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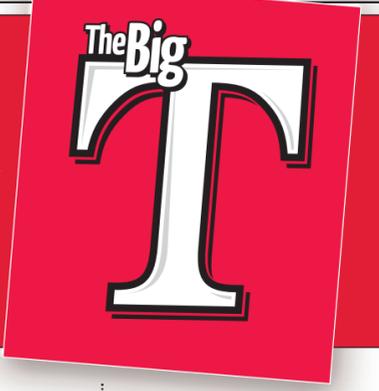
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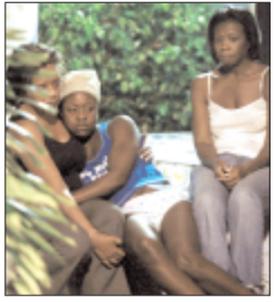
FREEPORT - Eric Oneil Strachan was convicted of rape in the Supreme Court on Wednesday, but he will have to wait until November to learn of his fate.

Senior Justice Hartman Lon-

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Man recovering from gunshot wound shot dead in driveway

By SANCHESKA BROWN



PEOPLE COMFORT each other at the scene of Marvin Kerr's shooting.

Felipé Major/Tribune staff

POLICE suspect the victim of the country's latest murder was executed by the same man who shot him last month in front of his home.

Marvin Kerr, 40, was found in his driveway at 10pm on Tuesday with multiple gunshot wounds in his head.

He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police say they received reports of gunshots heard in the area of Taurus Court, Ideal Estates.

When they arrived on the scene they found Mr Kerr's body by his truck.

He had got out of the driver's side when he was attacked.

This is not the first time Mr Kerr has been attacked. He was shot in the abdomen on August 11 as he pulled into the driveway of his home. He was only released from hospital a few days ago and was still recovering from the original wound.

None of his valuables were

taken in either incident which leads police to believe robbery was not a motive.

Mr Kerr was shot multiple times in the head, execution style.

The gunman was wearing blue jeans, a white shirt and a hooded jacket.

Fighting back tears Mr Kerr's wife, Sophia Kerr, told *The*

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100 HAITIAN SLOOP PASSENGERS 'INFILTRATE' NEW PROVIDENCE



THE HAITIAN sloop landed near South Beach Pools yesterday.

Felipé Major/Tribune staff

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MORE than 100 passengers who were on board a grounded Haitian sloop have "infiltrated" New Providence amid mounting concerns that illegal migrants are being assisted by residents.

Last night, immigration officials said three Haitians from the boat, which landed near South Beach Pools, had been apprehended.

Testimony from the migrants, who were caught in the area of Pinewood Gardens, revealed the ship had landed sometime Tuesday evening.

Yesterday, residents in

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INVESTIGATION INTO SEXUAL ASSAULT COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE IS CLOSED

By DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREEPORT - Police have closed their investigations into complaints of sexual assault made against two police officers by a young woman on Grand Bahama last September because no evidence could be found to substantiate any of her claims.

Assistant Superintendent of Police Hector Delva, assistant press liaison officer, revealed that investigations into allegations made by Cindy Williams on September 2, 2010, have been concluded. Its findings were released to the public.

According to a statement released by police on Wednesday, no evidence was found to substantiate Williams' claims, and

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COURT NEWS MAN CHARGED WITH ONE OF WEEKEND MURDERS

A MONTELL Heights man was arraigned in Magistrate's Court yesterday, charged with one of the five murders that took place over the weekend.

Alexander Cash, 39, appeared before Chief Magistrate Roger Gomez in Court One, Bank Lane.

He is accused of stabbing Rocklyn Williams on Saturday, September 17.

Cash, also known as "Xander", was not required to enter a plea and was told that the prosecution will present a Voluntary Bill of Indictment against him in court on November 9.

The Bill will forward the matter directly to the Supreme Court.

The accused, who was not represented by counsel during yesterday's arraignment, was remanded to Her Majesty's Prison until the completion of his trial.



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Brent Symonette did not breach the rules

TODAY we continue our comments on accusations by two former PLP ministers that Deputy Prime Minister Brent Symonette had created a "constitutional crisis" because a company in which his children's trust held shares had a contract with the government.

They not only called for Mr Symonette's resignation as minister, but suggested that if he did not go voluntarily, the Prime Minister should fire him.

The conflict of interest matter came up for the first time in 2001 when PLP Bradley Roberts, MP for Grants Town, brought it to the House of Assembly claiming that Mr Symonette, then chairman of the Airport Authority, had breached the conflict of interest rules by giving a contract to Bahamas Hot Mix in which he owned a minority share. The company was to pave the airport's perimeter. We dealt with the details of this incident in this column yesterday and so will not repeat it here. Suffice it to say that Mr Symonette resigned as chairman, admitting to an error of judgment.

Mr Roberts probably brought the matter to the House at that time because as a shareholder in Bahamas In-flight Limited, which had a monopoly for providing all food and beverages at the airport, he had an issue with Chairman Symonette.

Mr Symonette was trying to collect back rent in the region of \$400,000 owed the Airport Authority by the company. There was also an occasion when Mr Roberts complained that a vendor who was also trying to make a living by selling hot food from the trunk of her car at the airport parking lot was in breach of his company's exclusive contract with the airport. He wanted her and her little food vending business removed immediately. Mr Symonette refused, holding that she too had a right to make a few dollars. Because of this exclusivity clause no one — not even a gas station — could sell any type of food or drink within a radius of five miles of the airport.

Now we fast forward to today when Mr Symonette and Bahamas Hot Mix are again being targeted. And again the charges are conflict of interest. However, this time Mr Symonette did not personally give the contract to the company in which his children's trust has a small investment. In 2001 when he resigned as airport chairman, he had personally approved the bid of Bahamas Hot

Mix because at the time he could not get a quorum for board approval. He went ahead because he did not want to delay the process because the FAA was threatening to downgrade the airport.

However, when Bahamas Hot Mix won the road building contract this time, Mr Symonette did not give it to the company. The contract was approved by Cabinet.

The road improvement programme was put out to public tender. The incoming bids went to the Ministry of Works — any bid over \$250,000 also had to go to the Tenders Board — where they were scrutinised and evaluated by the experts. No government minister was involved. At this stage only the experts and members of the Tenders Board deal with the bids. Their recommendations are then sent to Cabinet for final approval. And so Mr Symonette's hand would have been nowhere in this particular road mix. Bahamas Hot Mix — about \$200,000 less than the other bidders — won the contract.

In answer to accusations made by George Smith and Loftus Roker, Mr Symonette said: "Bahamas Hot Mix got the contract, not because of me but because they are recognised and well known road builders in the Bahamas. They are qualified to get the job. If there is a bidding process should they not bid?"

And why should the constituency of Anne's Town be denied the generosity of their representative?

Which other MP gives all of his government salary — about \$90,000 a year in Mr Symonette's case — in addition to an extra \$5,000 a month for the betterment of his constituents? Mr Symonette donates to many charities, has computer classes for the children of his district, has built a cesspit on Step Street in Fox Hill, repaired the police station, provided musical instruments for the Pacesetters marching band, contributed to St Anselm's summer camp for children, maintains a permanent crew of three men to clean the verges of his constituency and to ensure that the road signs are in good repair and all street lights are on. The lists seems to go on without end, but we shall end on his and his brother, Craig's gift of the whole of Saunders Beach to government for the use of Bahamians in exchange for the princely sum of \$1.

Is this the man that these little men want to banish just because they can't match him?

Making govt work to your benefit – constituency models

EDITOR, The Tribune.

"ASK not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." That quote from President John F Kennedy resonates with me as I sit down to write this to you. All of us, even those of us with just a casual level of exposure, are subjected to the constant dialogue over the airwaves and in the print media on the question of government intervention in our daily lives.

I am a firm believer that we are a much stronger force when we work together, and are more likely to achieve substantial results, as opposed to individual pursuits. Communities are no different, the stronger the community the greater the benefit to its constituents. It has been my experience that forming community associations brings neighbours closer together as it can create a very welcoming atmosphere for children and adults alike. The bonds formed quite often become life-long ones and can also lead to an enriched family experience as well. There are also practical advantages that can emerge for example the option of families carpooling to work and school even after-school activities, which can result in great savings in gas expenses and decrease traffic in our already congested streets. A good communal life can serve to reduce the stress level encountered during the week, and improve the level of enjoyment over the weekend in fellowship with friends and family within the community.

Communities can work with its constituency office by sharing details of the individual or collective concerns of the members as it relates to garbage collection, pot holes, street lighting, illegal dumping, crime watch, CCTV, and many other issues that might require some level of assistance.

Presently, there is no form of local government in New Providence; however, by capitalising on this form of communication, we are forming virtual local government in each constituency. All of the stakeholders within the community (constituents) can become the eyes and ears on the street providing instant feedback through various forms of communication via emails, text messages, social media and even the telephone.

When the collective community decides on a project to benefit the neighbourhood like developing a green space, that community can contact its constituency office to seek assistance with funding such an endeavour. This is how you can make government work for you.

The role that technology plays in all aspects of our life

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has increased significantly in the last decade and this has resulted in an opportunity for government to extend the reach of its services, making it easier to do business with its various agencies. The use of these technologies, particularly the online services, can make government work for you, by providing timely information on government sponsored programmes like educational opportunities — scholarships, programmes in continuing education and many other services or benefits that you may not have been aware of. The whole idea of information dissemination is critical in our development and the way we progress as a people.

Within my own constituency, we have embraced the concept of maximising the use of technology to both discover and deliver essential services and

demands from the various stakeholders within the communities that are within our reach. This gives us an opportunity to provide help when it is needed but in a way that is not intrusive to the enjoyment of life and privacy for our constituents.

However, all the above mentioned ideas are solely dependent on us making the right choices and making a decision to change how we make government work for us. We must collectively decide to change from within in order to bring forth change in our communities. We should change our attitudes, our love and respect for each other, and our way of servicing the public. Change is what we need to make our Bahamas a better place.

HON DR HUBERT A MINNIS
Member of Parliament,
Killarney,
Minister of Health,
Nassau,
September 20, 2011.

High time for a change

EDITOR, The Tribune.

IN TUESDAY'S — 15th of September — edition of The Nassau Guardian on page A7, appeared a column by one Front Porch Simon under the caption "DNA and its leader prove amateurish and reckless." During the 1942 general election there were four candidates contesting the Long Island district. I accompanied my father on his rounds of the farms in the district during the day to solicit support for the two candidates that he supported. He, my father, would speak in glowing tones of his candidates while bad mouthing the other two. I asked my father on one of these rounds why this method was necessary, he said: "You should always do your best to discredit your opponent especially if he is better than your man" hence all the attention the DNA and its leader is now attracting from certain quarters.

Over the last couple of months this unknown writer seems to have an agenda to nit-pick any and all press releases and statements by the DNA and/or its leader Branville McCartney while hiding behind a pseudonym, we do not know the gender of this writer whether male, female, the idiotic dribbling of the articles especially the mentioned one of the 15th instant come across as being faggoty. It would appear that the writer has a little tertiary education this is evidenced from the choice of words used in the articles. I had on a previous occasion reason to remind this writer that a little education is a dangerous thing and that in the case of Front Porch Simon nothing can be truer.

It is quite obvious to me that the writer's agenda is a paid one. It is also crystal clear to me that whoever is paying for the services rendered by the writer, Front Porch Simon, is being intimidated not only by the presence of the DNA; but by its popularity and the charisma and leadership style of its leader. It is a common fact of life that one only goes all out after an opponent that poses a real threat to one's position. I will now answer a few of your criticisms.

Any child born to a Haitian national in any country is automatically a Haitian citizen. A chorus of critics, including a leading prelate, cannot change the Constitution of the Republic of Haiti. Earthquakes, hurricanes, typhoons, tornadoes, tsunamis and cyclones are all caused by the forces of nature you come across as having an overdose of the sophomoric mentality of which you are trying to dub Mr. McCartney.

The rapid debt growth in this country is due to the reckless borrowing, the inability of the Government to efficiently collect its revenues and gross mismanagement of our economy, nothing more, nothing less. Any person who never successfully ran a business of his own cannot successfully run a government as government is a business, big business. It is foolhardy to expect a newspaper or vegetable vendor to run a corporation, the same applies to a government.

The colour Green was wisely chosen by a wise leader, not for any sophomoric reason; but because it is, of all the colours the one true colour that does not easily fade and will endure the test of time. I do not blame the writer for all the vitriolic written diatribe being published under the pseudonym, as it is the duty of all opponents to go after the man at the top of the heap and in the political free for all political scenario in this nation today, that man and party is none other than Bran McCartney and the DNA. This nation has not had a change of government since 1967. It has always been a continuation of Lynden Pindling's policies and philosophy of corruption, intimidation, victimization, nepotism, cronyism and the all-for-me-baby syndrome. It is high time for a change, let us all come together to be seen as clean and pristine while voting Green.

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CLIMATE CHANGE THREAT UNDER DISCUSSION AT UN CONFERENCE

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A UNITED Nations conference on the many threats small island countries like the Bahamas face from climate change was convened in the capital yesterday.

Minister of Education Desmond Bannister officially opened the UNESCO Experts Meeting on Climate Change Education for Sustainable Development and Adaptation in Small Island Developing States, at the Wyndham Nassau Resort on Cable Beach.

The three-day conference will concentrate on developing strategies for informing the public in small island states about the threat of climate change and how best to mitigate its effects.

President of the General Conference of UNESCO, Cat Island native Dr Davidson Hepburn, said the forum will focus on the challenge of global warming and the role education can play.

Teachers are essential to passing on knowledge that will create an enduring awareness of the challenges posed by global warming, Mr Bannister said.

He said teachers need to become catalysts for

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COB PRESIDENT Dr Betsy V Boze signed a shared commitment to climate change, joining more than 600 colleges and universities around the world.

CLIMATE CHANGE COULD 'DISRUPT VERY FABRIC OF OUR LIVES'

By CELESTE NIXON
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CLIMATE change is real threat to the Bahamas and must be given urgent atten-

tion, a senior government official warned.

During the opening of the UNESCO High Level Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Conference yesterday, Minister of State for the Envi-

ronment Phenton Neymour said the effects of climate change could "disrupt the very fabric of our lives."

Mr Neymour said while SIDS are responsible for less than one per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions, their geographic location and economic characteristics makes them among the most vulnerable.

According to Mr Neymour, 52 countries have been identified by the United Nations as SIDS - "islands and low-lying nations that face common barriers to sustainable development, including limited resources, poor economic resilience and vulnerability to sea level rise and natural disasters."

He added SIDS are for the most part located in the tropics.

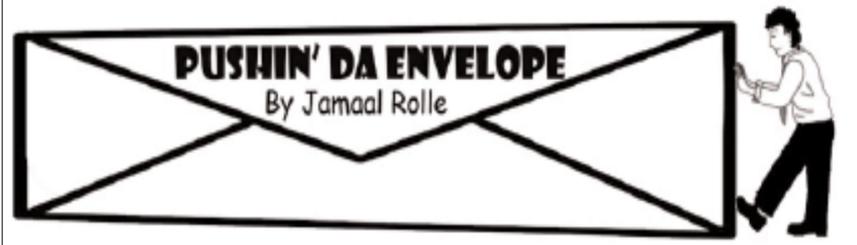
These small island states are normally heavily dependent on specific industries - such as agriculture, aquaculture, fisheries and tourism - which are particularly prone to the effects of climate change such as natural disas-

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O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your anger, Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure. Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am weak; O LORD, heal me, for my bones are troubled. My soul also is greatly troubled; But You, O LORD—how long? Return, O LORD, deliver me! Oh, save me for Your mercies' sake! For in death there is no remembrance of You; In the grave who will give You thanks? I am weary with my groaning; All night I make my bed swim; I drench my couch with my tears. My eye wastes away because of grief; It grows old because of all my enemies. Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity; For the LORD has heard the voice of my weeping. The LORD has heard my supplication; The LORD will receive my prayer. Let all my enemies be ashamed and greatly troubled; Let them turn back and be ashamed suddenly.



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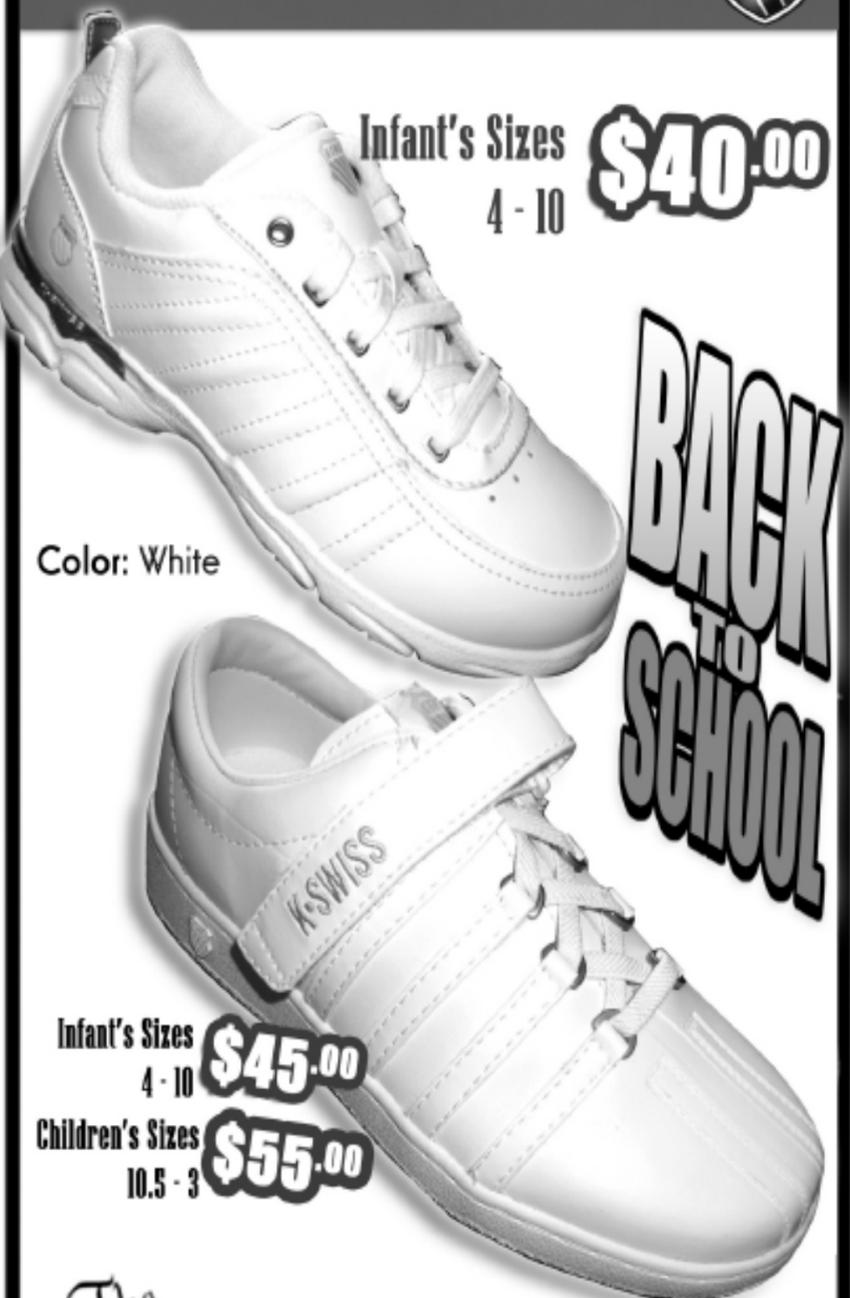
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change, educating students about how their lifestyles have impacted the planet and how sustainable practices are necessary to secure the future.

"This very important conference is designed to set a course for education to be the machinery for creating awareness and stimulating action among our people, and particularly, among those of us who live in small island developing states (SIDS) such as the Bahamas, the Caribbean and those in the Indian Ocean, who after all are the most vulnerable to the threats posed by climate change," he said.

Dr Hepburn said: "It is important to make a concentrated effort to reform the thinking of individuals who might be complacent, providing them with a better understanding of sustainable development and the role of education."

Mr Bannister added that while educating the next generation is important, the entire community must take action to "save our world and enable us to employ sustainable practices so that we may live in harmony on this planet."

Following the opening session, the College of the Bahamas signed a shared commitment to climate change, joining more than 600 colleges and universities around the world.

COB president Betsy V Boze said: "The signatories to this document believe that by integrating sustainability into the curriculum, an institution puts itself in a position to better serve our students and meet our social mandate to help create a thriving, ethical and civil society."

CLIMATE CHANGE COULD 'DISRUPT THE VERY FABRIC OF OUR LIVES'

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ters and rising sea levels. Mr Neymour said tourism based-economies are especially vulnerable to internal and external disruptions.

He said: "Many SIDS economies experience staggering losses due to the decline in tourist arrivals after natural disasters such as hurricanes coupled with the exorbitant costs to repair damage imposed by these storms."

"The Bahamas can attest to this, since tourism is our principal industry and we were severely impacted after devastating hurricanes like Andrew, Frances and Jeanne."

While the effects differ from island to island, the Inter-Government Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) projected that any rise in sea levels will result in major land loss for SIDS, and by exten-

sion, social changes including population relocation and increased vulnerability to natural disasters, which could further impair a country's ability to adapt to climate change.

Mr Neymour said in response to the threat, the Bahamas, like many other small island countries around the region, is identifying priority response areas, including energy, technology and resource management, and looking into sustainable programmes.

The government is also finalising its second National Communication on Climate Change, Mr Neymour said.

He said the report outlines strategies to help the Bahamas combine elements of climate change adaptation and greenhouse gas mitigation, while also investigating alternative energy sources through the National Energy Policy.

PASTORS SAY THE LACK OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT TO BLAME FOR MURDERS

The following statement was made by members of the Bahamas Coalition of Evangelical Pastors, including Pastor Cedric Moss, Pastor Alfred Stewart, Pastor Lyall Bethel and Pastor Allan Lee.

Hardly a day goes by without our nation being greeted with horrific news of cold blooded murders, armed robberies, rapes, and other serious crimes against fellow citizens, residents, and visitors to the Bahamas.

Unbelievably, with approximately three months left in this year, we are already at a record breaking 101 murders (this number will probably have increased by the time this statement is published).

Like most Bahamians, while we are concerned about crime in general, we are especially concerned about the spiralling, out of control murder rate. Although much can be said about how we as a country descended to this sad state of affairs, and there is no shortage of places to lay blame, here we confine ourselves to what we believe is the most significant contributing factor to the callous, wanton murders taking place in our country: our government's willingness to bear the sword in vain.

Yes, to put it plainly, although government, as Scripture says in Romans 13:4, is "God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer," our government is ignoring this delegated duty by not doing what is legally neces-



PASTORS LYALL BETHEL (above), Cedric Moss, Alfred Stewart and Allan Lee have called for capital punishment to be carried out in murder cases.

sary to be able to carry out capital punishment in the cases of those duly convicted of murder.

No doubt, some are surprised that we are not laying the blame at the feet of the Privy Council, but to whatever extent those "enlightened" men have contributed to our culture of murder, they have only done so because successive governments have allowed them to do so.

And exactly how have they allowed them to do so? By refusing to lead the process to allow the majority of Bahamians to have the opportunity by referendum to enshrine in our constitution that death is the mandatory punishment for all persons convicted of murder, just as we all understood our constitution to mean from 1973 until the Privy Council told us otherwise in 2006.

Therefore, it is our view that the former and current

governments have failed our country by allowing the Privy Council to force its 2006 interpretation of our constitution on us, and they have further failed us by continuing to govern impotently, as if there is nothing that we as a country can do about it.

While the government has foreshadowed bringing legislation to restrict bail and to classify murders, it is our view that the carnage will continue because criminals and would-be criminals already know that they can escape the death penalty by keeping the gruesomeness of their murders at or below the level of Mr Maxo Tido's repugnantly gruesome murder of Miss Donnell Conover.

We say this because despite the fact that Mr Tido crushed Miss Conover's skull and burned her body, the Privy Council ruled that her murder is "not one which warrants the most condign punishment of death." So, clearly, if murderers continue to benchmark their murders below Mr Tido's (as the overwhelming majority do), if they happen to get caught, the worst possible outcome they will face is life in prison (while being financially supported by taxpayers).

So why is the government taking the route of passing legislation (that some lawyers

have already promised to fight legally), as opposed to pursuing the changes regarding bail and capital punishment via a referendum to amend the constitution and thereby put the changes out of the reach of those lawyers and the Privy Council?

At the end of the day, only the government can answer this important question and explain why it is bearing the sword in vain in the face of our increasingly pervasive culture of murder and violent crime.

And beyond answering this important question, we trust that the government will do what is necessary to effectively facilitate the fulfilment of its duty to bear the sword and to swiftly carry out capital punishment on those convicted of murder.

Here, we emphasise the need to swiftly execute those convicted murderers, who have been given full due process under law, because "when the sentence for a crime is not quickly carried out, the hearts of the people are filled with schemes to do wrong" (Ecclesiastes 8:11, NIV).

Our prayer is that the Lord will grant the prime minister and his government the leadership, grace and the necessary courage to stop bearing the sword in vain, and to do so with haste.

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HAITIAN COMMUNITY, YOUNG PEOPLE AND INMATES TO BENEFIT FROM US EMBASSY GRANT

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every person whose life has been touched by HIV and AIDS and stem the spread of the disease," she said.

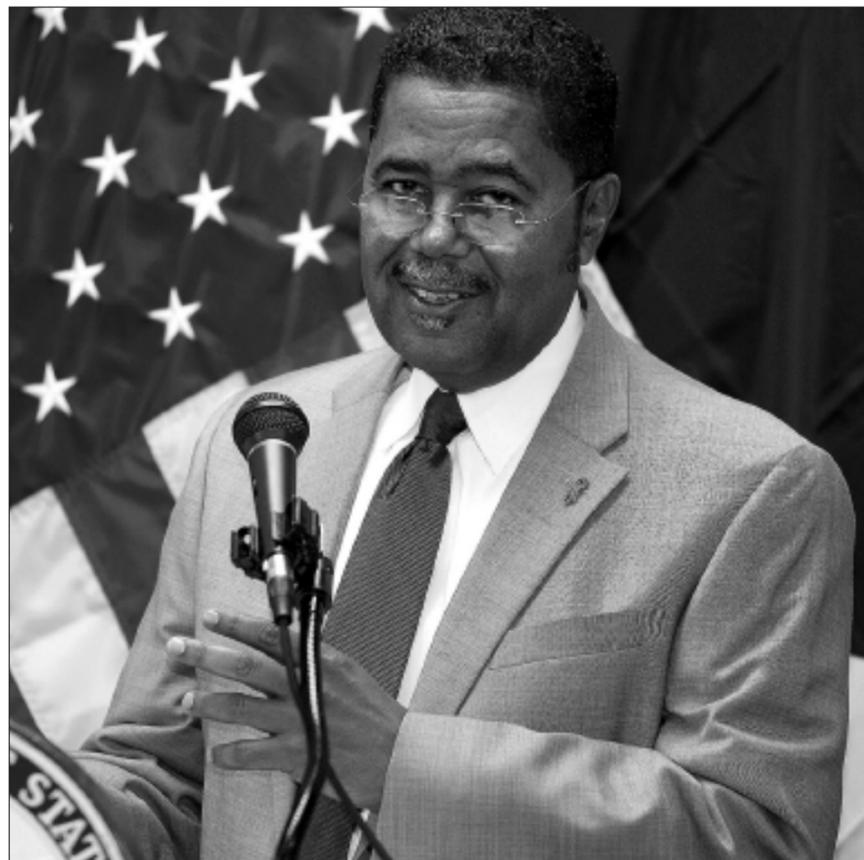
Health experts from US government agencies are working hand-in-hand with Bahamian officials in support of the combined goals

of the 2010-2014 Caribbean Regional Partnership Framework, and the Bahamas National HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan.

Ambassador Avant said the grants will support innovative projects that promote HIV/AIDS awareness throughout the Bahamas and more importantly, combat the stigma and discrimination faced by people living with the disease.



US AMBASSADOR Nicole Avant speaks yesterday. PHOTOS: TIM CLARKE/TRIBUNE STAFF



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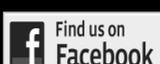
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MEMBERS OF THE US NORTHERN COMMAND along with NEMA director Captain Stephen Russell and representatives from the Ministry of Public Works were in Grand Bahama to conduct a site survey for the proposed NEMA warehouse.

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SITE SURVEY FOR PROPOSED NEMA WAREHOUSE

A TEAM from the US Northern Command and NEMA director Captain Stephen Russell met with contractors on Grand Bahama to view the proposed site for a national disaster relief warehouse for the northern Bahamas.

They discussed the scope of works for the facility and the terms of the bidding process.

Also present were Freeport administrator Stephanique Rahming, western Grand Bahama administrator Angela Pratt and representatives of the Ministry of Public Works.

The group were joined by Defence Force Commodore Roderick Bowe on a trip to Matthew Town, Inagua to discuss with local contractors a proposal to build a warehouse at the Defence Force base there.

Both facilities are expected to be completed by July 2012 and will be stocked with basic emergency supplies to distribute to residents in the event of a disaster.

Trained personnel are expected to be in place to manage the facilities.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

HUGO CHAVEZ FINISHES 4TH ROUND OF CHEMOTHERAPY

CARACAS, Venezuela
Associated Press

PRESIDENT Hugo Chavez said Wednesday that he finished his fourth round of chemotherapy in Cuba and expressed optimism that he will not require any further treatment.

"We hope it's sufficient and

no more is needed," Chavez said from Havana in a broadcast by Venezuelan state television. He did not elaborate.

Earlier Wednesday, Venezuelan Vice President Elias Jaua said Chavez's health was steadily improving.

Chavez "is doing well, better every day," since beginning treatment after flying to the

island Saturday, Jaua said. He did not offer further details.

Chavez underwent surgery in Cuba in June to remove a tumor from the pelvic region. Since then, he has undergone three rounds of chemotherapy, and has said this should be the final phase. Chavez has said previously that tests have shown no signs of a recurrence.

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FELIPE MAJOR/TRIBUNE STAFF



THE INTERIOR of the Haitian sloop which ran aground yesterday.

MAN GUILTY OF RAPING 69-YEAR-OLD
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gley has set sentencing for November 11, and has remanded Strachan, 26, to Her Majesty's Prison, Fox Hill.

A jury of seven women and two men returned a verdict of guilty against Strachan by a vote of 6-3 on all four counts, including one count of rape, two counts of attempted rape, and one count of indecent assault of a 69-year-old woman last December.

Attorney Devard Williams appeared stunned and mumbled with his words as he stood up to address the court after the verdicts were read. He was asked to speak up on two occasions.

Williams requested that a probation report be conducted before passing sentence on Strachan.

According to evidence during trial, the victim had been staying at a home with Strachan and his mother in Andros Town, Eight Mile Rock on December 10, 2010, when the incident occurred.

According to testimony, the elderly woman was lying on a sofa in the front room watching television when she was attacked by Strachan, who had returned home from drinking at a bar.

The victim said she was dragged into Strachan's bedroom where he took off her clothing, had sex with her, and performed various sexual acts on her.

The victim, who is 150lbs and suffers from various medical conditions, testified that she wrestled with Strachan until she had no more strength left.

The prosecution presented DNA evidence and medical reports that indicated that the victim had been raped.

The defence claimed the sex was consensual.

While giving evidence under oath, Strachan claimed he was "tipsy" and that the victim had touched him and propositioned him.

After two days of evidence, the prosecution and defence presented their final addresses to the jury on Wednesday morning.

After the judge delivered his summation of the case, the jury retired after noon to deliberate.

They returned shortly after 3pm with the verdict.

Mr Williams asked the court to have mercy on his client and to take into account the time he had already served on remand awaiting trial.

Strachan then began whispering to his attorney.

Mr Williams informed Justice Longley of his client's concerns regarding alleged death threats from prison officers and inmates at Her Majesty's Prison.

"I am instructed to ask the court to speak to the Superintendent (of Prisons) to look into threats by prison officers and two inmates," he said.

Strachan told Justice Longley that while on remand, prison officers and inmates had threatened to kill him.

He also claimed that he had been brutalised by prison officers on occasion.

"The officer said that if he don't kill me, he will have me on drips," he said.

Strachan said he notified Chief Johnson about the alleged threats and beatings by officers, who he claimed slapped, punched, and hit him in the head.

Prosecutor Erica Kemp said the Attorney General's Office will look into the complaints and make a request for Strachan's concerns to be addressed by the prison superintendent.

She asked that the sentencing be held on November 11.

"We have another matter on that date, and this will allow seven weeks for a probation report to be conducted," she said.

Justice Longley set sentencing for 9.30am on November 11.

Freeport clergyman Albert Alexander Whyley, who was convicted on September 12 of having sex with a nine-year-old girl, will also be sentenced that day.

100 HAITIAN SLOOP PASSENGERS
'INFILTRATE' NEW PROVIDENCE

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the area described the shallow area where the vessel ran aground as a long-standing "hot spot" for illegal entry as it provides direct access to Cowpen Road.

"The problem is the people who live on the outskirts of Cowpen Road will assist the people that come off the boat," one resident said.

"They lend the migrants their cell-phones so they make the contact with people who come to pick them up."

The sloop was estimated to be around 48ft in length with the capacity to hold 100 persons "comfortably."

Last night, immigration department officials said assistance from persons in the area was a likely scenario, given

the location of the apprehended migrants. Officers received the call that a sloop had run aground at around 3am yesterday.

Fausteen Major-Smith, assistant director of Immigration, said: "We have many theories out there, so assistance from residents is possible."

"Whenever we get the call we respond as soon as we can, but what we suspect in this case is that the boat must have landed hours before we got the call."

"It is possible they are being encouraged by persons from here, for them to infiltrate the system just like that."

The government has continued repatriations to Haiti despite pleas from the United Nations not to deport nationals due to the country's debilitated state.

In June, Immigration Minister Brent Symonette said repatriations will continue as normal unless extremely dire conditions were highlighted in Haiti.

Last month, the immigration department repatriated a group of illegal Haitian migrants to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on a Bahamasair charter flight.

Included were 76 men, 32 women and eight children.

Eighty-six of those repatriated were among the group that landed illegally in the Yamacraw area on August 1. The remainder had been taken to the Carmichael Road Detention Centre after being found without proof of status.

Mrs Major-Smith said the department was working to organise another repatriation exercise for some time next week.

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INVESTIGATION INTO SEXUAL ASSAULT COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE IS CLOSED

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the Attorney General's office has concluded that there was insufficient evidence regarding her complaints of sexual assault.

On September 2, Ms Williams went to the Central Division, Freeport, to file a complaint against two police officers, claiming they had sexually assaulted her shortly upon her return to Grand Bahama from New Providence on September 1.

Ms Williams claims that while driving in an eastern area of the island, two police officers made her get out of her vehicle, and one of them sexually assaulted her with his firearm.

ASP Delva said due to the seriousness of the allegations, an intensive investigation was launched, and a senior team of investigators from the Complaints and Corruption Branch in New Providence were sent to Grand Bahama to investigate.

"Nothing was spared in the investigation including very costly forensic examinations, to identify the alleged culprits of what appeared to be a heinous violation of Ms Williams' rights and dignity," he said.

Ms Williams went public with her allegations on local news television, and her claims were published on an online social media internet site.

Mr Delva said that police investigations were completed and sent to the Office of the Attorney General for legal advice.

"This was done in an attempt to ensure that no stone was left unturned, and that persons, independent of the Police Force, reviewed the evidence.

"The Police Force wish to report that the investigation of the matter, and that a comprehensive review of the complaint filed has concluded, and we now make public the findings.

"No evidence was found to substantiate any of the claims made by Ms Williams. None of her story was corroborated

by any witnesses, surveillance footage, or forensic examinations.

"The Office of the Attorney General concluded that there was insufficient evidence or any suspect for the offence of Rape Contrary to Section 6(1) of the Sexual Offences to be filed," according to the statement.

"This investigation is now closed. We wish to state that this story brought much discomfort and embarrassment to the Commission of Police, his Executive Management Team (EMT) and the entire Royal Bahamas Police Force, especially our officers in Grand Bahama.

"They were very serious allegations and cast a very negative light on an organisation that prides itself on being a disciplined and upstanding organisation.

"If true, this one incident could have eroded the public's trust and confidence in the organisation and its ability to effectively protect its citizens, as those who are sworn to protect and serve, would have engaged in perhaps one of the most heinous and degrading acts that can be

perpetrated on a female.

"At no time did we accept that the allegations, if they occurred, were perpetrated by members of the Royal Bahamas Police Force.

"Our feelings have been affirmed, and hopefully the integrity of the organisation and that of the over 3,000 men and women remain intact.

"We wish to reassure all citizens that where allegations of misconduct are reported against any member of the organisation, they will be vigorously and professionally investigated.

"Where any wrongdoing is substantiated, those involved will be dealt with either through our internal discipline system, or where necessary, before the Courts.

"By the same token, however, where false or unsubstantiated allegations are made against members of our organisation, we must also defend their rights as well. As vigorously as we pursue those in our organisation who commit offences, we must also pursue those who falsely accuse us.

"The law gives us the

opportunity to bring charges against persons who make false and malicious accusations against Police Officers."

It was noted that while bringing criminal charges against Ms Williams was an option, the Commissioner of

Police decided not to so in this instance for reasons that will not be disclosed.

"We wish Ms Williams well, and wish to assure her of our fullest support in all matters moving forward," the statement concluded.

VICTIM 'EXECUTED' AT SECOND ATTEMPT

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Tribune she has no idea why someone would want to harm her husband.

She said: "He was a good man and good family man."

"We do not know how we are going to survive without him. He did everything for us.

"Everyone is taking this very hard. I really don't know why someone would want to hurt him. He never bothered anyone. This is too much to bear."

Unable to continue the conversation Mrs Kerr said she had to go.

When *The Tribune* attempted to call her back, a little girl answered and said she was too upset to return to the phone.

Supt Paul Rolle, of Central Detective Unit, said police have not ruled out the possibility that the two shooting incidents are related.

He said: "We are searching all avenues and are still conducting inquiries as to what really happened Tuesday night."

"Right now we are unable to say definitively if they are related but we suspect so. We aren't treating them as isolated matters."

"We have to do some forensic work and get the ballistics reports to see if the bullets match up or if the gun is the same. When we have that information, we will know for sure."

Supt Rolle said his officers are on the ground doing investigative work but they have not yet identified a suspect.

Anyone with information on the incident is asked to contact police at 911 or 919, crime stoppers at 328-Tips or contact your nearest police station.

The murder count is now 102.

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CONSTRUCTION PASSES 50% STARTS FALL 'LOW'

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

THE BAHAMIAN construction industry was yesterday said to have passed "the low" that caused construction starts, and their collective worth, to decline by 48.7 per cent and 69.5 per cent respectively between 2008-2010.

But, while the sector was again beginning "to stir up" as development activity slowly recovered from a three-year slump, Godfrey Forbes, the Bahamian Contractors Association's (BCA) president, said it was critical to kick-start the domestic housing market to ensure every contractor "gets a piece of the

- * Value of approved starts fell 69.5% between 2008-2010, but 2011 first half indicates rebound
- * BCA chief urges 'jump start' for housing market to spread wealth
- * Says \$12m investment would equate to 50-60 houses, employing 30-40 contractors

pie" from work being evenly spread.

Taking the \$12-\$13 million Southwest Shopping Plaza as an example, Mr Forbes said that while the project had provided work for one main contractor and several sub-contractors, an equivalent investment in the affordable housing sector would equate to 50-60 homes - employing 30-40 different contractors at the same time.

To that end, Mr Forbes said he and the BCA were expecting to meet "this

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BEC ON 'CUTTING EDGE' VIA OCEAN THERMAL



MICHAEL MOSS

- * Renewable MoU with US provider eyes two plants split between Nassau and Andros
- * Each to provide about 5% of BEC peak power and would make Bahamas pioneer
- * Partner in talks with Bahamas resorts
- * Could create jobs in aquaculture, agriculture

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

THE Bahamas Electricity Corporation (BEC) yesterday moved to the "cutting edge" of renewable energy by

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LOOK THROUGH 'COCK AND BULL' OF POLITICIANS

- * Superwash chief says Bahamians will have to pay more to maintain current size of Gov't
- * 'Tough decisions' ahead, after 'staggering' rise in national debt

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

BAHAMIANS must "start looking through the cock and bull of politicians" and realise they will have to pay more to sustain the current size of government, a well-known businessman warning that the next administration would have to take "tough decisions" on the public finances.

Dionisio D'Aguiar, president of the Superwash laundromat chain, said Bahamians might have to brace for a further drop in living standards and earning power, as the cost of maintaining the existing public sector would increase at a time when salaries would remain flat.

The former Chamber of Commerce president, in a recent interview with Tribune Business, said the Government had "run up a ton of debt" in its bid to support the troubled Bahamian economy and prepare it - via various

infrastructure projects - for future rebound, describing the rate of increase in the national debt as "staggering".

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NATIONAL DEBT FALLS \$207M IN 2011 Q2

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

THE BAHAMAS' national debt fell by almost \$207 million during the 2011 second quarter to \$4.075 billion, likely due to the Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) sales proceeds, with observers yesterday warning it was unlikely to become a trend.

The Central Bank of the Bahamas quarterly statistical digest showed that this nation's total national debt fell from a peak of \$4.281 billion at the 2011 first quarter end to \$4.074 billion at end-June, indicating the Government had applied the \$210 million it received from selling a 51 per cent BTC stake to Cable & Wire-

less Communications (CWC) towards paying down the debt.

The data indicates, though, that the Government may only have brought itself some breathing space, paying down what was the equivalent of almost a year's debt. The end-second quarter 2011 debt is still ahead of the year-before position, as the 2010 second quarter national debt was just over \$100 million below the current figure at \$3.965 billion.

Fiscal observers were yesterday sceptical that the 2011 second quarter reduc-

tion represented the start of a downward trend in the national debt, describing the BTC transaction as a 'one-off'.

Rick Lowe, a well-known fiscal hawk with the Nassau Institute think-tank, told Tribune Business: "Does it mean we're holding the line on spending? I don't know. I don't think the trend of government spending has been reversed yet."

"It's a long process. I don't think it's any permanent reduction in spending. It

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Better still, you land on a web page with a gigantic picture. You really want to see the whole thing but, alas, it seems the only way to view it is to use your scroll bars. Sure, you could buy a bigger monitor, better video card, then crank up your resolution, but there's just got to be a cheaper way, right? You bet.

Digital cameras, including phone cameras, have truly come into their own. Millions of people now take pictures and save them to their computers. From there, photos can easily be sent by e-mail or added to a web page. However, there's a problem that virtually all digital camera users eventually encounter. Namely, that the images are too big.

In theory, having too many pixels makes it difficult to view photos on a monitor. This makes the file size much larger, something that should be avoided when posting photos on the Web or sending by e-mail. Remember, not everyone has a high speed Internet connection or a large monitor, so sizing photos down before sharing them is the courteous thing to do.

How many pixels do I need for sharing photos online?

When posting photos online, you do not need nearly as many pixels as you do for printing. This also goes for images that will only be viewed on-screen, such as in a slide show or presentation.

When putting your photos on the Web or sending them by e-mail, the smaller you can get them, the better. However, there are three things you can do to make your pictures smaller for sharing online. These are: cropping, changing pixel dimensions or compression. In most cases, you will want to do all three of these things.

How do I reduce the size of photos for online use?

Before going to your intended size, you first want to crop your image to remove any unnecessary portions of the picture. After cropping, you can change the overall pixel dimensions to go even smaller. All photo editing software will have a command for changing the pixel dimensions of an image. Look for a command called 'Image Size', 'Resize' or 'Resample'.

Select the photo(s) you want to resize, and then, on the File menu, click Resize.

In the Resize dialog box, select the size you want to make the photo.

Click Resize and Save. The program will save the resized file in the same location as the original, and will add the dimensions to the file name of the smaller copy, allowing you to enter the exact amount of pixels you wish to use.

There are other options you may find in the dialog such as:

Resample: This should be on when sizing down, because it enables the soft-

ly if you have lots of photos to share, but fortunately most of today's software has made it easy to size and compress a batch of photos very quickly. Some photo editing software has an 'email photos' command that will resize and compress the images for you quickly. In fact, Windows XP and Windows Vista both have this functionality built-in. Some software can even resize, compress and generate complete photo galleries for posting on the Web.

If you try to display a 3008x2000 pixel file on a 1024x768 screen, it is easy to see the image will not fit. So the aim is to produce a picture file that will display on a screen at 1280 by 1024 resolution, helping most users to see the entire picture at one time, without the need to scroll up and down or side to side. Files to be sent by e-mail should be no more than 1100 pixels wide by 900 high to allow space around the picture for the program that is displaying them. Files for websites should cater for older and smaller monitors, which run at 800 by 600 resolutions, so keep web images below 700 by 500.

When sharing photos online, 800 by 600 pixels is a good average size to use. If you wish to reduce file size even further, reduce images down to 640 by 480, or even 320 by 240. If you are sure your recipients or website visitors won't mind waiting a little longer, you may want to go as large as 1024 by 768, but anything larger than that is going to be too large to see in the majority of computer monitors without scrolling. Remember, the smaller the pixel dimensions of an image, the smaller the file size will be.

Most cameras and scanners save photos in the JPEG format, as this uses file com-

pression to keep file size smaller. It is always advisable to use the JPEG format for photographic images, as it is a standard file format that any computer can read. On the back of this, JPEG compression can be applied at various levels, with image quality and file size having an inverse relationship. The higher the compression, the smaller the file, and the less quality it will have. The golden rule of compression is to only compress once.

While I believe it is useful to understand the maths behind digital imaging, and have the knowledge necessary to produce images that are suitable for a wide variety of different output needs, it is still important to know what you intend to use your image for beforehand. As I mentioned previously, you will need higher pixel resolution files for printing than for web or e-mail attachments, so pixel resolution (dimensions in pixels) is the first and most important decision to make.

It is important to also understand that DPI is a user assigned number for scaling media to a required pixel res-

olution during scanning, while PPI is used to scale existing digital images to a required size for printing (output resolution). Changing the assigned PPI after a digital image is created does not change its pixel resolution; it only changes print size created when printing digital images.

There are many methods involved in the simple equations that will allow you to solve all your digital image resolution and scaling requirements for monitor display, but for now we'll follow this example:

Decide the approximate fractional area of the monitor you'd like your image to cover, and divide that into the current monitor resolution. For example: Filling up half the monitor's side-to-side viewing area with an image when running 1024x768 pixel monitor resolution. Divide 1024 by half and we get 512 pixels necessary to cover half the monitor's 1024 pixel side-to-side viewing area. This is the figure you should use for resizing this image.

If you wish your images to be universal, or for Aunt

Margaret to be able to see your photos within her e-mail window, then it is safe to plan ahead before pressing that 'send' button and limit your images to a few hundred pixels. Better still, if your job requires that you e-mail many photos, save yourself the mental gymnastics and quickly arrive at an appropriate image size such as 1024x768 or less to fit comfortably within the limits of your monitor's screen. So until we meet again, have fun, enjoy life and stay on top of your game.

NB: The columnist welcomes feedback at deedee2111@hotmail.com

About the columnist: Ms Bastian is a trained graphic designer who has qualifications of M.Sc., B.Sc., A.Sc. She has trained at institutions such as: Miami Lakes Technical Centre, Success Training College, College of the Bahamas, Nova Southeastern University, Learning International, Langevine International and Synergy Bahamas.

ware to change the pixel dimensions.

Constrain proportions or keep aspect ratio: You want this option enabled, as it prevents the image from being stretched and distorted. When this option is enabled, you only need to enter one value; height or width, and the other value will adjust automatically.

Nevertheless, after sizing the image, be sure to do a 'Save As' to avoid overwriting your original, high resolution file. And, of course, you'd want to save it as a JPEG file. When choosing the compression level, keep quality in the medium to high range. You want to shoot for a file size of 30 to 100 KB per image. Go small if you will be putting several files on the same page, or sending them in one e-mail, and try not to exceed 100 KB per Web page for the total of all images.

This may sound like a time consuming process, especial-

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BUSINESS

LETTER TO BUSINESS EDITOR

CITY MARKETS RESCUERS MUST USE OWN MONEY

CITY MARKETS is in financial distress. "Having racked up around \$28 million in collective net losses during the 2006-2011 BSL Holdings ownership, the supermarket chain - as revealed by Tribune Business - made a \$14 million operating loss in its last financial year, three quarters of which were under Mr Finlayson and his Trans-Island Traders vehicle."

And, according to the Tribune: "Shoppers visiting the four New Providence stores have all commented on how sparsely stocked they are, leading some observers to predict the imminent demise of what was once a fixture in the Bahamian business and retail landscape unless Mr Finlayson and his management get things turned around quickly."

PLP MP for Fox Hill, Fred Mitchell, has called for the Government to do "whatever is necessary" to prevent City Market's closure.

Good luck to Mr Finlayson's efforts to "save" City Markets. However, the fate of City Markets should be deter-

mined not by Bahamian politicians, but by Bahamian consumers. Bahamian consumers will vote on its fate in the free market by how they choose to spend their dollars. If Bahamian consumers decide City Markets should fail, it should be allowed to fail as quickly and as speedily as possible, thus allowing more competent investors and managers to buy up and redeploy its assets and hire those productive people who are released from their jobs. The Government can best assist this process by beefing up our courts to speed up the bankruptcy process.

Any proposal for the Government to inject money into a failing business is a proposal to use the Government's power to initiate force - to physically take millions of dollars out of the hands of Bahamian citizens - and hand it over to the failing business. It is a proposal to throw good money after bad. This may benefit City Market's shareholders and employees, along with Mr Mitchell's election hopes, but such "legalized

theft" is both economically and morally wrong.

Government's job is not to bail out money-losing businesses, but to maintain law and order (which the state seems to be doing as well as City Markets, judging by the latest round of murder and crime statistics.) Government's job is not to reward losers with bailouts, and punish winners with increased taxes to fund those bailouts. The Government's job is to protect our rights and not to violate them with bailouts. The only proper policy is laissez-faire: hands off.

If Mr Mitchell thinks City Markets is so important that it must be saved at all costs, let him throw money from his own bank account after it, or find a group of private investors who will voluntarily throw their own money into it. But keep his hands out of the public treasury.

Regards,
Mark Da Cunha
Freeport, Bahamas

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The Central Bank of the Bahamas' quarterly digest for the 2011 second quarter, published yesterday, shows the national debt has risen by 41.1 per cent over the last four-and-a-half years, growing from \$2.887 billion at year-end 2006 to \$4.075 billion at the 2011 half-year. The greatest increase, of some \$688 million, took place between the 2008 and 2009 year-ends.

The Ingraham administration's strategy behind this, apart from being forced by revenue weakness to borrow to cover fixed costs, was outlined by Earl Deveaux, minister of the environment, at yesterday's Abaco Business Outlook conference.

Arguing that infrastructure projects such as the \$409.5 million Lynden Pindling International Airport (LPIA) redevelopment and \$135 million New Providence Road Improvement Project were intended to "facilitate investment opportunities and the

LOOK THROUGH 'COCK AND BULL' OF POLITICIANS

further development" of the Bahamas, Mr Deveaux said the Government's capital projects were also designed to minimise the recession's impact and prepare for an eventual economic recovery.

"In an effort to counter these effects on the construction industry, and to prepare the country for the gradual economic upturn, the Government of the Bahamas launched an initiative to enhance public infrastructure and create employment. The public infrastructure enhancement initiative has resulted in docks, bridges, roadworks and other capital works being executed on every major island of the Bahamas," he added.

Acknowledging the Government's good intentions, Mr D'Aguilar still questioned to Tribune Business whether some of its capital spending may have been undertaken on "a wing and a prayer", given that the anticipated economic recovery was unlikely to occur in the originally anticipated timeframe. The returns on its infrastructure

investment were thus likely to be some way off.

"The Government's run up a tonne of debt, but they always justify it by saying that we've got to prepare for when the upturn comes," the Superwash president told Tribune Business.

"The rate of increase [in the national debt] has been staggering, something the Government - any government - has to be mindful of. After the general election, there has to be some tough decisions made."

With the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and both Moody's and Standard & Poor's, arguing that the current national debt and fiscal deficit levels are unsustainable, the short-term course for the Government appears clear.

Analysing the implications, Mr D'Aguilar said: "We have a lot of dead weight in the public sector, and deadweight with the likes of Bahamasair, Water & Sewerage Corporation and ZNS that drain the Treasury.

"The politicians say we can afford it, and then we have to pay more. Someone has to explain to the Bahamian people that we can't afford these debts and deficits, and things are going to be more costly."

"People have to start looking through the cock and bull of politicians. Things are going to cost more, and potentially salaries are not going to go up."

The Bahamian economy could not be analysed in isolation, Mr D'Aguilar said, and the gloomy indicators from the US and world economy - as captured in this week's International Monetary Fund (IMF) world economic outlook - would "overflow" into this nation.

"The economy is not going to grow explosively today like it did in the past, and for some time to come," the Superwash president told Tribune Business, adding that the 2006-2008 period was something that probably should not have happened.

"There was so much money floating around that people were getting credit who shouldn't have done," he added. "2007-2008 maybe should not have happened, had lenders been prudent in the way they extended credit to people. Those were years that should never have happened."

In assessing his firm's current performance, Mr D'Aguilar said he was comparing its financial indicators to those from 2005-2006, rather than 2007-2008.

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BEC ON 'CUTTING EDGE' VIA OCEAN THERMAL

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executing an agreement that could ultimately lead to two multi-million dollar ocean thermal energy conversion (OTEC) plants being constructed in this nation, together supplying about 10 per cent of its power needs.

Michael Moss, BEC's chairman, said the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with US-based Ocean Thermal Energy Corporation (OTE) effectively made the Corporation and the Bahamas "pioneers" in this renewable energy field, as it could create the first plants "of utility scale."

The MoU, which translates years of renewable energy talk by BEC and the Government into something approaching tangible action, envisages OTE Corporation constructing the two plants under a build/own/operate agreement. BEC would then pay for the electricity they produce under a power purchase agreement.

Mr Moss said the two sides were looking at sites in New Providence and Andros for the proposed plants, exploiting the Tongue of the Ocean - and the sharp difference in water temperatures - as an ideal site for OTEC technology.

The BEC chairman said each plant's maximum output would be around 10 MW using today's available technology. Given that BEC's maximum peak load was around 230 MW, collectively they could provide the Corporation with 20 MW - around 8.7 per cent of its maximum output.

While the OTEC production amounts do not appear that significant, Mr Moss said the two plants would help to reduce the Bahamas' carbon emissions, thus benefiting the environment.

While declining to give both a timeline for the plants construction and the level of investment required, he added that the OTEC plants would create potential spin-off opportunities in areas such as aquaculture, agriculture and district cooling.

And, Mr Moss said, OTE Corporation was already talking to two Bahamas-based resorts, including one on New Providence, about providing cooling to their properties to reduce the air conditioning (A/C) burden and electricity bills.

While OTEC technology was being used on a pilot basis at a utility plant in Hawaii, the BEC chairman said the Bahamas was uniquely attractive to this renewable energy sector because of the Tongue of the Ocean.

OTE produced electricity from the "motor force between hot and cold", and water at both temperatures is located in close proximity at the Tongue of the Ocean (it goes from shallow to deep rapidly).

Referring to Hawaii, Mr Moss said: "They do not have the unique temperature gradient that we have near to shore through the Tongue of the Ocean. From warm to cold; that is the big driver."

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would be nice if we could see that. But I don't think that's possible in the near term, and if the economy in the US keeps going the way it's going, they will probably feel they have to increase spending."

James Smith, a former Central Bank governor and ex-minister of state for finance, said the BTC sale represented "one-off" proceeds, and added: "The real issue with government debt is the growing primary deficit, meaning there's a shortfall between recurrent revenue and recurrent expenditure. When you're running a primary deficit you're not collecting enough revenues to pay salaries, that's the real problem."

Mr Smith urged the Government to set out "a debt plan" for reducing the national debt and fiscal deficit, and their ratios as a percentage of gross domestic product (s). He added that it needed to look at areas such as increasing revenues, reforming the tax structure, containing recurrent spending and the size of the civil service/public sector, and pruning capital budgets such as maintenance amounts where feasible.

NATIONAL DEBT FALLS \$207M IN 2011 Q2

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If the MoU achieves its full potential, Mr Moss agreed that it would make the Bahamas a pioneer in terms of being the world's first nation to have a utility-scale OTEC plant. The next step in the process, he added, was for OTE Corporation to make sure the technology employed in Hawaii could be expanded to utility scale, and prove this to BEC.

"It would put us on the cutting edge," Mr Moss told Tribune Business of the MoU. "It's huge for us, because it's going to mark our first tangible steps in renewable energy, something we've been toying with for quite some while. This kind of opens the door to us pursue the opportunity."

"This awakens us to the fact we may not have pursued other opportunities as aggressively as we ought to, and we're going to look more seriously at some of the other renewable energy opportunities."

These would include solar and tidal energies, Mr Moss said, adding that BEC's renewable energy plans were "finally about to take off". While he normally shied away from being a pioneer and taking risks, the BEC chairman added that in this case he had been "almost forced to be on the cutting edge and forefront of technology" because of the Tongue of the Ocean's presence.

"We are looking at two primary sites in New Providence and Andros, either side of the Tongue of the Ocean," Mr Moss said. "Based on some of the studies I've seen, some of the ocean depths elsewhere in the Bahamas can be tapped into, but for the time being we're looking at those primary sites."

With the proposed Bahamas plants having four times the output capacity of the Hawaii pilot, Mr Moss said the parties would look to develop a 1 MW plant initially before expanding up to 5 MW, then 10 MW.

OTE Corporation's plans do not step there, Mr Moss revealed to Tribune Business: "I understand the firm is talking to hotel properties in terms of the prospects for district cooling, specifically cooling for those properties to reduce A/C loads."

"One such property is in New Providence, and one elsewhere in the Bahamas."

"I think it will be good if it proves cost effective for people, particularly large users of A/C, to reduce significantly their demand for power by tapping into cold water from the ocean."

Jeremy P. Feakins, chairman and chief executive of OTE, said: "We are thrilled to be partnered with BEC in this way. The agreement with BEC has a global impact as the first of its kind OTEC facility to utilise ocean water for clean energy, fresh drinking water and sustainable aquaculture in a commercial capacity."

BEC said it had spent \$290 million on capital projects and infrastructure improvements over the past 15 years.

BUSINESS

MOODY'S CUTS BOFA, WELLS FARGO AND CITI RATINGS

NEW YORK
Associated Press

MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICE lowered the debt ratings for Bank of America Corp., Wells Fargo & Co. and Citigroup Inc., saying it is now less likely that the U.S. government would step in and prevent the lenders from failing in a crisis.

The ratings firm said Wednesday that it believes the government is likely to provide some level of support for financial institutions, but is also more likely now than during the 2008 financial crisis to allow a large bank to fail should it become financially troubled.

The downgrades were widely expected after the three banks were placed on review by the ratings agency in June.

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They also stem partly from new laws that went into effect under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act that was passed last year.

The new law ended the possibility of the government bailing out a large financial firm and creates a way to liquidate failed financials.

Bank of America was the worst hit — with a two-notch downgrade in its key long-term debt ratings to Baa1 from A2.

Wells Fargo's long-term debt was downgraded by one notch to A2 from A1, while Citigroup's rating remained the same at A3.

However, Moody's downgraded Citi's short-term debt.

Moody's also downgraded the rating on both Bank of America and Wells Fargo for deposits. All of the ratings are investment grade.



STOCKS FALL AFTER FED DECISION TO BUY BONDS

NEW YORK
Associated Press

AFTER A DAY of anticipation, investors got the news from the Federal Reserve they were waiting for. They didn't like it.

Stocks fell after the Fed said it would buy long-term Treasuries and sell short-term ones to help the economy regain momentum. But the major stock indexes were fluctuating -- a typical reaction to any big move by the Fed.

By 3:15, the Dow Jones industrial average had fallen 79, or 0.7 percent, to 11,329. It was down as many as 157 points after the Fed announcement.

The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 11, or 0.9 percent, to 1,191. The Nasdaq composite rose 5, or 0.2 percent, to 2,596.

The central bank met for two days to discuss what to do about the weakening economy. After the meeting, it said it would buy \$400 billion in 6-year to 30-year Treasuries by June 2012. Over the same period, it planned to sell \$400 billion of Treasuries maturing in 3 years or less. The Fed's hope is that those steps will drive down interest rates on long-term debt. That could lower rates on mortgages and other loans.

The central bank's policy has been

dubbed "Operation Twist" because it is designed to "twist" long-term rates relative to shorter ones. It recalls a similar program in the early 1960s, when the twist was the rage on dance floors.

There were few, if any, surprises in the Fed's announcement.

This is the third major bond-buying program by the Fed in less than three years.

The market's reaction showed that investors are skeptical about this program's chances of turning the economy around.

"None of the enacted policies have done anything to spur this growth and I'm not sure the Fed can do (much)," said Michael Sansoterra, a portfolio manager at Silvant Capital Management.

But the drop in stocks wasn't investors' final verdict on the Fed move. It's common for stocks to change direction in the minutes, hours and days following an important Fed announcement, said Ryan Detrick, senior technical strategist at Schaeffer's Investment Research.

"After Fed announcements there's usually an initial reaction, seconds after," said Detrick. "Then there's usually a reversal. It seems like the initial

reaction is usually reversed the next day, because people take a closer look at what actually was said."

The Fed said in its statement announcing its plans that the economy has "significant downside risks." One of those risks is the volatility in financial markets around the world.

The International Monetary Fund said Wednesday the global financial system is in its most vulnerable state since the 2008 financial crisis. In a semi-annual report, the IMF said the risk to banks and financial markets has grown in recent months.

Investors may have thought that the Fed's ability to send long-term rates lower was limited.

"Let's face it: with a 10-year Treasury offering 1.90 percent, there's not a whole lot of room for there to be a major impact," said Mark Lamkin, the head of Louisville, Ky.-based Lamkin Wealth Management.

Lamkin said the Treasury market will most likely be driven more by economic weakness in Europe than the Fed's new program.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury was at 1.87 in late afternoon, down from 1.93 late Tuesday and matching a record low set earlier this month.

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(b) The dissolution of the said Company commenced on the 20th day of September, 2011 when its Articles of Dissolution were submitted to and registered by the Registrar General.

(c) The Liquidator of the said Company is Carol G. Gray, of 16825 Northchase Drive Houston, Texas 77060, U.S.A.

Dated the 20th day of September, 2011.

**HARRY B. SANDS, LOBOSKY MANAGEMENT CO. LTD.
Attorneys for the above-named Company**

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Dated the 20th day of September, A.D., 2011.

**Carol G. Gray
Liquidator
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NOTICE

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BUSINESS



GOOGLE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN Eric Schmidt testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011, before the Senate Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights subcommittee hearing to answer whether Google has used its dominance unfairly as it has grown from an Internet search engine expanding into broader services and markets. (AP)

GOOGLE HEAD DISPUTES THAT COMPANY THWARTS RIVALS

WASHINGTON
Associated Press

Google Inc. Executive Chairman Eric Schmidt told a Senate panel Wednesday that the company faces tough competition and isn't using its dominance in Internet search to stifle competitors.

Schmidt is testifying at a hearing examining whether Google is abusing its power to thwart competition by placing links to its own content and services at the top of search results to the disadvantage of its rivals' links.

Schmidt told lawmakers that the Internet search giant won't make the same mistakes as Microsoft Corp., which was curbed by the government several years ago when it was deemed to be exercising monopoly power.

Consumers will correct mistakes the company makes, he said. Schmidt insisted that Google could easily be unseated by better technology because competition is only a "click away" on the Internet.

Google's dominance of Internet search and advertising has put the company under regulatory scrutiny that is making it more difficult to expand its empire. A broad inquiry by the Federal Trade Commission

into Google's business practices could turn into a lengthy legal ordeal that becomes a major distraction for the company.

Schmidt asked the members of the Senate Judiciary subcommittee on antitrust for their help to ensure the FTC's investigation is "focused and fair."

Google, based in Mountain View, California, processes about two of every three online search requests in the U.S. and an even larger percentage in some parts of Europe. Its search results already highlight some of its own specialized services, including online mapping, video and finance.

"It's also possible to not use Google search," Schmidt told the panel.

The company also has faced complaints that it sometimes tries to rig its results in a way that forces advertisers to pay higher prices to ensure their links are displayed.

Schmidt faced some skepticism from senators. Panel Chairman Sen. Herb Kohl said he approaches the issue with an open mind. But, Kohl stressed, "We also need to recognize that, as the dominant firm in Internet search, Google has special obligations under

antitrust law to not deploy its market power to squelch competition."

Hundreds of thousands of businesses depend on Google "to grow and prosper," Kohl said.

Sen. Al Franken said he was concerned that Google's unrivaled growth and success could mean the next Internet entrepreneurs could be squeezed out of competing with the giant.

Schmidt also was challenged on Google's formula for ranking searches, which he said is changed every 12 hours or so.

Schmidt's appearance is being followed by a separate panel that's likely to skewer Google's behavior as unfair and, possibly, illegal.

The counterattacking speakers scheduled to appear include: Yelp CEO Jeremy Stoppelman, who says Google promotes its services by cribbing comments from his online review site; Jeff Katz, who runs Nextag, a shopping search engine; and Thomas Barnett, who investigated Google's search dominance in 2008 while he was leading the Justice Department's antitrust division. Barnett is now aligned with a group of Google critics called FairSearch that includes Microsoft.

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BUSINESS

HOME SALES IN US JUMP 7.7 PER CENT AS FORECLOSURES RISE

WASHINGTON
Associated Press

THE NUMBER of Americans who bought previously occupied homes rose in August. But the sales were driven by an increase in foreclosures, a sign that home prices could fall further next year and slow a housing recovery.

The National Association of Realtors said Wednesday that home sales rose 7.7 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.03 million homes. That's below the 6 million that economists say is consistent with a healthy housing market.

Last month's pace was slightly ahead of the 4.91 million sold in 2010, the worst sales level in 13 years.

Homes at risk of foreclosure made up 31 percent of sales. That's up from 29 percent in July. Many of the sales went to investors, who are increasingly buying homes priced under \$100,000. Sales in that category rose in August while sales of more expensive homes fell.

At the same time, activity among first-time buyers, who are critical to reviving the housing market, didn't budge. First-time buyers made up only 32 percent of sales, matching the July level. They normally make up 50 percent of home sales in healthy markets.

Economists offered a grim outlook for the next few months.

"With economic growth sputtering, the modest recov-

ery we have seen so far in home sales is likely to become even more sluggish," said Sam Bullard, senior economist at Wells Fargo.

Paul Dales, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics, said weaker consumer confidence and the "associated surge in concerns about the health of the overall economy," could send sales falling further this fall.

"There is a real possibility that all this put off potential buyers, meaning that fewer deals were signed in August and that existing home sales will fall back in September," he said.

Yet another complication: New maximum loan limits by government-controlled mortgage buyers Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. On Oct. 1, the maximum loan in high-cost areas will fall from \$729,750 to \$625,500 and, in some areas, to \$550,000. That means some buyers will be unable to get mortgages in cities where homes are more expensive, such as New York, San Francisco and Washington.

More than two years after the recession officially ended, many people can't qualify for loans or meet higher down-payment requirements. Even those with excellent credit and stable jobs are holding off because they fear that home prices will keep falling. Home sales are also being hurt by a steep decline in first-time buyers.

Sales have fallen in four of the five years since the housing boom went bust in 2006. Declining prices and record-low mortgage rates haven't been enough to boost sales.

Most economists say home prices will keep falling, by at least 5 percent, through the rest of the year. Many forecasts don't anticipate a rebound in prices until at least 2013.

The median sales price dropped roughly to \$168,300 in August from July. A key reason was the rise in foreclosures and short sales — when a lender accepts less than what is owed on the mortgage. Those homes sell at an average discount of 20 percent.

Investors are taking advantage of the discounts. Their purchases made up 22 percent of all sales last month, compared with 18 percent in July.

The high rate of foreclosures has made re-sold homes much cheaper than new



THIS SEPT. 19, 2011 PHOTO, shows a home with a real estate sign in front, in Newton, Mass. The number of Americans who bought previously occupied homes rose in August. But sales were driven by an increase in foreclosures, evidence the housing market remains weak. (AP)

homes. The median price of a new home is roughly 30 percent higher than the price of one that's been occupied before — twice the normal markup.

And deals that are near closing are falling apart at the last minute. Contracts were cancelled at a higher rate in August, with 18 percent of Realtors saying they had at least one contract scuttled. That's up from 16 percent in July.

The Obama administration is trying to expand a program that allows homeowners to refinance their mortgages. But economists say that will do little to help the depressed housing market.

Across the U.S., home sales rose in every region. In the West, sales increased 18.3 percent, with prices there dropping significantly over the past year. Sales rose 5.4 percent in the South, 3.8 percent in the Midwest and 2.7 percent in the Northeast.

The glut of unsold homes declined slightly in August to 3.58 million homes. At last month's sales pace, it would take 8.5 months to clear those homes. Analysts say a healthy supply can be cleared in six months.

AMERICAN AIRLINES GIVES UPBEAT 3Q REVENUE OUTLOOK

DALLAS
Associated Press

American Airlines said Wednesday that its revenue is rising, but higher fuel prices are also pushing up costs in the third quarter.

Analysts had mixed reviews for the latest news from American, the nation's third-largest airline. They praised the upbeat revenue forecast but noted that while other airlines are making money, American parent AMR Corp. is expected to post losses through next year.

AMR's stock price has fallen 55 percent this year through Tuesday, and one analyst suggested that management changes may be needed if the company doesn't come up with a plan to win back investor confidence.

The company updated its outlook in a filing Wednesday with the Securities and Exchange Commission. AMR said third-quarter revenue per mile will rise between 7.8 percent and 8.8 percent compared with a year ago, even with a \$25 million loss from flights can-

celled because of Hurricane Irene last month.

Analysts said the upbeat revenue news, along with similar comments from United Continental Holdings Inc. and Delta Air Lines Inc., should ease fears that the weak economy has hurt travel demand.

But analysts were discouraged that AMR expects costs per mile to rise by 9.2 percent to 10.2 percent. Most of the increase is due to jet fuel but AMR said other costs are rising too.

AMR also said it might take a big write-down in the fourth quarter to cover the falling value of its older planes. American is replacing some of its gas-guzzlers, and recently announced plans to buy 460 planes over the next several years.

A J.P. Morgan analyst widened his estimated third-quarter loss for AMR, and a Dahlman Rose & Co. analyst cut her target price on AMR shares.

The harshest comments, however, came from long-time airline analyst Ray Neidl of Maxim Group LLC, who said management and labor at American Airlines need a wake-up call.

Neidl said the airline's labor costs are too high — an argument that American's management makes at every opportunity — and that the company's leaders are riding on its storied history instead of adapting to changes in the industry. American fell from the world's biggest airline in 2008 to No. 3 in the U.S. today as rivals grew through mergers — first Delta and Northwest, then United and Continental.

"AMR remains an attractive franchise in our opinion that is undermanaged," Neidl wrote in a note to clients. "The current management seems to be more of a caretaker of a deteriorating asset."

Neidl said AMR does not face imminent bankruptcy because it has \$4.9 billion in cash — although that's down by \$900 million in just three months.

He added if company leaders don't produce a workable plan to regain investor confidence, it may be necessary to replace them "to save the carrier in the long term."

AMR officials did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Shares of AMR fell 10 cents, or 2.9 percent, to \$3.38 in afternoon trading. This year's share price drop of 55 percent compared with declines of 13 percent at United Continental, 34 percent at Delta, 35 percent at Southwest Airlines Co., and 40 percent at US Airways Group Inc.



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BUSINESS

NEW FORECAST

HOLIDAY SEASON COULD BE A BAH-HUMBUG FOR RETAILERS

NEW YORK Associated Press

IT LOOKS like retailers will have to work extra hard to keep this holiday season from turning into a bah humbug.

A new forecast indicates that sales growth will likely not be as high as last year and that shoppers won't be hitting the stores as much.

Retail sales for the November and December period are expected to rise 3 percent during what is traditionally the most critical period of the year for retailers, according to the research firm ShopperTrak. That would be below last year's 4.1 percent sales growth.

The holiday sales prediction matches the outlook from the International Council of Shopping Centers, which released its forecast on Friday.

Shoppers have been cautious about spending through 2011, faced with uncertain economic conditions, rising gas prices and high unemployment.

Heading into the holiday season, job worries are emerging as the most important problem in the U.S., according to a recent Gallup Poll.

Thirty-nine percent of Americans in September cite unemployment as the most important problem facing the country, up from 29 percent in August, Gallup reported last week.

This means many consumers



IN THIS 2010 PHOTO, shoppers carry their bags as they walk in downtown Seattle. A new forecast indicates that sales will likely not be as high as last year and that shoppers won't be hitting the stores as much. (AP)

sumers are still seeking out bargains, buying essential goods over discretionary items and curbing purchases for themselves.

Another reason retailers may not be jolly this year is that a measure of customer traffic in the stores is expected to be down 2.2 percent over the holidays.

With shoppers hitting stores less frequently or deciding to make online purchases instead, this means retailers will be under even more pressure to get consumers to buy when they are out at the malls.

"Every shopper in a store will be more valuable than last year, and retail stores should be ready to convert their holiday shoppers into sales," ShopperTrak co-founder Bill Martin said in a statement on Wednesday. The research firm measures foot traffic in 25,000 stores in the U.S. and blends those figures

with economic data. Holiday sales and traffic traditionally make up about 20 percent of annual retail activity, according to ShopperTrak.

When consumers do head out to the stores for the holidays, the divide that's been seen this year between luxury purchases and bargain shopping will continue.

ShopperTrak says specialty shops that sell low-end clothing and accessories may feel the need to cut prices to compete with discount chains, but that upscale stores will likely be able to cash in on consumers looking for goods they feel will hold up over long-term use.

The retail analyst expects clothing and accessories sales to rise 2.7 percent over the holidays, but for its traffic to dip 1.1 percent compared with a year ago.

Electronics and appliance sales are expected to rise 1.2 percent from the previous year, but traffic is predicted to fall 4.9 percent.

ShopperTrak says the category will likely be hurt as consumers do comparison shopping and then buy online as well as the lack of any "hot" holiday product that will draw in more shoppers.

The demise of many of the nation's consumer electronics chains, such

as Circuit City, has also left consumers with fewer places to shop.

The National Retail Federation, the nation's

largest retail industry group, is expected to release its holiday revenue forecast early next month.

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CFAL Securities Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
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	1.6128	2.61%	4.53%	1.591803	1.580604	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	114.469744	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			
9.9952	9.5078	Royal Fidelity Bah Intl Investment Fund Principal	9.9433	0.98%	4.58%			31-May-11			
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10.6813	9.4372	Protected TIGRS, Series 2	10.9652	0.78%	5.70%			31-Jul-11			
		Protected TIGRS, Series 3	10.6013	5.75%	13.20%			31-Jul-11			
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YIELD - last 12 month dividends divided by closing price											
Bid \$ - Buying price of Colina and Fidelity											
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EPS \$ - A company's reported earnings per share for the last 12 mths											
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FINDEX - The Fidelity Bahamas Stock Index. January 1, 1994 = 100											
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LANDLORD

Up Close and Personal

By JEFFARAH GIBSON
Tribune Features Writer

BACK on the music scene after a seven-year break, Bahamian Gospel artist Landlord is sharing deeply personal experiences with his listeners on his new album "Landlord Up Close and Personal".

His fourth studio album features collaborations with artists such as Johnny Williams, Daronique Mortimer, Christian Massive, Manifest, Luciano and many more.

"The album was originally supposed to be called 'Landlord and Friends'. However, we went with 'LandLord Up Close And Personal' because the project is a very personal one. I went through a lot over the past years and on this album I am sharing my personal issues with my listeners," he told *Tribune Religion*.

The artist said the project is a special one because of its message.

"It's message is what makes this project a very special one. The album to me is like a gas station; it fuels me every time I listen to it. It uplifts my spirit and it is encouraging. Everyone needs a little fuel and I think my album does that," he said.

After taking a seven-year break, Landlord is now back on the music scene.

"My last project was the 'We Need Peace' album. That was the last thing I did. The time between that I focused on getting my music together and I am very pleased and feel very good about the way things have been going. Everything is coming together perfectly," Landlord said.

Caribbean television station Tempo

will shoot a video for the single 'Stay With Me' from the album.

"I am shooting the video in the Bahamas and I am very excited about this."

Landlord is also planning a US tour later in the year.

It was in 1995, during a special outreach initiative in the middle of Rawson Square, that Landlord said he traded a life of sorrow for a life of real peace.

His introduction to Christ came as a result of the radical evangelistic work of Operation Redemption founder Minister Carlos Reid and Youth Alive Ministries founder Dave Burrows.

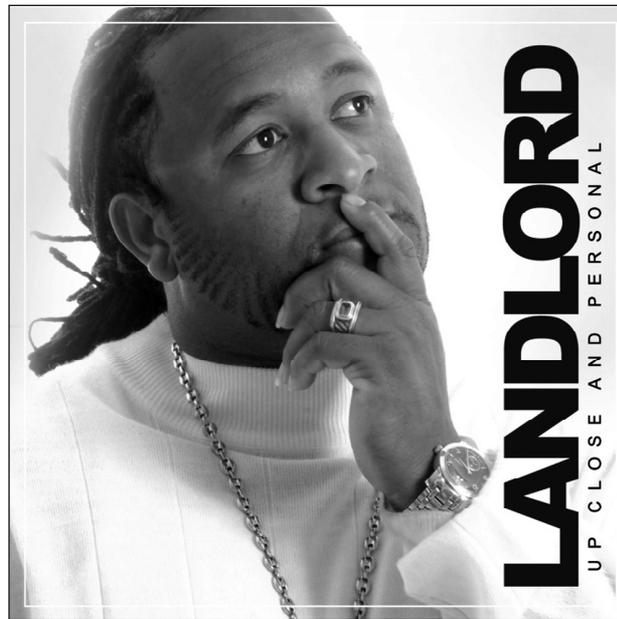
From that point on, life took on a new meaning for the artist.

And under the mentorship of Mr Reid, Mr Burrows and his new pastor, Dr Myles Munroe, Landlord started to grow spiritually.

He said he soon discovered that the purpose for his untapped talent was giving glory to God and winning souls like himself for Christ.

In 1999, Landlord released his second project, a full-length album entitled "Never Forget Where You Come From".

Following the CD's release, Landlord spent the next few years promoting the album and expanding his ministry-on-the-road in countries like Nigeria,



BACK IN THE HABIT: after a seven-year break, Bahamian Gospel artist Landlord is sharing deeply personal experiences with his listeners on his new album "Landlord Up Close and Personal".

England, Barbados, Tulsa, Mexico and Jamaica. He also spent time in Orlando and Jacksonville in Florida.

Since the release of the "We Need Peace" single with Luciano, Landlord said he has successfully established meaningful relationships with artists from all around the world. The hit single and video also landed in the top ten charts on the reggae music website www.musikmedia.com.

Additionally, Landlord became the first Bahamian artist ever to grace the German secular music charts, peaking at number five with "We Need Peace".

Anglican diocese ordains two new Deacons

WHITFIELD Hutcheson and Richard Allen Wood were ordained to the order of Holy Order of Deacons last week Thursday at St Barnabas Anglican Church.

The Feast of St Ninian, the founder of the Christian church in Scotland, was also celebrated that day.

In attendance were Anglicans, Baptists and persons from the wider community who gathered to share in the special moment in the life of the Anglican Church and the newly ordained deacons.

The combined ordination took the form of a Concelebrated Mass, with Rev Laish Boyd Sr, Bishop of the Diocese of

The Bahamas and The Turks & Caicos Islands, serving as chief celebrant.

Both Hutcheson and Wood are products of the public education system. Mr Wood attended Naomi Blatch and Yellow Elder Primary Schools, as well as C H Reeves and Government High Schools. He was graduated from the College of The Bahamas with an Associate Degree in Religious Studies.

In May, 2011 he graduated from Codrington College, Barbados, with a Diploma in Pastoral Studies, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology from the University of the West Indies, Barbados.

Mr Wood is the son of Willis Eric Wood Sr and Wennie Albena Turnquest, husband to Nekita Eleanor Wood, and father to daughters, Ranesha Alia and Ranajah Akia.

He is currently serving at the Parish of the Most Holy Trinity, Stapledon Gardens, New Providence.

Ordinand Hutcheson is a former veteran broadcaster, having worked at the Bahamas Broadcasting Corporation for nearly 22 years and rising to the rank of senior manager of radio.

Affectionately known as "Brudder

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RELIGIOUS NEWS, STORIES
AND CHURCH EVENTS



Perilous times

(2 TIM. 3:1) "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come."

Can you stand to hear the truth or do you wish to continue hearing the religious rhetoric and prophet lying like, "I don't know who I'm talking to in here, but God told me to tell you that He's about to bless you with a house or a car or some other material blessing," that's being echoed throughout today's church?

As a young man, I didn't grow up in what we call a Christian home, but I've always had a sense/ reverence for the things of God (Yahweh).

Growing up in Coconut Grove, whenever and wherever there was a tent meeting, church service, revival taking place, I was there. I now know that it was God who kept me around to help with the setting up and taking down of the tents after the meetings. I was at every service, every night, no matter the denomination; as a matter of fact I didn't know anything about denominations until several years ago.

As a pastor today, through the leading of the Holy Spirit, I do have a much greater sense of appreciation for the word of God as I'm watching the Bible being fulfilled right before my very eyes.

Watch this!

(2 Tim.3:2) "For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred."

I know that I'm the least of the least when it comes to being an educated person – especially here in this educated Bahamas – but one need not be a seminary graduate, a Harvard scholar or a rocket scientist to understand the above passage of scripture; just simply observing what's taking place in our society on a daily bases makes the scriptures come alive.

What is also most frightening is that some of these actions are found right in the



PASTOR MATTHEW ALLEN

church. Yes, right in the church, right among the supposedly anointed, Holy Spirit-filled, tongue-talking, Bible-toting, scripturequoting saints, or should I say "aints"

Based upon the word of God, let's continue looking within and outside of the church, and as you're reading this article, you answer this question: Are we living in the last days? Are these perilous times?

(2 Tim.3: 3): "They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control; they will be cruel and have no interest in what is good."

The daily increasing murder rate is a direct reflection of the unloving and unforgiving nature that is so rampant in our society. One of the easiest things to do is shift responsibility and accountability, especially when things begin to go wrong.

I'm constantly hearing religious leaders casting blame upon the government for the deterioration of our society and family values, yet these same religious leaders are looking to the government for programmes to deal with the many ills of our society.

But if the truth be told, the fault of the deterioration that exists within the family cannot and should not be laid at the government's feet but rather at the doors of the church, at the church leaders' feet.

The church is now being led by cunning, crafty and selfish religious leaders with ulterior motives who through trickery and gimmicks have wormed their way into the hearts of many rather than Holy Spirit led

church leaders.

Here's how the Apostle Paul says it.

(2 Tim.3:5) "They will act as if they are religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. You must stay away from people like that. (3:6) They are the kind who work their way into people's homes and win the confidence of vulnerable women who are burdened with the guilt of sin and controlled by many desires."

These are perilous times, but no matter how the enemy flexes his muscles and uses those leaders who make themselves available to him, God will always make a way of escape for those who sincerely call upon and trust in Him.

There is a move of God that's about to hit this Bahamaland like never ever before.

Exposure is coming to the church in such a way that many will hold their heads and publicly cry out to God for mercy.

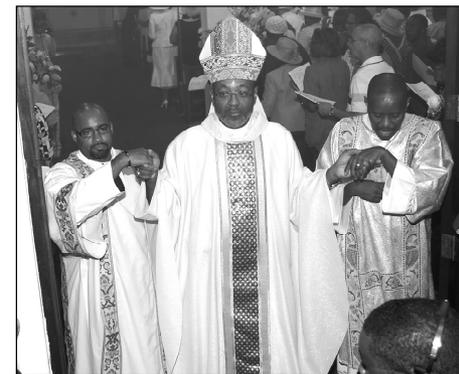
As we come to the end of this article, I strongly advise that you take stock of your spiritual intake.

The time has come and gone for us to continually turn our heads and close our eyes to the spiritual wickedness in high places. The enemy truly loves the ignorance of church folk when it comes to following twisted religions and wicked traditions of men. Most religious church folk would wholeheartedly obey their various denominations, and when it's convenient they will partially obey the word of God.

It's time for the church to awake from its sleep and slumber; it's perilous times.

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Pastors Matthew and Brendalee Allen Kingdom Minded Fellowship Center International



BISHOP Boyd escorts the new Deacons out of St. Barnabas Church, at the end of the Ordination Service

ANGLICAN DIOCESE ORDAINS TWO NEW DEACONS

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Hutch", he has his religious roots in the Baptist faith where he was nurtured by his parents, the late Rev John Mervin Hutcheson and Nathalie Jane Hutcheson.

He converted to Anglicanism as an adult, and thanks the church family of St Barnabas led by Canon Basil Tynes for welcoming him as a member, nurturing him, and for preparing him for ministry.

Mr Hutcheson attended and was graduated from C C Sweeting Senior High School in 1975.

In May this year he was graduated from the University of the West Indies, Barbados, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology and a Diploma in Pastoral Studies from Codrington College.

He is married to Bernadette Naomi Hutcheson and is the proud father of sons Denzel Washington and Dennard Wesley.

Mr Hutcheson is currently serving at St George's Church, Mount Rose Avenue, New Providence.

Well guess what, faith is God's word. Scripture tells us that faith comes by hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17). So if faith comes by hearing and what one is hearing must be the word of God, then it is clear that faith is the word of God.

I beg you on this wonderful morning, read the scriptures frequently so that you would have no problem retrieving the word when it is time to pray. I have found it to be most effective.

In praying the word you are literally coming in agreement with God's word and according to scripture (Hebrews. 11:6) this is what pleases him.

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THE MYSTERY OF POWERFUL PRAYERS

THE QUALITY of our prayer is dependent on how much of God's word is inclusive in our prayer.

We are commanded to always pray (Luke 18:1). Why? Because spiritual battles are consistent and never-ending; we are of the view that if things are good the invisible war (spiritual war) is done. No my friend, this thinking can be deadly and at best misleading.

Our weapons become even more powerful when we pray the scriptures.

Scripture says, "The word of God is quicker, powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing and dividing asunder of soul and spirit and of the joints and marrow and is a discernor of



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the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Heb. 4:12)

Now you tell me what earthly weapon can do such a thing?

Usually when I pray, I imagine the word as a sword being wielded and inflicting damage in the world that we cannot see but very much exists. No

wonder that God said to remind him of his word. Not that he had forgotten his word, but that we must use it to cause more damage in the spirit world. So even though we're praying words, those words become weapons.

Let us look at another scripture, James 5:13-15. Is it not interesting when James said that if any among you are afflicted let him pray (5:13)?

However, in James 5:15 he not only speaks of prayer but the prayer of faith.

Now, as a reminder, God said that it is impossible to please him without faith (Hebrews 11:6), so clearly faith is a necessity as it relates to our prayers, but what is faith?

THE CHALLENGE OF ENEMIES

WHO is an enemy? Anyone who wishes us hurt and harm intentionally, without remorse.

An old woman, 82 years old, sits and reads or lies asleep. Someone who enters under cover of night, beats, rapes, and kills her. This was her enemy.

A child listens half asleep for the dreaded footsteps of a male parent, guardian, uncle, brother or boyfriend of the mother. He assaults and molests that child, saying "don't tell or I'll kill you."

This supposed loved one is an enemy of this child.

A young person in school is accosted by bullies, called cruel names while being pushed into a wall and humiliated. These are the enemy of this student.

Often the bully is the child molested at home who may become the criminal who has no heart or conscience. Enemies multiply very often as "hurt people."



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PALACIOS

A system needs a certain number to be poor, needs prices to stay high and a percentage of the population to be unemployed. This system is the enemy of the dispossessed.

A preacher steals all the church's money because there is no accountability. A politician sells a country for arms, drugs or money. A leader is assassinated so that a democratic government may be secretly overthrown, permitting terrorism to emerge and military rule to be encouraged. These are all enemies of the people.

We destroy nature in our greed. We

sell children to become prostitutes and subjects of child pornography. Domestic violence increases. Wars erupt and innocent people are killed. The world becomes its own enemy. When will we learn?

In Romans 8:18-25, we are told that sin caused all creation to fall from its perfect state created by God so that it is unable to fulfill its intended purpose. While we wait for redemption we must focus on the promised glory, though we groan inwardly. It is for us to still have hope, waiting eagerly yet patiently.

Are we able to remember this when the enemy attacks us? Are we prone to be pessimistic or to despair? Can we then wait patiently doing what is right, not wearying in well doing?

In Mt. 13: 24-30, 36-43, our Lord explains that good work is like a farmer who plants seed. An enemy (Satan) seeking to destroy all good work, plants weeds in the farmer's field during the

night. All of the plants look alike when they sprout, but the farmer tells his servants to wait until the harvest when their difference will be very obvious. At that time (the end of the age) angels will gather the weeds (the evil) to destroy them, while the wheat (the righteous) will be saved.

The message is a challenge to examine ourselves to see if we are the enemies of God's plan.

Let us each ask ourselves: How sincere is my faith? How fruitful is my life? How obedient am I in seeking to make disciples every day (praying with someone, talking to someone about the Lord, encouraging someone to come to Christ and live a godly life)? If the believers and unbelievers are to be found side by side then only our Christian life or lifestyle will show the difference. Let your love be seen and your light shine to persuade your enemies to become God's friends.

The Twins

ON JULY 31 this year, Bethel Baptist Church celebrated 221 years of service to God.

The memorable thing about this service was the sermon Rev Timothy Stewart preached.

It was so powerful that from that day his message has not left my mind and spirit. He talked about two twins that have taken over our country in a serious way. The twins names are 'greed' and 'corruption', and without a shadow of a doubt he is absolutely correct.

I know that morality is a work in progress, however, if practiced you will get the needed results.

It is a problem now because we moved away from sound Godly teaching. Whenever anyone does that it's only a matter of time before everything goes down hill. We are better than that, how did we allow this to happen?

I listen to the stories that my parents, my pastor and every adult who was raised in '40s, '50s and '60s tell.

How everyone raised everyone's children. How they believed and lived by the idea of a village raising a child.

Nowadays if you want to verbally correct a child their parents come to physically fight the person who's helping them with their children.



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MILLER

I don't know if parents realise it or not, but they can't watch their children 24/7 and they need help.

I hear the stories of how you were greeted with a "good morning", "good afternoon" and "good evening". These days when you walk into an establishment and speak two people may answer while the rest of them look at you like you're crazy. I watch pedestrians walk in front of moving vehicles and make eye contact with the driver as to say, "yeah you hit me."

Then there is the matter of injustice towards the small man. It seems that with all the changes and decisions that are made in this country only the small man suffers in the end.

It's every man for himself and God for us all. How did we get to this point?

Our love has really gone cold. I take solace in the fact that God is above and He sees and know all things. The Bible

tells us that whatever seeds we sow we shall reap.

No matter what we put in place to solve whatever problems we have, we have to understand that Jesus is the answer. If we are truly serious about our country changing for the better then we need to work on and invest in people. Unless the heart and mind of men and women changes towards God we will keep on this path of rebellion and destruction.

We must put the twins away and reform them to moral and Godly living. I know a lot of people believe that honesty is no longer the best policy and that nice guys finish last.

That's not true, I don't believe that. I believe it is still good to be honest and it's better to be nice than disgusting. When we live the way God says we are to live I assure you that you will not regret it but be very pleased with your decision.

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Ancestral Stories

Remembering BRADLEY

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THREE years ago you could have seen Bradley “BJ” Roker’s smiling face behind the front desk at the Coral Towers, Atlantis. Just over three months ago you could have found him at a New Providence beach party or at Fishfry on Sunday night partying away.

Today, you would have to visit him on Spikenard Road in the Southern Cemetery.

Bradley died two weeks ago in the Princess Margaret Hospital due to complications from dengue fever. He was 23 years old.

“It is sad because it was somebody who was really vibrant. Really outgoing. He did things to the fullest. In his short life he did a lot of things; travelled, met a lot of people. If you knew who he was, to see him in that state you could not believe it. Everyone would break down crying,” said good friend Christopher Payne.

Wherever the party was, Bradley would be there. The Government High School graduate loved the fashion and hospitality industry.

“He did not have to die, but because he did not get the attention that he needed in the right space of time, he just eventually passed away. It was awful,” said Mr Payne.

Peace of mind is not coming easy for friends and family of Bradley, but not just because their “vibrant, no-nonsense” BJ is gone.

The last days and weeks of Bradley’s life were a traumatic and trying experience for everyone. Bradley suffered kidney failure, internal bleeding, anemia, hallucinations and a number of medical complications. He was unable to eat, use the bathroom or talk, and he was vomiting “black blood”. He

also had to be restrained in his hospital bed.

His family and friends had to see him through the different medical trials and wrestle with the public health system at the same time, trying to secure the best medical care. Family members said the experience was “just a nightmare”.

Karen Ingraham, the deceased’s aunt, said she was woken up at 7am one morning by a honking horn. It was a family friend who worked at the hospital come to tell her that her nephew had died at 3am that morning and the hospital already moved him to the morgue. The family was devastated that no one had called.

“He had the hiccups for four days. Everyone knows you are not supposed to have hiccups for more than four minutes. After a while that becomes life threatening. When he was asleep, he was having the hiccups and breathing at the same time,” Mr Payne said.

For a period of three to four months, Mrs Ingraham said she was taking Bradley back and forth to the hospital. Each time they would send him home with instructions to drink lots of liquids and take Panadol.

Bradley suffered several infections and each time it got worse, the family said.

“About three weeks before he died, around one in the morning, he had a seizure, and he had a high fever. I called the ambulance; they stabilised him and took him in. When he got there originally he sent me a text message and said, ‘Karen, I should not be here too long because this place is empty’,” said Mrs Ingraham.

About five hours later, Mrs Ingraham received another text to say Bradley was yet to see a doctor. This experience was one in a long line of “awful” experiences, she said.

The South Beach Clinic was the only place that gave them comfort, the family said. Despite the horrible memories of Bradley’s last days family members are taking comfort in the vibrant life that Bradley lived.



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— Christopher Payne”

SPORTS

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

INSIDETRAK

NFL PRO PICKS: LIONS ROARING AS ROAD FAVOURITE



TURN TO 2E...

TITLE-HOLDER AC MILAN REMAINS WINLESS IN SERIE A

TURN TO 4E...

VICK TAKES PART IN WALK THROUGH, MAY PLAY ON SUNDAY

TURN TO 5E...

TONGA'S QUARTER FINAL HOPES STILL ALIVE AFTER 31-18 WIN

TURN TO 7E...

POOP DECK EAGLES ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNEY



TURN TO 8E.

National stadium may be certified training centre

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In an effort to bolster the training regimen for its national team programme, Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations (BAAA) executives suggest the way forward for the governing body and its athletes will begin to take shape in the near future.

Those initiatives include the Bahamas drawing their top elite athletes back home to train on Bahamian soil similar to other powerhouse countries in the Caribbean like Jamaica, Cuba and Puerto Rico.

According to BAAA president Mike Sands, the Bahamas is just steps away from being named.

"The Bahamas is ready to receive an IAAF accreditation because of the level of coaching expertise that we have in this country, whereby the IAAF will put us on their list as an accredited training centre for persons wishing to come, like Jamaica has their training centre, like Cuba has their training centre and like Puerto Rico has their training centre. Those are the discussions that we had with the IAAF," he said.

"I have been talking to coaches, I've been talking to almost every athlete to ask them the pros and the cons of them training at home. Every single athlete that medalled for Jamaica is now training in Jamaica.

"I am now trying to get our athletes to come home and train. They have indicated to me the impediments of coming home and doing so. The impediments are not that difficult to overcome moving forward. It will take more money but, at the end of the day, we look at it as an investment and not a cost."

Jamaica was one of the leading countries in the region to be granted permission by the IAAF to host a certified training camp in Kingston. As a result of that decision, quite a number of athletes remain at home to train and there are other athletes from around the world who also take advantage of the facility provided.

With the new Thomas A Robinson Track and Field Stadium in place, the Bahamas could very well do the same thing as Jamaica, if granted the certification.

Not only athletes, but it is hoped that the cadre of Bahamians coaching in the United States will also return home.

With newly equipped state-of-the-art facilities, the Bahamas could also be following the same path as Jamaica, the only country in the region to host the global junior championship meet for athletes 18 years and younger in 2003.



STADIUM TALKS: If granted IAAF certification, the new state-of-the-art Thomas A Robinson Track and Field Stadium (shown) could be a training centre for elite athletes.

The Bahamas has put in a bid for the hosting of the IAAF World Junior Championships in 2014.

"The 2013 Carifta Games is on the drawing board and the Bahamas is highly favoured to host. The 2014 World Junior Championships, we have submitted a letter of intent and the Bahamas has a better than 60-70 (per cent) chance of landing the World Junior Championships in 2014," Sands noted.

In hosting duties, the IAAF wants to stage the All Relay Championships and, while no official date has been released, the IAAF is targeting July 2013 for the launch with the Bahamas being considered as the initial host.

With an all relay meet in the works, the issue of training camps to prepare our team will once again become a

point of consideration after the much debated performances in Daegu at the World Championships.

"The Pan Am Games are the middle of next month. One thing that I must take up with Congress the next time we meet is that this region ought not bid for any event that is going to be so far out of the norm for competition because at the end of the day they have difficulties either finding the athletes or the athletes being in condition," Sands said.

"We have to seriously take a look at our budget and find a way going into 2012 how to revisit some of the issues we have as it relates to expenditures and finding funds to ensure that we have a training camp going into 2012 and training camps make a world of difference in that regard."

UWC sprint triathlon set for Sunday

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A LEADING international non-governmental organisation seeks to increase its profile in the Bahamas while fostering a major fundraising effort.

United World Colleges Bahamas is scheduled to host the "UWC Triathlon Bahamas" at Clifton Heritage Park this Sunday (September 25).

Set to begin at 7am, the sprint triathlon event will feature a 750m swim, 20-kilometer (12.4 mile) bike ride and five kilometer run.

Participants, grouped in several categories ranging from age 15 to over 70, can race individually or join either male, female or co-ed relay teams.

The swim will consist of a clockwise buoy race, the cycling portion of the race will take place on the "Albany Loop" and the run consists of a 5K out-and-back along the trails inside of Clifton Heritage Park.

The UWC is a global educational NGO that seeks to unite students from across the globe who have been awarded based on merit and "irrespective of race, religion, politics or the ability to pay, with the aim of fostering peace and international understanding."

It was founded by Kurt Kahn under the premise that: "Students aged 16 to 18 are grounded in their own cultures, but still impressionable enough to learn from each other."

In the Bahamas, UWC premiered in 1971 and sent its first ambassador. In nearly 40 years, over 90 Bahamian students have graduated from UWC Colleges.

His Excellency LB Johnson served as chairman of the UWC national committee until 2008 before the position was filled by Mrs BJ Clancy-Deveaux.

His Excellency Governor General Arthur Hanna is the patron of the programme.

The Bahamas UWC

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FIFA TO HOST REFEREE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

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THE Bahamas will once again be called upon as hosts to the international body for the world's most popular game, in an initiative aimed at the development of officiating.

FIFA is scheduled to host its Referee Assistance Programme in the Bahamas October 14-18.

The RAP was designed to unify the way the laws of the game are applied throughout the world, a

process that FIFA instructors consider crucial to the development of the game.

In the programme, referees are guided by the development officers through classroom sessions as well as practical exercises out on the pitch.

The relatively young programme was founded in December of 2007 and has been well-received throughout the various confederations.

"The future of our game is intrinsically linked with the quality of refereeing. Therefore, the Refereeing Assistance Programme is crucial for

football," said FIFA President Joseph Blatter at the time of its release. "The decision to launch this programme is a milestone in the history of the game."

In total, FIFA has invested approximately 40 million dollars into the programme, according to its website.

The RAP has been credited with enhancing the environment in which referees develop and work at both the national and international level.

Also on the refereeing front, the BFA Referees Department has

recognised BFA vice president and chairman of the Referees Committee, Stanley Darville, who has been appointed to the CONCACAF (Confederation of North, Central America and the Caribbean Football Federation) Elite Panel of Referee Assessors, and was recently appointed to the CONCACAF Gold Cup where he was selected as the Referee Assessor for the final match between Mexico and the US.

Darville continues to receive

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NFL PRO PICKS: WEEK THREE



LINEMEN: Members of the Detroit Lions defense, including Kyle Vanden Bosch (93) and Corey Williams (99), stop Tampa Bay Buccaneers tight end Kellen Winslow (82) after a first-quarter reception for quarterback Josh Freeman during Sunday's game. (AP)

LIONS ROARING AS ROAD FAVOURITE

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Now that's more like it. Pro Picks rallied as if Josh Freeman was leading the charge, going 11-4-1 against the spread and 13-3 straight up. That was as impressive a turnaround as what the Steelers and Titans displayed in Week 2 after ugly openers.

Or as noteworthy as what is going on for Detroit. The Lions not only are 2-0, but this week are road favorites. In a division game, no less.

The Lions' roar has been heard in Tampa and at Ford Field, with Detroit outscoring the Bucs and then the Chiefs by a combined 75-23. This isn't the team we've grown to ignore except when they host the early Thanksgiving Day game — or when they are going 0-16.

Nope, these Lions are a 30-point choice at Minnesota, and rightfully so after the power they have shown. The Vikings are 0-2 and, while they haven't been nearly as hapless as some of the other winless squads, they twice have blown late leads.

In this game, they won't likely have a late lead. Or any sort of lead, unless the Lions get cocky. "We have some experienced players and they know that two games don't make a season," Lions coach Jim Schwartz said. "We have a hard-working group of players that understand that it's not about what you've done in the past, it's what you do in the future ... nobody's trying to rain on any parades or anything else, but it's two games."

Soon to be three games won.
LIONS, 24-16

New England (minus 9) at Buffalo
We usually like home underdogs. In this case, though, see last week: "Until otherwise notified, the Patriots will be the choice to cover, whatever the spread."
BEST BET: PATRIOTS, 41-28

NFL Week 3: Lions roaring as road favorite

The Lions' roar has been heard in Tampa and at Ford Field, with Detroit outscoring the Bucs and then the Chiefs by a combined 75-23. The Lions for so long an NFL laughingstock, are giving fans a team that hasn't had a winner on the football field in a while.

MATCHUP/PICK	STORYLINE
Jaguars 16 at Panthers 27	Time for Cam Newton to get his first pro win
Texans 27 at Saints 34	Inside Superdome could be a true proving ground for Texans
Patriots 41 at Bills 28	Until otherwise notified, go with the Patriots
Dolphins 16 at Browns 13	Let the weirdness continue for Fish: lose at home, win on road
Broncos 20 at Titans 24	Titans will get plenty from Chris Johnson this week
Giants 17 at Eagles 24	With/without Michael Vick, Eagles are healthier (and superior) team
Lions 24 at Vikings 16	Soon to be three games won for Lions
49ers 16 at Bengals 13	Niners' first road game
Jets 20 at Raiders 19	This would be an upset if the Raiders were healthier
Chiefs 20 at Chargers 30	Chiefs have been league's worst team by far
Ravens 17 at Rams 10	Winless and battered is no way to face the angry Ravens
Packers 28 at Bears 16	The Pack is in Super Bowl form
Cardinals 23 at Seahawks 10	Seattle's offense has produced 17 total points and allowed 57
Falcons 23 at Buccaneers 24	If this game is close in final period, count on the Bucs
Steelers 22 at Colts 7	Big Ben vs. four-time MVP Peyton ... oh, wait, wrong year
Redskins 21 at Cowboys 26 (Mon.)	Skins can be stamped a real contender in NFC East with a win

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Miami (plus 2) at Cleveland
Let the weirdness continue for Dolphins: lose at home, win on the road.
UPSET SPECIAL: DOLPHINS, 16-13

N.Y. Jets (minus 3) at Oakland
This would be the upset special if the Raiders were healthier. They should at

least cover.
JETS, 20-19
Green Bay (minus 3) at Chicago
Pack is in Super Bowl form, losing players (Nick Collins) and winning games.
PACKERS, 28-16

Houston (plus 4) at New Orleans
Inside the Superdome

could be a true proving ground for the Texans. Or not.
SAINTS, 34-27

Atlanta (plus 1) at Tampa Bay
If this game is close in final period, count on Freeman and the Bucs.
BUCCANEERS, 24-23

Denver (plus 7) at Tenn.

Titans come off big win without getting much from Chris Johnson. They'll get plenty this week.
TITANS, 24-20

San Francisco (plus 2) at Cincinnati
Niners' first road game — and they will remain in the East before their second next week at Philadelphia.
49ERS, 16-13

Jacksonville (plus 3) at Carolina
Time for Cam Newton to either come down to Earth, or get his first pro win.
PANTHERS, 27-16

Kansas City (plus 14) at San Diego
Chiefs have been league's worst team by far. Can't believe they are really that bad.
CHARGERS, 30-20

Baltimore (minus 3) at St Louis
Winless and battered is no way to face the angry (at themselves) Ravens.
RAVENS, 17-10

Pittsburgh (minus 10) at Indianapolis
How juicy: Big Ben vs. four-time MVP Peyton ... oh, wait. Wrong year.
STEELERS, 22-7

Arizona (minus 3) at Seattle
OK, forget about that attraction to home underdogs, considering these last three picks.
CARDINALS, 23-10

Washington (OFF) at Dallas, Monday night
Redskins can stamp themselves as a real contender in NFC East with a win. Tony Romo's injured ribs force this one off the board.
COWBOYS, 26-21

N.Y. Giants (OFF) at Philadelphia
Michael Vick's status clouds this game and eliminates any betting line. But Eagles still are the healthier (and superior) team.
EAGLES, 24-17

RECORD:

Against spread: 11-4-1 (overall 17-13-2); straight up 13-3 (overall 19-13)
Best Bet: 1-1 against spread, 1-1 straight up
Upset Special: 1-1 against spread, 1-1 straight up

FIFA ALL SET TO HOST REFEREE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME IN MID-OCTOBER

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opment both locally and on the international scene," said BFA vice president Damian Neville.

The department is also pleased to recognise the contribution made by Mrs Dianne Ferriera-James, a FIFA women's referee from Guyana and a former Women's World Cup referee who has been refereeing in our local leagues for the past two years.

"The development of football to include refereeing continues to be a priority of our association president Mr Anton Sealey, whose moral and professional example continues to set the example both locally and internationally as he works to increase the participation and the development of the beautiful game in our country," Neville added.

UWC sprint triathlon set for Sunday

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National Committee consists of UWC Alumni and volunteers dedicated to providing Bahamian high-school students with the unique and transformational opportunity of a UWC education.

UWC students are selected from within their own countries as ambassadors of their country.

According to the organization, the traditional UWC graduate "seeks to apply their commitment to positive social change throughout their lives."

"We are proud that a UWC education can and often does benefit whole communities, not just the individual who received the scholarship."

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BBF IN BASEBALL PLAYERS' GOV'T SUBVENTION TALKS

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BASEBALL in the Bahamas has experienced a resurgence in recent years with milestones at both the local developmental and international level. Now the local governing body seeks assistance for their elite athletes in the sport.

With the ascension of Antoan Richardson to the Major Leagues, the Bahamas Baseball Federation has engaged in dialogue to add baseball players to the list of athletes receiving subvention from the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture.

BBF president Craig Kemp said the BBF would make formal declaration to the Ministry in the near future to offer financial assistance to the federation's elite athletes.

With Richardson in the Major Leagues, Albert Cartwright (Philadelphia Phillies) and Sean Albury (Milwaukee Brewers) are the remaining Bahamian players in the MLB Minor Leagues.

In order to start this process, the BBF will first have to file an application to

the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture.

"We have other players who are in the professional major and minor league programmes, who we believe are struggling financially. If subvention is an avenue that the government is continuing to take, then we will certainly make applications for those players," Kemp said.

"We have two other players in the minor leagues, and Antoan. While we might say he is a professional, he probably has not had a great pay day yet. I am sure he will still be appreciative of the subvention. Like I said, if they are going to continue to do the programme, it is our intention to make applications for our athletes this year."

Athletes from several current disciplines are on the subvention list, including track and field, swimming, boxing, tennis, basketball, volleyball, snowboarding and golf.

"It is something that we are now deliberating (on). Maybe we might hold off on that until we get a unified vision, more or less, on moving forward with this subvention

programme," Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture Charles Maynard said.

"He (Antoan) is a professional player and he is getting paid to play, so I don't know. Like I said, nothing has been put forth by the baseball federation to the ministry. We are now working with the baseball federation."

The final word on the list of athletes receiving subvention will come as a result of an investigation being launched by the Ministry to ensure the funds allocated are being spent in the proper manner.

The Ministry will also address the search for a unified home for baseball in the Bahamas.

"We look forward to a national home for baseball. As you know, in accordance to the master plan for the Sports Centre Development Project, provisions for multiple fields were made. There is a spot designated for a baseball facility that includes multiple fields and a baseball stadium. We are now working with the baseball federation, getting some drawings done and so forth, for the design of the facility," he said. "We hope to start the facility as



SUBVENTION: The Bahamas Baseball Federation is in talks to add baseball players to the list of athletes receiving subvention from Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture.

soon as we can, as soon as the budgetary plans allow us to

do so." Richardson joined the late

Andre Rodgers, Wentie Ford, Wilfred Culmer and Tony Curry, as well as Ed Armbrister, the only Major Leaguer from that era still alive.

Armbrister was known for his time at one of the two World Series he played in for the Cincinnati Reds.

During the Budget Communication in June, Maynard reaffirmed the government's support of the subvention programme, which was to the benefit of over 50 athletes.

"The government continued its policy of assisting athletes directly and indirectly in their preparation and training in their various sporting disciplines saw a total of 53 athletes actively competing. These athletes benefited from the programme at a cost of \$1 million during this fiscal period.

"With this being an Olympic year, we expect to see even more athletes added and to see this programme grow even more."

With the upcoming year expected to be a busy one for the Bahamas locally and internationally, Maynard noted his ministry will continue its mandate of supporting all sporting avenues.



FOUNDERS of the Grand Bahama Girls Soccer Developmental Soccer League, Coach Donnie Knowles and Coach Mary, sit with some of the girls from their league which is now in its 11th year on Grand Bahama. The new season opens 2pm on September 24 (Saturday) at Freeport Rugby Football Club.

Photo courtesy of **The Bahamas Weekly**

GRAND BAHAMA GIRLS' DEVELOPMENTAL SOCCER LEAGUE TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 24

THE Grand Bahama Girls' Developmental Soccer League, now in its 11th year, is all set to begin on September 24 (Saturday) and caters to girls between the ages of five and 16.

The action takes place 2-4pm every Saturday at the Freeport Rugby Football Club. Registration - forms are

available at Town & Country on Yellow Pine St, online at TheBahamasWeekly.com (see Sports), or girls can register on opening day - is now underway.

"The success of our league could not be possible without the many volunteer coaches, referees and of course our sponsors, so thank you to

them all!

"We are looking forward to another great season," said coach Donnie.

For further information, please do not hesitate to call Coach Mary at Town & Country, 242-352-3641, or in the evening at 439-0097 or 375-0012.

Players and parents are

encouraged to join the league's group FACEBOOK page, "Grand Bahama Girls Soccer."

CYCLING NPCA ACTION

THE New Providence Cycling Association is scheduled to hold its Family Fun Ride and Cycling Show on Sunday. 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

IN the Banker's Softball League, 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.

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.

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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

THE UWC Triathlon 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. The registration deadline has passed.

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