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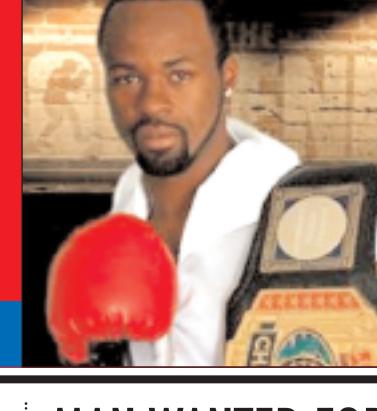
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'Emperor' murder suspects released

MAN WANTED FOR
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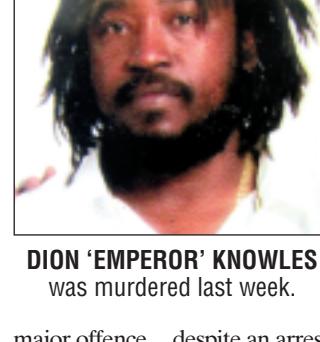
A MAN wanted for questioning in Saturday's triple murder surrendered himself to police yesterday.

According to police, Timothy Saunders, 32, is now in custody, just one day after police issued an all points bulletin

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Investigation into killing of gang leader continues

By SANCHESKA BROWN



DION 'EMPEROR' KNOWLES
was murdered last week.

THE TWO men being held by police in connection with the murder of Dion "Emperor" Knowles have been released pending further investigation.

Superintendent Stephen Dean said the two suspects have been released, but are still suspects.

"We have released them pending further investigations but we have not cleared them of the murder," said Supt Dean.

"They were and still are suspects. Although they are not in custody anymore does not mean they are out of our sight."

The men were arrested in Abaco two days after Knowles was killed.

The infamous Fox Hill gang leader was knocked off his trail motorbike at the roundabout at Milo Butler Highway and Faith Avenue, police said.

It is believed Knowles tried to run away but a gunman shot him a number of times.

He died at the scene and became the country's 81st murder victim.

Although police labelled Knowles a notorious criminal, he was never convicted of a

GOVT DRAFTING BILL TO 'DEAL WITH' GOLD AND SILVER THEFT



MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT Earl Deveaux speaks to scrap metal dealers yesterday at a press conference.

TIM CLARKE/TRIBUNE STAFF

metal export, it will allow certain exporters to ship scrap metal that has already been cleared with the exception of copper.

This came as good news for scrap metal operators who say their businesses have been adversely affected by the government's decision to place a ban on scrap metal exports.

Dozens of operators from local and international recycling companies attended the meeting to voice their concerns and offer alternatives to the scrap metal ban.

While admitting that the government is not lifting the ban on scrap metals, Mr Deveaux said they will be accommodating some metal shipments.

He said: "We are not authorised to lift the ban but as we did last week, we are accommodating shipments of goods that are certifiable and already in the port."

"A number of these people have contractual obligations. So if you provide proof of a contract we will make representation to the minister of finance to accommodate that. We know there are legitimate means by which people can come into copper but because there are so many

Nobody does it better.

During the meeting, Mr Deveaux announced that while the government will not lift the ban on scrap

BTC 'CAN'T DO ANYTHING' ABOUT VENDORS RAISING PHONE CARD PRICES

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BTC last night said it does not endorse phone card vendors selling pre-paid cards at prices higher than their face value – but can't do anything about it.

Some street vendors have been seen peddling \$5 cards for \$6, \$10 phone cards for \$12 and \$20 cards for \$25.

The change in prices by many street salesmen comes days after the company's decision to raise the fees on the cards sold to them.

Before BTC's change in pricing, vendors enjoyed a 25 per cent commission on cards while industry standard is eight per cent. Phone cards on the street were normally sold at discounted prices as vendors in the overpopulated market sought to edge out competition.

"I used my money to buy the cards and it's my business what I do with them. Once I buy it, nobody can tell me what to do with them," one Bay Street-based phone card vendor told The Tribune yesterday.

BTC spokesman Marlon Johnson said the company cannot force vendors to sell the cards at face value. He said customers can still purchase cards at face value at participating retailers and BTC flagship stores.

"Ultimately the customers and the sellers are the ones who determine the price. What we are going to do is to publish the places where persons can go in and buy the cards at face value."

"You can't qualify that as illegal."

"Our message to our customers is we do not condone

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LOCAL NEWS

ATTENDANCE AT EMANCIPATION DAY CELEBRATIONS 'SHORT OF EXPECTATIONS DUE TO FEAR OF VIOLENCE'

FOX HILL MP: SOCIETY CANNOT SURRENDER TO THE CRIMINALS

THE FOX HILL community has fallen victim to the economic impact of the fear of crime, according to MP for the area Fred Mitchell, who urged society not to surrender to criminals.

Attendance at the Emancipation Day celebrations in Fox Hill over the weekend fell short of expectations, according to Mr Mitchell, who said that some parents withdrew their children from junkanoo activities because of fear of violence.

"There was no basis for it," Mr Mitchell said. "Look at the facts – the community is safe, there is no issue. We had great crowd that evening without incident."

"People enjoyed themselves and had a good time, and we expect people to have a good time at Fox Hill Day. This society cannot surrender to criminals, the moment we do that we're going down the wrong path."

Mr Mitchell added: "People had a perfectly fine time at junkanoo. There were no security issues and when Fox Hill Day comes next week,

it will be a properly policed, secure atmosphere. This is an authentic cultural event that is 177 years old that we need to continue on, it is important economically to the people of Fox Hill."

Reports on FaceBook warning persons to avoid the area had a detrimental effect on attendance, said the MP, who lashed out at those responsible for what he claimed was a politically motivated move.

Mr Mitchell said: "They are just not hurting me politically but in fact the people who get hurt are the vendors. We are in the middle of a recession, the summer time is not a very active economic time anyway, people look forward to that festival in Fox Hill as a windfall to pay their bills, and meet expenses – kids are going back to school."

"Because of that silliness, people did not make what they were supposed to make."

Acknowledging that crime is rampant, Mr Mitchell said that while

community efforts can help, this must be combined with strong measures by the authorities to get to the root of the problem.

He said: "I agree that we need to pray and fast, to march – but how many times have we done this?"

"What the society needs to do is take resources and address the problem."

"We know what the problem is, the problem is the little boys and the way they are raised and socialised."

"The government has to mobilise the resources, yes, they are responsible for that, but they have to have the support of the country."

"The country is going to have to say, 'We support the government putting the resources to resolve the issue of young boys and the way they are raised in the Bahamas'."

"We refuse to accept it, we refuse to invest money into resolving the issue. We can call for all kinds of drastic measures but we know what the answer is in the long term – it's



EMANCIPATION DAY CELEBRATIONS: Fox Hill MP Fred Mitchell said 'We had a great crowd that evening without incident'.

clear that social intervention is what is needed," he said.

Mr Mitchell went on to call on the government to respond to the mounting fear of crime and affirm its commitment to the safety of all citizens.

"It takes leadership," Mr Mitchell said. "The government should put a face to the public and say 'Look, we

as a society cannot surrender to this. We encourage you to go to Fox Hill, go about your day-to-day activities, we will keep you safe'. But they provide no leadership, only silence, nothing," he said.

When contacted for comment, National Security Minister Tommy Turnquest responded by text message to say he was out of the country.



Emanji Circus

FOR the second year in a row, the all-Bahamian Emanji Circus put on an unforgettable performance in New Providence.

Circus master Jarvis Grant led a dynamic team of acrobats and dancers as they performed under the theme: "Go Green."

Emanji brought the legendary creature the Chickcharney to life, and he in turn gave life to a host of animals, including a spider that was transformed into a beautiful silk rope acrobat and a peacock that performed on the rings while three cats mastered the triple trapeze.

The circus was held at the National Centre for the Performing Arts last week.



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LOCAL NEWS

UNION LEADERS HIT OUT AT MORTON SALT

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UNION leaders claim Morton Salt is discriminating against its members in an effort to undermine the union.

A layoff exercise is about to commence at the Inagua Morton Salt factory, brought on by excessive rainfall.

Most of the employees affected by the layoffs hold jobs directly connected to salt production, a company spokesperson confirmed yesterday.

Obie Ferguson, president of the Bahamas Industrial Manufacturers and Allied Workers Union (BIMAWU), said the company failed to consult the union before announcing the layoff exercise. And, he said, the process used by the company to select the workers for dismissal was not "reasonable or fair."

The company was forced to take "short-term action in order to ensure the long-term viability of its Inagua operation" after being hit with more than 26 inches of rain over the past seven months, according to Glenn Bannister, Morton Salt general manager.

The relationship between Morton Salt and the union has always been contentious, said Mr Ferguson. He claimed the company "never wanted the union."



BIMAWU PRESIDENT Obie Ferguson

"The relationship has never been what it ought to be. As much as unions are disliked, I think it is one of the most contentious situations I have experienced in the labour movement."

"The company is of the view that they do not need to consult with the union. For whatever reason, they truly believe they can do whatever they want without consulting the union," said Mr Ferguson.

The union submitted a proposal to the company last week comprised of recommendations on how to administer the layoff exercise.

Union representatives say they believe all members of the workforce should bear the burden of the hard times – not just union members, who they claim are being targeted.

The recommendations include creating a shift system for supervisors and managers, so fewer lay-offs have to take place.

Union representative said the workers have many skills and can be redeployed to other areas in the factory.

Mr Ferguson added that whatever decision the company intends to make concerning the workers, it should have consulted the union first.

"Where you have a collective agreement, the relationship between the employer and employee is abrogated. You have a bargaining agent and what governs the relationship is the collective agreement," he said.

"There is a way you go about resolving disputes with a collective agreement."

"We are not opposed to what they are doing, but the union can also make suggestions that they may find workable. What we are saying is utilise the machinery that you have agreed to," he said.

Denise Lauer, Morton Salt spokesperson, confirmed that the company is reviewing the union's proposal.

The layoffs are expected to begin on August 8 and to affect two thirds of Inagua employees.

The cuts will continue until weather conditions improve and salt can again be produced, the company has said.

27-YEAR-OLD George Humes at court yesterday.

Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

SECOND MAN ARRAIGNED IN CONNECTION WITH MURDER

By LAMECH JOHNSON

A SECOND man was arraigned in Magistrates Court yesterday in connection with a murder that occurred in February of this year.

George Humes, 27, of Moore Avenue was charged before Chief Magistrate Roger Gomez with the February 22-27 killing of Jason Brown, 22, who was found dead in a vehicle on Homestead Street.

Gary Leon, 22, was arraigned in connection with the murder on March 16.

Humes, also known as George Leon, was not required to enter a plea to the charge.

The prosecution aims to have the case fast-tracked to the Supreme Court by way of a voluntary bill of indictment, which

they hope to present on September 15.

A voluntary bill of indictment has already been served in the case of Gary Leon.

Humes told Chief Magistrate Gomez yesterday that some relatives of the victim were willing to testify that he had played no part in what happened to Brown in February, but claimed officers of the Central Detective Unit had made no effort to question the family members.

Chief Magistrate Gomez told the accused that he will be able to present this information and produce witnesses when the murder trial begins in the Supreme Court.

Both accused men have been remanded to prison until the completion of the trial.

COURT NEWS IN BRIEF

By LAMECH JOHNSON

MAN ARRAINED FOR UNLAWFUL SEX CHARGE

A 25-year-old Ragged Island Street man was arraigned in Magistrates Court yesterday afternoon, accused of having sex with a minor.

Michael Lightbourne was charged before Magistrate Derence Davis-Rolle in Court 5, Bank Lane with having sex with a 14 to 16-year-old in New Providence between July 2010 and May 2011.

A preliminary inquiry will be held to determine if there is enough evidence for the matter to proceed to the Supreme Court.

Lightbourne was not required to enter a plea.

He was granted \$10,000 bail with one surety and was warned not to interfere with any of the witnesses, including the alleged victim.

The matter was adjourned to November 29 and 30.

MAN CHARGED WITH INDECENT ASSAULT OF 10-YEAR-OLD

A Mount Tabor Subdivision man was arraigned in Magistrates Court yesterday, charged with the indecent assault of a child.

Police have charged Garina William Curry, 35, with assaulting a 10-year-old girl on July 23.

A preliminary inquiry is set to be held to determine if there is sufficient evidence for the matter to be heard before the Supreme Court.

The prosecution can opt to bypass the preliminary inquiry and the Magistrates Court by way of a Voluntary Bill of Indictment.

Curry was not required to enter a plea to the charge.

He was granted \$5,000 bail and the matter was adjourned to November 14 and 15.

MAN PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO STEALING \$9K GOLD JEWELLERY

A 39-year-old Quintine Alley man pleaded not

guilty to breaking into a home and stealing nearly \$9,000 worth of gold jewellery.

Shiaion Thompson appeared before Magistrate Derence Davis-Rolle of Court 5, Bank Lane and was charged with breaking into Linda Smith's Wright's Lane home and stealing gold jewellery on Tuesday, April 19.

Prosecutors offered no objection to Thompson receiving bail and he was granted \$7,550 bail with one surety. The matter was adjourned to November 28 and 29.

16-YEAR-OLD AMONG SIX ARRAINED ON FIREARMS CHARGES

A 16-year-old boy accused of being found with a revolver was among six people arraigned in Magistrates Court yesterday on firearms or ammunition possession charges in four individual cases.

In the first matter, Olgino Knowles, 29, of Bowe

Avenue and Godfrey Gaitor, 25, of Farrington Road, appeared before Chief Magistrate Roger Gomez in Court One, Bank Lane, charged with possessing a black Heckler and Koch .9mm pistol and three rounds of .9mm ammunition without being holders of a firearms licence and a certificate.

Knowles pleaded guilty to both charges while Gaitor pleaded not guilty.

Bail was originally granted to Gaitor but revoked when it was revealed that he was already on bail in connection with a murder case before the Supreme Court.

Both men were remanded to prison. They are expected to appear in court today.

In the second matter, Jason Symonette, 31, and Perry Thompson, 22, both of Cockburn Street, were charged with six counts of ammunition possession without a licence.

It is alleged that on Thursday, July 28, Symonette and Thompson were found with 100 .45 bullets, 200 .40 bul-

lets, 200 .223 bullets, 50 .357 bullets, 250 .9mm bullets and 100 .38 bullets.

Both pleaded not guilty and were granted \$15,000 bail.

The matter was adjourned to August 22 and will be continued in Court Nine, Nassau Street.

Noel Gibbs, 48, of Nassau Street, pleaded guilty to being found with a shotgun without having a licence.

He will be back in court today for sentencing.

The last case saw a 16-year-old boy charged with

possessing a .380 revolver and three live rounds of ammunition.

He was remanded to the Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre for 14 days. His case is then expected to be heard in the Juvenile Court.

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ENGINEERS SOCIETY 'VERY HAPPY' ABOUT NEW PROVIDENCE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

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FREEPORT – Robert Reiss, president of the Bahamas Society of Engineers, said the organisation is very happy about the number of construction projects taking place in New Providence at the moment.

"We have been thrilled – a lot are civil infrastructure government projects and some of them are private," he told The Tribune during a BSE meeting in Freeport on Friday.

Mr Reiss noted that the Bahamas Contractors Association had been agitating for more projects just before the prime minister returned from China last year with \$400 million set aside for local contractors under the Baha Mar develop-

opment.

"We are at a different level in terms of the engineering community of getting that distinct and definitive chunk of the pie," he said. "Engineering is different than construction because it is integrated and it is done behind closed doors, and we had to approach it differently than the contractors.

"What we have been doing in Nassau is saying that at a minimum projects have to be overseen by a Bahamian engineer, but what we have been advocating and making sure is that those developments and the communities know that we don't just need to be oversight.

"We have tremendous strength, depth, and capabilities to produce drawings from the very beginning on projects, and I think government is a very strong advocate for that

and very comfortable with that," Mr Reiss said.

The BSE president noted that while the Ministry of Public Works has launched a number of projects in which the need for foreign technical expertise is specified, it is also making sure consideration is being given to Bahamian professionals.

The Bahamas Society of Engineers has a membership of just over 300, including various allied professionals who are granted associate membership.

"The goal is to bring strength in numbers and make sure that the Bahamian engineering community is speaking as one voice, and not just representing our profession but really representing the Bahamian public, because if we are organised and regulated and there's a corporate policy and procedures, the

Bahamian public gets a better product as well," Mr Reiss said.

He said the main challenge for BSE is educating developers and some government agencies about the Professional Engineers Act.

"We now have structure in place but we've got to get the word out so that all parties involved in accepting engineering services understand that those services must be overseen and ultimately signed and sealed by licensed Bahamian engineers," he explained.

Mr Reiss said the current meeting aims "to bring together the Freeport-Abaco northern Bahamas engineers to be able to have a show of force for projects moving forward, networking opportunities, technology transfer and all types of benefits coming from a locally based chapter."

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MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DEALING DRUGS ON CRUISE SHIP

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, U.S. Virgin Islands
Associated Press

A CALIFORNIA MAN pleaded guilty Monday in a U.S. Virgin Islands court to dealing drugs on board a cruise ship that had just come from the Bahamas.

Steven Barry Krumholz admitted selling ecstasy, methamphetamine and ketamine to fellow passengers on board the Allure of the Seas in February.

Federal Chief District Judge Curtis Gomez set sentencing for Nov. 2. The West Hollywood man faces as long as 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine.

Krumholz was arrested while the boat was in St. Thomas. U.S. agents who searched Krumholz's cabin said they found more than

142 ecstasy pills, nearly 3 grams of methamphetamine, a small quantity of ketamine and about \$51,000 in cash.

A U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesman has said the ship had just come from the Bahamas on a charter billed as the "world's largest gay cruise."

When Customs and Border Protection agents boarded the ship, they found drugs on another passenger, who said he had placed an order with Krumholz before the trip and picked them up while on board, according to an affidavit submitted by one of the investigating agents.

Ship owner Royal Caribbean International has said it has a zero-tolerance policy on illegal drugs at sea and it cooperated fully with authorities.

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Insurance Management Building., P.O. F-485, Freeport, Grand Bahama**Obama pivots to new string of problems**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama dodged a debt-ceiling fiasco Tuesday. He reacted with a wiped brow more than a victory lap, and with good reason.

As Republicans gradually weigh a potential challenger, Obama's re-election bid faces daunting problems: high unemployment, a limping economy, lackluster approval ratings and a demoralized liberal base. The last-minute debt agreement prevented a full-blown disaster. But it might do little or nothing to help Obama's campaign.

It cuts spending that might otherwise have produced jobs. And for now, at least, it keeps Obama from claiming he tackled long-festering problems such as huge entitlement programmes like Social Security pensions and a revenue base that consistently lags behind America's spending habits.

Obama has considerable political assets, including robust fundraising and an up-and-running nationwide operation. Also, the Republican primary process is murky, and it's too soon to gauge whether it will produce a top-notch nominee who can match Obama's proven campaign skills.

But job worries are dominating this election, and economists see little likelihood of a serious recovery before the November 2012 election. The man who ran on hope and change in 2008 is hoping voters will decide against change this time, fearing the Republican nominee would be worse. Obama seems well aware of his challenges. In his Rose Garden speech Tuesday after the Senate completed the deal to avert a national default, a subdued president did not use words such as "victory" or "win" or "success." He seemed eager to pivot away from the unseemly debt-ceiling debate as fast as possible.

"While Washington has been absorbed in this debate about deficits," he said, "people across the country are asking what we can do to help the father looking for work" and "the single mom who's seen her hours cut back at the hospital."

Obama listed several of his stalled proposals, including "patent reform," a payroll tax cut extension and an "infrastructure bank," which would provide loans for companies repairing bridges and roads. But with the economic recovery appearing to lose what little steam it once had, and the 2009 stimulus plan ended and politically unpopular, the president seems to have few effective tools at his disposal. The Federal Reserve "is out of arrows," said Republican strategist Rich Galen, and Obama "doesn't seem to have any new ideas."

In fairness, the Republican-controlled House of Representatives has blocked several of Obama's ideas, including his repeated call for ending tax breaks for the wealthy. That has emboldened Republicans and infuriated liberals, who already were peeved at Obama for not ending the Iraq war sooner and for dropping his 2009 push for a government-run health plan to compete with insurance companies.

Galen said he thinks the public is losing confidence in the Obama administration's leadership skills and ideas. He said the Democrats' liberal base suffers "a lack of enthusiasm."

Polls give a mixed report card to the president. His approval ratings hover at about 42 per cent. That's similar to what Ronald Reagan received at this point in his first term, and he coasted to re-election in 1984.

The three presidents who followed Reagan had higher approval ratings at this stage. Perhaps the polls mean little: the president who had the highest ratings of all, George H.W. Bush, fell far and fast, losing his re-election bid to Bill Clinton.

Americans have a dramatically lower opinion of Congress than they do of Obama. And polls suggest they are paying scant attention to the still-unsettled Republican presidential race, which may or may not help Obama.

His advisers say the 2012 election "will be a choice, not a referendum." It's a recognition that the sluggish economy and the public's coolness to the administration's bank bailouts, stimulus bills and health care overhaul could make it harder for Obama to run on his record than on a theme of "the other guy would be worse."

Obama, of course, realizes he can't hide his record from voters. "I'm probably going to win or lose depending on their assessment of my stewardship," he recently told Missouri-based KMBC-TV.

Republican hopefuls such as Mitt Romney seem happy to lie low for now, letting Obama take hits for a debt-ceiling mess, Washington bickering and a 9.2 per cent unemployment rate. Obama adviser David Axelrod says it won't work.

He said Romney spent days "trying to jump and dive and dodge" taking a position on the debt-ceiling compromise bill, finally announcing he opposed it. Romney and his fellow Republicans "have done tremendous damage to their brand," Axelrod said, because they let their conservative activists dictate terms that included no tax increases on even the wealthiest Americans and most profitable companies.

Obama campaign workers in dozens of states are contacting former supporters, urging them to re-enlist in the effort, and sometimes listening to their complaints about broken promises and dashed hopes. Typical of the challenge is the AFL-CIO's critique of the debt-ceiling accord that Obama helped shape.

"Where are the jobs?" the union asked in a blog post. The debt deal "is bad for our country, and especially bad for working people."

Obama once had hoped for a "grand bargain" with congressional Republicans. It would have begun reshaping entitlement programmes and generated up to \$1 trillion in new tax revenues over 10 years, mainly from corporations and wealthy people. Instead he settled for a less ambitious package of spending cuts alone.

Only \$21 billion in cuts will occur before the 2012 election. But even that comparatively small amount could somewhat inhibit job creation, economists say. Obama's re-election hopes badly need a stimulative force from somewhere. Obama's favorability ratings have fallen among all-important independent voters. Axelrod said he thinks the drop will be temporary, and independents are disgusted with everyone involved in the loud partisan squabbling over the debt limit.

The Bible and capital punishment**EDITOR, The Tribune.**

I BELIEVE that Anglican Archbishop Drexel Gomez got it all wrong when he told a prominent journalist in an interview that Jesus Christ was opposed to capital punishment. With all due respect to the archbishop, nothing could be further from the truth. The archbishop also stated that God didn't execute Cain after he murdered his brother Abel in the Book of Genesis chapter 4. Archbishop Gomez appears to be saying that this is clear proof that God opposes the death penalty. True, God didn't kill Cain for his fratricide. Instead, the first murderer was banished from God's presence, which was in the Garden of Eden. It appears as if Cain's parents, Adam and Eve, resided just outside of the garden. Both of them were kicked out of Eden after the Fall. According to the Scriptures, Cain moved to the land of Nod. He was condemned to be a wanderer. Incidentally, the word Nod means "wandering."

Now, you might be wondering why God didn't execute Cain. The Scriptures doesn't give us the answer. Nevertheless, Archbishop Gomez is the first person that I have heard using this argument. We must all bear in mind, though, that no human government had been established at that point in human history.

However, God did in fact institute human government after the Great Flood in Genesis chapter nine. Along with the instituting of human government came capital punishment, the mandatory death sentence for murderers. "Who so sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made He him" (Genesis 9:6).

According to Dr John MacArthur, the irreversible nature of the divinely imposed sentence of death on every manslayer who killed another intentionally stands without parallel in ancient Near Eastern literature and legal codes.

I am a bit surprised,

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though, that the archbishop did not reference the above passage in Genesis nine. Perhaps he isn't that familiar with the Book of Genesis. Maybe this can explain why the archbishop didn't examine this passage during the interview. Those in favour of the death penalty usually go to this passage to back up their views. In fairness to Archbishop Gomez, though, I didn't listen to the interview in its entirety. He may have dealt with the passage.

But with that being said, there are several other biblical passages which also prescribes the death penalty for cold-blooded murderers. For instance, Exodus chapter 21 and verse 12 says that a man who kills another must be put to death. Numbers 35:30 says, "Who so killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses: but one witness shall not testify against any person to cause him to die." The Hebrew word for kill in the text is rasah. Rasah can also be translated murder. God commanded man in Exodus 20 and verse 13 not to kill. Like the passage in Numbers 35:30, this word kill in Hebrew is rasah.

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In fact, just one verse will suffice. The Apostle Paul declares in Romans 13 that the government does not bear the sword in vain. This means that civil governments have the God-given right to execute murderers.

Further, Archbishop Gomez believes that murderers should be incarcerated for life, rather than executed. He stated that the death penalty has never reduced murders. However, the same argument can be used against incarcerating murderers. After all, the government hasn't executed a murderer in nearly 10 years. Yet the murder rate has grown exponentially in the last five years. In fact,

this country had the fifth highest murder rate among 15 Caribbean countries in 2010. There have been over 260 murders committed in The Bahamas since 2009. This country has had a staggering 73 murders committed in the first six months of 2011. Yet prominent clergymen like Archbishop Gomez continues to discourage the civil government from doing what God has commanded it to do in situations like the one this country is presently facing.

I would like to pose a few questions to Archbishop Gomez, seeing that he is so opposed to the death penalty: Sir, what would you have done to a mass murderer like Adolf Hitler? Would you have imprisoned him?

Remember, Hitler murdered over six million Jews. He also slaughtered another four to five million Gentiles.

What about Joseph Stalin and Vladimir Lenin? Would you have, sir, imprisoned the two notorious communist tyrants?

Between the two of them, they were responsible for the murder of over 40 million. What about former Ugandan dictator Idi Amin? Would you have sent him to Fox Hill Prison or to the gallows? What would you have done to Saddam, Qusay and Uday Hussein, sir? Uday Hussein had raped, tortured and murdered many innocent Iraqi girls. Some of his rape victims were just teenage girls. Women were also raped as their helpless husbands watched in terror.

Yet, that wouldn't be enough to warrant the death penalty, wouldn't it, Archbishop Gomez?

I would like to see persons like the good archbishop explain to the families of those tortured, raped and murdered by the Husseins why capital punishment is wrong. I wonder how they would respond to those who oppose the death penalty.

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In the last analysis, I hope the government of The Bahamas ignores the archbishop and carries out its God-given mandate and executes the murderers who are terrorising this small country of ours. Moreover, I believe that the archbishop needs to go and re-examine his Bible. His position on the death penalty is not supported by Scripture. He took the passage in Genesis way out of context. Quite frankly, I am just disappointed that a leading clergymen would be so sloppy with the Bible.

KEVIN EVANS

Freeport,
Grand Bahama,
July, 2011.

Fight in the House**EDITOR, The Tribune.**

There was a fight in the House of Assembly between two honourable PLP Members of Parliament in 2006. The fight was between Keod Smith and Kenyatta Gibson. The winner of the fight, which was labeled, Ali versus Frazier by some was never announced by then Prime Minister Perry Gladstone Christie. A recent article in one of the dailies says that the damages cost \$789. Can any honourable member of parliament, past or present, please advise who paid for these repairs? The cabinet to the secretary, Anita Bernard can respond as well.

DEHAVILLAND MOSSNassau,
July 20, 2011.

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LOCAL NEWS

PLP CANDIDATE SAYS LONG ISLAND 'HAS BEEN NEGLECTED TOO LONG'

LONG Island has been neglected by the government for far too long, Progressive Liberal Party candidate Alex Storr said.

The political newcomer said that a widespread lack of running water and a rundown airport at Deadman's Cay are two points of concern for the local population.

"The water is especially a sore point with the residents. It's one of the only issues that affects everyone. It's an essential service so cost should not be a factor – every single person deserves fresh clean water," Mr Storr told *The Tribune* yesterday.

"The Deadman's Cay Airport is

'Lack of running water and rundown airport are concerns'

in a sore state not fitting for an airport. It hasn't been painted in a number of years... most of the time passengers have to wait outside because there's not enough space to hold people."

At the Free National Movement's Long Island Constituency Association banquet last week, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham told those attending some of their woes will be addressed by his administration.

Mr Ingraham singled out the Deadman's Cay airport and the water supply problems for attention, but Mr Storr said this is a little too late.

"I think the fact that Long Island has been left behind in this regard is a really sad case and it's really a down point of the FNM administration.

"It's not good enough to say that the project is an expensive one, and it's not enough to rush to do

something before the election," he said.

According to Mr Storr, Deadman's Cay is the only settlement on Long Island with running water while other areas must rely on water deliveries or private well systems.

"Not everyone can afford to put in a pump system or a well system," he said. "In Salt Pond, because there are so many hills and it's close to the salt water it is not feasible for them to put in private wells."

State Minister for the Environment Phenton Neymour told *The Tribune* that government is work-

ing to organise funding for an expansive water project to benefit the entire island.

"We were seeking funding for the water project down there."

"Long Island, like many of our Family Islands, has some distribution systems in some of its major settlements but there are settlements that still require distribution mains like Salt Pond and Clarence Town."

"We began redevelopment of the Family Islands many years ago putting in water mains with road works. There is a lot more work to be done – Long Island is one of them," he said.



PRIME MINISTER HUBERT INGRAHAM presenting one of those honoured with a plaque.

FNM LONG ISLAND BRANCH HONOURS LONGEST SERVING MEMBERS

THE Free National Movement's Long Island Constituency Association held a banquet to honour 26 of its longest serving supporters.

The event, chaired by Verne Bain, was well attended by many of the movers and shakers of the Long Island and Ragged Island Constituency.

Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham gave brief remarks and reminded those present that some of the woes of Long Island – though not all – will be addressed by his administration, signalling out problems at the Deadman's Cay airport and water issues.

Area MP Larry Cartwright, FNM chairman Carl Bethel, treasurer Dwight Sawyer and former MP Sylvia Scriven also attended the event.

The honoured were:

• Maxine Wallace JP, Ragged Island.

• Viola Elizabeth Burrows, Lower Deadman's Cay, Long Island.

• John Wells, Buckley's, Long Island.

• Genesta Lockhart, Dunca-

n Town, Ragged Island.

• Charles L Carroll, Dead-

man's Cay, Long Island.

• Sheila Curling, Duncan

Town, Ragged Island.

• Rueben Jeremiah Gibson,

Seymour's, Long Island.

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Knowles, Mangrove Bush,

Long Island.

• Ophelia Smith, Seymour's

Long Island.

• Alma Dorsett, Morrises,

Long Island.

• Willard Gibson, Sey-

mour's, Long Island.

- Glenroy Burrows, Lower Deadman's Cay, Long Island.
- Thomas Watson, Gordon's, Long Island.
- John Wells, Buckley's, Long Island.
- Lawrence Major, Morrisville, Long Island.
- Melbourne Algernon Burrows, Scrub Hill, Long Island.
- Brenda Major, Morrisville's, Long Island.
- Gregory Cartwright, Hamilton's, Long Island.
- Laurin Knowles, Mangrove Bush, Long Island.
- Ruth Sophia Minnis, Clarence Town, Long Island.
- Basil Fox, Salt Pond, Long Island.
- Ophelia Smith, Seymour's Long Island.
- Alma Dorsett, Morrises, Long Island.
- Willard Gibson, Seymour's, Long Island.

BEC CHAIRMAN EXPLAINS FUEL CHARGES IN ELECTRICITY BILLS

By DENISE MAYCOCK
Tribune Freepost Reporter
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FREEPORT – As Bahamian consumers continue to see a rise in their electricity cost, BEC chairman Michael Moss discussed the distinction of a fuel charge imposed by BEC and a fuel surcharge imposed by the Grand Bahama Power Company.

He noted that prior to the mid-1970 electricity tariffs reflected neither a fuel charge nor fuel surcharge as today.

Mr Moss said because the price of oil was stable back then, the cost of fuel was embedded in the tariff.

"No one knew how much you paid for fuel," he told persons Friday at the Bahamas Society of Engineers meeting in Freeport at Ruby Swiss Restaurant.

Mr Moss said the spike oil

prices from \$3 per barrel (from the 1970's) to \$20 per barrel made it necessary for utilities to petition their regulators to permit them to add a surcharge to their bills.

"The fuel surcharge reflecting the difference between the approximately \$3 fuel cost embedded in the utilities tariffs and the price being paid for fuel was born," he explained.

He stated that this surcharge was intended to enable the utilities to recoup the unusual and unanticipated major hike in the cost of fuel.

Mr Moss indicated that a further crisis in the mid-1980s saw the price of oil increase to more than \$40 per barrel.

"Many utilities in response to customer complaints and concluding that the price of oil would never again fall below \$20 per barrel successfully petitioned their regulators to allow an increase in their base tariffs to reflect an oil price of \$20."

"And then it happened; the price of oil did fall back below \$20 and for a while customers saw negative fuel surcharges appearing on their bills. It was short lived though, and it hasn't happened again since."

Coming into more recent history, Mr Moss said BEC in its 2010 tariffs submission decided to remove the total

cost of fuel from its base tariffs and to present its bills as an energy charge.

He explained that the energy charge in that component of the bill needed to recover the cost of capital expansion, repairs and maintenance, salaries, and other expenses, and a fuel charge – the total cost of fuel.

"The reason for doing that was intended to provide BEC consumers a true picture of the little the utility gains to deal with its operations, and the major portion of the bill which is to pay the fuel supplier for the fuel the utility burns in order to supply electricity.

"So what happened last year July with BEC, the base tariff went down and it remains down. So, BEC's tariff is now lower than it was two decades ago," Mr Moss said.

"BEC's tariff embedded approximately four and a half cents a kilowatt hour for fuel in the base tariff; that has been stripped out. And so, in stripping it out it was moved into the fuel component and so the fuel tariff increased by a pro-

portionate similar amount."

On the other hand, Mr Moss noted that the Grand Bahama Power Company continues to have a tariff reflecting a fuel

surcharge, presumably meaning that a component of its fuel cost remains in its base tariff with the balance reflected as a surcharge.

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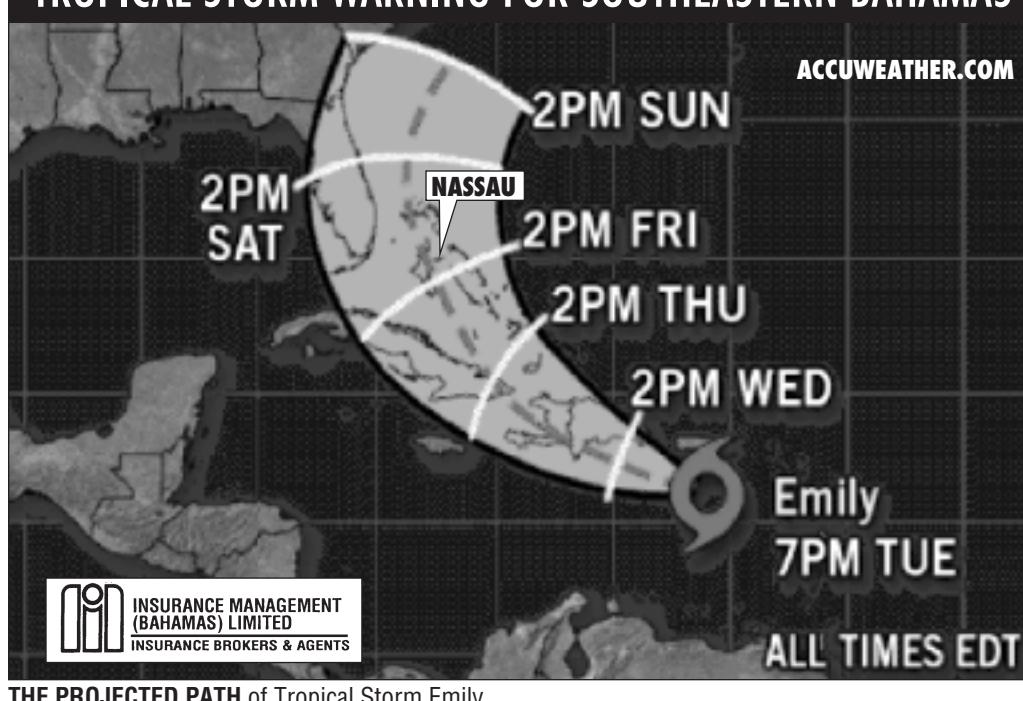
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THE PROJECTED PATH of Tropical Storm Emily

THE southeastern Bahamas was placed on a storm warning yesterday afternoon as Tropical Storm Emily continued to move towards Cuba.

According to the Department of Meteorology, the advisory, issued at 6pm, means that tropical storm conditions are possible within 48 hours.

At 5pm yesterday, the centre of the storm was located about 185 miles off the coast of San Juan, Puerto Rico; 650 miles southeast of Great Inagua and 540 miles southeast of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Emily was moving west-northwest at 12 miles per hour and was expected to be near the coast of Cuba at some point today.

The maximum sustained winds have increased to 50 miles per hour with higher gusts, and further strengthening is forecast during the next day.

Tropical storm winds extend 105 miles, mainly to the north and northeast of the centre.

The Met Department advisory said: "Resi-

dents in the southeast Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands should closely monitor the progress of this storm and ensure that all pre-season precautions have been taken.

"Small craft operators in the southeast Bahamas should also monitor the progress of Emily and not venture far from port."

Last night, The Associated Press reported that rain and wind gusts from the outer bands of the storm were affecting Puerto Rico as Emily headed on a track that threatened the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

The report said: "The rain fell hardest in western Puerto Rico, largely sparing the capital, but there were no reports of major damage or injuries and no immediate demand for the nearly 400 schools that were converted into emergency shelters around the island. Emily had been expected to bring up to six inches (15 centimetres) to the island."

DIGITAL

BRIDGE TO NATURE

WORKSHOP

TWENTY-FIVE educators from Grand Bahama, Abaco, Eleuthera and New Providence participated in a special workshop at the BNT's Rand Nature Centre on July 20.

The Digital Photography Bridge to Nature Workshop, part of the week long Society for the Conservation and Study of Birds' (SCSCB) 18th annual general meeting, took place in Grand Bahama from July 21 -25 at the Pelican Bay Hotel.

Goal

The goal of the Digital Bridge to Nature Project is to help young people discover the wonders of nature through the eye of a camera. By taking advantage of the popularity of computer games, social media and other electronic devices, the programme aims to attract children outdoors by teaching basic digital nature photography skills.

The training workshop taught the educators about strategies for taking students on "photo safaris," and demonstrated how the photos can be incorporated into science, math, art, language arts, geography, engineering, and journalism classes.

Bianca Green, BNT

education officer, said: "I never knew that you could take such professional-looking photographs with a basic digital camera. I truly enjoyed this experience and I wish it could have been held for more than just one day."

Barbara Dorsett, education officer for primary science, was very impressed with the programme.

"I hope that we can partner with the BNT to find a way to bring this programme to the Bahamas," she said.

"This is an excellent way to connect our students to the natural environment."

The Workshop was facilitated by renowned wildlife photographer, film maker and author, Dudley Edmondson (author of Black and Brown Faces in America's Wild Places) and environmental educator, photographer and graphic designer, Ami Thompson.

It targeted teachers of grades three to nine.

The programme was developed by the Minnesota's Department of Natural Resources, birders, nature photographers, educators, and Watchable Wildlife Inc, and has delivered programmes for more than 1,000 teachers in Minnesota.



BIANCA GREEN, BNT education officer taking a photo.



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9:00am- 9:50am	Session 3: Understanding Kingdom Concepts of Law, Pt. 1
10:00am-10:50am	Session 4: Understanding Kingdom Concepts of Law, Pt. 2
11:00am-11:30am	Refreshment Break
11:30am-12:20pm	Session 5: Kingdom Authority & Human Resources

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5TH	
12:30pm- 1:20pm	Session 6: Understanding The Kingdom & Establishing Your Destiny
1:30pm- 7:00pm	Lunch Break / Free Time, Relaxation, Private Study
7:30pm- 8:30pm	Session 7: Environment, Stewardship & Kingdom Citizenship
8:30pm- 9:30pm	Session 8: Understanding Kingdom Theology & Concepts of Law and Citizenship

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH	
9:00am- 9:50am	Session 9: Understanding The Kingdom Citizenship
10:00am-10:50am	Session 10: Concepts Of Law & Kingdom Theology
11:00am-11:30am	Refreshment Break
11:30am-12:20pm	Session 11: Understanding The Kingdom: Basic Theological Foundations
12:30pm- 1:20pm	Session 12: Education For Authority & Kingdom Citizenship
1:30pm- 7:00pm	Lunch Break / Free Time, Relaxation, Private Study
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BNT CO-ORDINATES HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER'S WORKSHOP



FIFTY-FOUR high school teachers participated in an Ecosystem workshop organised and facilitated by the Bahamas National Trust.

The workshop was co-ordinated in partnership with the Ministry of Education.

"We were very excited to be able to offer this skills-based workshop for high school teachers," said Portia Sweeting, BNT director of education.

The Ministry is implementing a new curriculum focused on the environment and we were delighted to assist."

The workshop included activities on ecosystems, endangered species, ethnobotany and climate change.

Many of the activities were drawn from *Wondrous West Indian Wetlands, Treasures in the Sea* and *Exploring the Bahamian Pine Forest* – teacher resource workbooks developed by the BNT in support of the Ministry of Education's environmental component in the Science and Social Studies curriculum.

The educators were able to visit all of the major ecosystems on New Providence, including the Primeval Forest National Park, Bonefish Pond National Park, and the marine environment via a snorkeling expedition with Stuart Cove's Dive Bahamas.

"This workshop was extremely timely as we will be introducing the new curriculum in September," said Levira Scavella of Crooked Island High School.

"It was also a lot of fun and was a great opportunity for us to experience these ecosystems and take these activities back to our students."

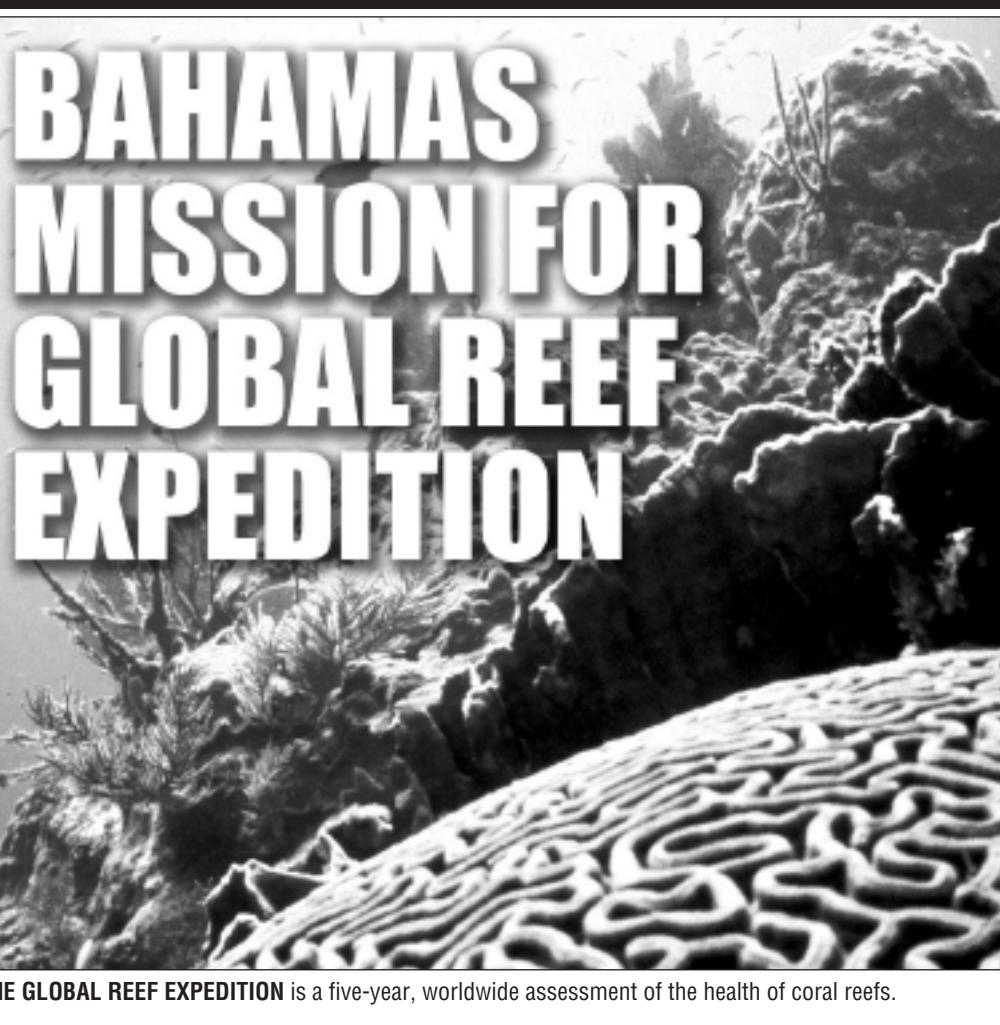
The Bahamas National Trust co-ordinates teacher workshops throughout the year with both public and private educational institutions.

The organisation also makes sure that at least two of the workshops take place on the Family Islands.

More information about the BNT's environmental education programmes can be found at: www.bnt.bs



LOCAL NEWS



THE GLOBAL REEF EXPEDITION is a five-year, worldwide assessment of the health of coral reefs.

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Provisional estimates from the unaudited accounts as at March 31, 2011 show the Public Debt of The Bahamas to be B\$4,280,858,000.*

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The following information is extracted from the unaudited accounts of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

	FY2009/2010p** B\$	FY2010/2011p** B\$	FY2011/2012p** B\$
Revenue	1,302,543,000	1,492,159,000	1,520,189,000
Recurrent Expenditure (excluding Repayment of Public Debt)	1,395,892,000	1,467,170,000	1,597,958,000
Capital Development Expenditure (excluding loans contributions and advances to public corporations)	156,757,000	227,579,000	237,303,000

** Provisional estimates from the unaudited accounts.

* The Public Debt amount is inclusive of The Public Corporations contingent liability which as at March 31, 2011 totalled B\$540,489,000.

LOCAL NEWS

THE Khaled bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation launched its second coral reef research mission in the Bahamas on August 1.

A team of scientists headed south from Nassau aboard the research vessel Golden Shadow to complete the first ever high-resolution coral reef ecosystem maps of the Inaguas and nearby Hogsty reef, as part of the foundation's ongoing Global Reef Expedition.

Advanced satellite imagery, aerial photography, and data from hundreds of research dives will be used to create a comprehensive scientific survey of the reefs.

"Understanding which species live on particular reefs and how they are faring is enormously important for future management of marine resources," said Captain Philip Renaud, US Navy (ret), the foundation's executive director.

"This research will be particularly useful in areas like Hogsty and Inagua that are relatively undisturbed and difficult to access."

The Global Reef Expedition's work in the Bahamas kicks off the first leg of a five-

year, worldwide assessment of the health of coral reefs.

His Royal Highness Prince Khaled bin Sultan, president and chairman of the Living Oceans Foundation, said: "The rich and diverse marine resources of the Bahamas and the vast geographic extent of their islands makes them an excellent choice for the start of our Global Reef Expedition and will set the standard for such research in other parts of the world."

For 24 days, the Inaguas research mission will fulfil the objectives of the expedition as well as support the scientific goals of collaborators the Bahamas National Trust (BNT), the Department of Marine Resources, the Nature Conservancy, the National Coral Reef Institute, and the Atlantic and Gulf Rapid Reef Assessment Programme.

Bahamian researchers include: Indira Brown, Lindy Knowles, Agnessa Lundy, Krista Sherman, and Tavares Thompson.

Environment Minister Earl Deveaux said: "The work of Living Oceans in Inagua will add immeasurably to the work being done by

the Bahamas National Trust to conserve, protect and educate. The Bahamas could not do this work alone and we are forever grateful for the generous support of time, resources and talent to document our environment."

Eric Carey, BNT deputy executive director, added: "We are doubly excited that this second part of the Bahamas expedition will be taking place in Inagua, an area extremely important for marine resources. The surrounding marine area to the 10 fathom mark of Little Inagua, which is a national park, will be part of the expedition and the mapping of the coral reefs will greatly assist the BNT in the development of management plans for the park."

The Inagua mission in the southern part of the Bahamas follows a 20-day study by the Foundation in Cay Sal Banks in the western Bahamas in May.

The third and final site of research in the Bahamas will take place in Andros and Abaco in October, and will bring to a close the first year of the Global Reef Expedition research operations.

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DEALING WITH SQUATTER SETTLEMENTS



TOUGH CALL LARRY SMITH

By LARRY SMITH

"If it was up to me I'd toss two stick a dynamite in erry one a dem dingy damned 'villages'. How is it that these ILLEGAL ALIENS can come in any time they wish and toss up a 'house' with no proper facilities to speak of and the relevant ministry folk say and do nothing. But when the average hard working Joe Blow tries to put down something, God help ya if you missin' some papers cuz dey go have da bulldozer there the next day."

— commentator on Bahamas Issues.

"Sporadic efforts have attempted to deal with this problem over the years. In 1995 the former FNM government set up a short-lived task force to demolish illegal housing and relocate some squatters. In 2002 the new PLP government focused briefly on the 'urgent need' to relocate squatters."

That quote reflects the feelings of many Bahamians. But the deeper we delve into the so-called "Haitian problem", the more we come face to face with ourselves. The squatter settlements that give rise to so much public angst are a clear example of the alternate reality that many Bahamians live in, and we are not the only ones grappling with these issues.

"Squatter settlements are all over Jamaica," according to Gleaner columnist Victor Cummings, "on hillsides, roadsides, gully banks, inner-city areas, government land, and private land. The squatting problem is not only seriously affecting the physical development of our country, but also our economic and social stability."

There are over 700 squatter sites in Jamaica

with well over half a million residents. Trinidad and Tobago has 300 squatter settlements, with more than 400,000 residents. Guyana has over 200, and in St Lucia squatter settlements are a feature of all major towns and villages.

The 38 squatter settlements on New Providence include 940 houses out of a total housing stock on the island of some 70,000. According to a 2010 government survey, many of these illegal villages are on private land and they have grown by about 200 houses since the Christie administration looked at the problem in the early 2000s.

Cummings argues that the Jamaican government should "put in place a policy to prevent, control, contain, direct, or assist squat-

THE REMAINS of the Mackey Yard settlement following the fire which destroyed it in December. Insiders say the Mackey Yard redevelopment can serve as a template to deal with the issue going forward.



ting. (The best approach) will depend on the individual squatter settlement, but a policy vacuum will only facilitate and add to the gathering chaos with all its environmental, economic, social, and political issues."

We face the same choices here in the Bahamas. Almost a decade ago the Department of Physical Planning surveyed a dozen squatter settlements and produced a position paper seeking Cabinet support to

develop a national policy framework that could address the complex issues involved.

Those issues include sub-standard housing, unsafe living conditions, illegal land occupation, theft of utilities, serious public health risks, and environmental pollution. The position paper called for a coordinating unit within the government to tackle the problem in the short term while consultants were recruited to develop an overall policy framework.

The preferred approach was to resettle squatters on Crown land and finance the construction of properly serviced low-cost rental housing. The coordinating unit would also manage a communications programme to educate the public about the issues and the best ways to address them.

Sporadic efforts have attempted to deal with this problem over the years. In 1995 the former FNM government set up a short-lived task force to demolish illegal housing and relocate some squatters. In 2002 the new PLP government focused briefly on the "urgent need" to relocate squatters. But according to the position paper, "squatter settlement issues continued to escalate."

Framework

The document pointed to "a lack of monitoring, policing, policy and funding", arguing that only coordinated government action within a comprehensive policy framework would have a chance of producing a workable solution. It said squatters were mainly Bahamians and persons of Haitian descent, paying rent to Bahamian slumlords.

In the early 2000s the situation was regarded as serious enough to warrant the attention of the highest levels of government. The experts said it required a comprehensive strategy incorporating legislation, planning controls, enforcement measures, public awareness programmes, improvement of housing standards, and the prevention of new settlements.

But as we said, nothing was done and settlements have only expanded since then. The problems are largely ignored until an event like the recent Mackey Yard fire brings them to the forefront. Unfortunately, as Housing Minister Ken Russell acknowledged recently, addressing these matters is complicated by the fact that the term

"squatter" is now synonymous with "illegal immigrant" in the minds of many Bahamians.

According to Russell, the government is "seeking to do away with the unhygienic and lawless conditions which exist at these sites, which impact neighbouring communities, and which have engendered so many demands for action." But public outrage is very often not based on reality.

In the case of Mackey Yard, for example, a Bahamian had leased Crown land and set himself up as a slumlord, fulfilling a market need. Since the fire, the government has cleaned and regularized this tract of land as a 52-lot subdivision for sale to qualified Bahamians at low cost. But since most people living there were non-Bahamian renters, the lots are also being offered to hundreds of Bahamians on the Ministry of Housing's waiting list.

The reality is that squatters include indigenous Bahamians, Haitian-Bahamians, immigrants with work permits and illegal immigrants. But these one-dimensional labels merely mask the complexity of the problem, as the following three examples illustrate.

A 2003 news report on squatters focused on a young man who, although born here, was not a Bahamian because his parents are Haitians. He had never been to Haiti, and though he had applied three times for Bahamian citizenship and spent about \$4,500 on paperwork and lawyers, he had nothing to show for his efforts.

A friend of mine knows of a "true-blood Bahamian" who works as a messenger and had a daughter with a Haitian woman. The daughter was educated here and is hardworking, but has no status.

"She is confined to the fringes of society because her father can't be bothered to help her get regularised."

Then there is the Haitian who has worked here for years and become a permanent resident. "He has several children," my friend told me.

"One son is here on a work permit, a second son went to R M Bailey and appears to be a Bahamian, and a third son just arrived from Haiti and can't speak English. The second son is intelligent and well-educated, but has no status and is very angry about it."

These examples put a human face on the problem,

and we can multiply them many times throughout our society. The root question is, how do we deal with them? One answer is to deport immigrant children who are born and raised here. Another is to regularize them to become productive members of our society.

The other key point to bear in mind is that squatting is often the only option for low-income people with no collateral or savings who subsist on temporary jobs. They can't afford the cost of land or housing, so they are forced to rely on irregular arrangements facilitated by Bahamians.

Squatter settlements are the inevitable result. But insiders say the Mackey Yard redevelopment can serve as a template to deal with the issue going forward.

Status

"The government will clean, repossess and regularize the land for legitimate claimants while providing basic services. Haitian-Bahamians with status can buy government housing or land. Haitians on permits will have to be accommodated in rental housing. And illegals must continue to be deported. We must also do a much better job of enforcing minimum housing standards."

Unfortunately, as we noted in a previous column, the thing that is most lacking is hard information. No government has attempted to explain the scope and depth of the problem to the electorate in a comprehensive and forthright manner, with all the facts and figures on the table to back that explanation up. There is a tendency to avoid what is seen as a hugely divisive and incendiary issue.

And no government has had the gumption to formulate a comprehensive national policy based on public consultation and expert input that can adequately deal with the issues.

This vacuum allows hatred and fear to flourish, fueled by ignorance and misunderstanding.

Demagogues have no qualms about tackling these matters in a factless environment.

It is up to more responsible political and social leaders to create a framework for rational discussion.

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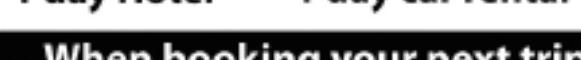
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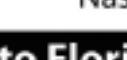
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LOCAL NEWS

GOVT DRAFTING BILL TO 'DEAL WITH' GOLD AND SILVER THEFT

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illegitimate ways we are proposing a restriction on all these precious metals."

Last week, the government issued an order temporarily banning scrap metal, and the export of copper permanently.

According to the statement from the Cabinet Office, the ban is in response to the widespread theft of copper and various metals, which has had an impact on major industries and utilities whose services have been disrupted.

Scrap metal dealers have complained that the 90-day ban on scrap metal and the permanent ban on scrap copper have created significant hardship for those in the industry.

Everette Rolle, managing director of CRT Enterprises Limited, said the ban has caused his business to suffer.

He said: "People have school fees to pay and have to take care of their homes and their children. We should be able to ship what we have

now to earn some sort of money.

"I may be able to survive for three months but the average person can't. I think the government should let us export other metals and if they are worried about copper and aluminum, then place a ban on them until the proper regulations are in place."

Despite the ban, Mr Deveaux said the government will permit exports for metal obtained from authorised demolition, derelict cars and contracted demolition once they are certified by police, customs or DEHS.

However, restricted metals such as aluminum, brass, and catalytic converters will be on hold for 30 days, seven days proposed by stakeholders, to clear police and customs.

Copper will only to be exported under special licence and after certification of source and the government still has the right to hold specific items for a minimum period prior to export.

Minster Deveaux said he will take the recommendations made by the stakeholders to cabinet today for approval.

ENVIRONMENT MINISTER Earl Deveaux speaks to scrap metal dealers yesterday.



BTC 'CAN'T DO ANYTHING' ABOUT VENDORS RAISING PHONE CARD PRICES

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it, we do not endorse it, we encourage you to go into BTC and any number of (other) retailers.

"I think it's an immediate reaction to the margins, I think the market will (soon) settle down. It'll be detrimental to them, if they continue to sell it above face people will just go and get it elsewhere."

Many frustrated consumers have complained to the company wanting to know the reasons behind the price increases, he added.

"People are curious. They want to know. We've had our fair share of inquiries," he said yesterday.

Last week, some vendors complained that their once thriving business would be killed off by the increase in the wholesale cost of phone cards.

In addition to being forced to make less on each card they sell, the vendors said they also will be unable to sell as many as before, thanks to competition from a new automated top-up system announced by BTC.

MAN WANTED FOR QUESTIONING SURRENDERS TO THE POLICE

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naming him as a person of interest in the brutal murders that claimed the life of a pregnant woman and the parents of four young children on Saturday.

Amid speculation that the wanted man turned himself in out of fear of possible retaliation, Assistant Commissioner of Police Anthony Ferguson would not comment on why Saunders presented himself to investigators yesterday morning.

Mr Ferguson said: "We can't make that determination, we can't say why. It's a personal decision that persons make, perhaps it was due to (media)

putting his photograph in the papers."

The body of pregnant 30-year-old Erica Maryann Ward was found with gunshot wounds to her head on the floor of a small apartment at Montgomery Avenue, off Carmichael Road, early Saturday morning.

Officers then discovered the bodies of Edward Cory Braynen, 31, and Chackara Shenika Rahming, 31 – believed to be the parents of the four children – on a bed in another room of the apartment. Cory was shot

multiple times in his back and right arm, and Chackara was shot in her head.

It was reported that pellets from the gunfire injured a four-year-old girl in her right hand; however, the remaining children – two four-year-olds, and a two-year-old – were unharmed.

The children are now in the care of the Department of Social Services.

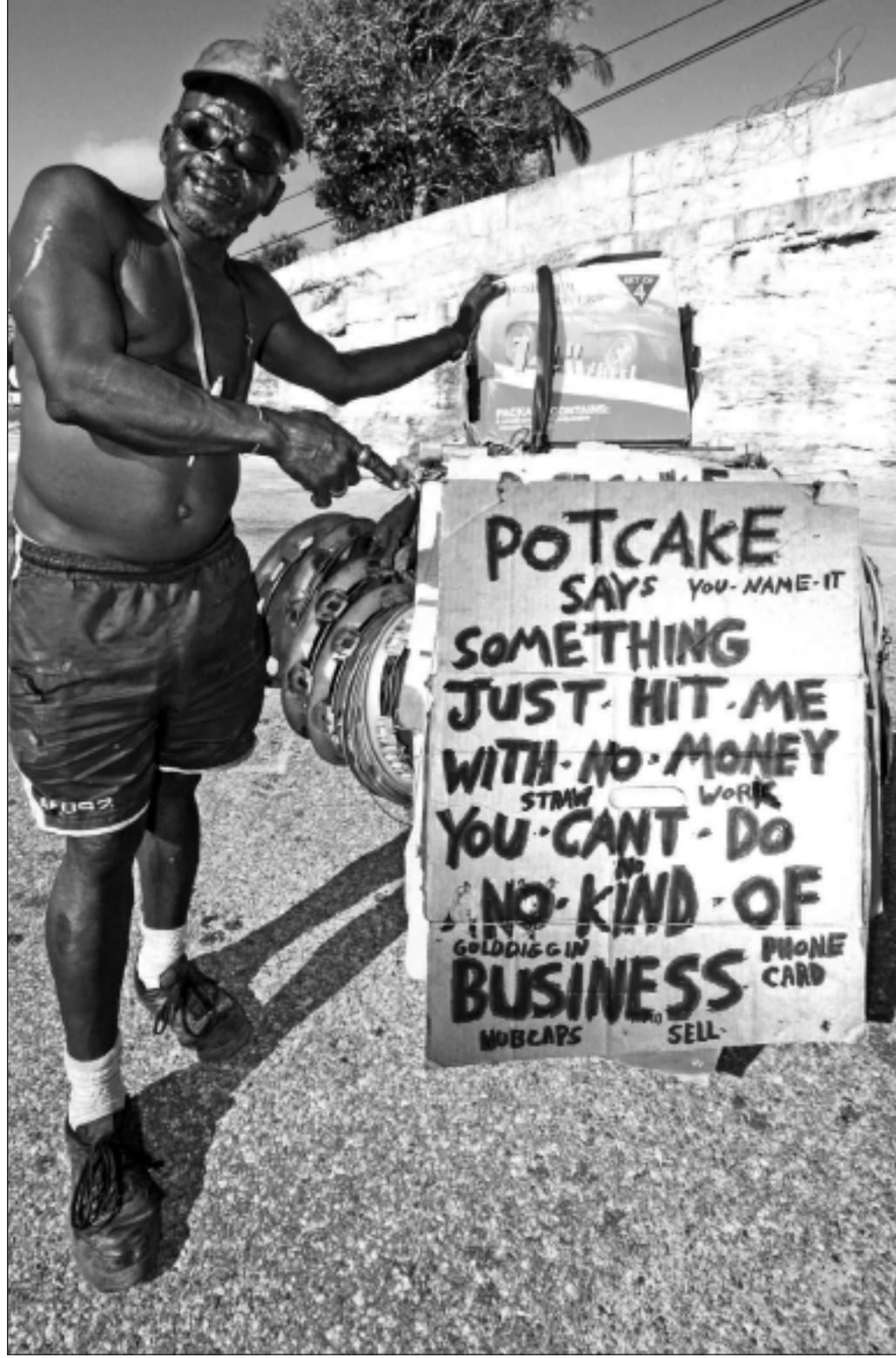
Saunders, of Golden Isles and Carmichael Road, joins a 39-year-old Cow Pen Road man in

assisting police with their investigations into the suspected retaliatory shootings which pushed the country's murder count to 85.

Police are investigating the possibility that Ms Ward was targeted because of her connection with Serrano Adderley, 30, who was recently charged with the July 12 murders of Alwayne Nathaniel Leslie, 28, of Kingston, Jamaica, and Kevin Antonio Forbes, 40, of Miller's Heights, off Carmichael Road.

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THE BAHAMAS' VERY OWN STREET PHILOSOPHER





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CLINTON MEETS SYRIAN ACTIVISTS AS PRESSURE MOUNTS

BEIRUT
Associated Press

SYRIAN TROOPS tightened their siege on the city of Hama Tuesday, sending residents fleeing for their lives and drawing a fresh wave of international condemnation against a regime defying the growing calls to end its crackdown on anti-government protesters.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton met with U.S.-based Syrian democracy activists as the Obama administration weighed new sanctions on Syria. Congressional calls also mounted for action against President Bashar Assad's regime, as the death toll from two days of military assaults on civilians Sunday and Monday neared 100.

Italy recalled its ambassador to Syria "in the face of the terrible repression against the civil population" by the government, which launched a new push against protesters as the Muslim holy month of Ramadan began Monday. It was the first European Union country to pull its ambassador, and the measure came a day after the EU tightened sanctions on Syria.

The mounting international outcry has had no apparent effect so far in Syria, an autocratic country that relies on Iran as a main ally in the region.

The top U.S. military officer said Washington wants to pressure the Syrian regime. But he added there was no immediate prospect of a Libya-style military intervention.

"There's no indication whatsoever that the Americans, that we would get involved directly with respect to this," Joint Chiefs chairman Adm. Mike Mullen said Tuesday.

The British Foreign Office said it shares Italy's "strong concerns about the situation in Syria" but is not recalling its ambassador.

"In the absence of an end to the senseless violence and a genuine process of political reform, we will continue to pursue further EU sanctions," British Foreign Secretary William Hague said in a statement. Without change "President Assad and those around him will find themselves isolated internationally and discredited within Syria."

At U.N. headquarters in New York, the Security Council met behind closed doors Tuesday to discuss a revised European-drafted resolution backed by the U.S. that has been languishing since late May that would condemn Syria's attacks against civilians.

Russia softened its stance, indicating it would not oppose such a resolution. Last month, Russia and China had threatened to veto such a resolution, effectively blocking it.

But Sergei Vershinin, chief of the Foreign Ministry's Middle East and North Africa Department, told Russian news agencies Tuesday that such a resolution should not impose sanctions because that would only escalate the conflict.

Still there was no sign the Syrian regime was willing to back down.

There has been an intensified campaign since Sunday, apparently aimed at preventing protests from swelling during Ramadan, when Muslims throng mosques for special nightly prayers after breaking their daily, dawn-to-dusk fast. The gatherings could turn into large protests.

As expected, protests erupted Monday evening across the country, with hundreds turning out in cities including Homs, Latakia, the Damascus suburbs and the eastern city of Deir el-Zour.

There were scattered protests in Hama, but heavy shelling kept most people inside. Hama has been the target of the recent operation because it has emerged as an opposition stronghold.

The city has a history of defiance to the Assad family 40-year dynasty in Syria. In 1982, Assad's father, Hafez Assad, ordered the military to quell a rebellion by Syrian members of the conservative Muslim Brotherhood movement. The city was sealed off and bombs dropped from above smashed swaths of the city and killed between 10,000 and 25,000 people, rights groups say.

Hama-based activist Omar Hamawi told The Associated Press that troops advanced about 700 yards (meters) from the western entrance of the city overnight, taking up positions near homes and buildings in an area known as Kazo Square. He said the force consisted of eight tanks and several armored personnel carriers.

Hamawi, who spoke to the AP by telephone, said troops were also reinforced on the eastern side of the city around the Hama Central Prison, an overcrowded jail.

He said residents there saw smoke billowing from the prison overnight and heard sporadic gunfire from inside, leading some to believe the inmates were rioting. He added that it was impossible to know what was exactly going on in the prison or whether there were casualties inside the tightly controlled facility.

PHONE HACK SUSPECT ARRESTED, MURDOCH ATTACKER IS JAILED



STUART KUTTNER, the former managing editor of the News of the World. (AP)

LONDON
Associated Press

DETECTIVES investigating phone hacking and police bribery at defunct British tabloid the News of the World on Tuesday arrested the newspaper's former managing editor, police and British media said Tuesday.

He is the latest in a string of executives to be questioned about wrongdoing at the muckraking Rupert Murdoch-owned newspaper.

The Metropolitan Police said a 71-year-old man had been arrested by appointment Tuesday morning at a London police station. They did not name him in keeping with the British police practice of not identifying suspects who have not been charged.

Sky News, which is 39 percent owned by the newspaper's parent company, News Corp., identified him as former News of the World managing editor Stuart Kuttner.

Kuttner retired in 2009 after 29 years at the News of the World, 22 of them as managing editor.

News International — Murdoch's British newspaper division — would not confirm the arrested man's identity.

The man was questioned on suspicion of conspiring to intercept communications — phone hacking — and on suspicion of corruption, which relates to claims that journalists bribed police officers for information. He was released



JONATHAN MAY-BOWLES arrives at Westminster Magistrates Court to be sentenced for a public order offence in London, Tuesday. May-Bowles pleaded guilty to throwing a plate of shaving foam at media tycoon Rupert Murdoch as he gave evidence to a British Parliamentary select committee on July 20. (AP)

on bail a few hours later pending further questioning later this month, police said.

Detectives investigating claims the newspaper illegally eavesdropped on the phone messages of celebrities, politicians and even crime victims have previously arrested 10 people, including Murdoch's former British newspaper chief Rebekah Brooks and Andy Coulson, an ex-News of the World editor who went on to be Prime Minister David Cameron's communications chief.

Coulson was the paper's editor when royal reporter Clive Goodman and private investigator Glenn Mulcaire were arrested and jailed in 2007 for hacking the phones of royal staff. The newspaper claimed for years that hacking was limited to those two rogue staff, but have now admitted it was more widespread.

All those arrested have been released on bail and no one has yet been charged.

Murdoch closed down the 168-year-old News of the World last month in an attempt to contain the spreading scandal, which has

forced him to abandon a bid for full control of British Sky Broadcasting and accept the resignations of two top executives — Brooks and Wall Street Journal publisher Les Hinton.

It has also triggered the resignation of Britain's most senior police officers amid claims of too-cozy ties between the London force and News International.

Police, who have been criticised for failing to uncover the extent of hacking in their original investigation, are now running parallel inquiries into hacking and police bribery.

Last week they opened a third related investigation to examine allegations of computer hacking.

It follows claims by a former army intelligence officer that an investigator working on behalf of a news organization had hacked his computer using an email containing a Trojan programme — malicious software that can allow outside access to a target's machine.

Meanwhile, an activist who hit Murdoch with a shaving foam pie as the mogul testified to British lawmakers has been sentenced to

six weeks in jail.

Jonathan May-Bowles pleaded guilty last week to assaulting the 80-year-old media tycoon as he gave evidence to the House of Commons Culture, Media and Sport Committee in July.

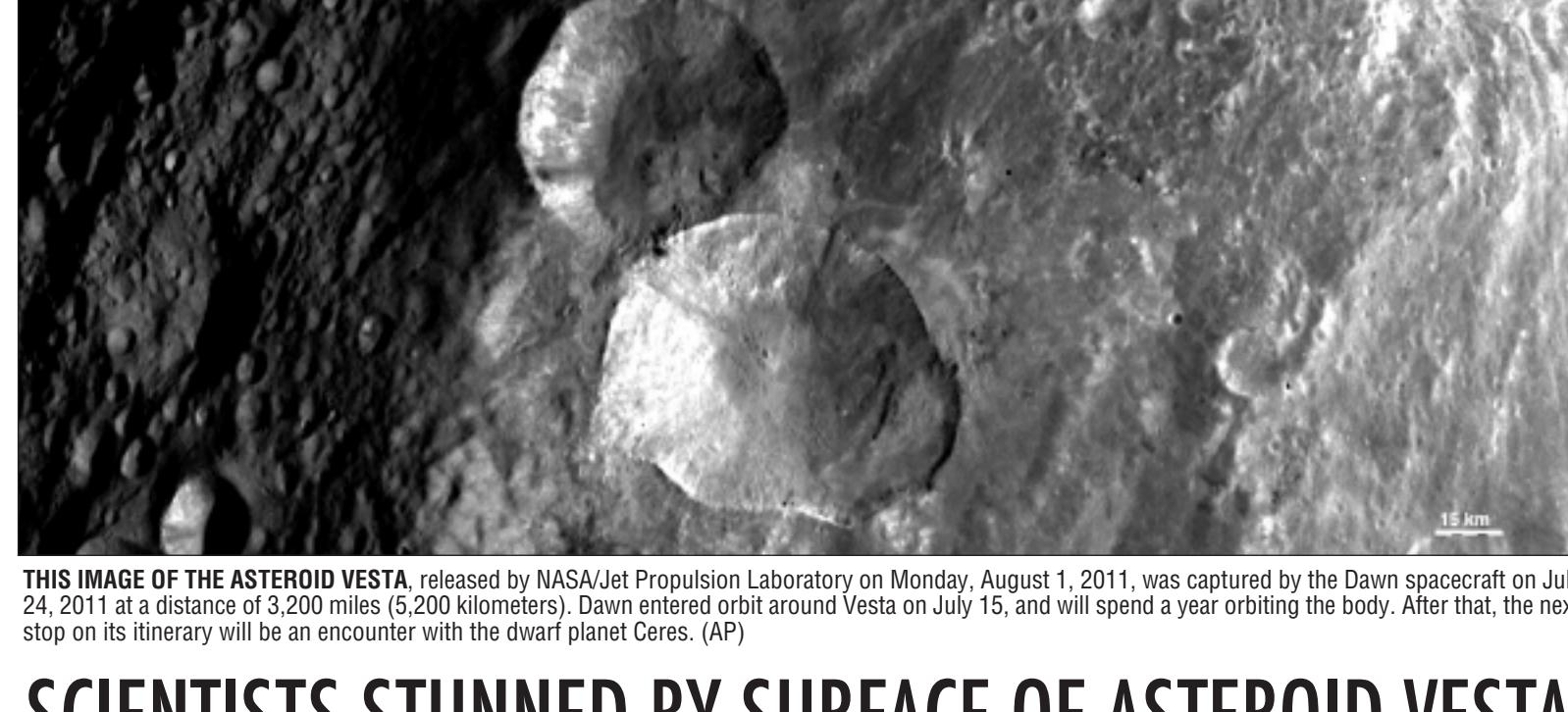
Defense lawyer Tim Greaves said the part-time standup comic intended to make a statement "in the least harmful way possible."

"Slapstick and throwing pies dates back to the 1900s as a recognised form of protest," he said.

But district judge Daphne Wickham criticized May-Bowles for disrupting "a parliamentary process, which as you know conducts itself with dignity and in a civilized fashion."

Handing down the sentence at London's City of Westminster Magistrates' Court, the judge said she took into account the fear of injury felt by Murdoch, who could not have known what was in the foam pie.

She said May-Bowles would serve half the sentence and ordered him to pay 265 pounds (\$430) in penalties and costs.



THIS IMAGE OF THE ASTEROID VESTA, released by NASA/Jet Propulsion Laboratory on Monday, August 1, 2011, was captured by the Dawn spacecraft on July 24, 2011 at a distance of 3,200 miles (5,200 kilometers). Dawn entered orbit around Vesta on July 15, and will spend a year orbiting the body. After that, the next stop on its itinerary will be an encounter with the dwarf planet Ceres. (AP)

SCIENTISTS STUNNED BY SURFACE OF ASTEROID VESTA

LOS ANGELES
Associated Press

THE first close-up pictures of the massive asteroid Vesta reveal a northern hemisphere littered with craters — including a trio nicknamed "Snowman" — and a smoother southern half, researchers reported Monday.

Running along the asteroid's equator are deep grooves — a surprise to scientists who did not expect to see such features.

"We're seeing quite a varied surface," said chief scientist Christopher Russell of the University of California, Los Angeles. The images were taken by NASA's Dawn spacecraft, which began orbiting the 330-mile (530-kilometer)-wide rocky body last month and beaming back incredible surface details that the team is only beginning to pore over. It's the first time that Vesta has been viewed up close. Until now, it has only been photographed from afar.

Since entering orbit, Dawn has taken more than 500 pictures, while refining its path and inching ever closer to the surface to get a better view. The probe will officially start collecting science data next week once it is 1,700 miles (2,735 kilometers) from the surface. It will get as close as 110 miles

(177 kilometers) while it orbits Vesta for a year.

Vesta's southern section is dominated by a giant crater, the result of a collision eons ago that's believed to have pelted Earth with numerous meteorites, or broken off pieces of asteroids.

The northern side is filled with older craters including three that scientists dubbed "Snowman."

Vesta is "so rich in features" that it will keep scientists busy for years, said Holger Sierks, of the Max Planck Society in Germany, who helps operate the camera.

Some 117 million miles (188 million kilometers) from Earth, Vesta is the second-largest resident of the asteroid belt, a zone between Mars and Jupiter filled with hundreds of thousands of space rocks orbiting the sun. The belt formed some 4.5 billion years ago around the same time and under similar conditions as Earth and the inner planets.

It's thought that larger chunks such as Vesta could have merged into planets had they not been foiled by Jupiter's gravity. Despite being denied planethood, asteroids are of interest to researchers because they date back to the early solar system.

Powered by ion propulsion instead of conventional rocket fuel, Dawn slid around Vesta on July 15 after a 1.7 billion-mile (2.74 billion kilometer)

cruise. Most orbit insertions are tricky because speeding craft has to slow down or risk overshooting its target.

Since Dawn has been traveling slow relative to Vesta, the orbit capture was a ho-hum event.

"It wasn't dramatic, but it is exciting," said chief engineer Marc Rayman of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Launched in 2007, Dawn is the first mission to explore Vesta and Ceres, the two largest members of the asteroid belt. It's also the largest interplanetary probe launched by NASA, measuring 64 feet tip to tip with its solar panels unfurled.

Though the \$466 million project was conceived long before the United States decided to send astronauts to an asteroid by 2025, the data gathered by Dawn should help future manned missions.

After a year, Dawn will move on to Ceres, where it will arrive in 2015.

Unlike dry and rocky Vesta, Ceres is icy and may have frost-covered poles. Due to the possible presence of frozen water, Dawn will not be able to venture as close to Ceres' surface for fear of contaminating the asteroid.

The team does not plan to post raw images online as other NASA missions have done. Instead, there will be just one picture released daily.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

LAWYER: NORWEGIAN ATTACKER MAKES DEMANDS



A WOMAN TOUCHES A NORWEGIAN FLAG as people gather around thousands of flowers and tributes laid outside the Oslo Cathedral in Oslo, in memory of the victims of July 22 bomb attack and shooting rampage, Monday. (AP)

"His demands here includes the complete overthrowing of both the Norwegian and European societies. But it shows that he doesn't understand the situation he's in."

Lawyer Geir Lippestad

OSLO, Norway
Associated Press

THE CONFESSED KILLER in Norway's twin terror attacks that claimed 77 lives has presented a long list of "unrealistic" demands, including the resignation of the government and that his mental condition be investigated by Japanese specialists, his defense lawyer said Tuesday.

Geir Lippestad told the Associated Press his client has two lists of demands. One consists of requests common among inmates such as for cigarettes and civilian clothing. The other is "unrealistic, far, far from the real world and shows he doesn't know how society works," Lippestad said by telephone.

Lippestad said 32-year-old Anders Behring Breivik links this second list to his willingness to share information about two other alleged terrorist cells that Breivik has mentioned during questioning.

"They are completely impossible to fulfill," Lippestad said, adding that although Breivik has agreed to be examined by local psychiatrists, he also wants to be investigated by Japanese specialists.

"He claims the Japanese understand the idea and values of honor and that a Japanese (specialist) would understand him a lot better than any European would."

Lippestad said his client has also demanded complete political reform, in which he wants to be assigned a key role.

"His demands here includes the complete overthrowing of



IN THIS July 25, 2011 file photo, Norway's twin terror attacks suspect Anders Behring Breivik, left, sits in an armored police vehicle after leaving the courthouse following a hearing in Oslo, Norway. (AP)

both the Norwegian and European societies," he said, noting it includes the resignation of the Norwegian government but declined to give further details. "But it shows that he doesn't understand the situation he's in."

Lippestad said he last met his client on Friday, but has scheduled another meeting with him later this week.

Breivik claims he carried out the attacks as part of a network of modern-day crusaders — the Knights Templar — to launch a revolution against a Europe spoiled by Muslim immigration, and that there are other cells ready to strike.

Investigators say they have found no signs of a larger conspiracy. Still, they are searching his computer and cell phone records for any signs of contact with other right-wing extremists

who may have helped or influenced him.

At a news conference later Tuesday, Prosecutor Christian Hatlo said police had now finalized its investigation at the site of the bombing in Norway's government quarter that left eight dead, but are still working to secure evidence at the site of the Labor Party youth camp massacre.

Rescue workers have now begun to clean up the Utoya island camp by collecting and returning personal items left behind by the victims, he said.

Ronny Frantzen, one of the first rescue workers to reach the island during the gun spree, told national news agency NTB that he returned to Utoya with mixed emotions.

"It was frightening to come out to the island and see the tent

camp where these horrible acts had been committed," he said. "But even if we're painfully aware of the tragedy that happened here, it's not something that is visible to a very large degree here on Utoya."

One of the eight volunteers from Frantzen's aid organization was killed by Breivik on the island.

The July 22 bombing in Norway's government quarter in Oslo killed eight people and the shooting massacre at an annual summer camp held by the Labor Party's youth wing on Utoya island claimed an additional 69 lives.

If Breivik is tried and convicted of terrorism he could face up to 21 years in prison. An alternative custody arrangement, however, could keep him behind bars indefinitely.

NORWAY'S RIGHT WING ON DEFENSIVE AFTER ATTACKS

OSLO, Norway
Associated Press

Warning voters about the danger of increasing Muslim influence in Norway, the Progress Party rode a wave of anti-immigrant feeling and took nearly a quarter of the seats in parliament in the country's last election.

Now one of Europe's most successful right-wing parties is on the defensive after one of its former members massacred 77 people in the name of fighting immigration.

The Progress Party has confirmed that Anders Behring Breivik, the confessed perpetrator of last month's massacre, was a member between 1999 and 2006. That has focused intense criticism on its platform of sharply cutting the immigration that is changing Norway's once virtually homogenous population of white Christians.

"They have to change their tone," said Magnus Takvam, a political commentator for Norwegian public broadcaster NRK. "They have to reconsider their vocabulary."

Progress Party leader Siv Jensen has been criticized for warning of a stealth Islamization of Norway. And in May, the party's leader in Oslo called the governing Labor Party's immigration policy a "demographic experiment" and said a left-wing political elite was allowing Western civilization to be eroded by Muslim immigrants with opposing values.

Breivik also condemned leftists for their tolerant attitude towards immigrants from the Muslim world, but Jensen, 42, noted that he condemned all of Norway's political parties, "mine included," in the rambling 1,500-word manifesto he released before the massacre.

Breivik, 32, says he grew disillusioned with the party and concluded that the only way to stop what he called the "Islamisation" of Norway and Europe was through armed struggle.

"He has obviously developed some very, very strange, sick ideas over the years," Jensen told The Associated Press. "His manifesto is perversely unique and cannot be linked to any organisation or legal political party of Norway."

First elected into Parliament in 1973, the Progress Party has steadily gained support for its calls to sharply cut immigration and lower taxes, primarily by spending more of Norway's oil revenue now, instead of saving it for future generations.

No longer a maverick opposition group, the Progress Party now boasts support that few of its counterparts in Europe can match. It won 41 of the 169 seats in Parliament in the 2009 election, its best result ever. Only the Labor Party is bigger, with 64 seats.

But the July 22 terror attacks, which shook Norway to the core, have generated a wave of sympathy for Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg's Labor Party, the apparent target of the attacks. Polls show its support surging, ahead of local elections in September.

Jensen said Breivik kept a low profile in the party and never revealed his murderous plans.

"He didn't say much, he didn't do much, he didn't take part in our activities at all," Jensen told AP in her wood-paneled office decorated with an American flag — a gift from Republicans Abroad — and a tiny bust of President Ronald Reagan. "So we could not foresee any of this."

In his manifesto, Breivik says he left the Progress Party after concluding "that it would be impossible to change the system democratically." Describing himself as defender of Europe's Christian heritage, he couldn't accept that once homogenous Norway is now an increasingly diverse nation, where more than 12 percent of the 5 million residents are immigrants or children of immigrants — about half of them from Asia, Africa or Latin America.

The number of Muslims is unclear because people aren't registered by religious affiliation, but estimates range between 2 percent and 4 percent of the population.

Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg's Labor Party embraces the idea of Norway as a multicultural nation, though it doesn't advocate unfettered immigration.

Stoltenberg has won praise for his statesmanlike demeanor following the attacks, calling for the nation to unite behind its ideals of peace, democracy and tolerance. His expressions of grief for the victims — some of which he knew — have come across as genuine and heartfelt, and he has personally attended several funerals.

In a speech to Parliament on Monday, Stoltenberg urged all political parties to "choose our words more carefully in the future" in what was seen as subtle criticism of the Progress Party's rhetoric on immigration.

Jensen didn't see it that way, saying political leaders of all stripes have at times said something they regret. She suggested that campaigning for the local elections, postponed until mid-August because of the attacks, will be carried out in less divisive manner than usual.

"I think she should not escape so easily," said Mehtab Afsar, secretary general of the Islamic Council of Norway, an umbrella group with some 70,000 members. "I think they have to think about what is so attractive in their program that people like Breivik come joining the party."



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Government will continue some scrap metal exports

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Minister for the environment Earl Deveaux has said the government will continue to accommodate some scrap metal exports but will not lift its temporary ban on the scrap metal industry until it has the necessary regulations in place.

Mr Deveaux said the government is moving towards drafting legislation to regulate the industry, and while the ban remains in effect, will accommodate persons whose goods were already in port or those with

contractual obligations.

"We are accommodating the shipment of goods that were certifiable and were already in the port," Mr Deveaux said.

"A number of these people have contractual obligations, so what we recommended is that you provide proof and we will make recommendations to the minister."

"What we are concerned about is the absence of a chain of custody."

"The whole purpose of the ban was to arrest the theft and arrest the nuisance and to give time to prepare the appropriate regulations."

"The government will continue to accommodate the legitimate trade in scrap metal. We understand scrap metal to be derelict vehicles and old

cars. We understand scrap metal to be what is currently taking place at BORCO."

Mr Deveaux said stringent regulations to the scrap metal industry have already been proposed by dealers in Abaco who he met with over the weekend.

He said those proposals were presented to scrap metal dealers in Nassau during a meeting yesterday.



EARL DEVEAUX

According to Mr Deveaux, the ban on copper has effectively put the lid on the demand for the metal since it can no longer be exported.

The new regulations regarding scrap metal exports came into force last Wednesday.

It said "no person shall, for a period of 90 days from the coming into force of the regulations, export any scrap metal from the Bahamas to any place outside the Bahamas".

The Export Control (Prohibition of Scrap Metal and Copper) Regulations 2011 added: "No person shall export any copper from the Bahamas to any place outside the Bahamas. "The Government was exploring ways to clamp down on the illegal trade impacting govern-

ment corporations, which have suffered millions in losses due to copper theft."

The move is similar to that of Jamaica, which on Tuesday banned the trade of scrap metal in order to curb the wanton theft and mangling of valuable property.

Railway lines, water pipes, telephone cables, bridges, road signs, gates and even handles from exhumed coffins were vandalised by scrap metal thieves in Jamaica to sell to rogue dealers for export.

In the Bahamas, scrap metal thieves have plagued corporations such as BEC, ZNS and the Water and Sewerage Corporation. Local dealers have called on the government to lift the ban.



Unions: 'No need' to be unrealistic

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

THERE is "no need" for Bahamian trade unions to seek unrealistic wages and employment terms from their employers, the Trades Union Congress (TUC) president argued that "survival of the business" was paramount.

Obie Ferguson, who is also an attorney specialising in labour-related matters, told Tribune Business that the Bahamas ought to follow the UK's lead and split the business community into different "categories" when it came to dealing with issues such as minimum wage and pension plan increases.

This, he argued, would split the private sector into businesses who could absorb a rise in, say, the minimum wage to \$210 per week, as the Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) is suggesting, and those that could not.

Agreeing that it made no sense for trade unions to effectively 'cut off their nose to spite their face' by pushing for unattainable wages

- * TUC president says 'business survival' paramount
- * Urges Bahamian private sector be split into 'categories' of who can/can not afford minimum wage rise

and benefits, Mr Ferguson suggested industrial negotiations would be aided by "greater trust and transparency" between worker and employer.

The Bahamian trade union has long pushed for a 100 per cent increase in the weekly minimum private sector wage, doubling it from \$150 to \$300, but Mr Ferguson added: "Having said that, it's important to look at the business side of things."

"I wouldn't want to propose something that would put a company out of business. You've got to put companies into categories - some can absorb it, some can't."

The same would apply to

pensions and increasing the minimum wage by index-linking it to inflation, Mr Ferguson adding that the UK "had different scales for different businesses".

"While I'm all for what they're [the PLP] are suggesting, I'm not so insensitive as to ignore the survival of the business. If you're talking about employment, one has to make sure the environment is conducive for the businessman to run the business and make a profit and, at the same time, and at the same time you're obligated to protect the workers."

If businesses are unable to

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Joint venture likely on \$4-\$6m water bid

By NATARIO MCKENZIE
Business Reporter

THE WATER and Sewerage Corporation's general manager has told Tribune Business that the contract to build, own and operate a \$4-\$6 million wastewater treatment plant in Pinewood Gardens is expected to go out to bid this month, with the ultimate winner a possible joint venture between a Bahamian and foreign firm.

The move will mark another step towards the Water and Sewerage Corporation privatising key elements of its services.

"We are still finalising documents," Glen Laville said. "We had to gather some data on the actual flows to the site, so we don't expect to go

Water Corp wastewater tender likely to go out this month

out to bid until August. We are quite a few months behind on that, unfortunately. We have had some other failures at the plant that have taken up our time."

Mr Laville said the bid will be open to Bahamian and foreign firms. "What we would expect to happen at some point is a joint venture between local and foreign firms, because they would have to bring quite a bit of financing to the table and that may not be available locally; it may or may not," he explained.

"What I expect to happen is to have some foreign financing, some foreign expertise, but I expect the day-to-day operation to be run by a Bahamian firm in a joint venture or association with a foreign firm."

Mr Laville said the move will be the first step the Corporation has taken towards outsourcing the wastewater treatment side of its operations, after already relying doing the same with the supply of reverse osmosis water.

"It is something we would



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Government to launch Jump Start programme soon, says minister



MINISTER of State for Finance Zhivargo Laing.

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MINISTER of State for Finance Zhivargo Laing said yesterday the government is trying to promote its job readiness and training programme before it launches its jump start initiative which he said will come on stream soon.

Mr Laing told Tribune Business yesterday the government will soon be making an announcement on the initiative which has generated significant inquiries.

"The government will soon launch its jump start initia-

tive. We will be making an announcement on that very soon."

"We're trying to give the job readiness programme some time. That is a massive undertaking and we want it to get all the media time it can so people can understand the logistics of it," Mr Laing said yesterday.

The government's Jump Start programme is to be run along the same lines as the Self-Starters initiative for younger Bahamians. The government has allocated \$1.5 million to the Ministry of Finance to provide \$7,500 per person grants for budding entrepreneurs to start their

own businesses.

The government has allocated \$25 million for the National Job Readiness Training initiative which will provide Bahamians with training and job placement for a period of 52 weeks. The job readiness component is primarily aimed at young, unemployed Bahamians 30 and under. The job training component will provide people over 30 with the opportunity to enhance their skills or gain new skills through study and work placement.

The general job placement component will allow unemployed Bahamians to work in designated industries such as,

but not limited to, tourism, financial services and the industrial trades. The programme is designed to prepare unemployed Bahamians for entry into the labour market after they receive 52 weeks of formal on-the-job training and career coaching through structured seminars.

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Dissecting the US debt ceiling drama

By Larry R Gibson

ALL eyes have been focused on Washington DC in recent weeks as one of the most extraordinary events in US history is unfolding right before our eyes.

US lawmakers are taking this matter, the US debt ceiling, down to the wire. As I write this article, the debt ceiling crisis is seemingly usurping all Sunday television news media. However, to the 'average man on the street', this discussion is rather abstract and 'over most persons head'.

By the time you read this article, the debt ceiling crisis could be resolved or alternatively, we would have already begun to suffer the consequences of a US government default. I will stick my neck on the line and predict that some compromise will be agreed prior to the August 2, 2011, deadline. In fact, the situation is so fluid that it could indeed be resolved before I complete writing this column.

What is the National Debt?

The National debt is the sum of all outstanding debt owed by the Federal Government in the United States. It includes not only the money the government has borrowed, but also the interest it must pay on the borrowed money. The government goes into debt when it doesn't collect

enough revenue to cover the expenses it incurs from spending on programs such as the military or building roads and bridges. The revenues come from corporate and income taxes, capital gains taxes, death and inheritance taxes, and the various fees government imposes for various services, such as for visas and passports, student loans, and admission to national parks.

The US national debt is about \$14.5 trillion and its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is about just under \$14 trillion. By contrast, in the Bahamas our national

debt is about \$4 billion, with a GDP of about \$8 billion.

What is the Debt Ceiling?
The debt ceiling is a cap, set by Congress, on how much debt the US government can have outstanding at any time. There are only two countries in the world with a debt ceiling – the United States and Denmark.

The debt ceiling idea came about in 1917. Before then, Congress had to approve borrowing for each item when the government needed money. But to have more flexibility as the US entered World War I, lawmakers agreed to give the government approval for all borrowing — as long as the total was less than a specific number. That debt limit number — usually set at a high figure — would be set by Congress. Whenever the government is going to exceed the debt limit, Congress has to vote its approval to raise it ... hence, the stalemate we are now experiencing. If the debt ceiling is not extended, the U.S. would not be able to pay its bills.

The irony in all of this is that the US Debt ceiling relates to expenditures that have already been made and not expenditures contemplated. It's kind of like going into a restaurant, eating a meal and then deciding if you are going to pay for it. Morally, you are committed to paying for your meal. It should be noted that the debt ceiling has been raised more than seventy times since 1962 and 10 times since 2001.

On Ronald Reagan's watch, which is generally regarded as the best economic period in recent times, the debt ceiling was raised more than fourteen times and taxes rose more than eight times. I do not think that there is a precedent in history where lawmakers in a democratic and capitalist system would have knowingly inflicted such damage on their own economy.

What if there is no compromise?

Clearly, no country can borrow indefinitely. The answer to the debt problem must include a combination of revenue increases (higher taxes) and spending cuts.

At the end of the day, that is exactly how compromise will be reached. However, in the interim, the scene that is playing out in Washington is most counter-productive. If you do not pay your debts, credit initially becomes more expensive to obtain (higher interest rates) and then ... credit becomes unavailable.

CNBC reported last week: "In the very unlikely event that the United States defaults on its debt obligations, the country's economy would contract by five percent and stocks would fall by nearly a third according to Credit Suisse".

A five per cent contraction would push the US back into recession, send interest rates higher, turn business and investor sentiment very negative and undoubtedly make the US dollar weaker.

If this scenario were to unfold for our closest neighbour, for whom we are economically tied, the effects on the Bahamian economy would be horrendous at best as I remind you of the adage "when the US sneezes, the Bahamas get pneumonia".

So now you see, Washington's problems are also our problem. Let's just hope that my prognostication of a last minute compromise prevails.

Post Script

Notwithstanding an apparent compromise, it appears that there is still a risk (albeit a diminished risk) of a rating downgrade by the rating agencies for US government debt. Economic data released late on Friday past suggest the pace of the US recovery continues to weaken as evidenced by GDP data. This is something that we must monitor closely. The obvious impli-

cations for the Bahamian economy, suggest that our recovery will be tenuous at best in the short term.

Food for thought

Having seen how this situation in Washington unfolded, it begs the question "Is this how democracy and capitalism in its 'supposedly most pure and most exemplary form' is supposed to work? This is something we can explore in a later column. Until next week..."

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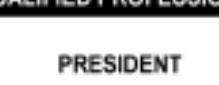
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Joint venture likely on \$4-\$6m water bid

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eventually like to do with all of our sewerage treatment plants," he added. "We definitely want to get more private sector involvement."

"Depending on how it unfolds, we may have to make some capital investments ourselves, but ultimately we would like to do it the same way we have done water production, which is to let the private sector come in, let them make the capital investment, do all of the operation and maintenance, do long-term contracts with them and just let them run it."

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Children in Motion



BETTYJOE COOPER
is a successful
businesswoman
and author of
several children's
stories.

By ALESHA CADET
Tribune Features Reporter

BETTYJOE Cooper tells the stories of people, whether they be fantastical or based on true events. Already a successful businesswoman and author of several children's stories, Ms Cooper now presents a special sing-along calendar book titled "Children in Motion" which aims to teach youngsters about the different months and seasons.

A mother of one, Ms Cooper said she wants to express her love for children everywhere.

To this end, the author joined forces with graphic design artist Jorge Pacheco to create a "perpetual calendar of happiness and song."

"Children in Motion", she said, is filled with colourful comic illustrations by Mr Pacheco, and "each month's page ends with a song for the whole family to sing together to the lively tunes of the audiobook version."

She said she wrote the book because she believes passionately in the value of family and the right of children to be happy.

"The things we learned when we were children made us what we are today."

"I hope my book will bring back memories of love, laughter and happy times for parents, and set their children on that path, too," she said.

Speaking with Tribune Arts, Ms Cooper said she often draws her inspiration from the most painful moments in her own life. Working through life's hardships in a creative way has led her to the art of storytelling.

"Whatever I am writing, I try to take myself to a better place in the world where I like to feel the positive and see it as creating something wonderful in the moment," she said.

But writing wasn't always her only passion.

With an interest in all



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that's stylish and an eye for beauty, Ms Cooper in 2007 opened a cosmetics and fashion boutique called Bjo.

The store offered a range of stylish clothing and beauty products, including a natural, marine-based cosmetic line that promoted specialised skin care. But Ms Cooper decided to sell the business to focus more on her writing career.

Now, with "Children in Motion", Ms Cooper said she believes she has created a book that children will want to reread many times.

"Children will want to return to this book many times as the days and months pass and this is part of its secret."

"Little ones learn best when they return to the same beloved book time and time again to discover fresh new detail. The detail that they will find in 'Children in Motion' is the love of their parents, the fun of life and how the passing months affect the seasons."

The book includes cheerful melodies and lyrics such as, "you're my beautiful pumpkin, sweet, sweet pumpkin. Yum-yum, pumpkin pie. You're that wonderful yumkin. Dill and dumplin, Oh, my," roll dah-dumpling, roll dah-dumplin, that wonderful dumpling pie."

Ms Cooper, who grew up in tight-knit family in New Providence, said she hopes the book reminds parents how much their children adore them and how it's their right as happy parents to have fun.

With the publication of her latest book, Ms Cooper said she also wants to help the less fortunate children in the country.

"We give a \$1.00 donation for every book that is sold to the Ranfurly Home for Children," she said.

"Children in Motion" can be purchased at most book stores in New Providence.

Other books by Ms Cooper which will be published soon include "Princess Braelin", "Who Killed Jonathan Kinkae" and "The Dogs Who Screwed the Cats."





ABACO TOP CHEF

CULINARY experts went head-to-head in a cook-off challenge to determine who among them is 'Abaco's Top Chef 2011'.

After just 30 minutes of preparation time, seven chefs from restaurants throughout Abaco presented their creations to the judges.

Following the tasting of the dishes and taking each chef's unique style into consideration, the judges had their winner: Antonio Huyler, sous chef at the Ritz-Carlton managed Abaco Club at Winding Bay.

While Mr Huyler walked away with the main prize, Neil Bradley of the Bradley's On The Harbour restaurant won the People's Choice Appetiser Award.

Held at the Abaco Beach Resort, Marsh Harbour, on July 17, organisers said the competition will "expose our residents and visitors to the many talents and skills that are available in the Abacos".

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Abaco Pathfinders Scholarship Foundation.

1. THE RITZ-CARLTON'S ABACO CLUB AT WINDING BAY'S ENTREE: Plantain wrapped tuna in a lemon and spinach risotto garnished with a roasted red pepper coulis.

2. SEA SPRAY'S ENTREE: Seared grouper on top of roasted bell pepper tomatoes and scalloped potatoes served with Chef Carlton's aioli sauce, a blend of mayonnaise, lime and Cajun seasoning, and garnished with bacon wrapped vegetables.

3. TREASURE CAY RESORT ENTREE: A Combination of home-grown vegetables served with a Nigerian king prawn and smoked tenderloin of Abaco wild boar.

4. ABACO BEACH RESORT'S ENTREE: Abaco hog snapper with a coconut shrimp stack served with a conch ball stuffed with pepper jack cheese, garnished with Cajun shrimp and garlic butter.



WINNING CHEF ANTONIO HUYLER (left) hugs teammate Antonio Cardoso after he was announced winner of the Abaco Top Chef competition at the Abaco Beach Resort in Marsh Harbour.

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JUDGES OLIVER SAUCY and Paul Gerard speak with Antonio Huyler moments after he was announced winner of the Abaco Top Chef 2011 competition.

WINNING CHEF Antonio Huyler seconds after he was announced winner of the Abaco Top Chef competition at the Abaco Beach Resort in Marsh Harbour, Abaco.



JUDGES OLIVER SAUCY and Paul Gerard with winning chef Antonio Huyler. To his left are Jeritzen Outen from the Ministry of Tourism and judge Elijah Bowe.

The month of August

GREEN SCENE

By GARDENER JACK

AUGUST is the month when we must start thinking seriously about hurricanes and their possible effect on our property. Take a walk around your garden and note how many shrubs will have to be pruned low, how many trees to have limbs removed, how many bits and pieces to be picked up and stored away.

When a hurricane threatens there will be plenty to do in the way of getting supplies and ensuring the safety of our loved ones. The garden will slip down on our list of priorities. Plan what you are going to do and get it done quickly and safely when a storm threatens.

Most vegetable gardens are moribund at this time of year. I have bell and cubanelle peppers growing in containers that are positioned to protect the plants from the midday sun.

I also did a late sowing of watermelons – Sugar Baby – that are a welcome relief on hot summer days. Mostly, however, the garden beds are empty and I am working up the strength to solarise them, cover them with clear plastic for the rest of the summer.

Even though they're protected from the worst of the sun the peppers are still susceptible to sun scald and I pick them as soon as I suspect they have had enough sun. I also rotate the plants daily. Cubanelle peppers tend to have dense protective foliage but most bell peppers can be very spare and leave the fruits exposed.

Ideally, watermelons should have lots of water while the vines are growing and no or little water while the fruits develop. Our season is the other way around, dry during vine development then rainy as the fruits grow. Too much water means a diminution in flavour and the possibility of watermelons splitting.

Flowering shrubs and fruit trees may well benefit from an extra application of granular fertilizer during August, to take advantage

over a week or so add leaves, coffee grounds and other kitchen waste. When the hole is half full, fill it in with soil and mark it with a stick. When you get around to transplanting your vegetables the waste in the holes will have been converted to compost, all the better to grow by.

The flowering tree of note during August is the yellow poinciana (*Peltophorum pterocarpum*). The yellow flowers are held upright in panicles, almost as if the tree is displaying them for your admiration. Once the flowering stage is over, copper-coloured pods appear that are attractive until they turn brown. Despite the name, yellow poinciana is not related to royal poinciana.

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THESE July cubanelle peppers were grown in pots that allowed shade during the hottest part of the day.



Flash Back



Just a few images of what we the Bahamas looked like
40...50...60... years in the past

By ROLAND ROSE



Sometime in the early 1950s the Bahamas saw one of its first catamarans. *The Venturi* from Fisher Island, Miami, Florida. You could drive a pretty good sized boat through the centre.



MARY J BLIGE

OPENS UP IN "BEHIND THE MUSIC"

By LESH

IN A recent VH1 'Behind the Music' documentary, the queen of Soul and R&B Mary J Blige recalled her troubled years, describing her past self as "borderline suicidal."

Blige talked about her life growing up in the "projects" and about being molested as a child.

As the show went on, we got to dig deep into Mary's past as she explained her battle with substance abuse and being an alcoholic. She also revealed something that left me speechless – her on- and off-again relationship with Jodeci star K-Ci Hailey which began in the 1990s.

In the interview with VH1, Mary spoke about one of the moments she will never forget: "I remember going down the wrong way on the FDR Drive in New York. I didn't realize this is how messed up we were. I was driving this way, the traffic's coming this way. I remember crashing my car into a wall and my girlfriend was on the other side just screaming. I really didn't care about myself. I was borderline suicidal and I was like the walking dead, just smoking and drinking and hanging."

Speaking about her adolescent years, she said: "I don't remember wanting to be a star, I just remember the music feeling so good. It always felt like it was going through me, and I could feel it in my stomach. By the time we moved to Yonkers, to Schlobohm in the projects, it was just, you know, every man for themselves. It was like survive or die. All the women around were being beaten by men, their self esteem was low. These are the women you're watching every single day. I've seen women destroyed, I've heard their screams through the walls as a child from being abused by men. And so that really made everything worse. By the time I was a teenager I was crazy."

"When I was five years old I was molested and just, you know. I remember feeling, literally right before it happened, I just could not believe that this person was going to do this to me. That thing followed me all my life. The shame of thinking my molestation was my fault. It led me to believe I wasn't worth anything."

"I was subliminally just trying to get out of here. I was trying to drink the problems away and I remember having Seagram's gin sponsor our tour, and I was drinking every single day. I don't know what death feels like but I felt like my spirit was trying to leave my body. I remember saying a prayer: "Send me someone to help me."

Tired of life's struggles and hardships that were being placed on her life, Mary made a decision to turn her life around for the better. She expressed her joy in her track *No More Drama*. "When I said no more drama, man did I mean that. I was tired of beating up on myself. I was tired of feeling like I wanted to die. I was tired and tired and tired. It was the beginning of something that was the hardest thing for me to do. And that's to really get out of the comfort zone of being miserable."

"This could have been a tragic story. Every single chapter. I am the living proof that any person going through any kind of tragic situation in their lives any molestation, any self-hatred, anything terrible, you can get out, you can make it."

Mary also had a very close friend in the music business, Sean "P Diddy" Combs. They were like siblings and although the two had their ups



and downs they were always there for each other. She says, "I love Puffy. If it wasn't for him I probably wouldn't have made it this far in my career, because he pushed me, challenged me to challenge myself. And I love that."

Adding a few words about Mary's life, P Diddy said: "I remember when Mary came in, everything was so glamorous in R&B. I was looking at Mary like, trying to make her glamorous would be the wrong move. She was raw, she represented the streets, so I wanted her image to reflect

that. That's why we went to the combat boots. I wanted her to represent a girl from the hood."

Going further, the singer says her husband, record industry executive Martin Kendu Isaacs, was her inspiration to change her life. She explains: "Kendu asked me, 'you know, why are you drinking? Ding! Answer, you hate yourself.' So it was the questions that made me say eureka. Why you drinking? I hate me. Why do you hate you? You're supposed to love you? That day was the beginning of our friendship, and him talking to me

and helping me. I have a life right now. I have a life because of that phone call."

"The best thing that you can do to me is to challenge me to challenge myself."

"When I stopped drinking, it was will power. It was prayer. It was really hard. But I cared so much about Kendu and I didn't want to just be this alcoholic burden on him. He doesn't deserve for me to just be some you know, slum bucket alcoholic. And so, I took responsibility and I cleaned up as much as I could. But it was hard."

YA HEAR GOSSIP CORNER

YA HEAR?

- **YA HEAR**, Kanye and Jigga are beefing? Well that's the sip that's out and about these days. The New York Post is reporting that Jay-Z and Kanye West are getting frustrated with each other while ironing out details of their upcoming tour.

"Jay-Z is fed up with West's antics, he doesn't even want to be around him," the New York Post's Page Six reported.

According to industry bloggers, the root of the problem between 'Janye' stems from production costs. Kanye wants to upstage rock stars with a flashy and elaborate set that could cost over \$400,000 a show; Jay-Z on the other hand, being the businessman that he is, wants to make as much money from the shows as possible so that he can pay back a hefty advance he got from LiveNation.

- **YA HEAR**, "Basketball Wives" has been expanded to feature an Los Angeles cast? Yes, after the three seasons of the Miami wives, the ladies of LA will join in on the drama and scandals. VH1 and Shaunie O'Neal – ex-wife of basketball great Shaquille O'Neal – joined forces to put everything together and the new group of women are ready to drive the ratings up when the show premieres on Monday, August 29.

• **YA HEAR**, Fantasia came out and announced her pregnancy! This is something she has been hiding for a while now. After much speculation about her recent weight gain, Fantasia revealed at a concert in Jacksonville that she is indeed pregnant.

"You are the first persons that I share this news with and I share this with you because I can relate to you. For awhile I walked around figuring out what will they say and what will they think about me. But now I tell you I don't live my life for folk, so this child that I carry, God has given me this child and I don't have to hide it," she told concert-goers.

- **YA HEAR** the rumours floating around that Lil Kim is now signed to 50 Cent's G-Unit label? Neither Lil Kim or Fiddy have, however, confirmed the reports.

KANYE WEST

makes a guest appearance at a Jay-Z performance at Yankee Stadium in New York. (AP)



THROWBACK CHARTS

LATE 90S, EARLY 2000S

1. Who Let The Dogs Out

- Baha Men

2. In Da Club - 50 Cent

3. Right Thurr - Chingy

4. My Boo - Alicia Keys

5. Dilemma

- Nelly Feat Kelly Rowland

6. All My Life - KC & JoJo

7. Confessions - Usher

8. Slow Wine - R Kelly

9. Always On Time

- Ja Rule feat Ashanti

10. Crazy In Love - Beyoncé

LINE OF THE DAY

BEYONCE

"Until the End of Time"

"Come take my hand I won't let you go
I'll be your friend I will love you so deeply,

I will be the one to kiss you at night,
I will love you until the end of time."

AUGUST 4-6 INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL COACHES CLINIC AT ATLANTIS

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AUGUST 7 & AUGUST 14

MISS TEEN BAHAMAS GOWN & TALENT SHOW & GRAND FINALE

Miss Teen Bahamas Pageant, produced by Theodore Elyett Productions, is holding its Gown and Talent Competitions on August 7 at 7pm at the Wyndham Nassau Resort, Salon III & IV. Tickets: \$15. Tickets for all events available through contestants or at Eye Candy Makeup Company, at intersection of Rosetta Street and Hawkins Hill. Miss Teen Bahamas Pageant's Grand Finale is held on August 14 at the Wyndham Nassau Resort, Rainforest Theatre. Call for start time: 372-6200.

ARAWAK PORT DEVELOPMENT LUNCHEON & FORUM

The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce with the Arawak Port Development Company and the Employer's Confederation invites the public to a lunch and forum on the upcoming pro-

ject. Meet CEO Michael Maura and the APDC management team and learn about the Independent Public Offering that lets hundred of Bahamians invest.

Charles Klonaris explains the benefits of the port's removal from downtown. Winston Rolle from BCofC moderates.

Held at the Sheraton Nassau Beach Convention Center at 12:30pm. RSVP: 322-2145 by August 8.

AUGUST 8 - 12 & 22 - 26

MONEY WISE ONE DAY WORKSHOPS FOR TEENS AND KIDS

Creative Wealth Training Bahamas holds its One Day Money Wise Workshops for teens (13-16 years) on August 8-12 (choose any single day) and for kids (9-12 years) on August 22-26 (choose any single day).

Each day session is limited to 15 attendees. Kids learn how to appreciate the value of a dollar before the new school year starts and have money lessons in a fun and engaging manner.

Held at the College of the Bahamas. Fees include materials and snack.

Before August 12; \$60. After August 12 \$80. Call: 676-3626.

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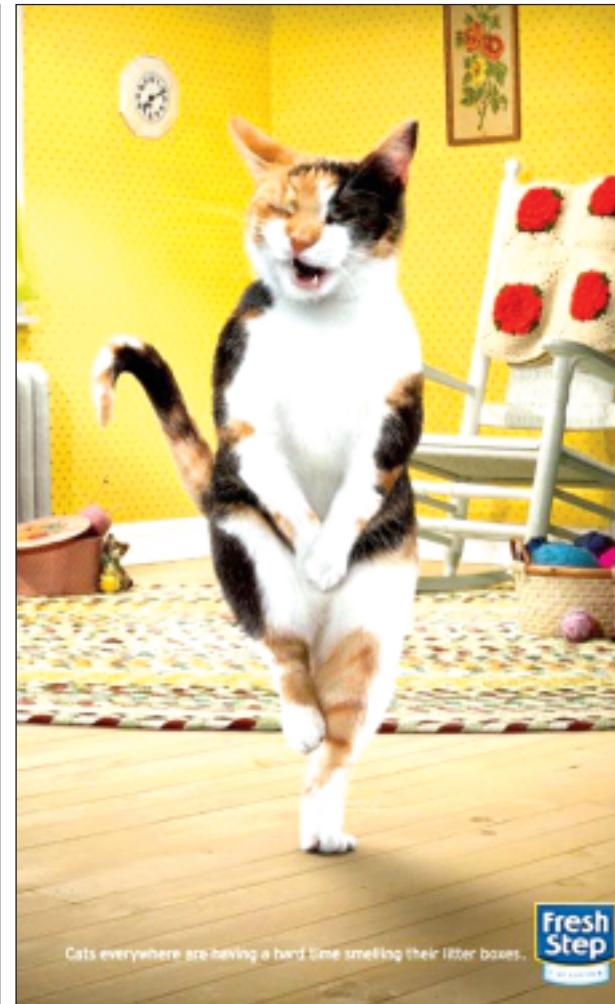
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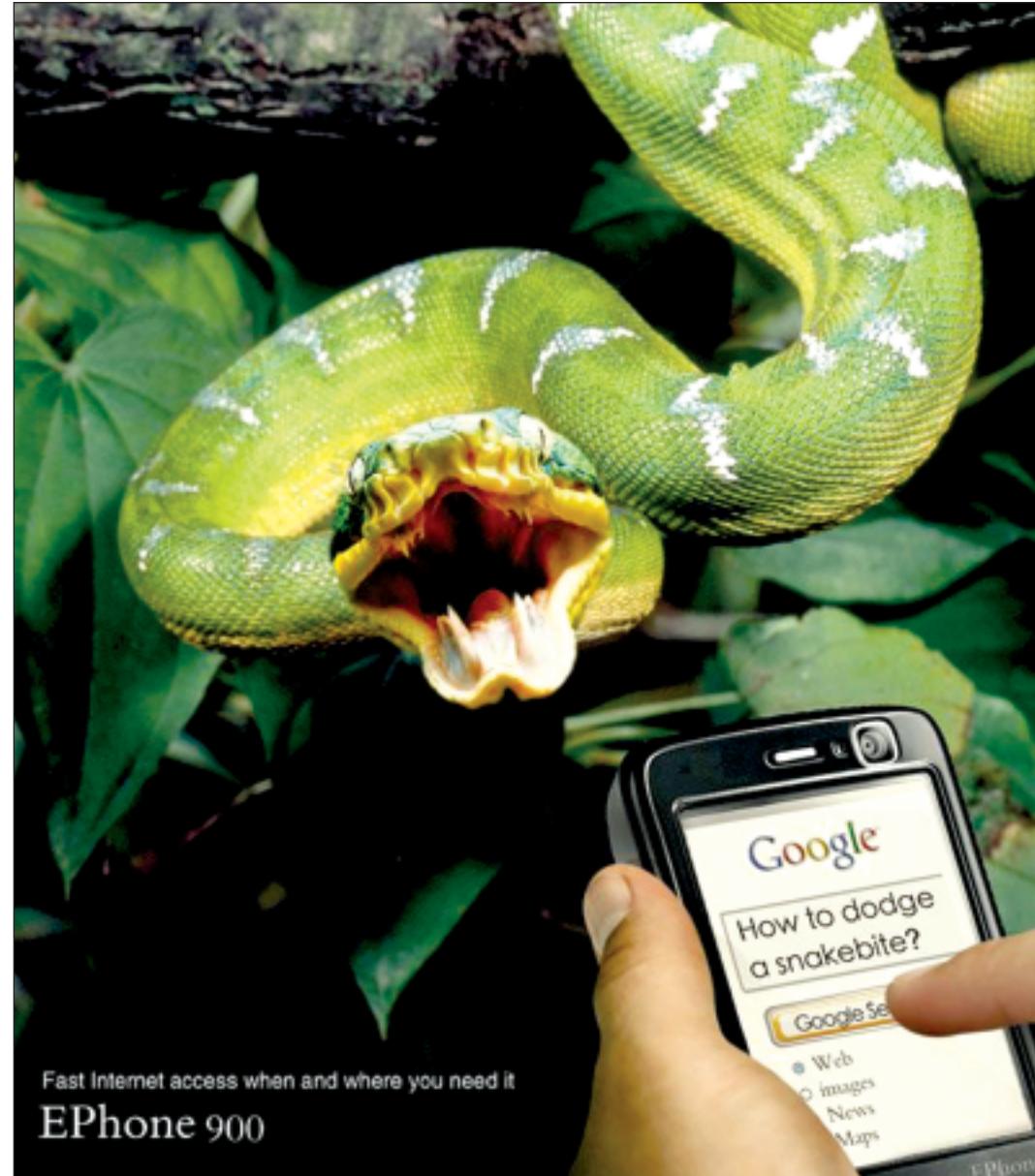
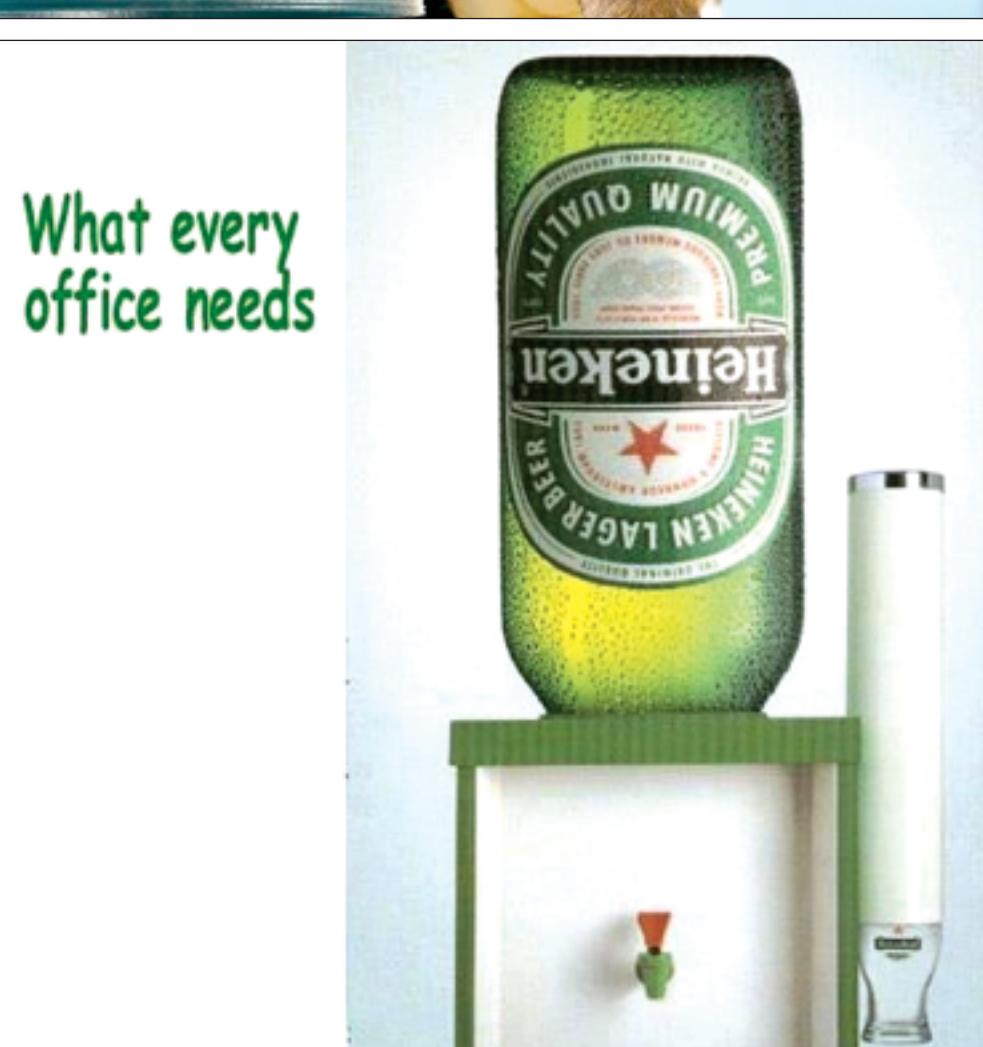
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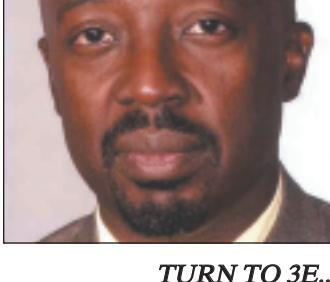
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Bringing the 'Pain'

By BRENT STUBBS
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After taking a break from boxing over the past year, Meacher 'Pain' Major is expected to step back into the ring at the Nassau Stadium Saturday night.

The Bahamian lightweight champion returns home from his training camp in Buffalo, New York – where he's under a new management team – to headline a professional boxing show organised by Charlie Major Jr.

Major, 29, is expected to face a visiting opponent in the main event in the new super featherweight division, while Ryan 'Big Youth' McKenzie will face another visitor in the co-main event as he makes his debut in the light heavyweight division.

Also expected on the C&M Promotions card, dubbed "The Return," are Dencil 'Death' Miller versus John 'the Beat' Wesley and Anthony 'Psycho' Woods is slated to face Kato 'Red Lion'.

Ray Minus Jr's Champion Amateur Boxing Club is also expected to put on a few amateur boxing bouts to kick off the first pro show at the stadium in more than five years.

Meacher Major, who last fought at the stadium on August 14, 2004 when he had a TKO (technical knock out) over Richard 'the Hammer' Pitt in the second round, will be competing for the first time since August 28, 2010 when he stopped Jamar Saunders in the third round at the Virginia Beach Convention Center in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

"First of all, I have to give the almighty God thanks. It's been 11 months, but it hasn't felt that long," said Major about his inactivity. "I'm in great shape and I want to thank God because if it wasn't for him, I probably would have taken any old fight."

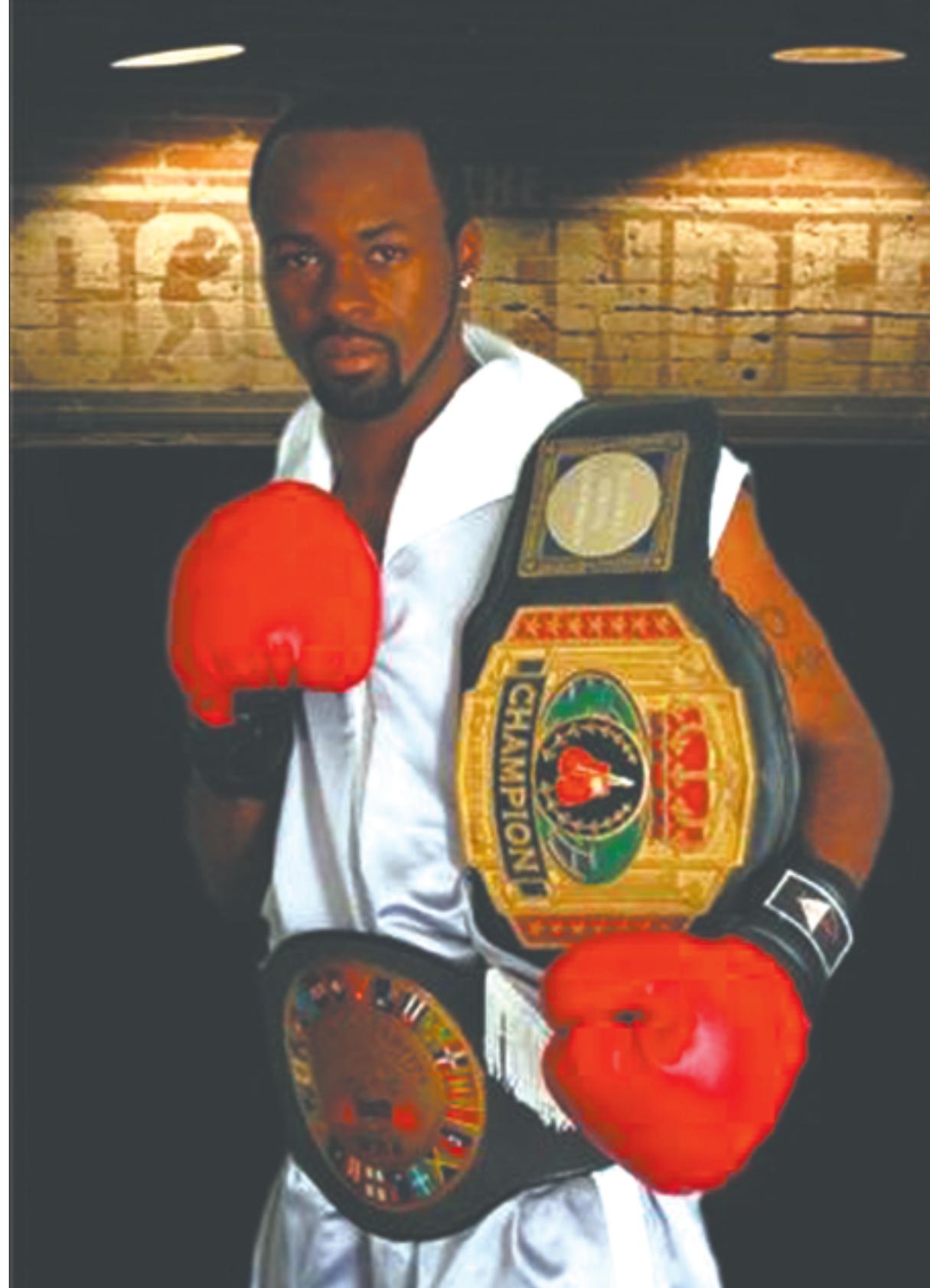
"Due to the long lay off, I was just being patient and making the right choice and the right decision that I'm in. To be able to fight back home is a great opportunity and a great start, even though it's right in the middle of the summer."

He expressed his thanks to Major Jr for providing the opportunity for him to compete in the show and he vowed that he will go out and make the best of it.

Although he's still based in Buffalo, Major has switched managers from Rick Carone to Steve Nelson, the manager of former heavyweight champion Hasim 'The Rock' Rah-

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Lightweight champion all set to square off at Nassau Stadium



FIGHT READY: Bahamian lightweight champion Meacher 'Pain' Major is expected to fight Saturday night.

World Cup: Bahamas gets ready for 2nd round group stage

By RENALDO DORSETT
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THE long road towards the 2014 World Cup qualification continues for the Bahamas as they prepare for the second round group stage.

At the official FIFA World Cup Draw in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the Bahamas was drawn in Group B of the second round along with Panama, Dominica and Nicaragua.

Team Bahamas advanced beyond the first group stage of the CONCACAF bracket after they won 10-0 by aggregate scores over the Turks and Caicos in the preliminary round.

The six group winners will join the United States, Mexico, Honduras, Jamaica, Costa Rica and Cuba in the semifinal round of qualifying. There, they will be divided into three, four-team groups from which two in each group will qualify for the final round.

At the outset, the Bahamas was ranked 31st in the region.

Teams ranked 26-35, which also includes Belize, Dominican Republic, British Virgin Islands, St Lucia, Aruba, US Virgin Islands and Montserrat, will all compete in the first round.

Teams ranked 7-25 receive a bye to the second round while the top six

teams in CONCACAF - the United States, Mexico, Honduras, Jamaica, Costa Rica and Cuba - will receive a bye to round three.

National team head coach Kevin Davies said, as expected, the level of competition continues to rise with each round of advancement.

"I had no initial reaction either way in terms of being shocked, or happy or what have you. We just know that now the quality of the teams are much better than the last round and Turks and Caicos," he said. "It's not going to be easy obviously. As you move on in the rounds, obviously the teams become a lot better. It will take a lot of work

to continue what we have started."

Panama is the top contender in the group with an overall FIFA ranking of 65 and a CONCACAF zone ranking of six.

Dominica is ranked 133rd overall and 19th in CONCACAF, the Bahamas is ranked 152nd overall and with a zonal ranking of 24 while Nicaragua is ranked 177th with a zonal ranking of 19.

"We still are going to go ahead with our plans moving forward. We won't prepare for one team one way and another team in another way at this point. We don't really know

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Basketball tournament brings a 'sense of unity' in Carmichael

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THE Carmichael Basketball Tournament was held at the Golden Gates Assembly courts over the weekend.

The event was organised by a group of young men who saw the need to uplift their communities and young men like themselves through sports.

Quinton Lightbourne, chairman of the Carmichael Branch of the Progressive Liberal Party, saw the social decay of his area and decided to make a difference.

With the help of the Carmichael community, Jaydian Miller and Raymond Seymour, both members of the Progressive Young Liberals, they collectively organised the second annual basketball tournament for the area. It provided an avenue for young men to attend a recreational activity and interact with other young men in



A NUMBER of players from the Carmichael Basketball Tournament at Golden Gates Assembly courts over the weekend.

the area through basketball.

Lightbourne feels that

events like this can and will inspire young men to step up

to the plate in this country and make a difference.

"Giving back to your community is the only way we as a country can grow and we all need to give back in some way at even a young age. The PLP Carmichael Basketball Tournament has become an annual event for the residents of the southwestern district.

Partnered

"This year, it has partnered with the Progressive Young Liberals to include more youth in the area and provide a balanced approach with the older and younger generations," he said. "Such events will start a sense of unity in one of the fastest growing communities on the island."

Lightbourne believes that through recreational activities like sports and junkanoo, young men will begin to play

greater roles in their communities.

He said the tournament is just the first in a series of events that will be geared towards the young people in the community, including a pageant and after-school programmes.

"It is something young people were drawn to," he said. "The majority of young people are not going to come to a normal branch meeting, sit down and listen to pretty much middle-aged persons talk about issues. You have to take it to the people and turn to young people to make them heavily intrigued and interactive and enthused about being a part. That's the key to success."

Over 40 young men participated in the double elimination tournament.



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Gibson to help Team Bahamas in Caribbean's premier golfing event

WHEN the – the Royal Bank of Canada's 55th Caribbean Amateur Golf Championships – tees off at the Millennium Lakes Golf Club, Trinidade in Trinidad and Tobago, the key to the Bahamas' efforts will be Vernon Wells.

A cornerstone of Bahamian golf, Wells' amateur qualifications are second to none in the Caribbean. A five-time Bahamas National Amateur Open Champion, six-time Bahamas National Senior Open Champion, multiple Hoerman Cup, Francis & Steele-Perkins and Higgs & Higgs appearances confirm his credentials.

Wells was on the Bahamas' winning Hoerman Cup team in 1978 and The Bahamas Frank Francis & Steele-Perkins Cup winning team in 1999. He was the captain of the inaugural Caribbean Cup's West Team which won over the East team captained by Trinidad's Robert Grell in 2007.

Accompanying Vernon on his quest for victory for the Bahamas are team mates:

• **Oswald Moore** is appearing on the Higgs & Higgs Cup for the second time. Teamed up with veteran Vernon Wells, Moore brings a fierce competitive spirit and a great putting stroke to the team that will have

them challenging for the top spot in the Higgs & Higgs trophy category.

• **Charlie Butler** travelled with the Bahamas Hoerman Cup Team in 2010 as an alternate. Inspired by the Championships, he raised his game earning the final spot on this year's team.

• **Benjamin Davis** is a veteran Caribbean Golf Championship player at age 17. He played in eight Caribbean Amateur Junior Golf Championships and this will be his third year on the Hoerman Cup Team. An 11th grade student at IMG Academies, his ambition is to make it on the PGA Tour.

• This year, **Devaughn Robinson** will have played in four Caribbean Amateur Junior Golf Championships and four Caribbean Amateur Golf Championship events. A second year Masters student at Texas Southern University, Robinson serves as the Graduate Assistant for the University's Golf Team. He is a solid performer - Hoerman Cup team.

• **Oren Butler** is making his fifth appearance on the Hoerman Cup team. A long hitter, Oren was a member of the 2009 Caribbean Cup.

• **Richard Gibson**: five appearances on the Bahamas Caribbean Amateur Junior Golf Championship



SHANE GIBSON

teams and making his fourth appearance on the Hoerman Cup Team should give Gibson another opportunity to spark the Bahamian Hoerman Cup Team. Gibson accomplished another milestone in his golf

career by winning the Bahamas National Amateur Golf Championships in May 2011.

• **George Swann**: with two Hoerman Cup appearances and an appearance on the Francis & Steele-Perkins Cup team last year, Swann is ready to improve the Bahamas' second place finish last year and cop the Francis & Steele-Perkins trophy.

• **Paul Bowe** is making his second appearance on the senior team vying for the Francis & Steel-Perkins trophy. With partner George Swann they finished in second place last year. This placing will be a major factor in their attempt to win in this division.

• **Chris Harris** is making his 29th appearance on a Bahamas Caribbean Amateur Golf Championship team. He is a four-time Bahamas National Amateur Open Champion and has appeared on numerous World Cup Teams. Harris is also the chairman of the Northern Division of the Bahamas Golf Federation and captain of many Caribbean Amateur Golf Championship teams. He is again captain of this year's team and, along with his partner Shane Gibson, is looking forward to a win on his 6th Ramon Baez team.

• **Shane Gibson** has made consid-

erable contributions to golf in the Bahamas as well as to his community serving as the current Member of Parliament for the Golden Gates constituency in Nassau. This is his fourth appearance with partner Chris Harris.

Gibson is looking forward to again challenging for the top spot in the mid-amateur category. He managed and captained many Bahamas International Golf teams and is a former Bahamas National Amateur Open Champion.

The RBC Royal Bank has been named title sponsor of the event and Nathaniel Beneby Jr, president and country head of RBC Royal Bank, Bahamas and Turks and Caicos Islands shared his views on The Bahamas' involvement:

"We are very pleased that the Bahamas is being represented by such an outstanding team and look forward to an impressive showing at this year's championships."

Among the countries participating are the Cayman Islands, Puerto Rico, Trinidad and Tobago, the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States and the Turks and Caicos, Barbados and Jamaica.

The first round of play is all set to get started today and competition is expected to run through Saturday.

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man and another of other upcoming fighters.

Under Nelson, Major was originally scheduled to fight last month but that fight was called off after his opponent withdrew with an injury. Once he gets through this fight this weekend, Major said he's looking forward to returning to Buffalo where he has at least two fights lined up before the end of the year.

"Boxing internationally is on the down turn," Major said. "It ain't like it used to. So everything is just trying to keep their records intact and they are not taking the chance on fighting somebody who they feel could tarnish their record."

"So it's really hard to get fights. But I'm ready, I'm hungry and I will continue training and praying to the almighty God to keep me safe so that whenever the opportunity comes up, I will be ready. I just came out of a great training camp and I'm looking forward to competing here on Saturday."

Despite the fact that it is a low-key show, Major said it's still a good opportunity for Bahamians who are eager to see some hard-hitting action to come out to the Nassau Stadium.

"Even though the promotions were not as what is expected, I know the boxing fans are eager for some action since it's been on the down low," Major said.

"It's going to be a great event. We have a great card. So I just hope everybody comes out and keeps the faith that everything goes well. But it's going to be a great night of boxing come Saturday."

Major, who currently spots a 18-4-1 win-loss-draw record with 15 KO, expressed his thanks to his parents and family members for encouraging him, even though he has been inactive over the past year. He noted that now that he's back home, he has been training with Nathaniel Knowles and Gregory Storr and both men have kept him sharp and fit for the fight.

CBC president 'impressed' with BBF's hosting of tournament

By BRENT STUBBS
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CARIBBEAN Basketball Confederation president Usie Richards was quite impressed with what he saw from the Bahamas Basketball Federation in the hosting of the men's championship last week.

Richards was so impressed that he could hardly wait for the completion of the championships as the women's version gets underway today and runs through Sunday at the Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium.

"I want to first of all thank the Bahamas Basketball Federation. It's never an easy task for countries in the Caribbean to host these types of tournaments," he said.

"So on behalf of the nine countries who participated, we are very grateful for the support that they have provided for our senior men and the senior women coming up."

Richards said he was impressed with the improvement made by Bermuda, who showed a lot of progress from their initial appearance in 2009, and the debut of the Cayman Islands.

But he had nothing but praise for the host Bahamas team, who showed a lot of resilience. The team upset Jamaica in overtime in the semifinal before they rebounded from a 20-point deficit to secure the silver medal against champions US Virgin Islands.

"We had to hold on in order to win this championship," said Richards, who also serves as the president of the US Virgin Islands Basketball Federation.

"Anytime you have the host country making it to the finals and bringing the people out to support the tournament, we are really pleased with that. It's just unfortunate that they couldn't beat the Virgin Islands for the title."

Richards said they are looking forward to the start of the women's tournament that starts today and will feature teams from Cuba, the Dominican Republic, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago and the Virgin Islands.

"We just have to continue to improve on what we do. We need to improve defensively. Working on our position and team shape, and obviously our finishing. The last few games, we threw away a lot of easy chances and so forth."

The ranking of 152 is the highest rank for the Bahamas, which has posted an average position of 180 since the cre-

Felipe Major/Tribune staff



MASCOT puts on a show during the CBC Championships at Kendal Isaacs Gym.

"The women's competition is going to be real competitive," said Richards, who noted that the teams had been arriving in the Bahamas since August

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into three groups of four for Round Three CONCACAF will have three direct qualifiers for the finals tournament.

In March 2011, following news that CONCACAF would not receive four spots in the 2014 World Cup, officials within CONCACAF announced the qualifying format they would present to FIFA. The proposed format consists of four stages.

The preliminary round will feature teams ranked 26-35 and would play-off to reduce the number of entrants to 30.

The first round will feature six groups of four teams. This round would include the five

qualifiers from the preliminary round plus teams ranked 7-25. The top team in each group would advance to the next stage.

The semifinal round includes three groups of teams. Teams ranked 1-6 would face off against the six group winners from the previous round. The top two in each group would advance.

The final round will have the top two teams in each group from the semifinal round compete in one group of six. The top three teams would advance to the World Cup, while the 4th place team would advance to an intercontinental playoff.

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SPORTS

Ed Armbrister Baseball League highlights

THE Ed Armbrister Baseball League continued its regular season action at Windsor Park over the weekend.

• Here's a look at the games posted:

Friday, July 29

The Reds are on a roll in the senior division of the Ed Armbrister Baseball League, refusing to lose a game. Mario Ford Flyers' team found that out last Friday evening when they fell to Andy Percentie's red-hot Reds by a score of 12-3 at Windsor Park.

Shortstop Dale Davis, fresh from playing in the World Baseball Challenge in Canada, swung a mean bat for the Reds. Davis went 3-for-3, including two doubles, scored three times and drove in four runs.

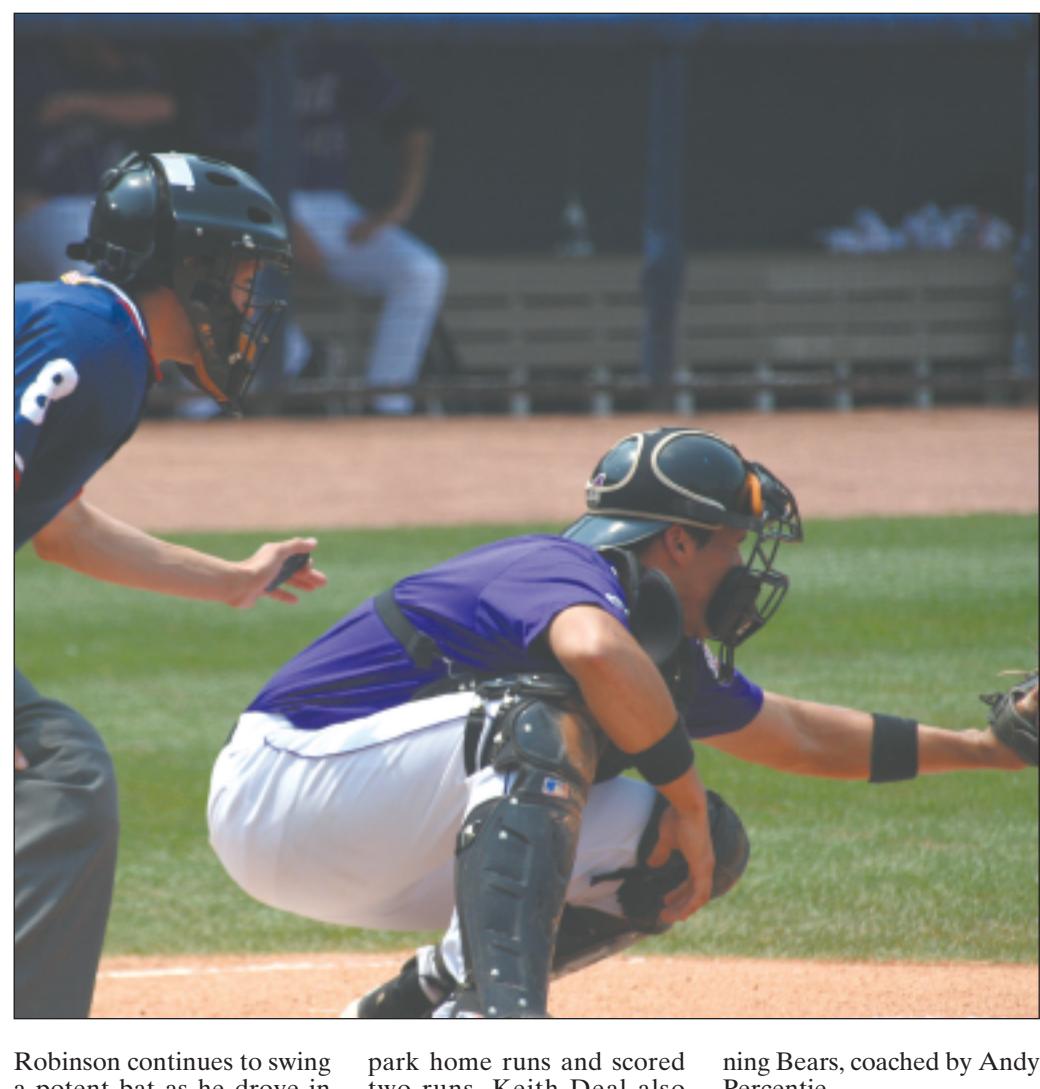
Rudy Fox gave the Flyers an offensive highlight with an inside-the-park solo home run.

Saturday, July 30

After losing its first two games to the Tigers, the Bears have come back with a big roar to win two straight in the junior division of the Ed Armbrister Baseball League.

The Bears got by the Tigers, 7-3, on Thursday, followed by a 12-11 victory on Saturday afternoon at Windsor Park in the junior division.

Versatile player Kristian



Robinson continues to swing a potent bat as he drove in six runs with two inside-the-

park home runs and scored two runs. Keith Deal also scored three runs for the win-

ning Bears, coached by Andy Percentie.

Kyle Adderley and CJ

Cooper scored three runs in a losing effort for the Tigers.

In the second game Saturday afternoon at Windsor Park, Wycliffe Wallace scored the winning run on a wild pitch in the final inning as the Hawks clawed their way to a come-from-behind victory, 9-8, to finally beat the Eagles in little league division of the Ed Armbrister Baseball League.

Catcher Wallace went 4-for-4 with two doubles and two triples and scored three runs for Mikey Butler's Hawks, which also got three runs scored from Matthew McMinn.

Sandy Morley Jr and Charlton Ferguson scored three runs each for the losing Eagles.

Wednesday, August 3
(Game Schedule)

The Flyers are scheduled to take on Buttons Formal Wear at 5:30pm this Wednesday in a senior division game as Mario Ford's Flyers go after their first win in the Ed Armbrister Baseball League. The two teams will complete a game before their regularly scheduled game.

T-Ball players, kids under age 9, will play a scrimmage game at 5pm prior to the senior game.

Friday, August 5
(Game Schedule)

The Reds will go after win No. 3 when they play Buttons Formal Wear, coached by Nat & Mikey Butler, in the senior division at 5:30pm.

Saturday, August 6
(Game Schedule)

10am - T-Ball players (yellow team/under age 9) will play a scrimmage game.

11am - Hawks (blue team) will play the Eagles (green team) in the age 9-11 little league division.

12:30pm - Tigers (orange team) will play the Bears (maroon team) in the age 12-14 junior division.

EABL Teams Standings as of July 29, 2011

Age 9-11 Little League Division

1-2 Hawks (blue team) coached by Mike Butler

2-1 Eagles (green team) coached by Andy Percentie

Age 12-14 Junior Division

2-2 Tigers (orange team) coached by Mike Butler

2-2 Bears (maroon team) coached by Andy Percentie

Age 15-over Senior Division*

2-0 Reds (red team) coached by Andy Percentie

0-1 Flyers (purple team) coached by Mario Ford

0-1 Buttons Formal Wear (black team) coached by Nat Butler

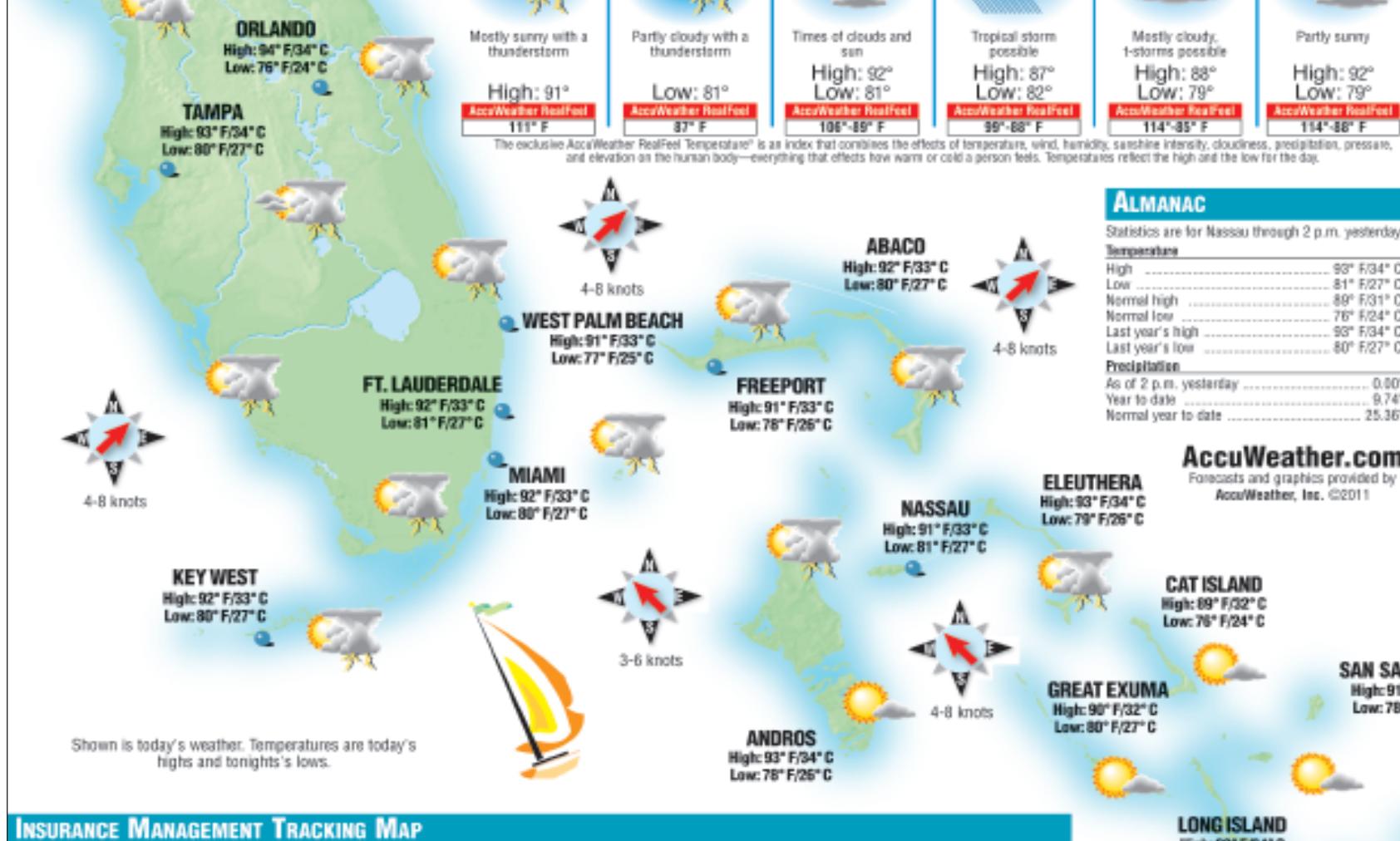
* Two games to be completed in the senior division

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5-DAY FORECAST



INSURANCE MANAGEMENT TRACKING MAP



SPORTS

		WR TIME 50M: +0.41
USA	1	23.73
GBR	2	24.14
SWE	3	24.87
NED	4	24.60
DEN	5	24.14
BLR	6	24.27
NED	7	24.67
BAH	8	24.49
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Arianna meets A standard for the London Olympics

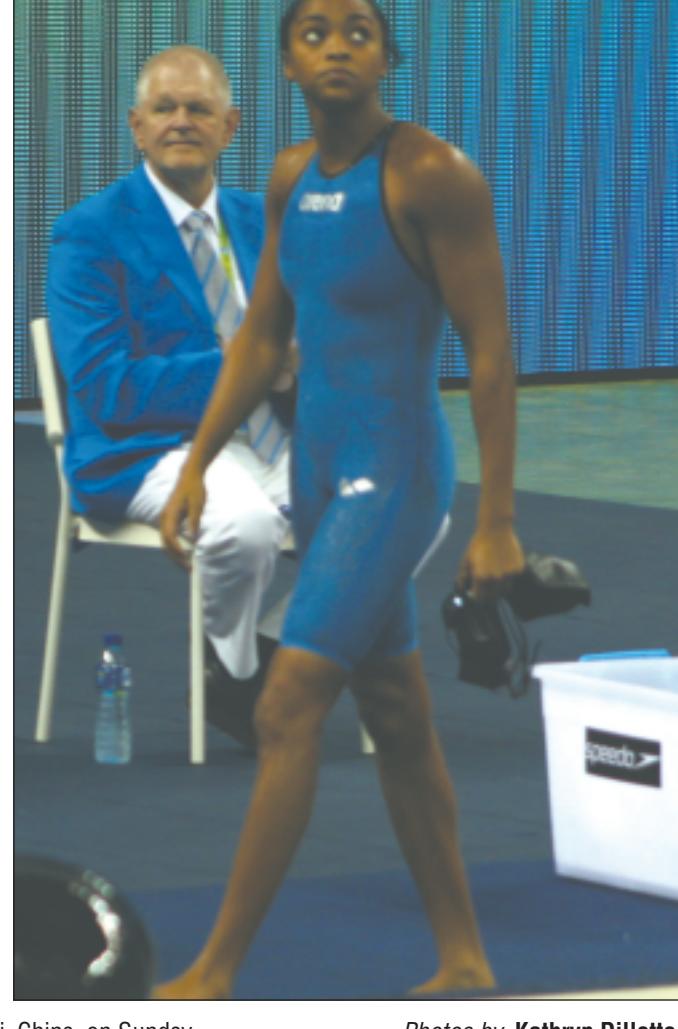
Olympian Arianna Vanderpool-Wallace has met the A standard for the 2012 Olympic Games in London, England.

Her latest personal best came Sunday at the 14th FINA World Championships. She became the first Bahamian woman to crack the 25-second barrier in the 50 metres freestyle.

The time: 24.79 seconds for a seventh place in the final, lowering her Bahamian national record and in the process becoming the first Bahamian woman to compete in a final, while cracking the A standard for the 2012 Olympic Games in London, England.

"The meet was an incredible learning experience for me," Vanderpool-Wallace said. "I have learnt a lot about myself as well as my competitors. The meet has made me realize that I have a lot to work on between now and London 2012," she said.

Vanderpool-Wallace not only made the A cut for her specialty in the 50 free, but she also achieved the mark with her 10th place finish in the semifinal of the 100 free on Friday when she clocked 54.46 to lower her Bahamian national record in the process.



A STANDARD: Arianna Vanderpool-Wallace competes in the 14th FINA World Championships in Shanghai, China, on Sunday.

Photos by Kathryn Dillette

