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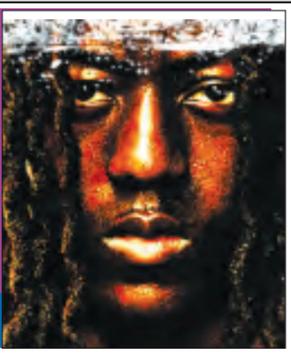
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'Murders would be three times higher'

SIX MEN TURN THEMSELVES IN IN CONNECTION WITH HOMICIDES

By SANCHESKA BROWN

SIX men have turned themselves into police for questioning in connection with the country's latest homicides, police confirmed. Officer-in-charge of the Central Detective Unit, Supt Paul Rolle said police have actively been searching for suspects and it has paid off. "We never stop looking for murder suspects until we are satisfied the case is closed. So we put the heat on these people and let the public know we are looking

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FNM SENATOR
Duane Sands

THE record-breaking murder count would be three times higher without the support of critical health services, FNM Senator Duane Sands said yesterday.

Up to last month, Accident and Emergency staff processed 297 stabbing and shooting victims for the year, according to officials at the Princess Margaret Hospital.

Of that number, 151 were stabbings, and 146 were shootings.

Dr Sands, a heart surgeon, said the comments made by Police Commissioner Ellison Greenslade yesterday should be taken "bluntly and directly", as the focus on an "absurd" murder count skewed the true scope of the

nation's crime problem.

"If not for all the systems in place, our murder count would be three times higher than what it is now," Dr Sands said.

"We really need to get a grip because that number is only the tip of the iceberg."

Commissioner Greenslade defended police efforts against crime and called for harsher punishments for serious crimes at a press conference on Monday.

This year's homicide count stood at 101 yesterday.

According to crime statistics, 87 per cent of killings took place in New Providence and seven per cent in Grand Bahama.

In light of the "carnage on the streets", Dr Sands said the science of pre-hospital care

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SIR RANDOL FAWKES' FAMILY LOBBY FOR ALTERNATE HIGHWAY ROUTE



LADY JACQUELINE FAWKES is pictured on her family's land. She felt slighted by the government's decision to acquire 3,623 square feet of the family's homestead.

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DESCENDANTS of the late Sir Randol Fawkes are petitioning against the government's acquisition of his land for use in the Airport Gateway project.

His children, on behalf of his 82-year-old wife who still lives on the property, are lobbying for the government to use an alternate route for the \$70.8 million highway project.

The "win-win solution" proposed by Douglas Fawkes, Sir Randol's son, utilises

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COURT NEWS
MAN ACCUSED OF RAPE CLAIMS ALLEGED VICTIM PROPOSITIONED HIM

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FREEPORT - Eric Oneil Strachan told the Supreme Court that the 70-year-old alleged rape victim propositioned him and touched his private area after he came home "tipsy" from a bar.

Strachan, 26, took the stand at his rape trial on Tuesday morning as the defence opened its case.

He admitted to having sex with the victim, but denied raping the elderly woman who was staying at his mother's residence at Eight Mile Rock.

Strachan is charged with two counts of rape, two counts of attempted rape, and indecent assault.

It is alleged that on December 10, 2010,

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BAMBOO TOWN SEAT
FNM SELECTS CASSIUS STUART TO CHALLENGE DNA LEADER

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CASSIUS Stuart has been selected as the FNM's candidate to challenge incumbent Bamboo Town MP Branville McCartney for his seat, said a well-placed source in the party.

Although he has not been ratified, the source said the former Bahamas Democratic Alliance leader is the "unofficial" challenger for the constituency.

The source added that the party feels Mr Stuart will beat Mr McCartney because constituents in Bamboo Town are "hard-core" FNM supporters.

"Bamboo Town is not a Branville constituency, it is an FNM constituency and

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BREAKING NEWS: SHOOTING DEATH

REPORTS reached *The Tribune* late last night of a shooting death in Taurus Court, Ideal Estates off Soldier Road around 10pm. Police arrived at the scene to find the body of a male with multiple gunshot wounds. See tomorrow's *Tribune* for more.

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FAMILY OF SIR RANDOL FAWKES LOBBY GOVT FOR ALTERNATE HIGHWAY ROUTE

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uncleared land northwest of the scheduled road work.

Eight estates within the area have signed the petition. These include the Bahamas Red Cross, Lake View Crematorium and Cemetery, the Meridian School at Unicorn Village, three churches, and private estates.

Yesterday, Lady Jacqueline Fawkes said she felt slighted by the government's decision to acquire 3,623 square feet of the family's home-

stead. "We built this house almost 60 years ago. I always dreamed of turning his library into something for him, because no one remembers him," Lady Jacqueline said.

"Now they are gonna make the place so horrible, so troublesome for people to come."

Sir Randol has been revered as the "Father of Labour" for his groundbreaking efforts as a free trade unionist and civil rights activist, most notably his leadership of the 1958 General Strike and key role in the 1967 majority rule.

Lady Jacqueline said: "I feel very bad about it, I am the only one on this side of the road that is being cut, and they are digging deep into my property."

"It's going to be bad for my health, for anyone that's living here. Healthwise it's not the right thing, the traffic, the noise pollution, the dust, it is going to be too much."

Last year, a runaway dump truck caused home and property damage to two estates after it lost its front wheel. Mr Fawkes said the community will be at an even greater risk as the government intends to move the highway even closer into the community.

"We want to continue our sense of community, instead of barge a four-way highway through, putting everyone's health and property at risk," Mr Fawkes said.

"Since there is available land, it's a win-win situation."

Information requests placed at the Ministry of Public Works were not returned up to press time.

PICTURED are Lady Jacqueline Fawkes and Douglas Fawkes explaining their concerns on their property yesterday.

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IMF: PROGNOSIS FOR BAHAMIAN ECONOMY 'WEAK AND BUMPY'

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THE prognosis for the Bahamian economy and that of other developing countries is "weak and bumpy expansion" due to the current political and economic situation in the United States, according to the International Monetary Fund.

In the IMF's latest global forecasting, Oliver Blanchard, director of research, said economic recovery has weakened sharply and the global economy has entered a "dangerous new phase" of sharply lower growth.

According to the latest research, the US – the world's largest economy – is likely to have weak growth "for years to come".

The organisation warned that the state of economic affairs in both the US and the Eurozone could force them back into a recession.

As a result, developing countries may see a piggy-back effect with the IMF calling the prognosis for economies "weak and bumpy expansion".

IMF officials also predicted that global growth will see a shrinkage of about 1 per cent, from 5 per cent last year to just over 4 per cent in 2012.

This is based on factors such as "major financial turbulence in the Eurozone".

The IMF predicted that average GDP will expand "at an anemic pace of 1.5 per cent in 2011".

IMF officials further slashed their growth projections for the 17-nation Eurozone to 1.6 per cent in 2011, down from the 2 per cent predicted in June.

Next year, growth will be 1.1 per cent, down from a 1.7 per cent forecast, the IMF said.

291 DRIVERS CITED FOR 444 TRAFFIC OFFENSES

OVER the past week, police cited 291 drivers for various traffic offences and put 444 matters before the traffic court.

Drivers were cited for failing to licence or register a vehicle, failing to replace missing licence plates, failing to notify authorities of a change in vehicle ownership, driving with an invalid inspection certificate, obstructing traffic, driving with one or no head lamps, tinted windows, failing to keep left, parking in a no parking area, driving without a properly displayed licence disc, driving with no identification plates, parking on a bus stop, driving on a closed street and driving in the wrong direction on a one way street.

GB POLICE INVESTIGATE ARMED ROBBERY IN EIGHT MILE ROCK

FREEPORT – Police are investigating an armed robbery incident in the Eight Mile Rock area, where two persons were held up and robbed by gunmen on Saturday.

According to police reports, a male resident of Carvel Beach was sitting in his car around 8.34pm in the Hanna Hill area when he saw two masked men wearing camouflage clothing approach a woman at Job Incorporated.

The man told police that the woman was lying on the ground while one of the suspects pointed a long gun at her.

They robbed the woman of an assorted bagged chips and several cans of vienna sausages.

ASP Hector Delva said the driver had attempted to contact police on his cellular phone, but was also confronted by the gunmen.

The suspects opened the car door and demanded cash. They robbed the driver of a box containing some receipts and tools, and fled into nearby bushes.

Investigations are continuing into the matter.

'COUNTRY IN THE GRIP OF CHRONIC VIOLENT DRUG SYNDROME'

RENOWNED PSYCHOLOGIST SAYS VIOLENCE RESULT OF INABILITY TO EXPRESS ANGER

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AS THE nation continues to grow more fearful, shocked and frustrated by rising crime level, a local psychologist says the violence is the result of an the inability to express anger that has been developing since the 1980s.

Using a clinical epidemiological approach to study the root causes of crime, renowned Psychologist Dr David Allen examined a diverse range of Bahamian focus groups over a three-year period. The results suggested that violence is now rooted in the Bahamian psyche.

According to Dr Allen, the country is in the grip of chronic violent drug syndrome (CVDS) – "the continuing devastating blow delivered to

"Instead of saying 'I hurt,' they say 'I want to punch'; instead of saying 'I am angry,' they say 'I want to kill'."

Dr David Allen

our country by the 1980s cocaine epidemic".

Signs of CVDS include an increase in drug trafficking, drug addicts and guns, and the fragmentation of the socio-cultural ethic which includes devaluation of life, people living in fear, loss of respect for property, a diminished work ethic and the breakdown of the family home.

Youth gangs form because

a lack of family structure, and sprees of violence follow, Dr Allen said.

He said the researchers interviewed numerous Bahamians whose immediate response to becoming angry was to talk about killing, poisoning or suicide.

Dr Allen said: "Society has become angry and not knowing how to express themselves has seeded the violence – producing a state of hope-

lessness.

"Instead of saying 'I hurt,' they say 'I want to punch'; instead of saying 'I am angry,' they say 'I want to kill,'" said Dr Allen.

Crime must be addressed as a public health issue said the psychologist, who called for a forum for social workers, psychologists, government and community leaders to share the work of crime fighting with the police.

Dr Allen said it is essential that people learn how to express themselves through conflict resolution and anger management, and claimed the issue must be addressed before the violence spreads throughout the Bahamas.

Minister of Social Development Loretta Butler-Turner agreed that current criminal trends resemble the drug heyday of the late 70s and

early 80s, when people did not value life and the social dynamic was significantly altered.

"We are reaping something we have sown generations ago," she said.

If things are to change Bahamians must be prepared to give up criminality as a way of life, Mrs Butler-Turner said.

There must be a multifaceted approach, where crime is examined in a holistic way, she said.

Mrs Butler-Turner said while it is easy to place blame on the government and the educational system, crime is a complex issue with roots in the home.

She said: "As parents, it is our duty to raise our kids to know right from wrong – there must be a certain level of accountability."



PRIME MINISTER IN WASHINGTON AHEAD OF WORLD BANK/IMF ANNUAL MEETINGS

Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, who serves this year as chairman of the World Bank/IMF group is pictured with World Bank President Robert Zoellick in Washington, DC Tuesday. The meetings begin Wednesday.

POLICE APPEAL FOR HELP TO LOCATE MEN WHO FIRED ON BEAUTY SALON

POLICE are appealing for help in locating the men who opened fire inside a beauty salon and wounded a man and a woman.

The suspects drove up in a stolen Kia Sportage around 7pm Thursday and shot at a 25-year-old man as he stood outside the Beauty Empire salon on Alexandria Boulevard in Nassau Village.

The victim ran inside and was chased by an undisclosed number of men, who sprayed the salon with bullets, hitting a 23-year-old customer in the buttocks.

Both victims were taken to hospital; the man, who was shot multiple times, is listed in critical condition and the woman is in stable condition.

Investigations continue. In other crime news, 13 men were arrested in connection with murder, attempted murder, armed robbery and stabbing investigations.

Twelve of the men were arrested earlier today and one was arrested on Saturday.

Three of the suspects were turned in by their lawyer and are being questioned in connection with the murder of 29-

year-old Damien Bowe of Mosquito Avenue, who was killed on Kemp Road.

One man is being questioned in connection with a murder on Cordeaux Avenue.

Another four men are being questioned in connection with four separate shootings which occurred in the areas of West and Miami Streets, Quintine Alley and Pinewood Gardens.

Police are also questioning three men in connection with three separate armed robberies.

Two men are in custody in connection with the home invasion and stabbing of a woman inside her home at Blair Estates.

Police also released the identity of the man who was killed at Cordeaux Avenue last Saturday.

He was 50-year-old Rocklyn Williams of Miami Street.

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Symonette steps down as airport chairman in 2001

ON MONDAY we discussed the claim by two PLP former ministers in the Pindling cabinet that the country now faced a "constitutional crisis" because Deputy Prime Minister Brent Symonette had "admitted" that his family had shares in a company awarded a government contract. They called for his resignation from politics.

We said that we would return to the discussion on Tuesday, but got sidetracked by Police Commissioner Greenslade's call for tougher sentences to deter crime.

As 100 murders were recorded over the weekend with shootings continuing, the Commissioner was asked if police were doing enough to get crime under control. Commissioner Greenslade replied that the police were doing their best. They were arresting the suspects and taking them to court, but after the courts charged and released them, it was no longer a police matter. Today Senator Dr Duane Sands said that the record-breaking murder count would be three times higher if it weren't for the country's skilled doctors who were saving many lives.

All this is true, and if one follows the plot all steps lead to the courts. The doctors would not have so many critically wounded on their operating tables, if when the police took their assailants to court, the courts returned them to prison to await trial, rather than releasing them on bail into the community.

It is now up to legislators to set penalties that will not only frighten would-be law breakers, but like it or not, limit the courts discretion in granting bail.

And now back to Mr Symonette and the political red herring of conflict of interest.

In 2001 Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, through the Minister of Transport, asked Mr Symonette to resign as chairman of the Airport Authority for apparent conflict of interest in awarding a contract to a paving company in which he had an interest. Six days after the matter was drawn to his attention, Mr Symonette resigned. Today he admits that in his efforts to get the job done quickly to prevent the threatened downgrade of Nassau International Airport by the FAA, he acted without consulting the Airport Authority's Board of Directors - most of whom were out of the country, preventing him from getting a quorum to call a meeting. However, on their return, they met and ratified his decision.

Mr Symonette's action was typical of a successful businessman, accustomed to making decisions and getting the job done efficiently and on time.

However, he will admit today that he was in the wrong, because in his position, he was no longer a private businessman, free to make immediate decisions, but a servant of the

people who had to go through a slowed down process. This is the very reason that private enterprise is far more successful than any government undertaking, and the very reason why governments should never waste taxpayers' money by dabbling in private enterprise.

Three companies tendered for the airport paving job at that time. Bahamas Hot Mix, in which Mr Symonette had an interest, offered the lowest bid. "Bids came in on the 21st," Mr Symonette explained at the time, "they started work on the 29th, August."

To save money for the taxpayer, keep the FAA happy and save the downgrade of the airport that would affect tourism, Mr Symonette in August, 2000 awarded the contract to Bahamas Hot Mix to pave the airport's perimeter.

He said that at the time - unable to get a quorum for a board meeting - he declared his interest to the Chief Engineer before the contract was issued. The Prime Minister was also aware that he held shares in the Hot Mix company. And the information had been a matter of public record from August 22, 1992.

Although by his decision he saved the taxpayer money and achieved greater returns as a result of the contract, sacrificing many hours away from his own business for the airport, and, unlike past chairmen, never receiving pay for his services, Mr Symonette will today admit an error of judgment. Today he says many "mea culpas." He has since divested himself of his Bahamas Hot Mix shares. The shares have been transferred into a trust for his children. These are the same shares that are the centre of the current argument.

It was PLP Bradley Roberts, MP for Grants Town, who initially brought the matter to parliament in 2001 levelling charges of corruption and conflict of interest against the Ingraham government.

Behind the scenes Mr Roberts was himself in personal conflict with the Airport Authority chairman. Mr Roberts was a shareholder in a company that had a monopoly on all food and beverage handled at the airport, both in the airport building and for all incoming aircraft. This monopoly embraced the whole airport area as far as Coral Harbour, some claimed it took in about a five-mile radius. At the time that this monopoly was being challenged, Mr Symonette happened to be the chairman in the background asking unpleasant questions.

And so Mr Roberts' exposé in parliament was no surprise.

More on this subject tomorrow, unless our attention gets diverted to another subject.

Crime problem due to weak judicial system

EDITOR, The Tribune.

MAHATMA GANDHI once said that "all crime is a kind of disease and should be treated as such." Today, those eloquent words seemingly perfectly depict the present predicament of our country. It is abundantly apparent that a cancer like disease is attacking the heart and soul of our once tranquil community. This lethal disease has killed more than 100 people in 2011 alone, leaving so many families to deal with the anguish and distress with little relief that this disease can be contained.

Crime in the Bahamas has garnered the attention of both the local and international press, there have been articles published in Time magazine and in the Washington post discussing this havoc wreaking disease. There are also numerous travelling websites that discuss a sense of trepidation of how high crime is in the Bahamas. This undoubtedly has deterred many potential visitors from even considering our country as a destination to visit. Personally, there are far too many members of my family that have had their homes broken into, or vehicles stolen or a gun pointed. This is no longer a serious problem that needs little attention but a true epidemic that will not go away if not treated.

In my opinion our criminal problem is not really about the breakdown in the family structure or the increase trafficking in drugs although these have been contributing factors. The high rise in crime can be directly attributed to a decrepit, shoddy and weak judicial system. For decades now local jurists and attorneys both in the private bar and at the attorney general's office have been continuously protesting for improvement to our criminal justice system. Successive governments dating back twenty plus years have virtually done little or nothing at all to address these problems that we have continuously endured. In fact some local attorneys went as far as actually predicting that if our country did not fix the problems within the criminal justice system, we would inevitably face these difficult challenges we now endure.

The present administration has done virtually nothing to deal with the problem whilst in office, and the prior administration although it did more still did not address the main issues head on. The Present Administration now claims that they will be introducing

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problem is the addition of new courts, amending the bail act to make it more difficult for serious and repeat offenders to get bail, the classification of what warrants the death penalty, and harsher penalties for serious crimes. There also needs to be an introduction of a Gun Court that can give harsh penalties, in countries like Cayman the minimum sentence for a gun offence is 10 years. In the Bahamas the maximum a person can get for a gun offence is five but persons typically only get two. There is also a need for additional courts and implementation of a three strikes policy, better raining of judges and magistrates and introducing more prosecutors to the AG's office. Today no longer can we sit idly as this disease and problem continues to foster we must demand action from present and future administrations. Our peaceful tranquility must be taken back, as Malcolm would say by any means necessary.

The question arises after you have diagnosed the disease and its symptoms, what purgative or antidote can be used to either cure the disease or improve the condition? In other words what can be done to address this criminal problem? There are numerous suggestions on how to deal with this

problem is the addition of new courts, amending the bail act to make it more difficult for serious and repeat offenders to get bail, the classification of what warrants the death penalty, and harsher penalties for serious crimes. There also needs to be an introduction of a Gun Court that can give harsh penalties, in countries like Cayman the minimum sentence for a gun offence is 10 years. In the Bahamas the maximum a person can get for a gun offence is five but persons typically only get two. There is also a need for additional courts and implementation of a three strikes policy, better raining of judges and magistrates and introducing more prosecutors to the AG's office. Today no longer can we sit idly as this disease and problem continues to foster we must demand action from present and future administrations. Our peaceful tranquility must be taken back, as Malcolm would say by any means necessary.

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Is City Markets worth saving with taxpayer dollars?

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HERE we go again, the Opposition MP for Fox Hill thinks the Bahamas Government should bail out City Markets. He calls it an "intervention."

Politicians often attempt to create the myth that they can help Peter without robbing Paul. Public Choice Theory writ large.

Of course with the economy in the state it's in, there is a legitimate concern for the employees, pensioners and investors, but that simply confirms that the government should not use taxpayer money to prop up a private business.

If the management, present shareholders, potential investors and even some of the employees do not wish to put their personal money in to resuscitate the business it's obvious they place very little confidence in its survival.

Also, the market, in this case City Market clients, have moved on as they no longer patronize them. That being the case, why on earth would it be considered sensible to spend tax dollars - money the government does not have - to help them limp along any further?

In these situations one is led to wonder what the MP's response might be if the other large food store chain was facing financial difficulty?

Governments must do what is in the best interest of everyone. Attempting to rescue a failing business with tax dollars will only help a limited number of people and then, where do they draw the line in the future when any other business is failing? How can they say no to anyone thereafter?

As Joseph Schumpeter said, "Economic progress, in capitalist society, means turmoil."

And from that turmoil opportunities will develop for future employment as long as government does not intervene with too many regulations and taxes.

In the final, is City Markets really worth saving with taxpayer dollars?

Yours in Liberty,

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COURT OF APPEAL GRANTS EXTENSIONS IN FOUR CASES

THE Court of Appeal granted extensions to four convicts who made late applications to appeal their sentences and convictions.

In the first matter heard yesterday, Bernard Ferguson, 20, appeared before the appellate court to appeal a two year prison sentence following his guilty plea to the charge of escaping police custody.

Ferguson and other prisoners were being transported to the Grand Bahama International Airport when he made his escape in April this year.

He was also sentenced to an additional three months in prison for being in possession of a hand-cuff key.

Ferguson told the court the sentence was "too harsh" given that he had not wasted the court's time and had pleaded guilty to the charge.

Public prosecutor Garvin Gaskin did not object to the appeal, acknowledging the date of Ferguson's signature had been within the time frame for an appeal, although the application had arrived afterwards.

In the second matter, Sherman Rodriguez sought leave to appeal a 60-year prison sentence handed down by the Supreme Court after he pleaded guilty to murder.

He too argued, after asking for legal assistance, that the sentence was "excessive and harsh", given that he had "pleaded guilty from the start."

Sentence

Mr Gaskin said it is understood that a stiff sentence should apply in the case of an offence such as murder, but did not object to the application.

Davon Woodside appeared before the court appealing a firearm possession conviction and sentence, on the basis that there was a "lack of evidence."

Woodside told the judge the virtual complainant in the matter was lying, and that a gun was never found in his possession or on his property, but rather on the property of the complainant's neighbour.

No objection to this appeal was made by Mr Gaskin.

Philip McCartney also appeared to appeal a conviction and two year sentence for firearm possession, on the basis that he had served nearly half the sentence on remand prior to sentencing and that a friend who was charged in connection with the offence had been acquitted based on a lack of fingerprint evidence.

McCartney, who was ordered to serve the two years after being on remand for 11 months, told the court the gun he is charged with possessing "did not have my prints on it" and was found under the passenger seat of a woman's car to which he had been "giving a jump" start in a hotel parking lot.

"They never arrested the owner of the car, but me and my friend were charged," he said.

No objection was made to his application.

Justice Allen granted all the men extensions and they will reappear before the Court of Appeal on Wednesday, September 28.

MURDER ACCUSED TELLS COURT HE WAS THREATENED WITH STRIKE TO THE FACE

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TWO of three men accused of a stabbing death in 2008 gave unsworn testimonies before a Supreme Court judge and 12-man jury yesterday afternoon.

Daryl Rolle, 36, of Palm Avenue and Andre Dieujuste, 28, of Windsor Lane told the court what transpired on the evening of September 13, 2008 when 28-year-old Jason Smith was stabbed, later dying in hospital of his injuries.

Edney Burrows, 26, of Deveaux Street is the third man charged in connection with his death.

Rolle told the court that he had been to Windsor Lane that evening, a street he frequented, to visit Othneil Moss, "a friend of mine."

"On September 13, 2008, all of us

was in front of his house, me, Othneil, Andre, Edney and Dwight."

He said another friend of his had arrived on the street to "hail us" when he was approached by Jason Smith, nicknamed "J-boy". He told him that he needed to park there to see the persons he came to see. "J-boy told him he couldn't park there."

He said the friend had initially been prevented from leaving because the deceased was standing behind the car with his four-year-old daughter, taunting the man to run them over.

Rolle continued that after the friend left, Smith approached him and threatened to strike him.

"I'll punch you in your mouth in front of all these niggas," Rolle quoted Smith as saying.

He said that the deceased then

approached Dieujuste and others, who were telling him that they were not looking for trouble.

At this point, he told the court he left the men to avoid a further confrontation with Smith only to return after repeatedly hearing sounds of breaking glass on the church wall.

"I didn't see J-boy," he said.

He said that Burrows was crouched over the victim's wife Tamara Smith with a knife in his hand and he told him to leave her alone. He said that Burrows left her.

After noticing the blood coming from the back shoulder and palms of the third accused, and hearing his account of how he was stabbed, "I say 'bey you need to go to the doctor'."

Rolle told the court that he used a

part of Burrows' shirt and wrapped it around the hand and shoulder wounds to help stop the bleeding.

"After that, I walk home."

Terrel Butler, representing Rolle, closed her case for her client who will rely on testimony given by Othneil Moss during the trial.

Andre Dieujuste's sworn statement was less detailed, also relying on Moss' testimony before the court.

He said: "I did not chap Mr Jason Smith and I had nothing to do with Mr Jason Smith."

His lawyer, Christina Galanos, closed her case for her client.

Edney Burrows, represented by Elliot Lockhart, had given his unsworn testimony of the stabbing incident last Friday.

The matter resumes today at 10 am before Senior Justice Jon Isaacs.

MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY:

CRIMINAL DEPORTEES 'A GRAVE CONCERN IN THE BAHAMAS'

CRIMINAL deportees from the United States and the United Kingdom contribute significantly to the country's crime problems, National Security Minister Tommy Turnquest said.

Sixty-five convicted criminals were deported to the Bahamas from the United States between October 2010 and March of this year.

"Criminal deportees from the US and the UK are of grave concern now in the Bahamas.

"These criminals that are being deported have been in that jurisdiction from they were babies. In many cases they went to their schools and grew up in the community and they have a brush with the law and are deported to their country of origin," he said.

Mr Turnquest said officials from various agencies keep an eye on these convicts once they are in the Bahamas.

MINISTER of National Security Tommy Turnquest



CLOSING SUBMISSION IN MURDER TRIAL EXPECTED TODAY

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THE final closing submission in a Supreme Court murder trial is expected to be delivered this morning before a 12-member jury.

Elliot Lockhart, representing 27-year-old Edney Burrows, one of three men accused of Jason Smith's stabbing death in September 2008, will make his closing statement to the court after Senior Justice Jon Isaacs adjourned early yesterday to allow Mr Lockhart to prepare for a "long" closing submission.

After the defence attorney speaks, the jury will review all the evidence and come to a decision on whether Burrows, with Daryl Rolle, 36, and Andre Dieujuste, 28, are guilty of murdering Smith.

Burrows has a second charge of attempted murder against him in connection with the stabbing of Tamara Smith.

Public prosecutor Jillian Williams was the first to make a closing statement yesterday.

Evidence

Ms Williams said the prosecution had presented enough evidence, witness testimony and medical proof to show that the three men, while concerned together, caused harm to the victim in a "joint attack" which ended in Smith's death.

She said the testimony of the prosecution witnesses was compatible and reliable.

Ms Williams said the slight differences should not be interpreted as suggesting the witnesses were not credible.

"They didn't seek to embellish evidence.

"Each came and told you their own versions of what happened that night," she said.

The prosecutor dismissed Burrows' suggestion that his stabbing of Smith was self-defence - claiming that Burrows, who was also stabbed

in the altercation, "omitted to tell you was that he was stabbed in 2006."

Ms Williams said she believes Burrows did not share this "because he wants you to believe he acted in self-defence when he stabbed Jason or Tamara Smith.

"It was the accused who had the deceased in a headlock based on sequence of events," she added.

She further questioned the integrity of Othneil Moss' testimony, claiming that Moss, presented as a witness by Burrows, did not give statements to the police or testify in Magistrate's Court.

Regarding the accused Daryl Rolle, Ms Williams said he did not mention anything about self-defence during his interviews with police in 2008.

She then went on to address the brief unsworn statement given by Andre "Pepsi" Dieujuste on Monday, saying, "Pepsi told you nothing at all."

"He doesn't have anything to prove but he was present - present doing what?" she asked.

She closed her argument saying that the accused men attacked Smith, who was intoxicated at the time.

"A reasonable man would not kill a man in such a drunken state that Mr Smith was," the prosecutor said.

Terrel Butler, attorney for Daryl Rolle, said that although three men are charged with the murder, "you have to look at the evidence against them separately."

She said that at no point did the prosecution present any evidence proving that her client committed any action against the victim.

Ms Rolle said the testimony of prosecution witnesses showed that her client had no involvement in the matter other than assisting Smith and acting as a peace-maker.

Referring to Rolle's statement and unsworn testimony, she said Smith approached

her client, threatening to strike him.

"My client, using good sense, walked away," she said. "He never returned until the incident with Jason Smith was over."

She said two witnesses verified this and another could not recall seeing Rolle when the stabbing occurred.

Referring to the medical evidence presented by prosecution witnesses and pathologist Dr Caryn Sands, Ms Butler said none of the eight wounds the victim received could be attributed to her client, as they were most likely caused by a sharp weapon.

Testimony by two minors indicated Smith was attacked by Rolle with rocks, but his lawyer noted that two adult witnesses did not concur.

Autopsy

She added that autopsy results did not show any blunt force wounds, although one of the minors had claimed a block thrown at the deceased caused him to stumble.

Christina Galanos, the last attorney to present a submission, said Tamara Smith testified that she did not see Andre "Pepsi" Dieujuste "chap" or "spank" anyone at the scene with a cutlass.

She said her client was not part of an identification parade in connection with the case, and that another witness "did not identify or mention Mr Dieujuste in any way while he was on the stand."

She also referred to the testimony of Burrows, who said a fight took place between himself and Jason Smith only.

She questioned the credibility of the first minor to testify, indicating that she had lied about her own involvement in the incident.

Ms Galanos said of the first minor: "For the most part, her demeanour was extremely evasive and she was unable to keep her head or voice up."

She also asked why the

prosecution only presented some of the witnesses present at the incident - "three of four" being familiar with the victim.

Ms Galanos said nothing was done by the police or prosecution to locate those who were at the bar across the road, among other witnesses.

While it was unfortunate that a life was lost that night, she said, there was no intention by the accused men to kill Jason Smith, who persisted in provoking an altercation despite being told none of the men there wanted any problems.

"Evidence showed that the only plan or intention was to get Jason to go home and chill out," Ms Galanos said.

Elliot Lockhart will begin his closing submissions at 10am today.

THREE CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH DRUG BUST

THREE Sandy Point, Abaco men were given bail in Magistrate's Court yesterday, a little more than 24 hours after being charged in connection with a recent drug bust.

Patrick Roberts, 23, Arthur Lightbourne, 26, and Rashad Fox, 23, appeared before Magistrate Carolita Bethel for a bail hearing after pleading not guilty to four charges: conspiracy to possess drugs, conspiracy to import drugs with the intent to supply, possession of drugs, and importation of drugs with the intent to supply.

On Thursday, September 15, an early morning high-speed boat chase led police to the discovery of nearly \$1million worth of sealed packets suspected of containing marijuana.

After taking into account that the accused men had no previous convictions, Magistrate Bethel granted each of the accused \$75,000 bail with two sureties.

They must surrender all travel documents to the court and are required to report to the Sandy Point Police Station every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday between 9am and 5pm.

The matter was adjourned to March 28, 2012.

Roberts was counsel for Ian Cargill while Roger Gomez II appeared for Lightbourne and Fox.

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DNA DEMANDS MINISTRIES OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, TOURISM AND FINANCE BE MORE FORTHCOMING

GOVERNMENT CALLED ON TO EXPLAIN PLANS TO END DENGUE OUTBREAK

IN THE wake of the United States issuing a travel advisory on the Bahamas in relation to dengue fever and two Americans contracting the virus in Nassau, the Democratic National Alliance has called on the government to explain how it intends to end the outbreak and limit the related economic setbacks.

In a statement issued yesterday, the party said the last thing the Bahamas needs is yet another blow to its struggling economy, and demanded that the ministries of health and environment, tourism and finance be more forthcoming on their plans to protect the nation from further fallout.

The DNA said: "Many Bahamians have agreed, the government's third world approach to the dengue fever

— fogging via driving trucks through neighborhoods — is ineffective, as the toxic gas these trucks exude kills adult mosquitoes and not unhatched eggs.

"While other nations have implemented successful methods to control mosquito populations, this administration's lack of ingenuity, strategic epidemic management and ignorance of modern technology is indisputable.

"So much so, health officials agree that public town meetings, hosted by the government, were ineffective in educating and advising the Bahamian public on dengue fever."

The party said that from the first signs of the outbreak, the ministries of health and environment have been tight-lipped — and as a result, risked

many innocent lives.

"From media reports and those of our love ones who have contacted and/or watched others die from complications from the virus, it is evident that this administration is as clueless about combating the dengue fever as it is about combating crime and other national issues.

"It is as if our leaders are somehow immune to the virus or their loved ones have gone unaffected, leaving the rest of the Bahamas to fend for themselves," the party said.

The DNA questioned whether a plan actually exists to limit the economic backlash the country may suffer in the tourism and financial sectors as a result of the US warning.

The party said some representative of the Ministry of

Finance should clarify this issue immediately as it cannot await the return of Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham and Minister of State for Finance Zhivargo Laing next Monday.

"Moreover, the DNA demands that the ministries of Health and Environment issue an innovative solution to the outbreak, along with a timeline of when the virus would be eradicated from all islands of the Bahamas.

"Now is the time to end the guessing game when it comes to Bahamian lives and livelihood. The Bahamian people deserve much better," the party said.

While awaiting a definite answer, the DNA urged all Bahamians to contact their doctor if they experience any dengue fever symptoms,



Branville McCartney

which include headache, fever, exhaustion, severe muscle and joint pain, and rash (usually on the back).

Bahamians can also speak with a healthcare official by calling 359-2929, the party said.

VP FOR GPBA COMMENDS EXECUTIVES OF GRAND BAHAMA SHIPYARD

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FREEPORT — Ginger Moxey, vice president of the Grand Bahama Port Authority, commended executives at the Grand Bahama Shipyard for their continuing commitment to provide skills training to Bahamians through its apprenticeship programme.

The shipyard held its seventh annual apprenticeship graduation at the Grand Lucaya Resort last week.

Mrs Moxey told the graduates and the eight new apprentices entering the programme that the development of a skilled Grand Bahamian labour force increases the island's competitive advantage as a global business and industrial centre.

"I am told that some 56 young Bahamians have graduated from the programme into key positions within the company.

"Further, I understand there are continual training programmes that allow Bahamians to expand their knowledge and skill in a number of technical areas," she said.

With a need for more qualified skilled labour in the industrial sector, Mrs Moxey noted that the shipyard's apprenticeship programme contributes to the continual growth of skilled capital resources for the island's industrial sector.

"We applaud your efforts, it is truly a programme that needs to be celebrated," she said.

Mrs Moxey said more than 55 years ago, Freeport's founder/developer Wallace Groves laid the foundation for industrial development on Grand Bahama.

She noted that the under visionary leadership of GBPA executives Sir Jack Hayward and the late Edward St George, the GB Shipyard was started in 1999 as a joint venture between the Port Group Limited and Lloyd Werft.

Mrs Moxey said Grand Bahama's strategic location has played a significant role in the successful operation of the shipyard, which is the biggest facility of its kind in the region with three floating dry docks.

She added that the facility performs some of the most complicated upgrades and conversion projects possible for passenger and cargo vessels and fuel tankers.

In 2001, the shipyard implemented a four-year apprentice programme. It was reported that the company spends each year \$500,000 to train Bahamians.

Thirty-two persons are currently enrolled in the programme which covers four phases of training.

"I believe the programme has brought a focused approach to training Bahamians to continue to be part of the expanding growth of the shipyard and by extension Grand Bahama," said Mrs Moxey.

The Port executive urged the apprentices to take advantage of the training provided to them.

Reuben Byrd, senior vice president of operations, said the company's commitment to Grand Bahama and its employees is unsurpassed.

He said they must continue to improve the programme every year to keep pace with the ever-changing world.

"We have a responsibility to equip young men and women with every obtainable knowledge and technology that is available to them in this industry.

"We are not only about building craftsmen, but building leaders to lead this industry into the future and keep ship repair and conversion alive and well in the Bahamas for decades to come," Mr Byrd said. Joseph Darville, director of workforce development, said 100 applications were received this year from high school graduates seeking to enrol in the apprenticeship programme.

He noted that 35 to 40 persons were considered to sit the entrance exam, and eight students were selected to participate in the programme.

The apprentices receiving outstanding awards were:

- Ashley Burnett — most improved apprentice.
- Wellington Wildgoose — outstanding achievement award.
- Whitfield Bain — manager's award.
- Shaunley Kemp — CEO award.



CAPTAIN John Saporita speaks to members of the Defence Force. P.O. Jonathan Rolle/RBDF Photos



CAPTAIN John Saporita receiving a token of appreciation from Commodore Roderick Bowe.

RBDF bids farewell to Captain John Saporita

COMMODORE Roderick Bowe with the officers and marines of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force held a farewell reception at their Coral Harbour base for Captain John Saporita of the US Embassy.

The highly decorated US Army Captain served for 18 months as the programme manager of Traditional Commander Activities in the Bahamas.

Accompanied by other personnel from the US Embassy, Captain Saporita was showered with accolades and tokens of appreciation for his achievements while working with the Defence Force.

Some of the officers and marines, including Commodore Bowe, spoke highly of the

captain's professionalism and his working relationship with them.

They all wished him success in his future endeavours.

In his brief remarks, Captain Saporita thanked the Defence Force for helping to make his tour of duty much easier, and pledged his commitment to continue to assist them.

Captain Saporita's tour of duty in the Bahamas began in January 2010 when he assumed responsibilities from US Air Force 1st Lieutenant Armand Randolph.

Captain Saporita will now return to teaching military science at Providence College, and will continue his work with the Rhode Island National Guard.

RBDF senior officers attend overseas course

DEFENCE Force Petty Officers Byron Brown and Geoffrey Miller have returned home after graduating from the United States Coast Guard's Chief Petty Officers Academy in Petaluma, California.

They successfully completed the five-week course, which was designed to prepare new senior officers to face new challenges as they fulfill their expanded supervisory roles.

The training was made possible through the International Military Educational Training (IMET) scheme which is facilitated by the United States Embassy.

Studies in subjects such as management, organisational behaviour, management principles, leadership, personal and physical development, written and oral communication, interpersonal relationships, team building, national and international studies and human develop-



Petty Officers Byron Brown



Petty Officers Byron Brown

ment were covered.

The instructional methods employed by the trainers included lectures, discussions and problem solving modules.

Petty Officer Byron

Brown is a 28-year veteran of the force attached to the Training Department.

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YOUNG CHILDREN IN BRITAIN BEING BRANDED 'BIGOTS'

THE DANGER OF POLITICAL CORRECTNESS FANATICS

THE BAHAMAS has done well to resist the pernicious culture of political correctness. In Britain, however, it is so destructively pervasive that even children as young as four are now being branded 'bigots' by the country's thought police. JOHN MARQUIS reports...



MARQUIS AT LARGE

THERE was once a very pleasant restaurant in Nassau called Gaylords. It was situated in a lovely old colonial-style property on Dowdeswell Street, Nassau.

In days gone by, the house was, I believe, the homestead of the Cleare family, who were – and probably still are – well-known in the city's business community.

A few years back, Gaylords moved under a different name to a quaint downtown restaurant, The Green Shutters, which during my first stint in Nassau in the 1960s was run as a traditional pub by a flamboyant Irishman called Ben Warry.

Though I never ate at the old Gaylords restaurant, it had a reputation for fine Indian cuisine.

It was one of those places I kept meaning to visit but didn't.

I am told by a friend that the business now operates as the Taj Mahal. I imagine its standards are as exacting as ever, gaining the eternal approval of old Ben, whose ghost no doubt still passes through the cosy bar where he once held court.

It will, I am sure, amuse the proprietors to know that, had they been operating in modern Britain, they would have been obliged to change the name Gaylords anyway, because the word has now fallen victim to the country's idiotic cult of political correctness.

Gaylord has now been deemed a deeply offensive term to describe a homosexual with an overbearing demeanour.

Coup

Along with various other slang terms that have traditionally been applied to homosexuals, it has succumbed to the protestations of Britain's aggressive gay lobby, which is about to secure its biggest coup.

By the year 2015, gay marriage will be legalised in Britain, thus overturning centuries of tradition and giving the nod to a state of affairs that would have been considered inconceivable less than 50 years ago.

Despite the claims of some of my most vociferous detractors, I am not a homophobe, though I have long resented the relentless proselytizing of some of the gay fraternity's more extreme factions.

However, I do take exception to the way certain minorities – gays among them – have been allowed to influence the way ordinary people think, act and even speak.

It came home most forcibly a few days ago when the British press disclosed that schoolchildren as young as four are being branded racist or homophobic over minor playground squabbles during which allegedly "offensive" terms are used.

Daily Mail reporter Sarah Harris reported: "Even toddlers in nursery classes are being penalised for so-called hate crimes such as using the terms "white

trash" or "gaylord". Schools are forced to report their language to education authorities.

This means that up to 30,000 pupils a year are officially being branded "bigots". Worse still, names of young "bigots" are kept on file.

When the pupils move from primary to secondary school, the file goes with them. It forms part of their educational profile and can be referred to in later life when the children go on to university or into the workplace.

As Ms Harris points out, the pettiest of playground incidents has the potential to blight a child for life, jeopardising his or her chances in the workplace, and thwarting ambitions of a higher education.

This is a deeply disturbing thought in a country where unemployment is already running at unacceptably high levels and college entrance is – because of soaring tuition fees – becoming increasingly difficult.

These horrendous disclosures are not figments of a reporter's imagination. They were secured by a civil liberties group called Manifesto under terms of the Freedom of Information Act.

In the year 2008-9, no fewer than 29,659 racist incidents were reported by schools in England and Wales.

In the same period, a survey of only 15 local authorities revealed 341 homophobic incidents, 120 of them at primary schools – in other words, those attended by children under 11 years old.

The snooping culture in Britain is now so entrenched that children under the age of criminal responsibility, when they are deemed incapable of knowing what's legally right or wrong, are interrogated, reported and punished for offences they cannot possibly recognise as such.

It is, of course, an outrage – but is absolutely typical of a once great nation which has now lost its way under the influence of a political class that is not only embarrassingly incompetent, but hopelessly misguided and out of touch with everyday reality.

So poorly informed are they about life outside the hermetically sealed environment of Westminster that they actually believe these actions reflect the attitudes of ordinary British citizens.

They don't. Recently, a small child was reprimanded for calling a black classmate a "chocolate brownie". Another was reported for using the word "gay" in a pejorative context. You might think that such terms in the minds of innocents are no more than the common currency of schoolyard

taunting.

But in po-faced Britain, where the great English language is being curtailed daily by the demands of unseemly forces, anything construed as being gay or race sensitive is strictly forbidden.

A young police officer told me: "If I were to be heard uttering anything that could even remotely be interpreted as ethnically offensive, even in private conversations with colleagues, it's likely I would be regarded as unsuitable for promotion."

"It has reached a point where none of us dares to say anything that might be misconstrued. We walk on eggshells every day. It is ridiculous."

A Daily Mail blogger summed up the response of many when she wrote: "Many teachers have not entered the profession to teach, but to indoctrinate. Multiculturalism was designed as a tool to divide and control." Another blamed a "left-liberal agenda" which had been used for generations to drive Britain towards an Orwellian nightmare.

This might sound melodramatic and grossly exaggerated to Bahamian ears, but the truth of it becomes more and more evident by the day. What sensible people are wondering is whether the process can ever be reversed.

A few months back, a British pensioner was threatened with "hate crime" charges because she protested about a gay pride parade being organised in her home town.

She felt it was inappropriate for scantily clad people to flounce through the community's main shopping area promoting a lifestyle she didn't approve of.

Whatever your views of her way of thinking, she is certainly entitled to express them in a nation that prides itself – unjustifiably, as it happens – on its love of free speech.

Suicide

In another even more worrying incident, a man committed suicide after being reported by a snoop for making a jocular racial comment to a workmate. The workmate was not offended, but the snoop was.

As a result of the snitcher's report to management, the so-called offender was threatened with dismissal from a job he had done for years. Colleagues testified after his death to his pleasant, quiet and inoffensive nature. There wasn't a single racist bone in his body, they said.

What makes political correctness in Britain doubly annoying is that it is very selective.

A "right on" woman journalist taking part in a recent TV programme was able to utter with impunity the deeply offensive expression "working class oik" but would have died rather than use a word like "gaylord" or a racial epithet.

Many British young people are routinely dismissive of the old, but have been schooled to reject anything suggesting ethnic, gender or sexual prejudice. The working class and the aged are still fair game, but gays, racial minorities and feminists are now afforded protection by the PC brigade and their warped mindset.

Many years ago I owned a penthouse apartment in a beautiful Tudor mansion in Buckinghamshire. In the late 1500s it was occupied by a tall, handsome landowner called Sir Ever-

ard Digby, who was hung, drawn and quartered for his part in the 1605 Gunpowder Plot.

The magnificent house, with its stone mullioned windows and rolling parkland, was called Gayhurst, a name derived from medieval English.

Inside the front porch was the inscription CX49, carved into the limestone by a Cromwellian guard in the year that King Charles the First was beheaded.

Demand

Sometime soon, no doubt, the thought police will arrive at the house's elegant front door to demand where the name Gayhurst came from and what it means.

They will want to know if it has offensive connotations and whether the house's occupants are diehard homophobes worthy of official persecution, eternal ostracism and social ignominy.

My advice to Bahamians is this: don't ever become poisoned by the PC fanatics. They are a contagion you must resist with every breath in your body.



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LOCAL NEWS

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MAN ACCUSED OF RAPE CLAIMS ALLEGED VICTIM PROPOSITIONED HIM

after returning home from a bar around 9pm he dragged the victim from a sofa in the front room to his bedroom, where he took off her clothing and raped her.

The accused was 25 years old and the victim was 69 years old at the time of the alleged incident.

In his opening address, Attorney Devard Williams told jurors that his client never forced himself on the victim. He said sex was consensual.

According to Strachan's testimony, he arrived home from a bar and met the victim in the front room on a sofa watching television.

The accused said he came home tipsy with a 40oz bottle of Gin. He sat down on the sofa next to the victim, who he claims also took a bottle of brandy from her purse and drank it.

He then claimed that the victim touched his "things" and suggested they go in his

bedroom for privacy.

Strachan alleges that the victim told him to hurry before his mother returned. He said he followed her to his bedroom, limping on his crutches.

The accused had sustained a leg injury during an accident while riding his motorbike. He said doctors had put steel pins in his leg.

According to Strachan, he closed the bedroom door, but did not lock it.

"We started having sex in the bed. She said, 'Oneil, remember I am not a young woman,'" he recalled.

"Did you force yourself

on her?" asked Williams. "No", replied Strachan.

Under cross-examination, Strachan said when his mother returned home she pushed the bedroom door open and discovered them both in the room. He said his mother ran outside before he could explain.

Strachan told the Court that he has a good relationship with his mother. He said they worked together as scrap metal workers collecting copper and steel.

According to earlier evidence, Strachan's mother returned home around 9.30 or 10pm on the date in question and heard moaning and groaning sounds coming from her son's bedroom.

She said it sounded like persons were having sex.

The mother checked the house but could not find the victim. She said the front room did not appear to be disturbed.

She knocked at her son's bedroom door twice, but there was no response. When she pushed the door open, she saw her son and the victim naked in the room.

She said her boyfriend contacted police.

According to the victim's evidence, Strachan put his hand over her mouth to muffle her screams for help. He had also turned up the volume on the radio and had jammed a chair under the door knob.

When questioned by Prosecutor Erica Kemp about this, Strachan denied doing those things.

"You are saying the vic-

tim lied, you don't lie?" "Yes, I lie - aint nobody perfect; I am only human," he replied.

Prosecutor Kemp suggested to Strachan that after being caught he jumped out of the window as a means of escape.

Strachan said he never jumped out of the window. He said he went outside after his mother and ran into bushes after learning that the police were coming. He said that he hid in the bushes for a short time before surrendering.

"Officer Feaster asked if you had sex with the victim

and you told her you don't remember; she asked you certain things (about what happened that evening in the bedroom) and you say you can't remember, that you were drunk, but you come now to court saying the victim gave you permission?"

"I am putting it to you that she never gave consent for you to do those things," Prosecutor Kemp said.

The Prosecutor suggested that Strachan knew his mother and her boyfriend were not at home, and that he and the victim were alone because when he arrived

home his mother's vehicle was not outside the residence.

While re-examining Strachan, his lawyer asked if he could read and write. Strachan said he could not read the police statement and had requested that someone assist him, but police failed to do so.

The defence closed its case.

The trial will resume on Wednesday with closing arguments from the prosecution and defence. Justice Hartman Longley will also give his summation.

SIX MEN TURN THEMSELVES IN IN CONNECTION WITH HOMICIDES

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for them. It's always best when they turn themselves in but even if they don't we won't stop until we find them."

Three men were turned over to police by their lawyer for questioning in the murder of Damien Bowe.

The 29 year old was killed in the Kemp Road area last Saturday.

Police believe Bowe was shot by acquaintances of the man he is alleged to have shot during a fight near the Corner Pocket Bar. The other man is still recovering in hospital.

Supt Rolle said these three suspects are expected soon to be charged with murder.

Police also have a 41-year-old man in custody in connection with the stabbing of Anthony Harris.

Harris was found stabbed at the cemetery at the eastern end of the Eastern Parade on Dowdeswell Street, opposite St Matthews Church and the Eastern Cemetery.

However, Supt Rolle said police are not

certain at this time if this man will be charged.

Police also have a man in custody in connection with last Thursday's shooting of a man on West Street.

The victim was inside his home when he was shot in the face by a man standing outside.

At last report he was listed in serious, but stable condition.

Two other men also turned themselves into police in connection with a shooting incident that left a man and a woman in hospital.

According to police reports, the victims were standing outside a home on Miami Street when they were approached by two men armed with handguns, demanding cash.

It is still unclear what happened during the armed robbery, but the man and woman were both shot and suffered serious injuries.

Supt Rolle attributed the arrests to hard-working officers of the Royal Bahamas Police Force.

'MURDERS WOULD BE THREE TIMES HIGHER'

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has been elevated in the private and public sector.

Dr Sands said: "The outcome of the patient is determined by seamless transfer from the event until the patient goes home, and we have to fix every single one of those things - we can't just fix one."

EMS records, which logs every call placed to the department and its total response time, indicate that more than 90 per cent of calls had a five-minute dispatch time, Dr Sands said.

While he admitted there were instances of slower response time, the former EMS director criticised those who heavily exaggerated arrival times.

Dr Sands said: "We have to deal with root cause. We have to deal with the people of this country committing crime, accepting criminals, harbouring criminals."

"This is our problem, every single Bahamian, instead we want to blame."

Dr Sands said the country boasts one of the best ambulance services in the region. He said some Caribbean nations do not have a national service.

"The personnel are so much better trained than they used to be, they are generally able to identify critically ill patients and they also have made a commitment to get access to patients sooner."

Last year, A&E staff

processed 385 cases, 205 stabbings and 180 shootings. The murder count was 94.

Dr Sands said: "We are walking down a very dangerous road."

"From what I've been hearing from doctors with experience in that jurisdiction, we're probably about 10 years behind Jamaica."

"Everything that happened in Jamaica is happening in the Bahamas, and we pretend that crime is going to fix itself."

"I encourage everyone to listen to what the commissioner said, what the Minister of National Security and the Prime Minister had to say, because the problem is in the mirror," the doctor added.

FNM SELECTS CASSIUS STUART TO CHALLENGE DNA LEADER

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the same way Branville was able to defeat Tennyson Wells because he ran on the FNM's ticket (Cassius Stuart will beat him)," said the FNM, who did not want to be named.

"Bamboo Town is like what Bain Town is to the PLP, hard-core, and the people are very upset that Branville abandoned them the same way they were upset when Tennyson Wells did it to them. Bamboo Town is FNM and will go back to the FNM."

"The message (on the ground) is they will teach Branville a lesson like they did Tennyson," the source added.

Mr Wells represented the area for some 20 years - as an FNM candidate and then for one term as an independent - before losing his seat to then newcomer Mr McCartney in 2007.

Mr McCartney, former minister of state for immigration, resigned from the FNM earlier this year.

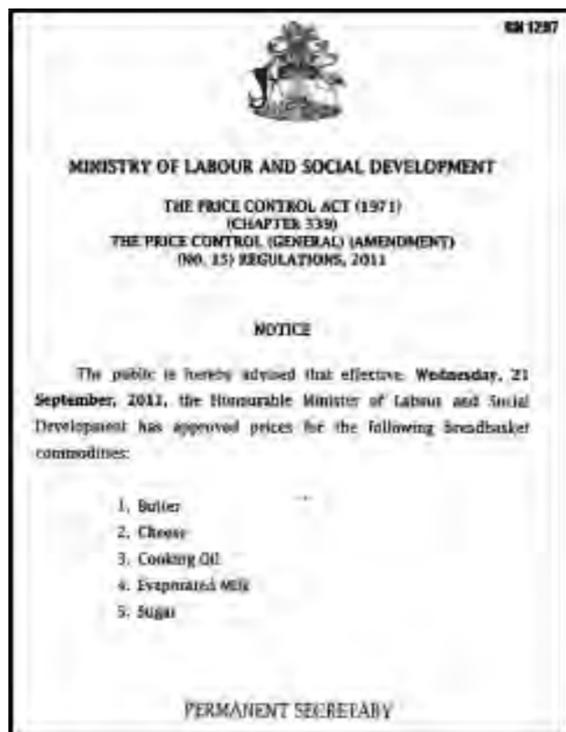
The source also cast doubt on the opposition's ability to win Bamboo Town in the next election and claimed the party has little presence in the area.

"The PLP never was able to take root in Bamboo Town, they may have some support but it's not widespread, the PLP hasn't had representation in Bamboo Town for some time and that serves to their detriment."

Although the group has not contested the area for the last two elections, the Progressive Liberal Party has said it will fight hard to win the area.

Renward Wells, former member of fringe group the National Development Party, is the PLP's candidate for the area.

Mr Stuart was scheduled to be the keynote speaker at a constituency meeting in Bamboo Town last night.



Tribune Trivia

Yesterday's Question

What kind of facility does Doctor's Hospital plan to open to medical tourists in January?

Yesterday's Answer

A spinal surgery and care centre

Yesterday's Winners

Martiniqua Moxey	3pts
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

JAPAN SAYS NO LOSS OF KEY DATA IN CYBERATTACK

TOKYO Associated Press

Japan's defense chief said Tuesday that the country's largest arms contractor has suffered a cyberattack, but that no sensitive information is known to have been lost.

Defense Minister Yasuo Ichikawa urged Mitsubishi Heavy Industry Ltd. to strengthen its data security systems.

"We are not aware of any important data having leaked to the outside," Ichikawa said.

The company makes ships, submarines, missile parts and other weapons for Japan's military.

Mitsubishi Heavy said it had been attacked in August with viruses apparently programmed to breach its computers and servers to gain unauthorized access to protected data. It did not say why it waited until this week to disclose the attack.

"We discovered that there had been a possible leak of system information such as network addresses from some of the computers at the company," it said in a statement Monday.

It said it has been working with police and independent experts to contain the damage.

The attack involved more than 80 servers and computers at 11 of the company's facilities related to nuclear power, missiles and submarines, the Nikkei business newspaper said Tuesday.

Attackers allegedly used simplified Chinese characters — the writing system used in mainland China — to remotely control the

infected computers, and authorities are investigating the case as suspected spying, the nationwide Yomiuri newspaper reported Tuesday, quoting unidentified sources.

In Beijing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei denied China was involved. "Criticism that China initiated a cyberattack is not only groundless, it goes against development of international cooperation on cybersecurity," Hong told a daily briefing.

An annual U.S. assessment of China's military in August said a number of computer systems, including U.S. networks, were the target of intrusions in 2010 that appeared to originate in China. The breaches were aimed at stealing data, but also exhibited the kinds of skills needed for more destructive network attacks, it said.

Another Japanese defense contractor, shipmaker IHI Corp., also reportedly came under cyberattack in recent months, receiving a number of emails with virus-loaded attachments.

Separately, Japan's National Police Agency said Tuesday that online messages were circulated last week in China calling for attacks on Japanese government websites ahead of the 80th anniversary of the Sept. 18 "Mukden Incident."

The 1931 event led to the Japanese occupation of China's northeast and eventually the invasion of much of the country. The date has in the past been marked by official commemorations and scattered anti-Japanese protests.

COUPLE FLEEING POSSIBLY TRIGGERED GRIZZLY MAULING

BILLINGS, Montana Associated Press

NEWLY RELEASED recordings of emergency services calls from hikers who came upon a fatal bear mauling in Yellowstone National Park reveal a harrowing scene in which the hikers heard a bear's roar and a couple screaming before the man went silent and the woman continued to yell for help.

Authorities released the recordings Tuesday along with a report from investigators that concluded the couple's screaming and running possibly triggered the mauling of 57-year-old Brian Matayoshi.

"It sounded like they were trying to scare the bear," an unidentified male hiker told the 911 dispatcher. "I heard a man's voice making loud, like, um, like animal noises. It sounded like he was trying to scare the bear and I heard a woman screaming. It sounded like she was scared."

A short time later, another caller who identified himself as a trauma surgeon called and said he was just a few hundred yards from the scene.

"Did you hear what they were saying? Did they say they were attacked or just yelling for help?" the dispatcher asked.

"No. They were just yelling



IN THIS JULY FILE PHOTO showing the bridge to the southern rim of one of Yellowstone National Park, Wyo., Park officials closed this area after a grizzly sow killed a man who was hiking with his wife a mile and a half up the trail. Investigators said Tuesday that the fatal bear mauling that took place July 6 in Yellowstone National Park was possibly triggered by the California victim and his wife screaming and yelling as they ran from an approaching grizzly mother with cubs. (AP)

for help. And all I can hear here is the lady's voice now. There was a man as well, so I'm worried that the man may be injured," the caller said.

In the immediate aftermath of the attack, park officials said the Matayoshis responded correctly when they encountered the bear along the park's popular Wapiti Lake Trailhead. But following a two-month investigation, bear researchers

and wildlife agents concluded the couple's harried, 173-yard (158-meter) retreat after they encountered the bear may have played a role.

"What possibly began as an attempt by the bear to assess the Matayoshis' activities became a sustained pursuit of them as they fled running and yelling on the trail," the investigation team report said.

The couple was not carrying

bear spray, mace-like canisters of pressurized pepper spray that park officials advise hikers to carry for self-defense.

The attack took place about 1 mile (1.6 kilometers) from the park's popular Wapiti Lake picnic ground, where the Matayoshis had set out for a hike at about 8:30 a.m. after arriving in the park a day earlier, according to the investigators' report.

PROPERTIES FOR SALE

NASSAU LISTINGS

VACANT LOTS

1. BALFOUR ESTATES

LOT NO. 17
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Multi-Family Residential
PROPERTY SIZE: 7,638 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The vacant property is located off All Saints Way, Golden Isles Road.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$84,000

2. CAMPERDOWN, PHASE 2

LOT NO. 1
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single-family Lot
PROPERTY SIZE: 13,873 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Traveling west along Camperdown Drive from Culberts Hill take the 1st corner on the left (Forest Drive). Heading south the vacant property is the 4th lot on the right.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$166,000

3. CARMICHAEL ROAD

LOT NO. 2 of Crown Allotment #35
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Multi / single-family Lot
PROPERTY SIZE: 11,625 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The vacant property is located west of McKinney Avenue.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$116,000

4. CARMICHAEL ROAD

LOT NO. Parcel "A"
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Multi/ Single-family lot
PROPERTY SIZE: 4,650 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Traveling west on Avacado Road from Faith Avenue, take the 1st graveled corner on the left, the property is the 2nd lot on the left.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$51,000

5. CARMICHAEL VILLAGE

SUBDIVISION
LOT NO. 4 and 5 - part of Crown Allotments 21 and 22 Grant A8-50
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Family Residential Lot
PROPERTY SIZE: each 6,960 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The vacant properties are bounded west of Golden Isles Road and south of Carmichael Road.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$125,000

6. CLARIDGE ROAD

LOT NO. "A"
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Family Lot
PROPERTY SIZE: 5,754 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The subject property is located on the western side of Cladridge Road about 395 feet south of Wulff Road.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$86,300

7. CORAL BREEZE ESTATES

SUBDIVISION
LOT NO. 52
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single-family lot
PROPERTY SIZE: 6,000 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The vacant property is located in Coral Harbour.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$100,000

8. EVANSVILLE SUBDIVISION

LOT NO. 23
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single/Multi-family lots
PROPERTY SIZE: 7,337 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Travel west along Carmichael Road from Unison Road take the 6th corner on the left. Heading south pass the 3rd corner on the left. The subject property is the 2nd lot on the left.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$88,000

9. FIRE TRAIL

LOT NO. 12
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single /Multi-family Lot
PROPERTY SIZE: 6,752 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Traveling west along Fire Trail Road from the round-about, take the 3rd paved road on the left. The vacant property is the 12th lot on the left.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$81,000

10. FOX HILL SUBDIVISION

LOT NO. Parcel #1 and #2
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Multi-family lots
PROPERTY SIZE: Parcel #1 - 4,199 sq. ft. #2 - 3,348 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Traveling north along Grant Street from Dorsett Street, the subject properties are the 3rd and 4th lots on the left.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$61,000 combined

11. GAMBLE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION

LOT NO. 29 Section 3
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Multi/ Single-family lot
PROPERTY SIZE: 6,000 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Traveling south on Baillou Hill Road, passing Carmichael Road, take the 3rd corner on the left, Sunrise Road opposite St. Vincent Road. Heading south on Sunrise Road, take the 4th corner on the left, the subject lot is the 6th on the right.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$60,000

12. KOOL ACRES SUBDIVISION

LOT NO. Parcel of Land
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Multi-family lot
PROPERTY SIZE: 7,000 Sq. ft.
LOCATION: Traveling west on Lumumba Road from Fox Hill Road, take the 6th corner on the right (Adderley Close). The subject property is the 4th lot on the left.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$84,000

13. LAKE VILLANESS SUBDIVISION

LOT NO. 105
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single / Multi-family Lot
PROPERTY SIZE: 14,400 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The vacant property is located in Lake Villaness approx. 2,730 feet west of Gladstone Road.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$79,000

14. MALCOLM ALLOTMENT

SUBDIVISION
LOT NO. 2 A
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Six Unit Apartment Complex
PROPERTY SIZE: 6,000 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The subject property is located on Family Street in Malcolm Allotment.
APPRAISED VALUE: TBA

15. POLHEMUS GARDENS

LOT NO. 15 (Northern half)
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Multi/Single-family lot
PROPERTY SIZE: 7,804 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Travel west along Boyd Road from Nassau Street take the 1st corner on the right Buntlings Avenue, subject property is the 2nd lot on the left.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$78,000

16. RAHMING COURT SUBDIVISION

LOT NO. 5
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Multi-family lots
PROPERTY SIZE: 5,502 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Situated in Rahming Court, located on the southern side of Bernard Road.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$50,000

17. ROCKY PINE ROAD

LOT NO. Parcel of Land Portion of Crown Grant A5-23
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Multi-family Lot
PROPERTY SIZE: 13,406 sq. ft.
LOCATION: On the western side of Ismae Drive - 170 feet south of Rocky Pine Road.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$150,000

18. SOUTH OCEAN ESTATES

SUBDIVISION
LOT NO. 6 Block 7
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single-family lot
PROPERTY SIZE: 11,738 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Travel south of Lyford Cay immediately pass Mount Pleasant; take a left onto South Ocean Boulevard to new South Ocean Estates. The vacant lot is property number 6 in block 7.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$155,000

19. VANRIA CLOSE SUBDIVISION

LOT NO. 14
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single /Multi-family Lot
PROPERTY SIZE: 6,752 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Traveling from the intersection of Faith Avenue south and Marshall Road, turn right onto Marshall Road to the intersection; turn right and travel to the 6th corner on the right. The vacant property is the 11th lot on the right.
APPRAISED VALUE: TBA

20. VICTORIA GARDENS

SUBDIVISION
LOT NO. 7
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single-family lot
PROPERTY SIZE: 6,000 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Traveling south on Gladstone Road from JFK Drive, enter Victoria Gardens main entrance (1st corner left) and head east. At the 1st cross road, turn left. The vacant property is the 2nd lot on the left.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$60,000

21. VICTORIA GARDENS

SUBDIVISION
LOT NO. 8
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single-family lot
PROPERTY SIZE: 6,588 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Traveling south on Gladstone Road from JFK Drive, enter Victoria Gardens main entrance (1st corner left) and head east. At the 1st cross road, turn left. The vacant property is the 3d lot on the left.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$60,000

22. VILLAGE CHILCOTT

ALLOTMENT
LOT NO. 14
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single-family lot
PROPERTY SIZE: 4,972 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Traveling south along Kemp Road, pass the intersection (Parkgate Road), take the 1st corner on the left (Hamilton Street). The vacant property is the 2nd lot on the left.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$50,000

23. WEST WINDS SUBDIVISION

LOT NO. 324
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single/multi-family residential
PROPERTY SIZE: 6,000 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Enter West Winds Subdivision from West Bay Street, at the T-junction turn right onto King Fish Road. Head west, following the bend in the road until heading south; then take the 2nd corner on the left. The vacant property is the 5th lot on the left.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$111,000

24. WEST WINDS SUBDIVISION

LOT NO. 224
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single/Multi-Family Residential
PROPERTY SIZE: 10,377 sq. ft.
LOCATION: The vacant property is located on the southern side of Kingfish Road approximately 85 feet east of Breezy Lane.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$187,000

25. WEST WINDS SUBDIVISION

LOT NO. 220
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Multi/Single-family Lot
PROPERTY SIZE: 9,281 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Enter the subdivision from Windsor Field Road to the T-junction, and then take a left, the lot is the 2nd on the left, on the eastern side of Kingfish Road.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$159,000

26. YUMA ESTATES SUBDIVISION

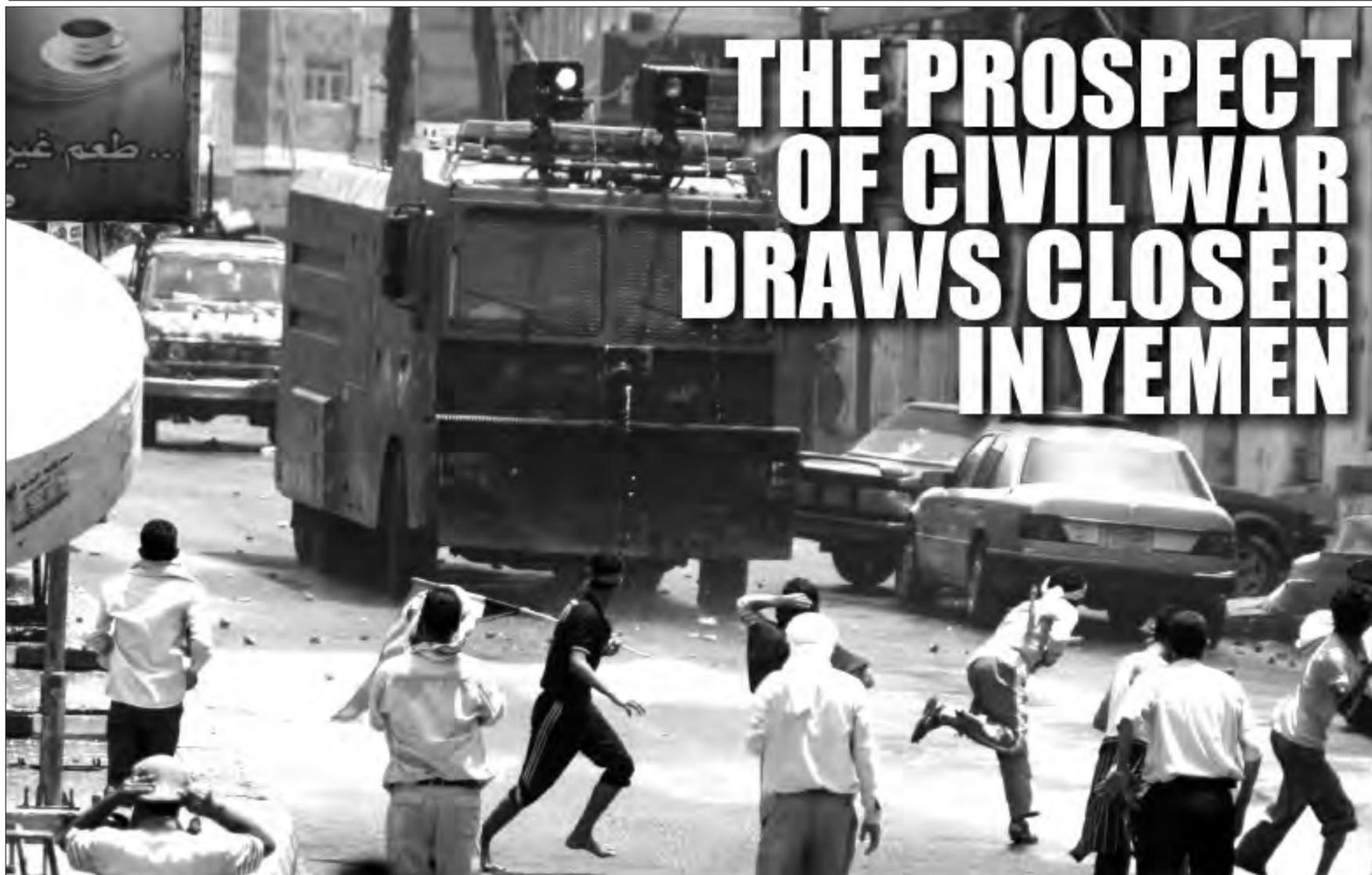
LOT NO. "C"
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single/ Multi-family lot
PROPERTY SIZE: 7,268 sq. ft.
LOCATION: Traveling west along West Bay Street from Blake Road, take the 4th corner on the left (Kiskadee Drive) and head south - passing over the hill - turn thru the 1st corner on the left (entrance to Yuma). Head to the T-junction and turn left onto Sanctuary Circle. The vacant property is the 3rd lot on the left.
APPRAISED VALUE: \$102,000

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

THE PROSPECT OF CIVIL WAR DRAWS CLOSER IN YEMEN



PROTESTERS THROW rocks at an anti-riot vehicle during clashes with security forces, in Taiz, Yemen, Monday. In the southern city of Taiz, at least one protester was killed and several others were wounded Monday in clashes between anti-regime demonstrators and security forces, according to witnesses. (AP)



ANTI-GOVERNMENT PROTESTERS carry a wounded protester from the site of clashes with security forces, in Taiz, Yemen, Monday. (AP)

SANAA, Yemen
Associated Press

THE GRIM PROSPECT of civil war in Yemen has drawn closer as mutinous soldiers have become more deeply involved in a rapidly spreading battle against regime forces for control of the capital.

A negotiated cease-fire Tuesday halted three days of fighting that killed dozens of people, but it will not hold without a quick resolution of the key dispute: Who will lead the nation.

A peaceful way out of Yemen's seven-month crisis may not come easily, if at all, making it more likely to be settled in large-scale and ruinous street battles pitting renegade army soldiers and their allied tribal fighters against U.S.-trained forces loyal to embattled President Ali Abdullah Saleh and led by his son and one-time heir apparent, Ahmed.

Already, pro-regime forces reinforced their positions in their strongholds in the south of the capital, apparently in anticipation of renewed fighting. The potential for bloody strife has been shown in Yemen since the uprising against Saleh's regime began in February, with hundreds of protesters killed and thousands wounded at the hands of security forces.

In the past three days, pro-regime forces killed more than 70 people, mostly protesters, using anti-aircraft guns, rocket-propelled grenades and mortars. At least 23 people were killed in Sanaa on Tuesday as the fighting intensified and spread to sensitive areas of the capital before the cease-fire took hold after nightfall.

In one incident, 13 followers of a tribal leader who changed sides and joined the opposition in March were killed when mortar shells fired by pro-government forces rained down on the upscale Hedah area of southern Sanaa, also home to top regime figures.

"It's a war zone," said Sanaa activist Hakim al-Masmari. "We can't even sit near windows because we could be killed."

Thousands have been forced to flee Sanaa for the relative safety of rural areas. Scores of pickup trucks and cars loaded with families and their belongings were seen early Tuesday heading out of the city, repeatedly shaken by loud explosions overnight. The United States condemned the violence and called on all parties to exercise restraint. "We urge a prompt, impartial investigation into the events that led to the recent violence," Victoria Nuland, the State Department's spokeswoman, said in a statement Tuesday.

Saleh, Yemen's president for 33 years and a staunch U.S. ally, has clung to power despite tens of thousands taking to the streets nearly daily since February to demand his ouster. At least three times he has backed away at the last minute from endorsing a resignation plan

offered by his Gulf Arab neighbors and supported by the United States — handing over power in return for immunity.

He left Yemen in June for neighboring Saudi Arabia to be treated for serious wounds suffered in an attack on his compound. He has not returned to Yemen since, but the presence in Sanaa of his son, Ahmed, and other loyal family members meant the regime continued to fight for its survival.

Much is at stake in Yemen for the United States, its Gulf Arab allies, particularly Saudi Arabia, and the West. Yemen overlooks key shipping lanes in the Red and Arabian seas and is home to one of the world's most dangerous al-Qaida branches, whose militants have staged or inspired a series of attacks on U.S. territory. Already, the chaos has allowed al-Qaida militants to capture and hold a string of towns in nearly lawless southern Yemen.

With the prospect of a peaceful settlement remote, civil war becomes a realistic possibility, given that Yemen is a nation with deep tribal and regional divides, a checkered history of civil strife, and a chronically weak central government.

The nation's north and the once-independent south fought it out in 1994. Another civil war would pit the renegade soldiers of the 1st Armored Division, perhaps the nation's most combat-tested unit, against the Republican Guards led by Ahmed to decide the leadership question.

The 1st Armored Division claims about 20,000 fighters in Sanaa, and, according to security officials, has been training its men in urban warfare for most of the six months since it defected along with its commander, Maj. Gen. Ali Mohsen al-Ahmar, and joined the anti-Saleh protesters. The division has tanks and armored personnel carriers but they have been hidden across the city to avoid being picked off by regime warplanes.

The Republican Guards boast much more armor, a large arsenal of rockets and about the same number of troops. As a backup, it can draw on the support of the U.S.-trained and equipped Special Forces, another elite unit also led by Saleh's son, and the Presidential Guards, led by Saleh's nephew, Tariq, a commander notorious for brutality.

"The Republican Guards are the superior force on paper," said military expert Hussein Mansour, a retired army brigadier. "But that makes little difference on the ground. It is all about street warfare and combat expertise."

The division, which took part in every war fought in Yemen in the past three decades, also has al-Ahmar for a seasoned commander whose combat experience is complemented by years as Saleh's point man on the country's complex tribal politics.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ATTACK COMES DAYS AFTER A DAYTIME ASSAULT BY INSURGENTS

SUICIDE BOMBER KILLS FORMER AFGHAN PRESIDENT

KABUL, Afghanistan
Associated Press

A SUICIDE attacker with a bomb in his turban posed as a Taliban peace envoy and assassinated a former Afghan president who for the past year headed a government council seeking a political settlement with the insurgents.

Tuesday's attack, carried out in former President Burhanuddin Rabbani's Kabul home, dealt a harsh blow to attempts at ending a decade of war. The killing of Rabbani, an ethnic Tajik and one of the wise old men of Afghan politics, will blunt efforts to keep in check the regional and ethnic rivalries that help feed the insurgency.

President Hamid Karzai cut short a visit to the United Nations and called on Afghans to remain unified in the face of Rabbani's "martyrdom." An emergency Cabinet meeting was called for Wednesday.

The attack came days after a daytime assault by insurgents on the U.S. Embassy and NATO headquarters that deepened a sense of insecurity in the capital.

NATO said in a statement that two suicide bombers were involved in the attack on Rabbani, both of them men who had feigned a desire to reconcile with the government. It was unclear if a second bomber was able to detonate his explosives.

Afghan officials, however, insisted there was only one attacker. Four men were wounded, including a key presidential adviser, said Mohammad Zahir, the head of criminal investigations for the Kabul police. Initial reports had four bodyguards killed but Zahir said those were incorrect.

Close friends of Rabbani said that the former president returned from a trip to Iran to meet with a man who had been described as a high-ranking Taliban contact. The visitor, a young man, was shown into the house by two of Rabbani's associates at the Afghan High Peace Council, who insisted that he did not need to be fully searched, said a friend who spoke anonymously because he was not a spokesman.

When Rabbani appeared, the man shook the former president's hand and bowed as a sign of respect, said Fazel Karim Aimaq, a former lawmaker from Kunduz province and friend of Rabbani.

"Then his turban exploded," Aimaq said. The blast broke windows in Rabbani's home and shook nearby houses.

As the leader of the anti-Taliban Northern Alliance, Rabbani sought a political deal with the Taliban — with U.S. blessing — and he will be hard to replace soon. His death could unleash a well of resentment among some senior Northern Alliance members, who accuse Karzai of colluding with the Taliban.

Already Afghanistan's ethnic minorities have begun to rearm in the face of negotiations with the Taliban, who are mostly ethnic Pashtuns, as is Karzai. Rabbani's killing is likely to accelerate that process and lay the foundation for a possible civil war once U.S. combat troops leave the country or take on support roles by the end of 2014. In Kandahar province, the birthplace of the Taliban movement, officials worried that the assassination would dampen peace efforts.

"It is a great loss not only to the peace program, but for this nation as well," said Atta Mohammad, who heads up reconciliation efforts in the province. "This bombing will have a big impact on the peace program for some time."

President Barack Obama said the killing will not deter the U.S. and Afghanistan from helping that country's people live freely. He said the former president's death is tragic because he was a man who cared deeply about Afghanistan. Obama commented at the start of a meeting in New York with Karzai.

Shukria Barakzai, a lawmaker from Kabul, was visibly shaken as she stood outside Rabbani's house in the Wazir Akbar Khan area of



IN THIS PHOTO taken Saturday and released by an official website of the Iranian supreme leader's office, former Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabbani, head of the Afghan High Peace Council, left, shakes hands with former Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari, during an "Islamic Awakening" conference in Tehran, Iran. Former Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabbani, who headed a government peace council set up to facilitate contacts with Taliban insurgents, was assassinated Tuesday by a suicide bomber concealing explosives in his turban, officials said. Four of Rabbani's bodyguards also died and a key presidential adviser was wounded. (AP)



AN AFGHAN POLICEMAN and security forces stand guard in front of former Afghan president Burhanuddin Rabbani's house after he was killed in suicide attack in Kabul, Afghanistan, Tuesday. (AP)

the city, near the U.S. Embassy and NATO headquarters.

"We don't want the whole peace process to get stuck," she said. "We have to continue, we have to."

Rabbani, who was about 70 years old, headed the country's High Peace Council, set up by the Afghan government to work toward a political solution to the decade-long war. It had made little headway since it was formed a year ago, but it was backed by many in the international community as an important first step toward a settlement.

British Prime Minister David Cameron said Rabbani had played a key role in the peace process.

"He was a respected former president of Afghanistan and played a vital role as the chairman of the Afghan High Peace Council," Cameron said. "He will be sorely missed but the work of the Peace Council will go on. We remain determined to see Afghanistan prosper."

Rabbani was president from 1992-1996, heading the Afghan government that preceded the Taliban rule. After he was driven from Kabul in 1996, he became the nominal head of the Northern Alliance, mostly minority Tajiks and Uzbeks, who

swept to power in Kabul as a U.S.-led invasion toppled the Taliban regime in late 2001. Rabbani headed the Jamiat-e-Islami political party.

"We lost our leader. We lost our leader," Habibullah, a close friend of Rabbani's, said as he stood crying outside a hospital.

Karzai's adviser Mohammad Masoom Stanekzai was wounded in the attack. A relative who answered Stanekzai's phone said that the wounds did not appear to be life-threatening, but that Stanekzai was in the hospital. The relative declined to give his name because of the sensitivity of the situation. Also wounded were council member Rahmatullah Wahidyar, who had brought the supposed peace envoy to Rabbani's house, and two of Rabbani's staffers.

Stanekzai is a top official with the High Peace Council and the head of a reintegration program for mid- and lower-level Taliban back into Afghan society. The program has so far managed to reintegrate only about 2,000 of the estimated 25,000-40,000 insurgents in Afghanistan.

Reintegration was the other half of reconciliation, which aims to broker a peace deal with the senior Taliban

leadership.

Last week, Rabbani led a conference of provincial governors and officials who met in the southern city of Kandahar to develop policies for reintegrating insurgents who want to give up the fight. At the conference, he urged those in the provinces to counter insurgent propaganda claiming that international forces were invaders in Afghanistan.

Pakistan's Prime Minister Yusuf Reza Gilani and President Asif Ali Zardari condemned the assassination. They conveyed their "extreme anger and shock" to the Afghan government over the killing, according to a statement released by the Pakistan government.

Taliban factions based in northwest Pakistan and allegedly supported by elements of the Pakistani security forces have been blamed by Afghan and U.S. authorities for high-profile attacks in Afghanistan, especially in Kabul, over the past three years.

Barakzai said that residents of Kabul were tired of the constant attacks in the city, including a 20-hour assault against the U.S. Embassy and NATO headquarters in Kabul that finally ended Sept. 14. That attack killed 16 Afghans

— five police officers and 11 civilians, more than half of them children. No one at the embassy or NATO was killed.

"Every single week we have such an attack," she said.

U.S. and Afghan officials have blamed the Pakistani-based Haqqani network for carrying out that attack and others in the capital and openly stated that the insurgent group has ties to the Pakistani government — a rare public shot at the role Afghanistan's neighbor to the east plays in bolstering the insurgency. Abdullah Abdullah, a Tajik leader who lost to Karzai in the 2009 presidential election, said Rabbani's death was significant.

"He was a jihadi leader. From the beginning to the end of his life he did his best to bring peace and stability to this country, and it is a big loss for all Afghan people," Abdullah said.

Abdullah, who has been critical of Karzai's attempts to reconcile with the Taliban, said "we should recognize and know our enemy from lower ranks up to the top officials of the country because by any means, by any way, they are trying to kill us and eliminate all high-ranking officials and jihadi leaders."

The Taliban have been targeting senior officials in the government and close associates of Karzai.

On July 27, an insurgent with a bomb under his turban killed the mayor of Kandahar, Ghulam Haider Hamidi. Five days earlier, a close associate gunned down Karzai's powerful half brother, Ahmed Wali Karzai, at his home in Kandahar.

During Karzai's funeral a turban bomber killed a prominent cleric. The killings prompted Karzai to urge Afghan religious leaders to condemn the use of turban bombs.

That same month, Karzai's inner circle suffered another hit when gunmen in Kabul killed Jan Mohammad Khan, a presidential adviser on tribal issues and a former governor of Uruzgan province, which is also in the south.

On May 28, a suicide bomber infiltrated a high-level meeting in Taloqan, Takhar province, killing northern Afghanistan's top police commander, Gen. Mohammed Daoud, provincial police chief Shah Jehan Noori and two German soldiers. He also seriously wounded the German NATO commander in northern Afghanistan, Maj. Gen. Markus Kneip.

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BAHAMAS FIRST EYEING \$12-\$15M IRENE CLAIMS

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

BAHAMAS FIRST is eyeing a "preliminary" \$12-\$15 million in gross insurance claims as a result of Hurricane Irene, its chief executive telling Tribune Business that the fact insured losses are well below initial projections will "bode well" for the industry's upcoming discussions with reinsurers.

Patrick Ward, who is also the general insurer's president, said the company had worked on Irene-related numbers until late on Monday night, adding: "At this stage, we're comfortable with the overall market loss being projected in the range of \$35-\$40 million."

"There's nothing that indicates there's

Industry's overall \$35-\$40m in insured losses 'bodes well' for reinsurance negotiations

going to be more than that, and at this stage that number could be generous. But it depends on a number of developments related to business interruption claims."

That latter category of claims was also likely to influence the ultimate outcome for Bahamas First, Mr Ward telling Tribune Business of the company's own Irene-related losses: "Our claims projection is going to be in the range of \$12-\$15 million."

"That's preliminary and more likely to reduce. It's a gross loss, not a net loss."

Much of that sum will be covered by

reinsurance, given the huge amount Bahamian carriers buy annually, with Bahamas First's share much less than the \$12-\$15 million estimates.

"Generally speaking, I think the market losses are going to come in a lot less than originally projected, and significantly below the AIR estimate [\$200-\$400 million], even if you account for the level of risk placed outside the local companies," Mr Ward added.

"It bodes well for the continuation of

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HOTELS EXPECT 'STRONG' XMAS, THANKSGIVING

* Occupancies and room rates predicted to be 'slightly better' than 2010 levels for September-December period

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

THE Bahamas Hotel Association's (BHA) president yesterday told Tribune Business the industry was expecting "strong" Thanksgiving and Christmas/New Year business levels, with occupancies and room rates for the September-December

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'GO FURTHER' THAN PRIVATE SECTOR ON GAMING REFORMS

* Over a year since 'extremely important' proposals sent to Gov't

* Industry says 'critical to levelling the playing field' and keeping Bahamas competitive

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

A WELL-KNOWN tourism executive yesterday expressed hope the Government would "go further" than the industry's proposed changes to this nation's casino gaming regulations, telling Tribune Business that reform was "extremely important" for the Bahamas' competitiveness in this sector.

This newspaper understands that it has been



more than a year since the Bahamas Hotel Association (BHA) and other stakeholders submitted their recommendations to the Government, but Robert Sands, Baha Mar's senior vice-president for government and external affairs, confirmed yesterday that the industry had not been informed of any further developments.

Adding that the BHA and casino gaming industry's position had "not changed", Mr Sands said reform was "critical to levelling the playing field" between the Bahamas and its competitors. These include both Florida and many other US states, plus rival Caribbean states such as Jamaica, all of whom see gaming as a lucrative opportunity to generate economic activity.

Speaking to the need to move on the reform process, Mr Sands told Tribune Business: "I think it's extremely important. It remains for this niche market a critical

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ROBERT SANDS, Baha Mar's senior vice-president for government and external affairs

CHAMBER CHIEF: 'MAKE IMF'S 2 PER CENT GROWTH HAPPEN'

By NEIL HARTNELL
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WITH THE BAHAMIAN economy projected to grow by 2 per cent and 2.5 per cent, respectively, in 2011 and 2012, the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation's (BCCEC) chairman yesterday challenged the private sector to "make that happen".

Winston Rolle told Tribune Business that the gross domestic product (GDP) growth projections unveiled yesterday by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) "bode well" for Bahamas-based companies in both the short and medium-term, with this nation's economy also projected to expand by 2.6 per cent in 2016.

In particular, the IMF's 2 per cent growth projection for 2011 represents an

* GDP expansion to hit 2.7% in 2016, but still below many Caribbean rivals

* Inflation to jump from 1.6% to 4% this year

upward revision to the 1.3 per cent estimate for the Bahamas earlier this year. That enhanced estimate, notwithstanding the impact of Hurricane Irene, is likely to be based largely on the impact of the \$2.6 billion Baha Mar development.

The improved Bahamas' growth estimate also takes place against the backdrop of an IMF World Economic Outlook that noted global growth was slowing and downside risks to the world economy were increasing. Against such a backdrop, and with an economy regarded in an OECD report as the world's fourth most vulnerable to external shocks, it would not have been surprising if the Bahamas' growth estimates

had been reduced.

Still, sceptics and critics, including the Opposition Progressive Liberal Party (PLP), are likely to point to the fact that the IMF's projected growth rates for the Bahamas are a lower than those for its fellow Caribbean nations.

And it is also questionable whether the growth rates will be enough for the Bahamian economy to absorb the almost-25,000 currently unemployed workers, not to mention the 12,000 discouraged workers and 5,000 graduates who come out of high school.

Asked about ever-present fears that the world may slip into a 'double dip'

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THE BAHAMAS URGED: TARGET LNG, OIL FOR STABLE GROWTH

* Creation of new 'economic platform' only way to combat high unemployment, national debt

* Warns of 'monumental shift' in how business is done

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

THE BAHAMAS must focus on oil exploration and liquefied natural gas (LNG) as potential "platforms for sustainable economic growth", a leading businessman urged yesterday, warning that failure to do so would cause high unemployment and the \$4 billion-plus national debt to persist.

Khaalis Rolle, chief mar-

keting officer at Bahamas Ferries and a former Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation (BCCEC) chairman, said that with the Bahamian economy set to undergo "a monumental shift" as a result of entering into trade liberalisation agreements, the need to create new industries and "growth platforms" was becoming ever more urgent.

Acknowledging the environmental "sensitivity" associated with both oil exploration and LNG, Mr Rolle said that allowing neither to go forward meant the Bahamas would manage one risk at the expense of "enabling" another, namely unemployment and crime.

Arguing that the Bahamas' existing 'twin pillars' of financial services and tourism were unlikely to grow fast enough to make a sizeable dent in the jobless rate and persistent fiscal deficits, Mr Rolle said agriculture represented another alternative oil exploration failed to strike commercial quantities of recoverable petroleum.

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EX-GOVERNOR PRESENTS AT STEP MONTHLY MEET

James Smith, a former governor of the Central Bank of the Bahamas and ex-minister of state for finance, was the guest speaker at the monthly luncheon meeting of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) Bahamas branch.

Mr Smith, current chairman of CFAL, presented on the topic Exchange Controls in a Modern Bahamas. His presentation focused on the origins of exchange controls within the Sterling bloc of countries, the abandonment of exchange controls by some nation and their retention by others, including the Bahamas.

Mr Smith also commented on the changing role of the system and its use as a monetary policy instrument in the Bahamas, plus the potential impact on the economy if the system was abolished. The luncheon



was sponsored by the Association of International Banks and Trusts (AIBT).

PICTURED L-R: Dianne Bingham, Samantha Symonette, Dena Andrews, Joanne Pyfrom, James Smith, Anita Bain (chairperson), Tanya Hanna, Karen Haven, Cecil Ferguson

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strategic positioning to advance these concerns.

"We are convinced that in doing so we will begin to level the playing field somewhat in terms of the close competition next door or in the Caribbean."

Leading hotel industry executives, including Kerzner International (Bahamas) managing director and president, George Markantonis, have previously expressed frustration with the seemingly slow gaming reform process, arguing that the Bahamas was losing ground against increasingly competitive jurisdictions who were targeting - and attracting - this nation's gambling base.

"We'd hope - and like - for it to go further than the recommendations we've made," Mr Sands told Tribune Business of the reforms.

"I would say the real issue is that we need to make amendments just to level the



playing field, because if we are not careful we can lose ground very quickly and it will be even harder to get back to our current position or improve."

Gaming is a key component of the Atlantis resort's earnings streams, Kerzner

International having said several years ago - when it was a public company - that the casino generated one-third of its revenues, the remainder being equally split between rooms and food and beverage.

The other major casino

operator on New Providence is Baha Mar with the Crystal Palace. That offering, though, is set to be considerably upgraded via the \$2.6 billion Cable Beach redevelopment, which has as its centrepiece a 100,000 square foot casino - the

largest in the Caribbean - and associated hotel.

While implementing the proposed reforms would not, in and of themselves, guarantee the success of Baha Mar's redevelopment - one that is more reliant on gaming than Atlantis - it would certainly help.

"To put in context, the reforms will assist," Mr Sands told Tribune Business. "It's not the end all or be all, but it will certainly assist Baha Mar in certain goals going forward, and not only Baha Mar but the entire casino gaming industry."

The Our Lucaya is the other Bahamian property to offer casino gaming. It remains a vital attraction for the Bahamas to boast, enticing the very high spending, high roller customers the tourism industry depends on. In short, the Bahamas cannot afford to be without competitive casino gaming, for otherwise those attracted solely by the gambling - and many others - would go elsewhere.

Mr Sands said yesterday that among the proposed reforms were making the legislation and regulations governing the industry "competitive" with what existed in rival jurisdictions. The approval process for investment in the sector, and movement of table games and slot machines, were oth-

er areas of focus.

And the private sector also wanted to "widen the net of those allowed to gamble to permanent residents and junket representatives - entertainers on short-term work permits".

The Baha Mar executive added that the industry wanted amendments to be implemented "as soon as possible". Mr Sands previously revealed that the Crystal Palace's casino revenues in 2010 were down by 18.5 per cent or \$5 million - from \$27 million to \$22 million. In the same period, Atlantis saw its casino revenue "down a little under 2009", by 8 per cent.

Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace, minister of tourism and aviation, was said to be in Cabinet yesterday and did not return Tribune Business's phone calls seeking comment.

In October 2010, he said the proposed reforms from the BHA and other stakeholders were "in front of me now".

The Minister said then the Government was looking to marry its own recommendations, which it believes will be "even more beneficial" to Bahamian casino gaming, with those proposed by the private sector, as it moves to "enhance and hold on to the significant competitive advantages" this nation has in the sector.

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reinsurance support for the market as well, as we go into the next reinsurance cycle without a major loss hanging over our heads."

Given the large quantities of reinsurance Bahamian property and casualty insurers buy, it is the price paid for this coverage that ultimately determines the insurance premiums paid by Bahamian commercial and residential clients. If Irene had resulted in a major loss, the pressure from insurers for an upward revision of Bahamian catastrophe premiums would be all the greater.

Mr Ward said most Bahamian general insurance carriers would begin discussions with their reinsurers during the second half of November, and look to have fixed their coverage package by December.

Referring to the wildly inaccurate insured loss estimates by AIR, Mr Ward said risk models, and estimates of potential catastrophe losses, were "for the Bahamas, not anywhere where they need to be at this stage".

"In the case of the AIR model, a lot of questions have to be asked about the data set they were using and whether it was properly calibrated to the Bahamas," Mr Ward said. "I've not seen the model losses from other entities that provide coverage for the Bahamas."

"Any discussion with the reinsurers of model losses versus actual losses is going to be an active debate."

In its latest report, AIR estimated that insurance penetration (take-up) rates for the Bahamas meant that, as a national average, 80 per cent of residential properties and 90 per cent of commercial properties in this nation had hurricane insurance.

These penetration rates, though, varied widely between islands, with New Providence and Grand Bahama skewing the national average. AIR said its research indicated that hurricane insurance penetration rates stood at 20 per cent for residential properties, and 25 per cent for commercial properties, across the Family Islands. The exception was Abaco, where the take-up rates for residential and commercial properties were 45 per cent and 50 per cent, respectively.

In a previous interview with Tribune Business, Mr Ward said he disagreed with the 'blanket approach' taken to the Family Islands and was unable to verify AIR's numbers.

BUSINESS

CONTRACTORS UNVEIL HOMEOWNER SEMINAR

THE BAHAMIAN CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION (BCA) will this weekend host a Homeowner Education Workshop designed to help homeowners reduce the stress associated with construction.

The BCA yesterday said that persons building, seeking to build, renovating a home, or who hope to one

day buy their own home, will be given the building 'do's and don'ts' to save them time and thousands of dollars.

The workshop will include presentations on how to; choose the right construction team; prepare the contractor contract; understand stage payments and monthly payment

schedules; and contract close-out.

Appraisers and principals at JM Appraisers will also educate homeowners about their role, and how they can provide guidance and protection during the building process.

Royal Bank of Canada and FINCO representatives will discuss what banks can do to assist with projects,

and the banker's view of construction.

The BCA said it had decided to hold the workshop because many Bahamians had expressed frustration with the building process. It is the first in a series of educational and training initiatives the BCA will be undertaking to educate the con-

sumer and strengthen the industry.

It added that its main goal was to empower Bahamians and prevent them from becoming victims of unscrupulous individuals who seek to defraud the public.

The workshop will be held at the Wyndham Nassau Resort at Cable Beach.

LETTER SENT TO FED CHAIRMAN GOP LEADERS: FED SHOULD RESIST NEW STIMULUS



FED CHAIRMAN Ben Bernanke. (AP)

WASHINGTON
Associated Press

REPUBLICAN LEADERS of the House and Senate are urging Federal Reserve policymakers against taking further steps to lower interest rates.

On the eve of the Fed's two-day policy meeting, the leaders sent a letter to Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke warning that the Fed's policies could harm an already-weak U.S. economy.

The letter, sent Monday, was signed by Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, Senate Republican Whip Jon Kyl of Arizona, House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio, and House Majority Leader Eric Cantor of Virginia.

The letter followed criticism from several Republican presidential candidates that the Fed efforts to boost growth are raising the risk of inflation.

"The American people have reason to be skeptical of the Federal Reserve vastly increasing its role in the economy," the lawmakers wrote.

Criticism

It is rare for lawmakers to try and sway policy action at the Fed, which operates independently of Congress and the White House. It was also sent at a time when Bernanke, a Republican, has faced growing criticism from members of his own party.

Former Fed official Joseph Gagnon, senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, called the letter "outrageous. It's incredible." He said it's been several decades since such high-level politicians tried so directly to influence the Fed.

"The fact that it's in print and signed by the leaders of the House and minority leaders of the Senate raises it up a notch," Gagnon said.

David Jones, head of consulting firm DMJ Advisors and the author of four books on the Federal Reserve, said he cannot remember another time when members of Congress had made such a direct approach to the Fed in the week that the central bank was meeting.

"It is inappropriate for politicians to try to exert this kind of influence," said Jones. He said it would make the Fed's job of managing interest rates tougher because financial markets will become concerned about whether the central bank could be unduly influenced by political pressure.

Rates

The lawmakers were responding to expectations that the Fed will announce a new step Wednesday to further lower interest rates. Republicans have been critical of the Fed's previous efforts to lower rates through the purchase of Treasury bonds.

The letter expressed serious concerns that the Fed's actions could weaken the foreign exchange value of the dollar or encourage excess borrowing by consumers who are already carrying too much debt.

Bernanke has rebuffed his critics by arguing that rates must remain near record lows to encourage lending and breathe life into the economy, which has struggled to grow more than two years after the recession officially ended.

He has acknowledged that inflation has ticked up in recent months. But he says that is mostly because of temporary factors. He expects inflation to subside in the coming months.

The comments from GOP leaders also come after Bernanke suggested Republicans in Congress should support efforts to help the economy, rather than focusing solely on deficit cutting.

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recession, Mr Rolle told Tribune Business yesterday: "From the Chamber's perspective, I have to keep a positive outlook on things, and I encourage persons to pay more attention to what they're doing, manage their affairs more closely, and do whatever they need to do to sustain their businesses."

"Persons looking to establish new business enterprises must do their research, plan closely, and plan for long-term rather than short-term returns. It will still be a while before things recover and go back to business as normal."

Informed by Tribune Business of the IMF's projected GDP growth rates for the Bahamas, Mr Rolle responded: "Let's hope we do achieve that, because that's on the very positive side and bodes well for business opportunities to grow and sustain themselves. We need to make that [2 per cent growth] happen."

He added of the 2016 growth projection: "It's encouraging for the business community, because with those sort of growth projections there will be some opportunities not already known, so businesses need to be positioned to take advantage of them."

Acknowledging that Baha-

Mar would likely account for a "sizeable" chunk of the IMF's growth projections, Mr Rolle said among the factors behind the higher estimates for the Bahamas' Caribbean neighbours were this nation's relative maturity and focus on the peak end of the tourism market.

By 2016, Antigua and Barbuda and Barbados are projected to be growing at rates of 4.6 per cent and 2.5 per cent respectively, with the rate for Jamaica, 3 per cent. St Kitts and Nevis and St Vincent & the Grenadines were both forecast by the IMF to be growing by 3.5 per cent in 2016.

"If you look at our growth rates over the last 10 years, they've been relatively slow compared to other countries in the region," Mr Rolle conceded.

"While we see ourselves as a developing country, some of those countries have more opportunity for development than we do. While we're still a Lesser Developed Country (LDC), the development of our economy has been relatively more advanced than other locations."

"You have to look at where the growth is coming from. We've been in the tourist business for a number of years, whereas a lot of other countries have just entered the business and

jobs are being created through new hotels. We're not developing properties at the same rate because of our mature nature in that area."

Mr Rolle said "the other key thing" was that while the Bahamas was considered an expensive destination, with a product of "a different grade" to many other nations, other Caribbean countries were developing hotel products at lower price points.

Especially attractive in a recession, Mr Rolle said:

"That's a market now where we really do not play."

The IMF estimated that the inflation rate in the Bahamas, pegged at 1.6 per cent in 2010, would hit 4 per cent this year before dropping to 1.5 per cent in 2012.

In similar fashion, the Bahamas' negative current account balance was expected to widen from 16.9 per cent this year to 18.5 per cent in 2012, before falling back to 12.9 per cent in 2012.

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IN THE MATTER OF all that piece parcel or lot of land containing 47 acres of land formerly the property of Nimrod Newton, situated in the area called Little Fortune Hill on the island of San Salvador one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

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BERT DEVEAUX, the Petitioner claims to be the owner in fee simple possession of the piece parcel or lot of land hereinbefore described and has made application to the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas under Section 3 of the Quieting Titles Act to have the title to the said piece parcel or lot of land investigated and the nature and extent thereof determined and declared in a Certificate of Title to be granted by the Court in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Copies of a diagram or plan showing the position boundaries and shape marks and dimensions of the said pieces parcels and lots of land may be inspected during normal working hours at the following places:

(a) The Registry of the Supreme Court, Ansbacher House, East Street in the City of Nassau, New Providence, The Bahamas.

(b) The Chambers of Kingdom Law Advocates, 16 West Avenue, Centreville, Nassau, The Bahamas, Attorneys for the Petitioner.

NOTICE is hereby given that any person or persons having a right of Dower or an adverse claim not recognized in the Petition shall within thirty (30) days after the appearance of the Notice herein file in the Registry of The Supreme Court in the City of Nassau aforesaid and serve on the Petitioner or the undersigned a statement of his claim in the prescribed form, verified by an Affidavit to be filed therewith.

Failure of any such person to file and serve a statement of claim within thirty (30) days herein will operate as a bar to such claim.

Dated this 19th day of September, A.D. 2011

KINGDOM LAW ADVOCATES
16 West Avenue, Centreville
Nassau, Bahamas

NOTICE

The Ridge At Staniel Cay Limited

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(In Dissolution)

Pursuant to the provisions of SECTION 138(8) of The International Business Companies Act notice is hereby given **THE RIDGE AT STANIEL CAY LIMITED** has been dissolved and struck off the Register as of the 28th day of July A.D., 2011

Thomas M. Blain
Liquidator

THE RIDGE AT STANIEL CAY LIMITED
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BUSINESS

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“Unless there is a way to grow the economy with the mature industries we rely on now, I don’t see where we will be able to cut our deficit in any reasonable manner, and reduce unemployment in any meaningful way, unless we look at new industries with the potential for growth,” Mr Rolle said.

Acknowledging the environmental implications of developing LNG or oil exploration in the Bahamas, he added: “We have to balance the sensitivities with the real needs of the economy, and if we don’t do

THE BAHAMAS URGED: TARGET LNG, OIL FOR STABLE GROWTH

that, you manage one risk but you enable another risk. The other risk we see manifest itself almost daily in the crime statistics, because of the level of unemployment.”

The Government’s \$25 million National Jobs Readiness and Training Programme, Mr Rolle added, would aid the 13.7

per cent unemployment rate in the short-term, but “doesn’t give us the total answer; a balanced response”.

“The balanced response is in exploring new ideas,” the former Chamber chairman explained. “It doesn’t get any better for us. We are about to embark on a highly liberalised environ-

ment in the next five to 10 years, and some of the primary ways of doing business will change.

“So we have to prepare for this monumental shift that will take place by creating new platforms for growth and stability. The current platform does not support growth, and does not support sustainability.” Mr Rolle said the beauty of the LNG and oil exploration options lay in the fact the Bahamas did not have to go looking for them; they were already here.

There have been tentative signs that the Grand Bahama Power Company and Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA) still want to move forward on LNG in Freeport, while AES Corporation has retained rights to lease land on Ocean Cay, even though its LNG terminal and pipeline proposal have - for the moment at least - been dropped.

On the oil exploration front there is the Bahamas Petroleum Company. No drilling licenses have been granted yet, though, and the Government has put a moratorium on granting new oil exploration licenses until an adequate regulatory regime is put in place.

“They will also help to reduce one of the biggest contributors to the high cost of electricity and the high cost of doing business, especially for people who are fuel dependent.”

If neither oil exploration nor LNG came to fruition, Mr Rolle said agriculture remained “one of the most expandable opportunities” in the Bahamas given the “natural demand” offered by 1.5 million stopover visitors and 350,000 residents annually.

With that demand here, the Bahamas did not need to “go offshore” to create it, as with tourism, and expanding agriculture would enhance food security and reduce the foreign currency reserves drain.

Telling Tribune Business that the Bahamas had not “missed the boat in LNG”, although it had allowed other jurisdictions to catch up, Mr Rolle added of these industries: “They’re right there, right on our doorstep. Some say they’re on spec, but agriculture is not on spec, LNG is not on spec.

“Oil exploration may be on spec, but the only way we can say it is or isn’t is to move it a little bit further towards a decision.

“We keep talking about the need to do things, but are not prepared to make the decision. We keep talking about economic diversification, and to do that we need to look at new industries with the potential for significant economic activity. We now need to figure out how best to do it.”

HOTELS EXPECT ‘STRONG’ XMAS, THANKSGIVING

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ber period set to be “slightly better” than 2010 comparatives.

Stuart Bowe said: “We are hopeful for a strong Thanksgiving period, thanks in part to the exciting groups and promotions which Atlantis has planned. Christmas and New Year should be strong.

“We expect occupancies and rates to be slightly better over the September to December period than in 2010.

“It remains to be seen how we will fare with total arrivals and occupied room nights this September and October. While there will be some impact from the closing of Sandals and Breezes, this is somewhat countered by the

Wyndham and Beach Towers at Atlantis remaining open, which were closed part of the time last year.”

Emphasising that the Bahamian hotel and tourism industry’s investment in the Latin America market, and expanding visitor numbers from this region, was for the long-term, Mr Bowe added: “Copa Airlines continues to perform well for the industry.

“The Latin American market must be viewed strategically, and our investment in it must be for the long-haul. That’s why we are placing considerable emphasis on not just marketing to the Latin American countries, but also in improving the Spanish-speaking skills of our people and adapting to the cultural differences and customer expectations in the Latin American market.”

NOTICE

Folks Four Limited
In Voluntary Liquidation

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 138(4) of the International Business Companies Act. 2000, **Folks Four Limited** is in dissolution as of **September 6, 2011.**

International Liquidator Services Inc. situated at 3rd Floor Withfield Tower, 4792 Coney Drive, Belize City, Belize is the Liquidator.

LIQUIDATOR

NOTICE

REMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL INC.
In Voluntary Liquidation

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 138(4) of the International Business Companies Act. 2000, **REMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL INC.** is in dissolution as of **September 9, 2011.**

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LIQUIDATOR

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In Voluntary Liquidation

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LIQUIDATOR

NOTICE

BRISA INC.
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LIQUIDATOR

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LANDKAUF INVESTMENTS LTD.
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KANARAD VENTURES INC.
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TANTA OCEAN S.A.
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LIQUIDATOR

BUSINESS

STOCKS END MIXED AS PROMISE OF GREEK DEBT FIX DIMS

NEW YORK
Associated Press

Investor optimism faded in a hurry Tuesday after two days of conferences ended with no resolution to Greece's debt crisis.

Stocks erased nearly all of their gains in the last hour of trading after rallying for much of the day on hopes the Fed would stimulate the economy.

At the closing bell, the Dow Jones industrial average was left with a gain of 7.65 points, or 0.1 percent, at 11,408.66. It had been up as much as 149.21 points earlier in the day.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 2, or 0.2 percent, to 1,202.09. The Nasdaq composite fell 22.59, or 0.9 percent, to 2,590.24.

Policy

Many analysts believe the Fed will announce a new stimulus plan at the end of a two-day policy meeting Wednesday. But another two-day meeting, a teleconference between Greek officials and international lenders, spurred sellers late in the day.

After the teleconference, the European Commission said debt inspectors would continue to review Greece's progress on its budget goals early next week. That suggested to investors that a resolution to Greece's debt crisis wouldn't come in the next few days.

Greek Finance Minister Evangelos Venizelos attempted to convince the European Commission,

International Monetary Fund and European Central Bank, known collectively as the Troika, that Greece can make deep budget cuts. Greece must meet the Troika's strict budget targets in order to qualify for a second installment of the rescue package it received in 2010 to keep it from defaulting on its debt.

Greece is only one of several European countries that investors fear may be at risk of failing to pay their debts. On Monday night, the ratings agency Standard & Poor's cut Italy's credit rating by one notch, citing the country's growing debt and weak growth outlook. Italy has the second-biggest debt burden among countries that use the euro, after Greece.

If Greece or Italy were to default, European banks that have lent money to the countries could lose billions of dollars. That could hurt the European banking system and have repercussions for U.S. banks, which have lent billions to their European counterparts. Investors are concerned that a default in Europe could cause a lending crisis similar to what happened after the collapse of Lehman Brothers in 2008.

Investors have shifted between optimism and pessimism that the region's debt problems will be resolved. Stock prices have swung sharply for months in response to investors' changing mood. Moves of more than 100 points in

the Dow have become commonplace.

Right now, hopes are not high that Greece will avoid a default, said David Smith, chief investment officer at Rockland Trust Investment Management Group, a firm based in Rockland, Massachusetts, that manages about \$1.7 billion in assets. "I'm sitting here, like a lot of investors, thinking we don't have anything like a concrete solution," he said.

A bleak forecast for U.S. economic growth added to fears the U.S. could be headed for a second recession, but sparked hopes that the Fed would be persuaded to enact stimulus measures.

Economy

The International Monetary Fund lowered its forecast for the country's growth this year. Some saw it as another reason for the Fed to act. The IMF said it expects the U.S. economy to grow only 1.5 percent this year and 1.8 percent in 2012. In June, it had forecast 2.5 percent growth in 2011 and 2.7 percent in 2012.

The IMF also lowered its outlook for the 17 countries that use the euro because it fears Greece will default on its debt.

In a sign that the market's afternoon rally was a cautious one, stocks were led higher by industries that tend to do well regardless of the economy, like utilities and health care. Investors are reluctant to take much risk, said



IN THIS SEPT. 16, 2011 PHOTO, trader Joseph Chirico works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. (AP)

Quincy Crosby, market strategist for Prudential Financial.

"The market already thinks the Fed has telegraphed that it wants to push down rates," said Crosby. "What you're witnessing now is traders taking profits."

After the close of trading, software company Oracle Corp. said its server business had weakened in its most recent quarter, sending the company's stock down 2.3 percent in after-hours trading.

In other corporate news, Carnival Corp. rose 5.1 percent after it said its 3 percent rise in quarterly earnings was due in part to

higher ticket prices. There were concerns that consumers would cut back on travel because they're worried about the economy, but the cruise line's profit beat forecasts.

Ralph Lauren Corp. rose to an all-time high of \$154.62 after an analyst upgraded the stock because of its strong international business and sales of higher-priced merchandise.

Apple Corp. also hit an all-time high of \$422.86 a share. The company is seen as able to withstand a weak economy because of the huge popularity of its iPhones and iPads.

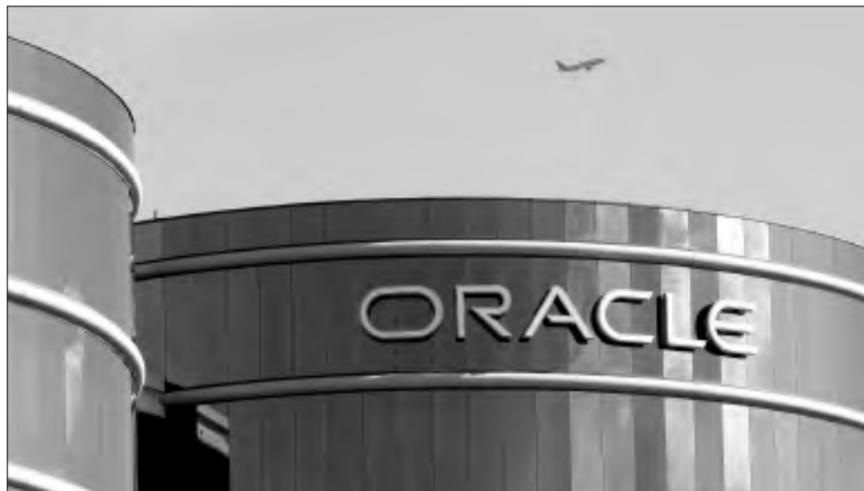
Netflix fell 9.5 percent a

day after customers balked at the streaming video and DVD rental company's decision to separate its two businesses.

ConAgra Foods Inc. fell 1.7 percent after the food maker said higher costs for consumer foods sent its quarterly profit down 42 percent, below the expectations of Wall Street analysts.

Molycorp Inc. plunged 12 percent after a JPMorgan analyst downgraded the miner's stock because of a sharp drop in the price of rare-earth minerals.

Nearly two stocks fell for every one that rose. Trading was light, at 3.8 billion shares.



THE EXTERIOR of Oracle headquarters in Redwood City, Calif. (AP)

ORACLE'S NET RISES 36 PERCENT, BUT SERVERS SLIP

SAN FRANCISCO
Associated Press

STRONGER spending on business software helped Oracle Corp.'s quarterly profit jump 36 percent, but the company's server business further deteriorated, a decline Oracle attributed to its move to shed lower-margin deals.

The company said after the stock market closed Tuesday that its net income rose to \$1.84 billion, or 36 cents per share, in the quarter that ended Aug. 31. That compared with \$1.35 billion, or 27 cents per share, a year earlier.

Its adjusted net income for the latest quarter was 48 cents per share, a penny higher than the average forecast of analysts polled by FactSet.

Revenue rose 12 percent to \$8.37 billion, slightly exceeding the \$8.36 billion that analysts expected.

Revenue from new software licenses rose 17 percent to \$1.5 billion, which was the top end of the range Oracle had predicted. But revenue from servers fell 5 percent to \$1 billion, which was at the bottom of the range Oracle had forecast for that category.

Those two figures in particular reflect the tension in Oracle's push to become a more well-rounded technology seller.

The Redwood Shores-based company is the world's leading seller of database software, which helps companies organize their infor-

mation. It's also one of the leading sellers of business applications, which help companies do things with their data.

The businesses are highly lucrative. Software maintenance fees make up nearly half of Oracle's overall revenue.

Oracle's attempt to resurrect Sun Microsystems, a former dot-com star that makes computer servers, hasn't gone as smoothly. After Oracle bought Sun for \$7.3 billion last year, Oracle warned investors that it was going to shed unprofitable deals. It has indeed done that. But uncertainty about Oracle's plans for Sun has allowed rivals to pounce, raising fears that Oracle's market share losses in servers aren't entirely voluntary.

Mark Hurd, an Oracle co-president who was Hewlett-Packard Co.'s CEO until last year, said in a statement that Oracle's high-end servers delivered "solid double-digit revenue growth" in the latest period, Oracle's fiscal first quarter. Meanwhile, revenue in the low-end server business declined. By focusing on the high-end segment, the company was able to increase the overall profitability of the hardware business, he said.

Investors have been concerned about Oracle's server declines. The stock is down more than 20 percent since its 52-week high of \$36.50 in May.

The shares fell 67 cents, or 2.3 percent, to close at \$28.35 on Tuesday. After the earnings were announced, the stock gained 55 cents, or 2 percent, to \$28.90.

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BUSINESS

HIGH SEED PRICES MAY SPELL RATIONS FOR BIRDS

FAIRBANKS, Alaska
Associated Press

ALERT the birds!
Some of their free, dining feeders may be scaling back or shutting down this winter since their favorite entree — black-oil sunflower seeds — has doubled in price during the past year.

The thin-shelled, high energy seed is a dollar per pound.

"It's going to be expensive to feed the birds now," said Joel Klessens, president of Alaska Garden and Pet, Anchorage, which produces Arctic Wild Bird seed.

Klessens' take on the steep rise in price is that sunflower seed farmers, like other farmers producing commodities such as corn, soybeans and wheat, have the discretion to hold their crop back until they are happy with the price offered by buyers.

"Last year's crop wasn't that great," said Klessens, who supplies local feed stores. "We've seen the price peak, and the outlook for this year's crop is OK, but the price isn't

looking like it will come down much."

Right now, Klessens said, black-oil sunflower seed chips are scarce.

"There's a little bit of a supply issue but that wasn't the overriding factor (for the price hike). We haven't been able to fill (seed chip) orders because of the supply of chips has been very, very tight," Klessens said.

Interior avians, like Fairbanksans, are at the furthest end of the food chain, and many rely on imports to make it through the long, cold winter.

Whether or not local bird feeder philanthropists tighten their belts and continue to generously shell out the moolah to keep their feathered friends well fed this winter is too soon to call.

David Underwood at Alaska Feed on College Road, said there have been some customer complaints about the higher prices, but the sunflower seeds and chips seem to be selling pretty steadily in spite of the price increases.

"The story I heard from one sup-

plier, is that there is a lot less acreage being used to grow sunflower seeds."

During the winter, black-oil sunflower seeds are the first choice of black-capped chickadees which are the main winter feeder birds along with redpolls, said Fairbanks ornithologist Susan Sharbaugh. Redpolls prefer the chips, but will eat shelled seeds as well.

"It's definitely not too early to fill your feeders. This is a busy time of year for birds," said Sharbaugh, who just put in a supply of seeds for feeders around her home.

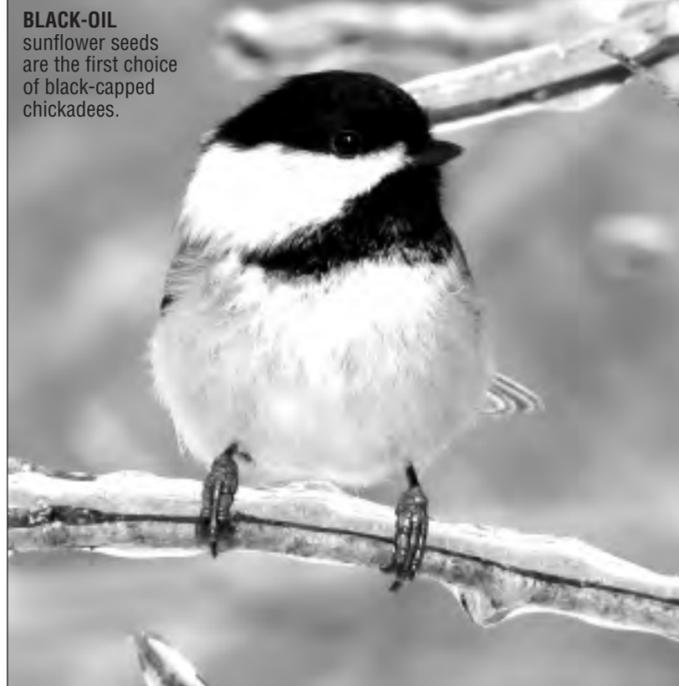
"Birds are caching for the winter right now," she said. "It is a good time to have seeds in the feeder for chickadees who will use them later on in the winter."

Despite the price, Sharbaugh recommends the black-oil sunflower seeds for its high fat energy content.

Chickadees can't handle millet, she said, adding that millet has little or no nutritional value and redpolls won't eat it.

"In the spring and fall, the sparrows and juncos will eat it, but it's

BLACK-OIL sunflower seeds are the first choice of black-capped chickadees.



not a good winter food. Even if it is cheaper, you are wasting your money because nobody (birds) will eat it," she said.

Sharbaugh also recommends putting out beef fat trimmings and/or peanut butter during the cold months, tasty treats favored by chickadees, gray jays and nuthatch-

es.
Not surprisingly, the ornithologist continues to buy black oil sunflower seeds in spite of the price.

"I think it is well worth the money because of entertainment value the birds provide," she said. "I'd rather put my money in (bird) seeds rather than cable."

NOTICE

International business Companies Act
N°46 of 2000

Lance Consultants Limited
(IBC N° 150666 B)
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with Section 138 of the International Business Companies Act N°46 of 2000, Lance Consultants Limited is in Dissolution.

Any person having a Claim against the above-named Company is required on or before the **14th November 2011** to send their name, address and particulars of their debt or claim to Liquidator of the Company, or in default thereof they may be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such claim is approved.

Rosana Hollins of Suite 2B, Mansion House, 143 Main Street, Gibraltar is the Liquidator of **LAUNCE CONSULTANTS LIMITED**

NOTICE

International business Companies Act
N°46 of 2000

Sakirah Consultants Limited
(IBC N° 150666 B)
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

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Ellen Rost of Nordalveien 49B, 0583 Oslo, Norway is the Liquidator of **SAKIRAH CONSULTANTS LIMITED**

NOTICE

IN THE ESTATE OF NEVILLE MINUS late of Caravel Beach in the City of Freeport in the Island of Grand Bahama one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claim or demand against the above Estate are required to send the same duly certified in writing to the Undersigned on or before the 31st day of October, A.D. 2011, after which date the Co-Executors will proceed to distribute the assets having regard only to the claims to which they shall then have had notice.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that all persons indebted to the said Estate are requested to make full settlement on or before the date hereinbefore mentioned.

MERIDIAN LAW CHAMBERS
Attorneys for the Co-Executors
Chambers,
P.O. Box N-168,
East Bay Shopping Center,
East Bay Street,
Nassau, Bahamas.

BRITISH TAX OFFICIALS TARGET FOOTBALL IN CLAMPDOWN

LONDON
Associated Press

BRITAIN'S tax authority has launched a clampdown on tax evasion in football to ensure players are not dodging payments during the country's economic turmoil.

A 100-member "affluence team" is being put in place by the British government to scrutinize the tax affairs of the estimated 350,000 people whose personal

wealth exceeds 2.5 million pounds (\$3.95 million), including many Premier League footballers.

And players could be landed with extra tax bills if it is discovered they worked around the tax system.

A specialist team within Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs is particularly investigating if players are exploiting a loophole during transfers by getting their agents' fees paid by the buying club or a third party.

"HMRC are aware of a potential tax issue concerning the payment of agent fees and are taking steps to ensure the tax rules are respected," the tax authority said in a statement to The Associated Press.

"When a third party pays a fee to an agent acting on behalf of an employee, the fee may count as part of the employee's taxable earnings and so be liable to tax," the HMRC statement added.

Some 2,000 extra tax inspectors are being hired to make sure that Britain's wealthiest are paying their full liabilities.

"The government has made 917 million pounds (\$1.4 billion) available to HMRC to ensure that tax rules are adhered to across the board,"

HMRC said.

British Treasury's Chief Secretary, Danny Alexander, told Sky News that tax evasion and avoidance is "morally indefensible".

Accountants are seeing high-earners being targeted.

"We do see that HMRC are more enthusiastically checking the tax affairs of those areas of society that are tax rich, like the oil companies and certain individuals who are tax rich with large incomes," said Derek Hill, a tax partner at Field Fisher Waterhouse. "Footballers are a prime example of that."

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS 2004
IN THE SUPREME COURT CLEIGEN/00170
Common Law and Equity Division
BETWEEN

MADLINE THOMPSON

And
SALATHIEL THOMPSON
(Deceased) Plaintiff

AND

ARLINGTON FORBES

AND

CHRISTABELLE FORBES

Defendants

TO: Christabelle Forbes
Little Hyde Park, Seabreeze
Nassau, The Bahamas

TAKE NOTICE that:-

1. An action has been commenced against you by Madeline Thompson and Salathiel Thompson (deceased) in the Supreme Court of The Bahamas by Summons filed on the 14th day of September, A.D., 2010 being Action No. 2004/CLE/gen/00170, wherein the Plaintiff's claim is for an Order for Sale of a freehold property, comprising Lot #7, situated in the Eastern District in the vicinity of Sandilands, and/or the alternative, a parcel of a one acre plot of land in the Southern District in the vicinity south of Harold Road, and that the proceeds arising from such sale or sales be lodged in the Court to the credit of this action, subject to further order with consequential directions as may be necessary and that provisions for costs of this application.

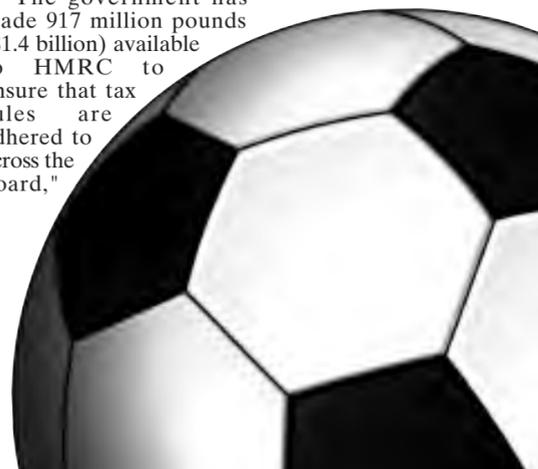
2. It has been ordered that service of the Summons in the said action be effected on you by virtue of this advertisement.

3. You must within 21 days from the publication of this advertisement inclusive of the day of such publication, acknowledge service of the said Summons by entering an Memorandum of Appearance on the Attorneys whose name and address appear below, otherwise judgment may be entered against you.

DATED the 4TH day of May, A.D., 2011.

SEARS & CO.
Chambers
No. 10 Market Street
Nassau, Bahamas

Attorneys for the Plaintiff



NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **SANDRA MONICA ROL CULMERSVILLE, NASSAU, BAHAMAS**, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **21ST DAY of SEPTEMBER, 2011** to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **ANTHONY CHRISTOPHER CREAN of P.O. BOX N-7776-348, NASSAU, BAHAMAS**, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **21ST day of SEPTEMBER, 2011** to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

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NOTICE is hereby given that **D'ANGELO MARCELLUS of Blair Estates NASSAU, BAHAMAS**, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **14TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2011** to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

BUSINESS

SLIDE CONTINUES

AUGUST HOME BUILDING FELL FIVE PER CENT IN US

WASHINGTON
Associated Press

U.S. BUILDERS broke ground on fewer homes in August, evidence that the housing market remains depressed.

The Commerce Department said Tuesday that builders began work on a seasonally adjusted 571,000 homes last month, a 5 percent decline from July and a three-month low. That's less than half the 1.2 million that economists say is consistent with healthy housing markets.

Single-family homes, which represent roughly two-thirds of home construction, fell 1.4 percent. Apartment building plunged 12.4 percent.

Hurricane Irene slowed construction in the Northeast, analysts said.

Building permits, a gauge of future construction, rose 3.2 percent. Jennifer Lee, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets, said the increase was an "encouraging morsel" in an otherwise disappointing report.

Home construction is down nearly 6 percent over the past year. But permits are up nearly 8 percent. That suggests builders aren't working on new homes, but may be preparing to start dormant projects when the economy improves.

Builders typically begin construction on single-family homes six months after getting a permit. With apartment projects, the lag time can be up to a year.

Construction fell to its lowest levels in 50 years in 2009, when builders began work on just 554,000 homes. Last year was not much better and this year is shaping up to be just bad.

While home construction represents a small portion of the housing market, it has an outside impact on the economy. Each home built creates an average of three jobs for a year and about \$90,000 in taxes, according to the National Association of Home Builders.

After previous recessions, housing accounted for at least 15 percent of economic growth in the United States. Since the recession officially ended in June 2009, it has contributed just 4 percent.

Pierre Ellis, an economist at Decision Economics, said a "major revival" in home construction would be needed before there is any "discernible impact" on the economy.

Cash-strapped builders are struggling to compete with deeply discounted foreclosures and short sales, when lenders allow borrowers to sell homes for less than what is owed on



their mortgages. And few homes are selling.

New-home sales fell in July to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 298,000, the weakest pace in five months. This year is shaping up to be the worst for sales on records dating back a half-century.

Renting has become a preferred option for many Americans who lost their jobs during the recession and were forced to leave their homes. Still, the surge in apartments has not been enough to offset the loss of single-family homebuilding.

Another reason sales have fallen is that previously occupied homes are a better deal than new homes. The median price of a new home is nearly 28 percent higher than the median price for a re-sale. That's almost twice the markup in a healthy housing market.

The trade group said Monday that its survey of industry sentiment fell slightly to 14 in September.

The index has been below 20 for all but one month during the past two years. Any reading below 50 indicates negative sentiment about the housing market. The index hasn't reached 50 since April 2006, the peak of the housing boom.

CARPENTERS WORK on the frame of a new home under construction, in Las Vegas. Builders broke ground on fewer homes in August. Fewer apartments fueled the decline and Hurricane Irene contributed to a big drop in the Northeast. (AP)

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OIL HIGHER ON EXPECTATIONS OF FED STIMULUS

NEW YORK
Associated Press

OIL climbed to near \$87 per barrel Tuesday on expectations that the Fed will announce new measures to stimulate the U.S. economy.

Benchmark crude rose \$1.11 to finish at \$86.92 per barrel in New York. Brent crude, which is used to price oil produced in foreign countries, gained \$1.40 to end at \$110.54 in London.

The Federal Reserve started a two-day meeting on Tuesday. The Fed has pumped money into the economy before by buying billions of dollars in bonds, and that influx of cash helped boost oil and gasoline last fall.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke hasn't said specifically what the central bank might do this year as the U.S. economy moves at a snail's pace.

The dollar dropped on Tuesday in relation to other major currencies, and that tends to push oil lower. Oil is traded in U.S. currency and tends to fall when the dollar rises and makes crude more expensive for investors with foreign money.

Independent oil analyst Jim Ritterbusch said he doesn't expect the Fed to repeat its previous stimulus program, but any stimulus would help. If the economy gets extra support from the government, investors will likely expect energy demand to rise and pour more money into oil, he said.

Oil rose Tuesday despite a stark warning from the International Monetary Fund that the world economy is entering a "dangerous new phase." The IMF said that a drop in bank lending and weak consumer confidence is strangling the U.S. and European economies.

It downgraded its growth forecast for the U.S. and Europe through the end of next year. The IMF expects the U.S. economy to grow just 1.5 percent this year and 1.8 percent in 2012. The eurozone economy will grow 1.6 percent this year and 1.1 percent next year, the IMF said.

"Any way you slice it, energy demand is poor," analyst and trader Stephen Schork said. "Yet oil keeps rising." Schork said that oil is following the stock market higher, and it's also being treated as a relatively safe investment like silver and gold.

In other energy trading, heating oil rose 1.69 cents to finish at \$2.9616 per gallon and gasoline futures fell about half a cent to end at \$2.7014 per gallon. Natural gas was 3.1 cents lower at \$3.798 per 1,000 cubic feet.

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52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Security	Previous Close	Today's Close	Change	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
1.19	0.95	AML Foods Limited	1.19	1.19	0.00		0.155	0.080	7.7	6.72%	
10.63	9.05	Bahamas Property Fund	10.63	10.63	0.00		-0.642	0.080	-16.6	0.75%	
7.50	4.40	Bank of Bahamas	6.93	6.93	0.00		0.230	0.100	30.1	1.44%	
0.53	0.17	Benchmark	0.18	0.18	0.00		-0.048	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
2.84	2.55	Bahamas Waste	2.70	2.70	0.00		0.030	0.090	90.0	3.33%	
1.96	1.77	Fidelity Bank	1.77	1.77	0.00		0.097	0.040	18.2	2.26%	
11.10	8.29	Cable Bahamas	8.47	8.47	0.00	515	0.245	0.310	34.6	3.66%	
2.80	2.35	Colina Holdings	2.55	2.55	0.00		0.438	0.040	5.8	1.57%	
8.50	8.33	Commonwealth Brewery	8.50	8.50	0.00		0.740	0.000	11.5	0.00%	
7.00	6.21	Commonwealth Bank (S1)	6.88	6.88	0.00	1,450	0.496	0.260	13.9	3.78%	
2.00	1.63	Consolidated Water BDRs	1.64	1.65	0.01		0.111	0.045	14.9	2.73%	
1.77	1.31	Doctor's Hospital	1.37	1.37	0.00		0.074	0.110	18.5	8.03%	
5.50	4.75	Fanguard	5.43	5.43	0.00		0.498	0.240	10.9	4.42%	
8.50	5.35	Finco	5.39	5.39	0.00		0.757	0.000	7.1	0.00%	
9.74	7.75	FirstCaribbean Bank	8.21	8.21	0.00		0.494	0.350	16.6	4.26%	
6.00	5.00	Fooc (S)	5.75	5.75	0.00		0.435	0.220	13.2	3.83%	
1.00	1.00	Fooc Class B Preference	1.00	1.00	0.00		0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
7.30	5.50	ICD Utilities	7.30	7.30	0.00		-0.122	0.240	-59.8	3.29%	
10.80	9.80	J. S. Johnson	9.82	9.82	0.00		0.880	0.640	11.2	6.52%	
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate	10.00	10.00	0.00		1.207	0.200	8.3	2.00%	
BISX LISTED DEBT SECURITIES - (Bonds trade on a Percentage Pricing basis)											
52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Last Sale	Change	Daily Vol.	Interest	Maturity			
99.46	99.46	Bahamas Note 6.95 (2029)	BAH29	99.46	0.00		6.95%	20 November 2029			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00		7%	19 October 2017			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00		7%	30 May 2013			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015			
Royal Fidelity Merchant Bank & Trust Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)											
52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
10.06	5.01	Bahamas Supermarkets	N/A	N/A	14.00		-2.945	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.55		0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%	
CFAL Securities Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)											
41.00	29.00	ABDAB	30.13	31.59	29.00		4.540	0.000	9.03	0.00%	
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.65	0.75	0.40		0.029	0.000	24.13	0.00%	
BISX Listed Mutual Funds											
52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD%	Last 12 Months %	NAV 3MTH	NAV 6MTH	NAV Date			
1.5779	1.4674	CFAL Bond Fund	1.577926	3.39%	5.87%	1.548717	1.535365	31-Jul-11			
3.0248	2.9020	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	3.0248	2.63%	3.94%	2.981382	2.952663	31-Jul-11			
1.6128	1.5289	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.6151	2.61%	4.53%	1.591803	1.580804	5-Aug-11			
2.8686	2.5398	Royal Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	2.5730	-5.41%	-9.79%			30-Jun-11			
13.8001	13.2291	Royal Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.7347	2.82%	1.94%			31-Jul-11			
114.1289	99.4177	CFAL Global Bond Fund	114.0922	2.35%	13.88%	114.128861	111.469744	30-Jun-11			
118.4255	101.6693	CFAL Global Equity Fund	118.4255	2.30%	8.26%	116.580785	115.762221	30-Jun-11			
1.1749	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.1835	3.32%	4.99%			31-Aug-11			
1.1343	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.1420	2.10%	4.31%			31-Aug-11			
1.1764	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.1854	3.16%	5.14%			31-Aug-11			
9.952	9.5078	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 1	9.9433	0.98%	4.58%			31-May-11			
11.4985	10.5308	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 2	10.9652	0.78%	5.70%			31-Jul-11			
10.6813	9.4372	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 3	10.6013	5.75%	13.20%			31-Jul-11			
8.8564	7.8830	Royal Fidelity Int'l Fund - Equities Sub Fund	8.6507	3.01%	18.38%			31-Jul-11			
MARKET TERMS											
YIELD - last 12 month dividends divided by closing price											
Bid \$ - Buying price of Colina and Fidelity											
Ask \$ - Selling price of Colina and Fidelity											
Last Price - Last traded over-the-counter price											
Weekly Vol. - Trading volume of the prior week											
EPS \$ - A company's reported earnings per share for the last 12 mths											
NAV - Net Asset Value											
N/M - Not Meaningful											
FINDEX - The Fidelity Bahamas Stock Index, January 1, 1994 = 100											
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BUSINESS

EU, IMF RAISE CONCERNS OVER BANK CAPITAL

BRUSSELS
Associated Press

THE EUROPEAN UNION and the International Monetary Fund on Tuesday raised concerns over the health of European banks as the continent's debt crisis worsens.

The EU's competition commissioner warned that more than the nine banks that failed the stress tests this summer may need to be recapitalized and proposed extending crisis rules that make it easier for governments to rescue failing lenders.

Meanwhile, the IMF said in its half-yearly World Economic Outlook that banks needed to boost their capital buffers more quickly and beyond new minimum levels set to come into force in 2019.

Their concerns come as market worries grow about the impact on banks of a potential default by Greece or other struggling countries — financial stocks have dropped sharply in recent weeks.

IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde recently called for the forced recapitalization of banks that are unable to raise capital in the market.

Her suggestion sparked harsh reactions from several European policymakers who claimed the stress tests had shown which banks needed to do more.

But Tuesday's comments from Joaquin Almunia — who runs the department in the EU's executive Commission that has to clear bank bailouts — are the first admission from a high-ranking EU official that this summer's stress tests may not have identified all the banks that are in need of

shoring up their capital buffers.

Almunia said that because of the worsening crisis, the EU should extend looser rules on state aid for banks beyond the end of 2011, when they are set to expire, adding that he would ask the other members of the European Commission to approve this plan later this year.

Nine banks failed July's stress tests and 16 others barely passed.

Those banks have to submit plans on how they want to raise their capital cushions to the EU's banking regulator by mid-October. They then have several months to try to raise the money on the market or seek aid from their governments.

Process

EU officials have insisted that that process is moving along as planned, even though politicians in some countries with banks that failed or almost failed at the time declared that they saw no need to take further measures.

Almunia, while defending the stress tests, said the financial market turbulence since the tests were published means that some banks may find themselves in a worse situation now.

Because of that, crisis rules on state aid for banks should be extended until market conditions have stabilized, the commissioner added.

The EU loosened some of its rules on government aid to banks during the 2008 financial crisis, making it easier to temporarily clear emergency rescues.

"I would have preferred to

go back to normal rules sooner and this was indeed my intention until the summer," Almunia said. "But the situation we are facing these days calls for an extension of the existing state aid crisis regime."

The level of concern among international institutions about Europe's financial sector was also underlined by the IMF's call to boost bank capital buffers beyond recently agreed international minimum levels.

"The objective should be to lift bank equity beyond the Basel III minimum and well ahead of the Basel III timetable," the fund said in its World Economic Outlook, referring to the new international banking rules.

That demand clashes with the position of the EU, which made proposals on how to implement the Basel III rules this summer.

Under those rules, member states would not be allowed to require their national banks to have higher capital cushions than the those set out in the pan-European legislation.

The new legislation requires banks to boost their purest form of capital, known as common equity Tier 1, from 2 percent currently to 4.5 percent by 2015 and lift it by a further 2.5 percent in the years after.

Raising capital requirements beyond that could have serious implications for European lenders.

When it proposed the new rules, the EU said that banks would need to raise some \$460 billion in capital by 2019 to meet the minimum levels.

A spokeswoman for the Commission did not respond to a request for comment on the IMF's demand on bank capital.



EUROPEAN UNION COMMISSIONER FOR COMPETITION Joaquin Almunia speaks during a media conference at EU headquarters in Brussels on Tuesday. The European Union's competition commissioner warned Tuesday that more than the nine banks that failed the stress test may need to be recapitalized because of the debt crisis. (AP)

UAW SAYS DEAL WITH GM CREATES OR KEEPS 6,400 JOBS

DETROIT
Associated Press

A NEW four-year contract deal between the United Auto Workers and General Motors Co. will add or keep 6,400 jobs in the U.S. but will keep GM's costs in check by offering buyouts to longtime workers and replacing them with lower-wage hires.

Most workers won't get annual pay raises, but will get at least \$12,500 in bonuses, profit-sharing and other payments over the life of the contract. GM is offering some older workers up to \$65,000 if they retire or leave early.

Union leaders from around the country were briefed on the deal in Detroit in a morning meeting, and they voted to recommend that GM's 48,500 factory workers ratify it. Workers are expected to finish voting on the deal by next Thursday.

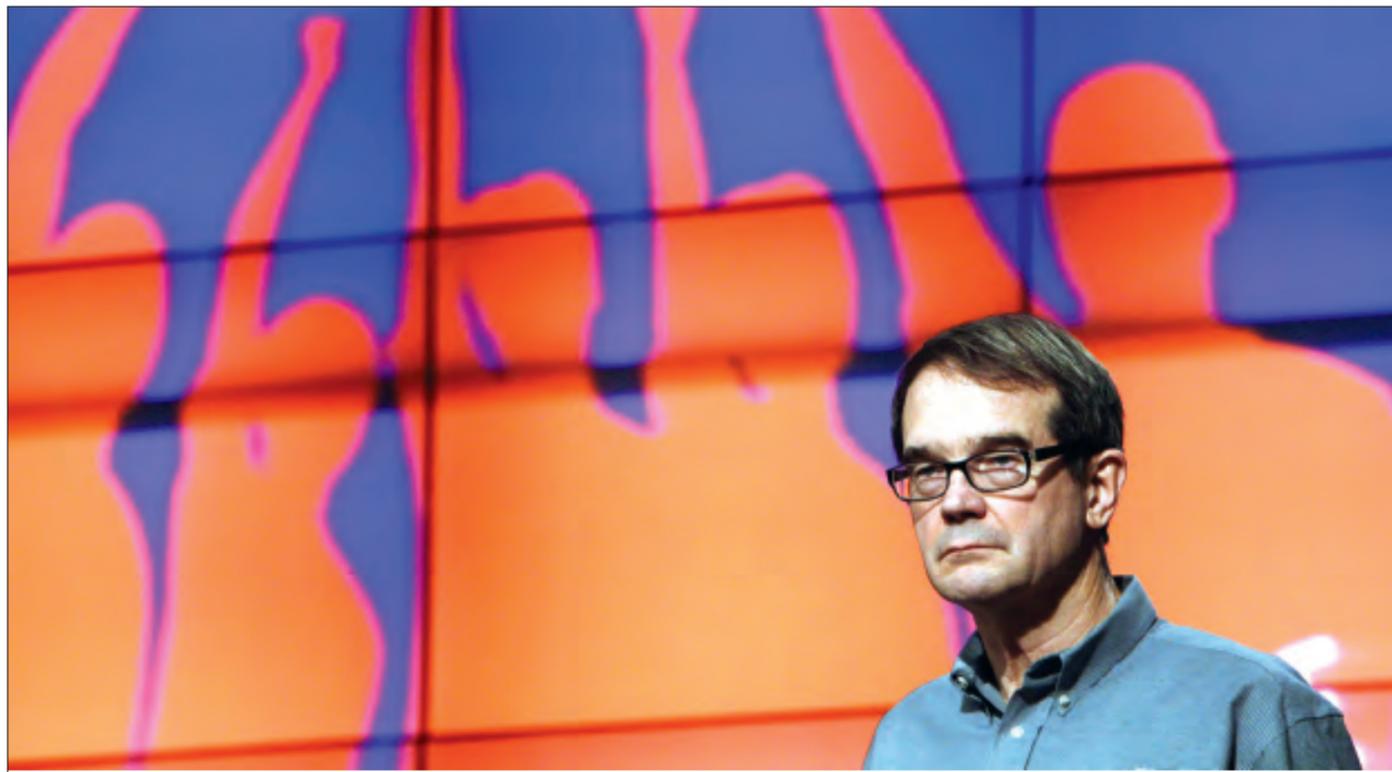
The union will now use the GM contract as a template as it negotiates with Chrysler Group LLC and Ford Motor Co.

The deal creates more than 5,100 new assembly-line jobs and opens up 1,300 jobs for skilled workers like electricians and welders. The skilled work is now done by outside contractors, but UAW workers will be able to bid on it. The union said much of the work is being brought back from Mexico.

"The auto industry is back. General Motors and the UAW are working together to create jobs in America," UAW President Bob King said at a meeting of local union leaders in Detroit.

GM has agreed to invest \$2.5 billion in its factories, including the reopening of an assembly plant in Spring Hill, Tenn. Union-company teams also are identifying 760 more potential jobs and 1,400 more jobs for UAW-represented GM suppliers.

The agreement reached Friday includes a \$5,000 signing bonus. Workers will get a minimum of \$3,500 in profit-sharing next year and \$250 per year for meeting quality targets. They'll also get three \$1,000 bonuses.



UNITED AUTO WORKERS president Bob King listens to a question during a news conference in Detroit, Tuesday. Union leaders from General Motors factories around the U.S. have endorsed a new four-year contract with the company. They are recommending that GM's 48,500 factory workers approve the deal in votes during the next week. (AP)

The contract includes a new profit-sharing formula that is based on the company's North American profits. If GM earns less than \$1.25 billion, workers won't get any payment.

Formula

In 2010, GM earned just under \$5.7 billion in North America, which would mean a \$5,500 profit-sharing check under the new formula. Under the old formula, workers got \$4,300.

Wages for GM's 1,940 entry-level workers, who now make about half the pay of longtime UAW workers, will go up 24 percent during the contract. Workers who now

make \$14.78 per hour will see their pay rise to \$18.28. The company also has around 500 temporary workers who will get smaller wage increases.

The union also said GM is offering payments for workers to retire early or leave the company. Eligible workers can get up to \$10,000 if they retire within the next two years. There's also a \$65,000 bonus for skilled-trades workers if they retire or leave the company between Nov. 1 and March 31. GM is trying to clear out older workers so it can hire new workers at the entry-level wage.

Dave Green, president of a UAW local at GM's factory complex in Lordstown, Ohio, east of Cleveland, predicted after the

briefing that workers approve the contract.

Even though it has no pay raises for longtime workers, Green said it has signing bonuses, inflation protection and profit-sharing that workers should like.

Incentives

"I think that it's pretty fair and gives our members incentives to make sure we continue to build a quality product," he said.

He also said the raises for entry-level workers puts their pay above what some foreign automakers pay at U.S. factories. That should help the UAW with efforts to organize those plants, he said. Organizing

workers at foreign-owned plants is one of King's priorities.

King said he hasn't decided if the union will start talks with Chrysler and Ford next. He wouldn't discuss an angry letter sent last week by Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne accusing King of missing a meeting to sign a new deal.

"We have a great relationship with the Chrysler management," King said.

"We're working together, as we did here, to create more jobs."

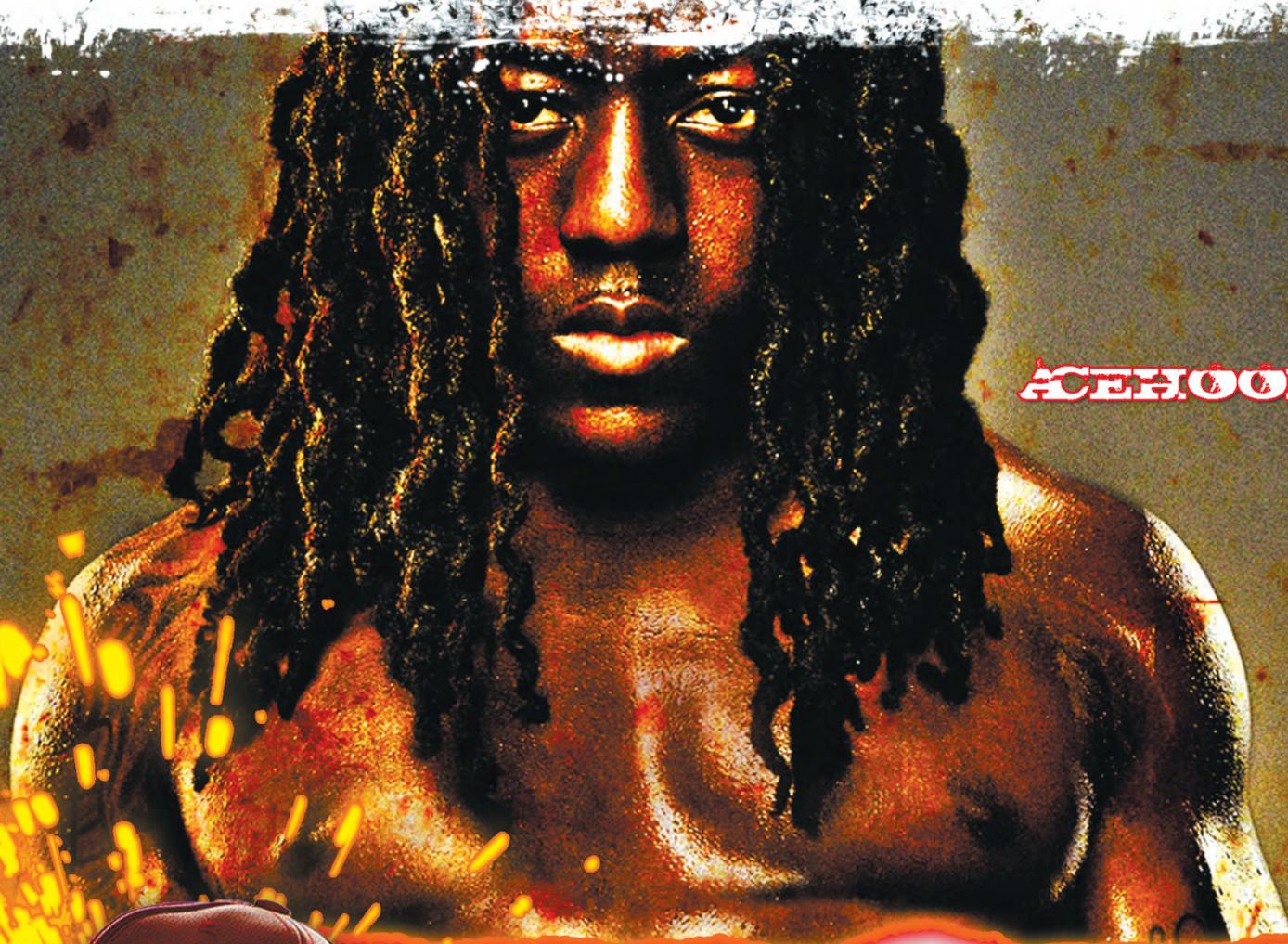
Marchionne was on his way back to the U.S. from Europe on Tuesday and may take part in the talks.

General Motors Co. shares fell 32 cents, or 1.3 percent, to \$22.73 in late afternoon trading.

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ACEHOOD

HUSTLE HARD

Acehood and Serani to headline concert

By JEFFARAH GIBSON
Tribune Features Writer

THE US recording artist behind the hit song "Hustle Hard" and top dancehall artist Serani are set to headline two back-to-back concerts this weekend.

Acehood and Serani are the latest imports of Fantastic Four Promotions, who are producing the Hustle Hard concert series. The main event is this Saturday night's showcase at Club Luna along with a kids only concert slated for Friday.

"We try to choose artists we know people will be interested in seeing. People have not seen these artists perform yet and I am sure they will be pleased with this show," said Gregory Major, event organiser.

The entire weekend is slated to be full of excitement, with a Guinness sponsored pre-party kicking off on Thursday in the Luna courtyard.

Some of the Bahamas' finest talents will be on stage, including Bodine, Sketch, Mr Yaggi Yo, Jah Hem, and others. They will all be accompanied by The Illest band.

PRE-PARTY

Acehood and Serani are scheduled to make appearances at the pre-party, but they will not take the stage.

The two artists were originally scheduled to perform last month, but unfavourable weather forced event promoters to set another date.

With long lines and parking always creating a challenge for Luna events, Mr Major said he is strongly advising attendees to purchase tickets beforehand and get to the event early to make things run smooth inside the courtyard.

"If you want good parking you have to get out there early because if you don't you will be forced to park outside the property. With events like this



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there is always a huge crowd expected, so to make that easy transition you should also purchase your tickets in advance as well. For our platinum ticket holders, they will get VIP parking, but my advice to all is get out early and get tickets in advance," he said.

He said attendees can also be assured that the concert experience will be "safe and comfortable". There will be tight security on hand, said Mr Major.

For youngsters who want to see Acehood perform, Fantastic Four Promotions have added a kids show to the weekend line up.

"Many times kids want to see these artists perform but they are not able to because they are too young. So we are doing a kids show which will be held at Mario's. All of the kids and high school students will get the opportunity to see (the artists) perform. However, no one over the age of 17 will be allowed in that particular show," Mr Major said.

In the past, Fantastic Four has brought over big names in music such as Rick Ross, DJ Khaled, Kali Buds, Mr Vegas, and Gyptian. Mr Major said the still organisation has "a few surprises before the year is out."

SERANI



Miss Universe questions
'WHAT'S YOUR RESPONSE?'



TYRINA NEELY

By **ALESHA CADET**
Tribune Features
Reporter

HOW do you find a deep answer to a shallow question? Such is the task of beauty pageant contestants across the world when it comes to some of the questions asked in the nail-biting question and answer segment.

To a Miss Universe contestant these questions are considered the most important in their lives. This year, the top five contestants were questioned on a range of topics from personal beliefs to physical attributes.

We put the top five questions to a few prominent Bahamian women to see how they matched up against a Miss Universe contestant.

Question 1: If you could change one of your physical characteristics, which one would it be and why?

MISS ANGOLA LEILA LOPES: "Thank God I'm very well satisfied with the way that God created me and I wouldn't change a thing. I consider myself a woman endowed with inner beauty. I have my principles, I have acquired many wonderful principles from my family and I plan to follow these through the rest of my life and now I want to give all of you a piece of advice: respect one another."

TYRINA NEELY, FASHION DESIGNER:
"I don't think I would change anything. I think we



JANET JOHNSON

all have our physical insecurities, but I would just try to be comfortable in my own skin. With growth, eventually you realise that those physical things are really not that important, so I probably would not change anything. Knowing myself, if I could change one thing that would start a whole spiral of things and I would want to change everything else. I would love to have perfect flawless skin, but once that happens, I would probably want longer legs."

Question 2: Nude beaches are common in some parts of the world. Is public nudity appropriate or inappropriate and why?

MISS CHINA LUO ZILIN:
"Every country has its rules and regulations and every country has their own habits as well. We should respect them and be more understanding."

JANET JOHNSON, DIRECTOR OF EVENTS, MINISTRY OF TOURISM:

"In the tourism field there are places where some people like to go to a nudist colony and I think it is appropriate if it is sanctioned and if it is private, because obviously individuals can do what they would like to do. I think we used to have something like that in the Bahamas, somewhere in Cat Island some time ago, but I don't know if it is still there. Certainly it is a lifestyle choice, it's an experience, and if there are resorts and places where people can do that out of the sight of the main public then I don't see why not."

Question 3: Would



KANDICE HANNA

you change your religious beliefs to marry the person you love? Why or why not?

MISS PHILIPPINES SHAMCEY SUPSUP:

"If I had to change my religious beliefs I will not marry the person that I love because the first person that I love is God who created me. And I have my faith, my principles, and this is what makes me who I am. And if that person loves me, he should love my God, too."

KANDICE HANNA, FOUNDER OF THE LITTLE PINK PARTY:

"I wouldn't change my religious beliefs. I was brought up in a Christian home, a Christian society and a Christian country, so I hold true to the values I was taught as a child. In today's culture and today's society we are losing our own sense of tradition and our own sense of self. We often compromise those things in trying to be a world citizen. I don't think that it is worth it. It is a matter of integrity; it's a matter of dignity and just being true to what you believe."

Question 4: What would you do to avoid fighting a war that you did not agree with it?

MISS BRAZIL PRISCILA MACHADO:

"First of all, I would explain to people that the premiere quality of human being is respect. And more war is not based on respect. It's always based on misunderstanding, it's always based on a lack of education. So I would tell this person that we should respect each other as



JENNIFER ISAACS-DOTSON

human beings."

JENNIFER ISAACS-DOTSON, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS:

"I would try to voice my opinion as to why the war is not really something that I agree with and try to come up suggestions for how we could avoid the war. I would also think of practical solutions that could (appeal to) whoever the war is with."

Question 5: If you could trade lives with anyone in history, who would it be and why?

MISS UKRAINE OLESYA STEFANKO:

"I simply live my life and I'm very satisfied with it. But if I did have the chance to trade positions with someone I think I would choose Cleopatra. I think she is a very powerful and strong woman who is very much worthy of respect. And I think a woman could also be a leader like Cleopatra."

MICHELLE M MILLER, DIRECTOR OF THE GIRLS LEADERSHIP CLUB:

"I suppose if I could trade

lives with anyone in history it would be Harriet Tubman from the underground slave movement. My reason being, because based on what has happened to people in that history, I would want to have been in a position to challenge the status quo; where I was saying 'yes, freedom is possible'. I think I would want to trade lives with her to experience that sense of adrenaline that must have been her essence and her understanding. That she could do what she did during such an almost impossible time when freedom was not even a thought."

THINGS2DO

September 24-25 - Saturday/Sunday INTERNATIONAL BEER FESTIVAL

• The Nassau Festival is hosting the International Beer Festival this weekend.

The event is an opportunity for Bahamians to experience beers from around the world that they might not otherwise find on the island. Proceeds of the event will go to a charity.

The event will be held at Old Town Mall in Sandypport. It starts at noon and goes until 6pm.

September 23 - Friday BOOGIE NIGHTS OLD SCHOOL DANCE

• Star 106.5 FM Radio and Media One presents "Boogie Nights", an old school dance at Workers House with music by DJ Lutz and DJ Baldy. Happy hour and karaoke starts from 5.30pm to 8pm. There will be cash prizes and giveaways.

September 24 - Saturday RBC CARIBBEAN CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND FUN RUN & WALK

• RBC Royal Bank of Canada holds its Fun Walk & Run to raise donations for the RBC Caribbean Children's Cancer Fund. The event will be held at Royal Bank

House, East Hill Street at 6am. There will be two routes. There will be prizes and raffle giveaways at the post walk and run breakfast. To register or donate, go to any RBC or RBC Finco branch.

September 30 - October 8 SHAKESPEARE IN PARADISE

• Shakespeare in Paradise stages its Third Annual Theatre Festival featuring 'Julius Caesar' directed by Philip A Burrows. The signature Bahamian musical production is 'Dis We Tings 2011', a revival of the concept first pioneered in 1989 by Kayla Lockhart Edwards, Derek Burrows and Nicolette Bethel, and now updated for the 21st century by Patrice Francis and directed by Nicolette Bethel.

For more information contact 677-8900, 393-3728 or 394-7179 or e-mail admin@shakespeareinparadise.org

October 8 - Saturday ATLANTIS LIVE PRESENTS 'IL VOLO'

• Atlantis Live presents Il Volo in concert at the Atlantis Theatre, Atlantis.

Il Volo ("The Flight") is a trio of Italian operatic pop singers. Doors open at 8pm, the concert begins at 9pm. For more information contact 363-9901 or e-mail box.office@kerzner.com



THE CABBAGE CLAN

'The time has come,' the Walrus said,
To talk of many things:
Of shoes – and ships – and sealing-wax –
Of cabbages – and kings.'

Once upon a time cotton was king in the southern region of the US. Even earlier cabbage was king in Europe, as in Old King Cole. Cole was the English word for cabbage, retained to this day in 'coleslaw'. Cabbage is not as important a feature of everyday diet as it used to be, but close relatives of cabbage such as broccoli and cauliflower are very popular and healthy dietary items.

Heading cabbage is used almost exclusively in The Bahamas in the form of coleslaw and rarely makes an appearance as a cooked vegetable. Young, firm heads are preferred and can be guaranteed when cabbages are grown in your own garden.

GREEN SCENE

By GARDENER JACK

Cabbages require good soil and regular watering for maximum success. Ordinary soil should be amended with compost or commercial cow manure. Insufficient moisture at the seedling stage can cause the young plant to slow down its growth and remain puny for a long time. Side dressings of 6-6-6 fertiliser should be applied every two weeks as cabbage is a heavy feeder.

Once a cabbage reaches close to maturity the need for water diminishes; indeed, heavy rain can cause full cabbages to split. If you have several mature cabbages you do not

need to harvest immediately; run a long, sharp knife around the root systems to trim them and ensure the cabbages cannot take in too much water at one time. Similar results can be obtained by twisting each cabbage to break off some of the roots.

A cabbage has a sturdy root system but one that remains quite compact. This allows us to grow cabbages in blocks a mere one foot to 18-inches apart for maximum productivity. Once a cabbage is cut the roots should be pulled up and disposed of.

Broccoli needs more room to grow and the minimum between plants should be no less than two feet. Once the head begins to form, each plant should be inspected daily and picked while firm and compact. Yellowing or lightening of the bluish-green heads means the stage of perfection is past. Cut off the heads and refrigerate them if you have too many at one time.

Do not pull up your broccoli

plants once you have cut the heads. Most varieties develop a secondary harvest of florets or flowerets that many people find preferable to individual heads. Cut these every two to three days in order to keep them coming. Some broccoli varieties do not head at all and are grown solely for their florets.

Cauliflower is more of a cool weather lover and is best sown in late October. Once the head – the curds – forms the long leaves should be tied in order to eliminate light and keep the curds white instead of creamy-yellow. The curds grow fast and it is at this stage that cauliflower gets attacked by grubs and caterpillars. Untie your cauliflowers every day and inspect the heads, removing any pests. As with broccoli, do not allow the heads to pass the mature stage. When individual curds begin to separate the head is well past its best.

Kale is another leafy cool weather cabbage relative that has recently become popular. Start kale in

October and cut off leaves as required.

Collards are normally associated with summer but can be grown with great success during the cooler months. The young leaves have excellent flavour, especially when cooked 'southern style' with bacon fat.

One member of the cabbage clan you are unlikely to find in the food store is kohlrabi, a turnip/cabbage cross. Kohlrabi is easy to grow and resembles a slightly flattened softball with wisps of foliage around the base and at the crown.

Kohlrabi can be used raw. Just peel and julienne the globe and you have the ideal stick for dips. Slice or julienne finely and you have an addition to stir-fries, reminiscent of lotus root. Cube and steam and you have a sophisticated side dish for many a winter meal, especially with a white sauce added.

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Flash Back

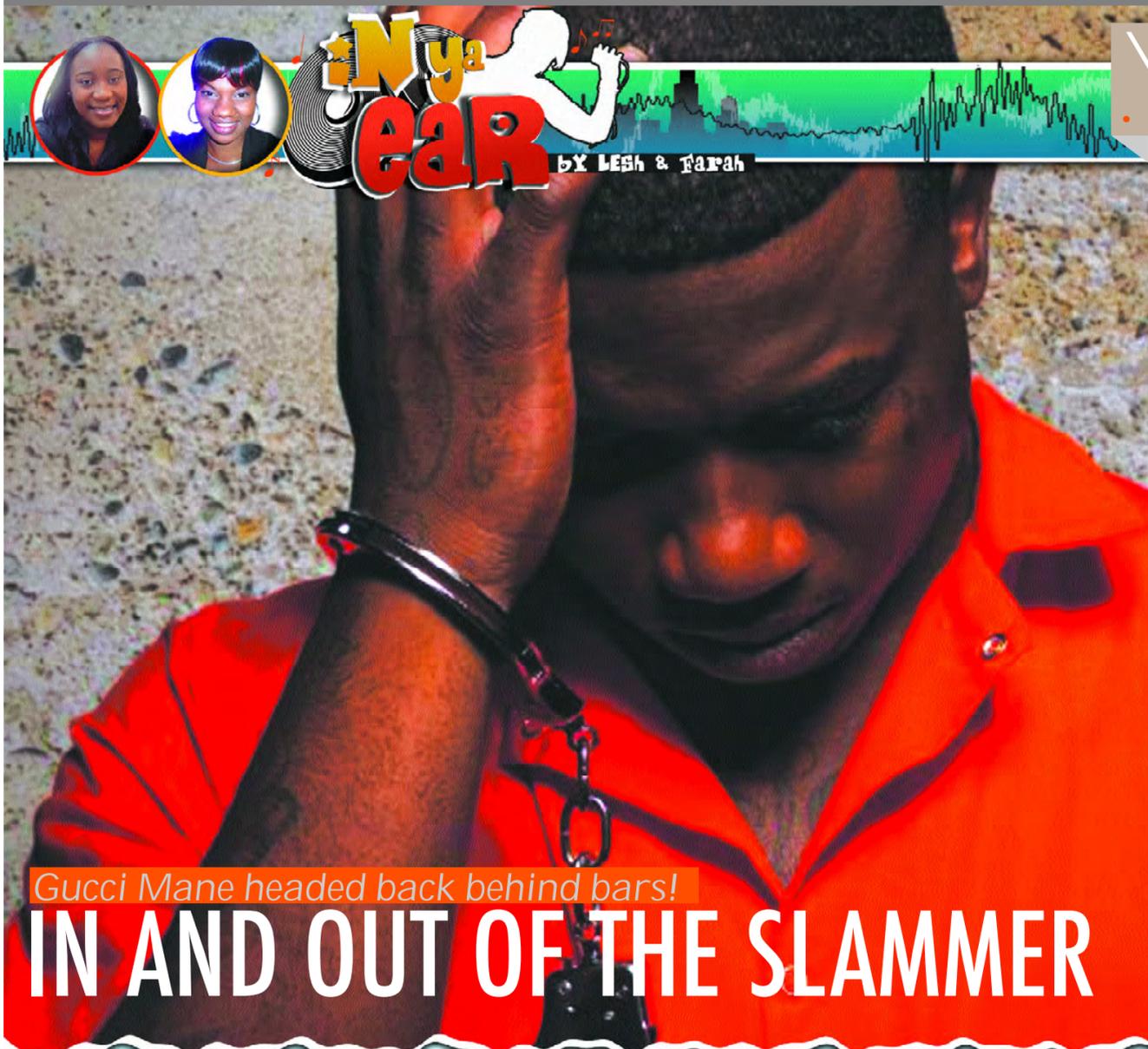
Just a few images of what we the Bahamas looked like 40...50...60... years in the past

BY ROLAND ROSE



Remember when the only way to Paradise Island was by boat... We now have two bridges and a concrete jungle on the island.





YA HEAR
GOSSIP CORNER

• **YA HEAR** Jay-Z has a secret love child? The story of Jay-Z potentially being the father of a secret love child first surfaced in 2007, but it's made its way back into the headlines now that Beyoncé is pregnant with the couple's first child. For quite some time rumours have been circulating that rapper Jay-Z has a nine-year-old secret love child with Trinidadian model Shenelle Scott. Just recently, a 67-year-old man named Andrews, who is the father of Shenelle's ex-boyfriend Malik Sayeed reached out to Star magazine claiming that Jay-Z was indeed the father of the boy he considers his grandson, even going as far as to say they had the DNA tests to prove it.

• **YA HEAR** Swizz Beats is cheating? Swizz Beatz and Alicia Keys have been under scrutiny after a 23-year-old Houston chick name Christina Elizabeth allegedly lost her phone which contained racy messages between her and Swizzy. The Texas singer-songwriter met Swizz Beatz at a party for Solange Knowles in 2007 and claims she has been carrying on an affair with the producer since he was with his first wife MaShonda.

• **YA HEAR** Ne-Yo tying the knot? Ne-Yo's reps have confirmed to US Weekly that he and his long-time girlfriend, Atlanta boutique owner Monyetta Shaw, are expecting their second child together in October and are also planning to get married! Ne-Yo became a first-time dad when Monyetta gave birth to their daughter Madilyn Grace in November 2010. Ne-Yo was filled with joy as he tweeted to his followers: "She's healthy and happy. Feels like I'm in luv for the first time. Welcoming that lil' girl to the world last night defined for me what 'willing to kill and die for' truly means. My world, my life, all hers."

• **YA HEAR** Trey Songz releasing two mixtapes? Trey Songz is coming out with not one, but two mixtapes on November 1. "Anticipation II", which is the sequel to the tape he put out before his "Ready" album and "#Lemmeholddatbeat?" will most likely find Trey remixing some of the hottest hip-hop and R&B songs.

Gucci Mane headed back behind bars!

IN AND OUT OF THE SLAMMER

By LESH

AFTER just two months of being released from prison, Atlanta rapper Gucci Mane is returning back to the slammer.

As fans, we often ask ourselves, will these celebrities ever tire of taking mugshots? Just this July, Gucci was released from prison after serving time for violating his probation. He served three months out of a five-month sentence.

According to AllHipHop News, Gucci will spend the next six months in jail in Georgia, after recently admitting to pushing a woman out of his car earlier this year.

"Gucci Mane, born Radric Davis, pleaded guilty on two counts of battery, two counts of reckless conduct and one count of disorderly conduct," accord-

ing to a spokeswoman for the Dekalb County Solicitor General's Office.

The website continues: "Gucci's latest jail stint stems from a January 26 incident in which a young woman, named Diana Graham, refused to accept Gucci Mane's offer of \$150 to stop at a hotel with him after breakfast."

"After Graham rebuffed the rapper, he pushed her out his Hummer, while it was in motion, down a suburban Atlanta street. Graham later went to the hospital for 'soreness and pain'.

"The jail term is yet another mark on Gucci's growing criminal record, which includes cocaine possession, assault and probation violation, although he was acquitted of the charge."

Hopefully, after he is released next year Gucci Mane will get on the right path and put more of his focus on his music and avoid breaking the law.

Gucci Mane is certainly not

the only celebrity that is constantly in and out of the slammer. Just last year, a judge made the decision to send rapper T I back to jail after violating his probation when he and his wife were arrested for drug possession. At the time, the rapper was on probation after completing a 10-year sentence on federal weapon charges.

Also, R&B and soul singer-songwriter Lyfe Jennings was sent back to prison after serving 10 years for arson. According to the blog site, The YBF: "Back in October of 2008, Lyfe got into an altercation with his baby mama, Joy Bounds. He was charged with a DUI test refusal, criminal trespassing, discharging a weapon near a street, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer. He was later released from jail on a \$50,000 bond. He is now being sentenced to 3.5 years for the 2008 indictment."

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Lyfe Jennings



T.I.

50 CENT SIGNS ON TO ALASKA SERIAL MURDERER FILM

ANCHORAGE, Alaska
Associated Press

RAP star 50 Cent has signed on to play a pimp in a movie detailing Alaska's infamous serial killer, Robert Hansen.

The Anchorage Daily News reports Curtis Jackson, the performer's real name, has been cast for "Frozen Ground."

Academy Award-winning actor Nicolas Cage will star in the movie detailing the police investigation of Hansen, who prayed on prostitutes and strippers in the 1970s and early '80s in Anchorage. Hansen confessed to killing 17 women; some he let loose in the Alaska wilderness and hunted.

Cage will play an Alaska State Trooper who investigated the murders. John Cusack will play Hansen, and Vanessa Hudgens, of "High School Musical" fame, will play a victim who escaped.

Filming is scheduled to start in Anchorage in October.



'HOUSE' STAR HUGH LAURIE SINGS THE BLUES ON NEW ALBUM

NEW YORK
Associated Press

HUGH Laurie has won a Golden Globe and been nominated for an Emmy for his starring role on "House." But those accolades didn't do much to boost his confidence when he started recording his very first album, "Let Them Talk" — he says he was "absolutely terrified."

The album is steeped in New Orleans blues, and Laurie sings, plays piano and guitar on classic tunes. "Let Them Talk" debuted in the United Kingdom at No. 2 last spring and was released in the United States this month.

The 52-year-old Laurie talked about the record's success so far and being a Brit playing the blues during a recent interview with The Associated Press.

AP: Did the success of your album in England make you feel more confident about releasing it in the United States?

Laurie: I suppose so, yes, because you worry about your own family, don't you? You worry about what your family thinks before anyone else, and whatever triumphs big or small you might have in the outside world, if your mum says it's rubbish, that's always going to (bother you).

AP: Did you ever consider releasing the album under a different name?

Laurie: I did once upon a time write a novel and I wrote it under another name and submitted it under another name and wanted to publish it under another name, but was talked out of it by a publisher who actually started banging his head on the desk. ... He said, 'If you knew how hard it is to get people's attention in the publishing world,' and I don't think the musical world is anything different. This is not a world for shrinking violets. ... I want this to be honest. I want it to be open and I want to declare myself and if people want to be rotten fruit, they can.

IN YA EAR CHARTS

TOP 10 POP SONGS

I WANNA GO
Britney Spears

LAST FRIDAY NIGHT (T.G.I.F.)
Katy Perry

MOVES LIKE JAGGER
Maroon 5 feat. Christina Aguilera

LIGHTERS
Bad Meets Evil feat. Bruno Mars

SUPER BASS
Nicki Minaj

PARTY ROCK ANTHEM
LMFAO Featuring Lauren Bennett & GoonRock

PUMPED UP KICKS
Foster The People

GIVE ME EVERYTHING
Pitbull feat. Ne-Yo, Afrojack & Nayer

GOOD LIFE
OneRepublic

TONIGHT TONIGHT
Hot Chelle Rae

LINE OF THE DAY

Lil Wayne Feat. Drake
'SHE WILL'

"I'm in Hell's Kitchen with an apron and a hairnet Devil on my shoulder, the Lord as my witness So on my Libra scale, I'm weighing sins and forgiveness."



MADE YOU LOOK

KOBI Levi is an Israeli designer who specialises in footwear design and development. He takes a humoristic and artistic approach to shoe designs. After bringing his concepts to life, the outcome is wearable artistic sculptures. Here are just a few designs by Levi. Take a look!



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TURN TO 3E...

AFL ACTION: DEMETRIUS SCORES TWO TDS IN WIN OVER RED BOMBERS

TURN TO 3E...

RUGBY WORLD CUP: ITALY DEFEATS RUSSIA

TURN TO 7E...

NFL MONDAY: MANNING THROWS 2 TDS, GIANTS BEAT RAMS



TURN TO 8E.

'Golden girl' Debbie wins sprint double

By BRENT STUBBS
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With the long season coming to a close, Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie completed a sprint double Monday at the fourth edition of Moulay El-Hassan International Athletics Meeting.

Ferguson-McKenzie, the 35-year-old veteran who was coming off a sixth place finish at the 13th IAAF World Championships in Athletics in Daegu, South Korea, posted her victories in the women's 100 and 200 metres.

The meet, organised by double Olympic champion Hicham El Guerrouj and held under the patronage of HRH King Mohammed VI, was held in Tangiers, Morocco.

In the 100, Ferguson-McKenzie ran an identical time of 11.46 seconds as Mariya Ryemyen of the Ukraine for the victory. Two other Ukrainian competitors, Stuy Hrystyna (23.28) and Povh Olesya (23.54) were third and fourth.

In her specialty in the 200, Ferguson-McKenzie posted a winning time of 22.81 over Ryemyen. In the same order as the century, Hrystyna (23.28) and Olesya (23.54) finished in third and fourth in the half-lapper.

Ferguson-McKenzie was the only Bahamian to compete in the meet that drew very few participants from the region, including the US and Jamaica.

Jamaican Ainsly Waugh posted one of the two meet records, clocking 20.71 in the men's 200. The other came from Canadian Dylan Armstrong in the men's shot put with a heave of 21.75 metres (71-feet, 4 1/4-inches).

The meet comes after the conclusion of the Samsung Diamond League where only three Bahamians were listed in the final point standings as released by the IAAF.

The best showing came from quarter-miler Christopher 'Fireman'



'GOLDEN GIRL' Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie in action at the 13th IAAF Worlds in Daegu, South Korea.

Brown in the men's 400. He was third overall with six points. Grenada's world champion Kirani James won the title with 12 points. Jamaica's Jermaine Gonzales was second with 11.

Ferguson-McKenzie had the next

best showing with a fourth place in the women's 200 with three points. American Carmelita Jeter took the title with 13. Americans Bianca Knight and Allyson Felix were second and third respectively with 10 points apiece.

Ferguson-McKenzie, however, didn't generate any points in the 100, which was won by Jeter with 22. Jamaican world 200 champion Veronica Campbell-Brown was second with 10 and Trinidad & Tobago's Kelly-Ann Baptiste, the Worlds 100 bronze medallist, was third with three.

And Trevor Barry, the lone Bahamian to win a medal at the World Championships in Daegu, was ninth in the men's high jump with four points. American world champion Jesse Williams was the winner.

Donald Thomas, the 2007 world champion in Osaka, Japan, didn't make the top 12.

Leevan 'Superman' Sands, seventh in the men's triple jump final, also failed to crack the four list that was headed by Great Britain's world silver medallist Phillips Idowu with 18.

The Samsung Diamond League comprised of 32 individual event disciplines with a points scoring 'Diamond Race,' which ran throughout a 14-meeting series.

The winners of the individual events were presented with a Diamond Trophy and cash prizes at the end of the series, which concluded in Brussels at the Belgacom Memorial Van Damme on September 16.

Left on the calendar for the year is the Pan American Games slated for October 24-29 in Guadalajara, Mexico. The games actually start on October 15. It's not known who will be available to represent the Bahamas.

The Bahamas Olympic Committee, under whose jurisdiction the games fall under, is yet to officially name its team that will be based on the recommendation from the Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations.

The majority of the elite athletes, who competed at the World Championships, have indicated that they are planning on skipping the games as they have shut down their season.

ROADMASTERS CHARITY RUN IN AID OF RANFURLY HOME

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MORE than 200 people competed in races from five to 20 miles during the Roadmasters running club's 2011 charity run on Saturday morning.

The event was designed to raise funds to assist the Ranfurly Home for Children.

Although it was geared towards charity, there was still a lot of bragging rights at stake as some of the top distance runners in the country went head-to-head.

In the men's 20-mile race that travelled from Montagu Beach past Goodman's Bay and back to Montagu, Sidney Collie was able to prevail over the field that included Jason Williams and Mackey Williams.

"I want to thank God for giving

me the health and strength to finish the course," Collie said. "The race was awesome. I was just glad that I was able to pull it off."

It wasn't until on the return out west near Goodman's Bay that Collie was able to make a surge and the rest of the field wasn't able to stay with him.

"It was a good course. My coach Ashland Murray told me to just pace myself," Collie said. "I did that and when I saw that I had a chance to go for it, I did."

Back in action a month and-a-half after taking some time off, Jason Williams proved to be a challenge. But he admitted that running his first race over 10 miles proved to be a little more than he bargained for.

"It was a learning experience for my body," he said. "I feel I'm ready to go beyond the 10-mile barrier. It's a part of my training regimen, so



LESLIE MILLER receives his award from Kimley Saunders. He won the 60-and-over division in the 5-mile race.

it was good to see how well I can do in it."

Williams admitted that Collie had the endurance and fortitude, having ran in several marathons before. But Williams said as soon as he gets his body used to the distance, he will be better prepared.

Said Mackey Williams, who also didn't really train for that distance: "Just coming back, it was hard because I didn't put in sufficient training for the 20 miles," he said. "My race is anything from the half and under. I'm just glad I finished."

His plan was to try and reel in his rivals, but Williams said his body wasn't prepared so he's probably going to stick with the distances he's comfortable with running.

Taffier Darling was the top finisher in the 10-mile race.

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SPORTS

Demetrius scores two TDs in Hurricanes' 44-28 victory over the UNB Red Bombers

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ALREADY established as one of the most electrifying players in his league, Demetrius Ferguson is continuing his historic season for the Holland College Hurricanes.

Ferguson scored two touchdowns in the Hurricanes' 44-28 win over the UNB Red Bombers in Atlantic Football League action over the weekend in Fredericton, Canada.

It was his fifth touchdown on the young season after he scored three in an opening week 62-0 blowout win

over the UNB St John Seawolves.

For the second consecutive week, and for the third time in his Hurricanes career, Ferguson returned the game's opening kickoff for a touchdown to take a quick one touchdown advantage early on.

Tied at 14, Ferguson would once again put the Hurricanes ahead with his special teams heroics.

With less than one minute left to play in the second half, Ferguson fielded a punt from his own goal line and started up the near sideline before changing direction and outrunning the field for a 105-yard touchdown to give Holland a 21-14

AFL ACTION

lead at the half.

The Hurricanes finished with a 2-4 win loss record last season, good enough for fourth in the division, but have already equalled their win total from last year.

Ferguson and the Hurricanes will face the Dalhousie University Tigers in their next contest on September 24 at home at MacAdam Field.

Against the Seawolves, the second year starting safety/wide receiver scored on a record-breaking, 107-yard kick return, a 40-yard punt

return and a 75-yard interception for his third touchdown.

Looking to build on a stellar season in 2010, Ferguson appears well on his way to a second consecutive Most Valuable Player performance.

Ferguson was named the team's Most Valuable Player at its end of year awards ceremony and was awarded the Hilton Trophy. The winner of the Hilton Trophy was selected by the entire coaching staff.

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HITMEN SHUT OUT MILLER RAMS, 13-0

THE New Providence Softball Association continued its regular season with the Dorin United Hitmen taking out the Miller Rams Monday night.

The Hitmen brought out all of their lumber as they blasted 12 hits off Vaughn Griffith in a 13-0 shutout over the Rams in the feature contest at the Banker's Field, Baillou Hills Sporting Complex.

Except for Kwiron Munroe, every player in the line-up had at least one hit. Munroe made up for his lack of offense on the defensive end as he threw a one-hitter with a walk and six strike outs for the win on the mound.

Miller Rams' lone hit off Munroe came from Vincent Seymour, who was the only batter to get on base. He also had a walk to avoid Munroe throwing a perfect game.

To back up Munroe's defensive effort, Everette Neely was a perfect 3-for-3 with two RBI and two runs scored and Hosea Hilton went 23-for-3 with a pair of RBI as well.

Sherman Ferguson helped out by going 1-for-3 with a RBI and two runs scored, Darren Stevens was 1-for-3 with a run scored, Rashad Seymour was 1-for-3, Jeffery Woodside was 1-for-2 with two runs, Christopher Whymms was 1-for-2 with

Bommer George Operators defeat Black Scorpions 7-6

two runs and Deedee Bain was 1-for-1 with two runs.

In suffering the loss, Griffith walked five and struck out two batters.

Also on Monday night, the Bommer George Operators nipped the Black Scorpions 7-6 as Jelice Darling came home with the winning run in a four-run top of the fourth inning.

The Scorpions, who trailed 7-2 at the end of the fourth, managed to come up with two runs in both the fifth and sixth as they fell short of pulling off an upset.

Darling finished with a 1-for-3 night with two RBI and a run scored for the Operators. LaThera Brown was 2-for-3 with a RBI and run scored, Tyriec Curry was 2-for-4 with a RBI and run scored, Neressa Seymour was 2-for-3 with two RBI and a run scored, Vantrice Bowleg was 1-for-4 and both Agatha Butler and Nicole Bastian were 1-for-3 with a run scored.

Desiree Coakley went the distance for the win on nine hits with six strike outs and three walks.

For the Scorpions, Lashanta Fowler had a 2-for-3 night, scoring twice, Marvella Miller was 2-for-4 with a run scored, Charmaine Hamilton was 1-for-2 with a run scored, Natasha Paul and Renea Davis were both 1-for-4 with Paul scoring a run, Maria Forbes was 1-for-3 and Lashanna Gittens was 1-for-2.

Miller suffered the loss on the mound, giving up seven hits with two walks and as many strike outs.

NPSA action on tap for the rest of the week is as follows:

- Thursday**
7pm - Black Scorpions vs Wildcats (L)
8:30pm - John's Buccaneers vs Island Luck Truckers (M)
- Friday**
7pm - Sigma Brackettes vs Bommer George Operators (L)
8:30pm - Mighty Mitts vs Dorsey Park Boyz (M)
- Saturday**
7pm - Bommer George Operators vs Black Scorpions (L)
8:30pm - Island Luck Truckers vs New Breed (M)



SHUT OUT: A Dorin United Hitmen player in action.

Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS NEW EXECUTIVE TEAM

ALFRED Forbes was re-elected unopposed as president of the Government Secondary Schools Sports Association. The elections took place Monday during the association's annual general meeting.

Others elected to serve with Forbes are Kevin 'KJ' Johnson as first vice president, Keisha Miller-Pratt as second vice president, Varel Davis as secretary, assisted by Tia Rolle. The treasurer is Mark Hanna, assisted by Bernice Penn.

CYCLING NPCA ACTION

THE New Providence Cycling Association's mid-week cycling clash is all set to be held today at the national cycling track at the Baillou Hills Sporting Complex.

The event is a two-mile time trial or eight laps around the cycling track, starting at 6pm. The top fastest times will receive phone cards and other prizes.

On Sunday, the association is scheduled to hold its Family Fun Ride and Cycling Show. The event will be held for two hours. Last year, the Thompson family brought a six-member team out that rode a total of 10 miles. They received a gift certificate from KFC.

SOFTBALL BANKER'S SEMIFINALS

THE Banker's Softball League is slated to continue its semifinal playoffs 6pm today at the Banker's Field, Baillou Hills Sporting Complex, with BAF taking on the

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Royal Bank of Canada.

Fidelity will take on CIBC FCIB 6pm Thursday on the wholesalers' field at Baillou Hills Sporting Complex.

If necessary, the final game in the series is scheduled for noon Saturday. If they are completed, the championship series will start instead.

VOLLEYBALL NPVA ACTION

THE New Providence Volleyball Association has commenced its 2011/2012 season at D W Davis Gym.

Games are slated to continue at D W Davis Gym today:

- 7:30pm - Lady Techs vs COB Caribs (W)
- 9pm - Saints vs Intruders (M)

SOFTBALL BSC MEETING

THE Baptist Sports Council is scheduled to hold a meeting Saturday at the Bahamas Baptist College, Jean Street, for all churches interested in participating in the 2011 Bishop Neil C Ellis Softball Classic.

The classic is tentatively set to start at the Baillou Hills Sporting Complex on October 1. It will feature competition in the 19-and-under, co-ed and men's divisions. There is a registration fee per team in each division.

Also during the meeting, plans will be disclosed for the 2011 Rev Enoch Backford

Track and Field Classic. The classic is set for October 22 at Thomas A Robinson Track and Field Stadium.

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 stubbobs@gmail.com or secretary Jonique Webb at joniquewebb@hotmail.com

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 or calling him at 727-5886 or 727-5381.

TRIATHLON REGISTRATION DEADLINE

ALL persons who have not yet registered have until today (September 21) to sign up for

the UWC Triathlon.

Registration can be done online at 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

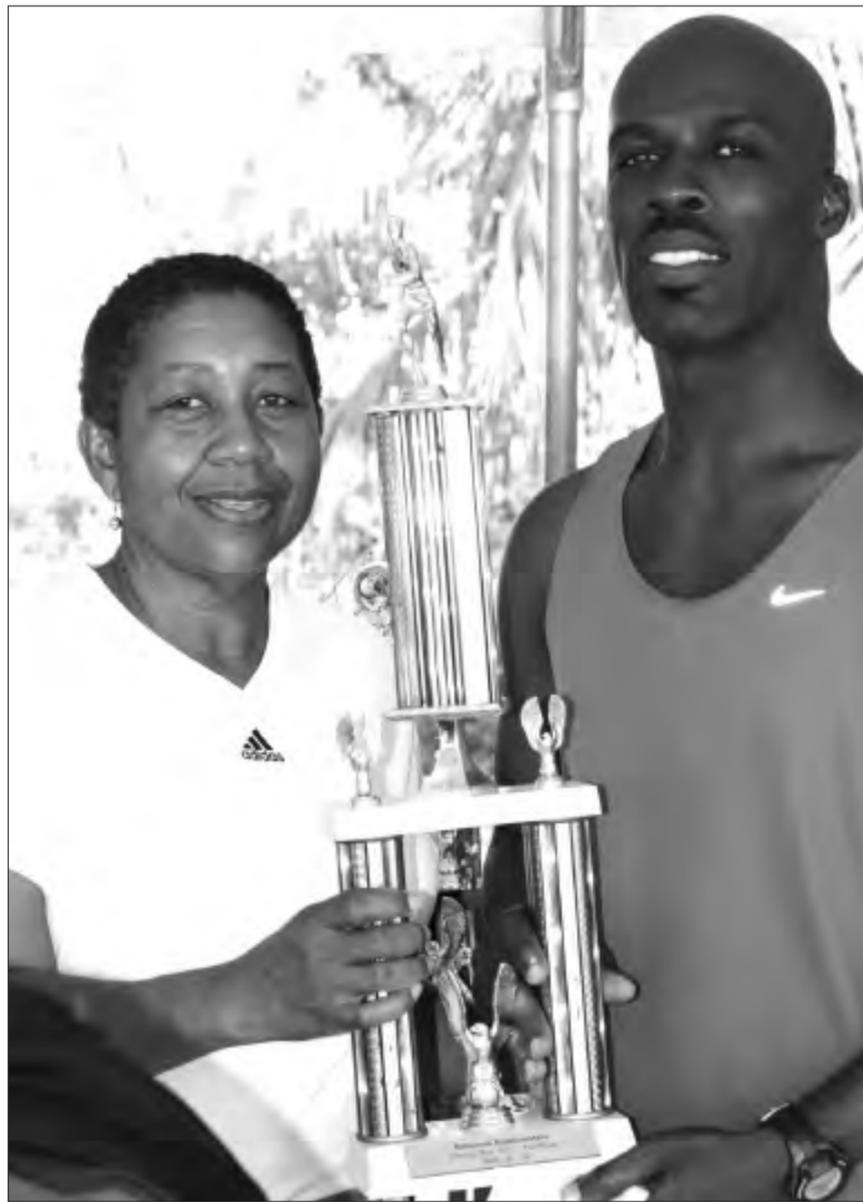
Clifton Heritage Park. The sprint triathlon will comprise of a 750m swim, 20 kilometre bike ride and a 5km run.

SPORTS

ROADMASTERS CHARITY RUN IN AID



ANGELA "Grandmother" Rahming makes a presentation to Kimmy Norius.



ANGELA "Grandmother" Rahming makes a presentation to Taffier Darling.



WINNERS: Runners receive their awards after the Roadmasters running club's 2011 charity run on Saturday morning.

SPORTS

OF RANFURLY HOME FOR CHILDREN

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In the five mile race, Mike Armbrister surprised himself with how well he did the race. "Not bad," he said. "This was the first one for the year. I was doing a lot of intervals, so I had the leg speed to finish. The fitness level is right now. That is why I think I won it."

Businessman Leslie Miller also did the five-mile run, but he was quite pleased with his triumph in the 60-and-over category.

"Bahamians just need to go out and get fit so they can live a long, productive and healthy life. That is why I come out and run," Miller said. "I still have the competitive spirit in me. Plus, I like to feel the nice cool breeze in the morning."

As expected, the Royal Bahamas Defence Force swept the top three spots in the 20-mile relay competition between the law enforcement agencies.

Her Majesty's Prison took fourth place and the Royal Bahamas Police Force was fifth.

Ramon Storr, officer in charge of the RBDF, said they were disappointed they didn't have any competition from their rivals.

"Like I promised, we took the first three spots," Storr said. "The only problem we had was one of our fellows who we brought in as a substitute went through the first entrance, which caused his team first place. They had to get second place behind the other Defence Force team."

"They were running neck and neck. It was only about 30 seconds that separated them. So by the time he turned around, it was too late to catch the other team."

Here's a look at the results in the various categories:

Relay - 1st Defence Force; 2nd Defence Force; 3rd Defense Force.

20 miles Women's Division
40-49 - Cheryl Rolle; Eva Etienne

50-59 - Carolyn Longley
60-and-over - Melanie Zonicle

Men's Division
30-39 - Sidney Collie; Jason Williams

40-49 - Mackey Williams; Ashland Murray

50-59 - Douglas Storr; Mike Cunningham

10 miles Women's Division
20-29 - Jessica Ibarra

30-39 - Sherelle Johnson; Tamika Davis

40-49 - Rayonne Bethell; Kathryn de Souza

50-59 - Cecile Williams

Men's Division
19-and-under - Lorenzo Gustave

20-29 - Charlie Jenkins; Paul Frazier

30-39 - Taffier Darling; Jimmy Norius

40-49 - Paul Davis; Cort Thurston

50-59 - Tony Scriven; Julien Brown

5 miles Women's Division
19-and-under - Megan de Souza

20-29 - Danielle Quant; Sarah Miller

30-39 - Sirpa Merz; Kirsten Sweeting

40-49 - Caroline Moncur; Julie Fernander

50-59 - Jane Turner; June Cartwright

60-and-over - Monica Percentie

Men's Division
20-29 - Devon Lightbourne; Ethan Quant

30-39 - Andrew Hanna; Davis Prabhu

40-49 - Kevin Ruth; Ted Jackson

50-59 - Mike Armbrister; Phil Moss

60-and-over - Leslie Miller; Gary Brathwaite



JASON WILLIAMS (left) accepts his award from Shavonne Blades.



MICKEY WILLIAMS (left) accepts his award from Shavonne Blades.



MIKE ARMBRISTER (right) accepts his award from Kimley Saunders.



SIDNEY COLLIE (left) accepts his award from Shavonne Blades.



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