successfully completed the Spanish for the Tourism Workplace course.



PAUL MOSS

POLITICAL ACTIVIST FIREARM CASE TRANSFERRED FOR REASSIGNMENT

By LAMECH JOHNSON

THE FIREARM trial of political activist Paul Moss was referred to the chief magistrate for reassignment yesterday morning.

In what was expected to be a hearing for a gun and ammunition charge against Moss, Magistrate Joyann Ferguson-Pratt made the decision to have the case directed to Chief Magistrate Roger Gomez due to her past interaction with the defendant, who is also a well-known lawyer.

Referencing the 2008 Australian case of Kirby vs Central Property Limited, Ms Ferguson-Pratt said it was best that she not handle the matter so as to avoid any appearance of bias in the case.

Reassignment

"Accordingly, I direct that this matter is forwarded to the chief magistrate for reassignment," the magistrate told the court.

It is alleged that Moss was found in possession of an unlicensed shotgun on Monday, June 13, without being the holder of a firearms certificate at the time.

He was also allegedly found in possession of eight shotgun shells.

When he was arraigned before Magistrate Ferguson-Pratt in the gun court a day later, Moss pleaded not guilty to the charges.

He remains on bail and has to report to the Wulff Road Police Station every Saturday before 6pm.

TOURISM CHIEF SPEAKS TO COB GRADUATES

LATIN AMERICA 'COULD BECOME BAHAMAS SECOND LARGEST TOURISM CONTRIBUTOR'

LATIN America has the capacity to become the Bahamas's second largest contributor of tourism arrivals surpassed only by the United States, according to director general of tourism David Johnson.

Mr Johnson was speaking to the graduates of the College of the Bahamas's first Spanish for the Tourism Workplace class – the existence of which, he said, is an acknowledgment of the fact that there are "substantial business opportunities" for the Bahamas in emerging Latin American markets.

"We are determined to make the most of those opportunities," Mr Johnson said. "No doubt, there are those who still may not see the possibilities that are now before us. However, let me assure you that the potential gains are quite substantial."

The College partnered with the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation and the Bahamas Hotel Association to launch the course.

It was created to compliment the Bahamas' pursuit of additional Latin American visitors and the start of regularly scheduled flights to Nassau from

Panama City by Copa Airlines.

As COB graduated more than 150 students from the first class, Mr Johnson pointed out that the introduction of the course showed that Bahamians are committed to advancing tourism and growing new markets.

Central and South America presently is the Bahamas' fourth largest source of visitors. However, Mr Johnson pointed out that many more tourists can come from the region.

Economy

Mr Johnson said Panama is the fastest growing country in Latin America, with an economy that grew by eight per cent a year between 2005 and 2010.

In addition, TheEconomist.com on July 14 highlighted Panama's open economy, calling it the Singapore of Central America.

"The International Monetary Fund predicts that Panama's economy will grow at least another six per cent per year over the next five years, and it is on course to overtake Costa Rica and

Venezuela in per capita GDP," he said.

"When we add the fact that Panama is one of the five richest countries in mainland Latin America, we have close to an ideal market for our tourism destinations. Now, we have a major player in the airline industry of the Americas linking us with this very lucrative market."

Mr Johnson said language has always been one of the barriers to growth in visitors from Spanish-speaking countries.

The Bahamas has removed challenges in airlift by attracting Copa and it is now removing the language barrier by training Bahamians to interact effectively with guests, he said.

Stuart Bowe, president of the Bahamas Hotel Association, said there is tremendous untapped potential for tourism from Latin American countries.

"Just under two per cent of our current visitors come from Latin America as opposed to just under 90 per cent that come from the United States and Canada," Mr Bowe said. "Yet, the population of Latin America,

which is about 500 million, is as large as that of the US and Canada. In fact, it will soon surpass it.

"Next to Southeast Asia, India and China, it is the fastest growing middle class and wealth class in the world. In the past 10 years, 56 million people have joined the ranks of the middle class in Latin America and, like the United States, it is practically next door to us."

Dr Panadora Johnson, COB's vice president in charge of outreach, thanked the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation and the Bahamas Hotel Association for partnering with COB to present the course.

"I want to thank the Ministry of Tourism for acknowledging and recognising that the College of the Bahamas' role is to provide training in response to the needs of society," Dr Johnson said.

Ministry of Tourism employees, airline workers, hotel employees and other tourism workers participated in the Spanish for the Tourism Workplace course.

LOCAL GOVT PROJECT 'CREATING ENVIRONMENT FOR ASPIRING POLITICIANS'

THE government says it is working to strengthen Bahamian democracy by creating an environment for aspiring politicians through the Local Government Junior Council Pilot Project.

During a ceremony honouring participants of the project at Government House on July 21, Minister of State for Lands and Local Government Byran Woodside said, "The idea for the Local Government Junior Council was born out of two instances during my first visits to various Local Government town committees and councils in 2008.

"First, it was apparent that there was a need for capacity building in the pool of persons offering them-

selves for election.

"Since the inception of the elected form of Local Government in 1996, the same persons were generally offering themselves for office with very few new candidates getting involved at the community level," Mr Woodside said.

"However Local Government, as a component of democracy within the Bahamas, is viewed as too important for unplanned growth.

"In our Family Islands, it assists with the economic development, improves the quality of life of our citizens and encourages residents' in the decision-making at the community level."

Governor General Sir Arthur Foulkes and Joan Lady Foulkes hosted the ceremony for the honourees of the project, which aims to equip future leaders with proven methods of establishing self-efficacy.

Special recognition was extended to Inspector James Moss for his dedication to helping

youths who show promise and an interest in the future of local politics.

Throughout his career in law enforcement, Inspector Moss has worked with the community and undertaken many public service projects, many of which involved mentoring young people.

Mr Woodside explained that the work of Inspector Moss in the Berry Islands was one of the reasons why the government established the Local Government Junior Council.

"He, along with Principal Ramsey, encouraged the Berry Island council to become fully engaged in activities to assist the development of the young people in that district," he said.

"The synergy I witnessed on my first trip to that district compelled me to review and modify their efforts so that it could be tested for possible national implementation, hence, the birth of the Local Government Junior Council Pilot Project."

Minister Woodside also recognised Family Island Administrator Gary Knowles, Tavarrie Smith and Sheereza Gibson for their dedication and enthusiasm from the inception

of the project.

He also noted that LaShanta Fowler helped to ensure the success of the project, which has been expanded through the Ministry of Education in six schools.

Family Island Administrators in the district councils of Abaco, North Andros, Berry Island, Grand Bahama, and San Salvador depend on parental support to encourage student involvement.

They achieved the main goal of the project, which was "to build a strong cadre of young people with local government experience.

"I am advised that the impact of the Local Government Junior Council on the lives of the participants, their fellow students and communities is immeasurable," said Mr Woodside.

"In one district, the prefects, head boy, and head girl for 2011/2012 school year are all Local Government Junior Councilors. While the civics component of the project may have been over-ambitious, parents, siblings and communities have learnt a great deal about the Bahamas and what it means



BYRAN WOODSIDE Minister of State for Lands and Local Government gives remarks at a ceremony-honouring participants of the Local Government Junior Council Pilot Project at Government House.

DEATH NOTICE

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Age 66

of Grosverno's Court, Paradise Island. He Died at his residence on July 12, 2011.

to be Bahamian," he said.

Central government will use the recommendations in the various reports, made by students and co-ordinators, to inform the way forward, as the project is expanded in 2011 / 2012. They will develop this local government intervention to improve and enhance a government by the people of the Bahamas.

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2012 election fuels warfare over US debt

WASHINGTON — American politicians are fighting ideological trench warfare over raising the U.S. debt ceiling, gambling that their opponents eventually will retreat in the face of a catastrophic and unprecedented American default on its debt.

Raising the debt ceiling, which would give the Treasury Department permission to borrow more money, has been approved by Congress as a matter of course through recent history, as the United States has routinely spent more money than it takes in taxes and fees.

What has changed this time?

"Last year's election is the answer to that question," said James Riddleberger, chairman of the political science department at Texas Christian University.

The Republican party retook control of the House of Representatives last November with a wave of 87 new members backed by the low-tax, small-government tea party wing of the party.

Also, that freshman class and many Republican holdovers have signed a pledge to their constituents that they will not vote to raise taxes for any reason.

There's the rub.

President Barack Obama agrees with conservative Republicans that there must be deep cuts in government spending to curb the growing American deficit and debt. He disagrees, however, on how and what to cut and, most fundamentally, on their refusal to allow any increase in taxes, particularly for the wealthiest Americans.

So far, through a long and tortured negotiating process, neither Republicans nor Democrats have exposed a formula for compromise that is essential to preventing a U.S. default. The Treasury hits on August 2 the current \$14.3 trillion cap on U.S. borrowing.

Credit rating organizations are threatening to downgrade U.S. debt if the ceiling is not raised, and Obama and most economists predict that interest rates would spike on mortgages, consumer loans and credit cards. The government would be faced with the choice of paying its bond holders or issuing cheques to tens of millions of Americans who rely on Social Security pension payments from Washington.

It is widely feared that a default would push the U.S. economy back into recession or worse and set off chaos in the global economy.

Most Americans appear to be in favour of a middle ground, and that puzzles Natalie Davis, professor of political science at Birmingham-Southern College.

"The disconnect between refusing to raise tax revenues period, and what we're seeing in the polling is very hard to explain," she said.

For example, a CNN/ORC International poll released Thursday found that 64 per cent favoured solving the U.S. debt problem through a combination of spending cuts and tax increases on higher-income Americans and some businesses. That is broadly the Obama and Democratic position.

So how can the conservative Republicans stand firm?

"Our historic American pragmatism for solving problems has given way to staying in power," said Davis.

While national opinion polls show a big majority of Americans do not agree with the 87 new House Republicans on raising taxes, those members don't care. They represent just 20 per cent of 435 total House districts. What counts for them is what the people who elected them will do when they go back into the polling booth in 2012. Members of the House stand for re-election every two years.

"The public wants their side to win, and the members of Congress are in a real bind. Come the election their constituents who put them in office to cut spending and block new taxes will ask: 'Did you do your job?' That's now defined as did you win on those issues," said Jack Holmes, professor of political science at Hope College.

Jim Broussard, professor of history at Lebanon Valley College, thinks the brinkmanship on both sides is all about the 2012 election.

"If I were Obama, I'd drag this out right to the deadline knowing in the end I would make a deal the Republicans would accept. And it's the same for the other side," he said.

He predicted a final solution would surface that raises the debt ceiling by an amount that would last through the 2012 election. In return there would be significant spending cuts and revocation of tax loopholes that benefit the wealthy and big business.

That is about where the two sides were weeks ago, and it is a compromise that would play well with moderate and independent voters. It also would not do too much damage with the political base of either Obama or tea party Republicans in Congress.

The explanation: "We could not let the country default."

House Speaker John Boehner, a Republican, already was headed in that direction on Thursday.

"At the end of the day," he said, "we have a responsibility to act."

(By Steven R. Hurst, AP international political writer).

Why are Exumians so opposed to Hubert Ingraham and the FNM?

EDITOR, The Tribune.

WOULD you kindly print this letter in your prestigious newspaper. Thank you. I was astonished to learn that Exumians had elected nine loyal PLP supporters in the June 23rd Local Government elections.

According to a popular PLP Internet daily, the FNM Local Government incumbents were all booted out of office.

This is yet another indication that the political pendulum is swinging in the favour of the PLP, according to the daily.

There may be some truth to this story; however there are several things that continues to befuddle me about the political situation in Exuma. The Member of Parliament for Exuma is Mr Anthony Moss. Mr Moss has come under considerable fire from PLP supporters in his constituency. His two harshest critics are former Exuma MP George Smith and one Mr Danny Strachan.

Both George Smith and Danny Strachan have repeatedly voiced their opposition to Anthony Moss receiving a nomination from the Candidate's Committee of the PLP to run in the 2012 general election. There are some political observers who have noted that Mr Smith appears to be very interested in representing the constituents of Exuma. This might be the real reason why he has been so vociferous in his opposition to Mr Moss. According to an article that was published by The Tribune on the 28th of June, Mr Smith stated that he could not in "good conscience inflict such incompetence on the people of Exuma by supporting Mr Moss."

Mr Smith has also taken Mr Moss to task for virtually neglecting his constituents over the last nine years as their representative. According to Mr Smith,

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Anthony Moss has not been a good Member of Parliament. These same sentiments were also echoed by Mr Danny Strachan.

According to a June 22nd article that was published by The Tribune, many loyal PLP supporters in Exuma are attempting to replace Mr Moss with Danny Strachan as the PLP's standard bearer for that constituency. It has been reported that Mr Strachan has been canvassing the island in an effort to garner support in a bid to replace the PLP incumbent.

The leadership arm of the PLP, however, has issued a strong rebuke to Mr Smith; and has noted that some 46 PLP party generals are backing Mr Moss. I have yet to hear from Mr Moss on this matter. Perhaps the MP is not the type who likes getting into political arguments.

The question, however, that I would like to ask is this: If Anthony Moss has neglected Exuma since being elected in May of 2002, why then did the PLP voters supported him again in 2007? Further, in light of his alleged poor representation of Exumians, how is it that nine dyed in the wool PLP supporters were elected to the city council this past June? I have heard PLP supporters bragging that the Local Government election results are a clear sign that the Bahamian electorate are fed up with the Ingraham administration, and that they are prepared to support the PLP come election day.

It is unfortunate that the whole Local Government process has been politicised by both major political parties. The ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle (384 - 322 B.C.) said that man by nature is a political animal. The same thing can be said of most Bahamians. We have politicized almost everything in this country. Judging from the Local Government election results in Exuma, it does appear that Exumians are still prepared to support whoever runs under the PLP banner in the next general election, and that includes the PLP incumbent, Anthony Moss.

Anthony Moss defeated the FNM incumbent Elliot Lockhart in the 2002 general election. I was astonished when I learned that the FNM had lost that seat. If there was one seat that I thought that the FNM would've held on to in 2002, I thought it would have been Exuma. Anthony Moss received 959 votes in 2002. Eight hundred and fifty-three constituents voted for Elliot Lockhart. Over 92 per cent of the Exumian electorate voted in that election.

In the 2007 election, Mr Moss received 1,344 votes. The FNM challenger Joshua Sears received 1,279 votes. Nearly 94 per cent of those who were registered voted.

Mr Moss only won in the last election by some 65 votes. He won in 2002 by 106 votes. His margin of victory in 2007 had narrowed by 41 votes. The FNM really thought that they would've taken back that seat in 2007. There were reports back then that the constituents of Exuma were very dissatisfied with Mr Moss' performance. Yet they still went ahead and re-elected him to serve another term.

It looks like Exumians are so opposed to Prime Minister Ingraham and his FNM party that they are willing to vote for a MP who, according to several prominent PLPs, has virtually neglected them over the last nine years.

Let us bear in mind that it was the Ingraham administration that brought the Emerald Bay resort to Exuma.

When that resort closed its doors in May of 2009, the Ingraham administration worked feverishly to get it sold. The resort was sold to the owner of Sandals Resorts International Ltd, Gordan Butch Stewart, in August of 2009. The resort was reopened in January of 2010. I wish I could say the same thing for the Royal Oasis Resort in Freeport Grand Bahama. The Royal Oasis Resort has been closed now for almost seven years. Thanks to PM Hubert Ingraham and the FNM, the economy of Exuma has grown by leaps and bounds in recent years. While Exuma's economy continues to experience phenomenal growth, Grand Bahama's economy continues to deteriorate. Many Grand Bahamians have even moved to Exuma in search of employment at the Sandals resort.

I read on the Tourism today website that American Eagle has replaced its daily turboprop flights to Exuma with jet service. I think it is now safe to say that the airport in George Town, Exuma is doing way better than the airport in Grand Bahama. The Ingraham administration has bent over backwards to make Exuma what it is today. Yet, despite all that the FNM has done for Exuma, the constituents of that island have rejected the party's candidates in the last two elections. And if the Local Government election results are an indication of the mood of the country; then Exumians are set once again to reject whoever the FNM runs in the upcoming election.

It seems as if no matter what the FNM does for Exuma, the people there will continue to reject the party.

The constituents of Exuma are an enigma to the FNM.

KEVIN EVANS

Freeport,
Grand Bahama,
July 11, 2011.

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FOX HILL MP ADDRESSES PARTY CONCLAVE

MITCHELL: PLP PLANS TO HOLD EASTERN SEATS, WIN BACK LOSSES

By PAUL G TURNQUEST
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PLP Fox Hill MP Fred Mitchell said the party intends to hold all their seats in the eastern part of New Providence and win back those lost in the last general election.

Addressing the PLP's eastern region conclave on Prince Charles last night, Mr Mitchell said:

"This evening we are on the cusp of a general election campaign. There is much work to do."

"This exercise is for us to get to know one another, to sing from the same hymn sheet, to exchange views and to get together over the summer and compare notes. It is safe to say that in this region, everyone is in the field."

"We plan to hold the seats that we now have in the eastern region and to win back those that we lost in the last general election. Fox Hill has suffered over the last five years because the government shifted the resources of the country out of the social intervention programmes that we left in place when we were in office and into who knows what," said the Fox Hill MP.

The PLP's regional conclave is a three day event which began on Thursday, and ends this evening with a "youth night" that is set to be anchored by PLP leader Perry Christie.

PLP MPs and candidates for constituencies in the eastern district have all turned out in support of the event, which has been touted as a "mini PLP convention".

With crime, the fear of crime, and unemployment at a high rate in his constituency, Mr Mitchell said Fox Hill has experienced "stagnant growth" over the past few years.



"Fox Hill has suffered over the last five years because the government shifted the resources of the country out of the social intervention programmes that we left in place when we were in office and into who knows what."

Fox Hill MP Fred Mitchell

"There are two Fox Hills: the inner core and traditional village, and the bulk of the constituency, which is largely middle class. But nearly everyone is hurting in some way, and everyone has serious concerns about their families and their country. As I have said before, I am here to serve. I do not judge those whom I serve."

"I must deal with people of all stripes, as I find them, and serve their needs without prejudice or discrimination. It is easy for me to

do this. It is part of my innermost being. My view is that political work is personal. People matter, their stories matter, their hopes and dreams and fears and concerns matter. If you're going to represent people well, you must give all the energy and time you can to knowing them," he said.

Recalling how he had been asked to succeed the area's previous representative, George Mackey, Mr Mitchell said that he was charged to protect the cultural integrity of

the Fox Hill village. This task, he said, is his top priority.

"The Fox Hill community is undergoing great stresses and strains. That is why so much of my political energy is spent seeking to protect the Fox Hill Festival, a proud tradition central to the integrity of Fox Hill and its identity."

"Also central to the identity of Fox Hill is the Sandilands Primary School – which has been a school since 1845, and is the place where the young Fox Hillian first gets a sense of self and an awareness of the community."

"For years, researchers have been telling us that early learning is critical, and that's why I support a pre-school at the Sandilands Primary School. Improving education at all levels is key, that's why I embrace the idea of the PLP doubling the investment in education over the next five years. I support expanded technical and vocational education at the junior and high school levels. I believe that there ought to be special academic programmes for the intellectually gifted as well."

"Much of the social degradation and impotence and frustration that we see can be laid at the feet of the inadequacies of our education system. I can't think of a better investment than making sure our children and young people get the education they need to thrive in the 21st century."

"We have to focus on how we will create jobs in the future, and how jobs can be created right now, too, because as is all too clear, there are too many people out of work in the Bahamas – and that's true in Fox Hill, too. We have to put the country back to work," he said.

HAITI TO REBUILD HOMES WITH INTERNATIONAL FUNDS
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti
Associated Press

THE MANAGER of an international reconstruction fund says Haiti will use most of the money to rebuild neighborhoods battered in last year's devastating earthquake. Josef Leitmann of the Haiti Reconstruction Fund says the new strategy will help move out some of the 634,000 people who live in settlement camps that sprung up following the January 2010 earthquake. He said Friday that people also will receive loans to help repair homes so authorities won't have to worry about securing land in the crowded capital of Port-au-Prince. The World Bank-run group said it has allocated \$237 million to pay for 14 reconstruction projects. The amount represents 71 percent of the \$335 million given by donors.

REGULATORS SHUT 2 BANKS IN FLORIDA, 1 IN COLORADO
WASHINGTON
Associated Press

Regulators have shut down two small banks in Florida and one in Colorado, bringing to 58 the number of U.S. bank failures this year. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. on Friday seized Southshore Community Bank in Apollo Beach, Fla., LandMark Bank of Florida in Sarasota, Fla., and Bank of Choice in Greeley, Colo. Southshore Community Bank had about \$46.3 million in assets and \$45.3 million in deposits. LandMark Bank had about \$275 million in assets and \$246.7 million in deposits. Bank of Choice had roughly \$1.07 billion in assets and \$924.9 million in deposits.

Southshore Community Bank had two branches, LandMark Bank of Florida had six, and Bank of Choice had 17.

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ABOVE: Carmen Massoni, centre, founder of Bahama Islands Realty, presents proceeds from the recent Turnberry at Charlottesville open house. Accepting the donations are: Stephen Turnquest, executive director, Bahamas Humane Society; and Dr Michelle Major, clinical director and school psychologist of the Seahorse Institute. The event raised more than \$8,000.



LEFT: Elbert Cooper wins an original oil painting by Anthony 'Big Mo' Morley during the first ever Turnberry Street of Wonders. Carmen Massoni, founder of Bahama Islands Realty and host of the event that drew hundreds, presents the painting donated by one of the Bahamas' top artists.

TURNBERRY STREET OF WONDERS BENEFITS HUMANE SOCIETY, SEAHORSE INSTITUTE

AFTER hosting Turnberry's Street of Wonders, an event that showcased the talent and skill of local artisans during an open house at Charlottesville, organisers Bahama Islands Realty made contributions to the Seahorse Institute and the Bahamas Humane Society.

The brainchild of Bahama Island Realty founder Carmen Massoni, the event garnered interest

from more than 20 artists and vendors eager to give a part of their sales to the two organizations.

"We at Bahama Islands Realty thought it very important to use our influence to make a meaningful contribution to the Seahorse Institute and the Bahamas Humane Society," said Ms Massoni.

"Bahama Islands Realty understands that although non-profit groups receive

funding from the government, those funds only go so far and for many, the support they receive from the private sector keeps the processing afloat."

Attendees at the event also got the chance to win a number prizes including an original Anthony 'Big Mo' Morley oil painting, a 42-inch plasma high definition TV donated by a resident of the family-oriented community, and a cell phone.

Tribune Trivia

Yesterday's Question

How many people have presented with symptoms of dengue fever in the past week?

Yesterday's Answer

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A letter of discontent to the Bahamas Electricity Corporation

By **ADRIAN GIBSON**
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YOUNG MAN'S VIEW

ADRIAN GIBSON

AS we celebrate our country's 38th independence anniversary, the country's main electricity supplier—the Bahamas Electricity Corporation—continues to fail in its provision of consistent, economical electrical supply to its long-suffering customers. Today, as one such customer who has endured BEC's atrocious performance thus far—particularly since the summer began—I wish to write a personal letter of discontent to them.

here!

BEC, there are times when I think that 'BEC' stands for "Buy Extra Candles" as the constant, prolonged failures leave me sitting in the dark, scrambling and feeling around in search of candles or a flashlight or simply using the light from my cell phone. Of late, I've even had to purchase a battery-operated lamp!

Should I also purchase a camping head torch? Perhaps, that will be better than leaving candles burning around my house right? Really, I ask because no one knows when you—with all of your past, unfulfilled promises of efficient, consistent service and dependable generators—will ever get your act together!

Light

Quite honestly, due to your numerous electricity cuts, it seems that I am spending ever more time in my car, which is at least cool (air condition), and has music and light. I should never have to think like this in an independent, developing nation!

I resent BEC's inconvenience and how, as a company, you're making the Bahamas appear more and more like an archipelagic, trifling little banana republic stuck in the age of colonialism.

Truthfully, what irks me about BEC's electricity cuts is their utter randomness. As a company, it appears that you have a total disregard for us—the people! I, like most Bahamians, would under-

stand an unavoidable power shortage due to a natural disaster or an accident, but the marathon power failures, several times per day and every day at that, is discomfiting and annoying. Your haemorrhaging and maintenance issues is making this summer virtually unbearable.

Why are the lights off for the slightest streaks of lightning and thunder?

Why were energy efficient light-bulbs handed out prior to the summer if there isn't going to be any electricity anyway?

BEC's frequent power cuts and electrical surges have damaged many of its customers' appliances thus far, leaving those without corporation connections with the off-putting alternative of a drawn-out, tedious reimbursement process. Now honestly BEC, if my desktop computer crashes in one of your power cuts or any of the expensive appliances/contents of my house is blown, I won't be interested in any excuses nor the constant turnaround that many citizens have been subjected to. I intend to exercise my right to compensation in a court of law—if it comes to that.

BEC, it is high-time that privatization is embraced, particularly as it is clear that the company can no longer provide the kind of generation capacity that is required in this highly technological society that demands readily available energy. No doubt, privatization could also foster enhanced, efficient management and cost-effective service. As it stands we—Bahamians—continue to shell out more and more monies on bloated electrical bills,



'THERE are times when I think that 'BEC' stands for "Buy Extra Candles".'

while enduring substandard service.

Darkness

To be quite candid, the tourist industry cannot survive if the country is in a perpetual state of darkness, while lame excuses about load shedding and poorly serviced generators are promulgated.

And so, BEC, releasing press statements and talking about alternative energy strategies is mere hot air. Environmentally-conscious Bahamians are wondering when the talk of biofuels and green energy will evolve into more than pie-in-the-sky pipe dreams! When will citizens be granted permission to use solar panels and/or to explore alternative energy sources?

Regards,
ADRIAN GIBSON

TWO DEAD AFTER LATEST SHOOTINGS

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and Sony Anopolis, 29, in May.

In July, a 20-year-old man was critically injured in a shooting at Weddell Avenue. He is still detained in hospital.

The second homicide occurred shortly after midnight in Nassau. According to police, they received an anonymous call from a woman saying she heard gun shots and a man was lying in the road.

When police arrived on the scene they found a man, dressed in a red shirt, with grey shorts and slippers, lying in the street.

According to police, the victim, who was identified as 21-year-old Harry Knowles, was standing on Key West Street when he was approached by a man with dreadlocks.

The "rasta type man" allegedly pulled out a gun and shot Knowles twice, once in the chest and once in his left hip. He died on the scene.

Police have no motive for the crime and investigations into the matter continue.

These latest murders bring the country's murder count to 79.

Meanwhile police are still looking for the two men responsible for the early morning killing of 29-year-old Deslin Nicholls.

Nicholls was gunned down Thursday morning, in a car outside his family's home on Balfour Avenue.

Police are also continuing investigations into the murder of Kaynisha McBride, a 24-year-old mother of two.

McBride was shot to death while sitting in a car in Royal Bahamia Estates on June 18. Her death was classified as the island's fifth homicide.

No one has been arrested in these matters and police are appealing to members of the public with information concerning these murders to assist them with their investigations.

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LOCAL NEWS

Concerns speedy reinstatement only given to a 'select few' police officers

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reckless driving has since returned to work at Police Headquarters in Nassau.

However, more than 10 officers who were interdicted have not been called back to work even though they, too, have been discharged and exonerated before the court.

Attempts were made to contact Police Commissioner Ellison Greenslade for comments however, our call was not returned up to press time.

Some officers have been waiting from six months to over a year and even longer for word regarding their reinstatement and salary compensation, it was claimed.

An officer who spoke on the condition of anonymity said: "It is unfair to have these officers waiting and holding on so long when others have been reinstated in a short period of time."

"Is there favouritism towards certain officers because of who their parents and family members are?"

"The Commissioner needs to be fair and transparent and deal with these officers in a timely fashion; they want to continue their careers in the police force and they want to be compensated because they too have families and financial obligations."

According to the Police Act, Part 7, Section 63 (1) "any officer who is charged with an offence punishable under Sections 58 and 59 of this Act or with an offence against police discipline enumerated in the regulations made under this Act, may be suspended or interdicted by the Commissioner for the exercise of his duties as a member of the Force until the charge has been finally

disposed of, but shall nevertheless remain subject to discipline of the Force."

Section 63 (2) states that: "Any police officer who has been interdicted under the provisions of Subsection (1) shall, during the period of interdiction, receive one-half of his salary together with the full amount of any other allowances, and other emoluments to which he may be entitled. If the proceedings do not result in any conviction or punishment against any such member of the Force, he shall be entitled to receive the full amount of his salary which he would have received if he had not been interdicted. If any conviction or punishment is ordered or awarded, such member of the Force shall not be entitled to any part of his salary stopped under this Subsection."

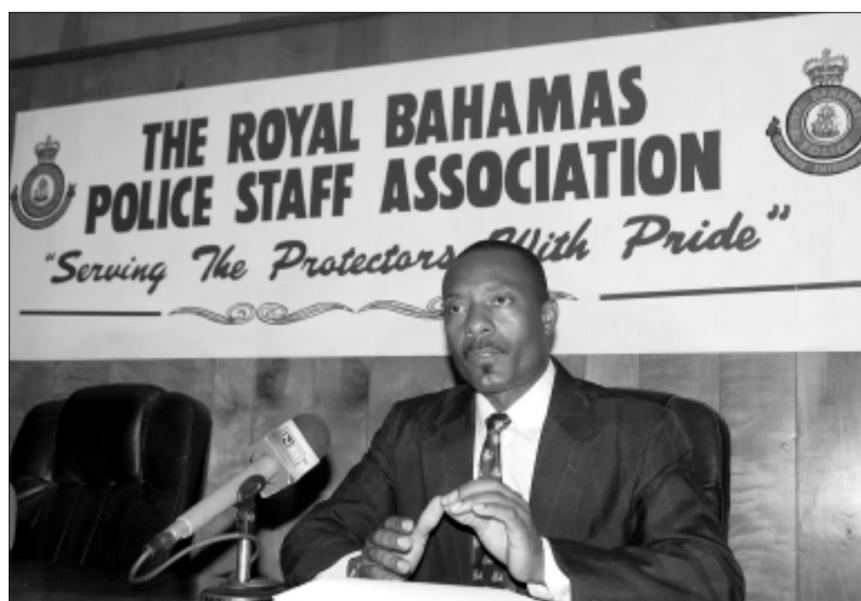
Sergeant Dwight Smith, President of the Police Staff Association, weighed in on the issue that is affecting so many officers on the Force.

While he is aware of the dilemma facing those officers, Sgt Smith said there is nothing legally that the association can do.

More than seven officers in New Providence have sought assistance from the association concerning the matter of their reinstatement, he said.

"Now that we see this is a problem affecting many officers, what we are trying to do is to reform our constitution to deal with such matters," he said.

"We are trying to create a constitution that will be able to do certain things because the Association Act came into existence by the government at that particular time, along with some other persons who had an interest in the association, and so there were a lot of things that did not go the way we



PRESIDENT of the Police Staff Association Dwight Smith speaks to members of the media at a press conference yesterday. **Tim Clarke/Tribune staff**

thought that it should go, and we are now trying to look at it to cause that wrong to be made right," he said.

Mr Smith explained that if a matter is dismissed it does not mean that the officer has been discharged because the charges can be brought back again against the officer.

He noted that officers who have been discharged of an offence brought against them should be reinstated.

"They should not be lingering out there...because that person's way of life has to continue on."

"I think the uncertainty is what is causing frustration and a lot of undue stress and so certainly, if a matter is dealt with before the court then the employer ought to look at findings and make a quick decision so the person would return to some normal life."

"That is my personal view; you can't keep people in limbo."

"There are a lot of officers out there who have been in limbo for many years. It is unfair to them and it is unfair to the people of this country and to the organization."

"You cannot have somebody in your structure as an

employee and they are not working."

"If they are on half pay then it means that we are paying people who are not even working, not by any choice of their own, but because of the system."

"I think there needs to be clarity as to how long a person should be reinstated," Mr Smith said.

STEAK-OUT TODAY AT ST MARTIN MONASTERY

A STEAK-OUT will be held in the convent grounds of St Martin Monastery on Nassau Street from noon to 6pm today.

The function is being held to raise funds for the monastery's renovation fund.

PM TO RETURN TO NASSAU NEXT WEEK

PRIME Minister Huber Ingraham departed New Providence Thursday for the United States, from where he will accompany his wife for their return to Nassau next week. The Prime Minister and Mrs. Ingraham return to Nassau on Wednesday, July 27.



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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CALLS TO NATIONAL HOTLINE

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was established last December.

"Since this has come into being we have not heard publicly about any suicides, so I know this has been effective. I think one of the major concerns is, we want to be preventative. We have not compiled the data so we cannot actually tell you the exact numbers, but consistency it has been effective and we know it is working because we constantly have to make referrals to professional bodies."

Mavis Darling Hill, deputy director, department of Social Services is encouraging individuals having trouble or feeling overwhelmed to call into the National Hotline.

Twenty trained and dedicated counsellors are available 24 hours a day to help persons

with any problems they are facing, and those individuals needing more counselling are referred to the Community Counselling and Assessment Centre.

The joint initiative between the Government and Grant Thornton Bahamas was launched in December by Minister of Labour and Social Development Senator Dion Foulkes. Currently the hotline has seven major sponsors, the ministry hopes that number will rise to 20 by the end of the year.

When the hotline was launched, Mr Foulkes said the initiative was established in response to an increase in suicides and attempted suicides in The Bahamas over the past few years.

Hotline numbers are 322-2763 and 422-2763.

MASS SICK-OUT AT THE GAMING BOARD

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the industrial agreement negotiations.

Mr Vanderpool-Wallace said the government communicated yesterday that Gaming Board employees would receive the same annual increments allocated for public service workers, which was announced in the 2011-2012 budget communication by Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham.

"Exactly the same prescription that public servants are receiving is being offered to gaming board employees," said Mr Vanderpool-Wallace.

According to Mr Vanderpool-Wallace operations at the casinos have not been effected as assistant secretaries, inspectors and senior inspectors have stepped in to fulfil the governments regulatory functions.

The Minister added that as a result of the economic climate many countries around the world have seen a reduction in salaries in the public

service sector. The Bahamas, he said, is fortunate not to be one of them with employees still receiving annual increases.

Further industrial action can be expected going forward, said Mr Pinder, until a mutual agreement can be reached.

Mr Pinder said "the government needs to revisit their decision and either match the old agreement or agree to the new proposal."

According to the Bahamas Tourism Government website the Gaming Board is responsible for "protecting the integrity of the gaming industry by keeping it free from the influences of organised crime by assuring the honesty, good character and integrity of casino operators and employees, and to ensure that gaming is conducted fairly and in accordance with the provisions of the Lotteries and Gaming Act, Chapter 387 and the Accounting and Internal Controls Regulations 1993."

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1.19	0.95	AML Foods Limited	1.18	1.18	0.00		0.155	0.080	7.6	6.78%	
10.63	9.05	Bahamas Property Fund	10.63	10.63	0.00		-0.640	0.080	-16.6	0.75%	
7.50	4.40	Bank of Bahamas	6.94	6.94	0.00		0.230	0.100	30.2	1.44%	
0.53	0.17	Benchmark	0.18	0.18	0.00		-0.048	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
2.84	2.70	Bahamas Waste	2.70	2.70	0.00		0.030	0.090	90.0	3.33%	
1.96	1.77	Fidelity Bank	1.77	1.77	0.00		0.097	0.040	18.2	2.26%	
11.93	8.44	Cable Bahamas	8.48	8.48	0.00		0.245	0.310	34.6	3.66%	
2.80	2.35	Colina Holdings	2.55	2.55	0.00		0.438	0.040	5.8	1.57%	
8.50	8.33	Commonwealth Brewery	8.40	8.40	0.00		0.740	0.000	11.4	0.00%	
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2.19	1.90	Consolidated Water BDRs	1.77	1.77	0.00		0.111	0.045	15.9	2.54%	
2.54	1.31	Doctor's Hospital	1.38	1.38	0.00		0.074	0.110	18.6	7.97%	
5.99	4.75	Farrguard	5.75	5.75	0.00		0.498	0.240	10.8	4.44%	
8.80	5.35	Finco	5.39	5.39	0.00		0.757	0.000	7.1	0.00%	
9.74	7.75	FirstCaribbean Bank	8.60	8.60	0.00		0.494	0.350	17.4	4.07%	
6.00	4.59	Fool (S)	5.75	5.75	0.00		0.435	0.160	13.2	2.78%	
1.00	1.00	Fool Class B Preference	1.00	1.00	0.00		0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
7.30	5.50	ICD Utilities	7.30	7.30	0.00		-0.122	0.240	-59.8	3.29%	
10.80	9.80	J. S. Johnson	9.82	9.82	0.00		0.880	0.640	11.2	6.52%	
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate	10.00	10.00	0.00		1.207	0.200	8.3	2.00%	
52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Last Sale	Change	Daily Vol.	Interest	Maturity			
99.46	99.46	Bahamas Note 6.95 (2029)	BAH29	99.46	0.00		6.95%	20 November 2029			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00		7%	19 October 2017			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00		7%	30 May 2013			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00		5 Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015			
52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
10.05	5.01	Bahamas Supermarkets	N/A	N/A	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%	
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	0.65	0.75	0.40		0.029	0.000	24.13	0.00%	
52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD%	Last 12 Months %	NAV 3MTH	NAV 6MTH	NAV Date			
1.5573	1.4674	CFAL Bond Fund	1.5573	2.04%	6.13%	1.535365	1.512246	30-Apr-11			
3.0185	2.9020	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	3.0185	2.41%	4.01%	2.907492	2.907492	30-Apr-11			
1.5976	1.5289	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.5976	1.50%	4.50%	1.580804	1.561030	29-Apr-11			
3.2025	2.5730	Royal Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	2.5730	-5.41%	-9.79%			31-May-11			
13.6806	13.0484	Royal Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.6806	2.42%	2.01%			31-Mar-11			
116.5808	103.9837	CFAL Global Bond Fund	116.5808	0.71%	8.38%	115.762221	114.368369	31-Mar-11			
114.1289	101.7254	CFAL Global Equity Fund	114.1289	2.39%	7.89%	111.469744	106.552835	31-Mar-11			
1.1608	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.1655	1.66%	5.19%			30-Apr-11			
1.4214	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.4264	0.71%	6.11%			30-Apr-11			
1.1620	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.1668	1.54%	5.59%			30-Apr-11			
9.9952	9.5078	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal	9.9433	0.98%	4.58%			31-May-11			
11.2173	10.0000	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal	11.1970	1.31%	11.59%			30-Jun-11			
10.4288	9.1708	Protected TIGRS, Series 2	11.1970	1.31%	11.59%			30-Jun-11			
8.4510	4.8105	Protected TIGRS, Series 3	10.1525	1.27%	8.82%			30-Apr-11			
		Royal Fidelity Int'l Fund - Equities Sub Fund	8.6507	3.01%	18.38%			30-Jun-11			
MARKET TERMS											
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52wk-HI - Highest closing price in last 52 weeks											
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Previous Close - Previous day's weighted price for daily volume											
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											
DIV \$ - Dividends per share paid in last 12 months											
P/E - Closing price divided by the last 12 month earnings											
(S) - 4-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 09/2007											
(S1) - 3-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 7/11/2007											
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Ask \$ - Selling price of Colina and Fidelity											
Last Price - Last traded over-the-counter price											
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SPORTSNOTES

**BASKETBALL
21ST CARIBBEAN
BASKETBALL CONFEDERATION
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

• The XXI (21st) Caribbean Basketball Confederation Championships are scheduled to start today at the Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium.

Competition begins at 1pm today with a Group B matchup featuring Bermuda against St Vincent and the Grenadines.

The Virgin Islanders will face Turks and Caicos at 3pm followed by Jamaica against Antigua and Barbuda at 5pm.

The opening ceremony is scheduled for 8pm, followed by the Bahamas taking the court against the Cayman Islands at 9pm.

In the preliminary round, the Bahamas will play in the feature game at 9pm each night.

**SOCCER
BETHEL TO HOST WEEK
LONG SOCCER CAMP**

• Head coach of COB's women and men's soccer teams, Vandyke Bethel will host a week long soccer camp July 25-29 at The College of The Bahamas' soccer field for children ages 7-17.

Coach Bethel and his team of instructors will have skill level groups ranging from beginners to advanced.

Emphasis will be placed on the fundamentals of the game for beginners and game strategy and technique for the advanced players.

The camp will run from 9am -1pm at a cost of \$60.00.

**TRACK AND FIELD
STUART HAS ROUGH
OUTING AT DIAMOND
LEAGUE MEETS**

• In her first meet as the new national record holder in the women's long jump, Bianca Stuart had a rough outing against a trio of the world leaders in latest event on the IAAF Diamond League series of meets.

Stuart was in competition at Herculis International d'Athletisme in Monaco, however she failed to record a successful mark in three attempts.

Also entered on the start list is the world leader in the event - Brittney Reese of the United States who set a season's and personal best mark of 7.19m.

Darya Klishina of Switzerland, ranked second in the world with a leap of 7.05m, and Janay DeLoach of the United States, third in the world with a leap of 6.97m, are also expected to be in the field.

Reese currently leads the Diamond League series with 11 points on the year with two meets left in the series.

She won the event on her final attempt, 6.82m, while Klishina was second with a leap of 6.79m

Stuart became the new Bahamian record holder last week at the Senior CAC Games when she won the first gold for the Bahamas at the meet with a leap of 6.81. She tied the CAC Championship record previously set by Elva Goulbourne of Jamaica in 2003 and surpassed the Bahamian mark of 6.80m shared by Shonel Ferguson (1982) and Jackie Edwards (1996).

Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie also competed at the meet in the 200m and finished seventh in 23.02s.

The United States swept the top three spots with Carmelita Jeter in first place with a PR of 22.20s, Allyson Felix second with a season's best time of 23.32s and Shalonda Solomon third in 22.63s.

Diamond League leader Bianca Knight was fourth in 22.71s.

Robinson, Strachan advance in Women's 100m at Pan American Jr Championships

Mackey finishes second in the Men's 100m prelims

By **RENALDO DORSETT**
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THE BAHAMAS' 35 member team at the Pan American Jr. Track & Field Championships began competition yesterday at the meet in Miramar, Florida.

In the Women's 100m dash both Bahamian athletes were able to advance.

In prelim one, V'Alonee Robinson finished third in 11.58s.

Michelle lee-Ahye of Trinidad and Tobago finished first with the fastest qualifying of the field in 11.15s, while

Jenna Prandini of the United States was second in 11.44s.

In prelim two, Anthonique Strachan finished second in 11.53s to advance.

Keilah Tyson of the United States took heat one in 11.46s while Natasha Morrison of Jamaica was third in 11.59s.

In the Men's 100m, one of the two entrants was able to make it out of the opening rounds.

Shavez Hart was the final of the eight qualifiers when he finished fourth in prelim three in 10.48s while Trevorvano Mackey finished second in prelim two in 10.51s.

Keenan Brock finished with the fastest time of 10.17s, while Marvin Bracy, both of the United States, finished in 10.28s.

In the Men's 400m, Andre Wells finished seventh in heat two of the 400m and failed to advance to the final.

The finals of each event were contested last night, however results were unavailable to press time.

The last Bahamian team sanctioned by the Bahamas Association won a total of ten medals, five Gold, two Silver, and three Bronze at the Central American and Caribbean Track and

Field Championships in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, finishing in fourth place to Jamaica, Cuba, and Trinidad and Tobago.

Just a week before that, the Bahamas World Youth Team won an amazing three Gold, and one Bronze to finish fourth.

This weekend there will be the best of the athletes from the Carifta Games competing with Track and Field's best from Canada in the north to Chile in the south.

This adds athletes from the Track and Field powerhouses like the United States, Cuba, and Brazil.



V'Alonee Robinson



Anthonique Strachan



Tim Clarke/Tribune Staff

Second annual Sprite Freestyle basketball tournament underway

By **RENALDO DORSETT**
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CARRIBEAN Bottling Company and the Royal Bahamas Police Force have joined forces once again for the second annual Sprite Freestyle basketball tournament.

The programme began July 18th and the championship game and closing ceremony are set for August 11.

In last year's event, Central Division came away with a nail-biting 62-59 win over the South-eastern Division.

"Throughout the years, Carribbean Bottling Company and Coca Cola have been proud to partner in projects like the Sprite Freestyle Challenge that make a positive difference in our communities. The Sprite Freestyle Challenge is the result of two organisations deeply rooted in the community wanting to make a real difference," said Superintendent Stephen Dean.

"The tournament has become a major success with more children wanting to join every year.

"We see this as an opportunity

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FREESTYLE: Carribbean Bottling Company and the Royal Bahamas Police Force have joined forces once again for the second annual Sprite Freestyle basketball tournament.

SPORTS

SPORTS
IN BRIEFNFL on hold;
players study deal
OK'd by ownersWASHINGTON
Associated Press

LAWYERS from both sides of the NFL's labor dispute plan to work through the weekend — although not face-to-face — to try to resolve the differences that are preventing players from voting on the owner-approved proposal to end the lockout.

After the NFL Players Association decided not to vote Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, it's now possible the group won't make any decision until next week. It all depends on how long it takes to resolve the remaining differences.

So the NFL is stuck in a holding pattern. As it is, clubs already were told not to expect players to begin arriving at facilities Saturday, when owners hoped gates would open.

"Now it's just waiting," Carolina Panthers general manager Marty Hurney said at an Atlanta hotel where team executives were briefed Friday on new rules for next season. "Be flexible, and wait and see what happens."

Owners ratified the tentative terms 31-0 — the Oakland Raiders abstained — on Thursday, provided players would give their OK, too, and re-establish their union.

But players decided later Thursday not to hold a vote, saying they hadn't had a chance to see a finished product.

By Friday, it was in hand.

"Player leadership is discussing the most recent written proposal with the NFL, which includes a settlement agreement, deal terms and the right process for addressing recertification," NFLPA president Kevin Mawae said in a statement released by the group. "There will not be any further NFLPA statements today out of respect for the Kraft family while they mourn the loss of Myra Kraft."

Commissioner Roger Goodell and NFLPA head DeMaurice Smith attended Friday's funeral in Newton, Mass., for Kraft, the wife of New England Patriots owner Bob Kraft.

Even when players decide they're OK with a final agreement, their approval process is more complicated than the owners' was. The 32 team reps will have to recommend accepting the settlement. Then the 10 named plaintiffs in the players' lawsuit against the league — including Tom Brady, Peyton Manning and Drew Brees — must officially inform the court of their approval.

Eventually, all 1,900 players would take a majority vote to approve returning the NFLPA to union status. When talks broke down in March, allowing the old collective bargaining agreement to expire, the players dissolved the union, turning the NFLPA into a trade association. That's what allowed the players to sue the owners in federal court under antitrust law.

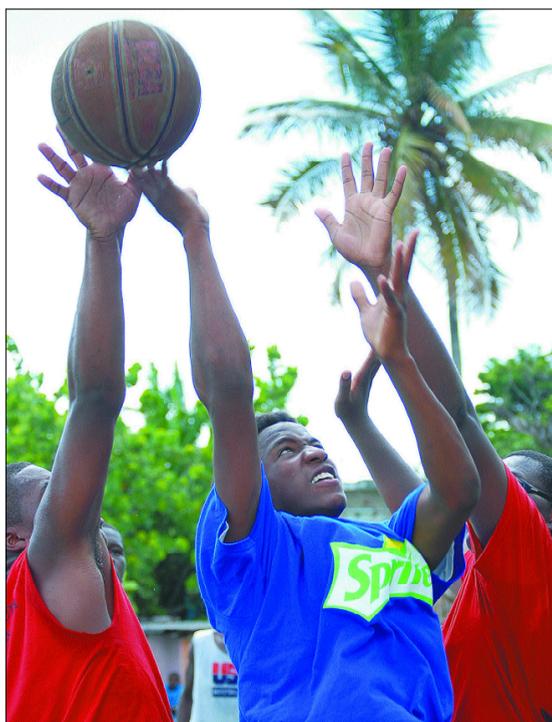
Only after the NFLPA is again a union can it negotiate certain parts of a new CBA. Among those items that are of most concern to players:

- the league's personal conduct policy;

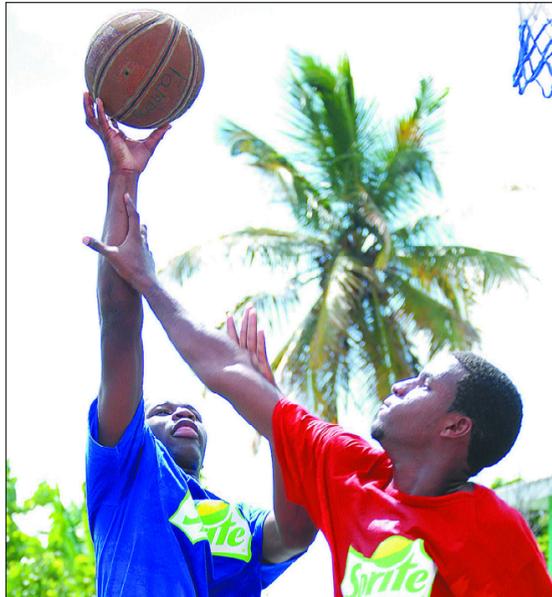
- drug testing;

- benefits, such as pension funds, the disability plan, and the "88 Plan," which provides money for care of former players with dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

The major economic framework for a 10-year deal was worked out a week ago. That included how the more than \$9 billion in annual league revenues will be divided (about 53 percent to owners and 47 percent to players over the next decade; the old CBA resulted in nearly a 50-50 split); a per-club cap of about \$120 million for salary and bonuses in 2011 — and at least that in 2012 and 2013 — plus about \$22 million benefits; a salary system to rein in spending on first-round draft picks; and unrestricted free agency for most players after four seasons.



Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

Second annual Sprite
Freestyle basketball
tournament underway

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to execute crime prevention and to help children develop relationships with police officers in their community."

Donnisha Armbrister, marketing manager at Caribbean Bottling Company, said: "Caribbean Bottling Company is once again donating everything needed to make the tournament another success this year. We do our very best at Caribbean Bottling Company to fulfill our corporate obligations in the country. We are happy the boys are enthused about something that is positive and we hope that our participation makes a positive

contribution to these communities."

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"When the RBPF came to us to plan the event, our main focus was to promote healthy, active lifestyles as well as development in our community. This year we have agreed to place banners and donate items that would make the

game a whole easier," she said.

Sergeant Anthony Rolle said the basketball is an excellent way to ensure youngsters spend their summer break in a positive way.

"This camp it is a great alternative to crime and anti-social behavior. We reaped positive results last year and are hoping it will continue to be an effective crime tool," he said.

Sgt Rolle said the police specifically targeted high crime areas, including Fox Hill, Kemp Road and Englerston.

Championship winners will receive iPods along with other prizes donated by Sprite.

Tiger throws the wrong guy overboard

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Columnist

USED to be few things in sports made you feel more foolish than second-guessing Tiger Woods. So maybe throwing longtime caddie and close pal Steve Williams overboard after a dozen years and six times that many wins around the world together will pay dividends in the long run.

The guess here, though, is maybe not. You can't be in a good place surrounded by yes men.

It's worth remembering that until Woods' SUV went pinballing down the driveway 20 months ago, he rarely put a foot down wrong in his career.

He set tongues wagging by changing coaches and twice overhauling a swing just about everybody else considered the picture of perfection — then had the last laugh by tearing off two of the most sublime championship runs golf has ever seen.

At the same time, despite one marketing "pro" after another insisting Woods' flare-ups on the course and his cold demeanor off it would limit his appeal, he built the richest and deepest portfolio of top-shelf sponsors any star

had ever assembled.

But that was then.

Now, Woods is in exile, holed up in another Florida mansion with a bad leg and one fewer friend whose counsel he can trust.

The public-relations advice he's been getting since that stunning fall from grace is no better than the lessons overseen by swing coach Sean Foley, Woods' flakiest hire yet.

Neither his image nor his golf game has improved much. So while it's hard to fault Woods for trying to change things up, dumping Williams was probably the wrong place to start. No one else in Tiger's entourage had the guts to tell him the truth, something Williams did one last time on his way out the door.

"To have witnessed some of the greatest golf ever played has been a thrill, no two ways about it," he told TV New Zealand in his first public appearance since the firing.

"It's very difficult to know if he'll ever come back. He's had a lengthy time away from the game, he's been not very competitive the last two years, with the exception of a couple

tournaments, he's battled injuries and obviously a major swing change and he hasn't played any golf of any regularity for some time. So it's a tall mountain to climb.

"But if anybody's going to do it," Williams added a moment later, "he's somebody that can."

To be fair, most of the rest of what Williams said was not nearly that gracious. He complained about his own reputation getting dragged along in the mud and then essentially wasting the past two years of his professional life waiting to see whether Woods would recapture any of his magic and at least a measure of his respect. The answer turned out to be "no" on both counts.

Yet Williams deserved a more graceful exit than the clumsy, prolonged and secretive way his boss finally doled out the pink slip.

Then again, he also made millions keeping whatever secrets he did know to himself while toting Woods' bag — nearly \$9 million, based on an estimated 10 percent of the winnings during their partnership — and it's hard to imagine either of them ever feeling that flush again.



THIS July 17, 2004, file photo shows Tiger Woods of the United States and his caddie Steve Williams lining up a putt on the second green on the third day of the British Open golf championship at Royal Troon golf course in Troon, Scotland. Woods has decided to get rid of Williams as his caddie. Woods announced on his website Wednesday, July 20, 2011, that he and Williams, who have been together since March 1999, will no longer be working together. (AP)