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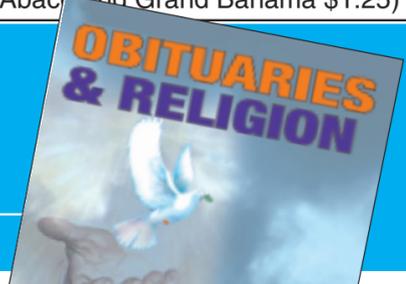
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**SHOOTING AFTERMATH:** The shirt of the 23-year-old man who was shot yesterday.

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## SHOOTING MAN RUNS FOR HIS LIFE AFTER BEING SHOT

A WOUNDED man ran for his life to evade his armed assailant during a mid-morning shooting yesterday. According to reports, the 23-year-old victim fled along a track road after he was shot in the chest at Quintine Alley off Wulff Road, shortly after 10am.

At the scene yesterday, Supt Stephen Dean, National Crime Prevention Office

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## DEATH OF SEVEN-YEAR-OLD FATHER GIVES WARNING AFTER DAUGHTER DIES OF DENGUE FEVER

By AVA TURNQUEST  
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AFTER the shocking death of his seven-year-old daughter, a grieving father urged the country not to underestimate the dengue fever outbreak.

After watching Ashley, his only child, suffer from a disease that he wouldn't wish on his worst enemy, Mr Thompson strongly advised the government not to downplay the spread and severity of the viral

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## PLP LEADER'S ANTI-CRIME PLAN CRITICISED

PLP leader Perry Christie's plan to fight crime has come under fire from a number of directions since he unveiled it at the beginning of the week.

The first to respond was veteran police officer Errington Watkins, who issued a statement calling the plan "nothing but a fitful nightmare" at the end of one of Mr Christie's "slumbers."

Mr Watkins, who is now

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## Panic buying at the pumps could affect supplies

By SANCHESKA BROWN

THE government fears a fuel shortage is imminent if drivers continue to panic buy in preparation for a possible strike.

Minister of State for the Environment Phenton Neymour said if motorists continue to flock to the gas station in the numbers they have in the past two days, it

can cause an early run out in one or two of the suppliers.

"The gas stations have been packed with people filling up their tanks who do not normally do so," said Mr Neymour.

"Because of this, the gas stations will run out of fuel quicker. It then forces the oil companies to disrupt their routine delivery of

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## FORMER MINISTER: PETROLEUM RETAILERS ARE 'GUTLESS'

By SANCHESKA BROWN

FORMER Minister of Trade and Industry, Leslie Miller, called petroleum retailers "gutless" for fighting the government for increases in fuel sales margins instead of the franchise owners and importers.

Mr Miller said instead of retailers attempting to hold the government and the Bahamian people hostage, they should be fighting

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### CHARGED WITH 2010 MURDER



**CHARGED:** Jeffery Holbert, 25, is pictured outside of court yesterday. Holbert was charged with the fatal stabbing of Dennis Gardiner at Tonique Williams-Darling Highway on January 7, 2010.

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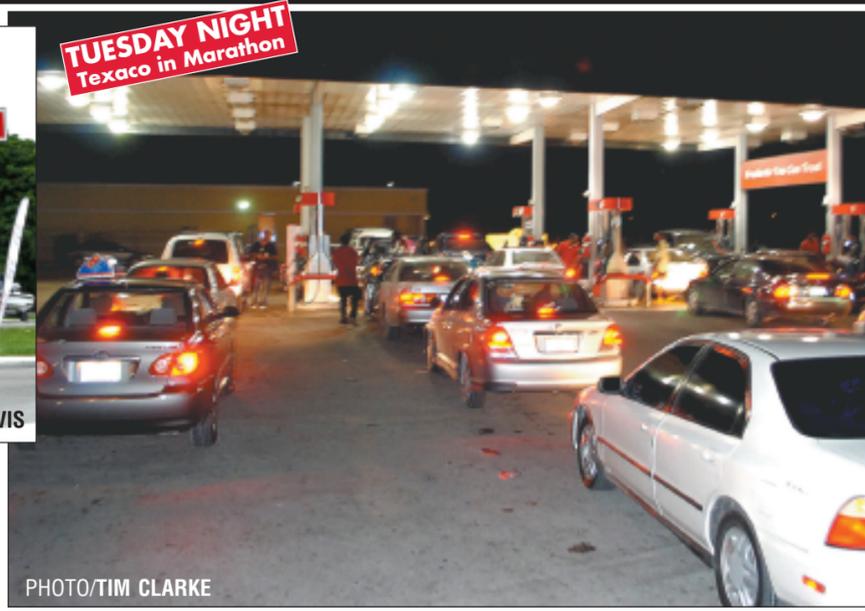
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## Sentences that are soft on crime

WE HAVE often complained in this column that in general court sentences do not reflect the seriousness of this country's crime.

We recall a lecture when a law student in London a lifetime ago in which the lecturer talked about how courts stiffened their sentences to stamp out whatever crime was plaguing a community at a particular time. The lecturer was not calling for a return of "Hanging Judge Jeffreys," but he was describing how judges react to their community's problems.

When our courts were returning hardened criminals to our streets to await their trials, we questioned whether our judiciary was aware that they were contributing to the criminal's disrespect for the courts. In fact we have heard of offenders boasting that certain crimes were worth the short period they could spend in prison — that is if they were among the unlucky ones who did not slip through scot free.

Determined to make certain that destruction by rioting youth would never happen again in England, magistrates' courts there have been urged to send all looters to prison.

"Our directive for anyone involved in the rioting is a custodial sentence," said a local magistrate. "That is the directive we have had — it is a very serious matter."

The magistrate later admitted being "mortified" that she had used the term "directive." She said there had been no "directive" and accepted that the mistaken use of the word was entirely her fault. The Justices Clerk later explained that what the court had received was "general guidance — not a directive as such — that the sentencing guidelines in cases such as these are not applied."

"What was happening on our streets last week was anarchy," said the London magistrate in handing down a six-month sentence to a father of three after stolen goods were found in his flat.

"The very fabric of society was at risk, and anyone involved must be dealt with as severely as we possibly can," she said.

Later the justices clerk explained that the court had received "an e-mail from a justice's clerk for Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service in the London area saying that when sentencing guidelines were written no one envisaged events like these, and therefore they do not apply."

Further elaboration was made by Her Majesty's Courts Services:

"Sentencing," it said, "is a matter for the independent judiciary. Justices' clerks and legal advisers in magistrates' courts have a responsibility to give advice to magistrates on

sentencing guidelines.

"Accordingly magistrates in London are being advised by their legal advisers to consider whether their powers of punishment are sufficient in dealing with some cases arising from the disorder.

"Magistrates are independent and not subject to 'direction' from their legal advisers."

"We question whether there are any sentencing guidelines — other than statutory — in our courts because in the Bahamas sentences for similar offences seem to vary from magistrate to magistrate.

We have heard of criminals assessing the sentencing of magistrates and the ability of certain lawyers to get them off — all the while boasting of their guilt. We also know that certain courts are preferred by the criminal element.

We recall being told many years ago of a certain brazen young man, acquitted of the death of another young man, giving a "high five" sign to the crowd as he laughed his way out of court. Later he boasted to one of our staff that if given the same set of circumstances he would commit the crime all over again.

One can hear the frustration in Police Commissioner Greenslade's voice when he complains that although the police are doing their part in getting the offenders to court, they are soon out on the streets again, having been given bail by a magistrate. It is a wonder that the police don't give up.

In England, as a result of these riots, the lifting of a juvenile's anonymity is also being considered "if it is required in the public interest that the youth be identified." A newspaper cannot publish the name, photograph or in any way identify a young person under the age of 18 when he or she is charged with a criminal offence. Today in London the photos of under age looters are being published. However, this decision is being made on a case-by-case basis after conviction.

However, the British are so determined to restore law and order to their communities, that Prime Minister Cameron made it clear that the government will not stop "until this mindless violence and thuggery is defeated and law and order is fully restored on all our streets."

This is what Bahamians want to hear. All of these matters will be discussed in parliament in October when Prime Minister Ingraham introduces draft legislation to amend the Bail Act, and other matters relating to crime, especially after the recent decisions by the Privy Council in capital cases.

# Good men are out of commission

EDITOR, The Tribune.

EVIL prevails when good men do nothing is indeed a fact of life. In The Bahamas, we could see, hear, smell, touch and taste the wickedness which surrounds us, yet good men are numbed on the sidelines.

Good men have been out of commission for a while in our nation.

The mounting murder rate is an example; it is a symptom of a sick and decomposing society — and the good people appear paralyzed to bring about relief to a suffering homeland.

There are killings on the domestic and criminal front, and life is becoming cheaper than expired food selling below market value on a grocery store's shelf.

Human, gun and drug smuggling are big business in which no government to date has been able to get a handle on, and some corrupt civil servants and other crooked citizens are living big-time on their proceeds — and nothing fruitful is being done to really stop such illegal activities which are destroying the moral fabric of our beloved country.

Good men are in a deep sleep in The Bahamas.

Selfishness is the order of the day, and black people seem to be the new oppressors of black Bahamians.

We talk to each other with the greatest of disrespect; and hate, jealousy and envy look to be the prevailing culture.

We pass each other by without opening our mouths to say something constructive, and we treat God's breath as if we are in control.

We love our cars and other possessions more than we value our brothers and sisters.

We abandon our elderly folks without mercy, and we don't give a damn about their welfare.

We allow illicit drugs to poison our children, and the drug dealer is still considered in higher regard than pastors, policemen,

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politicians and the law.

We invite the guns into our communities, and when people are killed by them — we become dreadfully outraged.

Children are being nurtured by a diet of television, computer games and the Internet; and we see it as the ideal way to show our love for them.

Many Bahamian youngsters are literally on their own from birth, and we are shockingly surprised and disappointed when they would have committed serious offences in their youth, or become a murder statistic because of their underworld dealings.

Wake up good men. Bahamian males are abandoning their children in mass numbers, and

although they don't know if their offspring is dead or alive, hungry or starving — they brag about the number of children that they have with the various women, whenever the topic is up for discussion by their buddies of like minds.

Our national grade point average along with about 50 per cent of our students leaving school without diplomas is reflective of the youths' desire to be mediocre and careless citizens, thereby jeopardizing their future and that of the country.

Good men remain silent while decay sets in to a people in crisis.

Let's do something now to turn things around for the better, good men of The Bahamas.

DENNIS A DAMES  
Nassau,  
August 16, 2011.

## Regarding the death of singer Amy Winehouse

EDITOR, The Tribune.

AMY WINEHOUSE'S public decent into the primitive abyss of promiscuous sex, profanity and drugs is a reflection of a society that, as her last album title betrays, has gone "Back to Black."

This is due largely to the one-sidedness of the Enlightenment and a certain hedonism that has given rise to autonomy and anti-authoritarianism. Today's world view takes a very dogmatic posture that excludes interventions of God in the world.

People feel a need for spirituality but are unwilling to sacrifice anything for it.

As a result religion has become for the masses something that exists in the subjective sphere where objective dogmatic contents do not bind us. Spirituality is little more than the individual affirming himself.

But living according to one's own claims and criteria is a false recipe for life.

The refusal of suffering and creatureliness, and a lack of being held to a standard are ultimately the refusal of love itself, and that ruins man. It is precisely in allowing himself to be pruned that man is enabled to mature and bear good fruit.

In this new "dark age", the intimate link between freedom and truth has been obscured in the minds and hearts of some, and eclipsed in those of others.

We all need to set out on the mountainous path to the good where we will discover more and more the beauty that lies in the efforts demanded by truth.

PAUL KOKOSKI  
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# GB Power Company 'sympathetic to complaints' of residents

By DENISE MAYCOCK  
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FREEPORT – The Grand Bahama Power Company has moved to assure customers it takes their questions and concerns very seriously.

Following a protest over electricity rates on Tuesday, the company said it is sympathetic to such complaints, especially during the summer months when electricity usage is very high.

During the protest, community activist Troy Garvey criticised the fact that no representatives from the company attended a town meeting on electricity prices held the night before.

The Grand Bahama Power Company supplies electricity to the entire island of Grand Bahama.

In a statement, the company said it is focused on providing the island with reliable and efficient service.

"In the short term, 54MW of supplemental generation has been rented to meet the summer demand. The rental units have already reduced the need for GBPC to rely on older, less efficient generation," the statement said.

"Grand Bahama Power Company has commenced the construction of an \$80 million diesel power plant at no base rate increase to customers. It is expected that the improved efficiency of the new generation plant will help to stabilise costs to customers and significantly increase reliability.

"GBPC's long term goal is to look to alternative energy solutions for the island and to reduce our dependence on high carbon, high cost fuels in order to effectively address the cost of electricity for our customers."

The company explained that the current high rates are caused by two

factors: the higher usage of electricity during the hot summer months and the hike in world energy prices, which has increased the fuel surcharge to customers.

"While we have no control over world market prices for oil, which drives the fuel surcharge costs, GBPC is taking all necessary steps to address these issues.

"We continue to work hard to improve the service we offer and remain committed to our goal of improving the standards of electricity on the island of Grand Bahama.

"We are sympathetic to the economic conditions that our customers face and we ask those who are facing difficulty paying bills to visit our headquarters located on Pioneers Way and the Mall Drive and speak to one of the customer service representatives to discuss payment plan options," the company said.



CONCERNS: The scene at Tuesday's protest outside of the Grand Bahama Power Company.

## Local law firm offers free legal aid against GB Power Company

By DENISE MAYCOCK  
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FREEPORT – A local law firm has offered free legal aid to anyone wishing to file actions against the Grand Bahama Power Company.

This announcement came during a packed town hall meeting at the YMCA, held to discuss the high cost of electricity on the island.

Allegations of unfair billing practices and complaints over the company's disconnection policy were also raised.

Some in attendance claimed unpaid bills left by former tenants of a property are being added to the bills of current tenants.

One woman accused the company of applying her \$500 deposit to an unpaid balance left by a previous tenant.

Another person said a bill left by a tenant to whom he had rented an apartment was added to the bill at his home.

Attorney Rengin Johnson, of the law firm Rengin Johnson & Co, offered to help anyone who wants the courts to test the truth of these claims.

"They cannot pass someone else's light bill onto you. You are only to pay for the contract that bears your name and your deposit for the property you have contracted to receive a light bill," she explained.

The former deputy chief magistrate said: "I am giving you the services of my office at no cost to you; anything below \$5,000 you can go to the Magistrate's Court."

Mrs Johnson stated that when the government and Grand Bahama Port Authority signed the Hawksbill Creek Agreement in 1955, it was agreed that there would be no taxation in Freeport.

She noted that it was also agreed that the Port Authority was not to run any utilities for a profit.

However, Mrs Johnson said, the fuel surcharge charged by the Grand Bahama Power Company is a form of taxation.

"It is taxation and it is paid by us, and the utilities are being run at a profit and to the detriment of the people who live on this island," she said.

### Proposal

Emera, a major Canadian energy provider, is the owner of the Grand Bahama Power Company.

The government has received a proposal from Emera on how it aims to improve the Bahamas Electricity Corporation's (BEC) operational efficiency, and perhaps eventually take over managerial control or acquire the state-owned power supplier.

Community activist Troy Garvey claims the Grand Bahama Power Company charges more than power companies in Cuba, Barbados, and Jamaica.

Mr Garvey called on the company to reduce or eliminate its fuel surcharge, cease power disconnections, and implement more payment plans for customers with outstanding balances.

Attorney Osman Johnson, the son of Mrs Johnson, noted that businesses are failing and shutting down and many families are struggling at the moment.

"This company is providing a basic and vital service to the people that should not be run as a profit business; it should be run as a public service to provide the people of this island with the means to live in comfort, not in poverty," he said.

"Our government should have properly regulated what they knew would be a monopoly over this most vital industry."

Human rights activist Joseph Darville said the power company should only get 25 per cent of the blame.

"The people here tonight are 50 per cent to blame and the other 25 per cent is our so-called government," he said.

Mr Darville said he is very disappointed that not one of the five parliamentarians on Grand Bahama was at the town meeting on Tuesday.

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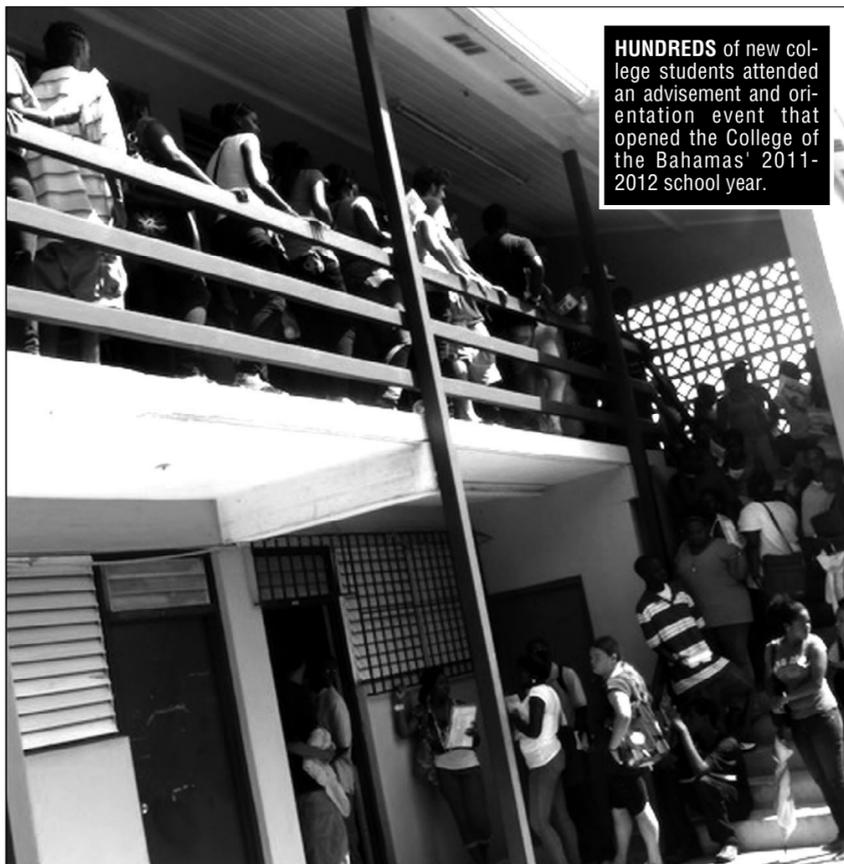
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*The Tribune* spoke with a number of the new scholars about their first college experience.

Accounting major Marcus Deal said he was excited about being in college.

"Today has been a really

## Students given overview and tour of the college and its operations

good experience for me and I'm quite surprised by COB," he said. "It's actually a great environment to be in and I'm impressed with what the campus has to offer so far - especially the state of the art library."

Tate Bethel, part of the newly created journalism programme, said making the transition from high school

to college is going to be "rough", but he hopes to make the best of it.

"I'm just going to be optimistic about the whole thing and I'm glad that the lecturers I've encountered so far are pleasant and personable. They already treat us like adults and that's a good thing."

Some students, however, were not so enthused about yesterday's orientation.

English major Letitia Pratt and maritime major Shante Major were perplexed by the long lines they encountered.

Ms Pratt said: "Today's orientation was very tiring. The line for lunch was very long and right now I want to go to sleep."

Ms Major added: "There was a lot walking too - too much if you ask me."

Other students like Freeport native and architecture major Kristio Wright had mixed feelings about the experience.

"I like the size of the campus. It's bigger than the campus in Grand Bahama. And here, there are more places to socialise."

"But I'm not really impressed by what COB showed me today. I say this because I came here with a perception about COB and what they showed today didn't really change that. Time will tell I guess."

Students were advised about course selection for the fall semester by lecturers from the various schools of the college.

Today, the students will be registering for classes which begin on Monday, August 22.

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FNM QUESTIONED ON \$20M NEW SCHOOL BUDGET

# DNA accuses govt of not building new schools

THE Democratic National Alliance called on government to explain if or how it spent the \$20 million allocated for new school construction since 2008.

The fledgling party also accused government of not building any new schools in its four years in office.

The DNA said that in addition to \$2.5 million the FNM set aside for new school construction in the 2011/2012 fiscal year – under item 38 of the capital expenditure section of this year's budget – it allocated \$10.3 in 2008/09, \$4.82 million in 2009/10 and \$5 million in 2010/11 – “and yet no new schools were initiated or built under this administration's watch.”

“With a new school year about to begin and overcrowding and inadequate facilities still a problem in most schools throughout the Bahamas, the DNA is calling on the government to explain to the Bahamian people how the more than \$20 million allocated for the construction of new primary and high schools between 2008 and 2010 has been spent, particularly in light of the fact no new primary or high school was initiated or constructed during this administration's four-year term in office,” said the party in a statement released yesterday.

“We ask this administration to cease in its new rounds of politicised education promises and proposals. If they are a government of transparency and accountability, we are calling on this government, through its minister of education, to provide the Bahamian people with a



**QUESTIONS RAISED:** The Democratic National Alliance and its leader Branville McCartney (above) released a statement calling on the government to account for the \$20 million allocated for new school construction.

status update on all previous “new” construction projects initiated and completed in this administration's four year term in office.”

The party also took the FNM to task for its criticism while in opposition of the then government's handling of construction of the TG Glover High School and improvements to AF Adderley Junior High School.

“Although this administration promised to build 18 new classrooms, administrative rooms, science labs and a new administrative block at AF Adderley, the school remains the same as when the FNM came to power.

“Five years later, TG Glover is yet to be opened as a result of this administration's feet-dragging. The

DNA sees this as a sad failure on the part of this administration.”

Attempts to reach Education Minister Desmond Bannister and FNM chairman and former education minister Carl Bethel were unsuccessful up to press time last night.

Last week, government signed a \$12 million contract with Garvin Neilly of St George's Cay Construction Company to construct a six classroom block addition to the Spanish Wells All-Age School.

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## RACHEA BODIE GRADUATED TOP OF THE CLASS MP AWARDS LAPTOP TO THELMA GIBSON PRIMARY VALEDICTORIAN



ELIZABETH MP Ryan Pinder awarded the most recent valedictorian of Thelma Gibson Primary School, Rachea Bodie, with a brand-new laptop on Tuesday.

The young student, who is expected to continue her studies at St Augustine's College in the upcoming school year, was also presented with a gift box by the PLP's Elizabeth branch.

Mr Pinder said: "It is important that we recognise and encourage our youth, especially when they excel in areas such as education. I want to congratulate Rachea and wish her well."

"I also want to acknowledge and congratulate her family, including her parents Orland H Bodie III and Deidre D Bodie, and her grandmother Sylvia Mitchell.

"It is through the continued support and encouragement of family members where we witness young Bahamians like Rachea

succeed," Mr Pinder said.

Rachea was graduated top of the graduating class of 2011 and won the Principal's Award.

She represented her school at this year's Ministry of Education district spelling bee and was also a semi-finalist in the Bahamas Primary School Student of the Year Award.

Rachea recently participated in the Bahamas Independence Day celebrations and plans to pursue a career in nursing.

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FREEPORT HIGH/BISHOP MICHAEL ELDON HIGH SCHOOL

# ALUMNI PLAN REUNION FOR 46TH ANNIVERSARY

## Association hopes to raise \$20,000 towards cafeteria and improvements

By DENISE MAYCOCK  
Tribune Freeport Reporter  
dmaycock@tribunemedia.net

FREEPORT – The Alumni Association of Freeport High/Bishop Michael Eldon High School plans to celebrate the 46th anniversary of the institution with a grand reunion celebration from August 19-21.

David Wallace, president of the Alumni Association, said that well known recording artist/songwriter Johnny Kemp, a former graduate, will travel to Freeport to attend the event.

Kemp, who is known for his hit song, "Just Got Paid," is among several other former graduates who will be recognised, according to Mr Wallace.

The association holds a reunion every two years and the funds raised are usually donated to assist the school.

This year, the association is hoping to raise \$20,000 to help with construction of a cafeteria and improvements to the auditorium floor.

### Activities

Under the theme, "Celebration of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," the three-day event will feature a number of activities, including a cultural show and welcome reception, a walkathon, a beach bash, a talent and fashion show, and a church service.

"This year marks the 46th anniversary of a very noble institution known to some of us as Freeport High School, Freeport Anglican High, and now Bishop Michael Eldon High.

"Freeport High back in the early 70s was known for its talent and fashion shows, and we have decided that this year we will honour persons in the arts," Mr Wallace said.

He noted that 10 persons who were instrumental in the talent show or who succeeded in the arts are being recognised.

Those being honoured include choreographer Lois Seiler and her late husband, Lou Seiler; Bahamian thespian Wesley Butler; singer Crystal Cumberbatch-Hicks; comedian the late Wayne Marshall; and the surviving members of

the popular break dance group Sanford and Co.

David Bowen, the current director of culture in the Turks and Caicos Islands – who played a major role in Michael Jackson's record-smashing *Beat It* music video – is also among those to be honoured.

Sammy Bethel, a former principal who brought the fine arts back to Freeport High; Janet Baxter, a teacher who re-introduced the steel pan band to the school; and the Simmons Five, a family that started playing the steel pan in the 70s, will be recognised as well.

### Reception

The activities will kick off on Friday, August 19, with a cultural show and welcome reception at the Port Lucaya Marketplace at 8pm.

Joey Bridgewater, a 1974 graduate, said the event is open to the public.

He said some exciting entertainment is lined up, including fire and limbo dancing, a junkanoo rush-out and a performance by the Freeport High Steel Pan Band.

David Bowen's dance group will also perform that evening.

On Saturday, August 20, alumni will participate in a walkathon beginning at 7am at the Bishop Michael High School and ending at William's Town Beach.

Then, a "beach bash" will be held from noon to 3pm at Coral Beach during BAS-RA's annual Bernie Butler Swim Race.

The talent show and dance will be held on Saturday from 8pm to midnight in the school's auditorium.

On Sunday, August 21, a church service will be held at 11am at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Pinder's Point.

Petrona Russell said registration is going well and many former students from abroad, New Providence, Bimini and the Turks and Caicos will be attending the event.

"We are asking all former students to register as soon as they can because we want to be able have sufficient paraphernalia available for everyone," she said.

Mr Wallace is asking the public to support the event.

He said all activities are free of charge aside from the talent show.

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### CARIBBEAN NEWS

## MUSIC PRODUCER KILLED BY GUNMEN IN JAMAICA

KINGSTON, Jamaica  
Associated Press

A JAMAICAN MUSIC producer for a top reggae label has been shot to death outside his home in an upscale neighborhood of the Caribbean island's capital.

Police in Kingston say Joel Chin was attacked late Tuesday after he stepped out of his car in the drive-

way of his home. Police have not disclosed a possible motive.

Chin was the grandson of Vincent "Randy" Chin, a pioneering reggae producer from Jamaica who established VP Records in New York. The company has made stars out of artists like Sean Paul and Beenie Man.

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LOCAL NEWS

# FATHER GIVES WARNING AFTER DAUGHTER DIES OF DENGUE FEVER

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infection. Mr Thompson, a 37-year-old fisherman, said: "All I want is the people in the Bahamas to realise this thing is very serious. My pain, my crying, I don't want nobody to go through what I'm going through right now." "I watch my little daughter suffer. I took her to the hospital, she was getting little better, she was talking and everything, I didn't expect her to die." Ashley began showing dengue fever like symptoms on August 4, according to Mr Thompson, and died at hospital some five days later on August 9. After doctors confirmed that his child's death was caused by dengue fever, Mr Thompson said he came to The Tribune in hopes that his experience could be used to sensitize Bahamians and urged the public to protect their children and elderly. Mr Thompson took his daughter to the Elizabeth Estate's clinic on a Friday. There, Ashley received treatment for her low blood pressure and dehydration, and Mr Thompson said he and his wife received nutritional supplements to give to her at home. Over the weekend, Ashley's condition fluctuated. However, Mr Thompson said her health took a

definite turn for the worse on Sunday evening. The couple had always planned to take their daughter to the Princess Margaret Hospital on Monday morning; however, Mr Thompson said he was taken aback that morning when Ashley told him that she felt as if she was dying. Ashley was admitted to Accident and Emergency immediately, said Mr Thompson, who applauded the service by doctors and staff. "The doctors were so good, as soon as I got there they worked with her, it was like five minutes wait. "They were trying to get her blood pressure up but it wouldn't come up." He added: "The doctors at PMH they did all they could. I must say it." Mr Thompson said he was surprised to learn from doctors that the infection had attacked his daughter's liver and kidneys, and had severely lowered her blood pressure. The family got the call from hospital doctors sometime after midnight on Tuesday, informing them that Ashley had taken a turn for the worse. "When I got there they were pumping her heart, and she was coming and then going, coming and then the heart beat going right back out. "After they had done that so many times, it felt like they were hurting her so I just tell them let her

go, let her die in peace." Plagued with guilt, Mr Thompson often wonders if there was more he could have done to save his daughter. "I didn't want her to go like that," he said. "I really didn't want her to go, I miss her so much. Sometime I feel like it was me, if I had carried her Sunday instead of Monday. "If I had known it was that serious, I would have taken her back Saturday evening, just to take fluids. "My daughter used to go to church every Sunday, she was a good girl. She had manners, respect for everybody. "I would like for them to let the people know please protect your children, the elderly, please protect your children. I don't want my daughter's death to go in vain, at least some little child can get saved because of my daughter." Formerly a Sandilands Primary School student, Ashley was looking forward to starting a new school year at Akepran International Academy, an alternative school recently opened in Fox Hill. Now, Mr Thurston said that the money saved for her tuition is now being used to bury her. "We used to be everywhere together, I'd walk her to school and bring her back. You know how hard it is to look in her bed and she's not there?" "I would like for the government

**MR THOMPSON** with a photo of his daughter Ashley who died of dengue fever. 'I didn't want her to go like that,' he said. 'I really didn't want her to go, I miss her so much. Sometime I feel like it was me, if I had carried her Sunday instead of Monday.'



Felipe Major/Tribune staff

to let the people know that this is a serious, serious thing, not because we afraid of losing some tourists and all that. We have to protect ourselves, a lot of people are sick from this illness." Ashley's funeral will be held this Saturday. Persons wishing to assist the family can contact Mr Thompson at 324-9753.

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# GOVERNMENT FUEL SHORTAGE FEARS

products. It also causes an increase in ordering. When you have a massive spike in demand, it decreases inventory. It is difficult for them to adjust because there is a standing order for deliveries from the refineries and traders." Mr Neymour said the government is handling the situation and there is no need for the public to panic. He also said he met with representatives from the Bahamas Petroleum Retailers Association (BPRA) yesterday to map out the

way forward. "We had a good discussion," he said. "They talked about their challenges, and the government our concerns. We are taking their terms into consideration and are scheduled to meet with them again tomorrow. In terms of the strike, they have promised that no such action will be taken before the next meeting." Mr Neymour also responded to criticism from

Leslie Miller, former minister of trade and industry. Mr Miller advised the government and retailers to negotiate a reduction in rent paid to the Esso, Texaco and Shell franchises. "Is this the same Leslie Miller that was in office for four years and did nothing? What did he achieve? His record speaks for itself," said Mr Neymour. "We have three major wholesalers that are primary

distributors of petroleum products. They have led the industry for years. What Miller does not understand is that we have an archipelago in which we have to distribute fuel. We use small tankerettes to deliver fuel, because of this the risk is high so many companies choose not to enter our market because of the marine risk. It is clear he is not as informed as he ought to be." Mr Neymour also said it is not in the best interest of the retailers to strike because, he says, if they close their doors they will still have to pay rent and franchise fees.

Acting Minister of Finance Tommy Turnquest, told The Tribune, the government is aware of the retailers' concerns and are working with them to come up with an amicable solution. When asked if the government intends on absorbing some of the cost instead of the consumers, Mr Turnquest said: "If we do that then we will have to tax people on something else. We will have less money but still be required to provide the same services. What would you rather, paying extra at the pumps or having another tax?"

Petroleum retailers voted unanimously for strike action on Wednesday night. They have asked the government for an increase of 30 cents per gallon for gasoline and 20 cents for diesel. It has been 10 years since retailers received an increase on their fixed margins. There is no set date for the strike, however retailers can exercise their right to strike at any time. President of the BPRA Oswald Moore refused to comment other than to say "negotiations seem positive and we will not strike before the next meeting with the government."

# FORMER MINISTER: PETROLEUM RETAILERS ARE 'GUTLESS'

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franchise owners for a reduction in rent. "Keeping a vital product like fuel out of the hands of Bahamian people and threatening their livelihood is not right and cannot be justified," said Mr Miller. "They are gutless. They need to sit down as men and stand up to the franchisers. Who the hell are they to attack the Bahamian people? They are setting a dangerous precedent and wreaking unnecessary havoc. "What they should be doing is negotiating with Esso, Texaco and Shell to lower what they charge in rent. "Retailers in the Bahamas pay an average of \$22,000 a month in rent, the average cost for the region is around \$12,000. Which means we pay around \$8,000 more than our counterparts. These guys have the Bahamian retailers afraid. That's why they are fighting the Bahamian people. Times are hard and the economy is bad. Bahamian people cannot sustain another increase." Mr Miller said if he were in charge, he would

suspend the licenses of the retailers, if they continue their strike action. He added: "The government should suspend all of their licenses indefinitely until they quit all this strike talk. If I was still the minister in charge, if the retailers are adamant they can't maintain with current margins, I would take 10 per cent of every gallon of fuel imported and give it to them. But that's it. "When I was minister I refused to sign increases because the economy was bad, and it is still bad. The government and the retailers need to come together and fight the real problem, the franchisers and the importer. In order for the retailers to begin making real money they either have to stand up for themselves or become independent." Gas stations pay rent to wholesalers and franchise fees. They also pay between 15 and 20 per cent on everything that is sold in the convenience stores. The former minister said when the financial burden eases up for the country, then retailers can get their increases. But until then, it is unfair for them to transfer their burden on to the Bahamian people.

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retired after a long career in the police, said: "Crime in this country has been steadily escalating since the mid-1970s and became progressively worse under each successive administration ever since, inclusive of the Christie administration of 2002-7.

Mr Watkins admitted that it was Mr Christie's government that began the Urban Renewal Plan, but said this was quickly spoiled when it was allowed to become saturated with "criminals in uniform."

He said: "The only true and sensible statement attributed to Christie's long and boring diatribe is that 'people are afraid and they are angry'.

"Attributing the blame to the present administration will not exonerate your administration from blame, neither will it exonerate you and your happy band of parliamentary bench warmers from the dereliction of your official duties of keeping the government on its toes and focused on the people's business."

Mr Watkins called the PLP leader's declaration of war on the criminal element "hog-wash", as the police "don't stand a chance" in such a war.

"If Christie would arouse from his slumber long enough to catch up on some world news, he will see what a toll Mexico has paid and is still paying in innocent lives by implementing such a plan as suggested by him," he said.

Mr Watkins said that if Mr Christie is really concerned about crime, he should do what the public is "paying you and your members to do - cross the aisle, sit down with the government members discuss the situation and search for answers."

Meanwhile, the Democratic National Alliance attacked Mr Christie's crime plan as an "unimaginative regurgitation" of the PLP's old rhetoric.

In a statement released yesterday, the new third party said: "Neither the Free National Movement (FNM) nor the Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) has any practical solution to our crime problem, and the proposed plan presented by the leader of the PLP by way of a national address is a testament to the DNA's position, as it is unimaginative, uninformed and a regurgitation of some of the same, old PLP sing-song."

Lawyer Wayne Munroe, the DNA's candidate for Mt Moriah, said he sees much of the proposed PLP plan as simple political window dressing aimed at "bamboozling" the public into believing that the PLP has a crime solution, when in fact it does not.

Mr Munroe said the PLP plan is flawed in 10 particular areas.

He noted, firstly, that the former prime minister's pro-



PERRY CHRISTIE

posal to have new Strike Force teams taking over the streets of Nassau was not well thought out.

"We already have had any number of new police teams and operations called by many names," said Mr Munroe.

"And we now have highly armed police officers driving around all day and night in addition to the SWAT teams of the RBPF. This solution is an insult to the COP and the RBPF.

"The simple fact of the matter is that the police cannot be everywhere at once and the criminals know that."

Mr Munroe said the idea of having the police patrol the borders to prevent gun trafficking into our ports is another unimaginative, uninformed idea.

"Most firearms are not smuggled in vessels in a manner that they can be interdicted by the RBDF," Mr Munroe said. "All foreign vessels are permitted to have licensed firearms on board so long as they are declared and not bought on shore. Increased RBDF activity will not affect inflow of illegal firearms."

Mr Munroe also took exception to Mr Christie's

# PLP LEADER'S ANTI-CRIME PLAN CRITICISED

proposed legislation to permit cases involving high-powered weapons to be tried in the Supreme Court, calling the idea political fluff.

"Either the PLP is completely unaware of section 30(2) of the Firearms Act which presently permits trials in the Supreme Court for prohibited weapons where the maximum sentence is 20 years, or if they do know about this section, is attempting to fluff the public into believing that they are coming up with some new initiative or strategy. Either way you look at it, it is shameful. If they did not know, shame. If they did and tried to deceive the public, shame."

Mr Munroe also took aim at the PLP's plan to reintroduce the "Swift Justice" and witness protection programmes, saying that Swift Justice would be nothing more than a regurgitation of a plan "that had no track record of success."

As for passing of a Death Penalty Act, Mr Munroe noted that Mr Christie was the prime minister when the cases of Trono Davis and Forrester Bowe caused a change in the law.

Mr Munroe, who was president of the Bar at the time, said he called for such legislation and the PLP failed or refused to pass it.

Last night, PLP senator Hope Strachan issued a response to the new third party, saying: "The DNA presents itself as something new but their attack on the PLP's crime plan shows they're nothing more than politics as usual."

She said that instead of considering some of the innovative ideas Mr Christie outlines, the DNA issued a "knee-jerk" response against the plan. "Bahamians know

that the PLP has credibility on crime — they remember how we pioneered Urban Renewal and Swift Justice; they know these programmes won awards; they know these programmes were starting to work before the FNM gutted

them. Bahamian citizens have responded to the plan with interest and support — the DNA would do well to follow their lead," the senator said.

The FNM, for its part, has not issued an official statement on the plan, but party

operatives were yesterday circling a speech made by Mr Christie before he took office in 2002, in which they said he promised to do many of the same things included in his new plan, but failed to deliver.

## MAN RUNS FOR HIS LIFE AFTER BEING SHOT

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director, said: "The young man was walking through the Quintine Alley area when a man, armed with a handgun, shot him in the chest."

Running through bushes and overgrown lots, the victim cut across three streets before collapsing on the front porch of a residence at Milton Street, off East Street.

The shooting occurred near Stephen Dillette Primary School, and sources confirmed the victim as a resident of the area.

While maintaining the matter was an isolated incident, Supt Dean said police planned to release their strategic safety plan for schools and their surrounding areas in the next few days.

"The matter that occurred not far from the school is an isolated incident and has no connection or bearing on the school," said Supt Dean.

"We can tell you that the police have a strategic plan in place and the public can rest assured that schools and its peripheries will be safe."

Last night the injured man was in hospital where his condition is said to be "serious."

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## CARNIVAL BOOST FOR SHIPYARD

Two cruise vessels set for dry dock in Grand Bahama later this year

WHILE remaining tightlipped on the state of operations at the Grand Bahama Shipyards, Graham Couser, its business development manager, confirmed to Tribune Business that two Carnival Cruise Line vessels are scheduled to be at its dry dock this year.

"We have got two Carnival ships the rest of this year," Mr Couser confirmed yesterday. He declined to go into details of the arrangement over the telephone, stating: "It's sensitive due to the nature of the business."

The arrival of the Miami-based cruise line's vessels could mean a large number of short-term workers on contract at the shipyard. The Grand Bahama Shipyards usually records an average of 20 dockings each year.

The Grand Bahama Shipyards, the biggest ship-

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## AIRLINE REACHES FOR SKY IN \$1.4M HANGAR



CAPTAIN RANDY BUTLER

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

A BAHAMIAN-OWNED airline is set to begin construction on its new \$1.4 million hangar at Lynden Pindling International Airport (LPIA) next month, a move it believes will enhance operational efficiency as it prepares to launch three new routes into the US by this November.

\* Investment designed to boost operational and maintenance efficiency ahead of three new routes in November

\* Airline chief says launches will take it to 12 route total

Captain Randy Butler, Sky Bahamas president, told Tribune Business yesterday that the new hangar would enable the airline to conduct maintenance on its aircraft fleet at night, rather than during the day as it does currently, thereby increasing fleet utilisation

and efficiency.

"We're building a new hangar starting in September," Captain Butler confirmed. "Then we'll be able to do maintenance at night, and that will give us more capability during the day."

"It's going to cost us \$1.4

million to build it, and we'll rent out some of the space. That's going to be a good addition, a revenue generator for us."

Currently, Sky Bahamas does not fly to the US on

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## FIXED RATE CONTRACTS HIT TAXIS, OPERATORS

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TOUR operators and taxi drivers yesterday said their fixed-rate operations have already taken a major hit from rising fuel prices, and further hikes would create even greater losses for their businesses.

Kevin Moss, director of operations and sales at Leisure Travel Tours, told Tribune Business: "We really can't change our rates because they're set in our contracts with different clients. We're going to take a hit and our hands are tied. Right now the price of fuel is very high, and any further increase, of course, would have a negative impact on our bottom line."

He added: "Fuel bills in the transportation industry run in the tens of

thousands of dollars each month. You need your vehicle on the road because that is your livelihood. We would have to find ways to cut costs in term of fuel.

"Our prices can't fluctuate with the price of fuel; we're at a steady rate. If gas goes up, worst case scenario to \$6 per gallon, we still have to charge the same rate that we were charging before. At the end of the day there is only so

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## 5.25% DEFICIT CALL 'REALLY OMINOUS'

\* Former finance minister 'not too impressed' by Bahamas' fiscal direction outlined by IMF

\* Says consolidation plans contradicted by short-term deficit spending

\* Gov't appears 'very content' with 4.75% deficit for 2010-2011



JAMES SMITH

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

THE projected increase in the central government deficit to 5.25 per cent for the 2011-2012 fiscal year is a "really ominous" indicator and raises concern over the direction the Bahamas is headed in, a former finance minister warned yesterday.

James Smith, former minister of state for finance in the 2002-2007 Christie administration, told Tribune Business that the recent International Monetary Fund (IMF) statement on the

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## 'DEVASTATING' FEARS ON GASOLINE STRIKE

Chamber chief says impact, combined with price/margin increases, could be 'very widespread' for Bahamian private sector



By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

A FULLY-FLEDGED strike by petroleum retailers could be "quite devastating" for the Bahamian business community, the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation's (BCCEC) chairman warned yesterday, adding that this would exacerbate the impact of any margin increases.

Winston Rolle told Tribune Business that the ramifications from a nationwide gas retail strike would be "very widespread", impacting not only private sector costs but company operational structures - especially businesses in the transportation and delivery industries.

"It's a combination of both," Mr Rolle explained. "From a consumer perspective there's the price of gasoline, but from a business perspective it's not only the price of gas."

"If a strike does take place, and is protracted for any period of time, it can significantly impact business operations..... It can be quite devastating if not managed correctly."

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# How designers mark their card

By DEIDRE M BASTIAN



## ART OF GRAPHIX DEIDRE BASTIAN

DO YOU know that the video card inside your computer is responsible for what you are seeing on your monitor right now? You probably had no idea that a typical computer screen contains more than one million pixels that must be decoded to produce a single image. Yes, and these pixels are then converted into an image by a graphic card and sent via cable to your monitor to display an image.

A graphic card is also called a video card, and is the device that takes the binary code from the central processing unit (CPU) and produces images on your computer monitor. Simply put, a graphics card is a plug-in card used to display better pictures and overall performance from the PC. It enables your computer to play games and movies, and generate and output 2D/3D images on a display. Many graphic cards support TV displays, digital cameras and analog video cameras as well. However, the first graphic card, introduced by IBM in 1981, was the Monochrome Display Adapter, or MDA, enabling white or green text to be displayed on a black screen.

A graphic card is a big plus to designers. Its great selling point is its ability to host its very own ram (memory), which is used in place of the PC's ram, enabling the PC to run faster and better. Hypothetically, graphic cards can come pre-built into your motherboard or be an actual card that fits securely into a slot on your motherboard. Either way, your video card is very important as graphics become more demanding.

How does it work?

A graphic card's job seems a little complex, but its principles and components are easy to understand. The images you see on your monitor are made of tiny dots

If you are a computer novice, you need to know two important things about graphic video cards: Memory and speed. First the memory size, which basically tells us how much RAM the video card has. The more the better, obviously, but too much can be a waste of money, so just be sure to get the right amount for what you plan on doing.

These cards function at a high rate of speed and operate at a dual port technology, meaning this enables the system to read from RAM and write simultaneously. If multimedia or games are a high priority for your computer, the more memory your system has the better it will perform. Thus I recommend purchasing a graphics card with its own memory as the best option.

Now let's talk about what type of graphic cards you should purchase. Upgrading your current card is a very simple task because it only slides right into a slot on your computer. Your card can go into one of two slots, PCI or AGP. Chances are that your computer has both, but which one is the best? By far AGP is the better technology, since it processes data much faster than PCI.

Unfortunately, if you have a computer that was bought before the year 2000, most likely you don't have an AGP slot - or at least not the fastest. Seek assistance from your computer technician to find out which one is appropriate for your computer. When selecting a graphics card, ensure the card you purchase is supported by your system.

Technically, installing your new video card is actually the simple part of this voyage, as the card features an interface that plugs into a port or slot inside the computer on the motherboard, and can be done by anyone that owns a computer. Here's how:

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# GAS MARK-UP TALKS NOW 'PROGRESSING'

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MINISTER of State for the Environment Phenton Neymour, told Tribune Business yesterday that talks were "progressing" between the Government and petroleum retailers after the latter voted on Tuesday night to go on strike.

Mr Neymour met with petroleum retailers yesterday, and following that meeting told this newspaper: "The meeting went very well. We are progressing, and we are going to continue our discussions going forward. They were able to point out some of the additional challenges they had since we last met."

"Some of their positions have deteriorated over time, and are compounded by recent increases in the purchase price for gas and diesel at this time. We are continuing our discussions."

Mr Neymour added: "From the discussions we essentially agreed that they are not to take action until we reconvene again in short order. We were discussing the mark-up, and were also discussing their relationship with the wholesalers."

"We were discussing the difference between the three major wholesalers; that is Esso, Texaco and Shell, and how they address their business, and were also looking at how to address the fluctuation of the prices going forward."

"They've made some requests of us and we're considering them at this time. They are free to conduct their business, but one of the things that had to be made clear was the consequences of them striking and how it will impact the Bahamian people and our economy."

Bahamas Petroleum Retailers Association (BPRA) president, Oswald Moore, told Tribune Business

yesterday: "We have [agreed to] continue meetings until we reach an amicable agreement."

Mr Moore said he was optimistic an agreement could be reached, and added: "They said we need to continue to dialogue on the situation because they said that they understand our position."

He added that he was hopeful the discussions would lead to finalising how and when a margin increased, which the Government had said it was committed to, would come into effect.

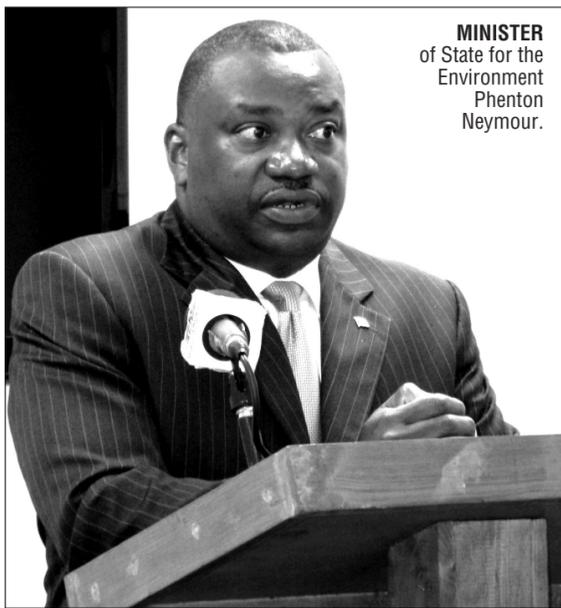
Petroleum retailers voted unanimously for a strike Tuesday night during an emergency meeting. Gas stations around New Providence were packed with motorists desperate to fill their tanks ahead of any strike action.

It has been 10 years since retailers received an increase on their fixed gasoline margins, and more than 30 years since diesel margins increased. The BPRA has been in negotiations with the Government for months, and although it has agreed in principle to an increase, retailers claim they have been given no clear timeline despite the urgent need for action.

The BPRA represents 85 per cent of gas retailers, and its members claim the situation is desperate because they are being squeezed on both ends – by wholesalers and by the Government.



GAS STATIONS were busy on Tuesday when retailers voted to go on strike.



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Only candidates meeting the requirements will be contacted.

BUSINESS

# TEACHERS VISIT BAHAMAS WASTE

A GROUP of New Providence and Family Island teachers has toured Bahamas Waste's Gladstone Road complex. The visit was a collaborative effort between the Bahamas National Trust, the Ministry of Education and Bahamas Waste.

Shelly Cant, education officer at the Bahamas National Trust, said the Trust organises several training workshops each year, mainly during the summer holidays. The workshops focus on issues relating to the Bahamian environment.

The Bahamas Waste visit was designed to enable the teachers to gain an insight into the various waste streams handled by the company. Information gathered will help teachers in the planning of future environmentally-related field trips by students.

Among the locations at the Bahamas Waste compound that were of special interest for the teachers were the new



**BAHAMAS WASTE** has recently started the process of recycling cardboard at its Gladstone Road facility. Cardboard is the single largest component of municipal solid waste around the world. Recently a group of teachers from New Providence and Family Island schools, under the auspices of the Bahamas National Trust and the Ministry of Education, visited the site. Brenville Ferguson, recycling co-ordinator, is pictured at work. He said that while the facility started with cardboard, increasing volumes of paper are also being processed. The end product is shipped abroad, mainly to China.

bio-diesel plant, the cardboard recycling site and the facility for the processing of medical waste. They also observed on-site farming activities that use processed

green waste.

John Wanklyn, Bahamas Waste's engineer, is at centre, and Britnee Farquharson, operations clerk, is second from the right.



**WASTE GENERATED** throughout health care institutions can be considered as medical waste.

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# How designers mark their card

### FROM page two

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**NB: Columnist welcomes feedback at deede2111@hotmail.com**

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

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52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Security	Previous Close	Today's Close	Change	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
1.19	0.95	AML Foods Limited	1.17	1.17	0.00		0.155	0.080	7.5	6.84%
10.63	9.05	Bahamas Property Fund	10.63	10.63	0.00		-0.640	0.080	-16.6	0.75%
7.50	4.40	Bank of Bahamas	6.93	6.93	0.00		0.230	0.100	30.1	1.44%
0.53	0.17	Benchmark	0.18	0.18	0.00		-0.048	0.000	N/M	0.00%
2.84	2.70	Bahamas Waste	2.70	2.70	0.00		0.030	0.090	90.0	3.33%
1.96	1.77	Fidelity Bank	1.77	1.77	0.00		0.097	0.040	18.2	2.26%
11.10	8.30	Cable Bahamas	8.29	8.29	0.00		0.245	0.310	33.8	3.74%
2.80	2.35	Colina Holdings	2.55	2.55	0.00		0.438	0.040	5.8	1.57%
8.50	8.33	Commonwealth Brewery	8.50	8.50	0.00		0.740	0.000	11.5	0.00%
7.00	6.21	Commonwealth Bank (S1)	6.89	6.89	0.00	10,350	0.496	0.260	13.9	3.78%
2.00	1.73	Consolidated Water BDRs	1.73	1.70	-0.03		0.111	0.045	15.3	2.65%
1.90	1.31	Doctor's Hospital	1.37	1.37	0.00		0.074	0.110	18.5	8.03%
8.50	4.75	Famguard	5.43	5.43	0.00	875	0.498	0.240	10.9	4.42%
8.80	5.35	Finco	5.39	5.39	0.00	500	0.767	0.000	7.1	0.00%
9.74	7.75	FirstCaribbean Bank	8.29	8.29	0.00		0.494	0.350	16.8	4.22%
6.00	5.00	Foccl (S)	5.75	5.75	0.00		0.435	0.220	13.2	3.83%
1.740	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.1749	2.48%	1.94%		0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%
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10.80	9.80	J. S. Johnson	9.82	9.82	0.00		0.880	0.640	11.2	6.52%
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate	10.00	10.00	0.00		1.207	0.200	8.3	2.00%
BISX LISTED DEBT SECURITIES - (Bonds trade on a Percentage Pricing basis)										
52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Last Sale	Change	Daily Vol.	Interest	Maturity		
99.46	99.46	Bahamas Note 6.95 (2029)	BAH29	99.46	0.00		6.95%	20 November 2029		
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00		7%	19 October 2017		
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022		
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00		7%	30 May 2013		
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015		
RoyalFidelity Merchant Bank & Trust Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)										
52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
10.06	5.01	Bahamas Supermarkets	N/A	N/A	14.00		2.945	0.000	N/M	0.00%
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.55		0.001	0.000	256.8	0.00%
CFAL Securities Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)										
41.00	29.00	ABDAB	30.13	31.59	29.00		4.540	0.000	9.03	0.00%
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.65	0.75	0.40		0.029	0.000	24.13	0.00%
BISX Listed Mutual Funds										
52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD %	Last 12 Months %	NAV 3MTH	NAV 6MTH	NAV Date		
1.5779	1.4674	CFAL Bond Fund	1.577526	3.39%	5.87%	1.548717	1.535365	31-Jul-11		
3.0160	2.9020	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	3.0248	2.63%	3.94%	2.981382	2.952663	31-Jul-11		
1.6128	1.5289	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.6151	2.61%	4.53%	1.591803	1.580804	5-Aug-11		
2.8686	2.5730	Royal Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	2.5730	-5.41%	-9.79%			30-Jun-11		
13.7347	13.2291	Royal Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.7347	2.82%	1.94%			31-Jul-11		
114.1289	99.4177	CFAL Global Bond Fund	114.0922	2.35%	13.88%	114.128861	111.469744	30-Jun-11		
118.4255	101.6693	CFAL Global Equity Fund	118.4255	2.30%	8.26%	116.580785	115.762221	30-Jun-11		
1.1749	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.1749	2.48%	5.16%			30-Jun-11		
1.1343	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.1343	1.41%	5.17%			30-Jun-11		
1.1764	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.1764	2.38%	5.39%			30-Jun-11		
9.9952	9.5078	Royal Fidelity Bah Intl Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 1	9.9433	0.98%	4.58%			31-May-11		
11.4985	10.0324	Royal Fidelity Bah Intl Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 2	10.9652	0.78%	5.70%			31-Jul-11		
10.6813	9.1708	Royal Fidelity Bah Intl Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 3	10.6013	5.75%	13.20%			31-Jul-11		
8.8564	7.5827	Royal Fidelity Intl Fund - Equities Sub Fund	8.6507	3.01%	18.38%			31-Jul-11		
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BISX ALL SHARE INDEX - 19 Dec 02 = 1,000.00										
52wk-HI - Highest closing price in last 52 weeks										
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Previous Close - Previous day's weighted price for daily volume										
Today's Close - Current day's weighted price for daily volume										
Change - Change in closing price from day to day										
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## BUSINESS



## Providence celebrates birthday with PM call

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Pictured from L to R: Robert Sands, director; Julian Francis, chairman of Providence Advi-

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NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claims or demands against the above-named Estate are requested to send the same duly certified to the undersigned on or before Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2011 after which the Personal Representatives will proceed to distribute the assets of the Deceased among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which the Personal Representatives shall then have had notice.

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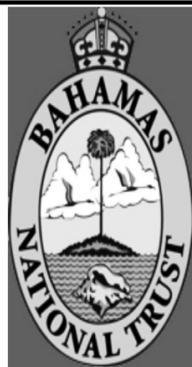
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Nassau, N.P.  
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No later than 29<sup>th</sup> August 2011 at 4:30 p.m. local time.

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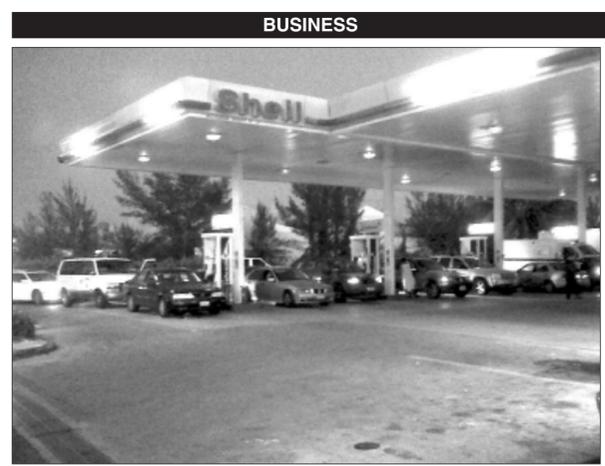
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# 'DEVASTATING' FEARS ON GASOLINE STRIKE

FROM page one

Members of the Bahamian Petroleum Retailers Association (BPRA) have been pushing for an increase in existing gasoline and diesel margins for months, and on Tuesday night voted in favour of a strike in a bid to force the Government's hand on the issue.

They have been seeking a \$0.30 increase in the per gallon of gasoline margin to \$0.74, up from the existing \$0.44 per gallon. On diesel, BPRA members are pushing for a \$0.28 per gallon margin increase to \$0.47, up from the existing \$0.19. Effectively, the BPRA is seeking 68 per cent and 147 per cent increases, respectively, in the gasoline and diesel margins.

Earl Deveaux, minister of the environment, in late June indicated that the Government had agreed to lobbying by the BPRA and Marina Operators of the Bahamas (MoB) for an increase in the fixed margins, but it is by no means certain they will get all they are seeking.

Mr Rolle yesterday told Tribune Business that the Bahamian private sector did not want a strike to occur. Yet businesses "have to be concerned about increasing costs", he said, adding of the proposed margin increases: "That's a cost that's going to be directly impacting people's bottom lines, especially if they have vehicles on the road responsible for deliveries etc."

"If the strike does take place, it will hamper the way business is done. If you're not adequately served in terms of gasoline for your vehicles, you will not make your deliveries, which impacts your ability to service your customers and your customers' ability to serve their customers. The impact can be very widespread."

Mr Rolle said both he and the BCCEC were sensitive to the BPRA's plight, which results from an inefficient, government-controlled pricing structure.

He again called on the Government and BPRA to reach a 'happy medium', and told Tribune Business: "We do recognise their plight. I'm not sure how the negotiations are going, but hopefully they can do something amicable relatively quickly."

"I was hopeful there would be some happy medium that could be met between the retailers and the Government as to how to absorb that differential in price that everyone needs to make. We're not out of the woods; that's for sure."

Mr Rolle's predecessor as BCCEC chair, Khaalis Rolle, earlier this year told Tribune Business that gas station retailers suffer margin erosion through an "inefficient" pricing structure that penalises them when oil prices increase through high capital costs.

He argued, though, that price controls were not the main factor in determining Bahamian gasoline and diesel prices, the two key components being the landed cost of fuel (global oil prices) and the tax structure imposed on the industry by the Government.

"I think price control, the Government-controlled margin system, was meant to protect the consumer," Khaalis Rolle said then. "To my mind, to this point it has been rel-

atively effective, but I don't think that's the major issue at hand."

"When you start to look at petroleum prices, the margin is a relatively small component of the pricing structure of fuel."

"The main component is the actual landed, acquisition cost of the fuel, and then you tack on the margins, tack on the duty structure of the gasoline."

"At any point, duties make up a huge part of the overall price. So, compared to other places, the price is extremely high, but it is extremely high for a couple of reasons - the acquisition cost of the fuel, and the duty and tax structure of the fuel."

The Government via the tax structure earns \$1.06 per gallon of gas plus 7 per cent Stamp Duty and, when oil prices rise as they now do, its take goes up thanks to the latter being calculated as a percentage.

Explaining the inefficiency, Mr Rolle told Tribune Business: "If [global oil] prices go up too high, the cost of capital goes up. The retailers need more money to pay for fuel upfront, so the cost of getting the fuel goes up for them. Because the cost of capital is so expensive, it strains their margins."

"If they have to go into overdraft to pay for fuel shipments, they have to pay overdraft charges, which come out of the margin. That's where the inefficiency is in the pricing structure. Petroleum products are a very heavily taxed commodity, and it doesn't serve them well."

Another business community source, who spoke to Tribune Business in July on condition of anonymity, said that without fixing the pricing structure anomalies in the gasoline industry, the current situation will only repeat itself down the line.

Gas margins were last increased under the first FNM government, the source said, yet almost 10 years later the Bahamas was here again, and with the same arguments being made.

Gas prices were already extremely high, and the Government's decision meant they were likely to go higher on the grounds that dealers needed more money.

"You have to go back and look at this system that doesn't make sense at all," the source said. "If you don't solve the problem correctly, in a couple of years you're going to do the same thing."

The solution, the source said, was for the Government to reduce its \$1.06 per gallon tax, plus 7 per cent Stamp Duty on the cost of landed fuel, something it is unlikely to do when desperate for every cent of revenue.

The other issue, they added, was the rents, royalties and franchise fees levied on the BPRA and its members by the oil companies. The source identified these and the Government taxes as the major problem, together with an over-supply of service stations.

"For an island 21x7, we should not have so many service stations in close proximity. That's the only way to begin to drive costs down for Bahamian consumers."

# CARNIVAL BOOST FOR SHIPYARD

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yard side of the Americas, is one of the world's leading shipyards for undertaking dry-docking, repairs and modifications to cruise ships. Carnival and Royal Caribbean each own 40 per cent of the Shipyards, while the Grand Bahama Port Authority has a 20 per cent stake.

The Shipyards has three floating docks, two of which are about 1,000 feet long, while the third is 880 feet.

## BUSINESS

# AIRLINE REACHES FOR SKY IN \$1.4M HANGAR

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Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, Captain Butler acknowledging that these dates were when scheduled maintenance took place. As a result, the carrier's load factors (passenger occupancy) often dipped to less than

40 per cent. Still, Captain Butler told Tribune Business that Sky Bahamas was targeting November for the launch of three new routes - Nassau and Marsh Harbour to West Palm Beach, and Nassau to Orlando. When launched, these three would

take Sky Bahamas to a total of 12 routes.

"We're about to do Marsh Harbour to West Palm Beach and Nassau to West Palm Beach for November. We're going to have that in place for November," Captain Butler confirmed to Tribune Business.

"We've got approvals in place already, and are awaiting approvals for Orlando to Nassau. We're also aiming for November there. We want to do them both in November."

Captain Butler said Sky Bahamas was eyeing a twice weekly service to Orlando, and three day service to West Palm Beach, from Nassau. The company was also planning a thrice-weekly service to West Palm Beach from Marsh Harbour, and had plans to extend this

to five days per week.

To fulfill its plans, Captain Butler said Sky Bahamas was continuing to grow its existing 112 staff complement and plane fleet, having hired several specialists following its recent job fair that drew some 1,504 applicants.

"We wanted licensed pilots, licensed maintenance persons," he added. "We hired four licensed pilots, one local mechanic, and are in the process of hiring eight guest service people in Nassau, four people in Freeport and four in Florida."

"We're still holding our own, trying to deliver quality service to our people."

Captain Butler told Tribune Business that load factors continued to be strong for Sky Bahamas, standing at "close to 100 per cent" on

"99 per cent" of domestic routes out of Nassau from mid-July to present.

He added that the picture on routes originating from Marsh Harbour over the same period was similar, while Freeport was "off the chain".

"We're challenged with some of the decisions and policies the Government is doing," Captain Butler told this newspaper. "An example is the fees at NAD. The fees have increased, and Bahamasair is still reducing their fares and offering specials. Bahamasair is used as the market, the standard for the fees."

"If I'm going to be more than Bahamasair on any route on which we compete, I can't be more than 10 per cent max. It really creates a problem in the market."

Advocating competition, Captain Butler contrasted the subsidies and incentives foreign-owned carriers flying to the Bahamas were receiving "through the back door" with the absence of such tools for Bahamian-owned carriers.

Noting that fuel and labour costs remained stubbornly high, Captain Butler added: "We don't want any handouts or subsidies from government. If the Government let market forces reign, we'd do a lot of things."

He told Tribune Business that the new Civil Aviation regulations were "starting to come home to some of the operators in the Bahamas."

"They're not applicable to some areas of the Bahamas".

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### IT Technical Consultant

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INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION  
PROJECT No: BH-M1008

The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation *has received* grant funding from the *Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)* for the *Bahamas Virtual Platform Project*, a collaboration of the Bahamas Agricultural & Industrial Corporation, Bahamas National Craft Association and the Chamber, and intends to apply part of the proceeds to procure the services of an IT Technical Consultant for the project's Business Requirements Identification & Platform Design Phases.

The Consultant will be required to:

- Work closely with the Project Coordinator and Business Consultant to identify general & specific deliverables for the development of the technical design and specifications for the platform;
- Provide input & feedback for all project activities, during the 'business requirements identification' and 'platform technical design' phases (Components 1 & 2), that have technical implications;
- Participate in stakeholder meetings to discuss the proposed operations and structure of the Portal in the existing and futuristic business environments;
- Completion & Delivery of technical specifications document for the development of a functioning virtual platform that reflects current and future business practices;
- Preparation of the Terms of Reference procurement document for the platform design and development work.

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- Adequacy for the assignment:** At least 7 years of professional experience as an IT consultant, with demonstrative knowledge of enterprise architecture concepts and techniques. Knowledge of the handicraft sector or tourism industry will be an asset.

The services of the consultant will be required for a period of eight (8) weeks and all deliverables must be received within that time frame.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: *Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank* (GN-2350-7) and this opportunity is open to all eligible consultants as defined in the policies.

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## BUSINESS

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## 5.25% DEFICIT CALL 'REALLY OMINOUS'

Bahamian economy had raised more questions than answers, since the data appeared to directly contradict continued assertions that the Government had a plan to bring the debt-to-GDP ratio back on to a more sustainable path.

Key data contained in the IMF statement appears to have largely been missed until now but Gene Leon, its head of mission to the Bahamas, warned that "higher spending on new government initiatives" was set to increase the central government deficit to 5.25 per cent of GDP this fiscal year.

This indicates that, certainly in the short-term, the key deficit and debt-to-GDP ratios are likely to worsen where the Bahamas is concerned. "That's really ominous," Mr Smith told Tribune Business, "because it contradicts what they're [the IMF] also saying."

"They're confirming the Government has a plan and intends to address the question of the deficit and the debt. But then they're saying just the opposite: increasing the debt by increasing expenditure."

Describing the Bahamas' fiscal policy, as outlined in the IMF statement, as "a very hard read", Mr Smith contrasted the increased spending for 2011-2012 with the tax increases contained in the 2010-2011 Budget - a move that was designed to raise revenues, bridge the fiscal gap and send a 'prudence' message to the international community.

"On one hand you start off one year saying you're taking this thing in hand, and then do just the opposite the following year by opening up the floodgates again," Mr Smith told Tribune Business. "My view is: Where are we headed?"

The IMF statement also noted that the Government's 2010-2011 fiscal deficit had "widened" to around 4.75 per cent of GDP, adding: "Total revenues increased, aided by higher-than-average stamp duties, but expenditures increased more, owing to higher spending on goods and services."

"Although the sale of 51 per cent of the shares of the Bahamas Telecommunications Company eased financing pressures, central government debt rose to almost 49 per cent of GDP."

Contrasting the 4.75 per cent deficit with the 2-2.5 per cent annual deficits the Bahamas had traditionally run pre-recession, Mr Smith said of the former figure: "We seem very content with that,

when in the past that was unheard of.

"It's also happening in the face of falling revenue, and it's difficult to increase revenue given the anemic economy. I'm not too impressed with the way we're heading at all."

The IMF statement, Mr Smith added, indicated the Government had made "all the right soundbites" during the Fund's July 13-26 visit to the Bahamas. Yet its stated plans were undermined by both the absence of fiscal consolidation details and the increased deficit projected this year.

"Going forward, the authorities intend to take fiscal measures to stabilize and reduce the debt-to-GDP ratio and support the economic recovery, while maintaining price and exchange rate stability," the IMF statement reads.

"They also plan to reform and enhance tax administration, increase fiscal responsibility, and improve transparency for public enterprises."

Yet the previous paragraph in the same statement adds: "Higher spending on new government initiatives are expected to widen the central government deficit to about 5.25 per cent of GDP, and raise central government debt

to over 50 per cent of GDP in fiscal year 2011-2012. Additional risks to the fiscal outlook arise from the continued weak performance of the non-financial public enterprises."

"What are these plans to bring it down when they're forecasting to send it up?" Mr Smith asked. "That's where I have my difficulty. The outlook seems to be for more deficits. It's very difficult to chart a course based on what we're seeing."

"They're [the IMF] very clear on it. They think we should be concerned about the direction of the deficit, and hence the debt. They feel the Government has plans to take care of it, but that's contradicted by saying the deficit is going up even further in the next fiscal period."

The current fiscal year is also an election year, and the former finance minister questioned whether the Government had "the same head room" as in prior election years.

The other significant item in the IMF statement was its upward revision to the Bahamas' 2011 economic growth prospects. The Fund had pegged this nation's GDP growth at 1.3 per cent in its last World Economic Outlook report, but has now

increased this to 2 per cent - in line with the Government's own forecasts.

Mr Smith said he suspected the revised growth forecast came from "putting all the eggs into the Baha Mar basket". He questioned, though, whether estimates of Baha Mar's impact on the Bahamian economy might be

overblown, given the large Chinese labour component, and queried whether these projections had been revised.

Other potential headwinds facing the Bahamian economy included consumer confidence levels in the US in the aftermath of the debt ceiling battle and Standard & Poor's (S&P) downgrade,

and whether this nation would continue to attract the higher spending visitors it was used to.

And Mr Smith also argued that an enhanced government housing programme would do better at stimulating construction industry employment than major commercial projects.

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## Job Requirements:

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## BUSINESS

# FIXED RATE CONTRACTS HIT TAXIS, OPERATORS

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much you can charge a person. You just have to do all you possibly can to minimise the hit that you're going to take."

Janice Saunders, director of Majestic Tours, told Tribune Business: "You have to give your rates to the agents a year in advance. We've had to eat the increase in fuel. We sign contracts a year in advance. When the gas goes up, we can't pass that price on to the customers, so imagine how that affects my bottom line. There's nothing you can do. We have to eat our losses. It's an awful situation."

Michael Symonette, owner of Bahamas Experience, told Tribune Business: "Not only do we feel the pinch in terms of fuel consumption for our vehicles, but the utility bills have also increased. Many of the operators are locked into contracts and the one variable factor is the fuel costs. That is a serious challenge for a lot of our businesses in the industry."

And one taxi service operator told Tribune Business: "Obviously any increase in the price of fuel affects our

bottom line. I use diesel, and diesel for a long time was cheaper than gas, but now diesel almost matches the price of gas. The Government raised the rate years back to kind of compensate for the increase in fuel over the last couple of years, but it looks like we're going to need a rate increase again because fuel prices are really high."

Anthony Williams, owner of Taxi Transfers and Tours, told Tribune Business that for him, working extra hours was one way of helping to offset the fuel costs.

"With cab drivers, you can determine how many hours you work. If you are on a 40-hour week schedule, with that you would have to budget how much you allocate for gas," Mr Williams said.

"In my case I just work more hours to offset what I would have paid normally. If I normally work eight hours a day and the fuel prices goes up, what I would do is work 12 hours. The only way it would affect me is I would have to work more hours to offset the costs. I can work around that because I can be flexible with my work schedule."

# US STOCKS MIXED AFTER EARNINGS REPORTS

NEW YORK  
Associated Press

U.S. STOCKS fluctuated Wednesday after companies reported strong earnings but gave mixed forecasts for the future.

Target Corp., Staples Inc. and Dell Inc. all reported earnings for last quarter that were above analysts' forecasts. Companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 are on track to report higher profits for a ninth straight quarter. But economic growth is weak around the world, and some economists worry that a second recession may be coming. That could pull down future results.

Target and Staples both gave profit forecasts that were above Wall Street's expectations, but Dell cut its prediction for revenue growth this year.

The Dow Jones industrial

average fell 49 points, or 0.4 percent, to 11,357 at 1:30 p.m. (1730 GMT) in New York. It had been up as many as 120 around 10:30 a.m. The S&P 500 fell 4, or 0.4 percent, to 1,188. The Nasdaq composite fell 26, or 1.1 percent, to 2,497.

Six of the 10 sectors that make up the S&P 500 rose. Four fell, led by a 1.4 percent drop for technology stocks after Dell's forecast cut.

"There are a whole bunch of contradictory signals in the system now, and it's hard to tell which way to go," said Charlie Smith, chief investment officer of Fort Pitt Capital Group, which has just over \$1 billion in assets under management.

The increased role of automated trading by computers has increased volatility, making investing more difficult. "When you get a piece of

news, it's almost like the machines are trying to out-quick each other," and they are sending stocks in straight lines up or down, Smith said. "That's what really scares retail investors. We try to sit and wait in the weeds for good businesses at good prices."

He has focused on telecom stocks and cable companies. Their relatively big dividend yields look more attractive given low yields on bonds. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note is at 2.17 percent, down from 3.34 percent at the start of the year.

Telecom stocks in the S&P 500 rose 1.1 percent Wednesday, the most among the 10 sectors that make up the index. Utility stocks also tend to pay dividends, and they rose 0.8 percent.

Energy stocks rose 0.4 percent after crude oil gained 95 cents per barrel to \$87.60.

Dell said late Tuesday its profit rose 63 percent last quarter on strong demand from businesses and government agencies. But it also cited "a more uncertain demand environment" when it cut its forecast for annual revenue growth to a range of 1 percent to 5 percent. That's down from an earlier growth forecast for 5 percent to 9 percent. Dell stock fell 10.5 percent Wednesday.

Other companies are more

optimistic. Retailer Target said it expects to earn between \$4.15 per share and \$4.30 per share this year. Analysts had expected \$4.14 per share. Target also said its earnings last quarter rose 3.7 percent on sales of grocery beauty products and other items. Target shares rose 1.5 percent.

Office products retailer Staples raised its profit forecast for the year after saying strong international sales pushed earnings up 36 percent last quarter.

Deere also raised its forecast for full-year earnings. It now expects to earn \$2.7 billion this fiscal year, up from a May forecast of \$2.65 billion. The maker of tractors and other heavy equipment said its profit rose 15 percent last quarter on strong demand for farm equipment.

Companies are making more money, but many have done so by raising prices to offset higher costs. Higher food prices helped push inflation at the wholesale level to 0.2 percent in July, according to a government report Wednesday.

But that is still well below inflation levels earlier this year when oil prices were spiking because of violence in the Middle East. In February, wholesale inflation was 1.5 percent.

## Position Available: Customer Service Representative

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IN THE MATTER of the Quieting Titles Act

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IN THE MATTER of the Petition of  
DR. T. RANDALL HALL

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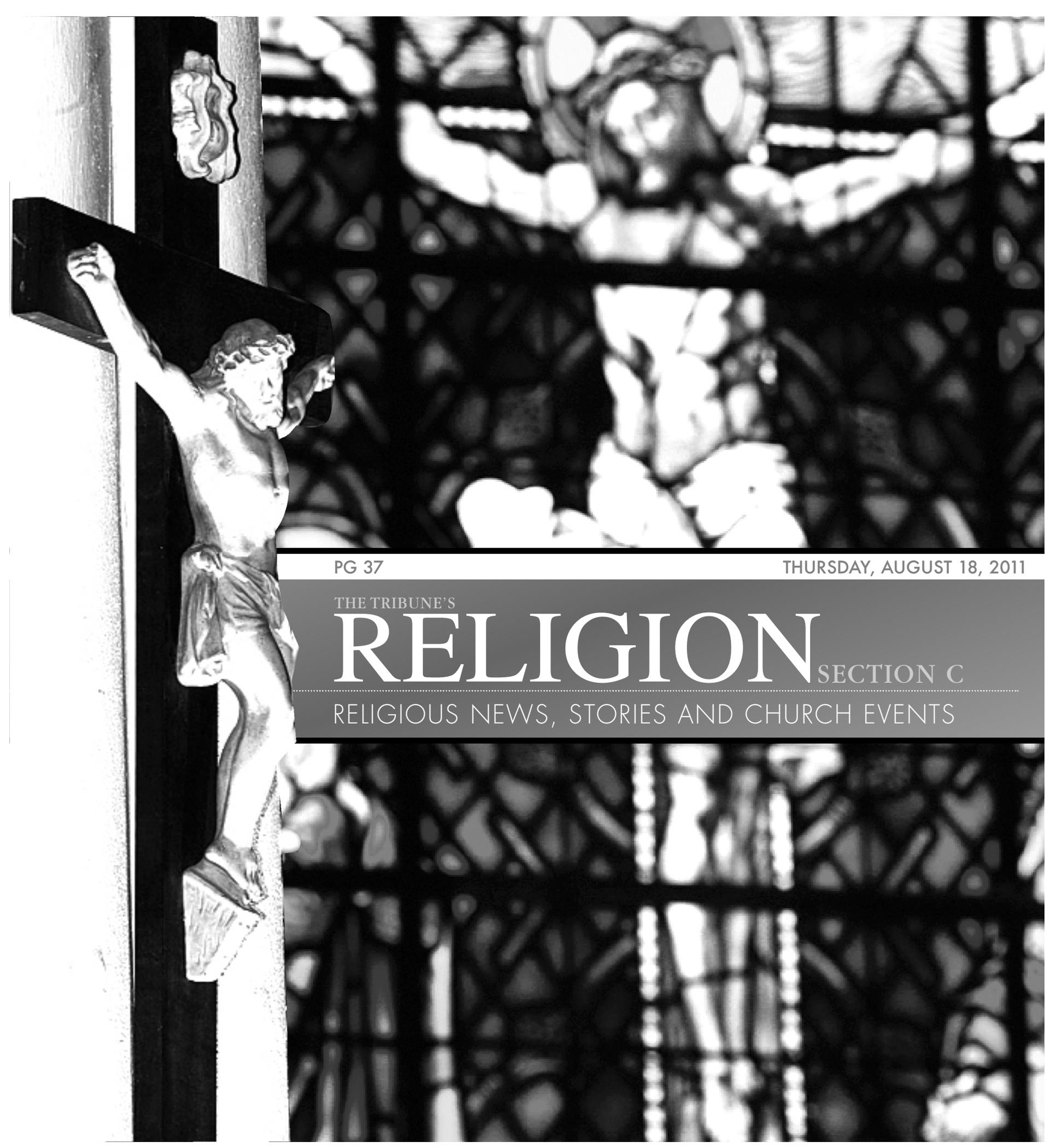
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THE TRIBUNE'S

# RELIGION

SECTION C

RELIGIOUS NEWS, STORIES AND CHURCH EVENTS

# Called to Duty

GENERATIONEXT Youth Ministry is a vibrant and vital part of the Christian Formation Ministry at the Parish Church of the Most Holy Trinity. Our mission is to create and enhance Christian morals and ideals in the lives of youth through spirit led Bible teaching, worship, fellowship, and prayer.

Since the year 2000, GeneratioNext has hosted a youth conference, IGNISHUN, which has been an instrument in changing the lives of young people all over New Providence.

In this tradition, this youth ministry will be hosting IGNISHUN 2K11 under the theme "CALLED TO DUTY" at Holy Trinity's Activities Centre August 18-20.

This year's theme is taken from 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 which tells us "For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ".

Our speaker this year is Pastor

Timothy Ross of Dallas Texas. Pastor Ross began preaching at the age of 20 years old and has already impacted the lives of hundreds of thousands of people. His dynamic teaching style and uncanny ability to make people understand the gospel message is the reason why he has been such an asset to ministries across cultural and denominational lines.

Tim's gift to communicate developed under two dynamic ministries: God's Way Holiness Fellowship Church in Valinda, California and The Potter's House in Dallas, TX. It was under the leadership of these two great ministries that his gift to speak developed and now touches lives around the world. Pastor Ross is the founder of Tim Ross Ministries which facilitates his evangelistic endeavours.

Young people today are plagued with so many negative forces and influences that even if they wanted to some of them are unable to live Christ centered lives. Whether it be a broken home or peer pressure, We at GeneratioNext feel that it is time for Christian young people to come to the forefront in our churches, communities and schools.

By answering this "Call to Duty" the Christian community can begin to once



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again make a positive impact on our Bahamaland ensuring the quality of the future of this country.

Pictured are scenes from last year's conference which was held under the theme "The Stand." Each year during the conference GeneratioNext puts on a drama based upon the theme. Last year the plot of the drama surrounded a young man being put on trial for taking a stand for God in a time when Christianity had become taboo. He was being persecuted for standing up for what he knew to be right. His family and friends all turned their backs on him, and he was left all alone to defend himself. In the end, he won his case because he never faltered in his belief and his life served as a witness to all who were persecuting him.

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# SAVE THE CHILDREN CLUB HELPS YOUTHS

By PRECISION MEDIA

NEARLY 100 members of the Save The Children Club (STC) were treated to free backpacks, reading books and clothing donations from Great Commission Ministries International over the weekend.

STC helps to bridge a gap in the community by meeting the spiritual, social and physical needs of inner-city children. It was established in 1991 by Great Commission.

"There is a great need for this programme," according to STC director, Elder Minalée Hanchell. "Many members are living in negative environments surrounded by drugs, alcohol and gangs. Save The Children Club has assisted in reducing negative behaviour and increasing self-esteem in our children."

At least one parent, Natasha Brown, said she's noticed a difference in her teenage son since he began attending weekly meetings. "My son is now a youth leader. He used to be shy. Now he's outspoken," Ms Brown shared. "It has helped him to speak out and be more positive, more helpful."

Eleventh grader at Government High School, Clifton Lightbourne echoed similar sentiments. He said the club taught him how to "stand out."

"I don't have to follow anyone," said Lightbourne. "I can be myself."

Earlier this month, Lightbourne was one of 10 outstanding club members honoured by Evangelist Shirley Burrows of Eleuthera's Living Word Ministries.

Lightbourne, Jireh Johnson, Joshua Smith, Carlissa Calixte, Sarah Knowles, Rebecca Knowles, Amanda Johnson, Kimberley Johnson and 2010 Youth of the Year, Keshano Forbes all received money and a gift.

Recently, some parents received help in outfitting their children for the start of a new school year. Due to the generosity of Errol Brown's Children in need at Christmas Foundation, 50 STC members received free uniforms made at Janae's UniformCentre.

The foundation also donated the 100 new folding chairs that club members sat in Saturday, during the back-to-school giveaway.

Great Commission partnered with key businesses and individuals to make the back-to-school event a success. Aid came from the Agape Foundation, Saulene Smith, Custom Computers, Bertha's Go-Go Ribs and others.

STC members and their parents also received a back-to-school pep talk from newly crowned Miss Gospel Bahamas

2011/2012 Lavette Smith.

Before leaving, students received new backpacks and reading books. Members' parents were also allowed to sort through new clothes donation for articles in their children's size.

Yet, Mrs Hanchell said the club is more than a place for social gathering and give-aways.

## LIFE-CHANGING

"The club is not for when it's a Christmas party, back-to-school event, or going out on trips," she told members. "When you miss meetings, you miss a blessing."

STC aims to impact the lives of children ages five to 19, with most of its members coming from nearby inner city communities. The children are involved in weekly recreational, sporting and cultural events.

During its 20 year history the club has expanded the services offered to its young members to include an after school programme, a computer lab, a youth recreational centre and a marching band. The club also offers counseling and community service for delinquent students and court assigned youths.

Mrs Hanchell says the club takes its motto seriously. "Changing today for a better tomorrow," is more than just a catchy slogan. On Saturday, she gave STC members two "homework" assignments. Do things to be "others centered" and write down five goals they would like to accomplish this school year.

It's this positive influence parent Nyoka Flowers appreciates. She accompanies her two older children, Alexandria and Daniel, to the club every Saturday.

"The club teaches the kids about God and how to be respectful," said Ms Flowers. "It's a place where kids can learn to appreciate what they have."

For teenager Amanda Johnson the club has taught her to be more outspoken and friendlier.

"I learn more about God. I've built friendships. We have had a lot of fun here," she said. "I'm grateful for this day."

Seventh grader Jade Lockhart sums it up this way: "I just like it here."

Yet, Save The Children Club isn't just saving its young members; it is also a lifeline for members' parents

"My children have been coming here since they were babies. Evangelist Hanchell, Bishop Hanchell and the members are really good," said parent, Christina Scott. "If I have a problem I talk to her [Mrs Hanchell]. She helps me solve it for me and my children."



**NEW BAG:** Seventh grader Jade Lockhart is all smiles after receiving her new backpack.

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**GENERATION NEXT  
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**AUG. 18th-20th**  
Holy Trinity Activities Centre  
Stapledon Gardens

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(Registration 6:00 pm)

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Saturday 20th, 6am  
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**CONCERT:**  
Saturday 20th, 7:30pm  
Holy Trinity Activities Centre  
Featuring Local Bahamian Gospel Artists

**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
**Pastor Timothy Ross**

# A QUEEN'S HOMECOMING

## Red carpet welcome for Lakeview church member

By **PRECISION MEDIA FOR THE TRIBUNE**

FOR MORE than a decade, Sunday school teacher Lavette Smith attended Lakeview Church of God, but this past weekend marked the first time she received a red carpet welcome.

On Sunday, August 14, the 24-year-old was officially presented to her church as the new Miss Gospel Bahamas 2011/2012.

The church's foyer was decorated for her joyous homecoming. A "Congratulations" banner dangled from the ceiling. Underneath it were three of the garments the queen wore the night she was crowned: the 'Esther' outfit which won her 'Best Costume' in the Biblical float parade and the dresses from the pageant's talent and evening wear segments.

It was two weeks ago - in an intense competition - when Smith beat nine hopefuls to capture the crown.

During the queen's official presentation to her church, Lakeview's Inner Circle youth group member, Janay Saunders paid tribute to Ms Smith in a poem. The queen was also serenaded by the church's choir with a stirring rendition of the gospel hit, "Fully Committed."

In his sermon, Bishop Charles Dean noted that Ms Smith foretold that she would win the crown.

"Lavette expected God to work a miracle," he preached. "When you follow God's lead, He will always work it out for you."

Bishop Dean challenged pageant organisers to always ferret out the best contestants.

"This committee must continue to search for the most inwardly and outwardly beautiful, good role models for this generation," he said.

"Young people need women who display the fear of God and have grown into skilled, educated, articulate, productive members of society."

Ms Smith's journey so far has been humbling.

"I am honoured to have this assignment placed on my head," the queen said, pointing to her crown. "I know that I am chosen for this season. It was confirmed over and over. I am asking God to help me to keep myself humble during this time."

"I was a role model before," adds Ms Smith, who currently serves as the Inner Circle president. "But, the stakes are higher now."

During her year-long reign, the queen



**QUEEN OF GOSPEL:** Bishop Charles Dean, pastor of Lakeview Church of God, congratulates church member, Lavette Smith on winning the Miss Gospel Bahamas Pageant. The new queen was officially presented to her church on Sunday, August 14.

will carry out charitable work in conjunction with Great Commission Ministries International, the organisation which founded the Miss Gospel Bahamas pageant.

"We thank God that we are blessed to have such a wonderful queen," said Great Commission's Bishop Walter Hanchell. He was quick to note that all contestants were qualified to win the Miss Gospel Bahamas title.

"They were all born again and active in their church," he told Lakeview's congregation. "We don't allow just anyone to enter. We screen very carefully."

Bishop Hanchell believes that 2011/2012 is going to be "the best year ever" for Miss Gospel Bahamas.

"We aim to see every island in The Bahamas present us with a representative on pageant night," he said.

For now, the pageant committee is secure in the knowledge that it has an exceptional queen.

"From the moment that crown sat on her head, we noticed that this is indeed a woman of God...with a heart and passion to follow the things of God," said pageant committee chair, Anya McKenzie.

A past Miss Gospel queen herself, Ms McKenzie believes the pageant "sets the standard" for young people. The Bahamas, she said, needs young women and men "who will stand for God and stand for righteousness."

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— BISHOP CHARLES DEAN

# PRIZES FIT FOR A GOSPEL QUEEN

By Precision Media For the Bahamas

THE NEW Miss Gospel Bahamas 2011/2012, Lavette Smith was showered with fabulous gifts at a recent prize-giving ceremony held at the Poop Deck Sandyport.

The queen received three scholarships - one sponsored by Galilee College, another by Synergy Bahamas and a third from Toya's Educational Institute.

The prize package also included \$4,800 worth of dental work from the Bahamas Orthodontic Centre, round trip tickets for two on Bahamas Ferries, a laptop computer, an MP3 player, cell phone, DVD and a CD player, jewelry, a stylish luggage set, leather handbags, designer perfumes, artworks and a Bible engraved with her name.

That's not all.

Ms Smith will also be entitled to free hair care, pedicures, manicures, outfits from 22 top Bahamian designers and many other gift certificates from various business places.

The 24-year-old queen beat nine hopefuls to capture the coveted crown at a glittering ceremony Sunday, July 31, at the Wyndham Nassau Resort's Rain Forest Theatre.

During the pageant, the Sunday school teacher scooped several top honours. She won first place for the pre-pageant speech

competition, Best Costume for her representation of Queen Esther in the pageant's Bible-based float parade and was voted Miss Amity by her fellow contestants. "I'm grateful for the opportunity [to serve]," she said, in her brief acceptance speech on Thursday, August 11. "I'm ready to work. It was ordained for this time and season."

Miss Gospel Bahamas is the brainchild of Great Commission Ministries International, the non-profit mission organization which reaches out to the poor, the homeless and high-risk youths.

Organisers say the pageant is a not only spiritually enriching but also a great learning experience for contestants; all of them received a token of appreciation from the pageant's committee members. First and second runner-ups, Andrice Strachan and Candice Rolle, respectively, received additional gifts.

Miss Popularity Dianthus Johnson of Mount Pleasant Green Baptist Church got a 32-inch flat screen television and a CD player boom box, for spreading the word about the pageant.

Family, friends and pageant supporters congratulated all the contestants "on a job well done" and wished the new queen a successful journey.

"You are capable of doing a great job over the next year," pageant committee chair, Anya McKenzie told the new queen. "In you lies greatness."



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ALL CONTESTANTS received a token of appreciation from the pageant's committee members.

## The Grant's Town Wesley Methodist Church presents 'Three Nights of Old Time Revival Services'

By ALESHA CADET  
Tribune Features Reporter

GRANT'S Town Wesley Methodist Church invites everyone to attend the "Three Nights of Old Time Revival Services" which will minister to one and all.

The event will take place at the Church, Chapel Street & Baillou Hill Road on Tuesday, August 30 - September 1, starting at 7pm. Organisers said this is not their first Revival. "Grant's Town Wesley Methodist Church has had Revival Services for many years now."

Under the theme "Like Good Stewards of The Manifold Grace of God, Serve One Another With Whatever Gift Each of You Have Received," everyone can look forward to an excellent revival service. The service is set to be hosted by Rev L Carla R Culmer.

In an interview with *Tribune Religion*,

Avis Thompson said: "The three nights consists of singing, testifying and prayers by individual persons for the concerns of the nation. There is also an altar call where persons can repent and surrender their lives to God. It is a time of introspection and renewal."

"Our Guest Speakers are Rev Diana Francis, Rev Godfrey Bethell and Canon Basil Tynes. Choirs of the Church will render selections. The Men's Fellowship Choir will perform on 31st August. The Women's Fellowship Choir will render selections and then on September 1, our Sanctuary choir will sing."

Ms Thompson added: "These Revival Services are also a way of preparing ourselves as a Church for the new Church year in September."

"Come one, come all and receive a blessing and witness the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit's anointing power as souls are transformed."

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# It's Time to Speak

Not only that, it's time to speak; but believe in that which you're speaking!

## MK.11:23.

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he say.

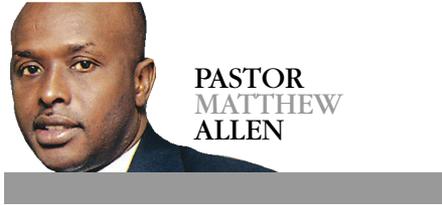
How much do you believe in what you're saying? Or could it be that you've been speaking words that don't line up with God's plans and purposes for your life?

Sad, but true; there are many who name the name of Christ (The Messiah) that speaks and believe their political conviction more than they do the word of God (Yahweh).

As a nation, while we're crying about (P.L.P, F.N.M, D.N.A, etc;) this Bahama Land, A GOOD LAND, is being enjoyed to the fullest extent by others who care absolutely nothing about the God we claim to serve and worship.

To this very day, here's what Yahweh is still saying to us "Isa.1:19. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land"

Not if you're a PLP or an FNM not if you're a Baptist, an Anglican or a Catholic; but if you would willingly and obediently obey His law / word, you would eat the good of the land. And then to fur-



PASTOR  
MATTHEW  
ALLEN

ther compound the situation; as a nation we've allowed various religious beliefs and opinions to divide and push us away from the truth of God's word.

Watch this!

There's no need to fall for religious gimmicks and tricks as it relates to God's blessings upon your life. No water that the Bishop or some other religious leader prayed over can invoke God's blessings upon your life, nor can any other trinket they're giving or selling.

Here's what Yahweh says as it pertains to His blessings upon your life: Deut.28:1.

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth.

2. And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.

3. Bless shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

In other words, no matter where you are

in life (geographically speaking), whether you're in The Bahamas, The USA, Europe, China, etc; your obedience to Yahweh's word will forever ensure His blessings.

And likewise, your disobedience to His word brings about curses rather than blessings: Deut.28:15. But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee.

16. Cursed shall thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field.

My brother, my sister; it really doesn't matter which political party governs your country as it relates to God's blessings upon your life; it's a matter of your obedience to His word. If you don't like what you're seeing and receiving, change what you're saying and doing. The world in which many of us are living in has been formed by the words of which we've been speaking. Change you words and your world will also change: (Pro v.18:21. Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof)

If you're believing God for a financial harvest you've got to consistently speak (sow words) in accordance to the harvest; words like "Lord, I thank you for your many blessings that's coming my way; Father, I thank you that I'm the head and not the tail, above only and not beneath"

Don't fall for the tricks of the enemy via speaking word of temporary facts rather than the TRUTH, and Yahweh's word is Truth.

Have you ever said words like "I'm so broke, I can't even pay attention; or If it wasn't for bad luck, I wouldn't have no luck at all." Remember, you shall have whatsoever you say.

I want to encourage you to look the other way / cast your nets on the other side for a catch. The side that you've been constantly paying attention to for a catch (The Political, The Religious Side) will never produce the kind of abundance harvest that you're in need of.

So rather than being frustrated with the systems it's time for you to readjust your focus and get back to the things that will bring glory and honour unto God.

For truly, if it had not been for the Lord who was on your side where would you be today? Everything that you're now going through / experiencing, Satan meant for evil, for your destruction; but faithful Yahweh has stepped in and He's turning those things around for your good and His glory.

Start speaking words of life over every situation that you want to see positive change in.

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## Vatican releases internal files on alleged abuser

VATICAN CITY  
Associated Press

THE VATICAN, reeling from unprecedented criticism over its handling of sexual abuse cases in Ireland, took a pre-emptive strike Wednesday and published some internal files about a priest accused of molesting youngsters in Ireland and the U.S. The files published on the website of Vatican Radio represent a small, selective part of the documentation the Holy See must turn over to U.S. lawyers representing a man who says he was abused by the late Rev. Andrew Ronan. The man, known in court papers as John V. Doe, is seeking to hold the Vatican liable for the abuse.

A federal judge in Portland, Oregon, ordered the Vatican to respond to certain requests for information from Doe's lawyers by Friday, the first time the Holy See has been forced to turn over documentation in a sex abuse case.

The partial documentation released Wednesday includes the 1966 case file with

Ronan's request to be laicized, or removed from the clerical state, after his superiors learned of accusations that he had molested minors in Ireland.

The Vatican said the files, a few dozen pages, some handwritten and culled from its internal books, represented the full, known documentation held in the Vatican specifically about Ronan. It said they prove that the Vatican only learned of Ronan's crimes in 1966 when his order sent Ronan's personnel files to Rome and asked the pope to remove him from the priesthood, a year after the abuse against Doe occurred.

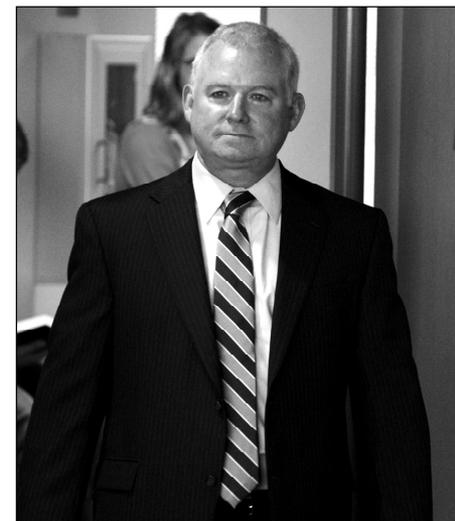
More documentation is expected to be handed over to Doe's lawyers by Friday since the judge's discovery order also requires the Vatican to provide information about its general policies handling sex abuse cases and how it trains, educates, selects and removes priests. Much of it is expected to be in Latin.

The Vatican's decision to publish the Ronan discovery documentation online marked an unusual attempt at some trans-

parency, particularly given the sensitivity surrounding internal personnel files of accused priests. Victims groups have long denounced the secrecy with which the Vatican handles abuse cases and demanded the files of known abusers be released.

But it comes amid unprecedented criticism of the Vatican's handling of sex abuse cases in Ireland, and as it still seeks to recover from the fallout over the abuse scandal that erupted last year. Thousands of people in Europe and elsewhere reported they were raped and molested by priests as children while bishops covered up the crimes and the Vatican turned a blind eye.

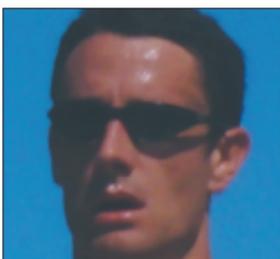
Last month, an independent report into the Irish diocese of Cloyne accused the Vatican of sabotaging efforts by Irish Catholic bishops to report clerical sex abuse cases to police. The accusations prompted Irish lawmakers to make an unprecedented denunciation of the Holy See's influence in the predominantly Catholic country, with heated words in particular from Prime Minister Enda Kenny.



MIKE Weilmuenster, attorney for sexual abuse victim James Wisniewski, exits a St. Clair county courtroom Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2011 in Belleville, Ill. A nine-year legal fight by a man sexually abused by a priest in the 1970s is over, now that a southern Illinois diocese and its insurer have handed over \$6.3 million to resolve a jury award in the Wisniewski's favor. (AP)

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# Andre Deveaux signs 1-year deal with New York Rangers

## He is the first Bahamian to play in National Hockey League

By BRENT STUBBS  
Senior Sports Reporter  
bstubbs@tribunemedia.net

ANDRE Deveaux, the first Bahamian to play in the National Hockey League (NHL), has inked his name on a one-year deal to play for the New York Rangers.

On Tuesday, the Rangers agreed to terms with the rugged winger on a contract for the 2011-12 season. He comes over from the American Hockey League where he played with the Chicago Wolves last year.

During his stint with the Wolves, 27-year-old Deveaux produced career highs of 23 goals and 46 points with 194 penalty minutes.

Although he was initially drafted by the Montreal Canadiens as the 182nd overall pick in the 2002 NHL Entry Draft, Deveaux played with the Belleville Bulls from 2000-2003 in the Ontario Hockey League. He remained in the OHL with the Owen Sound Attack for the next two years before he switched to the AHL where he played two years for the Springfield Falcons.



ANDRE DEVEAUX

From 2005-2008, Deveaux played between the East Coast Hockey League (ECHL) and the AHL with the Johnstown Chiefs, Springfield Falcons, Chicago Wolves and Toronto Marlies.

On November 27, 2008, Deveaux finally made his debut with the Toronto Maple Leafs in the NHL, becoming the first Bahamian to play in the premier hockey league in the world. The next three years, he traded places between the Marlies, Maple Leafs and Wolves in both the NHL and the AHL. Now he's back in the NHL.

Deveaux, 6-feet, 3-inches and 220 pounds, has played in 22 games in the NHL during the course of his career with the Maple Leafs. He goes into the Rangers' camp, having produced one assist and 75 penalty

minutes.

The native of Grand Bahama, who grew up in Welland, Ontario, Canada, is hoping to make an impact with the Rangers, who will begin their seven game pre-season schedule 7pm Wednesday (September 21) against New Jersey in Albany, New York.

However, the Rangers are all set to begin their regular season October 7-8 on the road in Stockholm, Sweden. They return to the United States to play the Canucks on Tuesday, October 28.

Ironically, their first home game is set for Thursday, October 27, against Deveaux's former team, the Maple Leafs, whom he played for twice in 2008-09 and again in 2009-10. Deveaux was not available for comments up to press time last night.

# 'Sky walker' going for gold at IAAF Worlds

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Donald Thomas, better known as "the Sky Walker" for his exploits in the men's high jump, has one goal in mind – win another IAAF World Championship title.

The 2007 champion at the event in Osaka, Japan, is all set to depart Friday as a member of the Bahamas' 18-member squad that will be competing in Daegu, South Korea, from August 27 to September 4.

"I'm just going to go out there and perform and represent the Bahamas at the best of my ability," said Thomas, as he winds down his training at Auburn University.

"Hopefully, I can do well because I expect great things to come out of this championships. I want this to be the best championship that I ever attended," he added.

There's nothing like the first, but having achieved the victory in his debut in 2007, a year after he made a successful transition from playing basketball to a fourth-place finish at the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, Australia, Thomas said he wants to avenge his disappointing 15th place finish at the 2009 worlds in Berlin, Germany.

"Hopefully, I can improve on that," said Thomas as he gears up for his third consecutive appearance at the championships.

Thomas, who celebrated his 27th birthday on July 1, is coming off a banner 2010 season where he won the gold at both the Central American and Caribbean and the Com-



GOING FOR GOLD: High jumper Donald Thomas (top) is going for gold at the 13th IAAF World Championships in Daegu. (FILE)

monwealth Games.

This year, he goes into the championship as the 11th best jumper on the IAAF world listing with a season's best of 2.32 metres or 7-feet, 7 1/4-inches that he achieved while retaining his BAAA National Championships title on his home turf in Grand Bahama.

"I had some good performances and I really felt good this year," said Thomas, who has the second best performance in the region behind world leader American Jesse Williams with a leap of 2.37m or 7-9 1/4.

"Some of the performances where I didn't do so good, I had a lot of jet lag. I didn't have enough rest and

all of that. But going into Daegu, I will have enough rest and get situated and acclimatized, so I should have a good performance."

While Williams heads the list of performers, Russia has three competitors that follow with Aleksey Dmitrik, Aleksandr Shustov and Andrey Silnov, all at 2.36 or 7-8 3/4.

The others ahead of Thomas are Ukraine's Dmytro Dem'yanyuk and Qatar's Mutaz Essa Barshim both at 2.35m or 7-8 1/2), Cyprus' Kyriakos Ioannou (2.33m or 7-7 3/4) and both Germany's Raul Spank and Greece's Dimitrios Chondrokoukis (2.32m or 7-7 1/4).

Having looked at the competitors, Thomas said he feels he's in a good

position to be a medallist again.

"I think I will need to jump around the mid-2.30s," he projected. "Everyone has been jumping around the same height this year. So it's just a matter of who wants it the most when we all suit up."

"There's no one out there who is jumping that much further than the rest of the field. So it's a pretty close field. I think around 2.30 should allow you to be right in contention."

For the first time, Thomas will be competing with fellow Bahamian Trevor Barry, who has cleared a season's best of 2.29 (7-6) when he finished as the runner-up at the nationals.

Barry, 28, was also the runner-up to Thomas at both the CAC championships and Commonwealth Games last year. This year, he's hoping that he will finally get a morale booster with a victory over his nemesis.

"Trevor is a very good competitor and I like competing against him," said Thomas, who had to dig down deep to pull off the win at the nationals. "We have a good relationship. We talk to each other. We don't have any animosity towards each other."

"I want to see him do well. But I also want to see myself do well, so I'm looking forward to competing against him. I know I'm not just competing against myself, but against the world. He just happens to be a part of the field. So I'm just going to go out there and give it my all."

If he is successful in doing that, Thomas said he doesn't see why he can't come out with another medal – preferably the gold again.

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BBF's 'Summer of Thunder' College Scrimmages

Bluejays end four-game sweep with 103-54 rout over Shockers

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IT was a successful trip here for the Creighton Bluejays, who completed a clean sweep of their four games played at the Kendal Isaacs Gym with a 103-54 rout over the Real Deal Shockers Tuesday night.

The Bluejays hit their first seven shots from the field and opened an early 32-5 lead at the end of the first quarter. By the half, they were leading 49-16 as the Shockers slowly got on track in the "Summer of Thunder" College Scrimmages.

Using a 23-18 scoring deficit, the Shockers trimmed the lead to 72-34 at the close of the third. But that was as far as they got as the Bluejays went on another surge with a 32-19 spurt in the fourth.

"Right now, we are okay. We are in no kind of ball shape because our season is over," said Real Deal's coach James Price.

"We could put up a more competitive game, if we learn to play team ball. I picked up about five players and I noticed that we were just playing one on one because I don't have my whole team. Who isn't sick, have to work. So we just have to work our problem out and

we will be okay."

Avery Dingman led four players in double figures with 24 points and seven rebounds. Will Artino had 17 points and 11 rebounds, Doug McDermott contributed 15 points with six rebounds and three assists and Antoine Young added 12 points with eight assists.

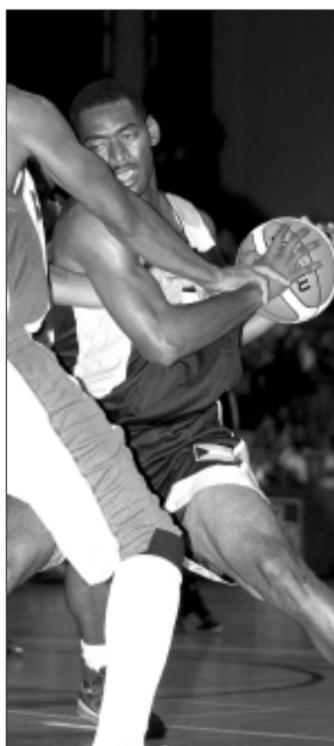
The Real Deal had three players in double figures. Jamal Rose came off the bench and poured in 14 points with six rebounds, Lasario 'Bones' Burrows had 12 and Sidney 'Seaman' Hillary chipped in with 11 points.

The Shockers also saw the return of Vincent 'Six' Knowles, who was held to just two points and as many rebounds in 29 minutes of play.

Price said he's hoping that Knowles will be able to make an impact for his Shockers when they try to improve on their runner-up position at the end of last year's New Providence Basketball Association season.

"We're trying to get him on track. If we can have him and get him back in good ball shape, that will be the key for us," Price said. "Six could make a big difference for us this coming season."

As one of the four local teams playing in the college scrimmages



GIANTS' Jeremy Hutchinson in action

through September 14, Price said his Shockers just need to pull off one victory to motivate his players.

Creighton, like the University of Louisville Cardinals, played well against the local teams. But the only team to have lost a game was Gardner-Webb Runnin' Bulldogs.

The Runnin' Bulldogs held off the Giants 86-76 Monday night as they rebounded after dropping an 83-80 decision to the Bahamas All-Stars on Sunday.

No individual scores from the pair of Gardner-Webb games were available.

But here's a summary of the Creighton games.

**Bluejays 91, Cybots 68:** Doug McDermott scored a game-high 26 points with nine rebounds and Jahenns Manigat had 13 points in their third straight victory.

No player was in double figures for the Cybots, who were led by Garvin Lightbourne with nine, Robson Memmon, Brian Delancy and Ernest Saunders all had eight. Relando Pritchard and Jackson Jacob both had seven.

**Bluejays 94, Giants 82:** Doug McDermott scored 29 points with 18 rebounds, Will Artino had 13 points and 15 rebounds and Josh Jones added 10 points to pace

Creighton to their second win.

Gamaliel Rose had 23 points with eight rebounds, Jeremy Hutchinson finished with 22 points and eight rebounds as well and Michael Bain chipped in with 10 points in a losing effort.

**Bluejays 106, All-Stars 82:** Doug McDermott again had a game-high 27 points with six rebounds, Grant Gibbs had 12 points and Geoffrey Groselle added 11 points in the win.

Four players scored in double figures in the loss, led by Ernest Saunders' 24 points. Kevin Hinsey had 18, Michael Johnson 13 and Eugene Bain 12.

**Notes:** The scrimmage is slated to continue 7pm tonight with the University of North Carolinas Wilmington taking on the Cybots as they begin a two-game series.

On Friday, they are scheduled to play the Bahamas All-Stars at 7pm before they wrap up play. That is all set to be followed by the Mickey's USA All-Stars vs. the Cybots.

The Mickey's All-Stars are expected to be back on Saturday to play the Real Deal at 6pm.

And on Sunday at 6pm, the Mickey's All-Stars are all set to take on the Bahamas All-Stars before they complete their appearance here against the Giants 7:30pm Monday.

Buccaneers blast Dorsey Park Boys, Truckers roll past Mighty Mitts

THE New Providence Softball Association continued its regular season with two games at the Banker's Field, Baillou Hills Sporting Complex, on Tuesday night.

In one of the games, the John's Buccaneers blasted the Dorsey Park Boys Bommer George 14-8 as Cardinal Gilbert came in relief of starter Culbert 'Buster' Evans in the fourth inning for the win.

Eric Johnson had a perfect 4-for-4 night with two RBI and four runs scored, Lamar Watkins was 3-for-4

with three RBI and two runs, Angelo Dillet was 2-for-4 with a RBI and run scored and Gilbert helped his own cause by going 1-for-3 with a run scored.

Desmond Rolle was 2-for-3 with three RBI, Darren Bowleg was 2-for-2 with a run scored and both Tori Rolle and Leonardo Ferguson were 1-for-3 with a run scored. Ferguson also had a RBI.

Deval Storr was tagged with the loss.

In the other game played, the

NPSA SOFTBALL

Island Luck Truckers rolled past the Mighty Mitts 12-0 as Leroy Thompson fired a one-hitter with a walk and four strike outs for the win.

Julian Collie-Taylor had a perfect 3-for-3 night with three RBI and a run scored, Marvin 'Tougie' Wood was also perfect at 3-for-3 with two RBI and three runs scored and Orlando McPhee was 2-for-2 with a

RBI and two runs scored.

The Truckers also got a 2-for-3 night with two RBI and a run scored from Ramone Storr, Ramon 'Shaky' Johnson was 1-for-3 with two runs scored, Winston Seymour was 1-for-2 with a RBI and run scored and Diego Hutchinson was 1-for-2 with a run scored.

Jamal Ferguson got the only hit for the Mighty Mitts. He also started on the mound, but lasted just one round, picking up the loss before he was replaced by Ryan Major.

The NPSA is scheduled to be back in action with another double header tonight. In the 7pm opener, the Sigma Brackettes are set to take on the Black Scorpions and in the night-cap, the Mighty Mitts are slated to face the Dorsey Park Boys.

Another double header is set for Saturday night when the Black Scorpions are slated to take on the Proper Care Pool Lady Sharks in the 7pm opener. The men's feature game will be between the Dorin Hitmen and the Island Luck Truckers.

SOCCER  
BERMUDA  
WIN

AFTER the Bahamas spanked them around 10-0 in the opening game on Sunday, Bermuda came back on Tuesday night and blanked Antigua and Barbuda 5-0 to set up the final showdown in the Group A qualifying round of the CONCACAF Under-17 Girls Tournament.

The Bahamas and Bermuda are scheduled to tangle 6pm today in the final game of the qualifying tournament at the Roscow Davies Developmental Center, Baillou Hills Sporting Complex.

The winner of the series will advance to the next round of the CONCACAF Tournament.

Team manager Karen Green is encouraging the public to "bring your cowbells...horns...flags and drums...and most of all...wear your Bahamian colours and support our young ladies..."

"Also...calling all true Valley Boys and dedicated Saxons and all other Junkanoo Groups...Please join together and come in costume and support your Junkanoo divas."

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IN BRIEF

Birthday girl Dena Ingraham booted in five goals, while Shelby Green, Lauren Haven, Akwah Thompson, Kennadi Green and Joya Smith all scored one each.

BASKETBALL  
SUMMER OF  
THUNDER

THE Bahamas Basketball Federation is all set to continue its "Summer of Thunder" College Scrimmages at the Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium tonight.

The remaining schedule of games are as follows:

Thursday, August 18 - University of North Carolina Wilmington vs. Cybots at 7pm

Friday, August 19 - University North Carolina Wilmington vs. Bahamas All Stars at 7pm

Friday, August 19 - Mickey's USA All Stars vs. Cybots

at 9pm  
Saturday, August 20 - Mickey's USA All Stars vs. Real Deal Shockers at 6pm

Sunday, August 21 - Mickey's USA All Stars vs. Bahamas All Stars Game at 6pm

Monday, August 22 - Mickey's USA All Stars vs. Commonwealth Giants at 7:30pm

Monday, September 12 - Seattle Pacific University vs. Bahamas All Stars at 7pm

Tuesday, September 13 - Seattle Pacific University vs. Real Deal Shockers at 7pm

Wednesday, September 14 - Seattle Pacific University vs. Cybots Game at 7pm

TRACK  
WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations' 18-member team, along with 13 officials, are all set to depart today for the 13th IAAF World Championships in Daegu, South Korea.

The first segment of the team is slated to leave New Providence today. They will be joined by a group coming out of Atlanta, Georgia. The

Vlasic could miss worlds with leg injury



REIGNING world high jump champion Blanka Vlasic of Croatia says she's doubtful for the upcoming world championships because of a partially torn muscle in her left leg. Vlasic has dominated the women's high jump since taking silver at the Beijing Olympics in 2008.

(AP)

third and final group will depart from Fort Lauderdale.

The entire team will meet up in Seoul, Korea, where they will catch a train ride into Daegu to go through a mini-training camp before the start of the championships on Saturday, August 27.

The championships will wrap up on Sunday, September 4.

SOFTBALL  
NPSA SCHEDULE

THE New Providence Soft-

ball Association is expected to be back in action this week at the Banker's Field, Baillou Hills Sporting Complex, with the following games on tap:

Thursday's schedule  
7pm - Sigma Brackettes vs Black Scorpions (L)

8pm - Mitts vs Dorsey Park (M)

Saturday's schedule  
7pm - Black Scorpions vs Proper Care Pool Lady Sharks (L)

8pm - Dorin Hitmen vs Island Luck Truckers (M)

SCHEDULE:  
'Bridging the  
Gap' community  
basketball league

THE second annual Street Legends and Guinness "Bridging the Gap" Community Basketball League is now into its postseason play. All rounds of the playoffs and championships will be a best-of-three series.

Here's a look at the schedule of games on tap:

Friday (August 19)  
best-of-three,  
DW Davis Gym

7pm - Western District playoffs finals: No.2 Arnold Forbes Mt Moriah East vs No.2 Tommy Turnquest's Mt Moriah West

8pm - Northern District playoffs finals - No.2 Bernard Nottage's Bain Town Destroyers vs No.3 Paul Moss' St Cecilia Twin Towers

9pm - Southern District finals No.2 Shane Gibson's Golden Gates Trailblazers vs No.3 Pinewood Gardens

Saturday (August 20),  
DW Davis Gym

7pm - Eastern District playoff - No.1 Ryan Pinder's Lizzy's Lions vs No.4 Carmichael

8pm - Western District playoffs - No.1 Charles Maynard's Golden Isles West vs No.4 Street Legends' Golden Isles East

9pm - Northern District playoffs - No.1 Debbie Bartlette Gems 105.9 FM vs Glenys Hanna Martin's Englerston Ballers

10pm - Southern District playoffs - No.1 Dr Kendall Major's Garden Hillsider vs Street Legends defending champions Kennedy Constituency

Monday (August 22),  
Christie Park

7pm - Western District No.2 Arnold Forbes' Mt Moriah East vs No.3 Tommy Turnquest's Mt Moriah West

8pm - Northern District No.2 Bernard Nottage's Bain Town Destroyers vs Paul Moss' St Cecilia Twin Towers.

9pm - Southern District No.2 Shane Gibson Golden Gates Trailblazers vs No.3 Pinewood Gardens

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SPORTS



**THE COURSE:** The United World Colleges' inaugural Triathlon Bahamas race course map.

## Reds blank Buttons for sweet revenge

THE Reds got sweet revenge against Buttons Formal Wear in the Ed Armbrister Baseball League at Windsor Park Tuesday evening.

The Reds blanked Buttons 7-0 behind the two-hit pitching of Kyle Darville, who got offensive support from Zhivar-go Archer and D'Kyle Rolle, both contributing two hits. In senior league action last week Buttons blanked the Reds 1-0.

The best-of-three championship series is set for 5:30pm Friday (August 19) when Buttons and the Reds go at it again.

Game two between these two teams is set for 5pm Sunday (August 21).

The championship series for the little and junior league divisions are slated to begin Saturday morning (August 21) following a 10am scrimmage game for T-ballers.

The Hawks (blue team) are set to play the Eagles (green team) at 11am and the Bears (maroon team) are slated to take on the Tigers (orange) at 12:30pm.

EABL Regular Season Final Standings (thru August 16, 2011)

**Age 9-11 Little League Division**

3-1 Eagles (green team) coached by Andy Percentie

1-3 Hawks (blue team) coached by Mike Butler

**Age 12-14 Junior League Division**

4-2 Tigers (orange team) coached by Mike Butler

2-4 Bears (maroon team) coached by Andy Percentie

**Age 15-over Senior League Division\***

3-1 Reds (red team) coached by Andy Percentie

3-2 Buttons Formal Wear (black team) coached by Mike Butler

0-3 Flyers (purple team) coached by Mario Ford

\* A game between Reds and Flyers incomplete

# Simon heads competitors' list for the inaugural Triathlon Bahamas

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Simon Lowe, winner of both the Conchman Triathlon in Grand Bahama and the Pineapple-a-thon in Eleuthera, heads a list of competitors already entered for the United World Colleges' inaugural Triathlon Bahamas.

The 750-metres swim, 20-kilometre bike ride and 5-km trail run event is scheduled to start 7:30am Sunday (September 25) at Clifton Heritage Park.

Kimberly A Pyfrom, one of the organisers, said that they have been so impressed with the amount of entries that they don't see why the event can't be compared to Marathon Bahamas.

"We need to have a triathlon here



SIMON LOWE

because it is such a growing event in the sporting industry here," Pyfrom stated.

"As we see with Marathon Bahamas, the event generates so much interest. That is why we decided to see if we can produce one here like the Conchman and the Pineapple-a-thon. We don't want to compete with them, but actually build on those."

In the initial event, only 300 participants will be allowed, either competing as a relay team or in the individual categories. "We put the cap on that number for better control and already we have about 70 per cent booked," Pyfrom said. "So we are quite pleased with the way the registration is progressing."

For those who haven't done so and are still interested, they can log on to [www.paradisetri.com](http://www.paradisetri.com) or visit

Bahama Republic on East Bay Street to register. You can save by pre-registering before August 31.

So far, a number of residents from Florida have already registered to participate.

Any queries can be directed to contact@paradisetri.com

KPMG, Balduccinos Fine Foods and Cycles Unlimited are the first three sponsors. Other sponsors interested in coming on board can contact the organisers at Bahama Republic.

Proceeds from the event will go to the United World Colleges, an education movement made up of 13 international schools and colleges, national committees in over 130 countries and a series of short educational programmes.

Established back in 1962, UMC accepted the first Bahamian in 1971.

## Injured men's 800 champion Mulaudzi out of the worlds

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Men's 800-meter world champion Mbulaeni Mulaudzi will not defend his title at the world championships because of a hamstring injury that will keep him out for the rest of the year.

South Africa's athletics federation said Wednesday that Mulaudzi will miss this worlds in Daegu, South Korea, because the hamstring problem is affecting his lower back.

"I need to take this injury seriously so I can be ready

for the Olympics next year," Mulaudzi said in a statement.

He added that he will sit out the rest of the season to recover for 2012.

### Won

Mulaudzi won the 800 title at the 2009 worlds in Berlin, but had been hampered by hamstring problems through most of this season.

The 30-year-old former world indoor and Commonwealth Games champion

missed the South African nationals at the start of the season and had managed just one solid performance in 2011 — a second-place finish at the Diamond League meet in New York in June.

Mulaudzi's coach, JP van der Merwe, said the previous hamstring injury had flared up again and treatment had not worked.

Caster Semenya of South African, who has been hampered by a back injury, will attempt to defend her 800 title at worlds.



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