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THE DIVE took place off the coast of Andros last week after the workshop.

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EXPERTS EXAMINE CORAL REEF OFF ANDROS

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BOBBING in the clear rippling waters off the east coast of Andros are the fluorescent snorkels of around 40 coral reef managers from 11 countries across the Caribbean. They are inspecting the patch reefs to see how these delicate ecosystems are bearing up to the unavoidable pressures of climate change.

Rising temperatures are just one of the pressures on Caribbean reef ecosystems, and it's an area the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) team are experts in. That's why the Australian government, through AusAID, brought these Caribbean reef managers together, to share information and advice during a



DR PAUL MARSHALL is captivated by the Elkhorn coral.



A CLOSEUP SHOT of Brain coral.

week-long workshop at the British Colonial Hilton.

It's towards the end of the week-long workshop that all the scientists boarded a Stuart Cove's Dive boat and headed west off New Providence to Andros.

As I swim out to join the group sporting my own fluorescent snorkel (a rather dazzling pink), Britt Parker, Climate Coordinator for NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Programme, calls over to me - arms flailing - she just saw two dolphins dash by.

They were too fast for me, but those who saw them were amazed to see dolphins in such shallow water, not much more than 15ft, and Antigua NGO Ashton Williams, was close enough to take a full picture of the pair, side by side.

The advisor on government policy on fisheries was one of the lucky snorkellers who saw a shark swim away from them as they approached the reef, as well as a stingray, a turtle, and some of the less welcome coral reef predators: lionfish.

These unwelcome Australian migrants, widely believed to have been indirectly introduced to the Bahamas over the last decade or more through the exotic pet trade, are working their way through the Caribbean, but have not yet flourished in Antigua where there have just been four reported sightings.

Unlike in their Pacific homeland, the lionfish are free from predators in the Caribbean, as even sharks will not clamp down on their venomous spines. Here they rule the reefs without enemies, eating everything they can, from coral that takes years to form, juvenile fish and lobster essential to the fishing industry, seaweed herbivorous fish depend on, and even the magical seahorse.

The Bahamas campaign to cull them is to catch and kill them to eat, as without their venomous spines, the white meat is considered to be pretty

tasty. However the nationwide campaign has made it more difficult to document the spread of lionfish, and it's a lesson Mr Williams will take back to Antigua.

As he prepares for Antigua and Barbuda's national counter-attack, he has been able to draw from the Bahamas experience as well as knowledge provided by the Australian experts.

"They don't need an invitation, they are going to come," Mr Williams said.

"Rather than going and saying, 'Kill, kill, kill!' We can keep a smaller area, select areas where tourism is, and where there are patches of very good coral cover, we can protect.

"We will still have the monitoring in the whole area, but we will put most of the effort into smaller areas where we can handle it better."

The Department of Marine Resources and Bahamas National Trust (BNT) recorded baseline data of the presence of lionfish on the patch reefs in June last year, and continue to monitor their abundance.

"I think it's interesting that they're doing a lionfish study here because lionfish can have more impact on a small patch reef than on a larger reef," said James Byrne, The Nature Conservancy's marine science programme manager for South Florida and the Caribbean.

He explained how patch reefs form structured habitats, oases surrounded by a sandy halo, that support around 35 species of coral and a great diversity of fish species, many of which are juveniles who feed and grow on the reefs before going out to sea.

Although the Australian Great Barrier Reef is home to around 350 species of coral, Dr Paul Marshall, director of the Climate Change Group in the GBRMPA, and Dr Jeff Maynard an adjunct scientist with the Australian Centre of Excellence for Risk Analysis at the University of Melbourne, were still impressed by what they saw.

A glowing Elkhorn coral dominating a bed of purple and yellow sea fans showed signs of life flourishing despite the pressures on the reef.

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news BRIEFS

PASSENGER STABS BUS DRIVER IN HIS JITNEY

A BUS driver was stabbed by a passenger in his jitney on Saturday afternoon and is recovering in hospital in stable condition.

Police said an argument between the pair escalated into violence while the bus was stopped at Market and Lewis Streets at around 1pm.

The driver was taken to hospital by ambulance and has been detained there.

Police are appealing for people to come forward with information to assist investigations as no arrests have yet been made.

Drugs

Police are also investigating a drugs find in Moonshine Drive and Milky Way, Sunshine Park, at around 10.30am on Saturday.

Police in the mobile division discovered the drugs after receiving a tip, but have not made any arrests. Investigations continue.

Anyone with any information that may assist investigations should call police on 911, 919, or call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 328-TIPS (8477).

POLICE ARREST 18 IN ROAD BLOCKS

TRAFFIC police arrested 18 people in road blocks this weekend and ticketed 85 drivers for breaking traffic laws.

"Operation night guard" stopped seven people on outstanding arrest warrants, and nine for drugs and firearms offences, while another two men wanted on arrest warrants were taken into custody.

Earlier that day in "operation safe driving" a man was arrested under a police warrant and another for possession of a forged license disc.

Tickets

Another 85 drivers found in breach of various traffic laws were issued tickets for various infractions, including driving unlicensed cars, driving without insurance, driving with cracked and heavily tinted windshields.

A car was also towed away for not having a licence or insurance, and five motorcycles were confiscated.

And bus drivers not wearing the required long trousers and collared shirts were also ticketed for being improperly dressed.

Police press liaison officer Sgt Skippings said: "Officers of the Central Division commend members of the public who adhere to the Road Traffic Rules and Regulations, and wish to encourage members of the public to be alert to your surroundings and to obey all laws as police continue with their efforts."

Communities come together through tree planting initiative

PLANTING UNITY



By CELESTE NIXON
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AS emancipation day approaches, the advocacy group "We the People" continues to promote tree planting ceremonies and community days as ways to bring people together.

Over the weekend, WTP collaborated with the Rotaract Club of East Nassau to plant fruit trees at the Ranfurly Home for Children.

Speaking with *The Tribune* yesterday Philip Simon, WTP executive director, said the month-long promotional campaign of the emancipation day tree planting and community event began with the planting of a Lignum Vitae tree in the gardens at Government House with Sir Arthur Foulkes.

Planting continued at Doongalik Studios in memory of Jackson Burnside and in 52 homes in Mt Tabor Estates.

Last Saturday trees were planted throughout St Cecilia with MP Cynthia "Mother" Pratt and at the Ranfurly Home



for Children in collaboration with Rotaract East Nassau, said Mr Simon. He said Rotaract of East Nassau was the first organisation to get involved prior to the actual event scheduled for August 1, Emancipation Day.

With the help of children from the Ranfurly Home, the Rotaract group planted two fruit trees – a Carambola (star fruit) tree and a pomegranate tree.

"This is exactly what we are promoting, the spirit of community – we were happy to have Rotaract get involved," said Mr Simon.

As part of their commitment to Ranfurly Home for Children, president of Rotaract East Nassau Amanda Knowles said it was important to give the chil-

dren something that was not only beautiful, but also provides sustenance.

She said: "We believe in the importance of promoting environmental sustainability and saw the 'We the People' tree planting campaign as an avenue to give back."

Mr Simon said the aim of the massive tree planting campaign on August 1 is to foster an activity beneficial for the environment and the community.

"Hopefully thousands of people will be planting trees, holding block parties, barbecues and sporting events that will bring people together."

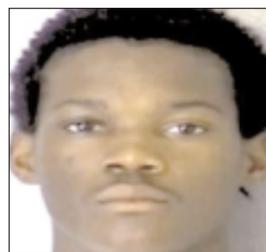
WTP has a simple but powerful message, said Mr Simon – once people get together, things happen.

HAVE YOU SEEN THEM?

Police seek public help in finding men



JAVARDO GENTLE



SHAFTON GRIFFITH

POLICE are asking for the public's help in finding three men wanted for questioning in connection with a series of break-ins. The first man who police want to question is 20-year-old Javardo Gentle of Prophecy Way. They are also looking for 19-year-old Shafton Griffith of Fog Avenue.

The third man police are seeking is 25-year-old Johnny St Luc of Key West Street.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of any of these men is asked to contact police on 919 or 911; the Southwestern Divisional Detective Unit at 361-0480/1; or Crime Stoppers at 328-TIPS.



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Norway attacks shock, disgust Europe

BERLIN — The deadly twin attacks in Norway were greeted with an outpouring of sympathy and disgust across Europe and beyond on Saturday, and generated calls to counter the far-right intolerance that may have motivated the assailant.

A massive bombing Friday in the heart of Oslo was followed by a horrific shooting spree on an island hosting a youth retreat for the prime minister's centre-left party. The same man, a Norwegian with reported Christian fundamentalist, anti-Muslim views, was accused in both attacks.

While the background isn't yet entirely clear, "it is said that hatred was a motive," German Chancellor Angela Merkel told reporters in Berlin. "Hatred of others, hatred of those who look different, of the supposedly foreign — this hatred is our common enemy."

"All of us who believe in freedom, respect and peaceful coexistence, we all must confront this hatred," she said.

Neighbouring Sweden's prime minister said Norwegian society "now faces a tough challenge. But the questions will also reach us here in Sweden."

"Remember that what an extremist does can very often be used by other extremists. Our task is to show another way," Fredrik Reinfeldt said in Stockholm.

"We all have to stand up together and show what is important: to respect each other, to take care of each other, to stand up for democracy, openness and show respect for all people, not the least young people who have chosen to engage themselves politically."

President Obama called Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg to express personally and on behalf of the American people his deepest condolences for the dozens of innocent Norwegians killed and injured in what he called the "senseless attacks" in Oslo and Utoya Island, the White House said Saturday. The U.N. Security Council members also issued a statement in which they "condemned in the strongest terms the terrorist incidents in Norway, calling "terrorism in all its forms and manifestations ... one of the most serious threats to international peace and security."

Germany's top Jewish leader also highlighted the need to fight extremism.

"As a group that itself is always threatened by hatred, fanaticism and terrorism, we can identify particularly with the terrible

loss of Norwegian society," Dieter Graumann said, German news agency dapd reported.

Austria's opposition Freedom Party, which has drawn criticism in the past for anti-immigration and anti-Islamic rhetoric, condemned the attacks sharply. "It is absolutely abhorrent how young people were systematically killed," general secretary Harald Vilimsky said, according to the Austria Press Agency.

Pope Benedict XVI said in a condolence message to Norway's King Harald V that he was "profoundly saddened" by the great loss of life caused by the "senseless violence" in the bombing and the following massacre.

The pope invoked God's peace on the dead and offered "fervent" prayers for the victims and their families.

Earlier Saturday, the pope's envoy to Norway Archbishop Paul Tscherrig said Roman Catholics would be praying for the victims and remembering the dead at Sunday Mass. European Parliament President Jerzy Buzek expressed shock at the targeting of youths at a political party camp.

"This is an unimaginable tragedy for the families who lost their loved ones, young people at the outset of their adult life, fascinated with public service," he said. "It's shocking how one can inflict so much evil."

Pakistan, which has been a frequent target of attacks by Islamic extremists, said its president and prime minister "strongly condemned" the attacks.

"Pakistan itself has suffered enormously from terrorist attacks and fully empathizes with the government and the people of Norway," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

Closer to home, Finland's European affairs minister, Alexander Stubb, said that "when I see what happened in Norway I just want to cry."

"It just feels so wrong," Stubb wrote on Twitter. "Wish I could give Norway a big hug."

Other leaders condemning the attacks in Norway included Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. In a statement, Venezuela's Foreign Ministry said Chavez "extends his message of solidarity and hope to all the relatives and friends of the victims, to the Norwegian people and their authorities in this painful moment."

(This article was written by Geir Moulson of the Associated Press).

The origin of crime and ideal solutions

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Globally crime is a challenge; therefore crime within the Bahamas will never be obliterated. Nevertheless per capita crime is outrageous. It is quite sad that nationals ridicule our law enforcement agencies and the government for high levels of crime within the Bahamas. Crime is supernatural, the effects of crime may appear physical, but its origin is spiritual. According to biblical doctrine it is noted that Satan's goal is destruction by way of deception and lies, theft, murder and seeking to devour everything in his sight. With this biblical evidence and all of the devastation around us we can identify Satan as the source of all criminal behaviour and evil in our nation and the world at large. Satan cannot be defeated by police arms or carnal knowledge; we will always fail if we contest crime carnally. Don't get me wrong armed police officers are a necessity as well as the implementation of strategic police remedies, but our biggest defence against crime is through prayer and repentance. The only guaranteed strategy to fight Satan is through prayer, the "word of God" (The Holy Bible) and the Blood of Jesus Christ!

Annually politicians and police officials attend religious ceremonies in an attempt, I assume, to ask God's blessing on our nation; but are they sincere or is it a mere ceremonial trend? Criminality stems from "spiritual wickedness" such as: Envy and Jealousy, Greed, Hatred, Anger and the lack of reverence for God. Above all the involvement of the occult and luciferian tactics are present in our nation and we are unaware if we are accursed due to our hypocrisy because we blab about "a christian nation status," yet wickedness is at an all time high. However, there are numerous other components that lead to criminal behaviour, particularly illiteracy, inequality, discrimination (usually against ex cons), drug addiction and abuse, idleness and poverty. The

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police themselves seem confident in their deceptive operations of psychology and the works but demonic forces do not yield to mankind's carnalities. Within our law enforcement agencies corruption is present, but we can boast that corrupt officers too are brought before the courts in an attempt to send messages to criminals wherever they might be.

Cleaning our police force is an important factor to combat crime, but again corruption will never completely cease. Attempting to put a cap on it (corruption)

however is viable. I reiterate repentance and prayer are our biggest defensive strategies against crime. In addition we can remedy crime through, love and forgiveness.

Selfishness is a hideous monster but if we all be "our brother's keeper" and "lend a helping hand to those in need," I am optimistic that criminality will decrease. This is a summary of my opinion and personal assessment of crime in The Bahamas. I desired to elaborate in detail, but the editorial column's activeness prohibits a complete assessment.

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Jr
Nassau,
July 21, 2011.

MCCARTNEY WILL BE A GREAT LEADER BECAUSE OF HIS COURAGE

EDITOR, The Tribune.

No one I guess will really know at this time the things that transpired which led Mr Branville McCartney to resign from the FNM except for those closest to him. I am sure it took some time and thought before Branville came to the conclusion that he could no longer work under the leadership of Mr Ingraham.

I am more than positive Mr McCartney wrestled with himself many nights before resigning and eventually forming a party. I don't believe it was planned. I believe Branville must have seen himself as one who had something to offer to the Bahamas and the Bahamian people. I also feel he realised that he could not achieve his desire for the country in a system that stifles fresh bright ideas. I guess Branville felt like a woman in labour and not able to bring forth a child. That is a serious thing.

There are many people like Branville in our great Bahamas, pregnant with ideas and great potential but unable to bear fruit. This is tragic for our people and our nation.

Mr Ingraham was hand picked and so was Mr Christie. For the first time since Sir Lynden, I believe the Bahamian people will have a real choice and chance to choose their leader and not have one hand picked from a group of individuals.

Mr McCartney will be a great leader because of his courage. The thing that drives him is not selfishness but a desire to serve his country. It is a sacrifice none of us will ever be able to fully appreciate and understand except for those closest to him.

MR DNA
Nassau,
July, 2011.

Not even John Marquis can save FNM from defeat

EDITOR, The Tribune.

So John Marquis is returning. Good try Tribune, but not even the greatest crapslinger in the world – a third rate journalist who could not land a sweet job inside The Bahamas – can save the FNM from a crushing defeat in the upcoming election. Their doom is sealed. That's just the way it is.

DAVID L KNOWLES
Nassau,
July 18, 2011.

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That position, the cables claim, placed a comparatively low priority on the human rights of the Haitian people.

One of the cables, issued in April 2003 by notoriously combative US Ambassador Richard Blankenship (see story, page 7), said that fear of "mass migration" was the Bahamas government's top priority, but that an immigration agreement with the Aristide government stalled over the Haitian demand that amnesty be granted to the illegals already in the country.

It said: "Such a concession would be suicide for Mitchell in the xenophobic Bahamian political landscape. Pursuit of this agreement and any other means to slow down migration will continue to push any concerns for democracy and human rights into the back-seat."

A February 2004 cable quoted Mr Christie as saying that if large numbers of

MITCHELL 'CONSIDERED FOR HAITI LEADERSHIP ROLE'

Haitians started arriving in Bahamian territory, the government would not offer asylum, but rather rely on the United States to help with repatriation.

"The Bahamas, he said, simply had no capacity to maintain large numbers of migrants for any period of time. Declaring that he had no concert with 'those liberals' on this issue, he declared that there would never be asylum in the Bahamas for Haitians.

"The total population of the Bahamas was, he said, 'less than that of a small town in the United States. We simply cannot do what Amnesty International and other groups would insist on us'."

The February 2004 cable quotes Mr Christie as mentioning the possibility that Fred Mitchell could play a "new and significant ongoing role in Haiti as the third member in a tripartite committee that, Christie seemed to believe, would effectively serve as a kind of 'Council of Wise Men' in governing the country."

Under this scenario, Mr Mitchell, as the representative of "CARICOM and others" would have governed Haiti along with a new Haitian prime minister and a representative of the opposition.

The former PM is quoted as saying President Aristide had reservations about the plan and for his own part, Mr Christie would prefer the third member to be French or American - although he seemed to think Mr Mitchell was the US's preference. The cables do not clarify if this was the case.

However, they do paint a picture of a prime minister who is a bit naive about US policy towards Haiti.

Despite the hard line on the Haitian regime sustained throughout the crisis - culminating in claims that the United States government abducted President Aristide - Mr Christie appears in the cables

as appealing to the US to share his sympathy for the Haitian leader.

The February 2004 cable notes that the former PM "appeared comfortable in his newly-assumed role of international mediator," mentioning that he had spoken with Aristide "at least a dozen times" recently and at least once a week that day.

Mr Christie is said to have stressed that he and Mr Mitchell felt an agreement should be reached that conferred some "dignity" to Aristide, and that he sympathised with the Haitian leader's complaint that he was being asked to take unconstitutional actions.

He added that he does not believe Aristide would be opposed to working with the opposition on the joint appointment of a new prime minister and cabinet, but simply did not want to be "left out of the process."

Mr Christie also seemed confident that Mr Mitchell and US Assistant Secretary Roger Noriega would fly to Haiti later that week and "continue to work all sides of the issue."



FORMER FOREIGN AFFAIRS minister Fred Mitchell

Mr Mitchell, on the other hand, is quoted in a 2003 cable as saying the US position on Haiti was "hard-minded" and calling for more dialogue.

Another cable compared Mr Mitchell to Mr Christie, saying that: "While his decision-making style may be protracted and indecisive, Bahamian Prime Minister Perry Christie is also an impressive, dynamic, charismatic and ebullient presence and an indefatigable seeker of consensus. For the purpose of promoting peace in Haiti, his personality complements that of Foreign Minister Mitchell, which is steadier, stealthier, and more methodical."

CRIME NEWS

POLICE ARREST 18 IN GRAND BAHAMA

GRAND Bahama police made 18 arrests over the weekend in connection with various offences.

The 15 men, two women and one minor were taken in for questioning on housebreaking, shopbreaking, stealing, receiving, drug possession, causing harm, causing damage, unlawfully carrying of arms and disorderly behaviour allegations.

Five of the men were arrested in connection with outstanding court warrants.

POLICE APPEAL OVER RECENT MURDER

POLICE are asking members of the public to come forward with any information about the murder in the Garden Villas area of Grand Bahama last Thursday.

Anyone who knows anything about the incident is urged to call police on 352-9774/5, 350-3107/8 or 911.

The police have yet to identify the victim, but are also asking for help in solving the murders of Kaynisha McBride, Sonny Annalofis and Kiano Martinborough.

"The Police Department cannot fight crime in isolation, and acknowledges that partnership is essential in the fight," said press liaison officer Sgt Chrislyn Skippings.

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BLANKENSHIP GAVE JUDGEMENT AFTER MEETING WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL

WIKILEAKS CABLES: FORMER US AMBASSADOR CLAIMED BAHAMAS CIVIL SERVANTS WERE LAZY



FORMER US AMBASSADOR
Richard J. Blankenship

A FORMER US Ambassador claimed Bahamian civil servants are experts at getting away with laziness and procrastination, according to US Embassy cables newly released by Wikileaks.

Richard J. Blankenship, whose outspoken nature raised the hackles of many during his time in the Bahamas, gave this judgment following a meeting with a senior Foreign Affairs official during the last PLP administration.

Describing Undersecretary for Political Affairs Marco Rolle's inability to discuss any of the items on the agenda for the April 15, 2003 meeting, Mr. Blankenship said: "The Bahamian civil service has honed sloth and delay disguised as deliberation and consensus-building to a fine art."

any trips or telephone calls to Haitian counterparts prior to an upcoming OAS meeting in Washington - "The answer is: No."

Theme

The former ambassador said that inability to provide specific responses to queries "was a consistent theme of our conversation with Rolle."

"Of the 15 pending items on our agenda, he was unable to comment meaningfully on any single one of them, and could not point to MFA progress in resolving any

of the issues which have been pending anywhere from 2-3 weeks (dip notes regarding a trade dispute, RBDF training and a proposal to form an anti-alien-smuggling task force) to six years (request for a bilateral work agreement).

"Rolle, a career civil servant with no background in foreign affairs, has only been with the ministry for about seven months, so it can be understood that he might not be familiar with every issue, but we would think he could do better than 0 for 15," Mr. Blankenship said.

Issues

Under the sub-heading: "Who is competent then?" the cable explained that in the meeting - requested by Mr. Rolle to go over pending issues between the embassy and the ministry - the political crisis in Haiti was raised.

"Rolle, despite being the number three official at the ministry (he is the Bahamian equivalent of Undersecretary Grossman) and having accompanied Mitchell to both Miami and the press conference, told us that he 'was not competent' to talk about Haiti policy with us. He couldn't even confirm any details about the aid package the minister had announced in his presence.

"Nor could he comment on progress made toward an immigration accord with Haiti or the upcoming visit by Mitchell to Haiti in late March beyond confirming the date.

Mr. Blankenship said the only specific response they received, was to the question of whether Foreign Affairs Minister Fred Mitchell planned to make

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Fares flying low over REDjet fears?

By SIR RONALD SANDERS

(The writer is a Consultant and former Caribbean Diplomat)

THE appearance of the low-cost carrier, REDjet, in the relations between the countries of the Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM) has tossed up a number of issues especially the conviction by the public that the cost of air travel in the region is exorbitant.

The complaint about the high cost of travel was being made well before REDjet made an appearance. At one point, it caused LIAT – the airline owned by the governments of Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados and St Vincent and the Grenadines – to publish its fare structure which revealed that government taxes on flights originating in most countries are extremely high.

So, the first point is that the cost of air travel within the Caribbean is high in part because Government taxes are high. And, whereas governments might argue that they

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need the taxes to maintain and expand airports, the airlines will counter argue that they pay landing fees which should be segregated and put into a fund for airport upkeep and improvements. LIAT, incidentally, is a huge contributor to the revenues of governments into whose countries they fly. In the case of some countries, LIAT is the biggest contributor of landing fees to government earnings.

The cost of LIAT's operations when compared with that of Caribbean Airways Ltd (CAL), the successor airline to BWIA and owned by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, is higher because of one very important reason. LIAT has to buy its fuel at commercial prices but the government of Trinidad and Tobago (an oil producing country)

subsidies fuel to CAL – not just the fuel it buys in Trinidad but fuel wherever bought for all its operations. LIAT (and incidentally REDjet) is suffering from an unlevel playing field in the context of the fuel subsidy which CAL alone enjoys.

The Bahamian-operated airline Western Air has become CAL's first casualty. The airline has announced that it is suspending flights to Jamaica due to what it says is "competition" from CAL.

In 2008, the last year for which audited statements were laid before the Trinidad and Tobago Parliament, the Fuel Subsidy for CAL was US\$36 million on consumption of 26 million gallons.

Airline experts, John Gilmore says that "it is likely that current fuel consumption



SIR RONALD SANDERS

is now more than double as CAL's operations have increased."

That is a hefty price for the taxpayers of Trinidad and Tobago to be paying simply to maintain CAL's flight operations. If this large subsidy were not being made to CAL, the money could have been spent on education, health and social welfare projects desperately needed in the country. What exactly Trinidad and Tobago gets from subsidising CAL,

apart from being able to claim that it has a national airline with a limited regional role, is unclear.

In any event, it appears that the travelling public in Trinidad and Tobago are more loyal to their pockets than they are to CAL. According to the Chairman and CEO of REDjet, Ian Burns, the demand for bookings from July 28 when the airline starts flights into Trinidad is more than when they first launched on April 13. It seems, therefore, that not even the fuel subsidy will save CAL from competition over prices.

In the wake of a successful lawsuit by REDjet in the Courts of Trinidad and Tobago, the airline was given clearance to fly into Trinidad and then, separately, Jamaica gave permission. But, these permissions came only after the most amazing filibustering by both governments. Few persons believe that the refusals, denials, and demands for safety checks were anything more than measures to protect CAL from competition.

In the case of Jamaica, the reluctance of the government to allow REDjet entry, while

the deal for CAL to buy out Air Jamaica was not yet fully sealed, is understandable though not by any mean fair to REDjet. If the deal between CAL and Air Jamaica had fallen through, the Jamaica government would have found itself with a huge hole to fill in the arrangements under which the International Monetary Fund is providing the government with a Stand-by facility.

Remarkably, the Chairman of CAL, George Nicholas, has now indicated that the airline will be lowering its fares. He is adamant that the airline is not doing so because of competition from REDjet. He says, (The) efficiencies that we get now with joining with Air Jamaica, common fleet, the use of one reservation system, pooling our intelligence and pooling our resources, so we have economy to scale that very few carriers in the region have."

What is truly remarkable about Mr Nicholas' statement is that he has identified efficiencies arising from the "joining with Air Jamaica" as the basis for dropping fares.

This same notion of the nationally-owned Caribbean airlines "joining" a shared arrangement to reduce costs and decrease fares has been suggested time and again without an appropriate response. If CAL, Air Jamaica and LIAT had sat down to share out the routes within the Caribbean and into it from external locations, and to divide up some operational costs, the three airlines could have had a chance to serve the region's people and its tourism better.

Instead, what the Caribbean public saw was a display of selfish nationalism at the political level in Trinidad and Jamaica, crude Board room politics, and a disregard for the Caribbean travelling public and tourism. As Ian Bertrand, a regional airline expert puts it: "Imagine CARICOM countries knew for years that the Multilateral Air Services Agreement was incompatible with the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas (the CARICOM treaty) and did nothing. Imagine that despite recent political statements embracing open skies, the very recent bilateral discussions between Trinidad and Tobago and Barbados did nothing to change the closed sky structure of their Air Services Agreement."

What is even worse, at no time was St Vincent Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves brought into the wounding discussions over permitting REDjet to fly – and he is the person in the CARICOM quasi-cabinet with responsibility for overseeing air transportation.

REDjet may have been given permission to fly to Trinidad and Jamaica thereby adding to their Guyana route, but that is only a battle, a real war is yet to come unless good sense infects the thinking of CARICOM's leadership and a sensible aviation policy is established taking account of both commercial realities and public good.

One of those realities may be an examination of the value of the REDjet model.

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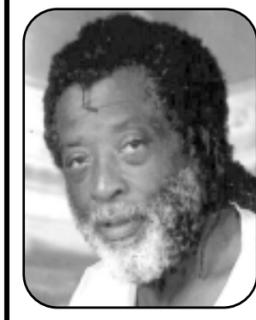
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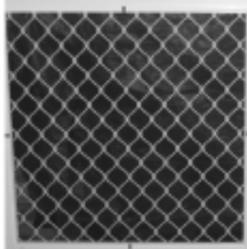
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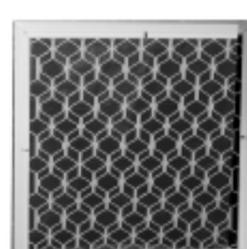
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the committee that he was stunned when he opened the envelope and stacks of US \$100 bills fell onto the table.

After initially stating that he did not have authorization to accept the funds — four packs each of \$10,000 — Mr Lunn said he decided to hold on to the money and contact the association president after he was urged to accept the money by the CFU official.

He immediately sent a text message to the Bahamas association's president Anton Sealey, which read: "I'm disappointed but not surprised. It is important that (we) maintain our integrity when the story is told. That money will not make or break our association. You can leave with your head high."

Bin Hammam, with former Fifa vice-president Jack Warner, was subsequently suspended as a leaked report revealed four Caribbean Football Union (CFU) associations were either offered money, or saw the offence occur, during the meeting.

The report said there was "comprehensive, convincing and overwhelming" proof that bribes had been paid to officials to support Bin Hammam's campaign for the Fifa

presidency, and that Warner had facilitated this.

Warner's resignation from Fifa last month meant he did not have to face the ethics committee.

Two further officials from the CFU, Debbie Minguell and Jason Sylvester, were each banned from football-related activity for a year for their involvement in the bribery attempt.

Bin Hammam was accused of attempting to buy votes ahead of last month's Fifa presidential election, and the 62-year-old Qatari withdrew from the election, leaving Sepp Blatter to be re-elected unopposed.

Saturday's decision makes Hammam the most senior figure to be banned by Fifa in its 107-year history, and the now former head of the Asian Football Confederation is unable to be involved "in any kind of football-related activity at national and international level for life," Fifa ethics committee deputy chairman Petrus Damaseb said on Saturday. In a statement, Bin Hammam's legal council said he will continue to fight the case through every legal route available to

him.

The statement added: "The Fifa ethics committee has apparently based its decision upon so-called 'circumstantial' evidence which our case has clearly demonstrated was bogus and founded on lies told by a senior Fifa official.

"We have strictly observed the legal rules regarding the confidentiality of these proceedings and not shared our evidence, which is compelling, with the media.

"Fifa, either directly or through third parties, appears to have done the opposite with selective and continual leaking of documentation that has been part of these proceedings to the media in order to influence public opinion and create bias.

"We are confident of the strength of our case and invite Fifa to make available now to the media a full transcript of these proceedings."

The ethics committee has now asked Fifa's legal department to prepare cases against Caribbean football leaders who are suspected to have knowingly covered up the instances of Bin Hammam's bribery attempts.

CASINO OPERATIONS 'NOT AFFECTED'
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said: "It should also be noted that management of the casinos have been most helpful in ensuring that all operations proceeded as normal."

According to Mr Gibson, on Thursday, Gaming Board employees were informed that despite declining casino revenues — not only in the Bahamas but across North America — Gaming Board employees would receive the same consideration for salary and annual wage increments as allocated for public service workers, as announced in the 2011-2012 budget communication by Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham.

The action on Friday suggests that this offer was not acceptable to the employees, said Mr Gibson.

He added that despite the industrial action, the board and its executive staff are prepared to re-enter negotiations on the matter.

Mr Gibson said: "Notwithstanding the same — the board and its management team stand ready to resume discussions during the course of the coming week."

Bahamas Public Service Union president John Pinder could not be reached for comment regarding to whether further industrial action will be taken.

YOUNG MAN SHOT DEAD
IN YEAR'S 79TH MURDER
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She said detectives are following significant leads, but had not made any arrests before *The Tribune* went to press.

His death follows the killing of a man who was fatally shot in Freeport on Friday.

As the murder toll rises police maintain they are doing their best to search and arrest suspects.

A 30-year-old Malcolm Road man was arrested in connection with Tuesday's double murder in Carmichael.

The man taken into custody at 7.30pm on Saturday is expected to be arraigned in Magistrate's Court this week.

Alwayne Nathaniel Leslie, 28, of Kingston, Jamaica, and Kevin Antonio Forbes, 40, of Miller's Heights, off Carmichael Road, were shot dead shortly after 9pm on Tuesday in Montgomery Avenue.

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A DOG IN POOR PHYSICAL CONDITION: The number of animals experiencing neglect and abandonment is unprecedented, according to Ms Burrow and Ms Krukowski.

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authority. Until the legislation is put into force and has some strength behind it, "our hands are tied" when it comes to addressing animal cruelty in the country," she said.

"We in the animal rights groups are so very frustrated with the ridiculously slow process of the government in getting this legislation enforced," said Ms Krukowski.

The new law relates to animal ownership and control, and lists as aims: the reduction of the stray and roaming animal population, enhancement of the safety and rights of the public against out-of-control animals, and the min-

PROTECTION FOR ANIMALS

imisation of animal cruelty.

"The usual beating, burning, stoning and general abuse continues and with the present laws prosecuting these cases is very difficult, if not impossible, said Ms Krukowski, "with the new legislation this would definitely change."

Speaking with *The Tribune*, Grand Bahama Humane Society president Tip Burrows explained that as the current legislation dates back to 1942 and relates mostly to cattle.

The 2010 Act is critical, she said - but like any other legislation, in order to have an impact there must be some level of enforcement.

Ms Burrows said that along with many others, she was "euphoric" when the legislation passed last year, but understands that an Act often takes time to enforce.

However, as "the days, weeks, and then months, passed, it began to feel more like the passage of the Act was simply a gratuitous gesture," she said.

The Act defines animal cruelty as any instance where an animal is or is permitted to be "cruelly kicked, ill treated, tortured or overworked" or "inhumanely

killed, sexually assaulted, neglected, deprived of water food or shelter or caused unnecessary suffering."

According to both Ms Burrow and Ms Krukowski, as a result of the current economic climate, the number of animals experiencing neglect and abandonment is unprecedented, as many pet owners simply cannot afford to even feed their pets or provide preventative care for them.

Ms Burrows estimated that the Humane Society in Grand Bahama now takes in more than 130 animals per month (85 per cent dogs, 15 per cent cats), the majority of which come to them in various states of neglect including starvation and flea/tick infestation, among many other health issues (most easily preventable).

Both the Humane Societies in New Providence and Grand Bahama agree that while the enforcement of legislation is critical to addressing the multitude of problems animals face, education appears to be at the root of the problem and is essential to its solution.

"The key to solving the entire problem must include affordable (or even free) spay/neuter, effective legislation with appropriate enforcement, and education," said Ms Burrows.

"What we really need is education, to teach people how to take care of animals responsibly and take animal ownership seriously," said Humane Society New Providence President Kim Aranha.

"The solution is not only law but education," said Mrs Aranha.

She added that while people believe that massive euthanasia campaigns are a solution to the roaming dog problem, it has been proven around the world that they are only a short term fix.

"Spade and neutering is a long term solution," said Mrs Aranha. "It is cost effective and we are already seeing positive results of such campaigns, for example in Exuma."

The comprehensive 45-page Act includes some regulations that previously existed under the Dog License Act of 1942, which it will replace, as well as under the Penal Code, but also provides for more demands on animal owners and increases the fines that come with failure to comply with those regulations.

Attorney General John Delaney was off the island and could not be reached to comment on the status of the Animal Protection and Control Act.



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LOCAL NEWS

Under the surface

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tree-like branches of the most important reef-building coral in the Caribbean, and although it was mostly past its prime, there was new growth that spelled hope.

"We have seen a decline in coral reefs since the late 80's or early 90's, and a lot of people think their situation is unique, and we are realising they are all dealing with similar challenges," Dr Marshall said.

"It was really exciting to see all that recovery on those Elkhorn corals, and in Andros there is much less land based pollution than in Australia, so Andros looks like it could be an important area for coral recovery.

"The patch reefs look really healthy. They have survived really bad bleaching events better than others because they get variable temperatures, and the fact they have survived that tells

me that they can be reef refuges and help replenish other areas."

Ocean temperatures need rise by just one degree for four to six weeks for bleaching of the corals to occur, potentially killing off the living species, and everything that depends on it.

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Reefs are also under the pressures of the shipping industry, oil spills, anchoring practices and overfishing, and the managers discussed anchoring practices in their countries, the pressures of overfishing, and enforcement of environmental law.

After seeing the damage caused by a ship that ran aground on part of the Andros barrier reef in September last year, they talked about how government's can claim compensation from ship owners for the physical damage to the reef, the rub-off of anti-fouling, and

any potential harm the crash may have caused, even years after the event.

Mr Williams said he plans to seek compensation for a ship grounding in Antigua several years ago, as he prepares the action plan for Antigua's new Marine Protected Area around the 108 sq mile island.

"We should learn from other people's mistakes and I think we are in a prime position to do that also in terms of creating right now marine parks," he said.

"So I am told from other people about how they do it in terms of stress levels and how to keep the stress off the reef."

By working together, the group found they were encouraged and inspired to do their best, despite their inevitable challenges.

"The whole concept of resilience was something I resisted," said Angelique Brathwaite, coastal zone manager for the Ministry of the Environ-



A LIONFISH spotted on the dive.

ment in Barbados.

"We are not going to say we are not going to protect the reefs, all of the reefs around Barbados are protected, and none are more protected than others, but now we just need to look at where we need to focus more of our management efforts."

There are regional environmental management networks, and a Caribbean Centre for Climate Change (CCCC) based in Belize, but many of the coral reef managers had not been to

the Bahamas before, or not for many years, and they gave glowing reviews of their experience.

"Really just talking to so many intelligent people for the whole week was amazing," Ms Brathwaite said.

"It's a brilliant network and just by asking each other for data we can help each other with monitoring, which is a big problem for most islands, so we could help each other a lot."

"We definitely should do more things like this."

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LOCAL NEWS

PRISON OFFICER FOUND DEAD

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AT LEAST 43 KILLED, MORE THAN 200 INJURED

TODDLER FOUND ALIVE IN CHINA TRAIN CRASH RUBBLE

BEIJING Associated Press

A TODDLER was rescued about 21 hours after a crash involving two high-speed trains in eastern China killed at least 43 people and injured more than 200 others, state media reported Sunday.

Xinhua News Agency said the unconscious child was found early Sunday evening while rescuers were clearing one of the train cars just as the cleanup efforts were almost completed. It cited an unnamed firefighter.

"When we found him, he could still move his hands," Xinhua quoted the firefighter as saying.

China Central Television first reported that the toddler was a boy, but later said a 4-year-old girl.

The toddler was taken to the hospital and no other details were provided.

A bullet train was traveling south from the Zhejiang provincial capital of Hangzhou on Saturday evening when it lost power in a lightning strike and stalled, before being hit from behind by the second train in Wenzhou city.

Eight more bodies were recovered Sunday from damaged train cars, bringing the death toll to 43, Xinhua said. Two foreigners were among the dead but their nationalities were unclear, said an official surnamed Wang in the Zhejiang provincial emergency office. A total of 211 people were injured, Xinhua said.

The first four cars of the moving train fell about 65 to 100 feet (20 to 30 meters) off the viaduct onto the ground below. One carriage ended up in a vertical position, leaning against the viaduct.

The Ministry of Railways said in a statement that the first four cars of the moving train and the

last two of the stalled train derailed.

Three railway officials were fired after the crash and would be subject to investigation, Xinhua quoted the ministry as saying. They were identified as Long Jing, head of the Shanghai Railway Bureau; Li Jia, head of the Shanghai railway bureau's committee of the Communist Party of China; and deputy chief of the bureau, He Shengli.

It was the first derailment on China's high-speed rail network since the country launched bullet trains with a top speed of 155 miles (250 kilometers) per hour in 2007, the China Daily reported.

It is an embarrassment for China, which plans to massively expand its bullet train network to link its far-flung regions and show off its rising wealth and technological prowess. It is also trying to sell its trains to Latin America and the Middle East.

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Project No.: BH-T1021 (Bahamas Labor Markets Study)

Deadline: July 27, 2011

The Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas (GOBH) has received Grant Financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) towards the financing of a comprehensive study of the Labor Market in The Bahamas. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this financing be applied for the contracting of consulting services to support the Department of Statistics (DOS).

The purpose of the project is to prepare a comprehensive and authoritative study of three main labor market issues, including: i.) mapping of the training institutions in the Bahamas; (ii.) the production of a labor market study; and (iii.) the coordination and implementation of an Employers' Survey. The specific objectives of the project is to contribute to knowledge about and understanding of the labor market issues in The Bahamas and provide guidance to the Bahamian Government and private sector employers on labor markets issues regarding labor force skills development and policies.

The IDB now invites individual consultants, who are suitably qualified are invited to submit a cover letter and Curriculum Vitae, detailing their suitability to undertake the studies. The estimated duration of the consultancy assignment is 140 working days. The consultancy requires two individual consultants, of which one will be based in the Bahamas and one based at the IDB Headquarters in Washington, D.C.; the latter will require travel to the Bahamas. The following briefly highlights the main activities of each consultant:

1. Consultant 1: International Consultant will be based in Washington D.C. and will collect and review existing information on and prepare a chapter on the labor market in The Bahamas; facilitate a one-day Labor market conference on labor market issues in The Bahamas to discuss study findings and offer recommendations for public policy; will assist the Bahamas based consultant to adapt a questionnaire for conducting an employers' survey in The Bahamas; assist in the analysis of the Bahamas' Wage and Occupations Survey questionnaire; prepare comparison with the Employers' survey; and coordinate activities with DOS and the local consultant.

2. Consultant 2: Local Consultant will be based in The Bahamas and will develop a mapping of the training institutions in The Bahamas; adapt a questionnaire for conducting an employers' survey in The Bahamas; analyze the Bahamas' Wage and Occupations Survey questionnaire; prepare comparison with the Employers' survey; support the DOS on the sampling aspect of the survey and plan; pilot, implement and supervise the survey; and support the international consultant based in Washington, D.C. and DOS on the production of the labor market study.

Applications must include signed curriculum vitae emphasizing details of work performed of a relevant nature.

* Summary of the qualifications:

- M.A., PhD preferred, in Economics or related areas.
- Substantial experience with labor market issues and training, preferably in both an academic and policy settings.
- Proven experience in conducting and analyzing surveys and sample design. Preferably on labor market issues (workers, employers, training institutions).
- Track record of labor market publications – articles, studies and books.
- Fluency in written and spoken English.
- Strong organizational and analytical skills.
- Related experience in the Caribbean and knowledge of Caribbean labor market issues would be an advantage.

Applications for these positions should be sent as follows:

1. E-mail to the cof-cbh@iadb.org , attn: Bahamas Labor Market Study
2. Deadline: 5.01PM (Nassau, Bahamas time), on Wednesday, July 27, 2011.
3. Email subject line should be clearly marked with- "Individual Consultant for the Labor Market Study".

The applications will be evaluated based on the academic qualifications, relevant general experience, and experience specific to the needs outlined herein. Specific related experience in the Caribbean or in similar countries is desirable, though not required.

Interested candidates must have Bahamian citizenship or be a citizen, or bona fide resident of one of the member countries of the IDB, in accordance with the Eligibility Guidelines of the Inter-American Development Bank.

Two individual consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in Section V of the IDB's "Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank" (GN-2350-7) dated July 2006.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

CELEBRITIES PAY TRIBUTE TO STAR

TROUBLED SINGER AMY WINEHOUSE DIES AGED 27

LONDON Associated Press

FEW artists summed up their own career in a single song — a single line — as well as Amy Winehouse.

"They tried to make me go to rehab," she sang on her world-conquering 2006 single, "Rehab." "I said 'No, no no.'"

Occasionally, she said yes, but to no avail: repeated stints in hospitals and clinics couldn't stop alcohol and drugs scuttling the career of a singer whose distinctive voice, rich mix of influences and heart-on-her-sleeve sensibility seemed to promise great things.

In her short lifetime, Winehouse too often made headlines because of drug and alcohol abuse, eating disorders, destructive relationships and abortive performances. But it's her small but powerful body of recorded music that will be her legacy.

Stars

The singer was found dead Saturday at age 27 by ambulance crews called to her home in north London's Camden area, a youth-culture mecca known for its music scene, its pubs — and the availability of illegal drugs. She joins the ranks of drug-addled rock stars Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Kurt Cobain and Jim Morrison, who died at the same age.

The London Ambulance Service said Winehouse had died before crews arrived at the house in leafy Camden Square. The cause of death was not immediately known and police said it will not release any post-mortem results before Monday.

The singer's body was taken from her home by private ambulance to a London mortuary where post-mortem examinations were to be carried out either Sunday or Monday. Police said in a statement

arrests have been made in connection with her death.

It was not a complete surprise, but the news was still a huge shock for millions around the world. The size of Winehouse's appeal was reflected in the extraordinary range of people paying tribute as they heard the news, from Demi Moore — who tweeted "Truly sad news ... May her troubled soul find peace" — to chef Jamie Oliver, who wrote "such a waste, raw talent" on the social networking site.

Tony Bennett, who recorded the pop standard "Body And Soul" with Winehouse at London's Abbey Road Studios in March for an upcoming duets album, called her "an artist of immense proportions."

"She was an extraordinary musician with a rare intuition as a vocalist and I am truly devastated that her exceptional talent has come to such an early end," he said.

Rolling Stone Ronnie Wood said he was dedicating Saturday's reunion performance of his band The Faces to Winehouse. "It's a very sad loss of a very good friend I spent many great times with," he said.

Winehouse was something rare in an increasingly homogenized music business — an outsized personality and an unclassifiable talent.

She shot to fame with the album "Back to Black,"

with her black beehive hairdo and old-fashioned sailor tattoos — one of music's most recognizable stars.

"I didn't go out looking to be famous," Winehouse told the Associated Press when the album was released. "I'm just a musician."

But in the end, the music was overshadowed by fame, and by Winehouse's demons. Tabloids lapped up the erratic stage appearances, drunken fights, stints in hospital and rehab clinics. Performances became shambles, stumbling train wrecks, watched around the world on the Internet.

Tour

Last month, Winehouse canceled her European comeback tour after she swayed and slurred her way through barely recognizable songs in her first show in the Serbian capital of Belgrade. Booed and jeered off stage, she flew home and her management said she would take time off to recover.

Fans who had kept the faith waited in vain for a follow-up to "Back to Black."

Born in 1983 to taxi driver Mitch Winehouse and his pharmacist wife Janis, Winehouse grew up in the north London suburbs, and was set on a showbiz career from an early age. When she was 10, she and

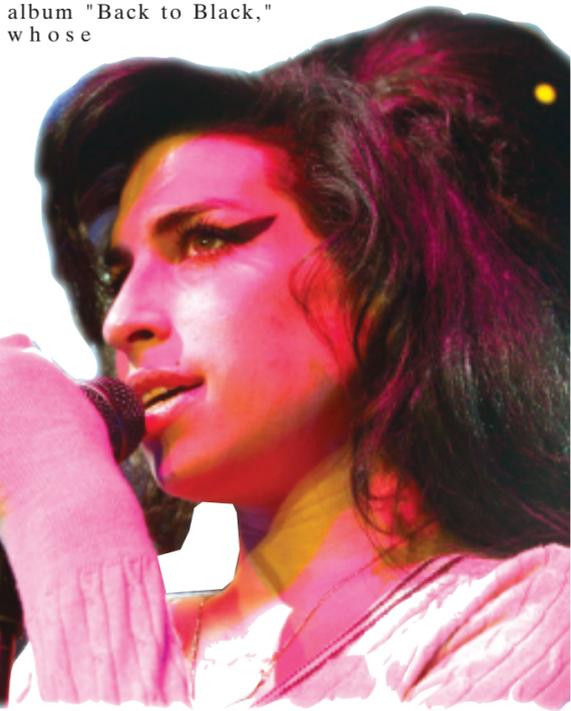
a friend formed a rap group, Sweet 'n' Sour — Winehouse was Sour — that she later described as "the little white Jewish Salt 'n' Pepa."

She attended the Sylvia Young Theatre School, a factory for British music and acting moppets, later went to the Brit School, a performing arts academy in the "Fame" mold, and was originally signed to "Pop Idol" svengali Simon Fuller's 19 Management.

But Winehouse was never a packaged teen star, and always resisted being pigeonholed.



FLORAL TRIBUTES are seen in Camden Square, near the residence of singer Amy Winehouse, who died at her home in north London, Saturday. (AP)





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INTERNATIONAL NEWS



PEOPLE GATHER near flower tributes outside of the Oslo Cathedral to grieve Sunday, following a service "mass for sorrow and hope" in Oslo Cathedral. A Norwegian man detonated a bomb in central Oslo and then gunned down at least 84 people on Friday at Utoya island youth retreat, before being arrested. (AP)

93 DEAD FROM TERRORIST ATTACKS

NORWAY SUSPECT WANTED EUROPEAN ANTI-MUSLIM CRUSADE

OSLO, Norway
Associated Press

THE man blamed for the terrorist attacks on Norway's government headquarters and an island retreat for young people that left at least 93 dead was motivated by a desire to bring about a revolution in Norwegian society, his lawyer said Sunday.

A manifesto he published online — which police are poring over and said was posted the day of the attack — ranted against Muslim immigration to Europe and vowed revenge on "indigenous Europeans," whom he accused of betraying their heritage. It said that they would be punished for their "treasonous acts."

The lawyer for the 32-year-old Norwegian suspect, Anders Behring Breivik, said Sunday that his client wrote the document alone. While police said they were investigating reports of a second assailant on the island, the lawyer said Breivik claims also claims no one helped him.

The treatise detailed plans to acquire firearms and explosives, and even appeared to describe a test explosion: "BOOM! The detonation was successful!!!" It ends with a note dated 12:51 p.m. on July 22: "I believe this will be my last entry."

That day, a bomb killed seven people in downtown Oslo and, hours later, a gunman opened fire on dozens of young people at a retreat on Utoya island. Police said Sunday that the death toll in the shooting rose to 86.

That brings the number of fatalities to 93, with more than 90 wounded. There are still people missing at both scenes. Police have not released the names of any of the victims.

Police said Sunday that a police officer had been hired to provide security on the island on his own time. It was not clear who hired him or if he was on the island at the time of the attacks.

Dr. Colin Poole, head of surgery at Ringrikt Hospital in Honefoss northwest of Oslo, told The Associated Press the gunman used special bullets designed to disintegrate inside the body and cause maximum internal damage. Poole said surgeons treating 16 gunshot victims have recovered no full bullets.

"These bullets more or less exploded inside the body," Poole said. "It's caused us all kinds of extra problems in dealing with the wounds they cause, with very strange trajectories."

Ballistics experts say the so-called dum-dum bullets also are lighter in weight and can be fired with greater accuracy over varying distances. They commonly are used by air marshals and hunters of small animals.

Six hearses pulled up at the shore of the lake surrounding the island on Sunday, as rescuers on boats continued to search for bodies in the water.



GRIEVING MEMBERS of the public embrace after a "mass for sorrow and hope" in Oslo Cathedral Sunday. (AP)

Body parts remain inside the Oslo building, which housed the prime minister's office. In a chilling allusion to the fact that the tragedy could have even been greater, police said Sunday that Breivik still had "a considerable amount" of ammunition for both his guns — a pistol and an automatic weapon — when he surrendered.

Police and his lawyer have said that Breivik confessed to the twin attacks, but denied criminal responsibility for a day that shook peaceful Norway to its core and was the deadliest ever in peacetime. Breivik has been charged with terrorism and will be arraigned on Monday.

Geir Lippestad, Breivik's lawyer, said his client has asked for an open court hearing "because he wants to explain himself."

Police Chief Sveinung Sponheim said a forensics expert from Interpol would join the investigation on Sunday.

European security officials said Sunday they were aware of increased Internet chatter from individuals claiming they belonged to the Knights Templar group that Breivik refers to in the manifesto. They said they were still investigating claims that Breivik, and other far-right individuals, attended a London meeting of the group in 2002. The two officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak about the investigation.

The officials would also not immediately confirm that they had been aware of Breivik as a potential threat.

As authorities pursued the suspect's motives, Oslo mourned the victims. Norway's King Harald V and his

wife Queen Sonja and Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg crowded into Oslo Cathedral, where the pews were packed, and people spilled into the plaza outside the building. The area was strewn with flowers and candles, and people who could not fit in the grand church huddled under umbrellas in a drizzle.

The king and queen both wiped tears from their eyes during the service for "sorrow and hope."

Afterward, people sobbed and hugged one another in the streets, as many lingered over the memorial of flowers and candles. The royal couple and prime minister later visited the site of the bombing in Oslo.

More was coming to light Sunday about the man who police say confessed to a car bomb at government headquarters in Oslo and then, hours later, opening fire on young people at an island political retreat.

Both targets were linked to Norway's left-leaning Labor Party. Breivik's manifesto pillories the political correctness of liberals and warns that their work will end in the colonization of Europe by Muslims.

Such fears may derive, at least in part, from the fact that Norway has grown increasingly multicultural in recent years as the prosperous Nordic nation has opened its arms to thousands of conflict refugees from Pakistan, Iraq and Somalia. The Labor Party retreat — which Prime Minister Stoltenberg fondly remembered attending summer after summer himself — reflected the country's changing demographic as the children of immigrants get more involved in politics.

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'DOUBLE DIP RECESSION' FEARS OVER US IMPASSE



JAMES SMITH

* Bahamas can only 'grow its way out' of own fiscal issues
* Foreign direct investment required, as local savings pool too small

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

The Bahamas and other Western Hemisphere economies could face the prospect of a "double dip recession" if US president Barack Obama and Congressional legislators fail to break the 'raise the debt ceiling' deadlock, a former finance minister has warned.

James Smith told Tribune Business that if US politicians failed to reach a deal on raising that country's \$14.3 trillion debt ceiling imminently, it could potentially trigger a cut in the US' treasured 'AAA+' credit rating, even if incoming revenue flows were dedicated to paying off all the country's debt

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7% new vehicle sales rise masks 'mixed scenario'

- * Dealer says 25 per cent point duty rise led to 15% retail price increase
- * Adds that 28-33% sales growth in some lines distorting overall Bahamian new car sector stats
- * June 'worst month of year' to date

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Despite 7 per cent year-over-year and quarter-over-quarter increases in total new car sales, Bahamas Motor Dealers Association (BMDA) members said this 'headline figure' masked the "mixed picture" for the sector, one pointing out that models hit

by a 25 percentage point duty rate increase had seen a 15 per cent retail price rise.

Andrew Barr, Friendly Ford's sales manager, told Tribune Business that major sales increases experienced by a few auto models during the 2011 second quarter had "influenced the numbers across the board", potentially giving a misleading indication

that all was rosy in the sector.

Noting that one model had seen 33 per cent unit sales rise during the three months to end-June 2011, and another a 28 per cent increase, Mr Barr said these were among the product lines least impacted by the switch to engine size

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Dealer's expansion via BMW contract

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

The BMW auto brand is set to return to the Bahamas in the 2011 fourth quarter, Executive Motors telling Tribune Business it was looking to sell between 50-60 new models per year after signing a contract to become its local franchise dealer.

Fred Albury, the Shirley Street-based company's owner/president, also told this newspaper that the firm was investing \$400,000 into new buildings and an expansion of its Wulff Road site, planning to transfer its pre-owned vehicle business there from its existing Collins Avenue location.

With hard-pressed Bahamian consumers

- * Executive Motors targeting 50-60 car sales, and hiring of 5-6 new staff, in bringing brand back to Bahamas in Q4 2011
- * Investing \$400k in Wulff Road expansion and move of pre-owned vehicles from Collins Avenue

increasingly switching to used cars, as opposed to their new counterparts, as a result of the recession and reduced confidence, Mr Albury said the larger Wulff Road site would provide the platform to further grow this side of Executive Motors' business.

Explaining that a slow economy gave companies with deep capital pockets an opportunity to expand, Mr Albury confirmed to Tribune Business: "We're

introducing BMW into the market in the fourth quarter. We just signed a contract to represent them.

"We're subjected to the US dollar/euro exchange rate scenario, but we've been able to negotiate favourable rates for this market to start with. We're forecasting to do 50-60 BMWs a year.

"Sometimes when you have these slow periods, it's time to clean up in some areas, and do some expansion

provided you've got the money to do it. BMW is the number three brand in the world. Apple is the first, Google is the second, and then BMW."

BMW is at the high-end, luxury end of the market, and will fit well alongside Executive Motors' existing brands, which include Lexus, Toyota and Suzuki, at the Auto Mall.

A vacant building at the SEE page 6B

CUSTOMS COMMITTEE 'TECHNICAL LEVEL' PLAN

Tribune Business obtains draft terms of reference



ZHIVARGO LAING

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

The Minister of State for Finance said initiatives may be undertaken at "the technical level" of government that never came to fruition, or were unknown to policymakers, after Tribune Business obtained the draft terms of reference for the Bahamas Customs Consultative Committee he previously said he knew nothing of.

The draft terms, which outline the goals and scope of what would be a "permanent" body, include giving "input to the revisions to the Customs Management Act".

That legislation has already been brought to Parliament, undergoing its second House of Assembly reading, although the Government appears to have halted its passage for further consultation at this late stage. Tribune Business has also been informed by some previously approached to serve on the Committee that they have again been approached to serve on this body by Customs, indicating the proposal was not entirely dead.

When questioned by Tribune Business over the

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'GET OUR ACT TOGETHER' ON FINANCIAL SERVICES

- * Bahamas 'losing competitiveness', but senior attorney says no panic mode
- * 'Immediate danger' slippage in specific sectors, like capital markets/funds
- * 'Not enjoyed growth rate we should have' due to permanent reactive mode

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

A failure to respond proactively to changing international dynamics has left the Bahamian financial services industry failing to maximise growth potential in its core areas to-date, a leading attorney warning: "We must get our act together."

Acknowledging that the sector had been gradually "losing competitiveness", Brian Moree, senior partner at McKinney, Bancroft &

Hughes, told Tribune Business that while "panic and hyperbole" should not surround the financial services industry's current position, it faced a continual gradual slippage if the correct approach was not adopted.

While the Bahamas continued to perform well in private banking and wealth management, long its core specialisation, Mr Moree said "the immediate danger" was that it faced becoming uncompetitive in key segments other than investment funds and international insurance.

Apart from rapid changes in the nature of global financial services and its regulation, the Bahamas was facing ever-increasing competition as more nations, such as Jamaica, targeted the sector for potential long-term growth opportunities.

"I certainly think we are losing our competitiveness because of the time it takes us to respond to market forces, and because we continue to be in reactive mode rather than proactive mode," Mr Moree

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All submissions will be kept confidential.

Qualified persons should apply before July 18, 2011

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BUSINESS

ROYALFIDELITY MARKET WRAP

EQUITY MARKET – TRADING STATISTICS

Week ending 22.07.11

BISX SYMBOL	CLOSING PRICE	WKLY PRICE CHANGE	VOLUME	YTD PRICE CHANGE
AML	\$ 1.18	\$-	2,000	21.65%
BBL	\$ 0.18	\$-	0	0.00%
BOB	\$ 6.94	\$-	0	41.63%
BPF	\$ 10.63	\$-	0	0.00%
BSL	N/A	\$-	0	0.00%
BWL	\$ 2.70	\$-	0	0.00%
CAB	\$ 8.48	\$-	100	-18.93%
CBB	\$ 8.40	\$-	0	0.00%
CBL	\$ 6.88	\$-	0	-1.71%
CHL	\$ 2.55	\$-	0	6.25%
CIB	\$ 8.60	\$-	300	-8.41%
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By ROYALFIDELITY CAPITAL MARKETS

It was a slow week of trading in the Bahamian stock market.

Investors traded in six out of the 24 listed securities, with one advancer and one decliner.

EQUITY MARKET

A total of 19,400 shares changed hands, representing an increase of 9,637 shares compared to the previous week's trading volume of 9,763.

Freeport Oil Holdings (FOCOL) was the advancer for the week, trading a volume of 1,500 shares to see its share price close up \$0.25 at \$5.75.

Decliner

Finance Corporation of the Bahamas (FINCO) was the decliner for the week, trading a volume of 15,250 shares to see its stock close down \$0.01 at \$5.39.

Abaco Markets (AML) traded a volume of 2,000 shares, remaining unchanged at \$1.18.

FirstCaribbean International Bank (CIB) traded a volume of 300 shares, remaining unchanged at \$8.60.

Cable Bahamas (CAB)

BOND MARKET – TRADING STATISTICS

BISX SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION	VOLUME	PAR VALUE
FBB13	FBB Series C Notes Due 2013	0	\$1,000
FBB15	FBB Series D Notes Due 2015	5	\$1,000
FBB17	FBB Series A Notes Due 2017	0	\$1,000
FBB22	FBB Series B Notes Due 2022	0	\$1,000

INTERNATIONAL STOCK MARKET INDEXES

Index	Weekly	% Change
DJIA	12,681.20	1.61
S&P 500	1,345.02	2.19
NASDAQ	2,858.83	2.47
Nikkei	10,132.11	1.58

traded a volume of 100 shares, remaining unchanged at \$8.48.

JS Johnson & Co (JSJ) traded a volume of 250 shares, remaining unchanged at \$9.82.

BOND MARKET

Five FBB15 Notes traded with a volume of \$5,000

COMPANY NEWS

AGM Notices:

Fidelity Bank (Bahamas) (FBB) has announced its AGM will be held in the Victoria Room at the British Colonial Hilton Hotel on July 28, 2011, at 6pm.

FamGuard Corporation (FAM) has announced its AGM will be held in the Victoria Room of the British Colonial Hilton Hotel on August 4, 2011, at 4pm.

INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

FOREX Rates Currency	Wkly	%Chge
CAD	1.0551	0.69
GBP	1.6311	1.07
EUR	1.4362	1.45

Commodities Wkly %Chge Commodity

Crude Oil	118.53	0.74
Gold	1,602.00	0.95

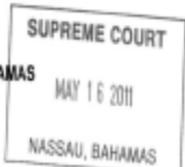
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COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS 2009
 IN THE SUPREME COURT
 COMMON LAW AND EQUITY DIVISION CLEIGEN00245

IN THE MATTER of the Property comprised in an Indenture of Mortgage dated the 13th day of September, A.D. 2006 and made between Basil Dewitt Brown as a Borrower and FirstCaribbean International Bank (Bahamas) Limited (formerly FirstCaribbean International Finance Corporation (Bahamas) Limited) as Lender

AND IN THE MATTER of the Conveyancing and Law of Property Act, Chapter 138 of the Revised Statute Laws of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

BETWEEN
 FIRSTCARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK (BAHAMAS) LIMITED Plaintiff
 AND
 BASIL DEWITT BROWN Defendant

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO HEAR THE ORIGINATING SUMMONS

TAKE NOTICE that the Originating Summons filed herein will be set down to be heard on Monday the 8th day of August, A.D., 2011 at 12:30 o'clock in the afternoon before the Honourable Justice, Stephen Isaacs, Justice of the Supreme Court, Parliament Street, The Senate Annex, Nassau, The Bahamas.

DATED the 12th day of May, A.D., 2011

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This Notice is issued by Gibson, Rigby & Co., Chambers, 41-Maine House, Dowdeswell Street, Nassau, The Bahamas, Attorneys for the Plaintiff.

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BUSINESS

By NATARIO MCKENZIE
Tribune Business Reporter

COPA Airlines' newly-launched direct flights from Panama to Nassau have exceeded performance projections through strong load factors nearing 90 per cent, which is an "unusual" but "pleasant surprise", according to the Ministry of Tourism's director-general, David Johnson.

"Copa is doing quite well," he told Tribune Business. "Their services for the first two months have been exceeding their projections and ours in terms of performance. The load factors have been very strong.

"They have been operating at optimum levels approaching 90 per cent loads.

"New flights generally take a while to build to that level of loads. They came out of the gate with very strong loads, which is unusual but a pleasant surprise."

Copa Airlines began non-stop service from Panama to Nassau on June 15, with departing and return flights scheduled for travellers

Copa's 90% load beats projections

First direct service to/from Latin America eyeing expansion on Nassau route if demand sustained

every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

The airline service which, for the first time, opens up the Bahamas to the South and Central American markets, is projected to bring more than 14,500 visitors to the islands and generate more than \$17 million for the Bahamian economy in its first year. Visas are not required of Bahamians visiting

Central and South America; or for residents of those regions bound for the Bahamas.

"They have given us the undertaking that if the demand continues strong - it's just two months - that they are inclined to add an accommodation of larger aircraft and more frequency," Mr Johnson said.

"Whenever a flight is running at

90 per cent it means it is leaving passengers. So if we can sustain that level for an extended period of time, I have no doubt they will look favourably at increasing capacity.

"It's premature for us to predict when they will do that; they are still on their honeymoon, with just over a month of service - that's about 30 to 40 flights roughly.

"We are not only monitoring the traffic. We know the loads are very strong, but we are also looking at where the guests are staying, their departure cards, comments about their experiences, what are some of the things we are doing very well and what are some of the things we can do much better that again strengthens the flight, because we will be delivering what they want."

Government commits to financial services regulation conclusion

By NATARIO MCKENZIE
Tribune Business Reporter

MINISTER of State for Finance, Zhivargo Laing, has confirmed the Government is still pursuing the 'twin peaks' model in terms of financial services regulatory consolidation, but could not put a timeline on completion of the process.

Speaking briefly with Tribune Business, Mr Laing said he could not give a timetable towards the completion of regulatory reform, apart from saying that the Government was "working on it".

"That's all I can say right now," Mr Laing said.

Adopting the 'twin peaks' financial services regulatory model would mean that the Central Bank of the Bahamas and its bank supervision department who remained as a standalone supervisor, responsible for the banks and trust companies sector, while all other regulators, namely the Securities, Insurance and Compliance Commissions, would



Zhivargo Laing

be consolidated into one Bahamas Financial Services Authority.

Reform

Last Thursday, leading attorney Brian Moree, senior partner at McKinney, Bancroft & Hughes, publicly called on the Government to commit to, and give a

timeline for, completing financial services regulatory reform.

Mr Moree told Tribune Business he feared that the relative success enjoyed in physically consolidating the Securities Commission, Compliance Commission and Insurance Commission into one building could encourage the Government to not proceed with the final step - an actual merger of the three.

Mr Moree noted that the Government has talked about financial services regulatory consolidation for years, but apart from the physical consolidation other tangible signs of progress have largely been confined to Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) and joint inspection initiatives, in a bid to avoid duplication and improve communication.

Mr Moree said that regulatory consolidation was needed to "modify, simplify, the regulatory red tape and bureaucracy that exists in the financial services industry."

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The Partnership is and will continue to be able to discharge or pay or provide for the payment of all claims, debts, liabilities and obligations in full.

The winding-up will commence on the date when the Notice of Dissolution is submitted to the Registrar.

The Liquidator is authorized to carry on the business of the Partnership.

The name of the Liquidator is Toni Y. Godet. No remuneration is proposed to be paid to the Liquidator.

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Dated this 7th day of July, 2011

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Thursday July 28th, 2011 at 10:00 am in the Arawak Lounge, Terminal 1, (next to Dunkin Donuts).

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Customs Committee 'technical level' plan

terms of reference document, following his statement that he knew nothing of a Bahamas Customs Consultative Committee, Mr Laing replied: "In government we have things taking place at the technical level, and things taking place at the policy [ministerial] level.

"It could well be that someone proposed recommendations for how we proceed at the technical level.... It could clearly have been a thought or a proposal by technicians to proceed on these lines, but they may not have followed through on that."

Mr Laing indicated that such proposals may not

make their way up to ministerial level, let alone the Cabinet, and again reiterated his confidence that there was appropriate consultation over the Customs Management Bill prior to it going to Parliament.

"Consultation took place with the consultants who

drafted this Bill," he told Tribune Business. "The consultation took place at that level. It's in their [the consultants'] reports."

The proposed terms of reference for the Bahamas Customs Consultative Committee include enhancing cooperation between Customs

and the private sector "in managing the borders and facilitation of trade".

Forum

Other goals were its use as a forum to discuss legislative and policy reform proposals before they were finalised by senior Customs' staff, and obtain private sector feedback in a bid to boost the department's relationship with those it dealt with.

Customs Comptroller, Glenn Gomez, did not return Tribune Business's calls seeking comments, but the proposed terms of reference involved developing a "validation process for Authorised Economic Operations".

The Bahamas Customs Consultative Committee is also supposed to "be consulted on key reforms that will bring Customs operations and procedures up to international best practice standards.

"These reforms include strengthened risk management, post clearance audit, development and use of performance indicators and improved information for, and collaboration with, the business community."

As previously revealed by Tribune Business, the Committee is to be comprised of representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, Immigration, a licensed Customs broker, a major importer, shipping lines and airlines.

Meanwhile, Mr Laing left the door open to making further reforms to the existing Customs Management Bill, pointing out that "we can have a continuous dialogue" with the private sector as issues arise during its implementation.

"That's part of a dynamic, growing, maturing society," he added. "What I am proud about is that we have stopped as a nation, and said: 'Let's make the reforms we need to make'."

"We are making significant reform efforts in the country towards making us more efficient and more effective as a jurisdiction. These big moves are going to have an impact on how we do business in the Government, and how we do business outside of the Government....."

"What's in the Customs Management Bill today represents our best efforts to meet international Customs standards, referenced at the World Customs Organisation, and [putting in place] the things required to make our Customs Department a modern Customs Department."

Speaking to Tribune Business last week, Mr Laing expressed surprise that the Customs Management Bill had not been published yet on the Government's Internet site, and said it should be done "in the next day or so". It has yet to appear as of last night.

NOTICE OF SALE

Philip C. Galanis, the duly appointed receiver ("the Receiver") of Ginn-LA West End, Limited ("the Borrower"), hereby gives notice of the sale of the rights and interest of the Borrower in and to the following agreements and property ("the Offered Assets"):

- Amended and Restated Infrastructure Development Agreement, dated the 24th December, 2008, between the Borrower of the one part and LRA OBB, Limited (f/k/a Ginn-LA OBB, Limited) ("OBB") of the other part.
- Amended and Restated Golf Course Development Agreement, dated the 24th December, 2008, between the Borrower of the one part and OBB of the other part.
- Amended and Restated Utility Services Agreement, dated the 24th December, 2008, between the Borrower of the one part and OBB of the other part.
- Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Ginn Sur Mer (formerly Versailles Sur Mer), dated the 26th July, 2006, by the Borrower, as Declarant, as amended.
- Allocation and Assignment of Use Rights, dated the 20th of July, 2007, between the Borrower of the one part and OBB of the other part.
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FROM page 1B

'Get our act together' on financial services

told Tribune Business. "We have too much bureaucracy, which increases the cost base for doing business."

"In addition to our traditional competitors, there are many new jurisdictions that are targeting financial services as an industry they want to develop, so both from the traditional competitors we have and aggressive new players that have entered into this industry, we simply cannot continue in the current mode."

"We need to get our act together, switch from reactive to proactive, and be far more nimble and adaptable to respond to things quickly if we are to compete in an industry that is innovative and dynamic."

Over the past decade the Bahamas has only made major changes to its financial services regime, particularly the regulatory side, when the proverbial 'gun was put to its head' by the international community, principally the G-7 (Group of Seven) major economies.

This happened in 2000 with the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) blacklisting, and again in 2009 with the Organisation for Economic Co-Operation Development (OECD) and G-20 pressures for it and other financial centres to commit to signing a network of Tax Information Exchange Agreements (TIEAs). On both occasions, the Bahamas moved rapidly to comply.

While such responses might ensure the Bahamas' survival as an international financial services player, Mr Moree told Tribune Business it was no way to run this nation's second most important industry, especially when its long-term growth and development was considered.

Change

And, apart from regulatory changes, the very nature of financial services at the private sector level was also undergoing rapid change. "What's going on internationally is redefining the industry," Mr Moree said.

"The business models jurisdictions and institutions had seven-eight years ago are redundant, out-of-date. It's absolutely the same for us. I've been saying for some time now that we need to re-examine the business model, and this has to be done on the back of a National Plan that is developed with close collaboration and communication will all stakeholders, and in a way that is not partisan."

As to the nature of that re-examination, Mr Moree said: "We have to examine very carefully our tax neutral platform to see if it's the best business model going forward, or if it needs to be adjusted to complement the new realities of the industry."

"Migrating from a tax neutral to a low-tax platform, becoming creative in the distinction between international business and domestic business. These are all issues that require careful and mature consideration by the best and brightest minds in our country."

While the Bahamian financial services industry had held-up well in the face of pressure led by the G-7, neither it nor the country at large should be lulled into a false sense of security.

"We have been remarkably resilient over the past 10-12 years, and that's very much to our credit, but that is no reason for us to be lulled into a sense of apathy in what is a dynamic set of circumstances changing our industry," Mr Moree said.

When it came to the threats facing the Bahamian financial services sector, the leading source of high per capita salaries, Mr Moree said the dangers could be both over and understated. While there was no immediate threat of the bottom dropping out, a gradual process of erosion would continue if no action was taken.

"I don't want to panic

about it and be hyperbolic. The reality is: Neither of those two [over and understated] positions," he explained.

"Could we substantially lose our place within the leading financial services centres?"

"Could that happen? It might happen, but I don't see that as an immediate danger."

"The immediate danger is that we lose, or become uncompetitive, in certain sectors. That has already happened to us to a large extent in the capital markets sector. That has already hap-

"The immediate danger is that we lose, or become uncompetitive, in certain sectors."

pened in the insurance sector. That happened in 1969, and it's been extremely difficult to get that back in any significant way."

"We've not nearly enjoyed the success Cayman has had on capital markets for various reasons. We've been able to hold on to our own, and hold on to our turf, in private wealth manage-

ment and private banking, although we've not experienced the growth we could have had if we responded in a more dynamic way, more innovative way, and more proactive way."

And Mr Moree added: "Our reality in the Bahamas is that we've done very

poorly in some of these sectors, and in others we've done very well. That's [private wealth management] been our strong sector, although in my view we've not had the rate of growth we could have had if we responded differently."

"We have to address issues like our regulatory reform, our technology platform, our product development cycle, our marketing, our Immigration policy. There are many others, but these are some of the leading issues that affect the

industry generally."

As for the Bahamas' response to major international initiatives, Mr Moree told Tribune Business: "We have to continue to avoid any major blacklisting. We have to understand that the expectations of the international community today are very different to what they were 10-12 years ago."

"It cannot be done in reactive mode, making reforms in reaction to directives and threats from the international community and various agencies."

"That may keep us treading water for a while, keep us out of trouble, but is not a way in which we can grow and expand and develop our financial services industry."

"We're not going to achieve that by being reactive."

"We may survive, but that is no way to run a major industry of our country in the medium to long-term."

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Only applications from suitable qualified candidates will be acknowledged. Deadline to apply is **August 3, 2011**.

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Shirley Street location is being converted into a new showroom for the incoming BMW models, and Mr Albury said Executive Motors expected to hire five-six new staff to deal with anticipated business levels.

"For BMW we have a vacant building here on Shirley Street that we're in the process of renovating now, and we'll put the brand into a new showroom in the complex," he added.

"We're in the process of looking for staff, such as technicians. We've hired a chief mechanic, a Bahamian who has worked abroad with Land Rover, BMW and Mercedes. We were pretty lucky to find a Bahamian in that position, and he's taught some mechanics in Florida as well. We're looking for probably a few salespeople, a few technicians, a receptionist, so it's five-six people."

BMW has had a presence

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in the Bahamian market in the past, but those who held the dealership, Mr Albury told Tribune Business, appeared to have been unable to make a successful long-term go of it.

"BMW has been here in the past, but the people involved in it were never really true car people," he added.

Capital

"Someone else had it, but they didn't seem to have the capital to make a really strong go of it."

Apart from the momentum gained through the BMW contract, Mr Albury

told Tribune Business that Executive Motors was also placing renewed emphasis on its pre-owned vehicle business, given the recession-induced impact on consumer purchasing habits.

"We're in the process now of moving the pre-owned vehicle department out of Collins Avenue to Wulff Road, where we have more space," he confirmed.

"The pre-owned vehicles are still doing well because of the economy. We're putting a lot of focus on that. We've invested \$400,000 into that, including new buildings. If you pass there, you will see buildings going up."

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7% new vehicle sales rise masks 'mixed scenario'

as the determinant of import duty rates in the 2010-2011 Budget.

At most, he explained, these models - with relatively smaller engine sizes - had seen only a 5 percentage point import duty rise to 65 per cent, while competing makes with larger engine sizes had, in some instances, been forced to endure a 25 point rise - from 60 per cent to 85 per cent. Needless to say, coupled with the recessionary environment, the latter category have become price uncompetitive.

Arguing that the move from a CIF (Cost, Insurance Freight) basis to engine size had "probably knocked out 90 per cent of the market" for larger vehicles, especially when combined with tighter bank lending controls, Mr Barr told Tribune Business: "When you're talking about bank payments, a difference of 25 per cent on the duty represents a 15 per cent increase on the retail price."

"Vehicles have been going up by \$7,000, \$8,000, \$9,000 as a result, but if the duty went up by 5 per cent, the retail price is showing an increase of \$1,000-\$1,500."

The commercial vehicle market, featuring makes such as taxis and trucks, had been decimated by the 2010-2011 Budget changes, Mr Barr explained, as all were automatically pushed into the 85 per cent duty category by virtue of engine size.

"I think you will find it's fallen off dramatically for commercial vehicle sales, as they have all been impacted by the new duty structure. Commercial vehicle sales have been severely impacted," Mr Barr said.

"Commercial vehicles have been hit extremely hard, and I don't know what the solution is. It's tough. Truth be told, commercial vehicles are a major part of all franchise dealers' sales. With the four-door trucks, people could put the family in them and also use them for work to make a couple of dollars."

"All of those vehicles have gone up by 25 percentage points, which is a huge increase, and the banks are reluctant to lend. They may give you \$38-\$39,000, but not \$51,000. It's probably knocked out 90 per cent of the market."

Mr Barr told Tribune Business that many Bahamas-based new car dealers were also having to contend with an increase in their manufacturers' prices, on top of the duty rise.

Given the significant retail price increases on new vehicle models, and the difficulty in obtaining debt financing, many Bahamian consumers are switching to one of three options. Purchases of smaller vehicles with engine sizes that attract the lower duty rates; keeping their existing vehicles or going to the pre-owned, used car market.

While overall BMDA sales figures for the 2011 second quarter were up 7 per cent on both the 2010 comparative period and the 2011 first quarter, Mr Barr said: "The increase reflects certain vehicle lines with dramatic sales increases."

"They were quite popular vehicle lines before, but are now benefiting even more from lower duties. That puts them at a bigger advantage over vehicles with larger engines that fall into the higher duty categories, and makes them not as competitive as in the past."

Many Bahamian new car dealers were moving to transition their fleet inventories to smaller cars and engine sizes, but some models may not be available - at least not in sufficient quantities.

Referring to the headline numbers, Mr Barr said: "It doesn't mean to say things are good. Obviously in some areas things are good; in some areas things are terrible."

"It's been a year of adjustment," he added. "Right now, in the car business, it's a struggle to keep people employed and not add to the recession. You've got to focus on the service and parts segments of the business, and accept the fact that sales are greatly diminished and unlikely to return to the level they were before, as far as I see it."

"Purchasing habits are being forcefully changed. Whether that's a good or bad thing, I don't know, but for a lot of dealers it's a major

problem.

"The figures on the surface look pretty good, but if you analyse how vehicles are being sold, a few vehicle lines are doing really well, but others are hardly selling at all."

Fred Albury, Executive Motor's owner/president, agreed that there were "a lot of mixed scenarios out there", with June having been "the worst month" of 2011 to date.

"The year started off reasonably better than last year," he explained. "Overall, it's up a bit, but there was a lot of concern when we looked at the numbers for June and analysed them. June was the worst month of the year. July, from where I sit, is not looking much better. I'm basing it on floor traffic coming in."

Executive Motors is the Toyota dealer, and while disruption to new car production and deliveries from Japan had been a factor, Mr Albury said 'seasonal factors' such as the traditionally quieter summer period were also at play.

He added that the Japanese yen's relative strength against the US dollar, making the former country's vehicles relatively more expensive in the Bahamas, was another issue. However, this has been offset to some extent for Mr

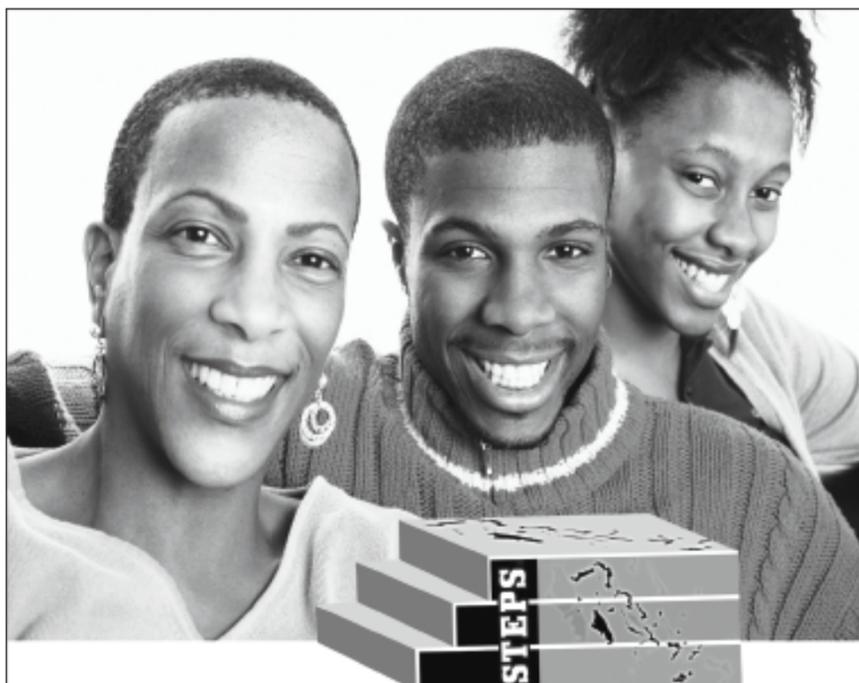
Albury's business by the weakness of the Korean currency against the US dollar, something that has aided sales of the Hyundai and Kia brands.

"The bright spots are the Korean products, so the Kia and the Hyundai are performing very well, and those two are picking up the slack from the Japanese brands," Mr Albury said.

"It's a very mixed picture. I feel that by the 2011 third quarter we will be back to normal just about [on the Japanese brands], but the price of the product is way, way up there, so it pushes people to the Korean brands."

Mr Albury said the company was "putting a lot of emphasis" on marketing its Korean brands, but agreed with Mr Barr that while overall industry sales numbers were above 2010 figures, it was "not across the board like last year".

"It's based on brands, and the earthquake scenario and pricing are causing some brands to be down," Mr Albury said. "The auto industry is like a lot of industries out there. You've got to keep slugging a it to keep your head above water."



What is STEPS?

STEPS is a health survey similar to the recent national census. It is being conducted by the Ministry of Health in conjunction with the World Health Organization. Information is collected on risk factors for chronic diseases. These risk factors include tobacco use, alcohol consumption, physical activity, intake of fruits and vegetables, high blood pressure, high blood glucose (sugar), obesity and high fat levels in the blood. STEPS has three levels (1) interview questionnaire, (2) measurements of height, weight and blood pressure and waist circumference (3) finger stick tests for sugar and fats.

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- 1) Questionnaire
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'Double dip recession' fears over US impasse

obligations. The rating agencies might take action as early as this week, and a credit rating cut could trigger a rise in US government borrowing costs. That would have the knock-on effect of increasing all US interest rates, raising the cost of money for all US businesses and consumers alike.

That, in turn, could shatter both US private sector and consumer confidence, with immediate implications for the Bahamas in terms of visitor and group booking willingness to travel, plus foreign direct investment inflows.

"We'll get caught in the tailwinds like any other country," Mr Smith warned. "A lot of that debt is held by China, so if they decide not to renew it, interest rates in the US will go up. If that happens, we will go into a double dip recession, same as the rest of the western world..... Any downward impact on consumer spending will affect us."

The former finance minister added that attracting foreign direct investment, and channelling it into the right areas of the Bahamian economy, was critical to addressing this nation's own \$4.3 billion national debt, since it was the only way to grow the economy out of recession.

Local savings provided an

insufficient capital pool to do this, Mr Smith added, and the Bahamas needs to soon address the national debt and its ratio to gross domestic product (GDP).

Sharp

The latter ratio is approaching 60 per cent of GDP, and the growth trajectory has been relatively sharp over the past four years as the Government undertook stimulus spending to arrest the economy's fall during the recession. Both the debt and growth rate need to be brought back on to a sustainable path.

"Our way out of this is to grow the economy," Mr Smith told Tribune Business. "There isn't sufficient local savings to do that, so the continued thrust in the medium-term has to be foreign direct investment and channelling it into avenues consistent with our development pattern."

Such avenues, he said,

included both the second home and domestic housing markets. Another possibility was "boutique types of hotels" in the Family Islands, Mr Smith pointing out that Abaco had "grown quite nicely from a combination of local and foreign investment".

"We just need to tweak the existing model somewhat," he added. "We have

hundreds of square miles of sea and marine life. We've got to find ways to make this more productive, particularly where we have built-up demand for marine products.

"I don't know too much about the likes of turtle farming, conch farming. Our research and development is almost zero."



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COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS 2009/CLE/qui/101

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Common Law & Equity Side

IN THE MATTER of the Quieting Titles Act

AND

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of all that piece parcel or lot of land situate on the Southern side of Paradise Island and abutting into the Nassau Harbour containing 18,920 square feet being a portion of the sea bed and situate in front of lots two (2), three (3) and a portion of lot one (1) in the Colonial Heights Subdivision on the Southern Coast of Paradise Island in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas

COPIES of the said Plan may be inspected during Normal Office hours at the following places:-

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In the City of Nassau on the Island of New Providence
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in the City of Nassau on the Island of New Providence, The Bahamas

NOTICE is hereby given that any person having Dower or a right to Dower or any Adverse Claim or a Claim not recognized in the Petition shall on or before the 19 day of September 2011 file in the Supreme Court in the City of Nassau aforesaid and serve on the Petitioner a Statement of claim in the Prescribed form verified by an Affidavit to be filed therewith. Failure of any such person to file and serve a Statement of Claim on or before the 19 day of September 2011 will operate as a bar to such claim.

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52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Previous Close	Today's Close	Change	Daily Vol.	EPS	Div \$	P/E	Yield
1.19	0.95	AML Foods Limited		1.18	1.18	0.00	0.155	0.080	7.6	6.78%	
10.63	9.05	Bahamas Property Fund		10.63	10.63	0.00	0.640	0.080	-16.6	0.75%	
7.50	4.40	Bank of Bahamas		6.94	6.94	0.00	0.230	0.100	30.2	1.44%	
0.53	0.17	Benchmark		0.18	0.18	0.00	0.048	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
2.84	2.70	Bahamas Waste		2.70	2.70	0.00	0.030	0.090	90.0	3.33%	
1.96	1.77	Fidelity Bank		1.77	1.77	0.00	0.097	0.040	18.2	2.26%	
11.93	8.44	Cable Bahamas		8.48	8.48	0.00	0.245	0.310	34.6	3.66%	
2.80	2.35	Colina Holdings		2.55	2.55	0.00	0.438	0.040	5.8	1.57%	
8.50	8.33	Commonwealth Brewery		8.40	8.40	0.00	0.740	0.000	11.4	0.00%	
7.00	6.00	Commonwealth Bank (S1)		6.88	6.88	0.00	0.496	0.260	13.9	3.78%	
2.19	1.90	Consolidated Water BDRs		1.77	1.77	0.00	0.111	0.045	15.9	2.54%	
2.54	1.31	Doctor's Hospital		1.38	1.38	0.00	0.074	0.110	18.6	7.97%	
5.99	4.75	Farguard		5.40	5.40	0.00	0.498	0.240	10.8	4.44%	
8.80	5.35	Finco		5.39	5.39	0.00	0.757	0.000	7.1	0.00%	
9.74	7.75	FirstCaribbean Bank		8.60	8.60	0.00	0.494	0.350	17.4	4.07%	
6.00	4.59	Focol (S)		5.75	5.75	0.00	0.435	0.160	13.2	2.78%	
11.4	10.00	Focol Class B Preference		1.00	1.00	0.00	0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
7.30	5.50	ICD Utilities		7.30	7.30	0.00	-0.122	0.240	-59.8	3.29%	
10.80	9.80	J. S. Johnson		9.82	9.82	0.00	0.880	0.640	11.2	6.52%	
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate		10.00	10.00	0.00	1.207	0.200	8.3	2.00%	
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		5 Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015			
BISX Listed Mutual Funds											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD%	Last 12 Months %	NAV 3MTH	NAV 6MTH	NAV Date			
1.5573	1.4674	CFAL Bond Fund	1.5573	2.04%	6.13%	1.535365	1.512246	30-Apr-11			
3.0185	2.9020	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	3.0185	2.41%	4.01%	2.952663	2.907492	30-Apr-11			
1.5976	1.5289	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.5976	1.50%	4.50%	1.580804	1.561030	29-Apr-11			
3.2025	2.5730	Royal Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	2.5730	-5.41%	-9.79%			31-May-11			
13.6806	13.0484	Royal Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.6806	2.42%	2.01%			31-Mar-11			
116.5808	103.9837	CFAL Global Bond Fund	116.5808	0.71%	8.38%	115.762221	114.368369	31-Mar-11			
9.9252	101.7254	CFAL Equity Fund	114.1259	2.39%	7.89%	111.469744	106.552835	31-Mar-11			
1.1608	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.1655	1.66%	5.19%			30-Apr-11			
1.1214	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.1264	0.71%	6.11%			30-Apr-11			
1.1620	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.1668	1.54%	5.59%			30-Apr-11			
9.9433	9.9433	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 1	9.9433	0.98%	4.58%			31-May-11			
11.2173	10.0000	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 2	11.1970	1.31%	11.59%			30-Jun-11			
10.4288	9.1708	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 3	10.1525	1.27%	8.82%			30-Jun-11			
8.4510	8.4105	Royal Fidelity Int'l Fund - Equities Sub Fund	8.6507	3.01%	18.38%			30-Apr-11			
MARKET TERMS											
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52wk-Low - Lowest closing price in last 52 weeks											
Previous Close - Previous day's weighted price for daily volume											
Today's Close - Current day's weighted price for daily volume											
Change - Change in closing price from day to day											
Daily Vol. - Number of total shares traded today											
DIV \$ - Dividends per share paid in the last 12 months											
P/E - Closing price divided by the last 12 month earnings											
(S) - 4-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 8/9/2007											
(S1) - 3-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 7/1/2007											
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Bid \$ - Buying price of Colina and Fidelity											
Ask \$ - Selling price of Colina and Fidelity											
Last Price - Last traded over-the-counter price											
Weekly Vol. - Trading volume of the prior week											
EPS \$ - A company's reported earnings per share for the last 12 mths											
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INSIGHT

NKOREAN OFFICIAL TO GO TO US FOR NUCLEAR TALKS

BALI, Indonesia
Associated Press

A SENIOR North Korean official will visit the United States this week to discuss the possible resumption of long-stalled international negotiations on ending Pyongyang's nuclear programs, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Sunday.

The news that diplomats could be close to reviving six-nation disarmament talks that broke off in 2008 comes after more than a year of animosity and high tension between the rival Koreas and raises hopes in a region on edge. Two attacks Seoul blames on Pyongyang last year killed 50 South Koreans and led to threats of war.

Clinton's invitation for North Korean Vice Foreign Minister Kim Kye Gwan to visit New York follows a crucial meeting Friday between nuclear negotiators from North and South Korea on the sidelines of a regional forum of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, in Bali. It was the first such meeting since disarmament talks collapsed in 2008, and the envoys agreed to work toward the resumption of six-nation negotiations.

The recent diplomacy comes after more than a year of hardline unity by Washington and Seoul since international investigators said a North Korean torpedo sank a South Korean warship in March of last year, killing 46 sailors. The South demanded the North show regret for the warship sinking and an artillery attack on a front-line South Korean island that killed four in November.

North Korea denies a role in the sinking and says South Korea provoked the island shelling. While refusing to apologize, however, Pyongyang has repeatedly shown a willingness to return to the disarmament talks. The North is seen as needing a diplomatic breakthrough and outside food aid ahead of the 2012 centennial of the birth of the country's founder, Kim Il Sung.

"We are open to talks with North Korea, but we do not intend to reward the North just for returning to the table," Clinton said in a statement announcing Kim Kye Gwan's trip to the U.S. "We will not give them anything new for actions they have already agreed to take. And we have no appetite for pursuing protracted negotiations that will only lead us right back to where we have already been."

The wariness is in line with past U.S. statements that ally Seoul must be satisfied with the North's sincerity before Washington will act.

During Kim's trip, he will meet with a team of U.S. officials to explore his country's commitment to returning to the international talks and taking concrete steps toward disarmament, Clinton said in the statement.

It was unclear what days Kim, the North's former chief nuclear envoy, will visit New York. The announcement follows an earlier meeting between Clinton and the foreign ministers of South Korea and Japan in Bali.

The nuclear negotiations involve the two Koreas, the U.S., China, Japan and Russia.

North Korean Foreign Minister Pak Ui Chun said in comments released Sunday by the country's state media that the Korean peninsula now stands "on the crossroads of detente and the vicious cycle of escalating tension."

The countries involved, Pak said, must "make the best use of (the) opportunity of dialogue and make a bold decision to settle the fundamental issue."

Diplomats have been eager for the two rivals to ease tensions.

Since the last round of talks, North Korea has conducted a second nuclear test and revealed a uranium enrichment facility that could give it another way to make atomic bombs.

Recent North Korean threats against Seoul's conservative government include a pledge to retaliate over South Korean soldiers' use of pictures of the ruling North Korean family for target practice.



IN THIS PHOTO released by Miraflores Presidential Press Office, Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez, center, review the troops accompanied by his Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro, left, and his Vice President Elias Jaua upon his arrival at the airport in Maiquetia, Venezuela, Saturday. Chavez made an unannounced return to Venezuela on Saturday night after spending a week in Cuba undergoing chemotherapy, saying that he expects a series of additional cancer treatments will take time. (AP)

'A LONG PROCESS OF ADDITIONAL TREATMENT LIES AHEAD'

CHAVEZ RETURNS TO VENEZUELA FROM CUBA AFTER CHEMO

CARACAS, Venezuela
Associated Press

VENEZUELAN President Hugo Chavez said he soldiered through his first week of chemotherapy in Cuba with only minor discomfort but that a long process of additional treatment lies ahead as he confronts cancer.

Chavez, 56, made an unannounced return to Venezuela late Saturday after spending a week in Cuba undergoing treatment. He strode away from the plane down a red carpet while troops stood at attention.

"This body of mine, of a cadet and a soldier, held up," Chavez said on television after his arrival, adding that he had "some small discomfort."

"It's a hard treatment. It finished yesterday. Today a little bit of rest and here we are," he said. Chavez said he is ready to "continue the battle."

State television broadcast footage of Chavez being greeted at the airport by Vice President Elias Jaua and other ministers.

Chavez said the chemotherapy in the past week went well but that risks

remain and he expects his treatments to continue for an extended period. He did not say how long.

"It's important that the Venezuelan people don't believe that everything is done," Chavez said. "We're in a complete process of fighting very hard, and it takes its time. We're winning it and we'll win it, but it takes its time and its rhythms."

Surgery

The president underwent surgery in Cuba on June 20 to remove a cancerous tumor, which he said was the size of a baseball. He hasn't said what type of cancer he has been diagnosed with or specified where exactly it was located, saying only that it was in his pelvic region. He says chemotherapy is necessary to ensure cancer cells don't reappear.

Chavez said that a day after he arrived in Cuba on July 16, he underwent "intense studies that they call medical imaging." He said 126 images showed that "no presence of malig-

nant cells was detected in any part of my body."

"In any case the risk exists," Chavez added. "For that reason the chemotherapy, which was given to me the whole week in various sessions."

Chavez said Friday that he had successfully completed a "first cycle" of chemotherapy and will next begin the second of various additional stages. He did not say when the next series of chemotherapy treatments would begin.

Chavez said Fidel Castro, who has been at his side throughout much of his treatment, had suggested that the Venezuelan leader closely follow his doctors' orders and be conscious that his health is still at risk. Chavez said that "for my complete return, I should be disciplined."

During the past week in Cuba, Chavez was largely out of the public eye but kept up a steady stream of messages on his Twitter account, ranging from government announcements to cheering for the national soccer team.

While in Cuba during the past week, Chavez also received visits by

Ecuador's president, Rafael Correa, and Argentine soccer legend Diego Maradona.

Chavez said that before leaving Havana for Caracas on Saturday, he also met with Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega.

Happiness

Upon his arrival in Caracas on Saturday night, Chavez said: "I address the country from my heart to express my immense happiness and gladness to be in Venezuela after one week."

"Throughout this week, I haven't lost an instant in my attention to Venezuela — what happens, the problems, the solutions," he said.

The leftist president, who has been in power since 1999, has said he intends to run for re-election in late 2012 despite his illness.

"After this week of intense work in Cuba with a quality Venezuelan and Cuban medical team, I should tell you... that I've come back better than I left," he said.

A CUBAN HOUSING MARKET? GOVT IS LIFTING A TABOO

HAVANA
Associated Press

EACH MORNING before the sun rises too high, Cubans gather at a shaded corner in central Havana, mingling as though at a cocktail party. The ice-breaker is always the same: "What are you offering?"

This is Cuba's informal real-estate bazaar, where a chronic housing shortage brings everyone from newlyweds to retirees together to strike deals that often involve thousands of dollars in under-the-table payments. They're breaking not just the law but communist doctrine by trading and profiting in property, and now their government is about to get in on the action.

President Raul Castro has pledged to legalize the purchase and sale of homes by the end of the year, bringing this informal market out of the shadows as part of an economic reform package under which Cuba is already letting islanders go into business for themselves in 178 designated activities, as restaurateurs, wedding planners, plumbers, carpenters.

An aboveboard housing market promises multiple benefits for the cash-strapped island: It would help ease a housing crunch, stimulate construction employment and generate badly needed tax revenue. It would attack corruption by officials who accept bribes to sign off on illicit deals, and give people options to seek peaceful resolutions to black-market disputes

that occasionally erupt into violence.

It's also likely to suck up more hard currency from Cubans abroad who can be counted on to send their families cash to buy, expand and remodel homes, especially since President Barack Obama relaxed the 50-year-old economic embargo to allow unlimited remittances by Cuban-Americans.

"All these things are tied in," said Sergio Diaz-Briquets, a U.S.-based demography expert. "They want expatriate Cubans to contribute money to the Cuban state, and this is one big incentive for people who want to help their families."

Complex

But few changes are likely to be as complex and hard to implement as real estate reform.

From the earliest days of the revolution, Fidel Castro railed against exploitative, absentee landlords, and enacted a reform that gave property ownership to whoever lived in a home, regardless of who held title. Most who have left the island forfeited their properties to the state. The government, Castro preached, would provide everything a citizen could need: employment, food, education and housing, all for little or no money at all.

But the housing stock, already run down before the revolution, continued to deteriorate, the U.S. embargo choked off the supply of building materials, and

new construction failed to keep pace with demand.

Meanwhile, cyclones and salty air can start eating through metal bars in a year and have decimated rural shanties and older quarters of Havana. Empty lots dot the capital's seaside Malecon boulevard as once-stately mansions regularly collapse following heavy rains. Many of those still standing are merely facades or are propped up by scaffolding and wooden beams.

While they wait for the new law to be enacted and the specifics to be announced, Cubans have few legal options. They can enroll in cooperative construction projects, build on existing properties or join the long waiting list for government housing. Or they can head to the open-air real-estate market in hopes of negotiating a "permuta," which officially is a swap of equal-value properties but in reality usually involves illegal cash on the side.

Many enlist the services of "runners" like Manuel Valdez, an 83-year-old ex-military man who has been brokering the transactions for four decades. At the downtown bazaar, Valdez holds court on a concrete bench, keeping track of real estate offers in a tattered notebook and on posterboard that he tapes to a tree.

Gesturing at the people milling around hoping to strike a deal, Valdez said housing is such a problem that legalisation was inevitable: "This is a situation that the state had to get off its

back one way or another."

There's also www.revolico.com, a kind of Cuban Craigslist that has real estate ads asking tens of thousands of dollars. Site operators claim the real estate section alone gets 30,000 unique visits a month even though islanders must find a way around the Web censors.

Some Cubans enter into sham marriages to make deed transfers easier. Others move into homes ostensibly to care for an elderly person living there. They register at the address and, after enough time passes, can legally claim the "inherited" title. Nowhere is there an official record of the money changing hands.

A Havana professional with a job that pays far more than most salaries on the island told of swapping his tiny apartment about 10 years ago for a bigger, historic home whose bathroom and roof were falling apart, and whose occupants, a 60-something couple, could no longer manage.

The couple took over his recently remodeled and repainted flat. They also received \$1,200 in cash — something that will no longer be illegal once Castro's housing reform takes effect.

The professional reflected on the anomaly of people with money but no home to buy, and people with bigger homes than they need, and the risk they all run trying to change their circumstances. Some Cubans have had their homes confiscated

when their illegal sales came to light.

"It would be so helpful if you could do that legally," he said, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the transaction's illicit nature.

"It is such a big problem, the housing situation," said Diaz-Briquets, who estimated in a recent paper that the country of 11 million people was short 1.6 million units of "adequate housing" in 2010.

"They have been trying for years to solve it, and it's finally dawned on them that the state is never going to do it."

Shortfall

The Cuban government puts the shortfall at closer to 500,000 homes. Still, the result is legions of bickering divorcees trapped under the same roof; newlyweds forced to bunk up with siblings, cousins, uncles, and aunts; and elderly people unable to repair their crumbling homes.

Juana Ines Delgado's plight is typical. She shares her tiny studio in Old Havana with her grown son, married daughter and 4-year-old granddaughter, while her son-in-law spends nights at his aunt's place down the street.

"It's a marriage that's not the way a marriage should be, you know what I mean?" said Delgado, 61. "My situation is what it is. ... But I hope my children don't have to end their days here."

SQUATTER SETTLEMENTS

FROM page 12B

Our immigration policies are literally tearing families apart. I grew up with a friend whose professional parents lived here on a work permit. We grew up together from primary school all the way to high school. The government eventually naturalized her and her siblings but refused to do so with her parents, who had been contributing members of society for decades. My friend's parents were forced to move back to their country of birth after establishing their roots in the Bahamas and growing their seeds in Bahamian soil. Many Bahamians would look at this case as an example of the successful implementation of our immigration policy. I say what a shame.

If I were a Bahamian-born child of Haitian parents, who were legally employed to a Bahamian family in the 1970s, and I came of age to apply for citizenship in the 1990s, and because of some procedure inefficiency, or some misplaced political cowardice, 20 years later I was still without citizenship, I would rightfully be upset and fully deserving of some due process. Why, if the government announced, it was going to take my file out of the filing cabinet and figure out what was the hold up, should Bahamians be outraged at that?

Had my grandfather not been a Progressive Liberal Party supporter in the early 1990s and my Jamaican-born mother not been a beloved teacher of many Bahamian children in the public school system, her application for citizenship might have been counted amongst those now infamous 1,300.

I am so sick of politicians manipulating information to stoke xenophobic fears for their own political advantage, and the nerve that they would do so in the name of their love for the Bahamas. Branville McCartney, who is under advisement by the one and only Loftus Roker, is currently milking all he can from the furor around the Ministry of Housing's activities in Mackey Yard and recent disclo-



THE MACKEY YARD land has now been cleared for a planned subdivision

tures by Brent Symonette, Minister of Immigration.

After Mr McCartney claimed the government was attempting to "secretly regularize thousands of non-Bahamians on the run up to election," Mr Symonette refuted the claims and suggested that Mr McCartney was perhaps misled by the grapevine's reporting of a new initiative at the Department of Immigration.

That initiative he said was the government's employment of 12 people to investigate the status of some 1,300 applications that have been sitting dormant for years.

These applicants have nothing to do with the former residents of

Mackey Yard, or the current subdivision being developed.

And yet, Mr McCartney, I suppose in his attempt to make aged political cheese, released his latest statement on the matter of "the 1,300" to say: "The DNA, along with scores of Bahamians across the length and breadth of the Bahamas, is increasingly troubled by the government of the Bahamas' attempt to secretly regularise thousands of non-Bahamians during an election season, while at the same time admittedly following the fashion of the Christie administration and its old 'land give-away' practices."

To use this government initia-

tive, which will hopefully give hundreds of entitled applicants their due process, to advance the completely invented notion that the government is attempting to "secretly regularize thousands of non-Bahamians on the run up to election" is blatantly disingenuous. It is a political strategy taken out of the crudest of political play books being advanced by the so-called "different" political party.

There are sinister efforts at play, trying to tie the Department of Immigration's efforts to the alleged land sale at Mackey Yard.

No one is truly interested in an explanation, the facts of the matter, or doing their own investigation.

The many people who are feigning outrage over the airways are simply satisfied with playing up the possibility in order to feed their own egos, their misplaced senses of superiority and righteousness, and to obtain a political advantage.

They are not interested in social unity; they are not interested in peace; they are not interested in taking responsibility as a society.

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SQUATTER SETTLEMENTS



MACKEY YARD

THE REMAINS of the Mackey Yard settlement are pictured in December 2010, after it was devastated by fire. Since the blaze, the issue of squatter settlements has featured prominently in the news.

By NOELLE NICOLLS
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ON THE matter of squatter settlements, the government is being misleadingly vague about how much information it has on the squatter problem when in fact the government has been mining information on squatter settlements in an organized manner for years. The most recent data from a government study that was internally published in January 2011 indicates there are 38 documented squatter settlements in New Providence, for which only 10 are known to be on government land.

In the 26 cases where the land tenure is known, the overwhelming majority – 61 per cent – of these housing communities are located on private land. Between 2004 and 2010 several of these settlements were converted into housing subdivisions. Pride Estates, Dignity Gardens, Mandarin Close Subdivision and Ross Davis Estates all stand where squatter settlements once existed.

In the case of Pride Estates, reliable sources have told me that Bahamian police officers and defence force officers who were squatting on the land counted themselves amongst the many who got land in the regularized subdivision. I say that because Bahamians love to put a colour, an accent and a status to squatters when very often they are speaking about those who they count amongst their own.

All in all, the total size of squatter settlements in New Providence, measured by structure count, is 940, according to well-placed Tribune sources. There was a net increase in

How Bahamian people have sanctioned the growth and development of squatter communities

the size of squatter settlements between 2004 and 2010, with the number of structures increasing by 407 and decreasing by 238. Well placed sources say the government knows exactly how many Bahamians and how many legal Haitians inhabit those dwellings. This would seem plausible based on the mere fact that immigration raids into squatter settlements target those who are illegal. This is not to dismiss the fact that residents with status are harassed, sometimes to a severe degree, during these operations.

Bahamian people have sanctioned the growth and development of squatter settlements by virtue of their own administrative negligence, and failure to establish a proper plan for the integration of its immigrant community. As a result, people, Bahamian and non-Bahamian, have established families and livelihoods in squatter settlements. Regardless of how one judges the living standards in these settlements, they are at the end of the day housing communities. And how irresponsible is it for Bahamian people to believe they have the unabated right to destroy these communities at any and all cost or expense. That is a recipe for social

upheaval, which is what Bahamians continue to bring on themselves.

History and geography played a large role in the integrated society in which we now live, but we were also participants in the creation of this reality, and now we selfishly do not want to accept who we are. Every Bahamian family, including my own, has a story to tell over the past 38 years of independence and beyond of a Haitian national who they employed, a Guyanese national who they were taught by or a Jamaican national who wiped their backsides as a child. We should not be ashamed of that. How could we? “These people” formed our community; in many instances they became a part of our biological family. And now we want to raise hell because the immigrant community over the years integrated into the society as best as we allowed them to. Now we want to raise hell because people who were born and bred in the Bahamas want to call themselves Bahamian.

The people living in squatter settlements have developed communities as best they could in order to serve a Bahamian labour force that employs them. Now, Bahamians think of Haitians as our slave mas-

ters, those who once were good enough to cook our food, wash our clothes and nurse our suckling babies, but are not good enough to live in our houses, eat our food or cohabit with our children.

The Haitian community has been pushed to the margins by the very people who gave birth to them, literally and figuratively. Many of the so-called upstanding Bahamian men in society, who have sweetheating down to a science, have children born of Haitian mothers roaming the streets with no clue of their heritage. These are the children we claim have no right to call themselves Bahamian?

In trying to have a balanced debate about the Haitian community and the problems we so readily ascribe to them I had to ask myself a question: Why is it that in the face of facts, evidence and rational arguments that prove many of the claims levelled against the Haitian community to be false and unfounded that Bahamians are still mulish, inflexible and unyielding in their beliefs?

I found my answer with Dr Amos Wilson, a man who ranks amongst the top black scholars in the modern world. He says it is because the individuals who hold these beliefs have a personal interest in the persistence of those beliefs. In other words, no manner of logic or evidence can dissuade them otherwise, because their beliefs are not based on logic or evidence. They are based on self-reinforcing tall tales. He was speaking about the general beliefs that persistently linger about the African race, but his thoughts are more than relevant in relation to our beliefs of the immigrant community.

Unfortunately, Haitians take the heat, but the Bahamian view of “the other” is all the same, except when it comes to those who arrive in private jets with their pockets fat and their suntan lotion in toe.

Some Bahamians have a strange concept of a pure blooded Bahamian or a real Bahamian that I simply cannot grasp. You would be hard pressed to find a Bahamian of any and every means over the age of 40 who does not have an immediate family connection to another Caribbean island, the United States or the old empire.

So who are the real Bahamians? We have some people around here who are the descendants of other people who came here as “masters”, procreated on Bahamian soil, passed on property and wealth gained under an illegal illegitimate colonial system, and happened to stick around until we negotiated an independence. Are they the real Bahamians? Many of these people, who are the inheritors of ill-gotten wealth: are they the real Bahamians?

Between May 2007 and June 2010, the government approved 10,012 permits to reside, and another 22,839 permits between May 2002 and May 2007. Like it or not, the Bahamas has an enormous immigrant community, living and working legally in the country. In that same eight year time period, the government granted 3,227 citizenships; 2,747 permanent residency applications and 3,792 spousal permits. Bahamians need to wake up. We are a multicultural society and our misdirected hate is unnecessarily stirring social tension.

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Anthonique strikes gold, sets a new meet record

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The Bahamas' 35-member team in competition at the 2011 Pan American Junior Track & Field Championships concluded with a number of spirited individual efforts and a single record-setting performance.

In Miramar, Florida, the team finished the meet with a total of 10 medals, including three gold, two silver and five bronze.

Anthonique Strachan led the charge and continued her stellar 2011 season with another record-setting performance and four medals at the meet.

On the opening day, Strachan won the first medal for the Bahamas with a bronze in the 100m. Her time of 11.46s finished behind Michelle-lee Ahye of

Trinidad and Tobago who set a new meet record in 11.25s and Keilah Tyson of the United States who was second in 11.39s. V'Alonee Robinson was sixth in 11.58s.

Strachan set a new meet record in the women's 200m with her gold medal winning time of 22.70s. She surpassed the previous mark of 22.93s set by Shalonda Solomon of the United States in 2003.

Sixteen-year-old Carmeisha Cox, the youngest member in the final, finished seventh in 23.95s.

Kai Selvon of Trinidad and Tobago finished second in 22.961s, narrowly edging out Jessica Davis of the United States who was third in 22.96s.

Katrina Seymour also claimed gold in the first event of the final session of competition. She took first place in the women's 400m hurdles in 57.87s.



ANTHONIQUE STRACHAN

Danielle Dowie of Jamaica was second in 58.55s and Deborah Rodriguez of Uruguay third in 59.10s.

In the men's high jump, a single attempt separated Ryan Ingraham from the gold medal. Ingraham cleared 2.22m, as did winner Maalik Reynolds of the United States. However, he failed on his first attempt.

All other entrants in the event were forced to bow

- Katrina Seymour wins gold in 400 hurdles
- Women's 4 x 400 relay team gets the gold

out at 2.15m.

The medal streak also continued for one half of the dynamic Collie-Minns triple jump duo. Latario finished third with a bronze medal jump of 15.93m, while his counterpart Lathone was sixth with a leap of 15.44m.

Elton Walcott of Trinidad and Tobago was first with 16.51m, while Phillip Young of the United States finished second with 16.01m.

Female triple jumper Tamara Myers took silver in her signature event with a leap of 12.85m.

Both 400m relay teams reached the medal podium

in the evening session yesterday.

The women's team of Devynne Charlton, Robinson, Cox and Strachan took the gold medal in 45.04s, ahead of Jamaica (45.37s) and Canada (46.35s).

The men's team of Blake Bartlett, Delano Davis, Shavez Hart and Trevorvano Mackey finished third for the bronze in 40.26s.

In the 1600m relays, the Bahamas secured a pair of bronze medals.

The women's team of Strachan, Charlton, Seymour and Pedra Seymour finished third in 3:42.61s while the men's team of Nejni Burnside, Hart, Andre Wells and Julian Munroe ran third in 3:14.96s.

Other finalists during yesterday's closing session included:

In the men's 200m, Trevorvano Mackey finished eighth in the finals in 21.36s.

Kirani James of Jamaica took first place in 20.53s while Sean McLean and Edward Hadnot finished second and third in 20.69s and 20.82s.

In the men's 400m hurdles, Patrick Bodie finished fifth in 54.38s.

In the women's high jump, Kenya Culmer finished seventh with a leap of 1.70m.

Shanay Briscoe of the United States took first place with a leap of 1.83m, Alyxandria Treasure of Canada was second with 1.80m and Kimberley Williamson of Jamaica was third with the same height.

Middle distance runner James Carey finished 10th in the 1500m in 4:07.88s.

The last Bahamian team won a total of 10 medals – five gold, two silver, and three bronze – at the Central American and Caribbean Track and Field Championships in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, finishing in fourth place to Jamaica, Cuba, and Trinidad and Tobago.

Just a week before that, the Bahamas World Youth team won an amazing three gold and one bronze to finish fourth, quite an historic feat.

The Junior Pan Am Track and Field Championships featured the best of the athletes from the Carifta Games competing with track and field's best from Canada in the north to Chile in the south along with track and field powerhouses like the United States, Cuba, and Brazil.

Bahamas routs Cayman by 53

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THE opening night of the 21st Caribbean Basketball Confederation Championships exceeded expectations for scores of anxious Bahamian spectators who witnessed the home team open competition in dominant fashion.

In the feature game at the Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium Saturday night, Team Bahamas took a staggering 94-41 win over the Cayman Islands.

CJ Hinds led the Bahamas with a game high 21 points and spearheaded a balanced scoring effort which saw three players finish in double figures and seven finish with at least eight points.

Torrington Cox added 13, Mitchell Johnson finished with 11, J R Cadot, Eugene Bain and Jamal Douglas each finished with nine and Keno Burrows chipped in with eight.

Jorge Ebanks led the Cayman Islands with 11 points.

The Bahamas' hot shooting and advantage on the boards propelled the home team to an early lead as they led wire to wire in the win.

They shot 58 per cent from the field and 42 per cent from three-point range while out-rebounding the visitors 51-25.

Hinds shot a blistering 6-9 from the field and 3-5 from beyond the arch to go along with three steals.

Bain led the effort on the boards with 10 and was just a single point away from the game's only double double.

Douglas finished with seven rebounds while veteran point guard Quentin Hall added six points and five assists.

The Bahamas led 28-14 after the opening quarter and widened the margin to a 48-24 lead.

After winning the third quarter



Felipe Major/Tribune staff

FEATURE GAME: Team Bahamas took a staggering 94-41 win over the Cayman Islands during the 21st Caribbean Basketball Confederation Championships at Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium Saturday night. **SEE PHOTOS ON PAGES 4 & 5E**

23-10, the home team took a 71-34 lead into the final period and widened the margin to as much as 58 in the fourth quarter.

In Sunday night's action, Cayman Islands played British Virgin Islands, Antigua faced the US Virgin Islands and the Bahamas was again featured in the final game against Bermuda. However, results were unavailable up to press time last night. Other results from day one of the tournament included

Bermuda over St Vincent and the Grenadines, 75-56. Sullivan Phillips led the game for Bermuda with 18 points, 11 assists, five rebounds and four steals.

In game number two, Jamaica topped Antigua, 92-78. Akeem Scott had a huge game with 33 points, six rebounds, four assists, five steals and three blocks.

Antigua was led by Julius Hodge and Lennox McCoy, who scored 24 and 22 points in a losing effort.

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SPORTS

Trio representing Bahamas at 14th FINA World Swim Championships

THREE of the Bahamas' elite swimmers are representing the island nation at the 14th FINA World Swimming Championships in Shanghai, China.

Elvis Vereance Burrows, Alana Dillette and Arianna Vanderpool-Wallace began competition yesterday with Burrows in the 50m butterfly, according to a press release.

"Burrows will also see competition in the 50 freestyle while Alana Dillette will compete in the 50 & 100 backstroke and 50 butterfly and Arianna Vanderpool-Wallace will swim the 50 & 100 freestyle. This is the first time that the FINA World Cham-

pionships have had qualifying times established by FINA and the cut times were faster than the qualifying times for the Beijing Olympics," said the release.

The team is being coached by Lionel Moreau who also coached the Bahamas team in Dubai at the World Short Course Championships when Vanderpool-Wallace won the first ever Bahamas medal at the FINA World Championships in the 100 freestyle. Also accompanying the team is Kathryn Dillette, secretary general of the Bahamas Swimming Federation and also team manager.

"The swimmers have been



ON DECK: Shown (l-r) are Alana Dillette, Elvis Burrows and Arianna Vanderpool-Wallace

putting the finishing touches on their training as they prepare to start competition here in Shanghai at the World Championships. The swimmers are hoping to achieve personal best times and also make the Olympic A cuts at this meet," said the release.

Phelps off to losing start

By BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

SHANGHAI (AP) — Michael Phelps got off to a losing start at the world championships, and it wasn't his fault. He put his teammates in second place on the opening leg of the 4x100-meter freestyle relay. They just couldn't move up.

Phelps, kicking off the first of his seven events at the eight-day meet, led off a stunning bronze-medal showing in the relay Sunday at the Oriental Sports Center. It was the first time since 2007 that the American men lost a relay of any kind at worlds or the Olympics.

"It's frustrating," he said. "It's not how we want to start it."

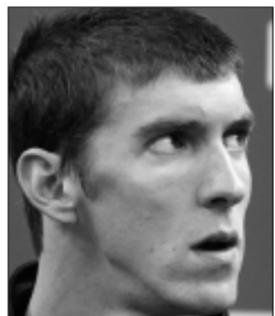
They were upset by the Australians, who got an opening leg split of 47.49 seconds from James Magnussen and went on to win in 3 minutes, 11.00 seconds. He was joined by Matthew Targett, Matthew Abood and anchor Eamon Sullivan.

"We knew we weren't going to be in the mix on paper," Sullivan said. "We knew we had the experience and the young ones to surprise people."

France took the silver in 3:11.14 and the U.S. team of Phelps, Garrett Weber-Gale, Jason Lezak and Nathan Adrian earned the bronze in 3:11.96.

Weber-Gale swam the slowest of the Americans, with his 100 split timed in 48.33.

"I feel sick about it. It's a huge disappointment to get bronze," he said. "It's pretty embarrassing for me to go slow like that and it's disappointing to feel like it was my



MICHAEL PHELPS (AP)

fault that we did poorly."

Lezak, the 35-year-old whose sizzling anchor leg at the Beijing Olympics preserved Phelps' successful bid for eight golds, swam the Americans' second-slowest split of 48.15.

"You can't go in and have two guys swim great and two guys swim average and expect to win," he said. "Unfortunately, I was one of the average ones."

The Americans were 2 seconds faster winning the gold at worlds in Rome two years ago.

"It's a good thing that it's not the Olympics," said Phelps, who swam 48.08 on his opening leg. "We have time to prepare and get ready and change some things."

Asked what needed changing, he replied, "Clearly need to be faster. That's the easiest thing."

Ryan Lochte, who swam in the morning heats, didn't return for the final. US men's coach Eddie Reese defended the decision, saying, "He was third-best this morning."

"This wasn't a very good relay for us," Reese said.

"Why? We call it human beings. We had splits that were not at all like we thought

it would be."

The US women's 4x100 free relay didn't win, either. Natalie Coughlin, 16-year-old rookie Missy Franklin, Jessica Hardy and Dana Vollmer claimed the silver after Vollmer was overtaken on the next-to-last lap by Femke Heemskerk of the Netherlands.

"I never like diving in and coming second," said Vollmer, who earlier set an American record of 56.47 as the fastest qualifier for Monday's 100 butterfly final. "The 100 fly felt so easy and this wasn't quite so easy."

The Dutch team of Inge Dekker, Ranomi Kromowidjojo, Marleen Veldhuis and Heemskerk defended their relay title in 3:33.96.

The Americans touched in 3:34.47, followed by Germany in 3:36.05.

In the other finals, Olympic champion Park Tae-hwan of South Korea showed he's back in top form by winning the 400 freestyle, while Italy's Federica Pellegrini took the women's race.

Park regained the lead midway through and pulled away over the last two laps to win the gold in 3:42.04, a distant 1.20 seconds in front of silver medalist Sun Yang.

In the women's race, Pellegrini was fifth at the midpoint before surging into the lead one lap later and cruising to victory in 4:01.97.

Olympic champion Rebecca Adlington took the silver in 4:04.01, while Camille Muffat of France earned the bronze in 4:04.06.

Alexander Dale Oen of Norway was fastest in the 100 breaststroke semifinals, maintaining his focus following the twin tragedies in his country that killed at least 93 people.

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Simon beats Almagro in 3 sets to win German Open

HAMBURG, Germany (AP) — Gilles Simon became the first Frenchman in 25 years to win the German Open, beating Nicolas Almagro of Spain 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 on Sunday for his second title of the year.

The fifth-seeded Simon broke serve for a 4-2 lead and then saved two break points to serve out the first set.

Almagro squandered a 3-0 lead in the second but broke serve again to even the match. Simon broke serve early for a 2-0 lead in the third and hung on to clinch the title.

The last Frenchman to win in Hamburg was Henri Leconte. The third-seeded Almagro was looking for his fourth title of the year.

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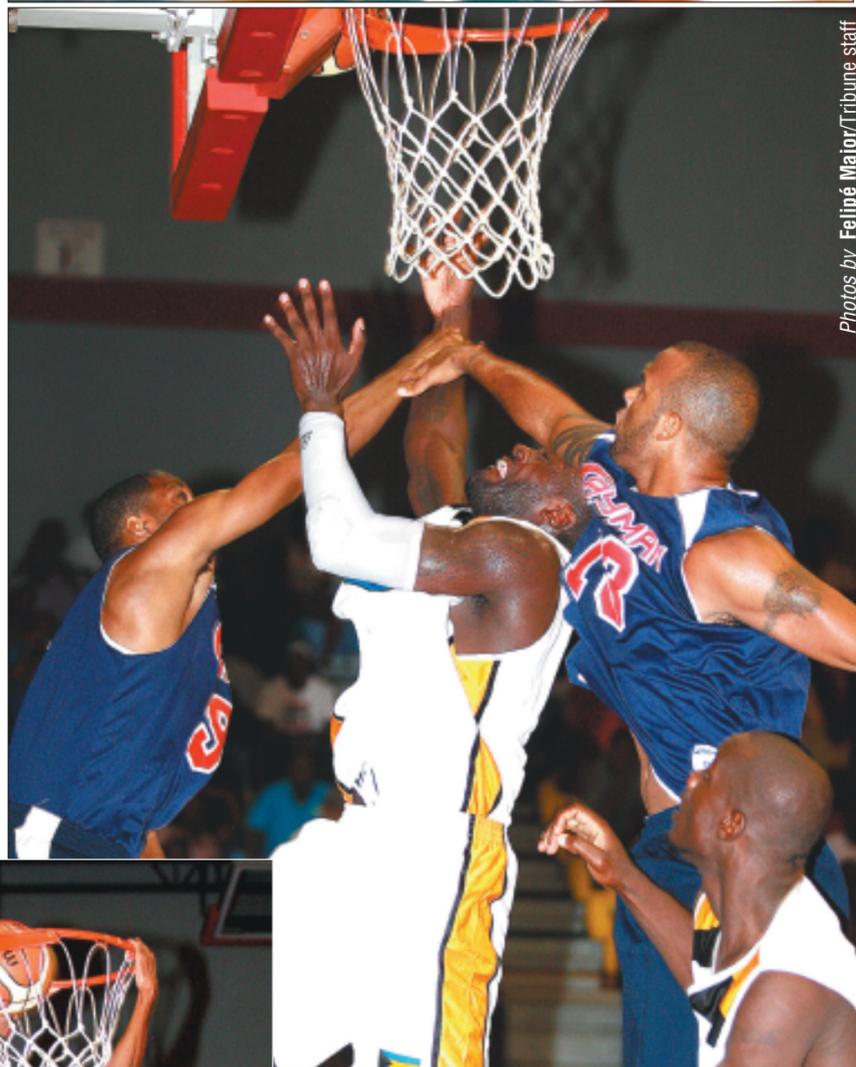
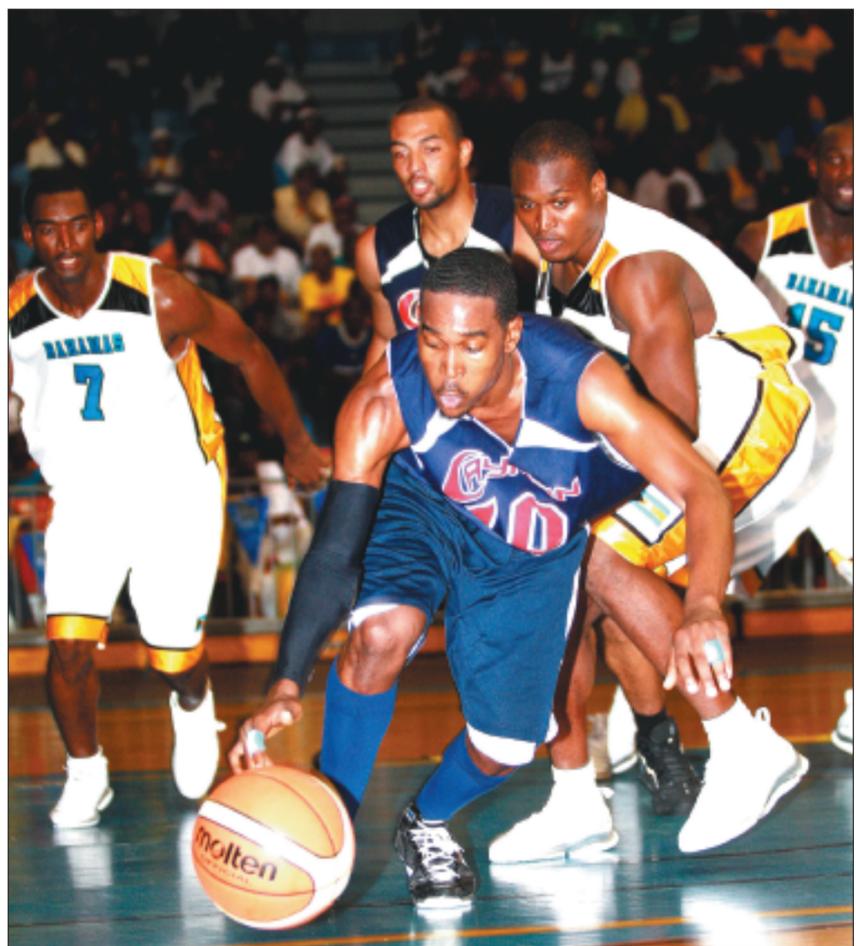
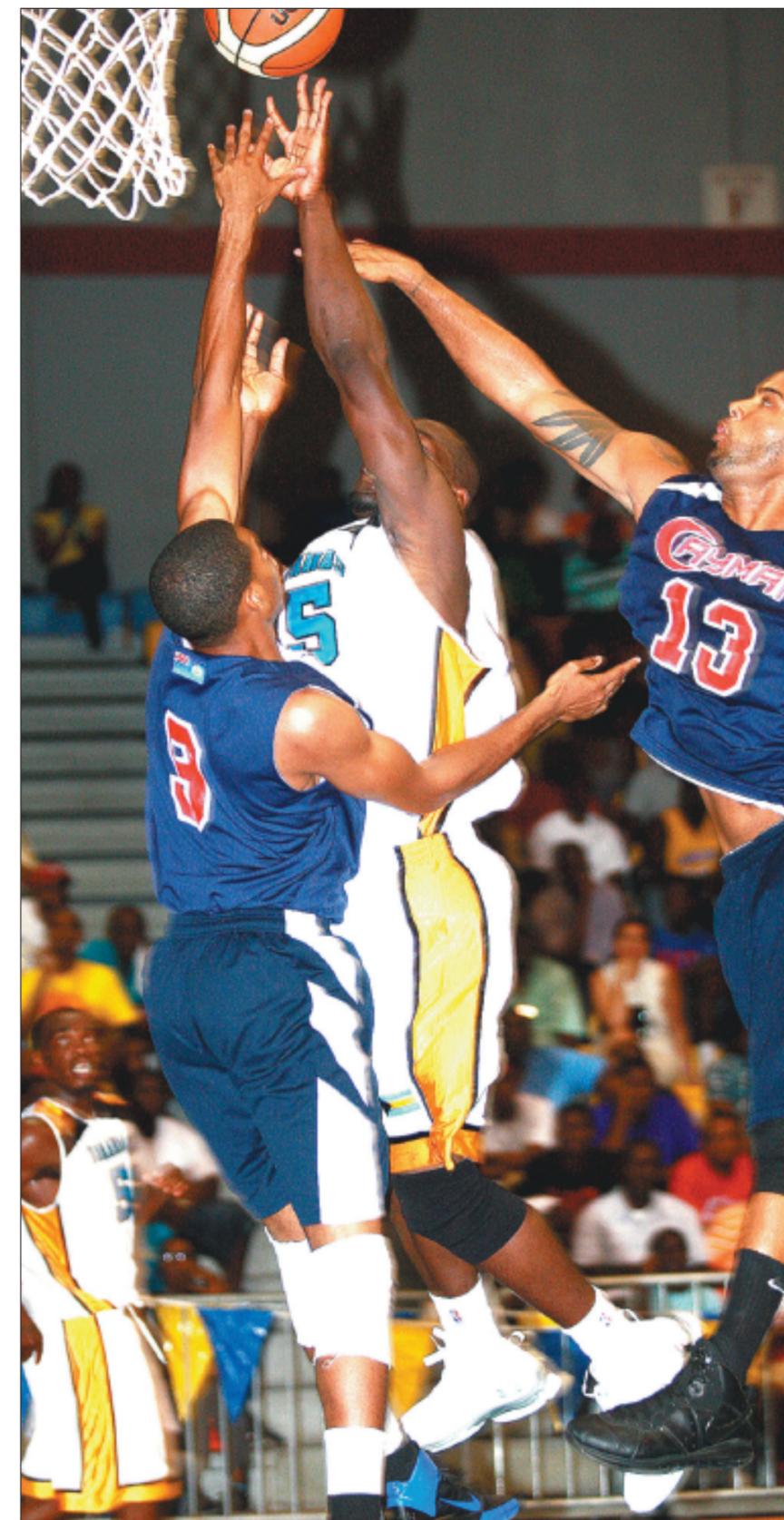
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21st Caribbean Basketball Confederation Championships, Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium...

Bahamas in lopsided victory



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ON THE HARDWOOD: The Bahamas defeated the Cayman Islands 94-41 in the 21st Caribbean Basketball Confederation Championships at the Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium. This is the first time in 10 years that the Bahamas is hosting the championships, which it has won six times – more than any other country. Here are some highlights of Saturday's game.



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