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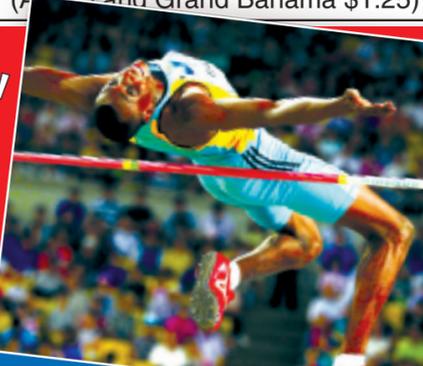
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Killings smash murder record

18 WITNESSES 'EXECUTED IN THE PAST THREE YEARS'

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MORE than 18 witnesses of murder and victims of serious crimes have been "executed" in the past three years, a former police officer has claimed.

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Triple homicide takes year's total so far to 96

By SANCHESKA BROWN

WITH more than three months to go, 2011 has already become the deadliest year in Bahamian history after a night of violence that left three men dead and another fighting for his life.

The murders, the result of three separate shootings, take the count to 96 for the year - two more than 2010, itself a record year.

Commenting on the dubious milestone, Assistant Commissioner of Police Hulan Hanna said: "As a country we still have to remain in the vanguard of the fight against crime. Crime cannot be politicised, crime cannot be compartmentalised. It has to be dealt with holistically."

"We need to take a look into the soul of this nation and see where we have gone wrong. And for those who remain we have to find a way to extricate them from their situation."

"The violence, bitterness and anger that have developed do not bode well, but the police remain committed to the task at hand, and will continue to deploy officers in communities and network with our partners - and hopefully this will result in a decrease in crime."

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EVIDENCE LINKING SECOND-HAND SMOKE TO CANCER 'INDISPUTABLE' RENEWED CALLS FOR SMOKING BAN

By TANEKA THOMPSON Deputy Chief Reporter tthompson@tribunemedia.net

THERE are renewed calls for the government to ban smoking in all public places. Stakeholders in the fight against cancer said the evidence linking second-hand smoke to the onset of the deadly disease is indisputable.

They said this should spur the government to quickly enact a ban on public smoking to protect the health of all citizens, especially the

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HIGH-SPEED BOAT CHASE, SHOOT-OUT ENDS IN SUSPECTED DRUG SEIZURE



\$1 MILLION OF suspected marijuana is removed from the go-fast boat yesterday.

Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

By SANCHESKA BROWN

A HIGH-SPEED boat chase and shoot-out over open water early yesterday led police to discover nearly \$1million worth of sealed packets suspected of containing marijuana.

The drama began shortly after midnight when police were told a suspicious vessel, with four men on board, had been spotted near Andros.

As law enforcers went to investigate, a chase followed with the boatmen shooting at officers. When gunfire was returned, one of the men was shot in the arm.

Robert Young, commander of the Drug Enforcement Unit, said: "Acting on this information..."

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CITY MARKET STAFF DEMAND SEVERANCE PACKAGES

By AVA TURNQUEST Tribune Staff Reporter aturnquest@tribunemedia.net

CITY Market employees are demanding to be paid severance packages amidst mounting concerns over their pension fund and rumours that more stores are set for closure.

Union officials criticised the worsening communication

between management and staff as the company effected temporary closures at two locations in New Providence.

Warfield Bain, president of the Bahamas Commercial Stores, Supermarket and Warehouse Workers Union, said the bargaining agent now plans to file a trade dispute with the Labour board.

Some 50 employees from

South Beach and Sea Grapes locations, which were said to employ some 150 persons, demonstrated outside City Market headquarters on East West Highway yesterday.

Rosalie McKenzie, BCSS-WWU administrator, said: "I feel like the company is using all of these tactics to discourage

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PARTY 'PREPARED TO TAKE BACK GOVERNANCE OF THE BAHAMAS'

PLP LEADER 'HEALTHY, READY FOR UPCOMING BATTLE'

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ANNOUNCING that he is in good physical health and ready for the upcoming battle, PLP leader Perry Christie said that his party is prepared to take back the governance of the Bahamas whenever the 2012 general election is called.

Sitting down with The Tribune for an exclusive interview, Mr Christie also revealed that recent polling figures conducted by his par-

ty places the PLP well ahead of the FNM. Mr Christie did not reveal if or where the DNA or any other political party factored into this poll.

"The PLP is preparing itself not just to win the next general election, but to govern efficiently and effectively. So we are running on a parallel course of preparing ourselves politically to win an election and doing all this is necessary to that end, but at the same time putting very, very strong emphasis

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PLP LEADER Perry Christie

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LOCAL NEWS

# HIGH-SPEED BOAT CHASE, SHOOT-OUT ENDS IN SUSPECTED DRUG SEIZURE



NEARLY \$1MILLION worth of sealed packets suspected of containing marijuana was seized after the chase and shootout yesterday. **Tim Clarke/Tribune staff**

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tion, the US Coast Guard and DEA helicopters out of Exuma were dispatched and they were able to locate the vessel. As a result, we launched defence force and police force vessels to intercept the boat.

"At around 12:30 am the officers spotted the go-fast boat in the Tongue of the Ocean near Andros," the commander said. "The suspects tried to escape and fired shots at the officers. As a result officers returned fire and one of the suspects was shot in the arm. He was airlifted to hospital where he is receiving treatment. His injuries do not appear to be life-threatening. The other suspects were unharmed."

The three remaining men on the vessel were brought to Nassau around noon yesterday. The men were scheduled to be brought in earlier, however one of the engines on the boat stopped working and then it ran out gas.

No money or guns were found on the vessel. Commander Young said this is typical as suspects usually throw weapons overboard when they are about to be caught to avoid longer sentences should they be convicted.

The drugs weighed approximately 954lbs with an estimated street value of \$954,000. There were more than 124 sealed packages.

Commander Young said this is just one of the many drug busts in the capital in the past couple weeks.

"Certainly over the last few months we had a number of good seizures," he said. "Back in April we apprehended around 1500lbs or \$1.5 million in marijuana and then recently 588lbs or \$588,000 worth. This is accredited to the good police work and joint efforts between the government agencies."

Police suspect the men were coming from Jamaica with the drugs. All four of them are Bahamian.

Investigations continue.



POLICE speak to the media after the chase yesterday.



BLOOD STAINS could be seen yesterday in the go-fast boat.

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# 'NO SOUND' ON VIDEO RECORDING OF ACCUSED MURDERER STATEMENT

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A VIDEO recording of an accused murderer's statement to police could not be compared with written records because there was no sound on the tape.

The recording, made in 2008, shows Edney Burrows, one of three men accused of killing Jason Smith on September 13 of that year, talking to a female constable and lead detective in the case Sgt 1298 Antoine Rahming. It was shown to Senior Justice Jon Isaacs and the jury yesterday.

When questioned by Burrows' lawyer Elliot Lockhart about the missing sound, which could have verified the authenticity of written statements read to the court and earlier testimony by Sgt Rahming, the detective said yesterday was the first time he had watched the original copy of the video. He also noted that he is not responsible for the technical aspect of recording interviews.

Mr Lockhart asked who was responsible. Sgt Rahming named two police officers, but said they "were not on duty at the time."

The lawyer asked why, if he lacked technical help, the detective decided to proceed with the interview, which according to Sgt Rahming's testimony, took place around 3.40am September 14.

Sgt Rahming said he had conducted interviews without technical assistance

before, but that this was the "first instance" where a sound issue had arisen.

During the morning session of yesterday's trial, Sgt Rahming read signed statements of interviews with Burrows and the two other men charged in connection with Smith's death - Daryl Rolle and Andre Dieujuste.

Christina Galanos, representing Dieujuste, also known as "Pepsi", asked the witness if he had made attempts to get interviews with two witnesses present at the time of the altercation, based on "Pepsi's" statement to police.

Sgt Rahming said he had spoken to one of the men, but could not recall taking a statement.

He said he could not find the other witness despite searching for three weeks.

"Some persons don't give a statement," he said.

Ms Galanos suggested that the detective's investigation had been "one-sided" due to the officer only taking statements from Tamara Smith, her sibling and two of the victim's relatives - persons who were familiar with Smith and could not be counted upon as independent witnesses.

"That is totally incorrect," he said.

The other witnesses produced yesterday by prosecutor Jillian Williams were: Accident and Emergency physician Dr Keir Miller; Inspector Frederick Taylor, the officer responsible for the identification parade that saw witnesses identi-

fy two of the three accused; and Dr Caryn Sands, a pathologist at the Princess Margaret Hospital present at the identification of the victim after an autopsy.

Dr Miller told the court he performed surgery on Tamara Smith, who was stabbed in the left side of her back.

He said the wound could have been life-threatening if not treated immediately, because the chest cavity had been penetrated and a lung had collapsed.

## Injuries

The doctor said he also treated Burrows, who had multiple stab wounds on his back and hands. He said these injuries were "superficial", and the accused was discharged immediately after treatment.

When questioned by Mr Lockhart about the medical treatment of his client, Dr Miller said Burrows' wounds were cleaned, treated with antibiotics and dressed.

He could not recall if the patient had received stitches, nor could he say if he was prescribed with medicine for his injuries.

"Prescriptions would be on medical records, however the hospital is unable to locate his records," he told the court.

Edney Burrows then told his lawyer he was not treated by a male doctor, but by a woman.

Mr Lockhart relayed this information

to Dr Miller, who replied that he did not physically perform the treatment, but gave instructions to a nurse.

He said he could not remember the gender of the nurse, but it is likely she was a woman as the nursing staff is "70-80 per cent female."

Inspector Taylor told the court Daryl Rolle and Edney Burrows were successfully identified by witnesses in an ID parade.

After being questioned by Ms Galanos, he confirmed that Dieujuste was not one of the 12 men on the parade.

While Dr Sands did not perform the autopsy on Jason Smith, she was presented as a witness by the prosecution to explain the terms on a report by the pathologist who did, as the pathologist was unable to appear.

Dr Sands said Smith died as a result of acute blood loss sustained from haemorrhagic shock, and the multiple stab wounds he had suffered.

She could not say what object was used to make the wounds, but said based on their depth, they could have been caused by a "cutlass or machete," or a sharp object.

Rolle's lawyer Terrel Butler asked if any of the injuries could have been caused by rocks or a block, as earlier witnesses had testified that Rolle had thrown rocks at the victim.

"Not necessarily," she said.

The case resumes today at 10am.

## ARMED ROBBERY OF JEWELLERY STORE

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FREEPORT - Thieves made off with a number of valuable trinkets after smashing a glass display case at the Paradise Jewellery store in the International Bazaar.

Shortly around noon on Tuesday, two armed men entered the store.

One was carrying a handgun and the other a hammer.

The sales clerks told police that the one with the hammer smashed the display case and grabbed several items.

The suspects then fled the store on foot.

Officers from the Central Detective Unit are investigating the matter.

## TWO IN COURT ON DRUG CHARGES

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FREEPORT - Two Freeport men have been arraigned on drug charges in New Providence in connection with a cocaine seizure in the Lucaya area on Saturday.

Theo McPhee and Pedro Anthony McKenzie were charged in Drug Court on Monday with possession of dangerous drugs with the intent to supply.

McPhee pleaded not guilty and was remanded to prison pending a bail hearing.

McKenzie pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 40 months at Her Majesty's Prison, Fox Hill.

# CALL FOR MORE RESOURCES FOR SOCIAL SERVICES DEPT

By CARA BRENNEN-BETHEL  
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YAMACRAW MP Melanie Griffin

is calling on the government to provide more resources to the Department of Social Services so it can help the many Bahamian students under financial hardship to buy the uniforms and supplies they need for school.



YAMACRAW MP Melanie Griffin

Joined by her parliamentary colleagues, Elizabeth Estates MP Ryan Pinder and Golden Gates MP Shane Gibson, the former Social Services minister said yesterday that for many years, social workers have been extremely overworked and under-funded.

This, she said, is preventing them from completing assessments that would allow them to provide financial assistance to more hurting Bahamian families.

"I have had too many complaints from parents who have had to pull their children from school because they simply can't afford it or they have to decide between buying uniforms and paying their utility bills.

"Some parents told me they have only been able to purchase one uniform for their children and must wash out that uniform every night so it can be clean for the

next day.

"I have had parents tell me they have gone to Social Services only to be told that the assessments have been held up or not completed."

Mrs Griffin said the already overwhelmed department has had to divert staff to complete assessments on the islands ravaged by Hurricane Irene and this has further hindered its effectiveness.

The former minister said that since 2007, she has been calling for an increase in staff and resources for the department to take the pressure off the current employees and ensure that the needs of the public can be met in a timely manner.

Mrs Griffin added that Bahamians are extremely proud and rather than send their children to school without the proper equipment, many will opt to keep them at home.

"But we need to ensure that these children return to school," she said.

## RESIDENTS CLAIM GOVERNMENT INFRINGING PROPERTY RIGHTS

# CURRENT ISLANDERS COME TO NASSAU FOR PROTEST

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A GROUP of Current Islanders assembled in front of the Department of Lands and Surveys yesterday to protest what they claim is the government's infringement of their property rights.

The small North Eleuthera community of Current Island is made up of 40 people who say their ancestors have occupied the island for more than four generations.

They claim the government has recently started surveying the island - which has always been regarded as commonage property - in an attempt to parcel it off and label it Crown Land.

According to Current Island Development Association (CIDA) vice-president George Taylor, a formal application to register a commonage on the island was denied.

CIDA claims it was advised by the government that historical records and an early occupation survey of the area did not reveal any legally recognised commonage. "Sad to say four decades later, we are still fighting for our sovereign rights," he said.

Now that the government is surveying the land and referring to it as Crown Land, the locals are worried it will be sold and developed.

Mr Taylor said: "This is an infringement on the rights of those who have legitimate claims to the island.

"We are fully aware of the government's track record as it relates to the distribution of Crown Land."

CIDA is calling on the government to revisit their application for commonage land and grant their request for a full review of all historical documentation.

"The association questions the validity of these historical

records on which decisions are being based," Mr Taylor said.

He said the association has retained an attorney and is prepared to do whatever is necessary to protect the sovereign rights of Current Islanders.

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## Crime should not be used by politicians

IT would be a tragedy if this country's escalating crime were to become an election football.

Crime in the Bahamas has been steadily building from the politically violent sixties into the drug violent seventies and eighties until it is now hitting a crescendo in our time.

The PLP believe that their Urban Renewal policy, which is still in existence in a new form, is the answer to all prayers. They are fooling themselves. The social deterioration in this society is so deep that it will take more than urban renewal to bring it back to health.

"The government must send a clear and strong message to criminals that they will be swiftly caught and swiftly punished and I am not satisfied that this is being done under this present government," Opposition Leader Perry Christie told a press conference, called yesterday to discuss the escalating crime.

Maybe justice under this government is not swift enough for Mr Christie, but nor was it swift enough during Mr Christie's administration when the backlog of court cases grew out of all manageable proportions.

Under both governments — PLP and FNM— we have been complaining about the justice system. In our opinion it needs a complete overhaul.

So on this score, no fingerpointing can be justified.

The problem on our streets is obvious — most crimes are being committed by criminals killing criminals, all out on bail when they should be behind prison walls. And as the Commissioner of Police has often commented, the police can't be blamed. They do their part by arresting and taking the offenders to the bar of the court, where the lawyers with their crocodile tears bleat for their release, and the courts send them on their merry way to terrorise society. Witnesses could not be killed, if those who threaten them were in jail.

We hope that when the House reconvenes after the summer recess legislation will be introduced to curb the courts in its release of persons who could be a danger to society. When that debate takes place there shouldn't be a squeak from the Opposition about interfering with a judge's discretion.

The only way to cut down on many of these murders is to keep these persons with long criminal records in prison until trial — not only for society's sake, but, as has already been shown by the number of their bodies in the morgue, for their own sakes.

And if judges will not exercise their discretion with this objective in mind, then legislation is the only solution. Society cannot have it both ways.

The same analogy can be drawn by the rules that now have to be followed when one travels by air. No one likes to be searched — it is demeaning and interferes with a person's rights and freedoms. However, for the sake of safety, travellers are willing to relinquish some of their freedoms.

It is the same with the judiciary when one has to make a choice between the exercise of a magistrate's discretion and the mayhem on the streets. We can't have criminals laughing at the courts.

They must understand that if they do wrong they will be punished — swiftly and severely. And until their date in court, they will be incarcerated, not out on the streets pushing up the murder count.

In the meantime, this society has to be analysed as to what has gone wrong, what has caused us to move from a once courteous, decent people to what we see today.

To find a cure, we need parents, teachers, psychiatrists and a whole gamut of professionals to work together to try to save the next generation.

Persons complain that no one respects our institutions. That is true, and the reason is that many of the people who head them do not understand that in their positions they have to lead by example — if they do not respect themselves, or their organisation, they cannot expect anyone else to have respect. Members of the House of Assembly should take note.

The breakdown of family life is our greatest tragedy — no father in the home, the mother out to work and the children left at home to join the village gang. In the old days when the mother was at work, the grandparents took care of the children.

Today children are having illegitimate children, so that when the young mother is at work, the grandmother is still young enough to hold down a job and so is the great grandmother.

As a result no one is at home to guide and correct little Suzy and Johnny. A great burden is put on the schools, not only to teach these little ones their ABC's, but also their manners, to point out what is right and wrong, and to make them understand that for every right there is a corresponding duty, and when they break the code, there are consequences, and those consequences can be serious.

Instead of pointing the finger of blame, these politicians should get back to basics. They should start with an examination of themselves, determined to lead by example, and then move on to helping society get back on course.

# Politicians using Hurricane Irene for 'brownie points'

EDITOR, The Tribune.

PLEASE allow me a little space in your fine newspaper to express my opinion on Hurricane Irene.

First of all I would like to give thanks to the Almighty for sparing the Bahamas of any loss of life during the hurricane and would like to offer condolences and prayers to the families of the people who died from the freak accidents after the hurricane. In addition my prayers go out to my brothers and sisters in the Family Islands who were affected by the storm.

We pray and hope you will get back a normal life real soon.

I have over the last few days been appalled how certain politicians are using Hurricane Irene to gain "brownie points" with the Bahamian public. It must come at a time when we move away from the bull crap of playing politics to building a better Bahamas.

The hurricane relief and recovery efforts should and must be managed and led by the government and its various agencies. When political parties try to do their own thing it amounts to grand standing. This we don't need. If they have some things to give, they should go through the government and can make a press statement, etc.

What I find most disturbing is the statement made by Fred Mitchell the MP for Fox Hill, calling for an audit of the country's disaster preparedness programme. Sometimes I think he only talks to hear himself, because many Bahamians don't take him seriously. While I think NEMA and the other agencies did a great job preparing and responding to hurricane Irene, there is a need for improvement and a review of where we are and if there is a great need for an overhaul it should be taken every year and after a disaster. This should be a policy not a demand from the opposition just to get in the papers. In comparison to the great USA we have done a fantastic job. In an Associated Press story by

## LETTERS

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Chris Khan there are millions of homes throughout the East Coast of the United States that will be out of electricity for weeks and damage is in the billions. Mr Mitchell is upset because less than 100 of his residents are without electricity, he is making all this noise to get in the papers to gain political points — it's a shame.

We have life and we should be trying to figure out how to help our brothers and sister in the Family Islands who have been devastated by the storm.

My questions to Mr Mitchell: Did you call for an audit by your PLP government after the Hurricanes of 2004? If not, why do you only come up with these ideas now? What have you done to ensure the people in Fox Hill were

prepared for the hurricane?

If Mr Mitchell and Mr McCartney think the political grand standing they did this week by using the misfortune of our people to gain political points, they are in for a big surprise.

The next thing that got to me was when the leader of the opposition, Hon Perry G Christie made a comment that the government needs to come up with a programme for the many homes in his constituency that have leaky roofs.

WOW, isn't this the same area that has always had a PLP representative and nothing has been done to help them?

Mr Christie you get money every year from the government to do projects in your constituency, please access the funds and be a good MP and help your people.

VICTOR THOMAS  
Nassau,  
August, 2011.

# Government alone cannot combat crime

EDITOR, The Tribune.

THE CRIME RATE in this country has reached an unacceptable level. We continue to blame every government in power at the time for this and nothing changes. The truth is that government alone will never be able to combat crime. There has to be a concerted effort on the part of the government, the police, the church, social services and the community.

The government must amend the laws for stricter penalties and refuse to grant bail if the crime involves any gun of any kind. The government should provide the policemen with any resources they would need to combat crime.

The current strategy the police are using is not working, they must find better ways to combat crime. Going into communities only after a crime is useless, they should be seen in the communities before and after a crime is committed. There should be walkabouts to find out the concerns of the citizens. We have first world criminals and are using third world strategies to deal with them. The guns should be taken off the streets before the crime is committed.

It is time for the churches to stop complaining about the crime and give back to the communities. All self proclaimed titles of Bishop, Apostle, prophet, etc, should be set aside and they should adopt the church's surrounding community.

If every church would adopt the surrounding community and step down from the pulpit and open the church doors they could make a great difference. The churches are filled for the most part with persons who work and own a trade.

The churches should hold free after school and summer trade classes. Most churches would have some members who are carpenters, mechanics, etc.

These members can volunteer their time to hold trade classes so that the young men and women of this country would already have a trade or skill by the time they graduate and will be able to obtain employment before turning to crime.

One does not have to be a lawyer or doctor to make a living.

All churches should offer some type of sport activity to encourage young people to get involved instead of remaining idle.

The church doors should be open at least three days a week to offer counseling classes by social services to anyone in the community that needs them. A drive should be implemented to encourage the young men and women to "don't kill — learn a skill" or "if you want to get paid — learn a trade."

There should be programmes such as cash for guns to assist the police at getting guns off the streets.

Emotional intelligence should be taught in all schools. School teaches you give educational lessons, but nothing about life.

The young men and women should be taught self esteem and how to deal with conflict or situations in the home.

60 per cent of mothers in this country are unwed and many young men lay down to make these babies and then get lost as soon as the child is born.

This is unacceptable. The future generations should be taught that you don't have to make babies to feel like a woman or man.

The number houses in this country should be audited once a year and taxed 40 per cent of their net profit before a renewal license is granted. This money can fund many programmes to assist in the fight against crime. Oh, pardon me, I meant to say tax the "asue draw" companies because we all know no Bahamians buy numbers in this country.

Last, but not least, we as citizens of this country can decide not to engage in any criminal acts so as to not add to the already unacceptable level now.

MARSHA KNOWLES  
Nassau,  
September 12, 2011.

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# ROADWORKS

## SET TO BEGIN ON WULFF AND VILLAGE ROADS

THE first phase of road works around the Village Road roundabout is set to begin early next week, the Ministry of Works and Transport announced yesterday.

Significant changes to this area, known as Corridor 16, will include improved drainage and the replacement of the roundabout with a junction.

"This is the last corridor that is going to be worked on under the New Providence Road Improvement and Infrastructure Project," said environmentalist Shenique Albury of the Project Execution Unit. "We have lots of areas that we are working on now, but as of next week when we get to Corridor 16 there will be no additional road work under this particular project."

The corridor begins at the roundabout at Marathon and

Wulff Roads, heads east on Wulff Road to the roundabout at Village Road, then extends to Parkgate Road.

"Junction signals will be synchronised with the signals at Parkgate Road to improve the traffic flow.

"The distance between the roundabout and Parkgate Road is known to be congested on a daily basis, so we are trying to relieve some of the congestion around the roundabout," said Ms Albury.

Drivers were advised to use Jerome Avenue, and Chesapeake and Kemp Roads as alternate routes.

Ministry officials also announced that a new traffic management scheme has been implemented on Market Street north of Wulff Road.

Market Street is presently closed between Wulff Road and Fleming Street as construction progresses.

Paving on Market Street from Wulff Road to Coconut Grove Avenue has been completed. Drivers are now allowed to use Wulff Road to Poinciana Avenue.

It is expected that Coconut Grove Avenue to Robinson Road will be paved by the end of next week, but due to continued works on Robinson Road, the junction with Market Street will remain closed. The ministry asked drivers to use East, Second or Third Street as an alternate route.

Ms Albury also announced that the installation of the 24-inch water main on Prince Charles Drive between College Gardens Drive and Winters Road has been completed. She described this as a "significant milestone" for the NPRIIP.

"This means that the entire



**SHENIQUE ALBURY**, environmentalist in the Project Execution Unit of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, speaks at a news briefing on the New Providence Road Improvement and Infrastructure Project as ASP Sturup of the Police Traffic Division looks on.

Letisha Henderson/BIS

length of 24-inch water main (3.8 miles) from Second Street on Robinson Road heading east, to the junction of Fox Hill Road and Prince Charles Drive is complete.

"The contractor, in conjunction with the Water and Sewerage Corporation, will proceed with testing the pipeline (pressure, chlorination and bacteriological tests)

so that the 24-inch main can be commissioned," said Ms Albury.

Once commissioned, the main will be the primary distribution line for eastern New Providence, and will assist in resolving the long-standing rusty water problem, she said.

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### PARTY URGES PUBLIC TO DEMAND 'ECONOMICALLY SANE' PROGRAMMES

## DNA SAYS 'DON'T BE FOOLED' BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME

THE Democratic National Alliance is asking Bahamians "not to be fooled" by the government's temporary employment programme.

The new party urged the public to begin demanding programmes that are "economically sane" and have the potential to benefit everyone.

In a statement issued yesterday, the DNA said: "The Bahamas has received a negative economic outlook rating from Moodys, because of the government's excessive increase in debt over the past decade and in particular the past two years and no plan for economic growth to repay this debt or grow the economy."

### Opportunities

Alfred Poitier, a banker and the DNA candidate for Kennedy, said that while it is the government's job to provide opportunities for its citizens, it must be prudent with public funds.

"The current job programme is a strain on the purse of the Bahamas and is based on uncalculated possibilities — it is hoped that after you work for a year (and are paid by the government) and if you do a good job, the com-

pany that you were assigned to may hire you.

"Yes, in the short-term 3,000 people will get salaries and, according to the programme, some skills training. However, the reality is that these individuals have no guarantee after 52 weeks, except the promise that they will be eligible for unemployment benefit should the company decide not to keep them on staff — again, additional strain on the public purse," Mr Poitier said.

He suggested the programme should be reclassified as a social assistance programme, as it has more potential to produce social stability in the short term, than economic benefit through job stimulation.

Mr Poitier pointed out that there are several problems with the public school system — including overcrowding, outdated equipment and textbooks, and a lack of technology.

Likewise, he said, government clinics and hospitals are unable to accommodate the large volume of people needing medical attention due to space and personnel shortages.

Mr Poitier said that instead of "gambling" \$25 million on

a temporary work programme, the government could have constructed four schools in densely populated areas and insisted that the contractors hire apprentices for on-the-job training.

This way, he said, Bahamians would receive employment assistance, job experience and a physical asset — the buildings.

### Incentives

Mr Poitier added that the government could then provide incentives for Bahamian students who are studying or considering studying education locally and abroad, while bonding them for a minimal period to teach in our public school system.

He said such a scheme would provide long term, guaranteed jobs for a significant number of Bahamians, not only in the teaching field, but also as janitors, clerical staff and maintenance workers.

As for the medical aspect of Mr Poitier's scenario, he said the government could have looked into creating state-of-the-art clinics with inpatient care facilities for non-life threatening conditions in New Providence,

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## LOCAL NEWS

MOVE COMES AFTER IRENE DAMAGE

# KERZNER DONATES \$500,000 TO HURRICANE IRENE RELIEF EFFORTS



**PICTURED, FROM LEFT, ARE:** NEMA director Captain Stephen Russell, Wallace Rolle, Krystal Rolle, Deputy Prime Minister Brent Symonette, Kerzner vice president J Barrie Farrington, NEMA accounts officer Deborah Hanna and Kerzner president and managing director George Markantonis.

Letisha Henerson/BIS

THE National Emergency Management Agency accepted a donation of \$500,000 from Kerzner International and \$10,000 from Wallace and Krystal Rolle to help fund its Hurricane Irene relief efforts.

Deputy Prime Minister Brent Symonette and NEMA director Captain Stephen Russell accepted the funds.

Mr Symonette said: "Kerzner is truly a friend of the Bahamas.

"When the need arises, such as the damage we had as a result of Hurricane Irene, or whether it is for the development of the Bahamas in general, they are true corporate sponsors and citizens of the Bahamas."

Wallace Rolle said he was pleased and delighted to make the donation to NEMA on behalf of those in Cat Island and Acklins whose homes and properties were damaged during the storm.

"My wife and I were on vacation during the passage of the hurricane and we agreed that in some way we have to do something to relieve the suffering particularly on these two islands," he said.

Mr Rolle was born on Acklins and his wife's parents are from Cat Island.

Captain Russell thanked Kerzner and the Wallace family for their generosity, noting that the money would help "speed up" relief efforts.

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## CAT ISLAND CODE RED HURRICANE RELIEF INITIATIVE IS EXTENDED



IN LIGHT of the difficult situation that persists on Cat Island following Hurricane Irene, the Bank of the Bahamas announced yesterday that it will extend the Cat Island Code RED initiative.

Code RED (relief effort drive) was due to end today, but the bank said it will now continue through the weekend.

The bank has opened donation boxes at all New Providence BOB branches, created a cash account, and placed two large containers for food, water, baby and medical supplies at Phil's Food Services.

"In Cat Island, time is literally divided into two zones – before Hurricane Irene and after Hurricane Irene," said Michael Basden, BOB marketing manager.

"Hurricane Irene wiped out life as Cat Islanders knew it, leaving many families without a roof over their heads or a bed to sleep on or fresh drinking water.

"Every photograph you see, every story you hear, breaks your heart."

According to Mr Basden, because BOB is the only bank with a presence on the island, the staff have developed strong ties with the community.

"Launching Cat Island Code RED was an easy decision," said Mr Basden. "We're encouraging all Bahamians to step up and show support to our brothers and sisters who were affected by this storm and so far, the response has been excellent."

The drive is being extended to Monday at 5pm to give weekend shoppers and Saturday bank customers an opportunity to contribute.

Goods will be crated and boxed for shipment on Wednesday of next week.

Cat Islanders need bottled water, juices, canned goods, baby care items, toiletries, linens/blankets and clothes.

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"We're looking forward to delivering the donated goods and helping Cat Island get back on its feet," Mr Basden said.



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# SEAFOOD PLANT OPENS IN WEST END

By DENISE MAYCOCK  
Tribune Freeport  
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**FREEPORT** – With an investment of \$500,000, two young Bahamians have opened a seafood export company in West End, creating 20 permanent jobs for the quiet settlement.

Boardwalk Seafood Distributors Limited has entered into a contract with a US seafood company, and exported its first 20-foot container containing 16,000 pounds of crawfish to South Florida yesterday.

Kirt Neely and Craig Knowles are partners in the business.

Mr Neely, who lives in West End, said it is the ideal place for such a venture because there is an abundant supply of fish and seafood just off shore.

“We have the seafood products here, whether its lobster, fish, or conch and people have the ability to get it,” he said.

Although crawfish is to be their main export, Mr Neely said they will look at exporting conch when the crawfish season closes.

“It took a year to get this project off the ground,” said Mr Knowles, who noted that

the company also has approval to export to the European market.

“It is really a historical event for West End and it is providing jobs for people in the community.”

“We have 20 workers in the plant and we are thinking about hiring more persons when we expand,” he said.

The business is also giving work to 30 fishermen.

“It is good to know we are here in the community providing jobs to people so they can feed their families,” Mr Neely said.

“There was a plant here in West End in the 40s, but none since then and I am proud to be a part of something that is coming alive again in West End,” Mr Knowles said.

The company has been established on the property of the former Harbour Hotel Resort and Marina, which is owned by Mr Neely’s father.

Businessman Artis Neely noted that several years ago he attempted to establish a seafood business, but hurricanes of 2004 destroyed all his equipment.

“I couldn’t find the funding to do it and last year I threw out a challenge to Kirt,” he said.

Obie Wilchcombe, MP for



Obie Wilchcombe

West End and Bimini, said the plant will benefit the West End economy.

“For a very long time most fishermen from Freeport and elsewhere came into West End to fish and take the economy out of West End.

“What you have now is a plant that allows fishermen to bring fish to the plant and for them to be paid.

“The product is then processed and sent abroad and it builds a brand for West End outside of Grand Bahama and the Bahamas,” he said.

## REPORT ARGUES SCIENCE KEY TO REBUILDING HAITI

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti  
Associated Press

AN INTERNATIONAL group of scientists says science and education are key to rebuilding Haiti from last year’s crippling earthquake.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science says in a report that science education should be provided both in and outside schools.

The study also urges scientists from outside Haiti to lay out policies that can help promote science education in the Caribbean country.

The panel will bring ideas to Port-au-Prince on Monday when it meets with Haitian scientists, engineers and scholars. Its 35-page report was released Thursday.

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7:30 p.m. Youth Night Speaker: Rev. Anthony Sampson, Zion Baptist Church

LOCAL NEWS

FROM page one

The first of the night's shootings took place at around 3am on Thursday in West Street. Police received a call from a man who told them he was at home when someone opened his window, propped a chair against the wall, and called out his name. When the man went to the window, he was shot in the face. The victim was taken to hospital where he is listed in serious, but stable condition. About an hour and a half later, police received another report of a shooting, this time in Roland Street near Ridgeland Park. ACP Hanna said: "When police arrived at the scene, around 4.45am, they saw a white 1996 Maxima license plate number 143450 parked in the middle of the road. "Both the driver and the front seat passenger received gunshot injuries to the head. "We still do not know the motive. We believe the men, who are said to be in their 30s, went to a residence in the area to pick up a female. One of

KILLINGS SMASH MURDER RECORD

them is believed to be a resident of Coral Harbour, the other lives in Westridge." Both men died at the scene. They have been identified as Clayton Rolle and Jermico Jones. The other shooting took place around 5am on Palmetto Avenue, west of Crooked Island Street. Police received reports of gunshots, and when they arrived they found the lifeless body of Leontis Louis lying in the road. He was wearing short blue pants with no shirt. He had multiple gunshot wounds in his upper body. ACP Hanna said Louis, 35, of Crooked Island Street, was leaving his girlfriend's house when another man came running toward him. Louis was shot multiple times and died at the scene. Police do not have a clear motive in this case either. ACP Hanna said police are investigating all three matters. At this time, police do not believe there is a connection between the shootings.

FROM page one

workers so they can quit and they don't have to pay them. It's a move to discourage workers. Can you imagine workers coming from a five-day work week to working one day a week? Some getting paid only \$10 a week after they had been working there for 35, 15, 25 years." "They helped build that company. For new owners to come in and treat them that way, it is utmost disrespect. (The workers) don't feel comfortable working with the Finlayson group." The BCSSWWU represents some 300 employees at City Markets. Ms McKenzie said another key issue is the sudden cancellation of group health insurance without any prior notification. City Markets principal Mark Finlayson did not return calls up to press time yesterday. A senior company spokeswoman said that the supermarket chain would not comment on the matter. In a recent press statement, the temporary closure of South Beach and Sea Grapes locations in New Providence were said to be effective at midnight Wednesday. However, Ms McKenzie said that workers were told to report to work that night and also heard reports advising the same on the radio yesterday morning. Ms McKenzie said: "When (employees) reported to work the doors were locked. Nobody communicated to them that the stores were closed. (On Wednesday night) they were told stores

CITY MARKET STAFF DEMAND SEVERANCE PACKAGES

would remain open. Some of them heard on the news that (previous reports) were only rumours and that the stores would remain open until further notice." Administration at the City Markets headquarters on East West Highway did not acknowledge the confused workers who turned up seeking answers, Ms McKenzie said. "(Staff) decided that they would go to the head office to get answers, (the union) accompanied them." "They just placed two papers on the doors, that's how they communicated to those workers (yesterday) afternoon," Ms McKenzie said. According to the press statement issued by the supermarket, and the paper signs taped to the front door of its headquarters, South Beach staff are to report to the Cable Beach Store; and Sea Grapes staff to the Harbour Bay Store. Ms McKenzie said: "Right now, Lyford Cay (employees) are at Cable Beach, Rosetta Street is at Harbour Bay. Now they're sending these employees to those two locations, most of whom are already only working one day a week." "It's a completely disrupting routine and most of them are working those 24-hour shifts." The company said that the slated renovations, which were described as a "complete overhaul", would not be completed this year. It said it would address "infrastructure issues and the

many challenges that have plagued the refrigeration system and other equipment." Ms McKenzie said that most staff are unconvinced that any of Nassau's City Markets stores will be reopened. Last week, Mr Finlayson met with South Beach employees after media reports expressed numerous concerns about the store. Ms McKenzie said the meeting was the first time the City Markets principal had spoken with staff. "The staff told him in person that they would rather him pay them the money and let them go, that there was no way they would settle working for one day a week. (Finlayson) told them to write down names and that he would pay (South Beach staff) out. She added: "Most (staff) don't want to work for the company anymore. They don't feel comfortable or secure. They don't want the store to go under with all of their money, even their pension, no one knows anything about the pension fund. They just want what they deserve and to part with the company." City Markets also announced the permanent closure of two stores in Grand Bahama, the Downtown store in Freeport, and the Eight Mile Rock store. All staff will now report to the Lucaya store, which will be converted into a 24-hour store. Ms McKenzie said that Grand Bahama workers were not a part of the BCSSWWU.

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LOCAL NEWS

# 18 WITNESSES 'EXECUTED IN THE PAST THREE YEARS'

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during his tenure on the Royal Bahamas Police Force, he prepared a confidential document that highlighted growing threats to witnesses in 2007.

"In that document it disclosed to the Bahamian people that if we did not continue with the initiatives that were started under the former government, what we are witnessing today is just the tip of the iceberg."

"The government is in possession of information in writing, black and white, telling them that if you do not address some issues that more witnesses would be executed, that more persons would be killed, that more of our women and children would be executed, that we would have a state of lawlessness in this country," he said.

As a former superintendent of police, Mr Bell said he was the director of Intelligence and had responsibility for statistics, research and planning.

Mr Bell said that the threat assessment was sent to the Commissioner of Police who then forwarded the report to the National Security minister, and the government so they could be properly informed of the state of the country.

At a PLP press conference to address the spate of killings that pushed the year's murder count to a record breaking high, Mr Bell accused the government of ignoring recommendations to continue initiatives set by the party.

"This is a battle for the soul of our nation," said

Opposition Leader Perry Christie. "I am not prepared to let an entire generation grow up in a nation where violence and killing have become routine.

"The government must send a clear and strong message to criminals that they will be swiftly caught and swiftly punished and I am not satisfied that this is being done under this present government. The scourge of criminality must be boldly confronted with a sense of urgency."

Senior police officials declined to comment on the existence of a "threat assessment" document; however, Hulan Hanna, assistant commissioner of police in charge of crime, said that police chiefs have a regular dialogue with the government on the state of crime.

National Security Minister Tommy Turnquest did not respond to Tribune calls to press time.

Mr Bell said most of the attacks against witnesses occurred in the Central district, and noted incidents in Montel Heights and Toote Shop Corner this year.

"Witnesses are persons who would have seen a serious crime and would have come forward voluntarily to give evidence or a statement. The victim would be the person whom the actual crime is perpetrated against.

"In murder cases," said Mr Bell, "you would have a witness.

"In other serious cases, such as armed robberies and attempted murder, the witnesses would essentially be the victims themselves."

# PLP LEADER 'HEALTHY, READY FOR UPCOMING BATTLE'

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on programmes and initiatives that we will take as a new government," he said.

Mr Christie also added that his party has "virtually completed" the selection of its candidates – stressing that they know who their candidates will be but that the process itself of confirming them has yet to be completed.

"We have a number of incumbents yet to be confirmed. We actually know and have encouraged them to be in the field preparing for the next election. We have every reason to feel good about our chances, both scientifically in terms of the effort we have made to determine where we stand nationwide and anecdotally when we look around and talk to people and go into constituencies and consult with our colleagues. We have every reason to feel that the PLP is on the ascendancy and that though we will not take this matter for granted, we feel good about where we are," he

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young and elderly who are exposed to second-hand smoke at restaurants and in taxis.

"They should start with the smoking room in Parliament if they are serious about cancer. The data has been out there for years, it's long overdue," said oncologist Dr John Lunn.

Dr Lunn said he was part of an earlier campaign for a smoking ban, but the call was ignored by law makers.

"I'm simply amazed that in a country like this, if we're serious about cancer, we can have people dying of other people's smoke. If you want to smoke, smoke in your car, your home, your space. If you want to kill yourself, don't kill other people," he added.

A spokesman from the Cancer Society said inhaling second-hand smoke is deadlier than smoking a cigarette.

She said: "I think the ban should be implemented right now. There should be a smoking ban in all public places especially restaurants or places where there are children. Second-hand smoke is more dangerous than anything else.

"As a health educator, I worked on anti-smoking campaigns with the Seventh-Day Adventists many times. Smoking is banned in so many countries, I don't know why we are always so late in doing things."



PLP LEADER Perry Christie (centre) speaks yesterday.

said.

With campaign finances being a large factor in all general elections, Mr Christie said that it was unfortunate that money would continue to impact the "fairness" of the electoral process.

"The PLP has invariably always been the party with fewer dollars, less money, than the FNM. So notwithstanding our confidence we recognize

that it is important for us to work assiduously to strengthen our party from any intervention of that kind, and that is nationwide.

"We have worked very hard to bring in to public life a new generation of leaders, and I am very, very pleased that the PLP in the next general election will give the people of the Bahamas a very clear view of the future of leadership in pub-

lic life by the quality and diversity of talent of those who we will present in the next general election," he said.

Highlighting examples such as the party's candidate for North Eleuthera, 25-year-old Clay Sweeting and Elizabeth Member of Parliament Ryan Pinder, Mr Christie said he is excited to lead such a "wonderful mix" of persons into the next general election.

# RENEWED CALLS FOR SMOKING BAN

A manager Van Bruegel's, a downtown restaurant, said he would also support a ban on smoking.

Currently customers are allowed to smoke inside the restaurant, but only at the bar.

"Yes I would support a ban. There is smoking at the bar only. In the restaurant we don't allow smoking within," said Lamonte Lynes.

Some who oppose the policy have argued that enacting a smoking ban in nightclubs and restaurants will cut profits by driving away customers who smoke.

Mr Lynes agreed that it may turn some customers away, but said the health of the public is more important.

"It will, but then again we still care about the health of customers," he said.

Health Minister Dr Hubert Minnis said the government has a partial ban in place against smoking in certain places such as hospitals, schools and airports.

Last year, Barbados' Ministry of Health clamped down on public smoking and put fines and regulations in place for those found breaking the law.

Smokers found guilty of violating the ban face a \$500 fine or one year in prison, or both.

Business owners in Barbados found guilty of allowing people to smoke in a public place could be fined \$5,000 or be jailed for one year, or both.

According to cancer.org, sidestream or second-hand smoke has higher concentrations of cancer-causing agents (carcinogens) than the mainstream smoke.

"It contains smaller particles than mainstream smoke, which make their way into the body's cells more easily.

"When non-smokers are exposed to second-hand smoke it is called involuntary smoking or passive smoking. Non-smokers who breathe in second-hand smoke take in nicotine and other toxic chemicals just like smokers do.

"The more second-hand smoke you are exposed to, the higher the level of these harmful chemicals in your body," said the website.

In the United States, there are about 3,400 lung cancer deaths as a result of breathing second-hand smoke, according to cancer.org.

Second-hand smoke has also been linked to breathing problems in non-smokers, increased asthma attacks for children, lung infections for children under 18 months and heart disease, said the website.



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## SCOTIABANK'S 'HUGE STEP' ON CLIENT SERVICE

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business  
Editor

SCOTIABANK (Bahamas) has taken a "huge step" in addressing telephone-related customer service issues, Tribune Business was told yesterday, with this week's launch of a pilot designed to link its branches with Regional Contact Centres in Jamaica and Trinidad & Tobago.

Explaining that no job losses in the Bahamas would result from the move, a Scotiabank spokesperson explained the move resulted from its Bahamian branches being "overloaded" by the high volume of customer phone calls they were receiving, something that in turn impacted customer service and experience.

When Bahamian clients dial branch or head office main (general) numbers, they will automatically be redirected to the Regional Contact Centres. If customers know the direct numbers of Scotiabank personnel their calls will still go directly through to those staff, while the Contact Centres - Jamaica will serve the Bahamas, with Trinidad as back-up - retain the ability to put clients back to staff at Scotiabank (Bahamas).

A Scotiabank (Bahamas) spokesperson said: "We are starting this on a pilot basis with a couple of smaller branches. Caves Village was the first, starting this week.

"Depending on how well this goes, before the end of the year it will be extended, not necessarily to all the branches but possibly one or two."

Asked by Tribune Business to explain the rationale for the Contact Centre plan, the Scotiabank (Bahamas) spokesperson said: "The main one is enhanced customer service, because we have to admit right now that the volume of calls coming in to the branches is overloading them, so we're not providing the service we'd like."

The spokesperson added that Scotiabank (Bahamas) customers had expressed concerns about the level of telephone accessibility to its branches, and level of customer service.

"This is a huge step to address that and enhance the whole experience and customer service experience," they added.

While Scotiabank will also realise efficiencies and economies of scale from the move, the spokesperson was at pains to point out: "This is not to say at some point in the future there will not be a Contact Centre in the Bahamas."

Scotiabank's Contact Centre in Jamaica recently placed second in its class at the 2011 ContactCenter-World Awards - The Global Association for Contact Center Best Practices & Networking.

## WATER CORP EYES \$70-\$80M LOAN

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

THE WATER & SEWERAGE CORPORATION is hoping to successfully conclude negotiations over a \$70-\$80 million loan package with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) by either year-end 2011 or the 2012 first quarter, its general manager describing this as "vital" to stemming losses that have reached up to \$25 million.

Glen Laville said the financing was key to implementing the Corporation's turnaround strategy, designed to make it financially and operationally sustainable, adding that "every action" contained in the plan needed to be effected if the ultimate goal was to be realised.

"We're still in discussions with the IDB to put together a programme for the Corporation," Mr Laville told Tribune Business yesterday.

\* Hoping to conclude talks with IDB on 'vital' financing by year-end/2012 Q1

\* GM says every action in plan must be done to 'get us over the hump' and staunch \$25m annual losses

\* Tariff, non-revenue water, regulation and Corp's efficiency targeted

"Everything depends on how that goes. That will determine how far we'll be able to move forward with the programme."

Confirming that the loan sum under discussion was \$70-\$80 million, Mr Laville added that the original amount eyed had been around \$30-\$40 million, but in talks with the IDB "we've gone beyond that now".

Asked by Tribune Business when loan

negotiations were likely to be completed, Mr Laville replied: "I would love to say before the end of the year; I would love to say next month...."

"We are hoping we can get at least some sort of approval from the IDB, Board approval, hopefully before the end of the year, if not the first quarter in 2012."

The Water & Sewerage Corporation had initially hoped to award a contract

for non-revenue water reduction by end-February this year, a project designed to save it a minimum of \$6 million per annum.

Mr Laville, though, said the Corporation had held off on the award (despite getting bids from several private sector players) because dealing with non-revenue water - water that is lost from its system due to leaks and such like before it reaches the end-user - was part of the package under discussion with the IDB.

The Corporation is still losing between 50-55 per cent of the water it produces as non-revenue water, Mr Laville conceding: "It varies depending on the time of year, but the average of 50-55 per cent exists still."

Acknowledging that the Corporation's New Providence market share

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## ROBIN HOOD EYES 'IMMINENT' SECOND STORE RE-OPENING

\* Move could create 120-125 jobs as retailer moves to exploit City Markets' woes

\* Business 'not half-way to where I'd like to be', says president

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

ONE FALLS, another seemingly soars. Robin Hood yesterday confirmed to Tribune Business it was looking to re-open its Prince Charles store "imminently" to exploit City Markets' current woes, a move its president said could create 120-125 jobs.

Declining to give a firm date for the second Robin Hood outlet's re-opening, Sandy Schaefer, the retailer's president, said the closure - at least temporarily - of City Markets' Seagraves Shopping Centre and South Beach stores had given his company "renewed impetus" to re-establish a physical presence in eastern New Providence.

Barely two months removed from his own woes, and a potential deal to sell Robin Hood's food business to City Markets' principal Mark Finlayson, Mr Schaefer said the company had received a "substantial" capital injection from an investor group led by Bahamian businessman Hubert Pinder.

Again declining to go into specifics on that deal, which Tribune Business previously reported as involving a 48 per cent stake in Robin Hood, Mr Schaefer said the retailer was now on a much sounder financial footing, even though it was "not even half-way to where I'd like to be" on business volumes.

When contacted by this newspaper, after well-placed sources informed it that Robin Hood was seeking to re-open the Prince Charles Drive site within the next three-four weeks, Mr Schaefer replied: "I'm not going to give you a timeline, but suffice to say it's imminent."

"Certainly, after seeing City Markets close up nearby, that gave us a renewed impetus to get the store going..... There's an opportunity for us, and I'm going to work 24/7 to make it happen. There's a need for another supermarket out there, and we will do the best to serve our customers."

The Prince Charles outlet closed earlier this year, having suffered what Mr Schaefer described as an 80 per cent sales decline as a result of roadworks relating to the New Providence Road Improvement Project

impeding customer access. It also came at a time when the retailer's financial woes were mounting.

Now, Mr Schaefer said, with a new partner on board and two-way traffic and easy access on Prince Charles Drive, he was "anxious" to get business going again.

"Between the two stores, because again with a new partner and influx of money also regenerating store number one, we could be looking at adding 120-125 people at a minimum," Mr Schaefer told Tribune Business, when asked how many Bahamians he was likely to hire.

Many observers are likely to view his comments with

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JAMES SMITH

## DOUBLE RESERVES BEFORE EXCHANGE LIBERALISATION

\* Ex-finance minister calls for 'gradual process' to eliminate all capital account controls

\* Touts benefits of reduced gov't control, greater productivity and economic/capital markets growth

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

THE Bahamas' would likely need to double its current \$1.081 billion in foreign currency reserves before embarking on full exchange control liberalisation, a for-

mer finance minister warning yesterday that such a process would only be successful if accompanied by other structural economic reforms.

James Smith, also an-ex  
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## WATER CORP TARGETS 1.7 MILLION GALLON BAHAMAR SUPPLY DEAL

\* Hoping to close deal within next six weeks

\* \$8m investment eyed from private developer for Gladstone Road sewerage treatment plant

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

THE WATER & SEWERAGE CORPORATION is hoping within the next one-and-a-half months to land a contract that will see it supply the \$2.6 billion Baha Mar development with up to 1.7 million gallons per day, its general manager yes-

terday saying he believed a deal was "very close". Glen Laville told Tribune Business that, in preparation for Cable Beach's transformation, the Corporation was also set "pretty soon" to go out to bid on a tender that would see the winning private sector bidder construct and operate

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## BUSINESS

# HAVE CONFIDENCE IN OBVIOUS SOLUTIONS

By **SIMON COOPER**  
**Res Socius**

ALTHOUGH I went to Business School, I must admit that a great deal of business theory is simply the same old hype repackaged. It is also true that some business consultants thrive on making things sound more complicated than they really are.

So this week I decided to write about the more obvious things I know of.

Things that any businessman can do to help ride the rollercoaster that is the world's economy today.

Turn off the Static Noise – That means staying out of conversations that talk the economy down, and convince everybody the country is going nowhere. It also includes not listening to endless patter by so-called experts in the media, too.

There is no point in mountaineers wasting breath by mentioning that the going's getting tough.



SIMON COOPER

usual positive way. Confidence breeds success. People still have needs. Make sure you are the one that satisfies them.

Watch the Cash Flow – Far more businesses fail from a lack of cash than for any other reason, and usually it is because the customers are not paying bills.

Watch them like a hawk for any changes, and be prepared to get tough if necessary in order to survive. Manage your supply side by controlling inventories as tightly as you can. Resist the urge to roll your suppliers through - the results are usually deadly.

Trim Down to What Works – Stick to your favourite knitting patterns that you can do with your eyes closed, even if it makes you deadly bored. Focus on your customers' most pressing needs, and meet them with tried and tested solutions.

A sale that becomes a return is not a sale.

Maintain your Market Profile – Customers in general are a fickle lot, and they can easily forget you are there.

Cutting back on marketing will soon see you cutting down on sales. Continue with an aggressive media presence while you work on strengthening business relationships.

Fail to do this at your peril, because your competition also reads this column.

Taken together, these five things will surely help your business to survive. Chances are that they could also help it grow and flourish.

When the economy kicks in again, as I keep on believing that it will, these ideas will also put you in a superb position to take on the extra business confidently.

And confidence in business is the key.

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some scepticism, given Robin Hood's travails over the past year. Mr Schaefer freely admitted yesterday that he had been "knocked on my ass", but added that "everything worked out" in finding a new equity investor in the shape of Mr Pinder.

"So far it's been a very good relationship; good for me, good for them. I'm 55, but it's only good to have a mentor in your life," the Robin Hood president added, describing Mr Pinder as "successful in his many businesses".

Mr Schaefer said it would require "a nominal investment" by Robin Hood to re-open at Prince Charles Drive, given that the equipment and amenities it needed were already there.

"We need to repair some signage from the storm and do some parking lot work, but we want to start on construction of the 44,000 square foot shopping centre addition," he told Tribune Business.

"I viewed it with potential tenants today. Time is of the essence and we need to move forward aggressively."

The planned shopping centre would lie between the Robin Hood store and the road, and previous tenants earmarked for the project included a Scotiabank branch and Sbarro's restaurant.

"We're revisiting the plans now, going with a new architect, new designs and new ideas. We want to put shovels in the ground before the end of the year," Mr Schaefer added. "What takes three years I want to get done in one."

"What people will see with the re-opening of the new store will be far grander than the first opening. We've had time to mull over our mistakes, and will do it right."

Speaking to this newspaper after just

returning from an overseas buying trip, Mr Schaefer said Robin Hood would be buying foods direct from China and India.

Expressing sympathy for the plight of City Markets, Mr Finlayson, the minority investors and employees, the Robin Hood president added: "The retail world is extremely competitive, and we intend to seize the moment and make the most of it."

"Our sales currently are sufficient, but we're rebuilding. We're not even half-way to where I'd like to be, but in retail things happen extremely quickly - success comes very quickly and disaster comes very quickly. We've got to capitalise - re-merchandise the store and create new departments."

If Mr Schaefer's plans do come to fruition, it would be a 'phoenix rising from the ashes' type of scenario, and a complete reversal of fortune when compared to City Markets.

Describing himself as "very excited", Mr Schaefer told Tribune Business he was "going back to my roots" by looking for close-outs and cut-price buying opportunities, even if such windows existed only for a week.

"It knocked us on our ass, closing that store," Mr Schaefer said of Prince Charles Drive. "But we're going to make shopping a treasure hunt, an adventure. That's the kind of energy and ingenuity we're going to put into the retail side of the business again, and now have the funds we need."

"We went through a very difficult and extraordinarily trying time, but hope to employ a lot of Bahamians. Now we have a partner who is Bahamian, the company is Bahamian and no longer foreign. That stigma is removed, and the company is here to serve people. Customers are the ones to call the shots."

"It's a fight we're in. We got knocked down, but what determines your character is when you get up, and we're getting up."



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remains between 35-40 per cent, the general manager told Tribune Business: "Essentially, we have a plan. Now we have to get financing for the plan."

"If we can get the IDB programme going, that will advance the major aspects of the plan. Every action outlined in the actual plan is vital. Nothing can be taken away and the same result achieved. If you're talking about the financial and operational sustainability of the Corporation, you have to look at all parts of it."

Among the recommended changes required to reduce the Corporation's financial burden on the Bahamian taxpayer are

regulatory reform, with responsibility for supervision of the water industry transferred from the Government to an independent agency such as the Utilities Regulatory and Competition Authority (URCA).

Other targeted reforms include tackling the non-revenue water issue, "looking at the organisation as a whole and what needs to be done to be more efficient", and the tariffs the Corporation levies on its customers.

"We have to deal with all," Mr Laville emphasised. "Each one in isolation will bring some kind of benefit, but will not get us over the hump to be a viable Corporation."

When it came to the Water & Sewerage Corporation's

financial situation, the general manager said that when it came to cash flow it was "no better than we normally are".

The economic downturn had exacerbated this, given the impact it was having on some consumers' ability to pay bills - either on time or not at all.

"That's not to minimize investment in infrastructure that are going to improve customer service, but from a financial standpoint we're not better off," Mr Laville added. "Yet in certain operational areas there are signs of improvement, and there will continue to be improvement."

With the Blue Hills reverse osmosis plant's expansion by BISX-listed Consolidated Water, Mr Laville said the barging of water to New Providence from Andros would cease "definitely before the end of the year". The Blue Hills expansion will save the Corporation the \$3 million it would have otherwise have to invest in upgrading its Arawak Cay facilities.

Mr Laville added that the Corporation had enhanced its Family Island water production and service quality capabilities.

Apart from the new reverse osmosis plant at Tarpum Bay in Eleuthera, it was also aiming to finish the expansion of the desalination plant at Deadman's Cay in Long Island by the 2012 first quarter, the general manager conceding that this project had "taken a little longer than it should".

The Corporation was also assessing another potential desalination plant project for Long Island, this time at Salt Pond. Together with the completed Green Turtle Cay plant, Mr Laville said this would require a collective \$4 million investment.

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an \$8 million sewerage treatment plant on Gladstone Road.

That plant will serve Baha Mar and surrounding real estate developments in western New Providence, Mr Laville adding that the Corporation also hoped to finalise an agreement with New Providence Development Company on a water supply tie-up, plus franchise area, before year-end.

That agreement is key to the Corporation's plans to supply Baha Mar, as much of the water supplied to the development will come from New Providence Development Company's plant.

Explaining that both the Corporation and Water & Sewerage Corporation were conducting their own reviews of documents and the potential agreement, Mr Laville told Tribune Business: "One of the big things we're trying to secure now, the primary focus now, is securing that Baha Mar contract, and we seem to be very close to that."

"That will influence [future] production and development. I'm hoping in the next one-and-a-half months to have that contract, and hope to proceed."

At full build-out, Baha Mar was seeking water supply of 1.7 million gallons per day, or "close to two million" as Mr Laville put it. While the price per gallon was still being worked out, the quantity of water Baha Mar would purchase ensured it would get some kind of discount.

On the Corporation's side, the contract with Baha Mar would be of the "take or pay" variety, with the developer paying for the water whether it used it or not. The Corporation would look to maximise supply efficiency to ensure its margins were as high as possible.

As for the talks with New Providence Development Company, Mr Laville said he did not "see any problem in getting things worked out before the end of the year".

The Corporation's general manager said one attraction of its bid for Baha Mar was that it could offer a guaranteed water supply through built-in redundancy in its system.



**WORK TAKES** place at Cable Beach as part of the Baha Mar project.

Through Consolidated Water's expansion of the Blue Hills reverse osmosis plant, and the imminent agreement to buy water from New Providence Development Company, Mr Laville said the Corporation could acquire water from desalination plants "in both parts of the island", ensuring supply continued if there was an issue at one plant.

Meanwhile, Mr Laville said the Corporation had issued bid documents for the contract to "build, own and operate a \$4-\$6 million waste water treatment facility in Pinewood Gardens, hoping the project will provide a public-private partnership model that can be applied to its other four sewerage treatment plants on New Providence."

Confirming that bids were supposed to be in by mid-October 2011, Mr Laville said: "That's moving along well. It's behind schedule, but at least it's got going."

"We will see how we can expand the model to other treatment plants. There are another four, all on New Providence, and we're looking at going out for one pretty soon on Gladstone Road to address the needs of Baha Mar and nearby developments."

Mr Laville estimated the Gladstone Road facility would involve an \$8 million investment by the successful private sector bidder, with the plant serving the likes of Westridge, Skyline Lakes and government subdivisions in the area.

Similar investments were likely to be required at the other existing waste water treatment plants because "they're in such a state", Mr Laville conceded.

## NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 137 (4) (a), (b) and (c) of the International Business Companies Act, 2000, notice is hereby given that:-

- (a) **ABENTINA COMPANY LTD.** is in dissolution;
- (b) The date of commencement of the dissolution is the **12th day of July A.D., 2011** and
- (c) the Liquidator is C.B. Strategy Ltd., of 308 East Bay St.

**C.B. Strategy Ltd.**  
**LIQUIDATOR**

## NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 137 (4) (a), (b) and (c) of the International Business Companies Act, 2000, notice is hereby given that:-

- (a) **KOOLSTREAMS LTD.** is in dissolution;
- (b) The date of commencement of the dissolution is the **12th day of July A.D., 2011** and
- (c) the Liquidator is C.B. Strategy Ltd., of 308 East Bay St.

**C.B. Strategy Ltd.**  
**LIQUIDATOR**

## NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 137 (4) (a), (b) and (c) of the International Business Companies Act, 2000, notice is hereby given that:-

- (a) **BLUESTAR MANAGEMENT LTD.** is in dissolution;
- (b) The date of commencement of the dissolution is the **12th day of July A.D., 2011** and
- (c) the Liquidator is C.B. Strategy Ltd., of 308 East Bay St.

**C.B. Strategy Ltd.**  
**LIQUIDATOR**

## NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 137 (4) (a), (b) and (c) of the International Business Companies Act, 2000, notice is hereby given that:-

- (a) **FOXHILL MANAGEMENT LTD.** is in dissolution;
- (b) The date of commencement of the dissolution is the **1st day of September A.D., 2011** and
- (c) the Liquidator is C.B. Strategy Ltd., of 308 East Bay St.

**C.B. Strategy Ltd.**  
**LIQUIDATOR**

### Legal Notice NOTICE

**STORYPLUS HOLDINGS LIMITED**  
Company No. 47859 C  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Creditors having debts or claims against the above-named Company are required to send particulars thereof to the undersigned c/o P.O. Box N-3229, Nassau, Bahamas on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2011. In default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made by the Liquidator

Dated the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2011.

**Deltec Bank & Trust Limited**  
Liquidator

### Legal Notice NOTICE

**Deltec ML CBO Equity Partners L.P.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN as follows:

Deltec ML CBO Equity Partners L.P. is in dissolution under the provisions of the Exempted Limited Partnership Act.

The dissolution of the said Company commenced on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011 when Notice of Dissolution were submitted to and registered by the Registrar General.

The Liquidator of the said Company is Deltec Bank & Trust Limited, Deltec House, Lyford Cay, P.O. Box N-3229, Nassau, Bahamas.

**Deltec Bank & Trust Limited**  
Liquidator

### Legal Notice NOTICE

**STORYPLUS HOLDINGS LIMITED**  
Company No. 47859 C  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of Storyplus Holdings Limited is hereby called to be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Deltec Bank & Trust Limited, Lyford Cay, New Providence Bahamas, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2011 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning.

The object and purpose of the said meeting is to have laid before the Shareholders of the Company the accounts of the Liquidator, Deltec Bank & Trust Limited, showing the manner in which the winding up of the Company has been conducted, the property of the Company distributed and the debts and obligations of the Company discharged, and also to hear any explanation that may be given by said Liquidator.

Dated the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2011.

**Deltec Bank & Trust Limited**  
Liquidator

### Legal Notice NOTICE

**SCRIBUM LIMITED**  
Company No. 47850 C  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

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Dated the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2011.

**Deltec Bank & Trust Limited**  
Liquidator

### Legal Notice NOTICE

**SCRIBUM LIMITED**  
Company No. 47850 C  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of Scribum Limited is hereby called to be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Deltec Bank & Trust Limited, Lyford Cay, New Providence Bahamas, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2011 at 9:30 in the morning.

The object and purpose of the said meeting is to have laid before the Shareholders of the Company the accounts of the Liquidator, Deltec Bank & Trust Limited, showing the manner in which the winding up of the Company has been conducted, the property of the Company distributed and the debts and obligations of the Company discharged, and also to hear any explanation that may be given by said Liquidator.

Dated the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2011.

**Deltec Bank & Trust Limited**  
Liquidator

### Legal Notice NOTICE

**STORYPLUS HOLDINGS LIMITED**  
Reg. No. 47847 C  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given that at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the above-named Company duly convened and held on the 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2011 the following resolutions were passed:

That the Company be wound-up.

That the Company 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.

That Deltec Bank & Trust Limited, Deltec House, Lyford Cay, Nassau, Bahamas be appointed the Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up.

**Deltec Bank & Trust Limited**  
Liquidator

## BUSINESS

FROM page one

# DOUBLE RESERVES BEFORE EXCHANGE LIBERALISATION

Central Bank governor, acknowledged that there were "upsides and downsides" to moving towards full liberalisation, adding that the process needed to be gradual and accompanied by reforms such as a reduction in the Government's existing \$1.3-\$1.4 billion foreign currency debt.

Speaking to Tribune Business prior to presentation to the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) Bahamas branch yesterday, Mr Smith said full exchange control liberalisation - especially on the capital account - would reduce government control of the Bahamian economy and provide a potential major boost for this nation's capital markets and private sector.

"I also believe it's not a once-off," the former minister of state for finance in the 2002-2007 Christie administration told Tribune Business. "It has to be done in conjunction with a boost up in foreign reserves, reduction in foreign currency debt and strengthening the Central Bank of the Bahamas' regulatory mandate."

If the Bahamas abandoned its one:one peg with the US dollar and fixed exchange rate regime, Mr Smith said the Central Bank would be required to enforce a 'dirty floating' exchange rate - one where it intervened periodically in the global currency markets, if necessary, to either support or reduce the Bahamian dollar's value.

"The Central Bank would have to be given a kind of band range in which it might want to defend the dollar," the former finance minister said. Parameters for this would need to be set, though, to prevent the Central Bank from using up all its foreign currency reserves to defend the Bahamian dollar.

Calling for "a gradual process" that would prevent a run on the Bahamian dollar, Mr Smith said the Gov-

ernment needed to reduce its foreign currency debt to a minimum. This was because if, under a floating exchange rate, the Bahamian dollar depreciated against its US counterpart, debt servicing costs could increase dramatically.

The Bahamas also required "sizeable foreign currency reserves, much more than we have now", before it took the plunge. Mr Smith said it needed reserves to cover six months' worth of import purchases, rather than the three months it had now.

And to prevent volatility should the capital account be liberalised, and preserve the value of Bahamian assets, the now-CFAL chairman suggested that Bahamians be allowed to establish unit trusts "where 20 per cent of their assets could be held in foreign currency".

The Ingraham administration, in its 2007 election manifesto, committed to phasing out exchange controls over a 10-year period, something that never happened after the recession distracted the Government from much of its agenda.

While emphasising that any exchange control reform needed to be gradual, Mr Smith said the Bahamas was "being forced that way" by trade liberalisation, and its moves towards World Trade Organisation (WTO) full membership and participation in other trade agreements.

Exchange controls are largely viewed as outdated relics, incompatible with today's integrated, globalised economy, and most countries

have removed them. Many in the Bahamas, though, point to the stability fostered by the current fixed exchange rate regime, and the ability to determine foreign direct investment (FDI) flows and who comes into this nation.

But Mr Smith indicated to Tribune Business that by going the alternative route, while implementing accompanying structural reforms, capital account liberalisation would help to modernise the Bahamian economy and lay the foundations for private sector growth.

"The first thing you lose is a lot of control of the economy by the Government," Mr Smith added. No longer would the administration be able to use exchange control approval as a hurdle to prevent foreigners from acquiring, or buying shares in, Bahamian companies, something the CFAL chairman described as "a huge constraint" for the private sector.

A floating exchange regime, Mr Smith added, would also enable the Bahamas to react better to external economic shocks. The blow would be absorbed in the exchange rate, rather than the Government's fiscal position having to take the majority of the punishment.

An end to capital account controls would also allow Bahamian entrepreneurs and companies access to foreign savings and investments to help them grow, rather than being restricted to the current shallow pool of domestic savings.

Bahamians would also be

able to invest in international stocks and debt instruments, such as bonds, deposits and loans, while foreigners could invest in stocks listed on the Bahamas International Securities Exchange (BISX).

Tepid capital account reforms have been made, with Bahamas-based broker/dealers allowed to access a collective \$25 million per year in foreign currency for their international investment funds. The National Insurance Board (NIB) has also been allowed to invest a the same annual amount of assets abroad.

But, in proposing to go much further, Mr Smith said: "There would be cross-listings in the rest of the Caribbean. Bahamian entities could list anywhere there."

"The Bahamas has a very low savings rate, and these companies would get access to other people's capital savings."

"For the stock market, there will be more listings, greater depth and price determination will be more market-based. As a rule of thumb, foreigners ought to be allowed to acquire up to 10 per cent of any BISX-listed company without having to go through exchange control. You ought to see increased investment inflows

control liberalisation] that ought to be examined very carefully going forward, because the economy is going into a whole new ball game.

"When you look at short-term and medium term restructuring, and liberalisation, you need to look at the freeing of the exchange rate as well as examining the tax structure for reform."

Given that foreign investors would seek similar or greater returns than they earned at home from putting money into Bahamas-based companies, Mr Smith said this should stimulate greater productivity and growth.

"We want labour productivity up, reduced pilferage and that sort of thing. We would also have access to modern management systems," he added.

## NOTICE

## SHEPPARTON WORLDWIDE LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN as follows:

SHEPPARTON WORLDWIDE LIMITED is in voluntary dissolution under the provisions of Section 138 (4) of the International Business Companies Act 2000.

The dissolution of the said company commenced on the 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2011 when the Articles of Dissolution were submitted to and registered by the Registrar General.

The Liquidator of the said company is Tang Yang Ping of c/o 1 Raffles Link #05-02 Singapore 039393

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September A. D. 2011.

Tang Yang Ping  
Liquidator

## FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT OF THE BAHAMAS

### PUBLIC NOTICE

No. 2 of 2011

September 15, 2011

#### NOTICE RELATING TO FRAUDULENT USE OF NAME AND LOGO OF THE FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT

It has come to the attention of the **Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU)** that there are documents in circulation that purports to have been issued by the office of the FIU. These documents consist of a **Ministerial Memo in reference to "Funds Transfer Authentication Code" together with a letter bearing the address of an Internal Revenue Service Bahamas (IRSB) coming from the desk of Cassandra C. Odudu, Secretary of Revenue.**

The public is hereby advised that these documents are false and is deemed a scam. The public is warned that at no time should any funds be transferred pursuant to the directions given in these documents. The public is further advised that the FIU did not release these documents and will not be held liable for any funds transferred or lost incurred as a result of following the instructions contained therein.

Persons who are aware of or have been affected by the following scam are asked to contact the FIU at 242-356-9808 or 242-326-3815 or forward a letter to the **Financial Intelligence Unit, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Norfolk House, Frederick Street, P.O. Box SB-50086, Nassau, Bahamas, Fax 242-322-5551**, to ensure that the matter is thoroughly investigated.

Any questions regarding this Notice should be directed to:

**Mr. Reginald Ferguson, QPM, Commissioner (Retired)**  
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#### COMPLETION OF THE NEW PROVIDENCE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

##### CORRIDOR 16 Wulff Road

**JOSE CARTELLONE CONSTRUCCIONES CIVILES S.A.** has been awarded a Contract by the Government of The Bahamas for the Completion of the New Providence Road Improvement Project (International Package).

Please be advised that from **Monday September 5<sup>th</sup> 2011**, Road Works will be implemented on sections of Wulff Road between **Marathon Road and Village Road.**

#### WHAT IS THIS PHASE OF THE PROJECT ABOUT?

Road widening will be done on both sides to accommodate additional road width. The existing two (2) lanes will be widened to four (4) lanes. Junction improvements will be carried at **Village Road, Kemp Road and Marathon Road.**

The works to be carried out will include:

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| - Installation of 12" PVC Watermain pipes | - Milling of existing pavement            |
| - WSC service lateral connections         | - Installation of new drainage facilities |
| - Utilities                               | - Asphalt pavement                        |
| - Sidewalks                               | - Street lighting                         |
| - Traffic signs                           | - Road markings                           |

#### AFFECTED AREA(S) DURING THIS PHASE.

MARATHON ROAD & WULFF ROAD (round-about) to KEMP ROAD.

#### TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT (see map on reverse)

During this phase of construction motorists are advised to follow the traffic management scheme in place.

East & Westbound traffic should use **JEROME AVE | CHESEPEAKE ROAD | KEMP ROAD** as an alternate.

#### RESIDENTS/LOCAL BUSINESSES/PEDESTRIANS

Access will be given to residents, pedestrians and the affected businesses in this area during the construction process. Signs will be in place to identify safe passage for pedestrians and access points to the businesses in the area from the diversion route.

The public will be updated through the local media (newspaper, radio & television).

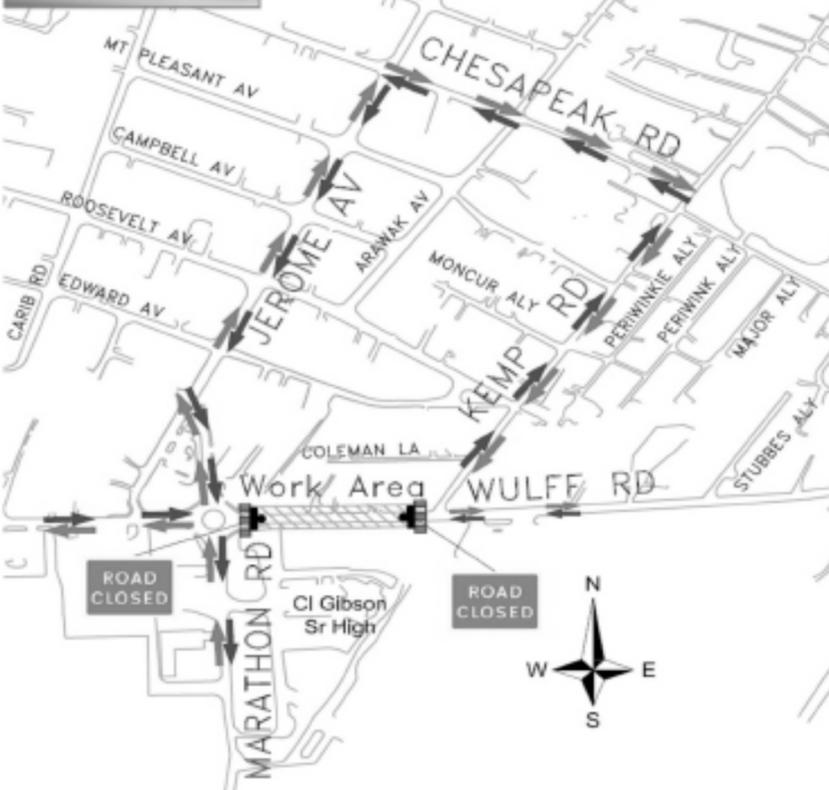
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Project Execution Unit  
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#### TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME



BUSINESS

# PHONE RIVALRY DRIVES DOWN RIM EARNINGS

**TORONTO Associated Press**  
SHARES OF RESEARCH IN MOTION

plummeted more than 18 percent after hours after the BlackBerry maker reported its net income and revenue declined sharply in its fiscal

second quarter. The results show continued struggle to compete with the iPhone and smartphones running Google's

Android system and raise the pressure for the company's long-promised new phone software to be a hit.

RIM said Thursday that its net income was 419 million, or 80 cents per share, in the three months ended Aug. 27. That's down from \$796.7 million, or \$1.46 per share, a year ago. Analysts expected 90 cents per share, according to a survey by FactSet.

The company, based in Waterloo, Ontario, said revenue fell 15 percent to \$4.2 billion.

"They are just not selling. They are not competitive," said Peter Misk, an analyst at Jefferies & Co. in New York. "They are getting really hit hard by Android phones."

Misk said RIM's future depends on it releasing new BlackBerrys with the company's new QNX operating system, designed to compete with iPhones and Android phones. RIM has previously vowed to release phones with that software in early 2012.

"They need them out as soon as possible. They need to be good, and they need to be well received by consumers," he said. "If they are not, they will be in a lot of trouble. It will be very difficult to envision a turnaround if they do not get those out as soon as possible."

RIM co-CEO Mike Lazaridis joined the analysts' conference following the release, the second time in as many quarters that he has participated after not doing so in recent memory. He said the company won't rush the QNX phones. He added that prototype phones will be out in the not-too-distant future and said RIM plans announcements about the phones at a conference in October.

He expects the higher-end QNX phones will be selling a year from now but said they won't represent the majority of the phones the company sells because the cheaper BlackBerry 7 models will still be selling globally. "We understand that the past few quarters have been challenging," Lazaridis said. "We are confident that we are on track to return to growth in Q3 and beyond."

RIM Co-CEO Jim Balsillie said the company shipped fewer BlackBerrys than expected in the quarter because people awaited the launch of the new BlackBerry 7 smartphones, which didn't come out until the end of the quarter. The company said shipments of the BlackBerry 7 were "near the high end of our expectations" in three weeks on the market but didn't offer specifics. The BlackBerry 7 devices

don't have the QNX software. The PlayBook tablet computer was a disappointment. RIM said it sold about 200,000 of them in the quarter. That was far short of what analysts had expected.

Lazaridis acknowledged it was "well below where we would like it to be" but said ultimately it will be a success in a market that is in its infancy and rapidly growing. "We're planning to launch a major software upgrade for PlayBook which will deliver highly anticipated new capabilities and applications which we expect to reinvigorate sales," Balsillie said.

RIM's tablet, like many others, remains in the shadow of Apple's iPad.

"Apple sells more iPads in two days than RIM sells in a whole quarter," BGC Financial analyst Colin Gillis said.

Gillis said RIM is too busy talking about their next generation phones when they should be trying to sell their current models. He said the gap is widening between RIM and their competitors and said it might be time to find new management.

"There is just so much that seems so haphazard about the company right now," Gillis said.

Shares fell \$5.46, or 18.5 percent, to \$24.08 in after-hours trading. RIM's stock has lost almost half its value since January. RIM said in July it would cut 10 percent of its work force, about 2,000 jobs.

Although BlackBerrys have dominated the corporate smartphone market, their popularity in the consumer market has been short-lived. U.S. consumers have moved on to phones with big touchscreens like Apple Inc.'s iPhone and various models that run Google Inc.'s Android operating system.

**MINISTRY OF WORKS & TRANSPORT**  
**NOTICE**  
**CORRIDOR 11B**  
**MARKET STREET**  
**Temporary Road Closure & Diversion**

Jose Cartellone Construcciones Civiles S.A wishes to advise the public that road construction works will be implemented north of Market Street between **WULFF ROAD & BROUGHAM STREET** from **Monday September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

Motorists are advised to use **East Street** as an alternate and follow the diversion signs in place.

Access will be given to residents, pedestrians and the affected businesses in this area during the construction process. Signs will be in place to identify safe passage for Pedestrians and Access points to the businesses in the area from the diversion route.

Your patience throughout this project is greatly appreciated, we apologize for the inconvenience & delays caused. For further information please contact:

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**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES VEHICLE MECHANIC**

The Public Hospitals Authority invites applications from suitably qualified persons for the post of Emergency Medical Services Vehicle Mechanic, Public Hospitals Authority, Emergency Medical Services.

Applicants must possess the following qualifications:

- Certificate/Diploma in Diesel Engines from Accredited Trade School with two (2) years experience;
- Certificate in Defensive Driving from Road Traffic Department;
- Excellent organizational skills;
- Excellent communication skills (oral and written); and
- Excellent interpersonal and leadership skills;

The Emergency Medical Services Vehicle Mechanic will report to the Emergency Medical Services Manager.

**JOB SUMMARY:**

The Emergency Medical Services Vehicle Mechanic will be responsible for the daily maintenance and servicing of all Emergency Medical Services vehicles of the Public Hospitals Authority.

**DUTIES:**

1. Examines all vehicles daily before use and reports any apparent misuse of vehicles to the EMS Manager;
2. Implements a system of checking vehicles on a regular basis to provide preventative measures;
3. Services vehicles every three (3) months or three thousand (3,000) miles;
4. Completes vehicle maintenance list for all vehicles and provides the EMS Manager with the report on a weekly basis;
5. Generates requisitions for all necessary parts for repairs and servicing of vehicles;
6. Ensures that parts for servicing of vehicles are always in stock;
7. Ensures a minimum of eight (8) vehicles are operational at all times;
8. Maintains an expenditure record on all repairs completed on vehicles;
9. Provides financial information regarding maintenance of vehicles for annual budget; and
10. Provides on call coverage on a daily basis to address urgent mechanical issues.

The post of Emergency Medical Services Vehicle Mechanic is in Salary Scale HATS1 (\$31,850 x 700 - \$37,450).

Letter of application and curricula vitae should be submitted to the Director of Human Resources, Corporate Office, Public Hospitals Authority, 3<sup>rd</sup> Terrace West, Centreville; or P.O. Box N-8200 Nassau, Bahamas no later than **23<sup>rd</sup> September 2011.**

**NAD**  
Nassau Airport  
Development Company

# Request For PROPOSAL

## FOOD COURT OUTLETS

NEW INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC DEPARTURES TERMINAL  
LYNDEN PINDLING INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Nassau Airport Development Company Limited (NAD) is seeking separate Proponents (individual, consortium or joint venture that must include an experienced food vendor) to operate two food court outlets in the New International and Domestic Departures Terminal in Stage Three of the LPIA Expansion Project.

- Proposals will be evaluated only for those who meet the minimum qualifications as set forth in the complete RFP document.
- Proponents should demonstrate awareness of operating services in an airport environment
- A keen understanding of such concepts should be demonstrated in the proposal

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- i. Proponents must be an incorporated Bahamian Company
- ii. Proponents must have operated a food facility within the last two (2) years.

**NAD'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES ARE TO:**

- (a) achieve a high standard of excellence and customer service;
- (b) develop and design food facilities that complement the qualities of the new terminal;
- (c) offer food and beverage choices to a broad spectrum of passengers at reasonable prices; and
- (d) optimize revenue to NAD.

Qualified and interested parties may pick up a Request for Proposal package at NAD's corporate office on the second floor Domestic/International Terminal at LPIA between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p. m. from September 5th to September 16th, 2011. A mandatory pre-proposal briefing for those who have picked up packages will be held at the New Providence Community Centre, Blake Rd. on Thursday September 22nd, 2011 at 10:00 am.

EFFORT TO PREVENT EUROPE DEBT CRISIS

# WORLD'S CENTRAL BANKS FLOOD MARKET WITH DOLLARS

LONDON  
Associated Press

FIVE of the world's top central banks acted jointly Thursday to provide unlimited dollar loans to banks, a move aimed at easing the growing tensions in the eurozone's financial sector and shielding the global economy from its jitters.

The European Central Bank said it will coordinate with the U.S. Federal Reserve, the Bank of England, the Bank of Japan and the Swiss National Bank to offer three-month dollar loans to banks through the end of this year. There was no separate statement from the Fed.

The coordinated effort aims to prevent Europe's debt crisis from derailing the global economy's rebound from recession, a topic that will dominate talks between U.S. Treasury chief Timothy Geithner and his European counterparts at a meeting beginning Thursday night and running through Saturday in Poland.

European banks have seen their shares sink and some have had trouble getting loans from each other recently because of possible huge losses from their holdings of troubled European government bonds.

When a bank is rumored to be in danger of suffering large losses, other banks will stop lending to it for fear of not getting their money back — a scenario that created the global credit crunch in 2008. Ultimately, the threat to the wider global economy is that banks will stop lending to businesses, stifling growth.

Stocks, particularly banking shares, and the euro rallied Thursday on hopes the dollar loans will relieve the funding pressures.

The program will likely prevent a panic for the next few months, but it's only a first step, said Mark McCormick, a currency strategist at Brown Brothers Harriman.



**JEAN-CLAUDE** Trichet, President of the European Central Bank and Chairman of the Global Economy Meeting, speaks at a press conference at the BIS's (Bank for International Settlements) bimonthly meeting at a hotel in Basel, Switzerland, Monday, Sept. 12, 2011. Trichet said central bankers agreed Monday they "have the weaponry to provide liquidity" to banks as needed worldwide, and on an unlimited basis at fixed rates in the eurozone. (AP)

"You're warding off contagion and crisis, but it's not going to solve the problem, which is too much debt," McCormick said, but added it was smart for the central banks to address the problem early.

Indicators of banking stress now are the worst they have been in three years, he said, but they remain better than they were before the U.S. investment firm Lehman Brothers failed exactly three years ago — on Sept. 15, 2008 — setting off a worldwide credit crunch.

Financial markets have been hugely volatile for weeks on fears that Europe's debt crisis will spin out of control and threaten Europe's banking sector. Moody's ratings agency this week downgraded two major French banks on those concerns.

McCormick said the long-term impact of Thursday's move was uncertain.

"I think a lot of people took it as a red flag, but it's more of a pre-emptive strike to get ahead of the stresses that we

had when Lehman failed," he said.

Markets and the euro currency were buoyed by Thursday's news. The 17-nation euro currency surged to a daily high of \$1.3934 before retreating slightly to \$1.3858. Shares in French bank BNP Paribas jumped 13.4 percent while Societe Generale gained 5.4 percent. Traders had singled them out in recent days as being particularly exposed to Greece's bad debts.

The markets needed the boost, because news out of Greece and Switzerland was particularly downbeat Thursday.

The Greek finance minister warned that the country must brace for a fourth year of recession, and data showed unemployment had hit a new high of 16.3 percent. As the government debated new public sector cuts to secure the cash lifeline protecting Greece from a chaotic bankruptcy, residents once again hit the streets of Athens to protest the austerity measures.

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## 'GOLDEN BOY' BARRY

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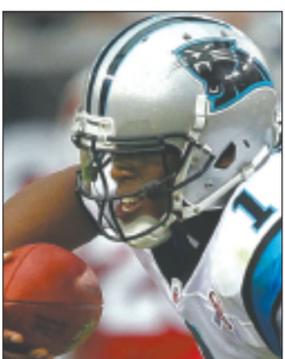
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THE GEORGIA  
DOME**



TURN TO 8E.

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The height wasn't one that he anticipated but IAAF World Athletic Championships' high jump bronze medallist Trevor Barry has finally gotten a golden victory to close out his stellar performance on the Euro circuit.

Since his bronze-medal feat at the championships in South Korea, Barry claimed two second-place finishes then wrapped it up with a victory yesterday at a meet in Dubnica, Slovakia.

At the 9th Athletics Bridge against two of the finalists at the Worlds, including gold medallist Jesse Williams of the US, Barry got a well-deserved triumph to add to his historic appearance in Daegu.

Barry and Williams both finished with a clearance of 2.27 metres or 7-foot, 5 1/4-inches. But on the count back, it was Barry who surpassed the height first on his second attempt. Williams did it on his third and final try. They both failed their three attempts at 2.30m (7-6 1/2).

Russian Ivan Ukhov, who tied for fifth place at the Worlds, was third at 2.24m (7-4 1/4).

"I didn't jump what I wanted to, but I'm just glad to be done," said Barry about competing on the European circuit. He has been traveling from one country to another over the past two weeks since he departed South Korea.

Barry, 27, said he's just glad that he's done.

"Couldn't ask for a better finish," he said. "It has been quite a long season."

Although he was the lone Bahamian competing in the meet, Barry said he didn't have to worry about the competition because both Williams and Ukhov made it an interesting match-up.

In fact, all of the media hype on the event was focused on the showdown between Williams and Ukhov. Barry said he was just glad to step in as the spoiler.



**GOLDEN BOY:** Trevor Barry clears the bar at the IAAF Worlds in Daegu, South Korea. Yesterday, he jumped for the gold at a meet in Dubnica, Slovakia.

"We're winding down our season, so nobody was really sharp for this one," he said. "That's been my story for the year. I've been the underdog all year. I just go out there and do what I have to do and the results have shown up."

Right out of the blocks after Daegu, Barry went to Zurich, Switzerland, on September 9 where he got second behind Dimitrios Chondrokoukis of Greece, who was tied with Ukhov for fifth place at the Worlds.

In the process, he beat out Ukhov and Williams, the third and fourth place finishers. Donald Thomas, who settled for 11th place in Daegu,

had to settle for a two-way tie for 10th place.

Two days later, they were in Berlin, Germany, where Williams regained his Worlds form to win. Barry had to settle for a close second, while Thomas finished fourth.

"I think this stretch was pretty good, coming off the World Championships," Barry said. "Without any training in between, it showed me conditioning going into the Worlds. I just hope that I can duplicate that next year. But it's a good way to end this part of the season. Now all I can do is prepare for bigger and better things next year."

Despite the fact that he suffered a

slight injury on one of the toes on his left foot during the competition yesterday, Barry said he's still contemplating whether or not he will travel to the Pan American Games.

Those games are scheduled for October 14-30 in Guadalajara, Mexico.

"I'd like to go to Pan Ams," Barry said.

In the meantime, he's heading to the US today before he comes home for a celebration with his family and friends. The date for the latter has not been confirmed.

But based on his performance this year, Barry said he knows that it's going to be a grand affair.

## MINISTRY ENDORSES PACKAGE FOR BAHAMIANS TO SEE ANTOAN AND BRAVES VS. MARLINS LIVE

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NEARLY two weeks into his major league career, local fans will have an opportunity to witness the latest addition to the list of Bahamian baseball icons live in action, with the help of the national flag carrier.

Bahamasair, in conjunction with the Bahamas Baseball Federation, has created a package, including airfare, car and hotel arrangements for a chance to watch Antuan Richardson and the Atlanta Braves against the Florida Marlins in a three-game series.

The purchase of the package would make one eligible for free game tickets during one of the trio of contests at SunLife Stadium next weekend - September 19-21.

Craig Kemp, president of the Bahamas Baseball Federation, officially congratulated Richardson's achievement and made an attempt



**ANTOAN RICHARDSON** and the Atlanta Braves are set to face the Florida Marlins in a three-game series at SunLife Stadium September 19-21.

to galvanize public support for Richardson during the three-game series in Florida.

"On behalf of the Bahamas Baseball Federation, our executives and member leagues, we would like to send congratulations to Antuan. He is a home boy, and we have all had the privilege to watch Antuan grow and mature from a young baseball player to the player he is today.

"We are very, very pleased and excited about what Bahamasair has done in this regard to help increase his exposure," he said. "We hope as many Bahamians as possible will take this opportunity and go to Florida and show Antuan that we truly appreciate the milestone he has made for this country in baseball. We want to extend our gratitude to Bahamasair, and to the Ministry for showing support for Antuan and we want the Bahamian people to support Antuan in every oppor-

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## SPORTS

# NBA AND REFEREES AGREE ON FIVE-YEAR DEAL

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**  
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA and its referees approved a new five-year deal Thursday, just two years after a contract dispute nearly caused the league to open the season with replacements.

A person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press that the referees voted on the deal last week. The person spoke to the AP on the condition of anonymity because those details were confidential.

Owners ratified it at their meeting in Dallas on Thursday, and terms of the contract were not disclosed.

The agreement heads off the potential of two NBA lockouts. Players and owners still are working on a deal to replace the one that expired June 30.

"We did not get everything we wanted, but given the current economic climate and the continuing players' lockout, we are satisfied that this deal was in the best interests of our members," National Basketball Referees Association general counsel Lee Seham said in a statement.

The referees' contracts traditionally have been for five years, but they sought a two-year deal in 2009, hoping they could quickly renegotiate when the economy had improved.

Those negotiations went poorly, with the league locking out the referees on September 18, a little more than two weeks after their contract had expired. Replacement referees were used during preseason games, to the criticism of many coaches and players, before the sides agreed to a deal in time for the regular season.

These talks also had some rocky moments.

NBRA executive board member Thomas Washington called them a "long and arduous process." Seham said the referees' union intended to withdraw all pending contract grievances and charges before the National Labor Relations Board.

**NBA players present unified front in labour impasse**

LAS VEGAS (AP) — NBA players will remain unified and calm in what could be a lengthy pursuit of a labour agreement, union pres-

ident Derek Fisher vowed Thursday.

About 40 players got an update on collective bargaining talks from Fisher and executive director Billy Hunter in what Fisher described as "a very colourful and engaging meeting" at a casino. NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith also spoke to the players, who were mostly in town to play in an Impact Basketball academy league.

"There is not the fracture and the separation amongst our group that in some ways has been reported," said Fisher, the Los Angeles Lakers point guard. "We just want to continue to reiterate that point."

The players echoed their leaders' stance, promising they won't allow the union to splinter when the players start missing paychecks in a few weeks. NBPA members have been educated for several years about the steps necessary to survive a long lockout, and Fisher said the union will continue to protect the rights of players who sign overseas this fall.

## Union

"I've never seen this union as strong as we are collectively right now," said Boston Celtics center Jermaine O'Neal, among the few remaining players who participated in the 1998-99 labor dispute. "A lot of our young guys are wide-eyed when they see the numbers at first, but now they're educated. We don't need to make a temporary, emotional decision. We need to make a long-term decision for a bigger purpose."

Owners also met Thursday in Dallas.

Players discussed union decertification during their meeting, but Hunter emphasized the union believes such a drastic step isn't an imminent strategy despite behind-the-scenes calls for the move from several agents. NFL players dissolved their union to file an antitrust lawsuit against the league earlier this year.

The players met two days after a bargaining session between the union's executive committee and the owners' labour relations committee brought no progress after the league refused players' desire to keep the current

salary cap system.

"We've kind of dispelled the notion that the players were not together and they were not in support of the union," Hunter said. "If the owners were looking for a break in the ranks ... I think that notion has been dispelled."

Fisher also rejected the notion that the NBPA is waiting for a ruling on a charge filed with the National Labour Relations Board for unfair bargaining practices, although Hunter said he plans to travel to Washington next week in hopes of getting an expedited ruling.

"Sometimes it's implied that we're waiting, posturing, sitting on the sideline and waiting for something to happen favourable for us with the NLRB," Fisher said. "That's just not the case. It's part of this process, but we're still taking action. We have to negotiate a deal, and that's the only way we'll get what's fair for these guys."

If NBA owners are searching for cracks in the players' unity, as Fisher and Hunter believe, the union attempted to provide a visual answer. Over 30 players stood together behind Fisher and Hunter at a brief news conference, wearing identical gray T-shirts with one large word in yellow: "STAND."

"All the agendas that might be pushed by different groups, they don't have a way in as long as we stand shoulder to shoulder," Fisher said.

Fisher sent a letter to his membership earlier this week urging a similar unity and spirit. The letter, obtained Thursday by The Associated Press, was first obtained by SI.com.

"The turning point this past Tuesday was not a disagreement between the players and the owners," Fisher wrote. "It was actually a fundamental divide between the owners internally. They could not agree with each other on specific points of the deal and therefore it caused conflict within the league and its owners."

"So it is our hope that ... at the owners meeting in Dallas that they work out their differences, come up with a revenue sharing plan that will protect their teams and are then ready to come together and sign off on the agreement we as a smaller group deemed reasonable."



NBA referee Danny Crawford makes a call during a playoff game between Dallas Mavericks and Portland Trail Blazers in Dallas. (AP)

# MINISTRY ENDORSES PACKAGE FOR BAHAMIANS TO SEE ANTOAN AND BRAVES LIVE

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tunity they have." Richardson was called up

to the Major Leagues on September 3 and immediately saw action against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

He singled in his first big league at bat, pinch hitting for pitcher Randall Delgado, when his line drive sailed

above the outstretched glove of LA Dodgers second baseman Justin Sellers.

Richardson and the Braves rallied for a come-from-behind 4-3 win at home over the Dodgers at Turner Field.

The Braves called up Richardson from Double-A Mississippi and added him to their group of six September call-ups. He was drafted in the 2001, 2002, 2004 and 2005 Major League Baseball drafts.

The San Francisco Giants signed him after they took him in the 2005 draft, and he played in the Giants organization until he was released in 2009. He then signed with the Schaumburg Flyers of the Northern League.

In May last year, he signed a six-year minor league free agent deal with the Atlanta Braves.

Mike Sands, director of sales and marketing at Bahamasair, said the timing of Richardson's achievement and the proximity of Florida created a welcome opportunity which should entice a number of Bahamians.

"We saw this as an opportunity. Bahamasair has call markets in Miami and Fort Lauderdale, so it was only a natural fit for us. We sat our unit down at work and came up with this strategy, which we thought will make it attractive and economically feasible during this hard economic time.

"The package is for family and friends, in particular persons wanting to take advantage of the opportunity to go on to Florida and support Antoan. It is an affordable package."

Kemp called Richardson the first of a "new generation" of baseball players who will



MIKE SANDS, director of sales and marketing at Bahamasair, speaks as Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture Charles Maynard (left) looks on.

make their presence felt on the international scene at the Major League level.

Truth be told, Ed Armbrister was one of our last Major League Baseball players. He actually made it into the Major Leagues at a time when baseball in the Bahamas was on the decline.

"We have a lot of good players who are in the pipelines. This is just the beginning for many young Bahamian players to be seen in the very near future."

Albert Cartwright and Sean Albury are currently in the Minor League system with the Philadelphia Phillies and Milwaukee Brewers organizations respectively.

"We have had tremendous

success over the years in baseball. Bahamians have played in the professional leagues at a high level for decades now. We are very happy that we now have a young man who has come up through the system in the Bahamas," said Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture Charles Maynard.

"We are trying to encourage Bahamians to go out and support our newest Bahamian sports icon and to show the world that we are proud of our athletes across the board. This partnership with Bahamasair and the Bahamas Baseball Federation is designed to celebrate a Bahamian athlete who has done what has not been done in a few decades."

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SPORTS

# IAAF WORLDS: 'FIREMAN' SAYS THE COACHES DIDN'T TAKE HIS ADVICE TO RUN DIFFERENT TEAM IN 4X400

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While he called his performance in the 400 metres at the 13th IAAF World Athletics Championships a "rookie mistake," Chris 'Fireman' Brown said there is no excuse for the 4 x 400 relay team not advancing to the final.

One day after the Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations broke its silence on the team's performance in Daegu, South Korea, Brown said it was the coaches who didn't take his advice as team captain and run a different line-up.

The team of Ramon Miller, Avard Moncur, Andrae Williams and LaToy Williams ended up fourth in their heat and ninth overall, failing to make the cut of eight for the final.

The top three teams plus the two fastest times qualified. While the US advanced with a world-leading time, all of the other qualifiers either went in with a national record or season's best.

The Bahamas, primed to be a medal contender, didn't have any initials behind its time after trailing Belgium, Russia and Kenya in their heat.

"I was very disappointed, first of all with the 400 because I made a rookie mistake and I didn't get into the final," said Brown, who was sitting in the second automatic spot behind Grenada's Kirani James but was edged out at the tape by British Virgin Island's Tabarie Henry to knock into third place.

"And in the relay, I'm disappointed because I didn't over-ride the coaches' decision, knowing that the line-up was not the best line-up for us to use to get into the final. The final decision on who was to run was made by the coaching staff. They submitted the relay card."

During the meeting with the team at the Games Village before the heats of the relay, Brown said he advised the coaches:

"Let's take our best team out there. Tomorrow is never guaranteed to anyone. We saw how the wind was blowing out there for the games. A lot of the favourites were getting disappointed. Who thought that I would not have been in the final of the 400? It just happened. So I told them: 'Let's not make any mistakes. Let's just go for the kill.' They decided that this was the team they were going with."

"Yes, we had a team meeting, but before the meeting started and after the meeting, I tried to convince them to fix the relay team because we knew who we were up against. They didn't listen to me as the team captain."

## Team captain Chris Brown admits 'rookie mistake' but says there is no excuse for 4x400 relay team not reaching final



**BIG RELAY:** Andrae Williams (far right in front) gets ready to receive the baton from Avard Moncur (far right on top) in a preliminary heat of the 4x400 relay at the IAAF World Athletics Championships in Daegu, South Korea. Team Bahamas failed to advance to the final. (AP)

When the coaches - Fritz Grant and Frank 'Pancho' Rahming - suggested their line-up, Brown said he made his suggestion and they made a slight alteration. But he further advised them to run either him or Demetrius Pinder in the heats and they refused to do so.

### Change

"I told them that if they didn't change it, the whole country was going to go up in a roar and they are going to throw away a gold medal," he said. "The outcome was exactly what I told them."

Brown said he objected to the team that the coaches sent out and, even after the heat was finished, they had an emergency meeting and he was able to prove his point.

But he said nobody was able to



apologise to him for not believing in him as the team captain.

Unlike the past championships that he has attended, Brown said he didn't feel the team unity going into Daegu and that spilled over into their entire stay in the Games Village. "I felt we were very divided as a team when we went there," Brown said. "We just didn't have that team unity and that is not just with the relay, but the team as a whole. It was very disappointing."

Having failed to get a chance to compete for a medal or even earn some of the cash available for all finalists after he missed out in both the 400 and 1,600 relay, Brown said he's now completing his next move as far as the remainder of his season is concerned.

### Games

While the Pan American Games is on the agenda for October 14-30 in Guadalajara, Mexico, Brown said he will be making a decision on whether he will compete or just shut his season down.

"The Pan Am Games is coming so late and I have to get ready for the World Indoors where I have to defend my title," said Brown of the championships set for March 9-11 in Istanbul, Turkey.

"We also have the Olympic Games next year. So right now, I'm just resting. I told one or two of the guys that I was going to go to the Pan Am Games. I'm looking forward to going to the Pan Am Games, but my body can only handle so much."

Unlike the World Championships (outdoors) where he has failed to win an individual medal, 33-year-old Brown has won a bronze twice indoors in 2006 in Moskva and again in 2008 in Valencia, Spain, before he struck gold last year in Doha, Qatar.

Either by the end of the week or early next week, Brown said he will make a definitive decision on whether or not he will travel to the Pan Ams where he was the defending champion in 2007 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

close another exciting track and field season on the European circuit.

### SOFTBALL BANKERS' RESULTS

THE Bankers' Softball League continued its regular season Wednesday at the park at Baillou Hills Sporting Complex with British American out-slugging Citibank 20-13.

Tyrone Burrows got the win and Teddy Sweeting suffered the loss. Mike Adderley went 2-for-5 with three runs batted in and scored twice while Renaldo Knowles was also 2-for-5 with a RBI and two runs scored in the win.

Lionel Ferguson was 2-for-4 with three RBI and two runs, Kervan Culmer was 2-for-3 with four RBI and James Clarke was 3-for-4 with a RBI and two runs scored in the loss.

Action is slated to resume Saturday with the following games on tap:

**Saturday**  
Noon - CIBC vs Fidelity  
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**Tuesday**  
6pm - Fidelity vs CIBCF-CIB

Wednesday  
6pm - BAF vs RBC

### TRIATHLON REGISTRATION DEADLINE

ALL persons who have not yet registered have until

Wednesday, September 21, to sign up for the UWC Triathlon. Registration can be done online at [www.paradisetri.com](http://www.paradisetri.com) or in person at Bahama Republic, East Bay Street.

The event is scheduled for 7:30am Sunday, September 25, starting at the Clifton Heritage Park. The sprint triathlon will comprise of a 750m swim, 20kilometre bike ride and a 5km run.

### CONCHMAN REGISTRATION UNDERWAY

THE 25th annual Conchman Triathlon is scheduled for Saturday, November 5 in Freeport, Grand Bahama. It will comprise of a one-kilometre swim, a 25k bike ride and a 5k run.

Interested persons can register by logging onto the Facebook Event Page, e-mail organiser Bert Bell at [bertbell@coralwave.com](mailto:bertbell@coralwave.com) or calling him at 727-5886 or 727-5381.

### NPSA (SOFTBALL) SCHEDULE

**Friday**  
7pm - Phoenix vs Sigma Brackettes (L)

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7pm - Sigma Brackettes vs Wildcats (L)

8:30pm - Truckers vs Dorin United Hitmen (M)

### BASEBALL EABL POSTSEASON

POSTSEASON action in the Ed Armbrister Baseball League is slated to continue at Windsor Park today when the Hawks (blue team) will play the Eagles (green team) at 5pm in the Little League

championship series (age 9-11).

The Senior League championship series between the Reds and Buttons Formal Wear is expected to start sometime next week.

The Ed Armbrister Baseball League is named after Bahamian former Major League Baseball player Ed Armbrister who played five years for the Cincinnati Reds in the mid-1970s, winning two World Series titles. Ed Armbrister is one of five Bahamians to play in the MLB.

### CYCLING NPCA SERIES

THE New Providence Cycling Association is scheduled to hold a Road Race 8am Saturday that starts and finishes at the Clifton Heritage Park. It's a 32-mile race for all categories, including juniors, novice, seniors and masters. Special prizes will be presented to the top finishers.

And starting 5:30pm Sunday, the NPCA is set to hold a Sunday Family Fun bike ride, starting at 5:30pm at the national cycling track.

### SOFTBALL/ TRACK BSC ACTIVITIES

THE Baptist Sports Council has announced the dates for the final two events on its sporting calendar.

The 2011 Bishop Neil C. Ellis Softball Classic is scheduled to start on Saturday, October 1 at the Baillou Hills Sporting Complex. It will feature competition in the men, co-ed and 19-and-under divisions.

And the Rev Enoch Backford Track and Field Classic will follow on Saturday, October 22, at the Thomas A

Robinson Track and Field Stadium.

Persons interested in more details are asked to contact

league president Brent Stubbs at [bstubbs@gmail.com](mailto:bstubbs@gmail.com) or secretary Jonique Webb at [joniquewebb@hotmail.com](mailto:joniquewebb@hotmail.com)

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