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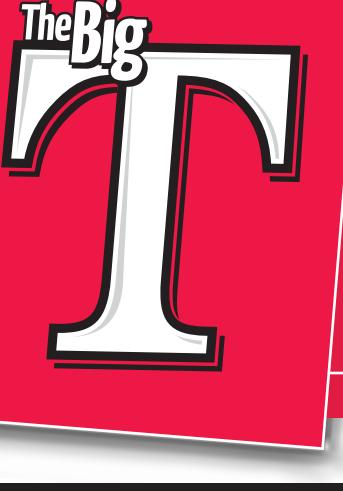
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**YOUR NEWSPAPER  
YOUR WEEKEND**

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# Missing boy 'kidnap' fears

## Family's emotional plea to 'abductors'

THE

family of a young boy who has been missing for four days believe he may have been kidnapped.

And last night, they made an emotional plea for his abductors to set him free.

Marco Archer, 11, has been missing since last Friday.

He was last seen leaving his home on Brougham Street, off Baillou Road, to buy candy ... he never returned.

At the time he was wearing a grey Bob Marley shirt and long brown khaki pants.

Last night, Marco's sister Tancia Humes said the young boy was happy and had no reason to run away, which makes

the family believe he was kidnapped.

Ms Humes said: "He went right across the road to get candy from the gas station. He always goes there. It's a five-minute walk there and back. He goes there so much the attendants call him 'double mint boy'."

"Some sick person took my brother and we don't know why. The family isn't functioning. My mother can't sleep. It gets worse in the night and early in the morning. She goes to do things for him and then remembers he is not there. I

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FROM LEFT: Mother of Marco Archer, Tryphemia Meadows, and his sisters Lasummer Archer, Tancia Humes and Valkisha Archer look at a flyer they have been putting up around their neighbourhood.

Felipé Major/Tribune staff



## TURNQUEST DEFENDS CRITICISM OF JUDICIARY

By AVA TURNQUEST  
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ment's plan to table bail legislation yesterday amid widespread criticism over the sensitivity of his remarks with regard to the judiciary and the country's consecutive record murder count.

"I don't feel as if I'm under fire, I feel that what I'm doing is right and I've been elected by the Bahamian people to

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ATTORNEY General and Minister of Legal Affairs John Delaney confirmed last night the government intends to bring a "comprehensive and multi-pronged approach" to the fight against crime when the Amendments to the Bail Act, the Criminal Procedure and the Penal Code are presented before Parliament next week.

While the Bail Act - which has attracted considerable criticism in the recent past with accused murderers

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**STUDENTS OF** Temple Christian school help to spread the message about fire safety, above, while little Khylee Butler meets one of the firefighters, left  
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## STOPPING THE FIRES BY TEACHING THE YOUNG

By KHRISNA VIRGIL

WITH the four children who died in fires this year still on the minds of many, the Fire Safety Branch of the Royal Bahamas Police Force launched Fire Safe-

ty Week yesterday.

The week – held under the theme, “Don’t be in doubt, know two ways out” – is being used by Fire Branch officers to stress the importance of having at least two escape routes from your home planned out before a fire actually strikes.

Director of Fire Services Jeffrey Deleveaux said: “Through lectures and drills, we will try to reduce the number of fires. There are also plans to get into schools and the work place.”

Between January and August of this year, 1,441 calls were made to Emergency Services to report fires.

Eighteen people, including four children, have died in blazes so far this year.

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**NATIONAL SECURITY MINISTER** Tommy Turnquest is shown round the fire safety exhibition by Director of Fire Services Jeffrey Deleveaux



**A NEW RECRUIT** looks at the fire safety exhibit

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## COURT NEWS

**TODDLER'S PARENTS ARRAIGNED IN CONNECTION WITH HIS DEATH**

By LAMECH JOHNSON  
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tion once a month before 7pm, while Missick, who lives on East Street and Andros Avenue, must report to the Quakoo Street Police Station.

The judge told the defendants that signing in at the police station "is a part of your bail conditions and you must comply."

She warned that their bail would be revoked if they failed to do so.

**POLICE MAKE 19 WEEKEND ARRESTS IN GRAND BAHAMA**

By DENISE MAYCOCK  
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OVER the weekend, police on Grand Bahama arrested 19 men and two women in connection with various offences.

These included: house-breaking, stealing, causing harm, threats of harm, possession of dangerous drugs, armed robbery, fraud and assault.

Police said six of the men were detained on warrants issued by the Magistrate's Court and another was arrested for breach of a court order.

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**DEFENDANT IDENTIFIED IN COURT AS MAN WHO SHOT MURDER VICTIM****Key witness testifies in trial**

as the gunman.

According to his evidence, Simeon confronted Strachan. He said the accused pointed a chrome handgun at the deceased and said, "Y'all niggers don't know who y'all dealing with."

Rolle tried to calm the situation. "I told him (Simeon) we don't have to go through this," he recalled.

Rolle said Simeon fired the gun once. He said Strachan was unarmed.

"Did you see Sylvanus advance towards the accused?" Asked Mrs Kemp. "No," replied Rolle.

**Statement**

Rolle took Strachan to the Rand Memorial Hospital after learning that he had been shot. He later went to the Central Police Station to give a statement to police.

On January 22, 2009, Rolle attended an ID Parade at Central Police Station. He said several men were standing in a room with numbers affixed to them.

He selected an individual wearing the number five,

whom he identified in court as Simeon.

During cross-examination, Mr Grey asked Rolle if he had seen Strachan with a weapon.

"You said that Strachan did not have anything in his hand. Do you recall your evidence in a matter in the magistrate's court? Do you recall stating that Slyvanus had a knife in his hand?"

Rolle said he saw Strachan with a knife on one occasion, but that he did not have the knife when he was confronted by the accused.

"Do you remember the description you gave to police as to who the shooter was?" asked Mr Grey.

Rolle said the shooter was five feet 11 inches tall, with a complexion a little darker than his.

He said Simeon was wearing a green and white shirt and blue washed out jeans.

"Do you remember what you and Strachan were wearing that night?" Mr Grey asked. Rolle said he could not remember.

He then asked Rolle if he had seen a photo of Simeon in the newspaper or on the

news. Rolle said he had not.

"I am putting it to you that you never saw the defendant with a gun in his hand?" Mr Grey said. Rolle disagreed.

During re-examination, Mrs Kemp asked Rolle why was it that he could remember what the defendant was wearing?

Rolle said that he was afraid for his life so he would have remembered the gunman.

The body of Sylvanus Strachan was identified by his father on December 22, 2008.

**Arrested**

Simon Simeon was arrested by police on January 21, 2009 on West Atlantic Drive in the vicinity of Ruby Swiss Restaurant.

He was taken to Central Police Station and booked.

Inspector Michael Brathwaite said he conducted an ID parade on January 22, 2009. He said informed Simeon that he was suspected of causing the death of Strachan and cautioned him.

Inspector Brathwaite said Simeon did not object to participating in an ID parade as long his lawyer, Carlson Shurland, was present.

He said the parade consisted of eight other men with similar height, build, hair, and description of the accused. He said the accused selected the position number five.

Inspector Brathwaite said Mr Rolle, a witness in the shooting, selected number five as the gunman.

Mr Grey asked Inspector Brathwaite whether Simeon's lawyer had signed the ID parade form. The inspector said that part of the form was not filled out.

He asked who was responsible for issuing photographs of wanted persons to the media.

Mr Brathwaite said the officer in charge of Central Detective Unit or officer in charge of Crime Records Office.

The trial resumes on Tuesday.

DECISION 'BASED ON THE RISING LEVELS OF CRIME'

**BAIL REFUSED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER ACCUSED**

**DENIED BAIL:** Earnest Forest outside of court yesterday.

Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

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29, saying his decision was based on the rising levels of crime and high murder rate.

He said the court "must be extremely careful of granting bail in these matters."

Forest, who is accused of attempting to kill Arlington Storr, was remanded to Her Majesty's Prison, Fox Hill until the completion of his trial.

The Lincoln Boulevard resident is accused of committing the offence on Sunday, April 10. Forest was not required to enter a plea to the charge, due to the nature of the offence.

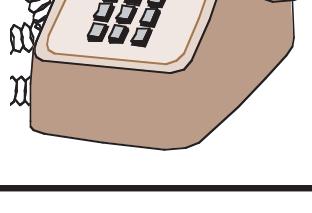
Before denying him bail, Chief Magistrate Gomez informed the accused that the prosecution will present a Voluntary Bill of Indictment in court, which will forward the case directly to the Supreme Court for trial.

That Bill will be presented in court on Wednesday, November 9 at 10am.

Chief Magistrate Gomez

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Insurance Management Building., P.O. F-485, Freeport, Grand Bahama**A case for keeping the Privy Council**

CRIME IS out of control. All of us are concerned, and naturally everyone wants a quick solution to something that has been a growing sickness for many years. As with all growing sicknesses, there is no quick fix.

Sir Etienne Dupuch died 19 years ago, having stopped writing this column about four years before his death. But for years before that he was warning the Bahamian people that unless something were done to reverse our social decay as far as crime was concerned the Bahamas was on a downward path in Jamaica's shadow. What we are complaining about today, he predicted in this column way back then.

Solutions are needed, but they can't be found in an atmosphere of hysteria. What has to be faced is that society as a whole is to blame – either by active participation, or by ignoring the signs in an attempt to insulate itself against the threatening storm. Only a united society can now overcome our problems.

This week a group of pastors got together to express their concern about crime, especially "about the spiralling, out of control murder rate."

They blame government for not doing what is legally necessary to carry out capital punishment in cases of those convicted of murder. They believe that "former and current governments" have failed the country by allowing the Privy Council to "force its 2006 interpretation of our constitution on us" and continuing to govern as if nothing can be done about it. In short they want the return of capital punishment, and the disappearance of the Privy Council.

What most people do not appreciate is that – as one lawyer pointed out – when the Privy Council had the opportunity to rule that capital punishment was unconstitutional, it did not do so. However, what it did rule unconstitutional was that hanging was the mandatory sentence on a murder conviction. In other words there were no degrees of culpability for the crime. It was felt that instead of the mandatory sentence, the presiding judge should consider each case on its own merits and decide which warranted death and which a lesser sentence.

In other words it left us with capital punishment still on our statute books, but it forced the courts to put more thought into how the sentence was to be administered. It is now up to our legislators to craft legislation that makes it clear what types of murders would warrant the noose.

But we have to face the fact that capital punishment in this world is seeing its last days. Even in America, one of the last bastions of the death penalty, discussions are now underway about its abolition. Consciences are being pricked in the knowledge that many innocents have been condemned to death by contaminated evidence

and faulty judgments.

Many Bahamians are calling for the Bahamas to cut all ties with the Privy Council so that our penal system can again start to "hang 'em high." This of itself would be a capital blunder – it would remove the most important plank that makes the Bahamas attractive as a commercial centre. Many international businesses would not locate here if our courts did not have the added attraction of the Privy Council as the final court of appeal.

As one international businessman – despairing of his litigation in our court system – commented: "Thank God for the Privy Council!"

It is "thank God for the Privy Council" that gives our courts an aura of stability and is an added attraction for the Bahamas as a commercial centre.

Without the Privy Council as our final and truly independent high court, where would we turn? The Bahamas certainly could neither afford nor man a local high court with Bahamians. And who can guarantee that a panel of Caribbean judges at the Caribbean court would not rule in the same manner as the Privy Council law Lords in London when it comes to capital cases? Many of them are even now debating the abolition of capital punishment. And so, even with a regional court there is no guarantee that the Bahamas will be able to hang 'em high. That is why we believe that the only way to keep the dangerous murderer away from society is to have a life sentence that truly lasts to the end of the convict's natural life.

But even so the death penalty will continue to haunt the Bahamas. Through the FTA many trade agreements have social justice clauses to protect children, workers and many other groups. Many European countries will not enter into agreements with a country that imposes the death penalty.

Some years ago we wrote in this column about a European ambassador who was paying us a courtesy call. At that time capital punishment was very much an issue. He wanted to know when the Bahamas was going to abandon capital punishment. When we told him of the feelings of the Bahamian people, his comment was that the European organisation to which his country was a member would force the issue — the Bahamas would no longer qualify for loans.

And so for those who want to be rid of the Privy Council so that they can hang their criminals, they would be advised to think long and hard. They will be denying this country one of its most valuable assets, the upkeep of which costs us nothing, in exchange for what? Certainly no guarantee that we shall be able to tie the hangman's noose around the neck of some unfortunate wretch.

**The danger of a 16-hour work day**

EDITOR, The Tribune.

AT THIS point there is no need to elaborate on the level of crime in the country. The record speaks for itself. As government attempts to justify the current murder rate by mouthing off on statistics that a majority of murders are related to drugs, gang violence, or domestic problems, the fact remains that one murder is one too many. And as time goes on, more innocent people will be caught in the crossfire.

I was alarmed this week to read an article in The Tribune where our Minister of National Security works 16-hour days. One has to wonder what the Minister is doing. Based on National Security in the country, it is my opinion that he might as well not show up to work.

We all know that our crime problem was a seed planted a long time ago and now it is a dangerous vine that is killing everything in the garden. Yes crime stems from a culture of drugs, corruption, gang violence, teenage pregnancy, breakdown in the family, lack of education, lack of role models in the home, etc. However, like any uncontrollable vine in the garden, you have to relentlessly attack and weed it out. Successive governments have not shown the political will to weed the vine out. And what we have today is justice on the streets, instead of the courtroom.

The police and the general public are fully aware that we have a minority group of thugs running wild on our streets. So the question is: How far will we allow these individuals to go before we decide to take action? It is being rammed down our throats for us to have compassion for the criminals, respect their feelings, be humane, be concerned on the length of time that they are in prison awaiting trial, or how the police treat them!

So we have decided to be more concerned with the feelings of the criminal and why they chose to blow someone's head off, rather than worrying about what effect they are having on the country as a whole. We are choosing to sit by and hold the criminals hand, while we sing Kumbaya, and watch the country go to hell in a hand basket.

The Privy Council is preaching to us to have more compassion, respect the criminal, and to be more humane. Whatever you do, don't hang! From their recent rulings, it is clear that no murder will ever be horrific enough to result in capital punishment. When is the last time you heard about one of the "Lords" having a gun put to

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their head, having a family member raped, or being involved in an armed robbery? But according to them, we should open up and have feelings for the criminal.

No matter what the cause, no matter what the circumstance, we cannot allow any one individual to bring this country to its knees. There are too many upstanding citizens that have come from challenging backgrounds and have not chosen a life of crime. Yes, we need social reforms, yes we need educational reforms, yes we need to try and better educate our children. However, the country cannot be held hostage by a group of thugs whose life experiences have caused them to have no regard for human life.

Now back to our minister and his government. In 2007 we were asked to join the trust agenda. We were told that the trust agenda was the better way. We were told that the trust agenda could be held to a higher standard. In 2007 crime was at an unacceptable level, not to mention what it is today. How long have we waited for the current administration to present changes in parliament to the criminal procedure code, the penal code, and the bail act? All we have gotten over the last four years is hot air!

I propose to the minister that his government is responsible for the level of crime. They are responsible for crime, as they have neglected the voice of the Bahamian people. More importantly, they have neglected the word of God. This has led to a complete breakdown of law and

**Tommy Turnquest's remarks indelicate, but on the mark**

EDITOR, The Tribune.

THOUGH he may have been the wrong messenger, National Security Minister Tommy Turnquest had the right message in criticizing the Courts for the seeming ease with which alleged offenders are granted bail.

The criticisms by the PLP that Minister Turnquest's comments were "cowardly, shameful and baseless" are utter nonsense. His comments were actually quite courageous, in no way shameful, and based in reality. The Minister voiced the concerns of many Bahamians who are shocked that someone who has a known criminal record can get bail so easily.

The cowardly and shameful behaviour of which the PLP speaks can be laid squarely at the door of the Christie Government. Over five whole years they did nothing to substantially improve the criminal justice system like increasing the amount of courts and judges. Shamefully, they did nothing of consequence on the Bail Act.

The only swift thing the PLP did was talk about what should

order in this country.

They told us to expect better in 2007. However, now in 2011 with a murder count over 100, many committed by repeat offenders and persons on bail, they went on a summer break without bringing the necessary changes to parliament. I suggest they bring the matter before the people via a referendum.

Now the minister is going to blame the courts. Perhaps when this administration was returned to power in 2007, they should have ensured that the laws were so tight and so severe that the court system would have been prevented from pushing the liberal agenda.

In some ways, you feel sorry for the minister. He is caught in an administration that obviously does not believe in capital punishment, is happy with the liberal agenda in protecting the criminals, and has no respect for the voice of the people. But when you make your bed hard, you lie hard! This administration willingly came and offered better to the Bahamian people, and better has not been received. There is so much frustration in this town now that if you strike a match in the wrong place the whole thing will blow!

The minister was right with one thing, if judges had to stand for election they would be "chased out of town." Many of our country's leaders need the same thing.

But we have heard all of this before. And time longer than rope, an election is coming. What have we accomplished with 16-hour work days? We may end up driving on nice roads, but we are as scared as hell when doing so!

JEROME R PINDER

Nassau,

September 23, 2011.

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have been done. Had that late-

again crew acted rather than talked, over the last five years the justice system would have had additional tools and resources to act more speedily in dealing with alleged offenders and repeat-offenders. Had the PLP acted more vigorously from 2002 to 2007, our murder and crime rates would quite probably have been lower than they are today. Their failure to act then is haunting us now.

The Opposition is not only hypocritical. They are dishonest and shameful for using the pain and suffering associated with crime for their own selfish political ends especially since when they had a chance to act they failed miserably.

Maybe somebody else should have said what Tommy Turnquest said. But at least, thank God, somebody had the courage to say it. Which is more than can be said for that useless bunch of scandal-riden people Perry Christie had in his Government.

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## LOCAL NEWS

# BAARK! LAUNCHES SPAY AND NEUTER CAMPAIGN

THE Bahamas Alliance for Animal Rights and Kindness was given a considerable boost in its effort to "seriously tackle" the stray dog and cat problem.

A recent donation allowed Baark! to buy a new van just in time for the launch of a major spay and neuter campaign.

The charity aims to sterilise up to 2,400 animals a year, and will begin this autumn.

In conjunction with the group Stray Busters, a team of volunteers will use the T-N-R (trap-neuter-return) method for roaming community dogs.

They will target one area of the island at a time, transporting dogs to be sterilised at par-

ticipating veterinary clinics.

The new van was branded free of charge thanks to Adworks and The Sign Man.

Natalia Nunez from Stray Busters said: "We are very excited to work with Baark! and start this programme.

"The van will enable us to carry up to five dogs per trip.

"We are trying to stop the vicious cycle of thousands of births and deaths of stray and unwanted animals in our community".

Each trapped and sterilised dog or cat will be vaccinated, dewormed and treated for any medical ailments before being released back into their envi-

ronment.

As part of the campaign, Baark! will also be offering low-cost sterilisation for owned pets.

Laura Kimble, president of Baark! said: "Spay and neuter is viewed as the only way to solve animal overpopulation and improve the welfare of suffering animals."

Following our successful smaller campaign in February 2011, Baark! feels that a large scale spay and neuter programme throughout the Bahamas will dramatically reduce the number of animals that have to be euthanised unnecessarily at the Canine Control Unit (Government Pound) each year."

"In addition, spaying and neutering also drastically improve your pet's health and life expectancy, and make communities safer without aggressive dogs and overturned trash cans".

Baark! is an entirely volun-

tary organisation with no government funding.

Each spay or neuter operation costs \$50 and the group relies solely on donations and fundraising efforts.

On Saturday, October 1, Baark! will hold its second annual "Strut Your Mutt" walk-a-thon at Goodman's Bay. Registration begins at 8am.

Participants will enjoy contests, a raffle, pet photos and dog adoptions.

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They can also be downloaded at [www.baarkbahamas.org](http://www.baarkbahamas.org).



**PARTNERSHIP:** Camille Johnson, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health; United States Ambassador Nicole Avant; and Dr Bridgette Rolle, administrator, Bahamas National Drug Council.

## BAHAMAS NATIONAL DRUG COUNCIL RECEIVES \$100,000 CBSI GRANT FROM US EMBASSY

US Ambassador Nicole Avant yesterday presented a \$100,000 grant to the Bahamas National Drug Council as part of the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative's drug demand reduction programme.

Ambassador Avant met with Camille Johnson, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health, to discuss the goals of the grant and potential US-Bahamas partnerships aimed at reducing crime and strengthening local communities under CBSI.

"The grant is part of the US government's commitment to the Bahamas through CBSI - totalling \$1.6 million in 2011 - to support law narcotics interdiction, drug demand reduction and law enforcement professionalisation throughout the Caribbean," said the embassy in a statement.

The Bahamas National Drug Council said it will use the funding to assess the level of illegal drug use, create and improve linkages with grassroots organisations, and create public service messages discouraging the use of illegal drugs.

During the meeting, Ambassador Avant applauded the council for its ongoing efforts to reduce demand through education programmes aimed at young Bahamians.

She also emphasised President Obama's support for increased security co-ordination in the Caribbean, illustrated through the recent announcement of \$77 million in new CBSI funding that will be designated for a variety of activities throughout the region in the coming year.



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serve and I intend to serve," Mr Turnquest said.

"The one thing I don't like are namby-pamby, wishy-washy politicians. You either stand for something or you don't."

Last week, Mr Turnquest said while he has no wish to encroach on the independence of the judicial system, in his opinion some judges have been far too "liberal" when it comes to granting bail to career criminals and those accused of seri-

**TURNQUEST**

ous offences – and he believes the police and the public agree with him.

He said he felt the trend has contributed "greatly" to the country's escalating crime problem.

"I have a document where we have all of the murder victims for 2011 on one side of the page, on the other side of the page we have those cases where we have suspects," he said. "It

will astound you to see the number of criminals known to the police as both victims and suspects.

"I've said what I had to say. I accept my responsibility as the minister of National Security, and the government of the Bahamas accepts its responsibility as being responsible for the 353,000 citizens of the Bahamas. We're going to do our job."

In a statement released last week, opposition members said Mr Turnquest's comments were an admission of the FNM gov-

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don't think she can survive if he doesn't come back home."

Ms Humes said she hopes whoever took her brother would return him safe to his family.

"If you are reading this and you took my brother, please just let him come home. Marco is innocent and he deserves his life. If you have a heart please just bring him back. I just want my brother to come home. My mother wants her son back," she said.

"We don't care about anything else, we just want him back. Just drop him anywhere and he will find his way home. He will call us. Just please let him come home."

Ms Humes described her brother as a "quiet, scary little boy." She said he doesn't talk back, he



MARCO ARCHER

**MISSING BOY 'KIDNAPPED'**

doesn't keep company and his is very mannerly.

She said: "He is not like most young children his age. He stays home and plays games with his eight nieces and nephews. He is the youngest of six kids and all his brothers and sisters have children. So he has lots of friends.

"Someone sick had to take him. He is not the kind of child who would just wander off. He would not go with strangers."

Ms Humes says the family is holding on to hope Marco is alive and will be returned to them safe and sound.

Last night, a police spokesman said they are investigating. Anyone with any information on Marco's whereabouts can contact police on 911, 919, the Southern Police Station on 322-3337, 356-0228, the Central Detective Unit on 502-9991, 502-9910 or Crime Stoppers on 328-TIPS.

**OPPOSITION 'YET TO SEE PROPOSED BAIL ACT AMENDMENTS'**

sending the wrong message.

"We are going to present a thorough and aggressive plan to deal with the crime problem, especially when it comes to bail.

"There are some major loopholes in our justice system that we need to fix. There is no way someone with an extensive criminal history or anyone that has committed a serious offense should get bail."

Mr Wilchcombe said the PLP wants to meet with the government to come up with a bipartisan approach to crime before the bills are presented in the House on October 5.

"We have taken the position that you cannot blame any political party for the

crime problem. What we are proposing is the opposition and the government each choose at least three members from their party to come together and form a committee to discuss the legislation.

"We need to make sure that what we present to the public is bipartisan and strong enough to make a difference."

Mr Wilchcombe said if both parties do not come together to fight crime nothing is going to change.

He said he hopes Mr Turnquest agrees to meet so the PLP and the FNM can collectively get a handle on the crime problem.

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ernment's "paralysis" in dealing with the crime crisis.

PLP officials said instead of attacking the judiciary, the FNM government should be about ensuring the courts are supplied with the required resources, manpower and equipment to function efficiently.

The Democratic National

Alliance accused Mr Turnquest of "passing the buck" and called for his resignation.

Yesterday, Mr Turnquest said: "We are accountable to those people, we are going to do what is necessary, we're going to be relentless in the fight against crime to make our country safer.

"In addition to investing mil-

lions of dollars, we want to ensure that we have the legislative framework in place so criminals do not get an easy ride in our country."

Mr Turnquest said a package of Bills addressing the criminal justice system will be the first order of business when the House of Assembly reconvenes on October 5.



The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) Office in The Bahamas is inviting applications for a full time position as **SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE SPECIALIST**.

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## LOCAL NEWS

**WATER TESTING MAY HAVE BEEN CONTAMINATED, SAYS REPORT****FROM page one**

Providence's water supply and sanitation systems said a second-floor leak at the Department of Environmental Health's Environmental Monitoring and Risk Assessment Division (EMRAD) left testing there open to possible fault.

The unit's purpose is to test food, water and waste-

water to ensure they adhere to industry standards and are not a risk to public health.

Last night it was unclear if the unit was still responsible for food tests, however, officials confirmed that water testing responsibility had been turned over to the Water and Sewerage Corporation.

"The EMRAD main offices and laboratory on New Providence are housed in a condemned building, where plumbing leaks from the second floor compromise the accuracy of bacteriological testing results in the laboratory," said the report.

Subsequently responsibility for water testing was

returned to the Water & Sewerage Corporation, said the report.

The assessment also noted that EMRAD suffered from "insufficient resources and low morale," testing capacity was limited and neither of its laboratories was accredited.

"There is no initiative to attain accreditation given the primitive lab conditions and lack of equipment and budget," said the IDB report, which was posted on September 20.

Director of Environmental Health Melanie McKenzie yesterday said she was "unaware" of the claims in the report.

Although she said she could not speak to the accuracy of the IDB's findings, she did say that "years ago" there had been a leak in EMRAD's offices, but as far as she knew that was no longer a problem.

"I don't really know

because I don't know that there was any leak recently. As far as I know there is no leak now – at one point there was a leak, years ago."

She added that the responsibility for water testing now lies with the Water and Sewerage Corporation, but not because of the concerns raised in the report.

"Water testing has for some time been turned back to the Water and Sewerage Corporation but (the claims in the IDB report were) not the reason.

"We had monitored it for a number of years... It had been our responsibility for doing it," said Ms McKenzie.

She said she did not know if EMRAD's facilities were condemned.

"I don't know that the building is condemned at all," said Ms McKenzie. She said that she had not seen the report.

She did say that her

department is seeking new facilities for EMRAD, but not because of the conditions outlined by the IDB.

"We are trying to have a new setup for EMRAD, obviously we are looking into getting (a) new location for EMRAD not specifically because of those conditions, but because we have outgrown the space," she said.

State Minister for the Environment, Phenton Neymour, could not comment on the report yesterday because he does not have oversight over EMRAD.

That responsibility lies with Environment Minister Earl Deveaux, he said.

He did say that EMRAD was still functioning although he could not say which tests were carried out there or if they are open to compromise.

Mr Deveaux was out of office yesterday and could not be reached for comment.

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## AG CONFIRMS GOVT'S 'COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH' TO FIGHT AGAINST CRIME

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and others continuing to commit crimes while out on bail – is uppermost in the minds of the public, Senator Delaney said the amendments to this Act will in fact be the smallest part of the government's package.

"In my opinion," he said, "the government is preparing to put the Legislature in a position to go as far as it is felt that the Legislature can go. These Bills will be comprehensive. They will be attacking the challenge from many different perspectives. Bail is just one aspect of several aspects that will be addressed.

"There are many aspects of the criminal law that it is felt there is an opportunity to improve upon in the context of the challenges we currently face. And we are trying to, in the interest of our community, we are trying to embrace those several opportunities which will result in more effectiveness in terms of punishment for crime."

According to sources in the Attorney General's Office, the amendments to the Bail Act will be geared towards providing a clearer definition to how and if bail will be given in any particular case as is being practised in the courts today.

Amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code and the Penal Code will include,



ATTORNEY GENERAL  
John Delaney

among other things, increasing the sentencing for certain types of offences, and ensuring the sentence of "life in prison" would mean for nature life.

Other amendments will also seek to strengthen the powers of local magistrates, allowing them to pass stiffer sentences.

"We feel," said Senator Delaney, "that an appropriate response must be more comprehensive than just the Bail Amendment. And so therefore what you will see, and the PM will speak to it, is a multi-pronged approach to trying to remedy some of the challenges we are having."

While not wanting to preempt the Prime Minister on announcing any new laws on punishment for illegal firearm possession and the like, Senator Delaney said this assumption would be a "reasonable" position for anyone to make.

"This has been a major effort by all of the relevant aspects of my ministry, mainly the Department of Public Prosecutions, Law Reform and Revision, as well as Legislative Drafting," he said.

"This has been a major undertaking, and rightly so, because the consequences are serious both in terms of not responding or not responding appropriately as well as the impact of the response. We have several things to weigh here – punishment, fairness and the balancing of rights."



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## IT'S NOT A WITCH HUNT

By MIKE LIGHTBOURN

INSPECTIONS are a part of a growing number of real estate transactions, but their role is often misunderstood. There are some important points you should think about before ordering an inspection on a property you want to purchase.

Remember that a home inspection is not a witch-hunt! It's not a tool for finding flaws to allow you to renegotiate your offer. An inspection is an educational exercise that allows buyers and sellers to better understand the home's condition. An inspection can alleviate the buyer's anxiety while also providing a basis for repair suggestions.

Don't think that you won't need an inspection for new construction! Nobody wants any surprises when purchasing an older home, but imagine what could happen in a brand new one that hasn't even been lived in? If you're considering the purchase of a home under construction, ask about "phase inspections," which are completed at various stages in construction, for your peace of mind.

Finally, don't assume



that inspections are exclusively the responsibility of the buyer. Many sellers have benefited from pre-listing inspections that identify potential problems before the home is listed and the defects are discovered. Both sides can use the inspection to make smart decisions and feel more confident about the transaction. If you're still uncertain, contact your local BREB professional with your questions.

*(Mike Lightbourn is president of Coldwell Banker Lightbourn Realty.)*

## LOCAL NEWS

## Royal Bahamas Police Force National Crime Prevention Office: Safety tips for joggers

By CONSTABLE 3011  
MAKELLE PINDER

JOGGING is a great form of exercise that one can do at their leisure, however while enjoying this particular activity, one has to take some form of precaution for their safety. A frequent error that joggers or runners make is that they become so preoccupied in their physical activity; they fail to be alert and pay attention to their surroundings. There are precautions one has to take ranging from all topics, which are listed below.

## AREA

Always make sure to run in an area that you are familiar with and that is safe and do not jog or run near bushes, which can provide concealment. This way you will not get lost at you know the particular area and also if it is safe the crime rate will be low. Always jog or run with a known companion.

## MP3s

A lot of joggers carry a music player along with them; make sure this is hidden as possible, by putting the wires underneath clothing instead of out of it. Also do not continually get it out to change the song as this can attract



thieves.

Furthermore, when jogging keeping wires tucked inside of clothing makes the risk of tripping over wires very slim. The headphone may come out of your ears and fall to the floor thus you trip over it, but when tucked in it will not do this.

In addition, always make sure that you can hear background noise and never turn up your player so that you cannot.

## DOGS

Some runners are afraid of

dogs, and may see a few dogs on their journey. If you are extremely afraid and dislike dogs, try to avoid these situations.

If you see a dog far off take a different route or stay as far away as possible. Inevitably sometimes you will encounter dogs on your jogging expedition.

Make sure to keep calm and not be tempted to run away as they may chase you.

If a dog does attack, try to "feed" it your workout jacket or other item of clothing.

Remember to also carry some canine repellent just in case you are approached by a attacking dog.

## CLOTHING

Always make sure to wear appropriate clothing for the environment.

If it is a cold environment wear clothing that will keep you warm such as a track suit. If it is a hot environment keep cool with light clothing that will keep you cool. In addition, choose appropriate footwear and make sure to tie the laces properly as you can trip over them.

## WATER

If you get thirsty easily or for safety, it is best to carry a water bottle with you, this will keep you hydrated. Some

people may get very thirsty and tired during their run so drinking water will cool you down.

## MISCELLANEOUS

If you have asthma make sure to always carry your pump with you, even if you feel you may not need it. Also if you are carrying keys or a phone with you keep it in a safe place where it is not likely to fall out.

When jogging, make sure to make the experience as pleasant as possible by taking these precautions.

Always Remember the B Three A's: Be Alert, Be Aware, and Be Attentive to your surroundings at all times.

Should you be a victim of crime while jogging, please do not resist but take note of the description of the culprit e.g. his appearance, clothing, height, physical details and the direction or mode of escape. Call the police as soon as it is safe to do so.

If you come across any suspicious person(s) loitering around your business or have any information pertaining to any crime, please do not hesitate to contact call the police emergency at '919' or Crime Stoppers at 328-tips (New Providence), 1-300-8476 (Family Islands)

## NASSAU LISTINGS

## VACANT LOTS

- 1. BALFOUR ESTATES**  
LOT NO. 17  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Multi-Family Residential  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 7,638 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** The vacant property is located off All Saints Way, Golden Isles Road.  
**APPRaised VALUE:** \$84,000
- 2. CAMPEDOWNS, PHASE 2**  
LOT NO. 1  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single-family Lot  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 13,873 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** Traveling west along Camperdown Drive from Culbert's Hill take the 1st corner on the left (Forest Drive). Heading south the vacant property is the 4th lot on the right.  
**APPRaised VALUE:** \$166,000
- 3. CARMICHAEL ROAD**  
LOT NO. 2 of Crown Allotment #35  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Multi / single-family Lot  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 11,625 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** The vacant property is located west of McKinney Avenue.  
**APPRaised VALUE:** \$116,000
- 4. CARMICHAEL ROAD**  
LOT NO. Parcel "A"  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Multi/ Single-family lot  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 4,650 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** Traveling west on Avacado Road from Faith Avenue, take the 1st gravedale corner on the left, the property is the 2nd lot on the left.  
**APPRaised VALUE:** \$51,000
- 5. CARMICHAEL VILLAGE**  
**SUBDIVISION**  
LOT NO. 4 and 5 - part of Crown Allotments 21 and 22 Grant A8-50  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single Family Residential Lot  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** each 6,960 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** The vacant properties are bounded west of Golden Isles Road and south of Carmichael Road.  
**APPRaised VALUE:** \$125,000
- 6. CLARIDGE ROAD**  
LOT NO. "A"  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single Family Lot  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 5,754 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** The subject property is located on the western side of Cladridge Road about 395 feet south of Wulf Road.  
**APPRaised VALUE:** \$86,300
- 7. CORAL BREEZE ESTATES**  
**SUBDIVISION**  
LOT NO. 52  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single-family lot  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 6,000 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** The vacant property is located in Coral Harbour.  
**APPRaised VALUE:** \$100,000
- 8. EVANSVILLE SUBDIVISION**  
LOT NO. 23  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single/Multi-family lots  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 7,337 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** Travel west along Carmichael Road from Unison Road take the 6th corner on the left. Heading south pass the 3rd corner on the left. The subject property is the 2nd lot on the left.  
**APPRaised VALUE:** \$88,000
- 9. FIRE TRAIL**  
LOT NO. 12  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single / Multi-family Lot  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 6,752 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** Traveling west along Fire Trail Road from the round-about, take the 3rd paved road on the left. The vacant property is the 12th lot on the left.  
**APPRaised VALUE:** \$81,000
- 10. FOX HILL SUBDIVISION**  
LOT NO. Parcel #1 and #2  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Multi-family lots  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** Parcel #1 - 4,199 sq. ft. #2 - 3,348 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** Traveling north along Grant Street from Dorsett Street, the subject properties are the 3rd and 4th lots on the left.  
**APPRaised VALUE:** \$61,000 combined
- 11. GAMBLE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION**  
LOT NO. 29Section 3  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Multi/ Single-family lot  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 6,000 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** Traveling south on Baillou Hill Road, passing Carmichael Road, take the 3rd corner on the left, Sunrise Road opposite St. Vincent Road. Heading south on Sunrise Road, take the 4th corner on the left, the subject lot is the 6th on the right.  
**APPRaised VALUE:** \$60,000
- 12. KOOL ACRES SUBDIVISION**  
LOT NO. Parcel of Land  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Multi-family lot  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 7,000 Sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** Traveling west on Lumumba Road from Fox Hill Road, take the 6th corner on the right (Adderley Close). The subject property is the 4th lot on the left.  
**APPRaised VALUE:** \$84,000
- 13. LAKE VILLANESS SUBDIVISION**  
LOT NO. 105  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single / Multi-family Lot  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 14,400 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** The vacant property is located in Lake Villaness approx. 2,730 feet west of Gladstone Road.  
**APPRaised VALUE:** \$79,000
- 14. MALCOLM ALLOTMENT**  
**SUBDIVISION**  
LOT NO. 2 A  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Six Unit Apartment Complex  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 6,000 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** The subject property is located on Family Street in Malcolm Allotment.  
**APPRaised VALUE:** TBA
- 15. POLHEMUS GARDENS**  
LOT NO. 15 (Northern half)  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Multi/Single-family lot  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 7,804 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** Travel west along Boyd Road from Nassau Street take the 1st corner on the right Bunting's Avenue, subject property is the 2nd lot on the left.  
**APPRaised VALUE:** \$78,000
- 16. RAHMING COURT SUBDIVISION**  
LOT NO. 5  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Multi-family lots  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 5,502 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** Situated in Rahming Court, located on the southern side of Bernard Road.  
**APPRaised VALUE:** \$50,000
- 17. ROCKY PINE ROAD**  
LOT NO. Parcel of Land Portion of Crown Grant A5-23  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Multi-family Lot  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 13,406 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** On the western side of Ismae Drive - 170 feet south of Rocky Pine Road.  
**APPRaised VALUE:** \$150,000
- 18. SOUTH OCEAN ESTATES**  
**SUBDIVISION**  
LOT NO. 6 Block 7  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single-family lot  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 11,738 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** Travel south of Lyford Cay immediately pass Mount Pleasant; take a left onto South Ocean Boulevard to new South Ocean Estates. The vacant lot is property number 6 in block 7.  
**APPRaised VALUE:** \$155,000
- 19. VANRIA CLOSE SUBDIVISION**  
LOT NO. 14  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single / Multi-family Lot  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 6,752 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** Traveling from the intersection of Faith Avenue south and Marshall Road, turn right onto Marshall Road to the intersection; turn right and travel to the 6th corner on the right. The vacant property is the 11th lot on the right.  
**APPRaised VALUE:** TBA
- 20. VICTORIA GARDENS**  
**SUBDIVISION**  
LOT NO. 7  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single-family lot  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 6,000 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** Traveling south on Gladstone Road from JFK Drive, enter Victoria Gardens main entrance (1st corner left) and head east. At the 1st cross road, turn left. The vacant property is the 2nd lot on the left.  
**APPRaised VALUE:** \$60,000
- 21. VICTORIA GARDENS**  
**SUBDIVISION**  
LOT NO. 8  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single-family lot  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 6,588 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** Traveling south on Gladstone Road from JFK Drive, enter Victoria Gardens main entrance (1st corner left) and head east. At the 1st cross road, turn left. The vacant property is the 3d lot on the left.  
**APPRaised VALUE:** \$60,000
- 22. VILLAGE CHILCOTT**  
**ALLOTMENT**  
LOT NO. 14  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single-family lot  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 4,972 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** Traveling south along Kemp Road, pass the intersection (Parkgate Road), take the 1st corner on the left (Hamilton Street). The vacant property is the 2nd lot on the left.  
**APPRaised VALUE:** \$50,000
- 23. WEST WINDS SUBDIVISION**  
LOT NO. 324  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single/multi-family residential  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 6,000 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** Enter West Winds Subdivision from West Bay Street, at the T-junction turn right onto King Fish Road. Head west, following the bend in the road until heading south; then take the 2nd corner on the left. The vacant property is the 5th lot on the left.  
**APPRaised VALUE:** \$111,000
- 24. WEST WINDS SUBDIVISION**  
LOT NO. 224  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single/Multi-Family Residential  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 10,377 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** The vacant property is located on the southern side of Kingfish Road approximately 85 feet east of Breezy Lane.  
**APPRaised VALUE:** \$187,000
- 25. WEST WINDS SUBDIVISION**  
LOT NO. 220  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Multi/Single-family Lot  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 9,281 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** Enter the subdivision from Windsor Field Road to the T-junction, and then take a left, the lot is the 2nd on the left, on the eastern side of Kingfish Road.  
**APPRaised VALUE:** \$159,000
- 26. YUMA ESTATES SUBDIVISION**  
LOT NO. "C"  
**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** Single/ Multi-family lot  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 7,268 sq. ft.  
**LOCATION:** Traveling west along West Bay Street from Blake Road, take the 4th corner on the left (Kiskadee Drive) and head south - passing over the hill - turn thru the 1st corner on the left (entrance to Yuma). Head to the T-junction and turn left onto Sanctuary Circle. The vacant property is the 3rd lot on the left.  
**APPRaised VALUE:** \$102,000

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**CIVILIANS FLEE FROM GADHAFI HOMETOWN**SIRTE, LIBYA  
Associated Press

HUNDREDS OF CIVILIANS fled Moammar Gadhafi's hometown yesterday to escape growing shortages of food and medicine and escalating fears that their homes will be struck during fighting between revolutionary forces and regime loyalists.

Anti-Gadhafi fighters launched their offensive against Sirte nearly two weeks ago, but have faced fierce resistance from loyalists holed up inside the city. After a bloody push into Sirte again over the weekend, revolutionary fighters say they have pulled back to plan their assault and allow civilians more time to flee.

NATO, which has played a key role in decimating Gadhafi's military during the Libyan civil war, has kept up its air campaign since the fall of Tripoli last month. The alliance said yesterday its warplanes struck eight military targets near Sirte a day earlier, including an ammunition and vehicle storage facility and rocket launcher.

Sirte, 250 miles (400 kilometers) southeast of Tripoli on the Mediterranean coast, is one of the last remaining bastions of Gadhafi loyalists since revolutionary fighters stormed into the capital last month, ending Gadhafi's nearly 42-year rule and sending him into hiding. The fugitive leader's supporters also remain in control of the town of Bani Walid, southeast of Tripoli, and pockets of territory in the country's south.

In a boost to the economy, Italian energy giant Eni said yesterday it has resumed oil production in Libya after months of interruption, tapping 15 wells and producing some 31,900 barrels of oil per day. French energy company Total said it restarted some production last week.

**FIRST AFRICAN WOMAN TO WIN NOBEL PRIZE DIES**

WANGARI MAATHAI with her Nobel Prize



THE DALAI LAMA, who may be prevented from visiting South Africa

**SOUTH AFRICA MAY BLOCK DALAI LAMA VISIT**JOHANNESBURG,  
SOUTH AFRICA  
Associated Press

SOUTH AFRICA officials may block the Dalai Lama from celebrating the 80th birthday of his friend and fellow Nobel Peace Laureate, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, amid fears over Chinese pressure.

National newspapers are already drawing parallels between the situations of Tibetans under Chinese rule

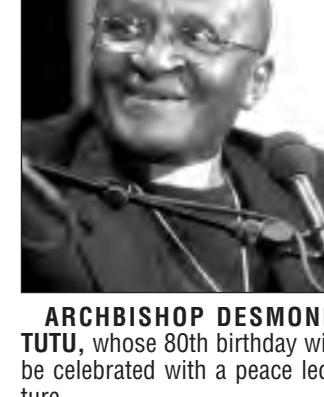
and black South Africans under the racist apartheid regime that ended in 1994. The tensions over the Dalai Lama's visa application also are a sign of how powerful China's influence has grown in Africa.

The Dalai Lama is to deliver the inaugural Desmond Tutu International Peace lecture, titled "Peace and compassion as catalyst for change," as part of the Oct. 6-8 birthday celebrations for Tutu. The center that invited

him says he has faced repeated difficulty since first trying to apply for a visa in June.

In 2009, the South African government outraged many by banning the Dalai Lama from attending a Nobel laureates' peace conference, saying it would detract from the 2010 soccer World Cup.

A spokesman for South Africa's foreign affairs department denied there was any pressure to block the Dalai Lama's visit this time around.



ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU, whose 80th birthday will be celebrated with a peace lecture

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CONSERVATIONIST Wangari Maathai in 2006 with Barrack Obama, now US president, in Nairobi, Kenya

in 11 billion trees being planted.

Maathai, a university professor with a warm smile and degrees from the US, staged popular protests that bedeviled former President Daniel arap Moi, a repressive ruler who called her "a mad woman" who was a threat to the security of Kenya.

Former students who planted saplings alongside her, world leaders charmed by her message and African visionaries on Monday remembered a woman some called the Tree Mother of Africa. Maathai, Africa's first female winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, died late on Sunday in a Nairobi hospital following a battle with cancer. She was 71.

Maathai believed that a healthy environment improved lives by providing clean water and firewood for cooking, thereby decreasing conflict.

The Kenyan organization she founded planted 30 million trees in hopes of improving the chances for peace, and she inspired the UN to launch a worldwide campaign that resulted

and bows and arrows. When Maathai tried to plant a tree, she and her cohorts were attacked with whips, clubs and stones. Maathai received a bloody gash on her head.

"Many said, 'She is just planting trees'. But that was important, not only from an environmental perspective, to stop the desert from spreading, but also as a way to activate women and fight the Daniel arap Moi regime," said Geir Lundestad, of the Nobel Institute, which awarded Maathai the peace prize in 2004.

Maathai is survived by three children.



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If the school is unable to recruit a candidate locally it will then advertise the position internationally through Search Associates, The Times Educational Supplement and CIS.

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- A recent photo

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The closing date for applications is Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October. No applications will be considered after the closing date.

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## LOCAL NEWS

## FIRE AWARENESS WEEK

# STOPPING THE FIRES BY TEACHING THE YOUNG

**GRADE THREE** students of Temple Christian listen to National Security Minister Tommy Turnquest as part of an event to promote fire safety at the Mall at Marathon

Felipé Major/Tribune Staff



## From page two

With these statistics in mind, National Security Minister Tommy Turnquest urged continuous preparation and fire safety awareness.

He said fire drills should be run until they become second nature.

Mr Turnquest also said \$2.2 million has been budgeted for new fire trucks; \$3 million for an enhanced 911 system; and \$1 million for a fire station in Grand Bahama.

Fire Safety Week will come to an end on Saturday with a fun-run/walk.

A fire safety awareness exhibition will remain on display until Friday in the main foyer of the Mall at Marathon.



A FIREFIGHTER shows grade three students of Temple Christian a picture of herself



YOUNGSTERS from Temple Christian listen to safety advice during the event at Marathon Mall



DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES Jeffrey Deleveaux gives the vote of thanks as National Security Minister Tommy Turnquest listens



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MICHAEL ANDERSON

## FIDELITY'S \$13-\$15M HOPES NOT REALISED

- \* \$10m pref issue fully subscribed, but anticipated oversubscription does not materialise
- \* BISX-listed bank still raises enough capital to 'grow for 3-5 years'
- \* Set to list on exchange before 2011 year-end

He added that initial expectations the offering would be oversubscribed had not come to fruition, saying it had impacted by the proximity of the \$8 million Arawak Cay Port initial public offering (IPO) and investor unfamiliarity with the conditions attached to Tier One perpetual preference shares.

"Last week I was hoping we'd end up with \$13-\$15 million out of it, but it will be less than that," Mr Anderson told Tribune Business of the \$10 million preference share issue. "We'll get somewhere north of \$10 million, and at least it will be

fully subscribed.

"We got a lot of subscriptions early, and picked up a pile at the end. I'm reasonably sure it's fully subscribed, just not sure what the total amount is. At one stage I thought it would be heavily oversubscribed, but last week we kept hearing more and more people were keeping monies for the Port transaction."

This, the RoyalFidelity president said, showed the need to ensure no more than one major capital raising effort took

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day. We feel positive that when mid-October comes around things will really get busy.

He added: "The first week in September was a bad time for business because there was the back to school rush, but we are pleased with the progress so far."

Mr Burrows said the store's concept was new to the almost 40 year-old business, adding: "This is a new concept, nothing like our Robinson Road location. We have seasonal items, lawn and gardening supplies, as well as plumbing and electrical supplies. It's like a smaller version of Lowe's."

The store is situated in the \$16 million Southwest

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**'NEW CONCEPT' ADDS 65 JOBS**  
Commonwealth Building Supplies says 35,000sq ft plaza anchor 'a smaller version of Lowe's'

By NATARIO MCKENZIE  
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COMMONWEALTH Building Supplies has created 65 new jobs through the opening of its 35,000 square foot anchor store in the Southwest Shopping Plaza, its general manager yesterday comparing the outlet to a smaller version of US hardware giant, Lowe's.

Telling Tribune Business that sales at the new location were increasing on a daily basis, Brent Burrows said: "Things are going quite well. We are in our fourth week and have seen growth every

## CONTROLS ON \$73M CLICO INVESTMENT 'VERY WEAK'

- \* Insider accuses insolvent Bahamas insurer's principal of extracting 'excessive' management fees
- \* Bahamian liquidator gains new lines of inquiry

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

THE REAL ESTATE project into which \$73 million of CLICO (Bahamas) funds was pumped suffered from "very weak" management controls, it has been revealed, with the insolvent insurer's Trinidadian principal accused of extracting project management fees "way above" market norms.

Michael Carballo, group finance director for CLICO (Bahamas) ultimate Trinidad-

based parent, CL Financial, has questioned whether it was appropriate for Lawrence Duprey, the latter's chairman, to be a partner/shareholder in a company established to be project manager for the Wellington Preserve development and other Florida-based real estate initiatives.

In his witness statement to the Trinidad-based Commission of Inquiry into CL Financial's collapse, Mr Carballo questioned whether the use of DYL, which stood for Duprey, Yanopoulos and Leid (two of the former's partners), to manage Wellington Preserve's development was "cost efficient" and provided for true accountability.

His testimony sheds some light into the poor management and oversight structures that led not to just CLICO (Bahamas) collapse into insolvency, and now Supreme Court-supervised liquidation, but the end of CL Financial, one of the region's largest pan-Caribbean conglomerates.

Via its wholly-owned Bahamian subsidiary, CLICO Enterprises, the Bahamian life and health insurer advanced \$73 million to develop Wellington Preserve, with the intention of developing the West Palm Beach-

## 'REINVIGORATE' FREEPORT THROUGH TAX BREAK END

- \* Absence of \$2,000-\$10,000 annual 'carrying costs' has eliminated development incentive
- \* City's real estate prices 'dormant at best for 20 years'

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

ENDING Freeport's real property tax exemption will "reinvigorate" the city's real estate market, the Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce's president has been told, as the annual \$2,000-\$10,000 'carrying costs' will prevent Bahamians and foreigners

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## GOING PUBLIC 'NOT ON HORIZON' FOR COCA-COLA BOTTLER

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

BECOMING a public company is "certainly not on the horizon" for Caribbean Bottling Company (Bahamas) in the short-term, its principal describing the partnership forged with its 30 per cent minority Barbadian investor as "a model" for other Bahamian firms to follow.

Describing the "excellent relationship" with Banks Barbados Breweries, Walter Wells, the company's president and chief executive, said the arrangement showed Bahamians could partner with foreign groups who provided specialist skills and access to technology while remaining in control.

Admitting that he and the investor group, including Banks, which bought the Coca-Cola bottler and dis-

tributor in 2006, had not expected to be sitting in their own multi-million dollar plant and head offices within five years, Mr Wells said the company planned to expand certain product lines and introduce an energy drink within the next six months.

Questioned by Tribune Business about the possibility of Caribbean Bottling going public and listing on the Bahamas International Securities Exchange (BISX), Mr Wells said: "I've been asked that question many times.

"It's certainly not on the horizon - certainly not in the near term. There's no rush to sell shares."

He explained that there were two driving forces for companies to go public, neither of which were currently in play for Caribbean Bottling. These were the need to raise capital, and also if a



WALTER WELLS

major shareholder/shareholders wanted to realise the value of their holdings and cash out.

"Neither one of those scenarios is necessary today," Mr

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## BUSINESS

# WE MUST STEP UP OUR GAME IN FRAGILE WORLD

By LARRY GIBSON

LAST WEEK we witnessed another reminder of how fragile the current economic recovery is as the Dow Jones Industrial Average (Dow) fell 738 points to 10,771, a decline of 6.4 per cent on the week. It was the Dow's worst weekly decline since October 6, 2008, when the index fell 18.2 per cent. For the year to date, the Dow is down about 7 per cent, and off 15.9 per cent from its peak of 12,396 on April 29, 2011.

## Question

The obvious question is: "What has changed since April?" The simple answer is: Much. The global economy is struggling with little or no growth in Europe and the US. The sovereign debt crisis is spreading within Europe, and countries such as the US, Japan and Italy have been downgraded in recent weeks. There are signs that even mighty China and other emerging market economies may not be growing as robustly as before.

It is not clear whether the worst is over, and some are calling for another round of stimulus. For example, President Obama has recently proposed a \$475 billion 'jobs' program, which the Republicans are likely to reject.

## A different perspective

Last week I came across an article entitled *The real recession never ended*, written by Anthony Mirhaydari, a Seattle-based investment columnist for MSN Money, who argues that the crunch we are in is rooted in stagnant pay cheques and payrolls... a problem, he asserts, that is more than a decade old. This article ranks as a 'must share'... so it is condensed

## FINANCIAL FOCUS



LARRY GIBSON

below.

Mirhaydari writes: "Economists tell us the economic recovery is more than two years old. Corporate profits have zoomed to record highs. Countries such as China and Brazil have roared back. But by just about every other measure, it is as if the 2007 recession never ended. Industrial production, retail sales, employment, home prices, construction activity, inventories and retail sales are all below pre-recession levels. In inflation-adjusted terms, the economy is smaller than it was before the downturn. That's nearly four years of no growth."

"The truth is, our problems are deeper and go back further. One example: Stocks are coming off their worst 10-year performance since the Great Depression, trading at levels first reached in 1998.

In fact, I'd argue that the real recession began a decade or more ago and hasn't ended. The key problem - stagnant wages - has only gotten worse. It hasn't mattered who was in the White House or in control of Congress."

## Stagnant Wages

Mirhaydari adds: "The problem of stagnant wages is structural, and it is related to globalisation and the rise of China. Employers, scared by the 2008 financial crisis, cut jobs more deeply than experts expected. They've gotten used to smaller workforces and the big profit margins that go with them, thanks to outsourcing and automation.

"Incomes have been stagnant since the Clinton administration. Part of the reason wages stalled was technology. Mainly, though, it was the rise of globalisation. Of the 27 million jobs the US economy created in the two decades before the latest recession began in 2007, the vast majority were in "non-tradable" sectors of the economy such as government, health care, construction, retail and hospitality, notes economist and Nobel laureate Michael Spence. These are positions that cannot be shipped overseas.

"Those gains have not offset job losses in 'tradable' sectors such as manufacturing. Private sector payrolls are now at levels first reached in 1999, despite a steady increase in the overall population. As a result, the employment-to-population ratio is at 1980s levels and still falling. The result has been a drop in the marginal return to labour.

"Put simply, there are fewer American jobs to go around, so they pay less - with predictable results. Adjusted for inflation, new data from the US Census Bureau

show incomes are down to 1996 levels."

## Implications for the Bahamas

First, if real wages are not growing then consumer spending, which drives the US economy, stagnates. Remember, through June 30, 2011, US consumer spending was growing only at a 0.4 per cent annualised rate. This has obvious implications for a mass recovery in tourism travel, particularly from the US, in the foreseeable future. Does this indicate a continuation of heavily subsidised government promotion programs?

Second, our traditional reliance on foreign investment will continue to be severely impacted by the turmoil in global financial markets and the fragility of international banks. The only lenders seemingly prepared to fund large long-term projects in today's market are the Chinese. The Chinese are the most significant lender to the US government (via their holdings of US government debt) and, of late, the most willing lender to the entire Caribbean region. The cost of this massive Chinese largesse (of which the Bahamas seems to be a favoured beneficiary) remains to be determined.

Therefore, if we are to experience challenges in the two main drivers of our economy, tourism and foreign investment, it cannot be business as usual for the next five years. Government revenues, which are already under considerable pressure, will most likely continue to be weak. Some tax-raising measures will have to be implemented, and significant spending cuts will have to be enforced throughout the public sector. This will be bitter, but necessary, medicine.

Further, if this economy is to

grow, attention must be given to the fact that the entire region is competing for scarce tourism and foreign investment flows and, in order to get our fair share, we will have to step up our game. Therefore, the Government must become more 'business friendly' to encourage both domestic and international investors to mobilise capital in our economy. They will only do so if the Government demonstrates it is serious by taking resolute steps towards putting its fiscal affairs in order. Such action will send the right message to investors.

I do believe that when Bahamian starts to pop out of the ground in a fully visible way confidence in the Bahamian economy will rebound, if supported by appropriate policies that encourage investment.

Finally, I wish to remind local readers that such economic adjustments will not be confined to the Bahamas but will occur in all the major economies throughout the world.

Until next week...

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## 'WIN-WIN SOLUTION' SOUGHT OVER ROYAL CARIBBEAN OUTLET

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WITH Bahamian vendors on Coco Cay effectively being driven out of business due to what is being described as "unfair competition" from Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, two contenders seeking to become the area's MP at the next general election yesterday expressed hope that a "win-win solution" for both sides could be reached.

Straw vendors in the Berry Islands are arguing that the cruise line's newly-opened signature store on its private island will effectively put them out of business. The situation is being described by many as a prime example of "unfair competition".

Current MP for North Andros and the Berry Islands, Vincent Peet, told Tribune Business yesterday that the Government should revisit the decision to approve the logo shop on Coco Cay.

Mr Peet said: "I was trying to discourage Royal Caribbean from proceeding with the logo shop. I didn't support the logo shop because I realised the impact it would have on the vendors."

"It provides unfair competition. We appreciate and thank Royal Caribbean for their investment, and all we were asking is for them to be more sensitive to this aspect."

"The passengers on the ships, I am told, can use their room key to purchase items once they get to the cay. This will undoubtedly discourage some of the passengers from bringing cash. The vendors operate with cash; their sales are cash. They have to pay for their stock, pay for babysitters and transportation to and from the cay. For them it's all cash transactions; they don't operate with credit cards. I am still calling on Royal Caribbean and the Government to revisit the approval for the logo shop."

## Formula

And Mr Peet added: "Going forward I am calling for a sit down between the vendors and Coco Cay management to find a working formula for a win-win situation. The vendors make a contribution and Royal Caribbean makes a contribution."

Randy Butler, chief executive and president of Sky-Bahamas, and DNA candidate for North Andros and the Berry Islands, told Tribune Business yesterday he was seeking to meet with the representative for the vendors.

"Hopefully we can find some way for a win-win situation," he said. "From what I understand the passengers are coming off the ship without any cash; they are being told they don't need any. The vendors feel the ship is encouraging persons not to bring cash on to the cay. We

understand the benefits of having Royal Caribbean but our concern is for the livelihood of the vendors."

Dr Jonathan Rodgers, the well known eye doctor and DNA activist, has also weighed in on the situation. In a letter, he said: "The primary complaint is that the prices of souvenirs in the signature store will undercut those of local merchants, and thus put them out of business."

"These complaints are justified, as there is no way that the local merchants can compete with this foreign corporate giant and, indeed, it's only a matter of time before they are forced to close their doors."

He added: "Competition is to be expected in any business environment, but unfair competition is another story. This is certainly an example of unfair competition, at its ugliest best."

"The cruise industry now either owns or controls six cays, four of which are designated ports."

"The cruise lines pay no import fees, work permit fees, business license fees, seabed fees or real property taxes."

"All of these same fees have to be paid by the local merchants who are competing in the same souvenir business. There is no way that local merchants can compete with the cruise lines, given their enormous buying power, as well as all of the above mentioned financial advantages."

## Contractors Bill 'nearly complete'

By NATARIO MCKENZIE  
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THE DRAFT Contractors Bill is still under review but "nearly complete," the Ministry of Public Works' permanent secretary said yesterday, as the sector anxiously awaits its passage into law.

While not giving a timeline for when it would be ready, Colin Higgs told Tribune Business: "It's still under review. There are a number of Bills to be dealt with when Parliament opens. I know we have had a number of discussions with the Contractors Association and the Attorney General's Office. We have had discussions back and forth. I don't see it taking an inordinate amount of time, but it is not ready yet. It is nearly complete."

Calls placed to Attorney General John Delaney were not returned up to press time last evening.

The Bahamian Contractors Association

(BCA) president, Godfrey Forbes, told Tribune Business that the sooner the Bill can be ready, the better.

"The Bill is extremely important. The sooner it can be addressed, the better it can be for the industry. Right now there is too much stupidity going on," Mr Forbes told Tribune Business.

"Since we had our last meeting with the Ministry of Works and the Attorney General's Office two months ago there has not been any further communication with us. When we left the last meeting there were concerns over some parts of the Bill that we wanted to have adjusted and they were going to get back to us. That is the position we are in at this time. We haven't seen a final draft; we are waiting for them to get back to us."

According to Mr Higgs, the Bill contains provisions for the regulation of contractors based on their level of expertise. He said it also contains provisions for health and safety as well as consumer protection.

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## BUSINESS

# Airport project a 'perfect marriage'

THE \$409.5 MILLION Lynden Pindling International Airport (LPIA) redevelopment has been featured internationally as the first Bahamian infrastructure project to be financed by user fees.

Participating in a KPMG Infrastructure Summit in Miami, the Nassau Airport Development Company's (NAD) president and chief executive, Stewart Steeves, highlighted the success of the company's financial model.

During the panel, *A Construction and Development Model for a Successful PPP/Infrastructure Project*, Mr Steeves shared with the audience of more than 150 country and corporate leaders the elements of a successful Public Private Partnership

(PPP).

"There is a need for trust among partners," he said. "The public sector partner determines what the project is, and trusts the private sector partner(s) to determine how the project gets done."

"There is no question that our success has been occasioned by a public sector need for a major asset to be expanded and redeveloped, coupled with the private sector belief that the long-term revenue streams from this asset will be viable and sustainable. That is a perfect marriage."

This framework is likely to be replicated to facilitate major infrastructure projects that have long-term revenue streams.

Nassau Airport Development Company's (NAD) president and chief executive, Stewart Steeves



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## POSITION AVAILABLE



### Financial Analyst

The Burns House Group of Companies is seeking to enhance its Finance Department through the addition of a Financial Analyst. The successful candidate will have main responsibility for the processing of financial transactions and reports for Burns House Group of Companies and its Parent Company, Commonwealth Brewery Ltd. (a publicly listed company of BISX).

#### Job Description

- Responsible for all data upload and reporting to the regional corporate office (via Company Information Logistics)
- Preparation of monthly consolidated financial statements
- Responsible for the business analysis reports of 3 key business units (Production, Wholesale & Retail)
- Provides support for ad-hoc business development projects and initiatives as directed by the financial management team
- Assists Financial Management Team with reporting activities

#### Qualifications

- Minimum Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Finance, or Business Administration
- Minimum 2 years work experience in the field of finance, a firm of public accountants, or any other closely related field
- Advanced proficiency in Microsoft Office Applications with exceptional knowledge of Microsoft Excel
- Familiarity with International Financial Reporting Standards
- It is highly preferred that the candidate is, at minimum, in pursuit of a financial designation (CPA, CA, ACCA, CFA, etc.)

#### Minimum Competencies

- Decision Making: self-starter with highly analytical mind
- Ensuring Dialogue: excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Achieving Results: ability to cope with competing demands and effective self management
- Decision Making: combine relevant data, ensure proper analysis, consult relevant persons, and rely on own judgment to make sound decisions under conditions of uncertainty
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- Enhancing Professionalism: develop world-class professionalism with a focus on significant business impact

Job Level: Supervisor

Reports To: Group Accounting Manager

Direct Reports: None

Interested persons should email resumes directly to the contact listed below. Deadline for submission is **September 28, 2011**:

Paul Frazier Jr.

Group Accounting Manager

[paul.frazier@burnshouse.com](mailto:paul.frazier@burnshouse.com)

All other inquiries can be addressed to Human Resources at [ccash@burnshouse.com](mailto:ccash@burnshouse.com)

## CONTROLS ON \$73M CLICO INVESTMENT 'VERY WEAK'

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based project into a high-end residential and equestrian centre.

An illiquid real estate development, Wellington Preserve ended up accounting for 63 per cent of CLICO (Bahamas) assets. This extraordinary level of inter-group (related party) financing created liquidity problems and left the Bahamian insurer "challenged to fund its daily operations", according to liquidators.

The insurer was put into liquidation after CLICO Enterprises' balance sheet showed liabilities of \$129 million and assets of only \$108 million, creating a \$21 million solvency deficiency.

The earlier collapse of its CL Financial parent meant a \$58 million guarantee it had given on behalf of CLICO (Bahamas), shoring up its balance sheet, was unlikely to hold, while the US real estate market freefall meant Wellington Preserve's valuation had dropped dramatically.

Alluding to all these issues, Mr Carballo said CL Financial's CLICO subsidiary - through its Bahamian and other affiliates - had funded not just Wellington Preserve but three other major Florida real estate developments.

"I am aware that CLICO expended hundreds of millions of dollars on these projects and, while these seemed feasible while property prices were rising sharply in Florida over the past 10 years, valuations suffered in the Florida property crash at the end of 2008," Mr Carballo said in his statement to Trinidad's inquiry.

"I cannot comment on the quality of controls or oversight on these projects, but I suspect that they were always very weak."

The Florida investments "consumed the majority of the time spent by Karen Gardier", CLICO (Bahamas) chief executive and also chief financial officer of its CLICO parent.

Describing the "fancy offices" of DYL on Brickell Avenue in Miami, which were frequently used as a base for Mr Duprey, Mr

Carballo said that after making his own inquiries he learned the company's initials stood for Duprey, Yanopoulos and Leid.

"It was set up as project managers to manage the group's [CL Financial] real estate/property projects in Florida," Mr Carballo said. "They earned project management fees, rumoured to be way above general market rates.

"I was never clear as to the rationale for DYL's involvement, and whether it was cost-efficient for the group, as opposed to the use of independent project managers that could be held truly accountable. I also understood that Geoffrey Leid, in particular, was drawing hefty US dollar fees out of DYL....."

Mr Carballo's comment on excessive project management fees relating to Wellington Preserve are likely to interest CLICO (Bahamas) liquidator, Baker Tilly Gomez accountant and partner, Craig A. 'Tony' Gomez.

It could represent another potential recovery source in his efforts to recover assets for CLICO (Bahamas) creditors and investors, who according to his last report are facing a \$14.58 million solvency deficiency - assets of \$45,543 million exceeded by some \$60.722 million in liabilities.

This is likely to involve some kind of lawsuit being filed by Mr Gomez against Mr Duprey, an action the liquidator and his attorneys in the Bahamas, the US and Trinidad have been contemplating for some time.

Mr Gomez is also likely to be interested in the minutes of a CLICO investment committee meeting on April 8, 2008, which appear to indicate that the company was financing another Florida real estate project through Bahamas-domiciled CLICO Enterprises.

Under the heading 'Merrick Park', the notes refer to 'Merrick Park jointly with CLICO Enterprises' alongside Karen Gardier's name, implying that CLICO (Bahamas) 100 per cent owned affiliate was financing more than just Wellington Preserve.

"K Gardier explained the set up now is that CLICO is funding Merrick Park via loan notes to CLICO Enterprises," the minutes state.

This could indicate another source of recovery/asset to go after for Mr Gomez, as it implies that monies originating in the Bahamas with CLICO (Bahamas) may have potentially been invested with Merrick Park - another Duprey, or DYL, controlled development.

It also appears that CLICO was seeking a joint venture partner for Wellington Preserve, but this did not work out because the proposed partner was embroiled in a litigation mess.

"Wellington Preserve was to mature on time to put some proceeds from that into Merrick Park," the investment committee notes said, creating another inquiry line for Mr Gomez.

"Unfortunately, the transaction did not come through because the other party that was to join up with Wellington Preserve, which would have led to an increase in the value of our land, got into legal battles with the persons they are leasing from currently. They eventually had to stay on with them to get out of the battles, as it was not feasible to go forward with the number of lawsuits."

The final word on the sorry mess belongs to Mr Carballo.

He told the Trinidad Commission of Inquiry: "The group would have lost hundreds of millions of US dollars as a result of venturing into Florida real estate projects.

"Most of them were financed with relatively high leverage, and by the ending of 2008, with the drastic declines in Florida real estate values, borrowings were in excess of current valuations and the group was forced to give up projects..... such as Wellington Preserve as a result."

## 'NEW CONCEPT' ADDS 65 JOBS

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Shopping Plaza at the Blue Hill Road/Carmichael Road junction. The complex was built by CGT Construction, owned by the Treco family, which is also the founder and owner of Commonwealth Building Supplies.

Mr Burrows told Tribune Business: "We have just about 70 persons employed

at our Carmichael Road location. Of that number about 65 persons are new employees."

He said the fact that the Carmichael Road area has become more populated in recent years led to the company's decision to establish a store in the area.

"We conducted a survey and research about four years ago, and decided it was a good area in which to expand our business. We feel as though we have positioned ourselves in the right location.

"We have been highly complimented on our customer service and we offer convenient hours," Mr Burrows said.

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Any interested persons should make their objections to this proposal known to the Companies Registry, Department of Economic Development, P O Box 345, St George's Court, Upper Church Street, Douglas, Isle of Man IM99 2QS during the 10 days following the publication of this notice.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2011

John Jeremy Callin

Director



## BUSINESS

# GERMANY DOWNPLAYS HOPES OF FAST NEW CRISIS COURSE

**BERLIN**  
Associated Press

GERMAN officials on Monday downplayed prospects of any quick and dramatic change of course in the eurozone debt crisis, days before a parliamentary vote on beefing up the continent's rescue fund.

Weekend meetings of global financial leaders in Washington raised hopes of a change in strategy, with officials indicating they would focus on further boosting the firepower of the ?440 billion (\$595 billion) rescue fund — perhaps by allowing it to tap loans from the European Central Bank or otherwise leveraging its lending capacity.

Hopes for such a move boosted European stock markets on Monday, with German and French bank shares rising strongly.

However, ahead of a parliamentary vote Thursday on changes to the fund that eurozone leaders already agreed to in July, Berlin was keen to underline its attachment to its often-criticized step-by-step approach.

President Barack Obama, meanwhile — speaking Monday in California — said the financial crisis rippling through Europe is "scaring the world" and that steps taken by European nations to stem the eurozone debt problem "haven't been as quick as they need to be."

Obama said Europe never fully healed from the financial crisis in 2007, and its troubles have spilled beyond the continent and are affecting the U.S. economy as well.

His comments were in response to a question posed by a laid-off worker.

Thursday's vote on expanding the powers of the rescue fund, the so-called European Financial Stability Facility, will be followed over the coming months by final decisions on a second bailout package for Greece and on a permanent rescue mechanism meant to replace the EFSF from 2013, Finance Ministry spokesman Martin Kotthaus noted.

"That is quite simply the procedure that lies in front of us — we will work through it step by step," Kotthaus said.

When asked in Washington whether he supported the idea of leveraging the rescue fund, German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble said: "Of course we will use the EFSF in the most efficient way possible."

The discussion about the new rescue fund powers is taking place amid speculation that Greece ultimately will be unable to pay its debts and will have to force heavy losses on bondholders. That would be beyond a 21 percent sacrifice agreed to under a second, ?109 billion bailout deal for Greece. Greek and other officials deny that will happen.

In an interview with TV television Monday, Schaeuble was asked whether there is a plan to move up the effective July 2013 date of the long-term rescue mechanism, or ESM.

Schaeuble pointed out that the process of establishing the ESM, which would allow a country to go bankrupt and default on its debts, takes time.

"That doesn't go very fast," Schaeuble said. "If we could do it faster ... it would be good, but probably we will need the time that we have calculated."

Some in Chancellor Angela Merkel's center-right coalition already find the beefing up of the EFSF by giving it new powers hard to swallow, and anything beyond that could be a hard sell among its lawmakers.



**IN THIS AUG. 22, 2011 PHOTO**, a home-available sign is seen in front of a new home under construction in Apopka, Fla. Sales of new homes fell to a six-month low in August. The fourth straight monthly decline during the peak buying season suggests the housing market is years away from a recovery. (AP)

# HOME-BUYING SEASON THE WORST IN AT LEAST 50 YEARS

**WASHINGTON**  
Associated Press

THE home-buying season was a bust.

March through August are typically the peak buying months. But this time, Americans bought fewer new homes in that stretch than in any other six-month period since record-keeping began a half-century ago.

And sales of previously occupied homes didn't fare much better. They nearly matched 2009's total for the peak buying months. And that was the worst since 1997.

Combined, total sales this spring and summer were the weakest on records dating to 1963. The figures underscore how badly the housing market is faring and suggest that a recovery is years away.

Because the economy is barely growing and unemployment exceeds 9 percent, many people see a home purchase as too big a risk. Some worry about losing their jobs. Others can't afford the 20 percent down payment that most lenders now require.

Not even shrunken home prices and the lowest mortgage rates in six decades are convincing would-be buyers.

"The job engine has really sputtered out, and without jobs, Americans really can't purchase homes," said Celia Chen, a housing economist at Moody's Analytics.

Plunging stock prices and renewed recession fears have led many economists to push back expectations for a housing recovery.

Chen expects prices to bottom at the start of 2012. And she doesn't expect sales and prices to make a healthy recovery until 2015 at the earliest. In hard-hit areas such as California and Florida, it could take decades for prices to return to normal, she said.

Pierre Ellis, an analyst at Decision Economics, said that until wages increase and hiring picks up, sales will languish.

The "bad news is the evident absence of optimism that sales will pick up to any degree," Ellis said.

Roughly 168,000 new homes were sold from March through August, the Commerce Department said Monday. That's fewer than the 180,000 for the same period last year — and last year's sales were boosted by a temporary buyer's tax credit. Over the same period in 2009, roughly 208,000 new

homes were sold.

In a healthy six-month buying season, about 400,000 new homes would sell.

Among re-sales, about 2.8 million homes sold from March through August this year. That's roughly as many as in the same periods in 2009 and 2010. In a healthy market, about 3.3 million would be sold in that six-month stretch.

Michael McGrew, who runs McGrew Real Estate in Lawrence, Kan., said many families won't buy until the economy strengthens. Even in Lawrence, which had a low unemployment rate of 6.4 percent in July and is home to the University of Kansas, people are worried, McGrew said.

What would help most

would be a relocated company that's ready to hire in the Lawrence area, McGrew says. But hopes for the housing market to turn around soon are dim, he said.

"We're actually seeing more people trading down their home or trading out of our market entirely," McGrew said.

Nationally, prices are still falling. Prices for previously occupied homes have sunk more than 5 percent over the past year to a median of \$168,300. New-home prices have fallen even further, by 7.7 percent, to \$209,100.

That suggests builders and Realtors are slashing prices to compete with low-priced foreclosures and short sales. Short sales occur when lenders allow homes to be sold for less than what's

owed on the mortgage.

Combined, foreclosures and short sales are selling at an average 20 percent discount.

And they're lowering neighboring home values.

Devan MacConnell, 28, an administrator at a nonprofit in southeast Virginia, had

been renting for years before buying a short sale this month — a one-bedroom condo in Virginia Beach overlooking the ocean. She picked it up for \$215,000, about \$35,000 less than neighboring apartments.

"It was a steal," she said.

## NOTICE

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7.50	4.40	Bank of Bahamas	FBB18	6.93	6.93	0.00	6,642	0.100	30.1	1.44%	
0.53	0.17	Benchmark	FBB19	0.18	0.18	0.00	6,642	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
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1.96	1.71	Fidelity Bank	FBB21	1.77	1.77	0.00	6,642	0.007	18.2	2.26%	
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## UNITY IN YOGA

By ALESHA CADET  
Tribune Features Reporter

**Y**OGA enthusiasts in the Bahamas rolled out their mats last Saturday to join the global celebration of the autumnal equinox and demonstrate unity for World Peace Day.

Club One was transformed into a peaceful and serene space for yoga practitioners to complete 108 'sun salutations'. By the

end of the event, participants left the gym with a new and improved sense of "balance, strength, flexibility and agility", said organisers.

Yoga instructor and coordinator Janine Carey told *Tribune Health* that every spring and autumn equinox around the world people get together to do these 108 sun salutations to usher in the change of the season.

"It is considered an important time of the year and it signifies a change from summer into the winter months," she said.

"Basically when you do a sun salutation, which is 12 movements, or 12 postures, it is like a mini workout. You really do target all of the muscles of your body by working on balance, flexibility and strength. You end up having better posture because you're lengthening the spine and rolling the shoulders back, and you connect with your breath so that you have deeper inhalations and exhalations," said Ms Carey.

About 30 people participated in the event. Money raised from participant donations was earmarked for community service programmes organised by the Rotaract Club of East Nassau.

Yoga instructor Elaine Kerry shared her views on the event: "I think that the intensity of a yoga practice pushes people to a certain edge. I speak for me and the masses when I say we generally enjoy our comfort zones in life and by participating in something like the sun salutations; it is almost like a marathon of yoga. You are given the opportunity to go out of your comfort zone and take yourself to a new edge."

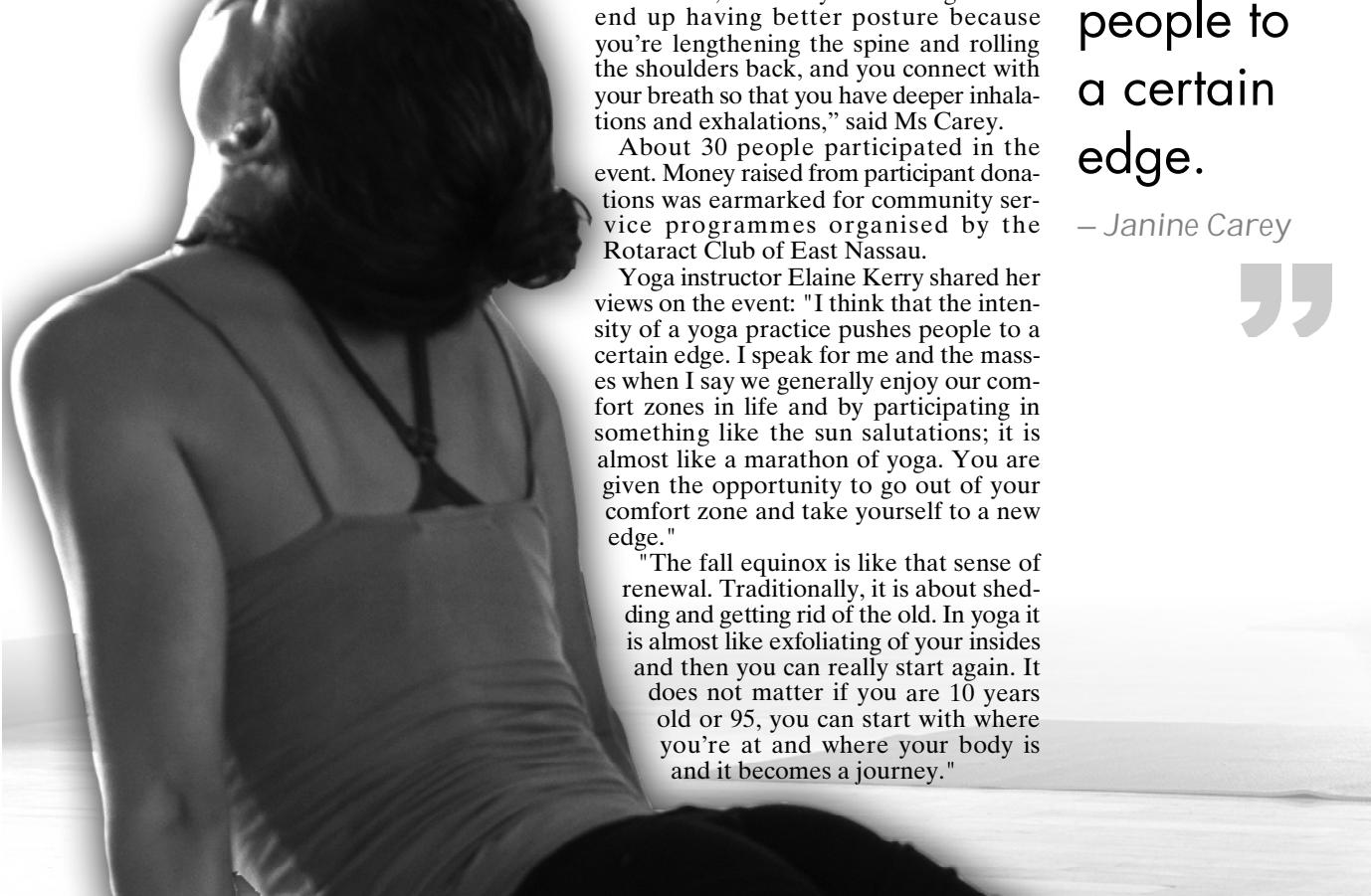
"The fall equinox is like that sense of renewal. Traditionally, it is about shedding and getting rid of the old. In yoga it is almost like exfoliating of your insides and then you can really start again. It does not matter if you are 10 years old or 95, you can start with where you're at and where your body is and it becomes a journey."

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— Janine Carey



Heather Carey  
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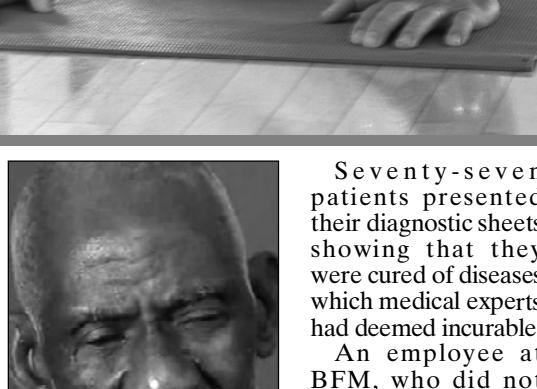


Seventy-seven patients presented their diagnostic sheets showing that they were cured of diseases which medical experts had deemed incurable.

An employee at BFM, who did not wish to be named said the seminar was very informative.

"There were a ton of people at this event. The medicine part of the event I was truly impressed with. There are some products that I am definitely interested in purchasing. If you think the food that you are eating now is healthy, after hearing that man speak you will not think so anymore. However, the majority of the foods that he said are healthy for consumption are found on the other side of the world," she said.

New Life Electric Cell Foods is a new Bahamian company which focuses on teaching Bahamians how to eat right and live longer, healthier lives.



DR SEBI

Controversial Herbalist

## Bahamians flock to see herbalist 'Dr Sebi'

By JEFFARAH GIBSON  
Tribune Features Writer

BAHAMIANS flocked to a seminar featuring the controversial herbalist known as "Dr Sebi" to seek cures for a number of health ailments.

The event aimed to educate Bahamians on the benefits of the alkaline diet which consists of non-starch based foods. It also emphasizes fresh fruits and vegetables.

The seminar was hosted by New Life Electric Cell Foods at Bahamas Faith Ministries earlier this month.

Jamal Moncur, founder of New Life, said the event turned out to be even more successful than organisers had hoped.

"To say the lecture was well received is an understatement. We had about 1,700 people at the event and there were another 1,700 that showed up at our office. Those who

have used Dr Sebi's products are responding very well to them saying how it has exceeded their expectations," he told *Tribune Health*.

Mr Moncur said more and more Bahamians are adopting an alkaline diet. Already there are 2,000 regular clients receiving services from New Life.

"Our basic philosophy is that food should be your medicine and your medicine should be your food. That is our basic principle. Whatever you put in your mouth will determine your state of health. We find in our research that whatever you put inside your mouth that contains starch, there is no place in your body for that. We provide food that is consistent with the cellular makeup of the body. If you have a deficiency in calcium we will give you sea moss. And you can use that to make ice cream; you can use that to bake bread,

because it has the same binding effect as yeast," said Mr Moncur.

The basic Dr Sebi diet is about eliminating acidic foods from your diet and replacing them with alkaline or electric foods. Common acidic foods include carrots, celery, garlic, beets, oats, cassava and potatoes, said Mr Moncur. Common alkaline foods include callillo, quinoa, wild rice and sea moss.

"Disease thrives on an acidic body", so the basic formula to eat alkaline food to restore balance to your immune system and allow your body to heal itself.

"Disease is caused when there is a breakdown of the mucus membrane and depending on where that breakdown is it will determine your disease. If your mucus membrane is broken down in your bronchial tube the disease that will manifest will be bronchitis. If it is broken down in the pancreatic duct, it will manifest as diabetes. If the breakdown is in the joints it will manifest as arthritis," said Mr Moncur.

"The mucus membrane is designed to absorb all forms of acid. When you eat acidic foods constantly, it eats away the mucus membrane and

exposes the cell. Once that occurs there is no protection for the cells," he said.

While the alkaline diet has many supporters, some medical experts have questioned whether it has any effect on the body.

Dr Sebi's claims that his methods cure clients of diabetes; cancer; HIV/ AIDS;

impotence; lupus; herpes; blindness; sickle cell anemia; paralysis; asthma; Alzheimer's disease; fibroid tumors, Autism, mental illness, heart disease and more have made him a controversial herbalist.

Such claims led to Dr Sebi's appearance in the United States Supreme Court in 1988. But the Supreme Court of New York upheld his claims after many witnesses came to court with their testimonials and their medical papers in hand to prove that their documented diseases had disappeared.

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An employee at BFM, who did not wish to be named said the seminar was very informative.

"There were a ton of people at this event. The medicine part of the event I was truly impressed with. There are some products that

I am definitely interested in purchasing. If you think the food that you are eating now is healthy, after hearing that man speak you will not think so anymore. However, the majority of the foods that he said are healthy for consumption are found on the other side of the world," she said.

New Life Electric Cell Foods is a new Bahamian company which focuses on teaching Bahamians how to eat right and live longer, healthier lives.

# Prophylactic antibiotics in dentistry

IT IS customary for some persons who have certain heart conditions and those with artificial joints to take antibiotics before some dental treatments.

These people may be at risk of developing an infection in the heart or at the site of the artificial joint. The antibiotics taken before these dental procedures will reduce this risk. The act of taking these antibiotics before the dental procedures is called antibiotic prophylaxis.

Dental healthcare professionals in The Bahamas are guided in their practice of the science and art of dentistry, by guidelines provided by the Bahamas Dental Council.

The guidelines commonly recommended by the Bahamas Dental Council frequently mirror those given by recognised international organisations. The American Dental Association (ADA), American Heart Association (AHA) and American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) are such organisations.

Therefore, when treating patients with heart conditions dentists commonly follow recommendations developed by the AHA, with input from the



KEEPING YOUR MOUTH ALIVE

By ANDRE CLARKE

ADA.

When treating patients who have total joint replacements they commonly refer to recommendations developed by AAOS.

The AHA recommendations for persons with heart conditions are meant to reduce the risk of infective endocarditis. Infective endocarditis (IE) is an infection of the lining inside the heart or the heart valves which makes the sufferer very ill and can result in death. If not managed appropriately, the patient can die.

In the past, many heart conditions were thought to put patients at risk for developing IE. This is no longer the opinion of the AHA.

They analysed published research and other scientific articles and determined that fewer conditions were associated with IE. It was concluded that the risks of bad reactions to antibiotics outweighed the

benefits of prophylaxis for most patients; prophylactic antibiotics did not prevent IE definitively and bacteria from the mouth entering the bloodstream during daily brushing are more likely to cause IE than after a dental treatment.

The likelihood of bacteria becoming resistant to antibiotics as a result of over usage was also a major concern for the AHA.

It is now accepted that a smaller group of patients need to use prophylactic antibiotics before dental treatments.

The current AHA recommendations advise the use of preventive antibiotics before certain dental procedures for people with:

- Artificial heart valves
- A history of infective endocarditis
- A cardiac transplant that develops a heart valve problem
- The following congenital (present from birth) heart conditions: unrepaired or incompletely repaired cyanotic (showing bluish discoloration due to insufficient oxygen in the blood); congenital heart disease, including those with palliative shunts and conduits; a completely repaired congenital heart defect with

prosthetic (synthetic) material or device, whether placed by surgery or by catheter (flexible tube) intervention, during the first six months after the procedure, and any repaired congenital heart defect with residual defect at the site or adjacent to the site of a prosthetic patch or a prosthetic device.

People who took prophylactic antibiotics in the past but no longer need them include those with: mitral valve prolapse; rheumatic heart disease; bicuspid valve disease; calcified aortic stenosis, and congenital heart conditions such as ventricular septal defect, atrial septal defect and hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

The recommendations from the AAOS apply to persons who have total joint replacements. The AAOS aims to reduce the risk of infections at the site of an artificial joint in persons undergoing certain dental procedures. Patients with joint replacements who are having invasive procedures or who have other body infections are at increased risk of bacteria infecting their artificial joint. Patients who have pins, plates or other orthope-

dic (bone related) hardware are not affected.

Antibiotic prophylaxis as described by the AAOS may be considered for those patients who have had previous prosthetic joint infections. It may also be considered for those with other conditions that may predispose the patient to infection.

Some such conditions that you should be aware of are:

- All patients with prosthetic joint replacement
- Immune system compromised/immune system suppressed patients
- Inflammatory arthropathies (for example rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE))
- Drug-induced immune system suppression
- Radiation-induced immune system suppression
- Patients with co-morbidities (for example diabetes, obesity, HIV, smokers)
- Previous prosthetic joint infections
- Malnourishment
- Haemophilia
- HIV infection
- Insulin-dependent (Type 1) diabetes
- Malignancy

All recommendations are to ensure the best for the patient. If you are not sure whether or not you fall into one of these categories as determined by the AHA or the AAOS check with your medical healthcare professional. It is also very important to talk to your dentist to determine if any of the above recommendations apply to you. Please take care of your heart, your joints and your mouth.

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## What about flat feet?



FOOT SOLUTIONS

By BERNADETTE GIBSON

### How important is the arch?

The arch of the foot distributes weight evenly across the feet and up the legs and can affect walking. A well developed arch is balanced between rigidity (for stability) and flexibility (for adapting to surfaces).

While 'acquired flat feet' can be given relief by the use of orthotics, they are among the hardest-to-fit feet. Ordinary shoes on these feet quickly go out of shape, and hence special orthopedic footwear, plus highly skilled and experienced fitting ability is required for such feet. If you have been experiencing pain in the arch area of the foot you should seek professional help because your arches may be falling and could be saved by obtaining proper arch supports.

### Acquired Flatfoot

A normal flatfoot is seen as congenital and is believed to be inherited. Normal flat feet are functionally healthy and usually cause no discomfort, however they can sometimes cause shoe fitting problems because as the foot sits in the shoe it occupies more space in the mid-foot area of the shoe. This fitting presents more direct pressure on the shank area.

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**TESTIMONY:** Dr Barry Russell recently shared his story of his search for optimum health with participants of Get Well Bahamas Phase II.

## DISARMING THE LOADED GENES

### One man's search for health

By SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE  
Get Well Bahamas

"Think of genes as loaded guns. It's your lifestyle that pulls the triggers and so you can actually re-programme your genes." - Dr Barry Russell

The year 2007 marked a turning point in orthodontist Dr Barry Russell's life. In that year in the space of ten months he lost five family members to chronic non-communicable diseases.

His mother Annie Russell died of a stroke in January at the age of 78, followed by his oldest brother Colin Tatem who also suffered a stroke in March at the age of 62.

In June, his oldest sister Beverly Lockhart succumbed to breast cancer at the age of 56, and in August his closest cousin and beloved mentor Philip Russell also died after a battle with prostate cancer. The month of October brought more tragedy as he lost his youngest sister Brenda Russell to breast cancer.

"That's when it hit home to me and I said, 'I will not be a victim of my genes and you won't either,'" Dr Russell shared recently with 40 participants of Get Well Bahamas Phase II.

"Think of genes as loaded guns. It's your lifestyle that pulls the triggers and so you can actually re-programme your genes. You have the ability with the decisions you make to literally turn genes on and off so it's the signals that you send to your genes that will turn them on and off. If you make a conscious decision right here to do things differently as you're being taught in this wonderful programme you will not have to live the same lifestyle that your forefathers did," Dr Russell said.

Like most Bahamians, Dr Russell said he enjoys good food.

As the son of Lofton Russell, a chef with a successful catering business (deceased 12 years), Dr Russell has been around good tasting food all of his life and knows what it's like to be tempted.

"My journey started 15 years ago when I was 35. I said I wanted to be in

the best shape of my life at age 40. I was probably about 15 pounds overweight and I wanted to have muscles and look good. I became passionate to the point where I became obsessive and I overdid it. I was working out seven days a week and running 30 to 40 miles a week and lifting weights almost every day. It was fun and you know I achieved my goal. At age 40 I was in the best shape of my life but I burnt out so between 40 and 47 I exercised occasionally and my diet went out the window so I gained about 20 pounds," Dr Russell said.

And then the fateful, tragic year 2007 came and he experienced the painful loss of five close family members in the space of 10 months.

"I realised I was coming up on age 50 and if I did not want to be a victim of my genes I would have to start doing some things differently. I became consciously aware of health and the role of food – you see we need to treat food like medicine. The medical profession isn't really knowledgeable enough. They aren't trained in nutrition. So you have to take responsibility for your own health. That's when I started reading everything I could get my hands on and I really got into longevity, wellness and anti-aging and I found out for myself the truth," Dr Russell said.

After reading up on all of the well known diets he said he chose a diet of lean meats, vegetables, fruits and nuts with no starch, similar to what medical anthropologist say our ancestors ate.

This, he said, was because he gained an understanding of how excess starches and sugar affect the body.

"The latest research is finding that chronic systemic inflammation is what causes all of these bad diseases that we talk about, the cancer, diabetes and heart diseases; when we eat too much of it (processed grains, bread, rice and sugar) what happens is the sugar turns into fat and that's when we start getting bigger," Dr Russell said.

He explained that starches and sugar give the body an instant high of energy because they are quickly broken down into glucose and carried into the bloodstream, but for the same reason they often leave us feeling starved again with

in an hour or so, leading to binge eating.

"And that's why you hear people say, 'man I can't get off these carbs'. It's because you're addicted to it. What has been found is that the receptor sites cocaine addicts get addicted to cocaine from are the same receptor sites that sugar attaches to so we see why it's so difficult to break the habit because you're fighting something physiological. It's not just a head game. It's not just a mind power thing," Dr Russell said.

Although conventional dieticians and nutritionists will tell you that you need carbohydrates for energy, Dr Russell said the fact of the matter is vegetables and fruits are carbohydrates.

"So when people say low-carb what they really mean is low starch so we need to get our starch down. We don't need to cut out carbohydrates because we need to eat as many fruits and vegetables as we can because there are a lot of phyto-nutrients and cancer fighting vitamins that you can only get from fruits and vegetables," he said.

Similarly, Dr Russell said we don't need to cut meat from our diets because lean meats are an excellent source of protein.

"Meat has gotten a bad reputation because of the way it is processed, the problem is animals are not allowed to be grass fed. Instead they are fed with grain and grain is what messes us up because grain causes animals to develop omega 6 fats (bad fats) as opposed to the good omega 3 fats," he said.

Dr Russell said bad fats increase inflammation in the body and are a leading cause of aging and disease, with the average diet containing a ratio of 30 bad fats to one good fat. As a result, he said it is necessary to supplement our diets with good fats.

Dr Russell acknowledged that there are different paths for each person to achieve his or her wellness goals but he said the important thing is that everyone takes responsibility for their own health.

"I'm not telling you this is the only way. This is what I've found to be the best way for me. You're going to have to make a decision on what is the best way for you." Dr Russell told the Get Well Bahamas participants.



Normal Arch



Flat Arch

# UPCOMING AUTHOR RELEASES NEW BOOK 'THE DARKEST TRUTH'

By JEFFARAH GIBSON  
Tribune Features Writer

**M**URDER, revenge and love – the first romance thriller by up-and-coming Bahamian author Kendia Smith has it all.

The novel "The Darkest Truth" takes readers on an emotional rollercoaster of events all centered around a young woman's undying quest to avenge the murder-suicide of her parents.

The goal of this young woman is to track down and kill the man responsible for her mother's infidelity, which ultimately led to the murder.

Speaking with *Tribune Woman*, Ms Smith said the plot of the book was inspired by her wild imagination and some personal experiences.

"This book is about a young woman struggling with her desire to exact revenge on the persons responsible for the weight she is carrying. The main character meets a man with a history and a past far worse than hers, and unbeknownst to her, their lives are more entwined than either one of them can fathom. Neither one of them is interested in anything other than running away from the past that haunts them and finally being able to live a peaceful life."

Ms Smith said her own life is often like a movie and she drew inspiration from that.

"I have an imagination out of this world. My inspiration for the book came from some of the experiences I went through and some of the experiences my friends went through. I don't necessarily like coming close to home when I am thinking of ideas for my book, however, it inspires my imagination. I allow everything to impact me," she said.

The hardest part of writing this book, the author said, was fusing together the romance and thriller genres.

"Putting these two genres together was the most challenging part of writing this entire book.



KENDIA SMITH  
Bahamian Author

Romance and thriller do not really go together so I had to figure out how I could make these people's lives blissfully miserable," she said.

It was critical to make the story feel as real as possible so that her audience could relate to it, Ms Smith said.

"In real life there are no perfect relationships. There are no happy endings all the time and I wanted to show that in this book. I wanted it to be real and relatable," she said.

She hopes readers are entertained by the story and get her overall message.

"The book's message is that when faced with adversity or an otherwise unpleasant situation, emotions become unreliable and discernment is sometimes tainted, so it would be best to look at your facts and look at the present situation at face value rather than make a prejudiced judgment based on former experiences and one's own understanding."

Ever since she was young, Ms Smith said she had a passion for writing and she credits her family with creating in her a keen interest in the craft.

"When I was younger I didn't have many friends and I was the oldest of my siblings and cousins so the only outlet I had was my pen and my faithful black and white school book. I wrote down all my feelings in those books; they were my best friends."

"The Darkest Truth" was released on September 5.

## WOMAN



By ALESHA CADET  
Tribune Features Reporter

## For the love of hats



HAT FANATIC: 60-year-old Dorothy Corene Poitier (above) said she can barely count the number of hats she owns.



make at least 12 assumptions about you just by the way you look.

As a teen ambassador my daily duty is to present not only myself, but also to present a brand.

Every day I must make sure that my hair, makeup, attire and attitude is fitting for the brand I represent.

You may feel as though you do not have a brand or company to represent, but you do.

Each and every one of us as teenagers represents either our school or our family, but most of all, we represent ourselves. There will never be a more important brand than you.

Every time you wear your school uniform you are representing a brand and you have a responsibility to uphold that brand.

The way you carry yourself is the way you will in fact be treated. This rule applies to both young ladies and young men.

When corporations select managers and salespersons they look for persons who look the part and they choose those who can handle the responsibility.

Personality and appearance are like ying and yang; they are the exact opposite, the interior and the exterior. But they meet together and create balance. Far too many times the right person will miss out on that right opportunity or job because they only had half of the equation.

In my personal experience I come into contact with persons who assume that I am a model. This is

great because it means that I am doing my job and representing my brand correctly. Although after they make this assumption it is my duty now to allow my intelligence and personality to shine through. I must be as social and personable as possible.

Whenever a person observes my appearance and personality they should be able to see why I was selected as Theodore Elyett's Miss Teen Bahamas.

Always remember, "appearance will catch the attention, but personality will capture the heart". If your appearance is already great then get that personality in order and vice versa.

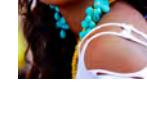
• Yamease Swain, 18, is Theodore Elyett's Miss Teen Bahamas 2011/12; she beat out 16 competitors and was crowned at the pageant's grand finale last month.

If you went to a hospital and saw a man or woman in a white jacket with a stethoscope around their neck you would think they were a doctor.

If you saw a vehicle covered in ribbons and balloons you would think that someone just got married or that a float parade was about to begin.

It's easy to form opinions about situations just by looking at appearances and it's just as easy to form opinions about people. Just remember, as we are making assumptions about others they will not hesitate to return the favour.

When dealing with this touchy subject one must remember two



SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

By YAMEASE SWAIN

things: appearances do matter and appearances do not always tell the whole story.

At a branding seminar that I attended during the Theodore Elyett's Miss Teen Bahamas Beauty Pageant, our guest speaker, self image and branding specialist Stacia Williams, informed us that people

make at least 12 assumptions about you just by the way you look.

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# WOMAN

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## 'elation'

Ashley Powell's 'Elation' won best piece at the Bahama Mama Art Exhibition.

By JEFFARAH GIBSON  
Tribune Features Writer

A WOMAN running through the wind with arms lifted triumphantly towards the sky is the subject of Ashley Powell's award-winning painting entitled "Elation."

The painting was named the best piece at the official opening of the Public Treasury Bahama Mama Art Exhibition. The exhibition featured 25 visual and literary artists who were all Bahamian women under 30. The public launch at the newly renovated Public Treasury building was held last night.

"I am very ecstatic I won this award simply because this was one of the pieces that was tough," Ashley told Tribune Woman.

"I did not think I would complete this piece because I thought I was not ready to attempt a piece of this magnitude. I went through a lot of trial and error. At one point I had it just hanging there incomplete. My father saw it and only because of his encouragement I was able to finish it."

Virginia Cartwright, treasurer at the Public Treasury, said Ashley's painting was selected because of its expression of freedom.

"I like the theme and what it depicts – a young lady embracing the world. The painting speaks to the expression of freedom," she said.

Ashley said her unique style of painting constantly exposes her own vulnerability and strength. She said she tries to merge her poetry with vibrant images.

By using bright colours mixed with sharp lines and striking postures, she said she succeeds in presenting reality through her own eyes.

"Art has always been in me. I realised my talent after watching my sister. She paints also, and after seeing her draw and seeing how good she was at it I tried my hands at it and found that we both had completely different styles," Ashley said.

Though acrylic on canvas is her staple, she also dabbles in sculpting, clay and ceramic.

The subjects in many of her pieces are often very feminine, depicting Ashley's own beliefs and interests.

As a Christian woman, she likes to incorporate faith and the ideas of trials and perseverance into her pieces.

Ashley said she admires the late Amos Ferguson and his candid way of expressing his beliefs through his paintings; he would often claim, "God told me what to paint."

"In most of my paintings I try to draw my inspiration from my spiritual beliefs. I merge my inspiration with femininity and lots of colour," she said.

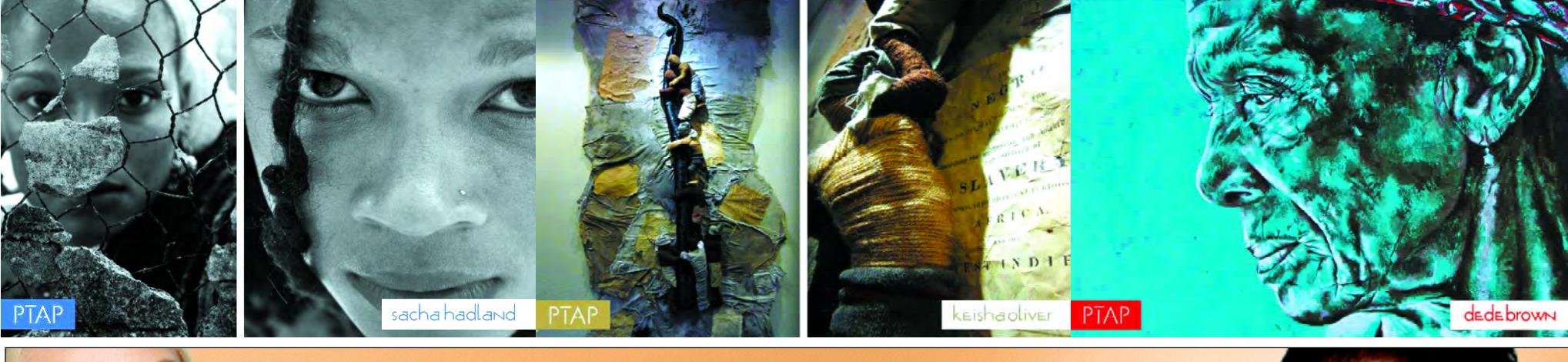
Ashley was graduated from Queen's College in 2007 and entered the art programme at The College of The Bahamas where she studied for two years under the tutelage of Sue-Bennet Williams, Heino Schmid, John Cox and Katrina Cartwright.

She is presently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in graphic design at the Art Institute of Atlanta and is expected to graduate next Spring.

BAHAMIAN artist Ashley Powell.

THE WINING piece of the Bahama Mama Public Treasury Art Exhibition.

### ART PIECES OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS OF THE BAHAMAS MAMA ART EXHIBITION



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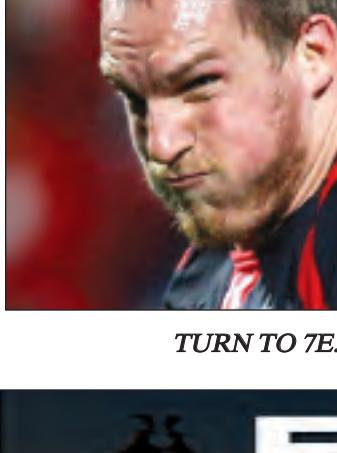
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TURN TO 7E.

# Pitcher's delight!

By BRENT STUBBS  
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Fans got a chance to see both ends of the spectrum at the Baillou Hills Sporting Complex Monday as two senior boys games were played to open the Bahamas Association of Independent Secondary Schools softball season.

On one end, it was a pitcher's delight as David Nathan led the Nassau Christian Academy Crusaders to an impressive 15-4 win over the St Augustine's College Big Red Machine in an abbreviated six-inning affair.

On the other end, the Temple Christian Suns and the Faith Temple Warriors engaged in a slug-fest that saw the Suns outshine the Warriors 24-19.

### Crusaders 15, Big Red Machine 4

The tall, slender Nathan had the SAC batters feasting on a steady diet of pitches as he was working on a no-hit shutout for the first four innings.

It wasn't until the top of the fifth that Dwayne Davis led off with a single and eventually scooted home with the Big Red Machine's first run on Travis Pratt's run-producing single.

A batter later, Pratt caught a ride home on Aaron Wood's RBI single. And with one out, Wood was driven home on Kyle Higgs' RBI ground out.

By then, the game was out of reach as Nathan got all the support he needed from his team-mates as they came through with three runs in the first and another six in the fourth to surge out to a comfortable 9-0 cushion.

"We are just starting off, but we could have been better," Nathan said. "We haven't practiced for a long time, but once we get into our groove, you can expect a much better performance from us."

After the Big Red Machine started to get their offense clicking, Nathan said he wasn't concerned.

Because "we have confidence in ourselves that we could beat them."

"We beat them three years in a row, so we just came into the game thinking it wouldn't be any different. We just had to beat them," he added.

Nobody was more confident than coach Ainsworth Beckford, who has coached the Crusaders to a playoff berth the last four years, including a trip to the final where they lost 2-1 in the best-of-three series to the St Andrew's Hurricanes.

"They performed as I expected. David was dominant on the mound, but I was a little bit concerned about our defense," he said.

"We just need to tighten up some more and move our lazy feet. But it's going to be a long season. It's a work in progress. But I expect us to do very well. We've been going for four years trying to get this BAISI championship. I told the boys that this is the last lap of the 4 x 4 relay."

Nathan finished with a five hit, 12 strike out performance for the win, while Blair Seymour gave 11 hits with seven strike outs for the loss.

SAC's coach Reggie Forbes attributed the loss to first game jitters.

"It's basically a new team with 10th and 11th graders," he said. "We have some seniors, who are to be the nucleus of the team, but they all didn't perform well.

"We just simply had one mistake after the other. We're not going to make excuses. We just didn't perform up to our ability. Hats off to NCA. They hit the ball and their pitcher had our hitters trying to go for the big swing."

### Suns 24, Warriors 19

Cordero Greenslade helped his cause by ripping four home runs to go along with his winning performance on the mound for Temple Christian.

Ian Smith also banged out a pair of home runs, scoring four times, while J Albury scored four times and Kyle Johnson came across the plate three times.

"First one was very shaky. We have a lot of guys that play in the different leagues, but I'm trying to get them to play team ball," said Temple Christian's coach Robbie Coakley.

"It's not only them. It's a

whole team, so they have to play together as one."

Dominic Rolle suffered the loss. Josrado Chrisolm and Churton Munroe both scored three times, while Cody

Cartwright came up with four runs.

"I think it was fairly good today. We just didn't go after the ball when we made the errors," said Warriors' coach

Ednol Rolle.

"But for the most part, I'm satisfied. We just have to go back to the drawing board and be more aggressive in getting the ball."

ON THE MOUND: Nassau Christian Academy Crusaders pitcher David Nathan in action yesterday.

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## ATLANTIC FOOTBALL LEAGUE

# DEMETRIUS SCORES WINNER WITH 105-YARD KICKOFF RETURN

By RENALDO DORSETT  
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IN their toughest contest of the season, the Holland College Hurricanes relied on the talent of their superstar special teams standout to get them over the hump and remain undefeated.

Demetrius Ferguson scored the game-clinching touchdown with a 105-yard kickoff return in the Hurricanes 16-13 win over the Dalhousie Tigers in Atlantic Football League action at MacAdam Field on Saturday.

It was Ferguson's fourth kickoff return for a score and a team-leading sixth touchdown in just three games.

Late in the fourth quarter, the Tigers scored their first touchdown of the game on a quarterback sneak from

Hurricanes take 16-13 victory over the Tigers

signal caller Brendan Fes

terya.

After a failed extra

point, they trailed just 9-6

with minutes left to play.

Ferguson's heroics would

come on the ensuing kick-

off to give the Hurricanes

a 16-6 lead.

Another late Tigers

touchdown by running

back Greg Pelly trimmed

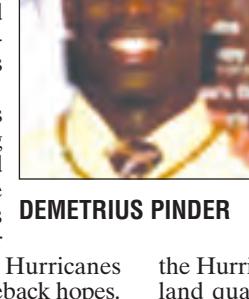
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Bahamian member of the Hurricanes

roster would end any comeback hopes.



DEMETRIUS PINDER

Mark Barret came up with an interception on the final Tigers possession as time expired to give Holland the win and a 3-0 record.

Ferguson was awarded the APM Construction Services Player of the Game for Special Teams.

In a defensive struggle,

the first half ended score-

less for both teams.

The Hurricanes reached

the scoreboard first when

Holland quarterback Nick Hunsley con-

nected with Dave Clark on an 80-yard pass play in the middle of the fourth quarter for the game's first touchdown.

Ferguson opened the season with three touchdowns - a 107-yard kick

return, a 40-yard punt return and a

75-yard interception return in a 62-0

rout over the UNB St John Seawolves in week one, and scored two touch-

downs in the Hurricanes' 44-28 win

over the UNB Red Bombers in week

two.

The Hurricanes are scheduled to

travel to Bangor, Maine, where they

are slated to meet the Husson Uni-

versity J.V. Eagles on Sunday, October

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**NCA CRUSADERS ROLL PAST SAC BIG RED MACHINE 15-4**

**DOUBLE ACTION:** The Bahamas Association of Independent Secondary Schools softball season opened at the Baillou Hills Sporting Complex Monday. The Nassau Christian Academy Crusaders (BLUE) got a 15-4 win over the St Augustine's College Big Red Machine (RED) while the Temple Christian Suns and Faith Temple Warriors engaged in a slug-fest that saw the Suns outshine the Warriors 24-19 (TOP).



## SPORTS

**AQUINAS COLLEGE TO 'CHRISTEN' NEW SOFTBALL FIELD**

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The roof for the dug-outs and the fences for the left and right field lines will come as the season progresses.

"That's going to be a cracker. We're going to get indoctrinated come Wednesday because some of these girls are playing for the first time," he said.

"But what we are doing this year is to just use the junior teams so that we can work on our developmental progress. We will take it from the junior level and then move up to the senior level in a year or two."

Moss, the female coach on staff, said their appearance in softball was long overdue.

"I've been here for a while and I wanted to do it, but we didn't have the facilities," she said. "But now that we do, we have started the programme and we want to see how well the players will perform."

"It's a work in progress because it's the first time that the girls are playing softball. But they are dedicated, so that's good. They have been coming out to practice every day and they are putting forth 110 per cent."

Ahriana Cumberbatch, a ninth grader at Aquinas College, said although this is the first time she has played softball, or any other sport for that manner, she's eager to see how well they can perform.



many years," she said. "We got off to a late start getting the field ready, but we want to give our kids the exposure and to use the skills that they have."

While the softball field is almost completed, Knowles said there are a number of plans on the drawing board that will certainly enhance Aquinas College and its current population of 465 students.

"We're hoping to put a certified track and field venue in place that will become a training site," said Knowles, who is working in conjunction with the Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations to complete the project.

Additionally, there are plans for a soccer pitch on the inside of the track and there is also going to be a swimming pool added to the sporting facilities that include Loyola Hall, which is available to Aquinas College.

The Catholic Archdiocese and the Catholic Board of Education is overseeing and funding the entire project along with the Aquinas College Developmental Committee, made up of parents and former students.

When it's all completed, Knowles said they are hoping that Aquinas College will become the envy of all of the schools with a full-fledged sporting programme on their campus.

AQUINAS College coaches are looking forward to the christening of a new softball field on Wednesday.

"It's better for me, more of an advantage with us having our own field," she said. "This is our first time playing, but our coach has been hard on us, so we have been getting better in practice. We just want to see how we can do in a game."

Principal Shona Knowles admitted that although the school is relatively new, they have already gotten their feet wet by hosting their home basketball games on the campus last year.

This year, the senior teams

will have the luxury of playing their home games on a court with six new lights installed over the summer break on one of the four fenced in venues.

"We're happy to have softball added to our programme. We haven't had it played in

# Italian team offers Bryant 1-year contract worth \$5m

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ROME (AP) — The Italian team Virtus Bologna says its top offer to Kobe Bryant is a one-year contract worth \$5 million.

With NBA players locked out, Virtus hopes the Los Angeles Lakers star agrees to a deal before he arrives in Italy this week for a tour arranged by one of his sponsors.

"An Italian brand well-known around the world" is prepared to provide cash for the deal, a person with knowledge of the negotiations told The Associated Press on Monday, indicating the unidentified company is not Bologna's main sponsor, Canadian Solar.

The person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because negotiations are ongoing, said the other offers on the table include a two-month deal worth nearly \$2 million, a one-month contract for \$1.3 million or \$900,000 for only one game.

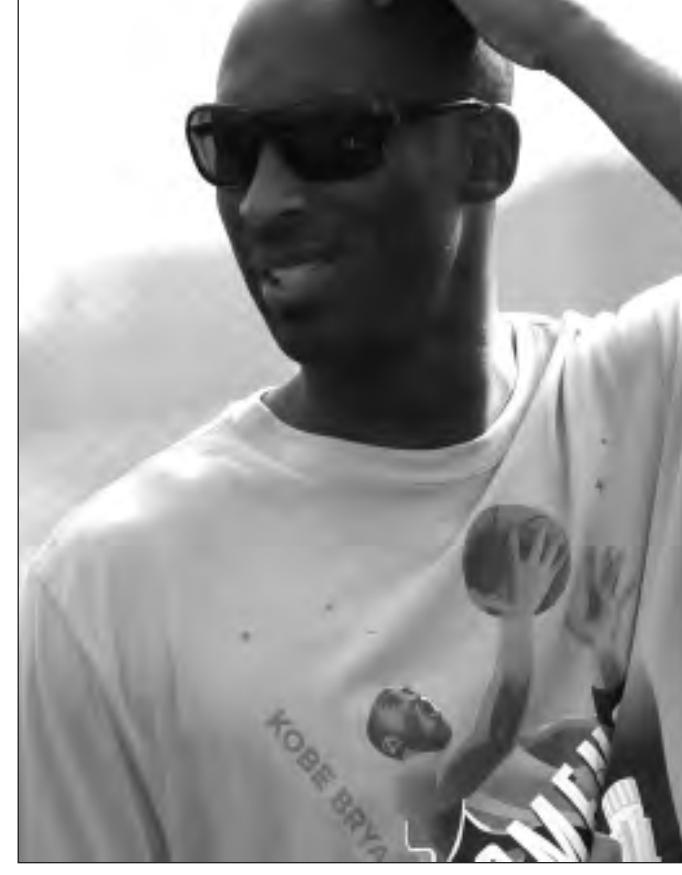
All of the offers are pretax and would allow Bryant to return to the Lakers immediately if the lockout ends. Bryant spent part of his youth in Italy while his father played in the country and he speaks Italian, prompting Bologna to hope he might return for sentimental reasons.

The person said there have been nightly conference calls between Bryant's agent, Rob Pelinka, and Bologna President Claudio Sabatini.

The Turkish club Besiktas and at least one team in China have also expressed interest in the 33-year-old Bryant, who has won five NBA championships and been an All-Star 13 times.

Bryant's father, Joe Bryant, played in Italy with Rieti, Reggio Calabria, Pistoia and Reggiana from 1984-91. The elder Bryant now coaches the Los Angeles Sparks in the WNBA.

Virtus also recently reached out to Manu Ginobili, who played with Bologna before



**A BIG DEAL:** Kobe Bryant can be seen before coaching a basketball clinic in Singapore. Bryant says he's still considering playing overseas as an owners' lockout of players threatens to sabotage the upcoming NBA season. (AP)

joining the San Antonio Spurs in 2002. Denver Nuggets forward Danilo Gallinari rejoined his former Italian club Olimpia Milano last week.

Other NBA players are also committing to play in leagues outside the United States.

Nuggets free agents Wilson Chandler and J.R. Smith plan to play in China, Denver's Ty Lawson will play in Lithuania and New Jersey Nets All-Star Deron Williams signed with

Besiktas.

The NBA season usually begins in late October but owners and players have failed to agree on a new labour deal. The two sides are at odds over how to divide the league's revenue, a salary cap structure and the length of guaranteed contracts.

On Friday, the NBA postponed training camp indefinitely and cancelled 43 pre-season games.

Virtus has won 15 Italian league titles but none since 2001, when it also won the Euroleague for the second time.

Bologna opens the Italian league against Roma on October 9. It did not qualify for this season's Euroleague, although the team has big ambitions after signing former Clemson point guard Terrell McIntyre, who led Siena to four consecutive Italian titles before transferring to Malaga in Spain for last season.

**AP Source: NBA sides to meet again today**

NEW YORK (AP) — A person familiar with the plans says representatives for NBA players and owners will meet today and perhaps Wednesday.

The players' association has cancelled a regional meeting with players Tuesday in Miami so its negotiators can meet with league officials in New York instead, the person told The Associated Press on Monday on condition of anonymity because the details are supposed to remain confidential.

The bargaining session, first reported by CBSSports.com, comes just days after the league canceled 43 pre-season games scheduled for October 9-15.

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## SPORTS INBRIEF

### BOXING AMATEUR TEAM IN BAKU

THE Amateur Boxing Association of the Bahamas' two-member team of Carl Hield and Valentino Knowles left their training site and are at the 2011 AIBA World Boxing Championships.

The team, coached by Andre and Floyd Seymour have arrived for the championships, is scheduled to run through October 8 at Heydar Aliyev Sports and Exhibition

Complex in Baku, Azerbaijan.

The championships, featuring 685 boxers from 127 countries, serve as a qualifier for the 2012 Olympic Games in London, England.

### CONCHMAN TRIATHLON IN GRAND BAHAMA

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.

### 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 has been rescheduled to start on Saturday, October 8 at the Baillou Hills Sporting Complex. It will feature competition in the men, co-ed and 19-and-under divisions.

And 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 joniwebb@hotmail.com