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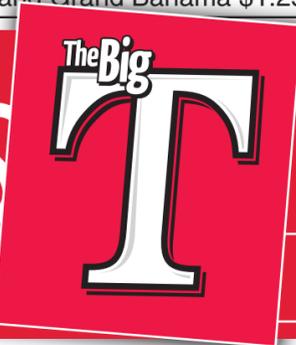


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'This law stinks!'

Straw Market traders hit out at regulations

By DANA SMITH

STRAW vendors are up in arms, claiming the government has created the perception that they are foul-smelling and poorly dressed.

Asked how she felt about this last point, one vendor said: "I bathed this morning and spent all day out here and do I smell bad? Do I stink to you? Come, smell me."

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EDUCATOR ACCUSED OVER FUNDS

By DENISE MAYCOCK Tribune Freeport Reporter

FREEPORT - A veteran educator accused of misappropriation of some \$70,000 in school board funds was formally arraigned in the Freeport Magistrate's Court on Thursday.

national with permanent resident status in the Bahamas. She has been teaching in the Bahamas for more than 20 years, and submitted her resignation to the Ministry of Education on Tuesday.

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TEARS FROM THE CLASSMATES OF MURDERED MARCO ARCHER



CLASSMATES OF Columbus Primary School pupil Marco Archer, 11, who was found dead after going missing on September 23. His death has prompted an outcry across the Bahamas, leading to calls for a register of sex offenders to be created and prompting Parliament to institute a probe into how the police handled the investigation. Read the full story on page three. Photo: Tim Clarke/Tribune Staff

CRIME AMENDMENTS 'MAY VIOLATE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS'

By SANCHESKA BROWN Tribune Staff Reporter

PROPOSED amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code and the Criminal Evidence (Witness Anonymity) Bill violate a person's Constitutional rights, a prominent attorney said yesterday.

Criminal Procedure Code. One of the proposed changes extends the time police officers are allowed to hold a suspect for questioning from 48 hours to 72 hours.

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BILL EXEMPTIONS 'MUST BE CLEAR'

By TANEKA THOMPSON Deputy Chief Reporter

ELIZABETH MP Ryan Pinder commended Government for tabling a Freedom of Information Bill in Parliament, but said the definitions of what will be exempt from public access

must be clear. Although he said he had not read the 33-page document yet, Mr Pinder said any ambiguity in the powers of the Information Commissioner - who will be appointed to oversee the disclosure of data - could lead to

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CALL TO MONITOR ISLAND DREDGING

By MEGAN REYNOLDS Tribune Staff Reporter

DREDGING around Bell Island must be monitored with urgency to limit the destruction it is causing in the Exuma Cays Land and Sea Park, Senator Jerome Fitzgerald said in a press conference yesterday.

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TWO MEN ATTEMPT SUICIDE

TWO men are recovering in hospital today after allegedly attempting to commit suicide in two separate incidents. Police say around 1pm Wednesday, a 23-year-old of Vista Marina, the Grove, jumped from the western Paradise Island bridge.

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TWO MEN IN SUICIDE BIDS

from page one received another report of an attempted suicide. A 53-year-old man was rushed

to hospital after he drank bleach and slit his wrists in an apparent effort to end his life. The man told police he was depressed over a recent robbery

in which important documents were stolen. He is said to have called the ambulance himself after he started vomiting blood. He is in stable condition in hospital.

'THIS LAW STINKS!'

from page one dor said. "They have no respect for us. We know how to dress and we don't smell." The vendors, who all wished to remain anonymous, believe they are being unfairly targeted and disrespected by the government. "They're sitting high in their air-conditioned offices looking down on us," one woman said. "They are degrading our character and it needs to stop." The straw market has been a staple of the Bahamian tourism industry for decades, and the vendors feel that fact should be recognised.

"We contribute to the Bahamas," another vendor claimed. "We sell these Bahamas t-shirts and hand-woven bags to customers from all over the world." While many expressed anger, other vendors seemed genuinely hurt by the new regulations, and said they cannot understand why it would be assumed that they need instruction on how to groom and clean themselves. "I just don't get it," said one, shaking her head. "We're not awful people, you know. We're just out here trying to make a living like everyone else. I don't know why they talk about us so bad."

FOI EXEMPTIONS 'MUST BE CLEAR'

from page one confusion and undermine the purpose the legislation. "I am pleased that the Freedom of Information Bill has been tabled and hope it will be debated soon. It is an important piece of legislation for the Bahamian people. It is the Bahamian people who hold us in government accountable and Freedom of Information gives (residents) a tool to be able to do just that, to see and acquire information on what is happening in government and hold the government accountable or if they are doing a good job to record that as well. "I encourage Bahamians to take advantage of the final mechanism (once it is) in place for access to information." He added: "One thing we do not want to see is these exemptions being so broad-based that (what is not disclosed is up to) the complete discretion to the Information Commissioner. That's something I think we do want to avoid, we want clarity and definition." On Wednesday Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham brought a long-awaited FOI Bill to the House of Assembly. However, the legislation will not be enforced until July 1, 2012. Records are exempt from disclosure if the information would prejudice the country's security, defence or international rela-

tions; law enforcement information that would endanger a person's life or jeopardise the security of a prison. Data which contains advice or recommendations prepared for Cabinet meetings also will be exempt, among other things. Information that would injure the Bahamas' foreign relations, confidential Cabinet information or trade secrets are also exempt. Once the law is enforced, a person who wants to obtain information must apply to the public authority that holds the data. That agency must respond to the request no more than 30 days after receiving the application. The Bill also creates information managers who will be appointed by every public authority to promote maintenance of records, archival and disposal; receive requests for records, assist persons seeking access to information and receive complaints about information disclosure. Under the new law, it will be an offence to alter, destroy, erase or conceal the contents of a document that is eligible for public access. Such an offence will carry a punishment of \$1,000 fine and up to six months in prison, or both. The House of Assembly will meet on Monday to debate new regulations to govern the operation of the Straw Market and Ginn amendments.

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FELLOW PUPILS of Marco Archer pay tribute - and shed tears - for their murdered classmate at a memorial service held at Columbus Primary School yesterday

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# 'MARCO DID NOT DIE IN VAIN'

## School holds memorial service for murdered boy

By CELESTE NIXON  
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THERE was an outpouring of love from the friends and classmates of murdered 11-year old Marco Archer, as they gathered yesterday to commemorate his life and send the message that he did not die in vain.

Students and staff at Columbus Primary School held a memorial service for Marco, who went missing exactly two weeks ago and whose body was found several days later.

The students, still visibly shaken and upset by the death of their friend, shed tears as they paid tribute to Marco through poetry, dance and songs.

"Marco Archer, we love you," they said as they released doves and balloons into the air in a symbol of remembrance.

Grade Six students sang "Missing You," to express that Marco's friends and classmates would not forget him.

Marco's death led to an ongoing campaign to increase awareness about child safety, and students, administrators and his family yesterday wore shirts declaring that his death was not in vain.

Minister of Education Desmond Bannister said it is clear from the outpouring of love and appreciation that Marco was treasured and



THE MOTHER of Marco Archer, Tryphemia Meadows, being comforted during the memorial service for her son at Columbus Primary School

cared about by all who knew him.

Mr Bannister said: "This whole country has come to realise what a special boy he was - even though this is a sad occasion I want us to focus on all the good things

about Marco, remember his smile and his laughter, remember how he cared about all of you."

Marco was last seen leaving his home on Brougham Street off Baillou Hill Road on September 23 between

4pm to 6pm when he went out to buy candy.

His lifeless body was discovered in bushes behind an apartment complex in Cable Beach five days later.

Mr Bannister encouraged the students to keep Marco's memory alive but also to learn from this experience.

He told them it is never safe to go somewhere with a stranger.

Mr Bannister said: "Marco's story has been very touching and even though we have lost Marco, what is happening today is a very special expression of love - his life had a purpose".

Family members at the memorial service said they were comforted knowing that Marco was surrounded by love not only at home, but at school as well, and that he touched the lives of so many.

Marco's older sister said: "We will look ahead with the comfort that it will make a difference in our country - the sacrifice was my brother but the message is that we have to protect our children."

Superintendent Dressler Sherman presented the school and students with a Mango Tree in remembrance of Marco.

She said as the children grow, so will the tree, which will be a constant reminder of Marco and a celebration of his life.

Principal Marcia Roberts described Marco as a kind, respectful, obedient student who touched the life of many students.

"It is with mixed emotions that I stand before you today. I am grieved because we lost a good child and student but I find joy in the fact that our lives are richer for having shared several memorable years with Marco," Mrs Roberts said.



A SCHOOLMATE of Marco Archer sheds tears at the memorial service



FELLOW PUPILS pay tribute to Marco Archer in dance and with a release of doves



A MEMBER of Marco Archer's family at the memorial service



A SCHOOLMATE of Marco Archer cannot contain her emotions at the memorial service

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## A citizen's right to be protected from crime

WE EXPECT to hear much debate about the rights of an accused person when the Criminal Procedure Code and the Criminal Evidence (Witness Anonymity) Bill comes up for debate in the House next week.

Section 19 of the Constitution, which protects a person from arbitrary arrest and detention, will certainly get a good airing. There will be much discussion of an accused person's constitutional rights, which, we agree must, at all times be protected from arbitrary abuse. However, it must never be forgotten in all this debate that law-abiding Bahamians also have constitutional rights. They have a right to be protected against the committed criminal. Between these two rights a happy mean has to be found that will protect the citizen from the ruthless offender.

We have been so anxious to protect the rights of the criminal that today these lawbreakers make sport of the law. They are pretty certain that they won't swing for murder, no matter how brutal, and that life in prison means 25 years that can be reduced with good behaviour.

One policeman told us that the gimmick for many of them is that once imprisoned, they trick their jailers by finding the Lord. With the mask of the Lord covering their sins they slip below the radar, each year reducing their sentence by good behaviour. In shortened time they get back on the streets, many of them returning to their old ways. This is why this particular police officer believes — from his experience — that the years off earned for good behaviour by hardened criminals should be turned into a probationary period by the courts. As for sex offenders their psychiatric treatment should also be continued during this probationary period.

Already a lawyer has started the argument that to extend the time that the police can hold an accused for questioning — from 48 to 72 hours — not only violates the Constitution, but allows corrupt officers more time to "coerce" confessions out of suspects.

But there is another side to the coin. Police often have a dangerous criminal in custody, who for public safety should not be allowed back on the streets. However, because of the 48-hour rule they have to let him go, because they do not have enough time to thoroughly investigate the charges for which they are holding him.

We believe that the police are dealing with such a case as we write this article. The only way they have been able to hold this particular accused, until they can thor-

oughly investigate the more serious charges against him, has been to charge him with two previous offences. In this way, while he waits in prison for a court hearing, they have time to gather evidence to charge him with the more serious offence.

However, with the practice followed until very recently by some of our magistrates, such an accused could have been released on bail until his date in court. With the 72-hour detention rule, this could not happen. And the public has a right to expect that they would be protected from it ever happening.

Criminals are still so in control in Jamaica that witnesses are terrified to give evidence in court. Many walk away from a crime, seal their lips and the criminal carries on as the don of society.

Also in Jamaica, prior to the 2010 amendments to the Constabulary Forces Act, 24 hours was the lawful period that the police could hold a person without charge. However, amendments were made to this Act as part of the "Anti-Crime Bills" introduced that extended the detention period without charge to 72 hours.

Today so many persons held in custody for questioning accuse the police of forcing their confession through beatings — so many that we no longer believe their stories — that for their own security the police should do no interrogations without a second policeman as a witness and a camera recording the full session.

Witnesses also need protection. This has now become a major problem in our society. Very serious consideration has to be given as to how the identity of a witness can be protected, while not sacrificing the rights of the accused.

Witness protection was certainly used in the United States at the height of the drug years. We believe that the identity of at least one Bahamian witness was protected in the US drug trial of Carlos (Joe) Lehder, who operated from Norman's Cay in the eighties.

We recall a 1994 murder case in England when a "Miss A" gave evidence anonymously, without revealing her address. She sat behind a screen so that she, the judge and jury could see each other directly, but the defendants could not.

Nervous witnesses have to be protected if the justice system is to function.

There is no easy solution to any of this, but if crime is to be brought under control in this country, some solutions have to be found ... and urgently.

# There are none as blind

EDITOR, The Tribune.

"There are none as blind as those who will not see."

I don't know which is worst those who will not or those, who cannot, for the FNM and the PLP I guess it's all the same.

We have some serious social issues in our country that just didn't stall over night but most of it is due to the neglect of the leadership of both the PLP and the FNM these two leaders lack the will, vision and the moral conviction to do anything. The two, who are much of the same, are either slothful or slack or just out of touch. They continue to allow social chaos to roam rampant on the streets of Nassau. There is no respect for law and order.

Young underage girls and boys gather at local bars and clubs at night drinking alcohol... some of which are on drugs. Some walk around at night aimlessly with nothing to do while others loiter in front of liquor stores in groups. These are children not adults, some of which are indulging with situations some grownups have problems dealing with. It is said the devil will find work for idle hands. Many of these children have no fathers to care for them and are a victim of the streets. Jobless, they have nothing else to do but get into trouble. One would be surprised to know how far simple enforcement of the law or an addition to the law and the crackdown of some of these clubs and liquor merchants who exploit our children for profit would go in cutting down on crime, such as murders, illicit drugs, housebreaking, armed robberies, child abuse, domestic violence, gang violence, etc. The legal drinking age should increase, loitering in groups outside these liquor stores should not be prohibited and the age of consent should also increase! Many of our young teen age girls are now on alcohol and drugs and are being exploited by older men.

If Mr Ingraham and Mr Christie could see they would understand the affects of drugs and alcohol on a young person who is angry, a young person who doesn't have a job or who has other social problems like being a fatherless child or a victim of child abuse. Just maybe that someone would be tempted to kill a person when they are provoked or just maybe they might have enough courage to do an armed robbery or just maybe they might be tempted to beat

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or kill their girl friend when experiencing relationship problems. Just maybe that young girl or young boy would have made a better decision when it comes to having unprotected sex and bringing unwanted children into the world or children they cannot afford to have.

A vicious cycle continues and both leaders act as if there is nothing they can do about crime and murders. Let me say this the crime we are facing today is because of the neglect of simple laws that can be created or enforced and the tolerance the two leaders have for anti-social behaviour. A lot of anger is out there and those who believe they are safe will one day wake up and find anger in their back yards. Mr Ingraham and Mr Christie are asleep, comfortable with the problems as they grow. They have both failed the Bahamian people and seem blind to what's going on. If we leave it up to the leaders of these two parties to solve our problems we might as well invite the thieves, rappers and murderers into our homes. I doubt very seriously if they drive the inner city at late nights, especially on weekends to have a feel for the problem our children are faced with and the social havoc that is consuming our country. The challenges our children will experience at a young and tender age are horrendous if there is not a change, the anger and the hostility that is out there will over run all acceptable standards for law and order and will put us all to shame one day in the eyes of the international world.

While all hell is breaking loose with crime and this is not just limited to murders, as statistics show a frightening light on arm robberies, housebreaking and domestic violence's, etc. The leader of the country and the former leader

are carrying on business as usual as if to say the problems are nothing new to them. I believe when they leave work they take that one way ride home their place of rest with iron gates and burglar bars which make them feel safe and sleep like a baby while most of us live in fear. A national address is in order and the people need to hear from the leader and the former leader with their solutions and not a bunch of rhetoric like which Mr Christie runs on with, much words but little substance. But of course they are in deep sleep, like one in Acoma, paralysed to do anything.

We as people have first an obligation to God, next to our family and neighbour and to the country in which we live need to make a decision for change and not to be afraid of it, let us put aside the partisan ship that binds are country and stagnates its growth. This country needs fresh new energetic leaders like Mr McCartney and his team who has a new vision and passion to make things right, who have the political will to make the country better.

This is not to say that Mr McCartney is the answer to all our problems, but with the emergence of the DNA a greater democracy has already been created and the people have a hope for something better than that which they have in the two parties an opportunity to go farther than they have ever gone before. It is pretty obvious that Mr Ingraham and Mr Christie cannot take us there, their age is telling its toll on them and the problems our country is faced with is too much for them to handle. They are in need of new prescription lenses. They need something that would give them an energy boost, stimulate their senses and wake them up to see what's going on. But of course, "There are none as blind as those who will not see."

MR DNA  
Nassau,  
September, 2011.

## Road programme

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Who is managing this road improvement programme? I support the need for it, but last weekend I had the opportunity to get a closer look at what motorists have to contend with and the scope of what is going on is not adding up. I get the impression that those in charge are out of their depth, or those machines are working just to accumulate the hours; and the operators just go around ripping up stuff to keep the payroll going.

How about staying in one area and getting that fixed first? That way the inconveniences would be localised and the public would know which area to avoid; right now the public is in the dark about which areas to avoid and this is creating some nasty scenes.

And then a spokesman from BEC has the temerity to inform the public that they are going to have to dig the roads up in the near future. Who are these people working for and who is paying them? You get the impression that the road work is being done by the government and the opposition at the same time, with the public stuck in the middle.

Someone needs to inform these rocket scientists that there is only so much they can do, but if you are not paying the bill you will not have the needed perspective. My fellow Bahamians, this road project is headed straight to the bank nearest you and your account will be impacted.

EDWARD HUTCHESON  
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LOCAL NEWS

# MAN APPEARS IN COURT IN CONNECTION WITH FATAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

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yesterday in connection with a fatal traffic accident last March.

Gordon Outten appeared before Deputy Chief Magistrate Helen Jones in Court Three on the charge of killing

in the course of dangerous driving.

It is alleged that on March 19, 2010, the accused was driving a Dodge Ram Truck, which was involved in a traffic accident that resulted in

the death of Ms Alma Stuart.

The incident occurred at around 11.15pm at the intersection of Coral Road and Gambier Drive.

The accused was represented by lawyer Simeon Outten.

He pleaded not guilty to the charge and was granted \$5,000 bail with one surety.

The matter was adjourned to March 26, 2012 for trial.



GORDON OUTTEN, who appeared in court following a traffic accident

# RISE IN NUMBER OF SUSPICIOUS FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

THE police's Financial Intelligence Unit reported that last year, it recorded a marked increase in the number of suspicious transaction reports - some of which could be connected money laundering or terrorism financing activities.

The statistics were revealed by the FIU's director, former commissioner of police Reginald Ferguson, in a report tabled in parliament this week.

Rather than necessarily indicating a rise in criminal activity, the higher number of suspicious transaction reports (STRs) are a testament to the "redoubled" efforts of the FIU team and other financial sector employees, Mr Ferguson said.

From January 1 to December 31, 2010 a total of 142 STRs were received by the FIU, covering \$407,333,650 worth of transactions.

Most of the institutions to that reported these transactions were domestic and offshore banks, which accounted for 117 of the 142 reports. Of these cases, 53 were

forwarded to the commissioner of police for investigation, while 73 were analysed and closed by FIU personnel.

Sixteen of the reports are still being examined.

Mr Ferguson said: "The global economic downturn which our country has been experiencing for the last few years has not abated significantly; but the government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas continues to adequately fund the FIU.

"The emerging trends indicate that across the international financial community there has got to be eternal vigilance, enhanced co-operation, and commitment.

"The laundering of money derived from, or in support of, crimes such as drug trafficking, terrorism and their derivatives (inclusive of crimes which have the potential to be similarly manipulated) are becoming even more challenging," he said.

The report did not say how many STRs were recorded in 2009 or the preceding years.



REGINALD FERGUSON, director of the police's Financial Intelligence Unit, who has reported a marked increase in the number of suspicious transaction reports - which could be connected to money laundering or terrorism

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### Funeral Service For Mrs. Diane Gladys Albury née Johnson, 75



of Nassau, The Bahamas, who passed away at Doctor's Hospital, Nassau on Wednesday, 28th September, 2011, will be held at the Chapel of Love, Kemp's Funeral Home Limited, Palmdale Avenue and Bradley Street, Palmdale, Nassau, on Friday, 7th October, 2011

at 3:30 p.m.

Rev. Charles A. Sweeting OBE will officiate and interment will follow in The Western Cemetery, Nassau.

Mrs. Albury was predeceased by her son, Kevin Albury.

She is survived by her grandson, Tadd Albury; her granddaughter, Tabitha Albury; her daughter-in-law, Denise Albury; her son, James Albury and various other precious family and friends, too numerous to mention.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cancer Society of The Bahamas, P.O.Box SS 6539, Nassau in memory of Mrs. Diane G. Albury.

Arrangements by Kemp's Funeral Home Limited.

# The Tribune's Trivia WINNER

Success was immediate for Eurydice Kemp in September's Tribune Trivia competition. The Freeport resident started to answer the daily questions posted on Facebook for the first time last month and came out on top with the highest points total. Eurydice wins a roundtrip flight to Miami from Nassau courtesy of Bahamasair, a one night's hotel stay and a one day car rental from Dollar Rent A Car for her efforts. And what does she plan to do on the trip? "Shopping," she says without hesitation. "Black Friday in November, that's a trip!"

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LOCAL NEWS



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**THE MUSEUM** at the Miraflores Locks Visitor Centre memorialises the efforts of workers from several countries during the construction of the canal.

# UNCOVERING LINKS WITH PANAMA

IN PARTNERSHIP with the Panama Tourism Authority, Copa Airlines hosted Bahamian journalists on a four-day excursion to Panama in an effort to help strengthen the relationship between the two countries. The group visited colonial sites, the rainforest, and the Panama Canal as they learned of Panama's history and plans for future development, including a Biodiversity museum.

• See tomorrow's Big T for the full story



**THE MIRAFLORES LOCKS** at the Panama Canal. The cargo ship is travelling from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic.



**PROJECT MODEL** of the \$96 million Biodiversity Museum. The ambitious project was designed by Frank Gehry and seeks to showcase the geological importance of the Isthmus of Panama.



**AERIAL TRAM** at the Gamboa Rainforest



**A SPOKESPERSON** at the Biodiversity Museum site explains the project to Bahamian journalists.

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### Funeral Service For

## Irvin Stubbs, 74

of Angel Court, Golden Gates #2 who died on Sunday, September 25th, 2011 will be held on **Sunday, October 9th at 2:30pm at Bahamas Harvest Church, Prince Charles Drive**. Officiating will be Pastor Mario Moxey assisted by Other Ministers of the Gospel. Interment will follow in Woodlawn Gardens, Soldier Road.

Dad will forever be loved and cherished in the hearts of those who knew him well which includes his **Mother-in-law:** Ethel Florence McKenzie-Fernander; **(3) Children:** Jeffrey, Dion & Shevaun Stubbs-Bain; **(8) Adopted children:** Bernard, Carolyn, Bethsheba, Dedree & Keith Munroe, Anthea Gardiner, Jermaine Davis & Marvin Thompson; **Daughter-in-laws:** Sidney, Danielle & Tanya Stubbs & Sheila Munroe; **Son-in-laws:** Michael Bain & Kevin Gardiner; **(20) Grandchildren:** Diargo, Dania, Imani, D'Jenae, K'Shon, Jedargo, Kaisha, Jordan, Gavaun, Gavan, Kelvano, Cleon, Kiana, Kevan, Lamont, Dagmar, Carson, Bernard Jr., Sasha & Bershell; **(2) Brothers:** Fonswith & Clonius Stubbs; **(5) Brothers-in-law:** Bernard Evans, George Jr., Hubert Rolle & Jenkin Nottage; **(5) Sisters-in-law:** Elva & Vernita Stubbs, Gloria Rolle, Mrs. George Fernander, Pastor Harriett & Dolly Fernander; **(2) Uncles;** **(5) Aunts;** **Numerous Nieces & Nephews including:** Aya McKinney, Valeria, Tanya, Nancy, Ian, Craig, Brandon Stubbs, Edwin, Arthur, Horatio, Melony, Dedree, Erika, Shynika, Pamela Grant, Clyde, Pamela, Princess, Phais, Joanne, Janice, Constantino, Casius, Ellen, Marge, Marilyn, Prescilla & David Farrington, Brenda, Gwendolyn Moss, Ruth, Catherine, Elva, Anita, Cardinal, Michael, Conrad, Valdez, Valden, Valenti, Judy, Sharon, Sabrina & Barbara, Tyrone, Christine, Shawn, Margie, Marvin, Perry, Pedro, Lynette, Bernadette, Kevin, Trevor, Sheldon & Jason; The Golden Gates Neighborhood families: Mr. & Mrs. Moxey, Mr. & Mrs. Riley, the Johnsons, the Demeritte Family, Mr. & Mrs. Ginton, Mr. & Mrs. Stuart, Paula & Dru Newbold, the Rutherford Family, Martha Rolle & Family, Lamaicee, Donelle Conliffe & Family, Rev. Dr. George Kelly & Family; **A host of other Relatives and Friends including:** James (Blokje) Stubbs, Larrimore, Ulycse Culmer, Altamese Carey & Family, Rosemary Cambridge & Family, Reuben Stuart & Family, Roslyn Newbold & Family, Tuton, Chris & William Stubbs & Family, Margret Stuart & Family, Winifred Bannister & Family, Merle Sands & Family, Ellen & Family, Ms. Bowleg, Kirk Neely & Family, Gavin Dean, Richard & Bessie Dean and Family, Mrs. McKenzie and Family, Antrim, Ernest, Arazetta, Idena, Annie McKenzie, Bradley, Dudley & Emperor, Antoinette Bonaby, Marilyn Munroe and Family, Shirley Newbold & Family, Mable Smith, Robert Farquharson and Family, Owen Hamilton & Family, Bertlene & Family, the management & staff of Trace Security, Residents of the Cable Beach Manor, the management & staff of Purity Bakery, The family of IHG, the staff of Atlantis, Kerzner International and SuperClub Breezers Hotel, Bahamas Harvest Church Family, Kiwanis Club of New Providence and the Metropolitan Baptist Church Family.

Viewing will be held at **Clarke's Funeral Home #10 Tonique Williams-Darling Highway** on Friday, October 7th from 12noon to 5:00pm and on Saturday from 11:00am to 3:00pm and on Sunday at 1:30pm at the church until service time.

LOCAL NEWS

# DELIGHT OVER FACELIFT FOR GRAND BAHAMA LANDMARK

FREEPORT – A renovation project at the former Columbus Theatre on the Mall Drive is almost complete.

The once popular entertainment centre and Freeport landmark is being given a dramatic facelift as local investors the Siboney Development Group get set to open their multi-million dollar office complex on the premises.

“All of us who are involved with the project grew up here and went to the Columbus Theatre as kids and young

adults,” said Greg Smith, president of Siboney.

“So preservation of the building really meant a lot to us individually and collectively. We understood it was a landmark building, so we wanted to do justice here.”

Work began in late 2009 and is set to be finished by January 2012.

The two-storey, 24,000 sq ft complex will house the main offices of the law firm Greg Moss & Associates; doctors’ offices; a pharmacy; an atrium; and an internet café

with an adjoining courtyard.

More office space is still available for lease.

Commenting on the project, president of the Grand Bahama Port Authority Ian Rolle praised the investors.

“First of all, we’re pleased to have local business persons, Grand Bahamians, investing in the economy,” he said.

“Secondly, this project comes at a time when the world is going through a transition period due to the global recession, yet the Siboney Group is forging ahead with

their plans, demonstrating their confidence in the stability of the local market and the potential for growth.”

Mr Smith said the investors are encouraged by the level of interest and support so far.

“We’ve been pleased with the response we’ve gotten from the public and the business community. We haven’t heard any negative comments thus far,” he said.

Mr Smith said the recent Downtown Turnaround Project launched by the GBPA served as a stimulus.

“Overall improvements to downtown and the construction of other buildings that are going up on the Mall are really making signature statements and we didn’t want to do anything less with our renovations,” he said.

Charged with the massive task of converting an old theatre into a modern, multi-purpose business centre was local contractor Dwight Knowles of Keystone Development.

His dedicated crew of 30 workers levelled the original sloped floors and erected additional steel and concrete supports for the second floor.

Work has continued steadily without any major obstacles – other than persistent attempts by pigeons to return to their former home.



GREG SMITH, president of the Siboney Development Group (right); Ian Rolle, GBPA president; and Ginger Moxey, GBPA vice president, tour the new office facilities.



THE SIBONEY Group is restoring this famous structure on the Mall Drive.

## ARMED ROBBERIES BY FOUR MEN

POLICE are currently investigating two separate armed robberies that took place Tuesday by four unknown men.

The first armed robbery took place by two men around 11.25am at John Chea on Wulff Road and Mount Royal Avenue. The men entered the establishment, one armed with a gun, and demanded cash. The suspects took an undetermined amount of money and then fled

on foot, east along Wulff Road.

The second incident occurred around 1.25pm at Muck-A-Mucks on East Street. Two men entered the establishment, one armed with a gun, and demanded cash. The suspects took an undetermined amount of money and then fled north on foot.

Police are asking members of the public to contact police if they have any information.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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The Public is hereby advised that I, **DERWIN PYFROM** of the Eastern District of the Island of New Providence intend to change my name to **DERVIN PYFROM**. If there are any objections to this change of name by Deed Poll, you may write such objections to the Deputy Chief Passport Officer, P.O.Box F-43536, Grand Bahama, within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice.



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<b>Accounting II</b> (6 weeks)	Begins Oct 3: Mon/Wed 6-10 pm	\$350
<b>QuickBooks</b> (6 weeks)	Begins Oct 7: Fri 6-10pm; Sat 9-12pm	\$350

#### Computers

<b>Computer Applications I</b> (5 weeks)	Begins Oct 4: Tues/Thrs 6-10 pm	\$350
<b>Computers for Beginners</b> (5 weeks)	Begins Oct 7 Fri 6-10pm; Sat 9am-1pm	\$325
<b>A+ Review/Certification Exam</b> (5 weeks) (One Exam Included)	Begins Oct 7 Fri 6-10pm; Sat 9am-1pm	\$480
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<b>Face Care/Make-up Application</b> (5 weeks)	Begins Oct 6 Thrs/Fri 6-10pm	\$285
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<b>Electrical Phase I</b> (6 weeks) *Exam Included	Begins Oct 7 Fri 6-9:50pm; Sat 9-5pm	\$700
<b>Block Laying</b> (5 weeks)	Begins Oct 7 Fri 6-9:50pm; Sat 9-5pm	\$350
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#### Construction

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<b>Basic Blueprint Reading &amp; Estimating I Residential</b> (5 weeks)	Begins Oct 7 Fri 6-10:50pm; Sat 9am-4pm	\$350
<b>Basic Electrical</b> (4 weeks)	Begins Oct 7 Fri 6-10:50pm; Sat 9am-4pm	\$375
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<b>Marine Outboard Engine Preventative Maintenance</b> (5 weeks)	Begins Oct 3 Mon/Tues/Wed/Thrs 6-9pm	\$350
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<b>Small Engine Repair</b> (5 weeks)	Begins Oct 7 Fri 6-10pm; Sat 9am-3pm	\$350
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LOCAL NEWS

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erties at the whim of the executive," he said.

"For the police to be able to hold someone for 72 hours removes the safeguard intended to ensure constitutional rights are not overlooked. What if they are beaten or coerced? This extra time will give the suspect more time to heal, if they were beaten, before they go before a magistrate."

CRIME AMENDMENTS 'MAY VIOLATE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS'

Government has also introduced a law that will protect a witness' identity, allowing them to remain anonymous before, during and after a trial.

Under the Criminal Evidence Bill a witness' name and other identifying details are withheld. The witness would use a pseudonym and

their voice would be subject to modification.

An application for an anonymity order may be made to a magistrate by the Commissioner of Police or the Attorney General.

Mr Gomez yesterday questioned if this amendment would allow the witness to abuse the system.

"Who will be able to verify these people are who they say they are? How can I cross-examine someone without knowing if they have been making consistent statements?"

"If you have a jury and they cannot see a witness how are you going to assess whether they are telling the truth or

not? You essentially take away from the tribunal the ability for visual contact to determine whether or not they believe or disbelieve a person. There are a number of problems I foresee from a practical point of view. The witness could be a over zealous cop trying to get a conviction. You just never know.

If they want to protect the witnesses what they should do is improve the witness protection programme."

Prime Minister Hubert Inghram tabled a number of Bills in the House of Assembly, Wednesday, in effort to solve the country's crime problem.

Parliamentarians are expected to begin debate on the Bills when the House meets next week.

EDUCATOR ACCUSED OVER FUNDS

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courtroom, returned with Simeon Brown, who agreed to hold the brief for Shurland. Attorney Erica Kemp was the prosecutor.

The matters before the court 13 counts of forgery, 11 counts of fraud by false pretences, and two counts of attempted fraud.

The incidents are alleged to have been committed from July 29, 2010, to September 1, 2011. White is alleged to have received funds totalling \$73,500 and attempted to obtain \$24,200. The charges are:

• Count one: It is alleged that on July 29, 2010, the accused forged a Royal Bank Canada Finco cheque in the amount of \$8,200.

• Count two: It is alleged that on July 29, 2010, the accused committed fraud, defrauding Scotiabank of \$8,200.

• Count three: It is alleged that on August 6, 2010, she forged a RBC Finco cheque in the amount of \$5,100.

• Count four: It is alleged that August 6, 2010, White committed fraud, by defrauding Scotiabank of \$5,100.

• Count five: It is alleged that September 24, 2010, the teacher forged a RBC Finco cheque in the amount of \$3,100.

• Count six: It is alleged that on September 24, 2010, White committed fraud, defrauding Scotiabank of \$3,100.

• Count seven: It is alleged that October 15, 2010, White committed forgery by forging RBC Finco cheque in the amount of \$1,400.

• Count eight: It is alleged that October 15, 2010, White committed forgery by forging RBC Finco cheque in the amount of \$2,100.

• Count nine: It is alleged that January 7, 2011, White forged a RBC Finco cheque in the amount of \$9,300.

• Count 10: It is alleged that January 7, 2011, White committed fraud, defrauding Sco-

tiabank of some of \$3,900.

• Count 11: It is alleged that January 28, 2011, White forged a RBC Finco cheque in amount of \$4,100.

• Count 12: It is alleged that January 28, 2011, White committed fraud, defrauding Scotiabank of \$4,100.

• Count 13: It is alleged that March 31, 2011, White forged a RBC Finco cheque in the amount of \$10,200.

• Count 14: It is alleged that April 1, 2011, White defrauded Scotiabank of \$10,200.

Prosecutor Kemp said the 14 charges are all indictable offences. White was not required to enter a plea to the charges. A preliminary inquiry will be held to determine if there is sufficient evidence for trial in the Supreme Court.

Magistrate Jones said that counts 15 through 26 were not indictable and that the accused was allowed to enter a plea to the offences and elect summary trial in either the Magistrates' or Supreme Court.

White pleaded not guilty to the following offences:

• Count 15: It is alleged that on April 21, White forged RBC Finco cheque in the amount of \$5,100.

• Count 16: It is alleged that April 21, White committed fraud, defrauding Scotiabank of \$5,100.

• Count 17: It is alleged that May 11, White forged a RBC Finco cheque in the amount of \$2,100.

• Count 18: It is alleged that May 12, White committed fraud, defrauding Scotiabank of \$2,100.

• Count 19: It is alleged that June 30, White forged a RBC Finco cheque in the amount of \$12,100.

• Count 20: It is alleged that July 5, White attempted to defraud Scotiabank of \$12,100.

• Count 21: It is alleged that July 14, White forged a RBC Finco cheque in the amount of \$12,100.



FORMER TEACHER Aleda Elaine White, 55, at court yesterday

• Count 22: It is alleged that July 14, White attempted to defraud Scotiabank of \$12,100.

• Count 23: It is alleged that August 3, White forged a RBC Finco cheque in the amount of \$18,100.

• Count 24: It is alleged that August 3, White committed fraud, defrauding Scotiabank of \$18,100.

• Count 25: It is alleged that on August 31, White forged a RBC Finco cheque in the amount of \$6,100.

• Count 26: It is alleged that on September 1, White committed fraud by defrauding Scotiabank of \$6,100.

Prosecutor Kemp did not object to bail and requested that White surrender her passport, travel documents and report daily to the Police Station or be outfitted with an electronic ankle bracelet.

Mr Brown, however, strongly objected to White being outfitted with an electronic monitoring device. He noted that White is a permanent resident of the Bahamas and the mother of Bahamian children living in Grand Bahama.

"She has made the Bahamas her home and has been a credit to the society," Mr Brown said. "I submit that an ankle bracelet is inappropriate, and to have her report daily to the Police Station is unnecessary and burdensome," he said.

Magistrate Jones ordered that White surrender her passport and to report every Monday to Central Police Station before 10am. Bail was set at \$50,000 with a surety. The case was adjourned to May 2 in court one and two.

CALL TO MONITOR ISLAND DREDGING

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"Silt can be seen spilling onto the nearby coral and vegetation lining the sea bed," the senator said. "And there appears not to be a full-time on-site environmental manager.

Yet neither the government, nor the National Trust, is taking any action to correct it."

Mr Fitzgerald called on the government to ensure the dredging and excavation is done in accordance with requirements set out by the BNT and the Bahamas Environmental, Science and Technology (BEST) Commission.

An application from Islands of Discovery Ltd, the Aga Khan, to excavate over 12 acres of land and sea bed at the 349 acre island was approved in September last year.

Environmental Minister Earl Deveaux was ridiculed for accepting a free ride in the Aga Khan's helicopter from Nassau to Abaco, and then to Exuma, to do a survey of Bell Island while the planning application was before his ministry.

Conservationists criticised the Bahamas National Trust for allowing the development in the park, and Tribune sources alleged the BNT accepted a \$1m donation from the Aga Khan.

"The FNM government and the BNT have turned a blind eye to what is going on at Bell Island and turned their backs on the Bahamian people, all for a few helicopter rides, \$1m, and who knows what else," Mr Fitzgerald said before a group of reporters and party supporters at the PLP headquarters in Farringham Road yesterday.

"The FNM has talked about the importance of eco-tourism but instead of preserving treasures like Bell Island for Bahamians, they are allowing foreigners to destroy it."

Images of the 30ft cliff from the inland excavation, and of silt spreading from the dredging of a 14ft channel leading into the yacht basin being excavated from a natural salt pond were shown in a short video featuring interviews with local tour guide Wayne Nixon and activist Terry Bain.

Mr Bain, spokesman for the Save the Exuma Park (STEP) Committee, said the endangered Bahama Duck frequented the salt pond, and that photographs of the birds at the site had been ignored by authorities.

The 176 square mile park established in 1958 has been guarded by the BNT since 1964

and is a strictly no-take zone.

"We believe it is a criminal action for a minister to approve development in a national park in the same way that it is a criminal act to take anything from the park," said Mr Bain.

By putting the environment under threat, Mr Fitzgerald said the development also threatened the livelihood of locals who rely on the park to maintain healthy stocks of fish and conch.

"Bahamians are working on the Bell Island project, but whatever work they are doing is short-term," Mr Fitzgerald said.

However, former PLP MP for Exuma George Smith told The Tribune Prince Karim Aga Khan has been a great benefactor to the local community in Black Point by creating jobs for people of all ages and abilities, and leaving the dredged sand landfill for them to collect. He also pledged to fund the development of a health clinic in Black Point and a new hospital in George Town, Mr Smith said.

"Although some people might not like the dredging, we have to look at the bigger picture," Mr Smith said. "The Aga Khan is not a villain, he's a great benefactor. He has employed a reasonable workforce and he's endeavouring to employ people from Black Point."

But whatever his good deeds may be, they cannot erase the environmental damage, said Mr Fitzgerald. "I don't care how much he spends, or what he donates; no amount of millions of dollars can mitigate the destruction," he said. "There is no way the government should have considered approving this."

Environmental activist Sam Duncombe agreed the damage cannot be undone. She said: "The National Trust should have put rules and regulations in place a long time ago, to warn anybody who owns land in the park what they can and cannot do, and I think the fact that they have failed to do that in 50 years is disgusting. If we can't protect the world's oldest national marine park, then we have failed miserably."

Calls to Gail Lockhart Charles and Co, representing the Aga Khan, were not returned before press time.

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## TOP SHIPPING FIRM TO CLOSE

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A MAJOR shipping company will shut down its Nassau operations within the next three to four weeks, Tribune Business can reveal, resulting in the loss of 29 jobs. Bay Street-based Seaboard Marine was said to have lost "millions" due to a "saturated market".

"They will be shutting down their Nassau operations within three to four weeks," a well-placed source said of Seaboard Marine. "Twenty-nine employees will be affected. That's all areas; in logistics, stevedoring, commercial and operations."

Asked why the company had decided to close, the source said: "The market is not regulated. It's a small market with too many players, and no one is making a profit. I believe in competi-

- \* Seaboard Marine to shut Bay Street operations in 3-4 weeks with loss of 29 jobs
- \* Company said to have lost 'millions', and seen revenue slump 50% in last 3 1/2 years
- \* Blame put on saturated market, Port delay and competition from likes of MSC

tion, but you can't have too many players. The market has become too saturated, they have lost millions.

"No shipping company has made a profit in this market in the last three to four years. That's with the arrival of MSC (Mediterranean Shipping Company)," the source added.

"The Government allowed MSC into the market. MSC is too big for the market; it's the second largest shipping company in the world. They also allowed two other low-cost carriers into the market.

Their [Seaboard Marine] revenue dropped by half in the last three-and-a-half years."

Dario Terrelli, Seaboard Marine's sales manager, and also the Democratic National Alliance (DNA) candidate for Blue Hills in the upcoming election, declined to comment when contacted by Tribune Business for comment.

According to the source, the delay in completing the new Arawak Cay port is also impacting shipping companies.

"We have all pumped hun-

dreds of thousands of dollars into the development of the port," the source added. The delay of the port didn't help Seaboard, because we were all hoping to get on the port by summer past. They haven't completed the port, and said it wouldn't be ready until the end of the second quarter of next year. There is another shipping company that may be closing also because they lost more than Seaboard."

Concerns over there a saturated shipping market, and calls for greater regulation,

were reiterated by Barbara Carey, senior account executive at Crowley.

She told Tribune Business: "The Government needs to regulate the shipping industry."

"Right now, all the shipping markets are operating at a loss because the market is saturated with too many different shipping companies."

"Eventually, if this continues, more companies might close, and then it may just become monopolized and we end up with just one shipping company. I don't think the Government realises how serious the shipping industry is."

She added: "I know we are losing money, too. We may not be losing as much as Seaboard, only because we ship from Jacksonville and no one else does, but we could have been in that same boat just because we cannot get enough money per container."

## CREDIT SUISSE GAINS 10% PT GINN TAX BREAK

\* Major institution to pay 2% Stamp Tax, not usual 12%, on transfer of 1,476 acres at \$4.9bn Ginn sur mer project to it

\* Concession gives up likely seven-figure sum, and comes at time when Gov't desperate for revenue

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business  
Editor

A CREDIT SUISSE-LED lending syndicate is in line to get a 10 per centage point Stamp Tax break if Parliament passes legislation allowing it to take possession of 1,476 acres in Grand Bahama's West End paying just a 2 per cent rate.

The Modification of Provisions (Ginn-LA West End Grand Bahama) Amendment Bill 2011, a copy of which has been viewed by Tribune Business, appears designed to facilitate the Credit Suisse-led lending syndicate doing what it abandoned in the Supreme Court foreclosure action, namely taking possession of the real estate secured by a mortgage the \$4.9 billion Ginn sur mer developers defaulted.

The Bill has been tabled in Parliament, but eyebrows are likely to be raised at the Stamp Tax break the Credit Suisse syndicate, named G-LA Resorts Holdings (Bahamas), is receiving.

Given the size of the 1,476-acre plot it is taking possession of, and the value of that land, by applying just a 2 per cent Stamp Tax rate - instead of the normal 12 per cent - the Government is effectively giving a leading global financial institution and its fellow lenders a 10 per centage point tax break worth potentially hundreds of

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## \$5.5 MILLION REFUNDS SHOW 'UNTENABLE' GB POWER WOES

- \* PLP candidate alleges energy firm overbilled major clients, such as Polymers and Shipyard, over seven-year period
- \* Company says sum 'grossly exaggerated'
- \* Port urged to 'get act together' on regulation
- \* URCA complaints 'lead to nowhere'

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

THE GRAND BAHAMA POWER COMPANY was yesterday said to have reimbursed several major commercial/industrial customers "in excess of \$5.5 million" for overbilling them over "at least seven years", a PLP election candidate urging greater transparency and oversight of its operations.

Describing the island's current energy situation as "untenable" and one that "cannot continue down this path", Gregory Moss, an attorney and former Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce president, called on the Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA) to "get its act

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GREGORY MOSS

## UTILITY BRACES FOR \$250K-PLUS HIT VIA COPPER THEFT

- \* Grand Bahama Power says meter audit uncovers 1,227 incidents of electricity theft
- \* Copper thefts continuing despite export ban
- \* Alternatives study to be completed within month

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

THE GRAND BAHAMA POWER COMPANY last night said thefts of copper wiring from its system were likely to cost it more than \$250,000 this year, a sum higher than 2010's figure, adding that 1,227 incidents of theft had been uncovered by its meter audit initiative.

Responding to claims that the island's monopoly power supplier had collectively repaid several large industrial/commercial customers more than \$5.5 million as a result of overbillings during a seven-year period since 2004, a Grand Bahama Power Company

spokesperson described the sum quoted as "grossly exaggerated" and "significantly less" than claimed.

Acknowledging that the meter audit revealed five customers were overbilled, the spokesperson - whole declining to name them - said they had largely been reimbursed by credits, and not from Grand Bahama Power Company's cash flow.

"For all of them there were different circumstances and durations," the spokesperson said of the five. "Some of them were because of customer errors, and not all were related to Grand Bahama Power Company. The

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## BAD LOANS SPIKE \$88M IN AUGUST

- \* Bank association chief warns of 'long, hard haul', as \$1.25bn, or \$1 out of every \$5 lent, in arrears
- \* Says last month's surge likely due to seasonal trends and Irene

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

THE Clearing Banks Association's (CBA) head yesterday said a combination of seasonal trends and Hurricane Irene were likely to blame for August's 7.6 per cent increase in the sector's \$1.25 billion 'bad loan' portfolio, with more than \$1 out every \$5 lent by the commercial banking industry now in default.

The \$87.7 million loan

arrears increase during August took defaulted credit, as a percentage of the total \$6.187 billion in Bahamian dollar loans extended by commercial banks, to a new high during this recession, prompting CBA chief Ian Jennings to reiterate that the sector - and, by extension, the Bahamian economy - was in for "a long, hard haul".

"It's probably a combination of two things," Mr Jennings told Tribune Business, in response to the \$88 million August arrears spike. "One is seasonality, but you have to remember that Hurricane Irene came right at the end of the month, and lost banking days and customers getting ready for the storm contributed to that."

Commercial bank loan defaults tend to rise, at least temporarily, during the summer months as Bahamians traditionally pay for vacations and leave the island, sometimes neglecting their loan obligations. Heading into the weakest part of the tourism season also means reduced incomes for some.

"We will monitor it into September and October, and see if it's a temporary increase and seasonality, rather than a long-term trend," added Mr Jennings. "Our initial thinking is that it will be a combination of

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# A SHARED VISION FOR YOUR SUCCESS

By **SIMON COOPER**  
Res Socius



SIMON COOPER

I was watching the movie Pursuit of Happyness on a television channel the other day, and seeing it brought back memories of how Chris Gardner inspired me as a young man. Remember him? He grew up in a Milwaukee slum where alcoholism, domestic violence and sexual abuse were the norm, although his beloved mother cared for him between the times he spent in foster homes.

Chris had some hard times as he migrated from poverty to success, and has never forgotten the nights when he rough-slept in subway bathrooms because his salary was so low. Today, he divides his

and shares these interesting thoughts on re-starting baby-boomers lives again, when given half the chance.

\* Do something that makes you happy, but keep your feet on the ground. Other people don't have to agree with what you choose to do, or even think it is a good idea. At the same time, maintain a balance between enthusiasm and the practicalities of life. Discovering a new species of butterfly in the Bahamas may be great, but you still need to pay the rent.

\* Buy a business or start your own. The harsh reality is that few people in the Bahamas hire anybody older than themselves, and that's

a tough truth to face up to when there's a younger hand on the economic steering wheel. The flip side is that experience can be a business owner's greatest asset. Just have a plan, and commit to what you're doing. Don't leave the staff in charge while you pay golf.

\* Create the future around your capabilities. Accept your strengths. Have the courage to accept your weaknesses, too. It makes no sense at all to tackle something where you could never succeed, no matter what the reason. If you are not a pioneering person, buy an existing business instead. Your skills and talents are transferrable to other ventures. Look after yourself at all

times. There is no Bahamian cavalry riding to your rescue.

\* Focus on what matters and celebrate progress. A football player watches the action on the ground, not the spectators in the stands. Life's the same. We need to focus on the primary goal, which is a happy life shared with family and friends. Work and business should never dominate. They are just a vehicle to get you there. If it's not broken, don't try to fix it either. Celebrate successes, no matter how small they are. Every step counts along the road.

Now that's what I call clarity of vision well worth sharing. Did you find it interest-

ing? I surely hope so. Chris Gardner's a modest man, so he leaves out the most important thing of all. Put something back. Share the fruits of your success with those less fortunate. That's what Chris Gardner's Pursuit of Happyness is all about.

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# AIRPORT EXECUTIVES AIM TO BOOST AIRLIFT



**FROM BERLIN TO NASSAU**—As the Bahamas gets set to host the Routes Americas Forum in 2012, event sponsors attended Routes World in Berlin to discuss plans. Pictured L to R: David Johnson, director-general, MOTA; Stewart Steeves, president and chief executive, NAD; Shonalee Johnson, manager, communications, NAD; Vernice Walkine, vice-president of marketing and communications, NAD; and Fred Lounsbury, chief executive, Nassau Paradise Island Promotion Board.

NASSAU AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT COMPANY (NAD) officials have joined other Bahamian tourism stakeholders at the 17th annual World Route Development Forum in Berlin, Germany. The conference brings together more than 2,500 airports, airlines and tourism partners for one-on-one talks on air service development.

NAD teamed up with the Ministry of Tourism & Aviation (MOTA) and the Nassau/Paradise Island Promotion Board (NPIPB) to showcase the Bahamas to existing and potential airline carriers.

The group also met with event organisers to discuss the Routes Americas conference.

The regional version of the forum will be held in Nassau during February 2012.

That conference will bring more than 400 delegates from the region to the Bahamas.

As the official host, NAD will work closely with co-sponsors Atlantis, the Ministry of Tourism & Aviation and the Nassau/Paradise Island Promotion Board, and the Bahamas Hotel Association.

"By hosting an event like Routes Americas, we have a unique opportunity to showcase our existing product to key airline decision makers," said Vernice Walkine, vice-president of marketing and communications at NAD.

"We will also be able to highlight the overall infrastructural improvements in the capital, including the new airport facilities and emerging developments like Baha Mar."

During an official handover ceremony in the Dominican Republic last February, Dave Stroud, senior vice-president of Routes, said: "Hosting an event with an airport right in the midst of a massive development project provides an excellent opportunity to give delegates a first-hand experience of what such a task involves, and I am confident that the 5th Routes Americas will leave a big and positive impression with delegates".

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thousands, if not millions, of dollars.

Such a concession is also coming at a time when the Government is desperate to lay its hands on every cent of revenue it can get.

Under the new Bill, Section 8 of the original Act will now read: "The Stamp Duty which is payable under the Stamp Act on a conveyance from the borrowers to the lenders of the equity of redemption in respect of any real property comprising the project shall be calculated at the rate of 2 per cent."

This effectively means that any conveyancing by the developers of the 1,476 acres to the Credit Suisse group will attract just 2 per cent Stamp Duty.

One source with knowledge of developments said Credit Suisse had pushed the Government for the tax break on the grounds that the original Heads of Agreement had allowed Ginn Development Company and its financing partner, Lubert Adler, to sell West End real estate at the same 2 per cent Stamp Duty rate.

The bank had also made

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some promises to the Government to develop the property, the source said. "The Heads of Agreement provides that 2 per cent on the first sales, so they chose to argue to the Government that if you allow this under the Heads of Agreement, let us have this, too, as we will do something with the land," they told Tribune Business.

The source added that the Government had promised to get the legislation passed by October's end.

The new Bill also provides for the original Ginn sur mer Heads of Agreement, its successor agreements, and all their rights, incentives and benefits, to be assigned to the Credit Suisse lending syndicate and LRA OBB, which stands for Lubert Adler Old Bahama Bay. The two parties are now going to develop Ginn sur mer in what is likely to be a joint venture.

Whichever way you cut it, the Bill is designed to pave the way for the 1,476

acres to be conveyed to the Credit Suisse group and their plans for its development.

The legislation comes after Supreme Court Justice Neville Adderley criticised the Credit Suisse group and holding company for the \$4.9 billion Ginn development for "abuse of process", finding their move to drop their foreclosure bid was designed to prevent "protracted litigation" involving rival land claimants.

In a September 29, 2011, in-chambers ruling, Justice Neville Adderley said the court would be "naive" not to think the September 1 'Notice of Discontinuance' was filed to forestall a ruling on applications to stay, and intervene, in the proceedings by adverse claimants to the 1,476 acres the lending syndicate was seeking to foreclose on.

This was indicated by the Credit Suisse syndicate's submissions, which warned that the rival claimants' cases

would cause "added delay, increased costs" in a situation where interest on the defaulted loan was increasing at a rate of \$14,539 per day.

The Credit Suisse syndicate had advanced "considerable sums" to develop the Ginn sur mer project, with the loans and security documents ultimately ending up with the bank's Cayman branch. Justice Adderley said the developer ultimately defaulted on the credit advance.

The original loan amount was \$276 million, with the sum necessary to redeem the mortgage standing at \$77.897 million.

The Credit Suisse syndicate moved to exercise its security and foreclose on the land subject to the mortgage in May 2011, an action taken with Ginn-LA West End's consent.

Ultimately, given that there were multiple pending Supreme Court actions in which the rival land claimants could pursue their claims, the judge decided their rights were protected and gave the Credit Suisse/Ginn parties leave to discontinue provided they paid the others' costs.

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# SCRAP METAL SECTOR 'ON EVEN FOOTING'

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**PRIME MINISTER**  
Hubert Ingraham on Wednesday tabled the Pawnbrokers and Secondhand Dealers Bill 2011.

A LEADING scrap metal dealer told Tribune Business yesterday he believes the Government's proposed legislation for the industry was needed, adding that legitimate operators have had to suffer because of 'unscrupulous' dealers.

Everette Rolle, proprietor of Caribbean Recycling and Trading Solution on Joe Farrington Road, told Tribune Business: "We needed the regulations; something had to be done. I feel for those people who had materials stolen; I had stuff stolen from me as well. This now puts the industry on even footing. You had some unscrupulous dealers who brought this on. This is the price of progress. It's necessary; you can't have an industry running rampant."

Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham on Wednesday tabled the Pawnbrokers and Secondhand Dealers Bill 2011 in the House of Assembly. The Bill sets out operational guidelines and regulations for pawn brokers, 'cash for gold' operators and scrap metal dealers, and comes

amid rising incidents of armed robbery and theft said to be linked to such operations.

The Prime Minister said the Bill seeks to address "the challenges being experienced as a result of the unregulated 'cash for gold' and 'scrap metal' businesses by providing a regulatory regime to protect legitimate businesses, whilst maintaining safeguards for the public".

Mr Rolle said the regulations were nothing new for his company. "These regulations are nothing new for us; it's continuity for us," he explained.

"The people we sell to already make these demands. We meet the standards of US Customs and they have really tight border control measures in place."

Mr Rolle said there were some in the business community who wanted the ban to be extended. "There are business persons who are asking for the Government to extend the ban and that's ridiculous," he added. "These guys don't understand the industry and don't care. If you find an employee stealing from you, you don't fire your entire staff."

"Why should the entire industry suffer because there are some unscrupulous dealers. You have legitimate businessmen and you have your bad apples. At least 2,000 people are employed in this industry alone. The Government benefits from us cleaning up this country and collecting taxes from our businesses. We keep unemployment down by getting some of these people off the street."

Mr Rolle said the ban has put many persons out of work. "They told us the ban would be for 90 days. They haven't come back and said anything else. They have given us permission to ship our existing material," he added.

"Everybody had to go to a skeleton crew basically because we had no income for eight weeks."

"It really affected us and we had to put some people on NIB unemployment compensation."

Ronny Etienne, owner of scrap metal trading firm Ronny's Auto, told Tribune Business yesterday that the 90-day ban on scrap metal exports had seriously impacted his livelihood. "The bank is calling me and you know what that means, you're three months behind," he said.

"I had to send three guys home. I have containers that can't go. That is affecting me a lot."

## REGULATOR UNVEILS ADDITIONAL RULES

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The SECURITIES Commission's executive chairman said yesterday that it will be developing various rules to go along with the Securities Commission Act 2011.

The regulator has posted a policy paper on physical presence requirements for broker-dealers and securities investment advisors, and said the new legislation requires a number of standards and rules to be formally developed in accordance with the Act.

The Commission said: "While the Act outlines some aspects of physical presence requirements for certain categories of licensees, it is silent in other areas and does not define the manner, or provide alternative means, by which these requirements could be achieved."

Philip Stubbs, the Commission's chairman, told Tribune Business yesterday: "We have some new securities legislation that has already been passed by Parliament, and before the end of the year we want to bring it into force."

"But before we bring it into force there are a couple of rules that have to be promulgated. We will be developing various rules to go along with the legislation, and one way to get public consultation is by providing these notices to the public and participants in the industry."

He added: "We are releasing these white papers, and we're giving them an opportunity over a 45-day period to view the draft information. We'll get their feedback, and at the end of that period we would write the specific rule, which will then - after approval by the Ministry of Finance - be gazetted to go along with the legislation."

"We already have a practice guide now with regard to physical presence, where certain licensees may be given permission to operate in the Bahamas where they have a representative, and so those rules relate to how you have a physical presence in the Bahamas."

"The draft white paper itself is on the Commission's website."

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overbillings were all for different reasons.

"There was one whose electrician had mis-wired their meter. We brought it to their attention, and were able to reimburse them. They were very happy we brought it to their attention."

Grand Bahama Power Company yesterday said its meter audit initiative, which began on July 27, 2009, had completed reviewing 64 per cent of its residential customers.

Of the 11,534 meters audited, Grand Bahama Power Company had uncovered 1,227 incidents of theft - persons illegally connecting with its system or meter tampering. A further 16 customers had been under-billed.

"Unfortunately, theft has been an ongoing problem for the Power Company," the spokesperson said, "not only electricity theft but copper theft, which has continued despite the export ban."

"It's unfortunate and a very unpleasant situation.... Last year we lost \$250,000 [from copper theft]. This year it's going to be that and a little more, not including the additional man hours we have to put on to get the system back to normal. As soon as get it back up, it's off again."

Some 500 feet of copper was stolen in the Queen's Cove area just after Hurricane Irene, and the spokesperson said: "To put it into perspective, we're not even using copper." Instead, Grand Bahama Power Company is now using aluminium.

"The meter audit was a chance for us to not only check theft from the system, but the integrity of the system. It's internal checks and balances," the spokesperson said.

She was responding after PLP candidate for the Marco City seat, Gregory Moss, alleged that the Grand

Bahama Power Company had reimbursed key commercial customers, Polymers International Grand Bahama Shipyard and Bahama Rock, more than \$5.5 million for overbilling them.

Mr Moss also raised questions over the meter reading exercise, which he said was initiated when, as then-Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce president, he called for the Government to enforce the Weights & Measures Act.

This, he added yesterday, required government inspectors to every two months check to make sure consumers were getting everything they paid for - from gas stations to retailers.

The meter audit, Mr Moss said, was the Power Company's response, and he questioned whether the firm chosen to carry out the initiative was independent enough from the utility and the Port Authority, having carried out work for them before.

Meanwhile, acknowledging concerns over the high cost of electricity in Grand Bahama, the power firm's spokesperson said utilities and consumers across the world were feeling the effects of rising oil prices.

"Customers want instant solutions that are not always feasible," the Grand Bahama Power Company spokesperson said. "We have to keep making the smart, and right, and responsible decisions to bring the long-term benefits consumers want to see. In the utility business, you have to look 20-30 years down the road, and ensure the decisions you make are the sustainable ones."

Emphasising that Grand Bahama Power Company aimed to "get off dependency on fuel" [oil], the spokesperson said the study it had commissioned on alternative energy options for the island was likely to be completed in a month's time.

"The study will give us the best case options for Grand Bahama, and what these

solutions might look like," they added.

"We are not barring any options..... Everything is being looked at."

Mr Moss, though, had complained that even though Grand Bahama Power Company's fuel imports were untaxed, residential customers were paying \$0.35-\$0.4 per kilowatt hour, compared to \$0.10-\$0.12 per kilowatt hour in Florida.

In response, Grand Bahama Power Company said: "In response to comparisons between Grand Bahama Power Company and Florida Power & Light (FPL), we must point out that FPL not only has 4.4 million customers in Florida with generation assets in 20 states, but also incorporates the use of nuclear power which is not an option for Grand Bahama Power Company."

"We have, however,

recently conducted a cost comparison of electric utilities in the Caribbean, which is an accurate benchmark based on size and geography. Grand Bahama Power Company electricity prices are at the median - or the middle of all these utilities."

"While admittedly Grand Bahama Power Company does not have the lowest electricity costs, we are certainly not the highest. Our team remains focused and working diligently on making the responsible and sustainable decisions needed to improve reliability and reduce costs to our customers."

And the utility added: "We will continue with our ongoing meter audit program, with industrial customers being audited annually, commercial customers on a three-year cycle and residential customers on an ongoing basis."

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together" when it came to regulation of the power company.

Mr Moss, the PLP's candidate for the Marco City seat, in an October 5, 2011, 'open letter' to Grand Bahama Power Company chief executive and president, Sarah MacDonald, named Polymers International, Bahama Rock, the Pelican Bay resort and Grand Bahama Shipyard as being among the commercial clients reimbursed for overbilling.

Suggesting that the over-billing had been taking place

over a seven-year period, Mr Moss said: "I am advised that the Grand Bahama Power Company has written to certain of its commercial and industrial customers to advise them that it has discovered that, since 2004, it has been charging those customers at double the appropriate multiplier rate, and that its meters were not working properly, resulting in an overall overbilling to those customers."

"I am informed that as a result of such overbilling you

have made reimbursements to certain commercial and industrial customers in a sum well in excess of \$5.5 million, including, but not limited to, payments to Polymers International, Bahama Rock, Pelican Bay Hotel and the Grand Bahama Shipyard."

A Grand Bahama Power Company spokesperson yesterday told Tribune Business the \$5.5 million sum quoted by Mr Moss was "grossly exaggerated".

While five clients were reimbursed for overbilling, their circumstances were all said to differ, and the problems were discovered during the utility's own meter audit initiative (see other Story on Page 1B).

Still, Mr Moss, in an interview with this newspaper, said "the onus" was on Grand Bahama Power Company to properly address the issue. "The Power Company can't deny it," he added of his allegations. "If they deny it, I will go back to the individuals concerned to ask that they release the documents."

The former Chamber chief added that complaining about the Grand Bahama Power Company to the Nassau-based Utilities Regulation & Competition Authority (URCA), as the campaign led by attorney Osman Johnson and activist Troy Garvey planned to do, would be to little avail.

This was because regulatory authority for all Freeport-based utilities lay with the GBPA, and any attempt to devolve this could well amount to a breach of the Hawksbill Creek Agreement that provided the foundation for Freeport's creation.

"They have their challenges," Mr Moss said of Grand Bahama Power Company. "I just wish they would go public and deal with it..... There's no transparency, there's no sense of regulatory oversight with that company, and therefore one just doesn't know."

"Clearly, this is an issue where there should be full and frank disclosure to the public on the overbilling of commercial and residential customers."

Calling for an "open process to some transparency and oversight", which would give Grand Bahama residents the truth, not a technical explanation for something that had gone wrong, Mr Moss said uppermost among his questions was whether residential consumers had been overbilled, too.

As for calls to place the Grand Bahama Power Company under URCA's regulation, the Marco City candidate added: "It makes no difference. URCA has no regulatory authority for utilities [in Freeport]. You can make whatever representations to URCA that you want; it will lead to nowhere."

"We're a country based on the rule of law. The regulatory authority is clearly vested in the Port Authority, and one cannot take that away without taking away its property rights and breaching the Hawksbill Creek Agreement. And, if the Port Authority did approve of it, it would need the consent of 80 per cent of its licensees."

However, Mr Moss said there appeared to be "a middle ground", suggesting that the GBPA could engage an outside agency, such as URCA, to help

it discharge its regulatory responsibilities.

"The only credible, viable option is one of two things," Mr Moss suggested. "Either the Port gets its act together and creates a proper regulatory authority, or get a regulatory agency engaged to discharge that function on its behalf."

Mr Moss questioned how overcharged customers were going to be repaid, and whether that would impact Grand Bahama Power Company's cash flow to such an extent that it would need to increase rates levied on residential customers.

He also queried if funds would need to be injected by its 80 per cent majority shareholder, Emera, and the steps taken by the Grand Bahama Power Company to ensure the overbilling did not happen again.

As for the impact high energy costs were having on Grand Bahama, Mr Moss, in his letter to Mrs MacDonald, said that even though Grand Bahama Power Company's fuel imports were untaxed, residential customers were paying \$0.35-\$0.4 per kilowatt hour, compared to \$0.10-\$0.12 per kilowatt hour in Florida.

"That discrepancy is unsustainable, as it is a major drain on household incomes and a major impediment to business development in Grand Bahama," he wrote.

The "most glaring" example, Mr Moss told Tribune Business yesterday, was the departure of the glass manufacturer, Fenestration, which found it was cheaper to operate its own generator than to use Grand Bahama Power Company's electricity.

"They said this is too much hassle. This country is not

organised to do business," Mr Moss said. "They simply left."

Another visible example was the fact Freeport had "the largest harbour in the Western Hemisphere" outside the US naval base at Norfolk, yet the land there was "almost vacant" with manufacturing/industrial activity there - and at the Sea Air Business Centre "non-existent".

Apart from deterring potential investors, especially in the commercial and industrial sector, Mr Moss said high electricity costs had created a vicious circle, further reducing disposable incomes on an island already plagued by high unemployment and declining spending power.

"It's untenable; we cannot continue down this path," Mr Moss said. He added that while starting to campaign in Marco City, he was "surprised in the beginning to see what were deserted houses".

On closer inspection, the homes were inhabited - the residents had just turned off all the lights to avoid high energy costs.

Lights were turned on when he met them, but turned off again after he left, Mr Moss said that for many Grand Bahamians, their electricity bill was like a second mortgage.

He added that Grand Bahama Power Company executives had told him during a March 2011 meeting they were working to stabilise electricity costs, but this "means nothing", as it did not address reducing energy prices of regulatory oversight.

And, given the short-term reliance on rental generators, Mr Moss said: "It would appear that the revenue of the Power Company has not been invested in infrastructure for decades."

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FROM page one

seasonality and Hurricane Irene. September may give us a better indicator, because the economy continues to be weak."

Noting that the percentage of commercial bank loans in arrears, as a percentage of the total portfolio, had increased from 18.6 per cent in July 2011 to 20.2 per cent at end-August, Mr Jennings emphasised: "The real thing is to see September's

## BAD LOANS SPIKE \$88M IN AUGUST

numbers, and whether it's seasonal or a trend."

For August, short-term delinquencies 31-90 days past due increased by \$67.3 million or 13.7 per cent to \$557.6 million, creating a 1.1 percentage point hike in their arrears ratio to 9 per cent.

The fact that the majority of the increase in commercial bank loan arrears was in the 31-90 day category appears to bear out industry suspicions

that the growth is seasonal.

Non-performing loans, which are at least 90 days past due and upon which the banks have stopped accruing interest, rose by \$20.5 million or 3.1 per cent during August to \$692.5 million. They now stand, as a percentage of the total \$6 billion-plus bank credit portfolio, at 11.2 per cent.

"By major loan categories, the expansion in private sector arrears was led by a \$42.6 mil-

lion (6.8 per cent) increase in mortgage delinquencies to \$666.6 million, with arrears in the short-term and non-performing segments growing by \$35 million (11.8 per cent) and \$7.7 million (2.3 per cent) respectively," the Central Bank of the Bahamas' report on monthly economic and financial developments for August read. Some \$3.108 billion in mortgage loans remain outstanding.

Mr Jennings, though, said that because the banks "are not in the property business", they preferred to "try and work things out" with the existing borrower, rather than either repossess a home under power or mortgage or go the foreclosure route.

The seven and eight-page advertisements being run in the newspapers by the likes of FINCO and other major mortgage lenders also indicate the extent of the difficulties they are facing in finding new buyers for repossessed properties in a depressed economy where unemployment remains high.

While commercial banks usually, in the first instance, sought to obtain the consent of delinquent borrowers to sell their homes to repay the debt, Mr Jennings added: "It doesn't help the banks to have huge numbers if properties on their books."

"The market is pretty soft. You could say New Providence is weak, but Grand Bahama is very stagnant."

Mr Jennings, who is also Commonwealth Bank's managing director, said there had been "a little pick up" in the Bahama economy when the Baha Mar project was unveiled earlier this year, but it remained slow.

"We've got to see the economy and employment pick up," he added, telling Tribune Business that when this would occur required "looking into my crystal ball. We started the year saying recovery would be later this year, but the US has still not picked up in employment, tourism is still cruise passengers rather than stopovers, although Atlantis reported an increase in group business."

"It's still going to be a long, hard haul," Mr Jennings told Tribune Business. "There's no impact project that's going to yield any significant increase in jobs in the short-term. Barring a real turn in the US economy to pick up tourism, that's really what we're looking at."

Analysing the banking industry's outlook, Mr Jennings said: "The trends have been there long-term. We're all paying very close attention to it, looking at the quality of new credit and trying to manage the books as best we can."

"The banks have re-positioned themselves to look at what credits they're writing, identify sectors not carrying the burden of delinquencies."

"The challenge is for those businesses who have delinquencies, and the banks are not supporting them and they go under, you create more unemployment."

The CBA head added:

**SEE page 5B**

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## BUSINESS

# MONEY FUND ASSETS RISE TO \$2.639 TRILLION

NEW YORK  
Associated Press

Total U.S. money market mutual fund assets rose \$4.87 billion to \$2.639 trillion for the week that ended Wednesday, the Investment Company Institute said Thursday.

Assets of the nation's retail money market mutual funds rose \$5.73 billion to \$942 billion, the Washington-based mutual fund trade group said. Assets of taxable money market funds in the retail category rose \$3.86 billion to \$748.84 billion. Tax-exempt retail fund assets rose \$1.88 billion to \$193.16 billion.

Meanwhile, assets of institutional money market funds fell \$860 million to \$1.697 trillion. Among institutional funds, taxable money market fund assets fell \$2.2 billion to \$1.600 trillion; assets of tax-exempt funds rose \$1.34 billion to \$97.68 billion.

The seven-day average yield on money market mutual funds was 0.02 percent in the week that ended Tuesday, unchanged from the previous week, said Money Fund Report, a service of iMoneyNet Inc. in Westborough, Mass. The 30-day average yield was also unchanged at 0.02 percent.

The seven-day compounded yield was flat at 0.02 percent, as was the 30-day compounded yield at 0.02 percent, Money Fund Report said.

The average maturity of the portfolios held by money market mutual funds rose to 40 days from 39 days last week.

The online service Bankrate.com said its survey of 100 leading commercial banks, savings and loan associations and savings banks in the nation's 10 largest markets showed the annual percentage yield available on money market accounts was at 0.15 percent in the week that ended Wednesday, unchanged from the previous week.

The North Palm Beach, Fla.-based unit of Bankrate Inc. said the annual percentage yield available on interest-bearing checking was 0.07 percent, up from 0.06 percent the week before.

Bankrate.com said the annual percentage yield on six-month certificates of deposit fell to 0.23 percent from 0.24 percent last week. Yields fell to 0.37 percent from 0.38 percent on one-year CDs, down to 0.58 percent from 0.59 percent on 2 1/2-year CDs; and down to 1.22 percent from 1.26 percent on five-year CDs.

# RETAILERS REPORT SOLID GAINS FOR SEPTEMBER

NEW YORK  
Associated Press

SEPTEMBER offered the latest sign that Americans will shop, but only when they think they're getting a deal.

The International Council of Shopping Centers said Thursday that revenue rose 5.5 percent in September, with several retailers including Target, Limited Brands and Kohl's posting strong gains as consumers snagged discounted merchandise.

The revenue increases, which beat Wall Street estimates, leave uncertainty about whether retailers will have to offer more bargains to lure consumers to buy during the winter holiday shopping season. Retailers can make up to 40 percent of their revenue during the period, which runs from November through December.

"This past month shows consumers are rewarding retailers who are matching great merchandise with great deals - a clear signal to expect more and earlier promotions as we enter the holiday season," said Sherif Mityas, a partner in the retail practice at A.T. Kearney, a global management consulting firm.

The revenue gains at stores open at least a year — a key indicator of a retailer's health — come as merchants look for



IN THIS PHOTO taken Sept. 29, 2011, Betsy Santiago prepares to place her purchased goods in her van in Hialeah, Fla. Americans shopped in September, but only when they thought they were getting a deal. (AP)

a sign of how consumers will spend during the winter holiday season. Though many retailers reported better-than-expected results in September, concerns linger that shoppers who are fretting about high unemployment, a weak housing market and turbulent stock markets, will continue to seek out bargains that could significantly eat away at retailers' profits.

For the holiday shopping period, The National Retail Federation, the nation's largest retail trade group, expects sales to rise 2.8 percent to \$465.6 billion. That would be smaller than the 5.2 percent increase during last year's winter holidays, but slightly higher than the average increase of 2.6 percent for November and December over the past 10 years.

If September is any indication of what lies ahead for the winter holidays, though, retailers will likely have to offer a smorgasbord of deals in order to get Americans to buy. During the month, shoppers for the most part stuck to the frugal shopping habits they adopted during the Great Recession. And retailers offered huge discounts: The Gap chain cut the price of women's pants from 40 percent to 60 percent, for example, while teen retailer Abercrombie & Fitch marked down sweat pants by 40 percent.

Kohl's Corp., which suffered a sales decline in August, bounced back with a better-than-expected 4.1 percent gain in revenue at stores opened at least a year, in part because it stepped up discounting to lure shoppers. The mid-brow department store also credited the sales bounce in part to its merchandising

launch with celebrities Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony, the largest in its history.

Meanwhile, cheap chic discounter Target Corp. reported a 5.3 percent revenue increase in September at stores open at least a year, marking the biggest increase monthly — excluding Easter month — since November 2007 when it recorded a 10.8 percent gain. Target said shoppers spent more in stores and more browsers were converted into buyers.

Results were buoyed by strong sales of groceries, beauty products and clothing. But Target also likely benefited from a surge in sales from its exclusive limited-time only Missoni by Target line of clothing, home furnishings and other doodads made by Italian designer Missoni. The exclusive version featured a variety of items from stationery to clothing and furniture at a fraction of the price of the original collection.

"We experienced strong sales results throughout the month and across a broad array of merchandise categories," said Gregg Steinhafel, Target's CEO, in a statement.

Limited Brands Inc. said revenue at stores open at least a year rose 11 percent in September, due to strength at its Victoria's Secret and Bath and Body Works mall stores.

## NOTICE

International Business Companies Act  
(No. 46 of 2000)

**GTab, Inc.**

Registration Number: 47,612B  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 138 (4) of the International Business Companies Act (No. 46 of 2000) **GTab, Inc.** commenced voluntary liquidation on 4 October, 2011.

Any person having any claim against **GTab, Inc.** is required on or before the 3rd day of November, 2011 to send their name, address and particulars of the debt or claim to the Liquidator of the company, or in default thereof they may have excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such claim is approved.

GSO Corporate Services Ltd., of 303 Shirley Street, Nassau, The Bahamas is the Liquidator of **GTab, Inc.**

GSO Corporate Services Ltd.  
Liquidator

## NOTICE

**CEDARAN HOLDINGS LIMITED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN as follows:

- CEDARAN HOLDINGS LIMITED is in voluntary dissolution under the provisions of Section 137 (4) of the International Business Companies Act 2000.
- The dissolution of the said company commenced on the 04th October, 2011 when the Articles of Dissolution were submitted to and registered by the Registrar General.
- The Liquidator of the said company is Tang Yang Ping of c/o 1 Raffles Link #05-02 Singapore 039393.

Dated this 07th day of October, A. D. 2011

**Tang Yang Ping**  
Liquidator

## Legal Notice

**NOTICE****POLARIS INVESTMENT FUND LTD.**  
IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with section 137 of the International Business Companies Act 2000 **POLARIS INVESTMENT FUND LTD.** is in dissolution.

The Date of the Completion of dissolution was 19th September 2011. David Thain of Arner Bank & Trust (Bahamas) Ltd., Building 2 Caves Village, P.O. Box N-3917 is the Liquidator of **POLARIS INVESTMENT FUND LTD.** All persons having claims the above-named company are required to send their address and particulars of their debts to the Liquidator before the 19th October, 2011.

David Thain  
Liquidator

## NOTICE

**CHALLENGER ASSETS LIMITED**

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- The dissolution of the said company commenced on the 04th October, 2011 when the Articles of Dissolution were submitted to and registered by the Registrar General.
- The Liquidator of the said company is Tang Yang Ping of c/o 1 Raffles Link #05-02 Singapore 039393.

Dated this 07th day of October, A. D. 2011

**Tang Yang Ping**  
Liquidator

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS CLE/Qui/2011  
IN THE SUPREME COURT QUI/PPO/No. 502

**EQUITY SIDE**

BETWEEN

**IN THE MATTER OF THE QUIETING TITLES ACT 1959**

AND

**IN THE MATTER** of the Petition of **LEAMOND DELEVEAUX** of Miller's Heights in the Island of New Providence one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

**NOTICE**

**THE PETITION OF LEAMOND DELEVEAUX IN RESPECT OF:- ALL THAT** piece parcel or lot of land being lot number Nine (9) in Block Number (12) of the said Subdivision called and known as "Miller Heights" situate in the Western District of the said Island of New Providence which said piece parcel or lot of land is bounded NORTHWARDLY by lot Number Seven (7) in Block Number Twelve (12) of the said Subdivision and running thereon Ninety-nine and Eighty-five hundredths (99.85) feet EASTWARDLY by Lot Number Ten (10) in Block Number Twelve (12) in the said Subdivision now or formerly the property Viola Fearest Stubbs and running thereon Seventy-five (75) feet SOUTHWARDLY by Lot Number Eleven (11) in Block Twelve (12) of the said Subdivision now or formerly the property of Elcott O. Jackson and running thereon Ninety-nine and Eighty-five hundredths (99.85) feet and WESTWARDLY by West Avenue and running thereon Seventy-five (75) feet.

2. **LEAMOND DELEVEAUX** claims to be the owner in fee simple in possession of the said land and has made application of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas Under Section 3 of the Quieting Title Act, 1959 to have his title to the said land investigated and the nature and extent thereof determined and declared in a Certificate of Title to be granted by the Court in accordance with the provision of the said Act. A plan of the said land may be inspected during normal working hours at:

(a) The Registry of the Supreme Court, New Providence in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and the Chambers of V. Alfred Gray & Company, Bay Street and Victoria Avenue New Providence;

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that any person or persons having dower or right of dower or an Adverse Claim or Claim not recognized in the Petition shall on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D., 2011 file in the Supreme Court in New Providence aforesaid and serve on the Petitioner or the undersigned a Statement of their claim aforesaid on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, A.D. 2011 or it will operate as a bar to such claim.

Dated this 15th day of September A.D., 2011

**V. ALFRED GRAY & CO.**  
Chambers, Suite 5  
The Malcolm Building  
Bay & Victoria Avenue  
Nassau, The Bahamas  
*Attorney for the Petitioner*

**INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
(No. 45 of 2000)**AVOCET LIMITED**  
In Voluntary liquidation

"Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 137 (4) of the International Business Companies Act (No. 45 of 2000), **AVOCET LIMITED** is in Dissolution."

The date of commencement of dissolution is the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 2011.

**Robert Philip Surcouf**  
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**NOTICE****INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
(No. 45 of 2000)

Liquidator's Statement  
Pursuant To Section 138(6) Of  
The International Business Companies Act

I, Diane E. Fletcher, Liquidator of **CAYMAN POWER INVESTMENTS INC.** HEREBY CERTIFY that the winding up and dissolution of **CAYMAN POWER INVESTMENTS INC.** has been completed in accordance with the Articles of Dissolution.

Dated the 5th day of October 2011.

**Diane Fletcher**  
Liquidator

BUSINESS



IN THIS OCT. 4, 2011 PHOTO, trader Vincent Quinones, second from right, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Hopes that Europe is preparing a big plan to shore up its banks gave stocks around the world another lift Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011, ahead of keenly-awaited policy decisions from the European Central Bank and the Bank of England.

Richard Drew/AP

DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE JUMPS 183 POINTS

# STOCKS RISE ON HELP FOR EUROPEAN BANKS

NEW YORK Associated Press

THE DOW JONES industrial average jumped 183 points Thursday after the European Central Bank moved to support that region's lenders and U.S. retailers reported stronger September sales.

It was the third straight day of gains. The Dow has soared 468 points since Tuesday, or 4.4 percent. The European Central Bank promised to provide unlimited one-year loans to the region's lenders through 2013. The goal is to shield banks from poorly functioning short-term credit markets, in which banks are becoming too worried about each other's financial stability to lend money to one another. Germany's DAX jumped 3.2 percent, and France's CAC-40 rose 3.4 percent.

The loans are also meant to help protect the banks in the event Greece's government defaults on its debt. If that happens the value of Greek bonds held by those banks would be likely to drop sharply, weakening the banks' balance sheets and making it harder for them to lend.

The European Central Bank disappointed some investors by announcing that it would keep interest rates unchanged. Analysts were hoping the bank

would cut rates to encourage lending and give a boost to Europe's sagging economy.

Target Corp., Nordstrom Inc., Macy's Inc. and other U.S. retailers reported sales that beat Wall Street's expectations. While some of the sales were driven by deep discounts, analysts said the higher sales suggested the U.S. economy was not in another recession.

## Spending

"The market has been pricing in an out-and-out recession, but the fact that consumer spending is holding up shows that we're more likely to continue muddling through at a 1 to 2 percent growth rate," said Brian Gendreau, market strategist at Cetera Financial Group.

The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 183.38 points, or 1.7 percent, to 11,123.33. It was the first time the Dow rose by more than 100 points for three straight days since a three-day rally that began Aug. 11 and ended with a 763-point gain.

It was the 9th straight day the Dow closed up or down more than 100 points, the longest such streak since November 2008, in the middle of the financial crisis. Markets

have been extraordinarily volatile as investors react to the latest headlines out of Europe.

The S&P 500 rose 20.94, or 1.8 percent, to 1,164.97. The Nasdaq composite rose 46.31, or 1.9 percent, to 2,506.82.

Banks in Europe and the U.S. rallied. U.S. bank stocks rose sharply after Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner told a Congressional panel that U.S. financial firms had a "very modest" exposure to Europe's debt problems. Bank of America Corp. jumped 8.9 percent to \$6.28, the biggest gain among the 30 stocks in the Dow.

Morgan Stanley rose 4.8 percent to \$15.18.

The Labor Department said the number of applications for unemployment benefits rose slightly last month to 401,000. While that is a signal that the job market continues to be weak, the increase was slightly less than what Wall Street economists had predicted, a sign that layoffs

are easing. Unemployment benefits typically need to fall below 375,000 to signal job growth.

The hopeful signs on the U.S. economy led investors to pull money out of lower-risk assets.

## Yields

That pushed yields higher on U.S. government debt as investors sold Treasuries. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 1.99 percent from 1.90 percent late Wednesday.

Corning Inc. rose 7.1 percent to \$13.50 after it said it would increase its dividend and buy back shares. Apple Inc. lost 0.2 percent to \$377.37 in choppy trading after company co-founder and former CEO Steve Jobs died Wednesday.

Several analysts and large investors said they believe the company would continue to grow under new CEO Tim Cook.

### COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS IN THE SUPREME COURT

2010

#### COMMON LAW AND EQUITY DIVISION CLE/GEN/00201

IN THE MATTER of the Property comprised in an Indenture of Mortgage dated the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D., 1997 and made between Renald Allen Ferguson as a Borrower and Bank of the Bahamas Limited as Lender

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

BETWEEN

BANK OF THE BAHAMAS LIMITED

Plaintiff

AND

RENALD ALLEN FERGUSON

Defendant

#### NOTICE OF THE ORIGINATING SUMMONS

TO: RENALD ALLEN FERGUSON of Westridge Estates Subdivision, of the Western District of the Island of New Providence one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas

TAKE NOTICE that an action has been commenced against you in the Supreme Court being Action CLE/gen/00201 of 2010 by BANK OF THE BAHAMAS LIMITED, its Collections/Recovery Department situate at Independence Highway, Nassau, The Bahamas, in which the Plaintiff is claiming delivery-up of possession of the mortgaged premises described in and made pursuant to the Deed of Mortgage dated the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, A. D., 1997 and made between you as Borrower and Bank of The Bahamas Limited as Lender.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Bank seeks against you Judgment in the principal sum of \$146,303.94 and interest in the amount of \$25,848.53 as of the 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 and interest continuing to accrue at the rate of 9.75% per annum pursuant to the said Deed of Mortgage and also seeks interest and costs.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that an Order was granted on the 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2011 for the Originating Summons filed in the Supreme Court on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D. 2010 to be extended for a further period of twelve (12) months AND to be served on you by this advertisement.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that you must within fourteen (14) days from the publication of this advertisement, inclusive of the day of such publication, acknowledge service of the said Originating Summons by filing a Notice of Appearance and a Memorandum of Appearance in the Registry of the Supreme Court, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Ansbacher House, East Street North and Shirley Street, Nassau, The Bahamas and must also deliver a copy of the said Notice of Appearance and Memorandum of Appearance by leaving a copy at our Chambers.

DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D., 2011

GIBSON, RIGBY & CO.  
Chambers  
Ki-Malex House  
Dowdeswell Street  
Nassau, The Bahamas

Attorneys for the Plaintiff

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## NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that PETER McWILLIAM of P.O. BOX SP-60854, WEST BAY STREET NASSAU, BAHAMAS, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011 to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

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1.19	0.95	AML Foods Limited	1.19	1.19	0.00		0.148	0.080	8.0	6.72%	
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7.50	4.40	Bank of Bahamas	6.93	6.93	0.00		0.230	0.100	30.1	1.44%	
0.53	0.17	Benchmark	0.18	0.18	0.00		-0.048	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
2.84	2.55	Bahamas Waste	2.70	2.70	0.00		0.030	0.090	90.0	3.33%	
1.96	1.77	Fidelity Bank	1.77	1.77	0.00		0.097	0.040	18.2	2.26%	
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2.80	2.33	Colina Holdings	2.60	2.60	0.00		0.438	0.040	5.9	1.54%	
8.50	8.33	Commonwealth Brewery	8.50	8.50	0.00		0.740	0.000	11.5	0.00%	
7.00	6.21	Commonwealth Bank (\$1)	6.65	6.65	0.00	550	0.496	0.320	13.4	4.81%	
2.00	1.63	Consolidated Water BDRs	1.74	1.74	0.00		0.111	0.045	15.7	2.59%	
1.77	1.31	Doctor's Hospital	1.37	1.37	0.00		0.074	0.040	18.5	2.92%	
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9.45	7.75	FirstCaribbean Bank	8.21	8.21	0.00		0.494	0.350	16.6	4.26%	
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100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00		7%	19 October 2017			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00		7%	30 May 2013			
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41.00	29.00	ABDAB	30.13	31.59	29.00		4.540	0.000	9.03	0.00%	
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3.0248	2.9020	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	3.0248	2.63%	3.94%	2.981382	2.952663	31-Jul-11			
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2.7202	2.5398	Royal Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	2.5730	-5.41%	-9.79%			30-Jun-11			
13.8493	13.2291	Royal Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.7347	2.82%	1.94%			31-Jul-11			
114.1289	99.4177	CFAL Global Bond Fund	114.0922	2.35%	13.68%	114.128661	111.469744	30-Jun-11			
118.4255	101.6693	CFAL Global Equity Fund	118.4255	2.30%	8.26%	116.580785	115.762221	30-Jun-11			
1.1749	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.1835	3.32%	4.99%			31-Aug-11			
1.1343	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.1420	2.10%	4.31%			31-Aug-11			
1.1764	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.1854	3.16%	5.14%			31-Aug-11			
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## INSIDE TRAK

### 2ND ANNUAL FLAG FOOTBALL INVITATIONAL SET FOR THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND



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### NFL ACTION: DOLPHINS QB HENNE OUT FOR THE SEASON WITH INJURY

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### RUGBY WORLD CUP: FRANCE NEEDS MORE AGGRESSION, SAYS COACH

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### TENNIS: NADAL, FERRER ADVANCE TO JAPAN OPEN QUARTERS

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## BODYBUILDING COMMUNITY MOURNING BBF FOUNDER'S DEATH

The bodybuilding community is mourning the death of Bahamas Bodybuilding and Fitness Federation founder.

Known as the "godfather" of bodybuilding, Wong died around 5:50am Wednesday at his home after a long illness that left him bed ridden over the past two years. At age 84, he leaves behind his wife Lilla and seven children – Andrew, Peter, Paul, Dereck, Gary, Rodney and Linda Lightbourn.

Wong can be described as a very "unique" Bahamian. He was a great man because he was humble and was

perhaps one of the most respected businessmen in the country.

Born in Nassau on October 4, 1928, to the late Rhonda Miller, a native of Cat Island and the late Panza Wong of China, Wong started lifting weights with Cyril Smith in 1945.

In 1950, he participated in the first Mr Bahamas, placing second. A decade later, he established the federation and served as president from 1960 to 1981. In 1962, Wong got the Bahamas' membership in the now prestigious International Federation of Bodybuilders (IFBB) at the time when only seven other countries were affiliated. Today, there are

some 180 countries affiliated with the IFBB.

During his presidency, Wong traveled to the IFBB Congress and voted on many of the milestones made by the IFBB. He later served as the honorary president of the BBF.

Additionally, Wong headed Nassau's most well-known printing establishment - Wong's Rubber Stamp & Printing Company Limited on Chesapeake Road. He also owned a small resort on Paradise Island. And for 35 years, he participated in a number of civic and community services such as the Prison Fellowship, Simpson Penn Centre

for Boys, Billy Graham Ministries, Full Gospel Businessmen International, the Bahamas Disable Association, the Chinese Community Association of the Bahamas, Faith Temple Usher Board, Great Commission, Bahamas Red Cross, Faith Temple Men's Fellowship and the AIDS Camp.

Through all of his achievements and his contributions, Wong credited it to his faith and belief in the Lord. He gave his life to the Lord at Faith Temple Church of God on June 12, 1971. He served at St Anselm's Church up to the time of his death.

### 'Golden girl' Pauline: 'I'm still disappointed that the thieves took my medals'

By BRENT STUBBS  
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ALMOST a week since her home invasion and the removal of three of her precious international track and field medals, IAAF council woman Pauline Davis-Thompson said she's overwhelmed by the support she has been receiving from the Bahamian public.

"The police came to me this morning and they have indicated that they got the word from up high to make sure that my home is safe, so I'm grateful for that," said Davis-Thompson in the aftermath of Friday's break-in of her home on the western end of the island.

A much calmer but still emotional Davis-Thompson said the Bahamian people have been very gracious to her since her ordeal took national spotlight.

"I've been getting a lot of hugs and apologies from the Bahamian people," she said. "So I'm very encouraged, although I'm still disappointed that the thieves took my medals."

Stolen during the rampage of her home was her silver medal won at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia, as a member of the women's 4 x 100 metre relay team and gold as a member of the relay team at the 1999 World Championships in Seville, Spain.

Also, her Order of Merit award from the Bahamas Government, her Officer of British Empire (OBE) award and her medal as a member of the Central American and Caribbean (CAC) Hall of Fame.

At the welcome-home reception for IAAF World Championships' high jump bronze medallist Trevor Barry at the Lynden Pindling Inter-

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## Comets knock off Stars 15-4



**BATTER UP:** A Queen's College Comet at bat during Bahamas Association of Independent Secondary School senior girls softball action yesterday. The Comets got the victory over the Bahamas Academy Stars 15-4. In junior boys action, Queen's College beat Aquinas 15-2.

Photo by Clint Higgs

## Worlds bronze medallist Trevor Barry welcomed home

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AFTER an extensive European tour since winning a bronze medal in the men's high jump at the IAAF World Championships in Daegu, South Korea, Trevor Barry is back home.

The only Bahamian to secure a medal at last month's championships was greeted by a number of dignitaries at the Lynden Pindling International Airport yesterday. He also shared the special moment with his parents, Queenie and Charles Barry.

"I am so happy for him because I know his desire," said his proud mother. "I'm so happy that he has achieved this because it will only help him to achieve even greater things."

While Barry is expected to make a courtesy call on Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham at noon today and be treated to a cocktail reception at Thomas A Robinson Track and Field Stadium 6:30pm Monday, his mother said her son has opted not to have any lavish family celebrations.

His father said his son's performance was a stellar one that they will cherish whether it's a huge celebration or a low-keyed one.

"I knew that he could do it and I always told Trevor that perseverance is the key," he said. "God will never fail. I always told him that if others can do it, he can do it too. We are very proud of him."

Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture Charles Maynard was elated to be included in the welcome home party for Barry.

"For the Bahamas, this track and field season has been a tremendous

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## It's official: BOC announces team for Pan Am Games

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THE Bahamas Olympic Committee continues its eventful 2011 campaign as it prepares to field a team for competition in the second largest multi-sport event after the Summer Olympics.

Yesterday, the BOC announced the 23-member team distributed over five disciplines to participate in the 16th Pan American Games October 14-30 in Guadalajara, Mexico. The Bahamas will field teams in athletics (13), swimming (six),

bowling (one), tennis (one) and boxing (one).

"I believe our athletes are going to go out there and perform very well. We look forward to a great performance from that time. We are a little behind on some things because this is the beginning of the school year and, as you know, many of the athletes have shut their season down, but with the ones that were able to we are happy that they were able to put themselves forward to represent the Bahamas at these games even though their season is over and even though the school year has just begun," said BOC president Wellington Miller.

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"We look forward to great things and the Bahamas will be well represented at this year's Pan Am Games."

In the history of the Pan Am Games, the Bahamas is 17th on the all-time medals list with 28 medals won since its first appearance at the event in 1955.

Chef de mission Don Cornish said the team's numbers were less than anticipated due to a myriad of reasons, including scheduling conflicts and issues with qualification.

"We do have a smaller team this year. Our team will only include 13

athletics competitors which is a very small team considering the importance of the Pan Am Games in terms of qualifications for some persons. The reason why swimming's numbers came down is because we had some issues with the quotas for the overall numbers for the Pan Am Games and, up until this week, we were still confirming qualifications.

"One of the issues was that the A-standard and B-standard were not being fully adhered to because they were also looking at placement in terms of time qualifications for

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## RACE WEEKEND

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## SPORTS

## FLAG FOOTBALL

## Annual invitational set for holiday weekend

ARGUABLY the most exciting and rapidly growing sport in the Bahamas is about to explode once again.

The Bahamas Flag Football League (BFFL) has announced plans to host its second annual invitational flag football tournament this upcoming holiday weekend October 14-16 at the Roscoe Davies Soccer Field in Baillou Hills.

A total of 13 teams are expected to compete over three days for the prestigious title – eight men's teams and five women's teams from New Providence, Freeport and the Cayman Islands.

BFFL director Jayson Clarke expressed his excitement over the event.

"We're expecting a really good display of competition while building stronger ties and relationships with other leagues that compete in the sport of flag football.

"We are thrilled to see Freeport return to the event again this year and proud to announce that teams representing both Cayman leagues are coming all the way to Nassau to participate.

"Since our inaugural season in 2009, the BFFL and the sport itself have grown significantly. We've had three intense local seasons, tourna-

ments both here and in Freeport as well as teams travelling to the Cayman Islands to compete in their regional tourney."

Clarke also expects strong support from the local community building on the success of last year's event and is hoping to see solid representation from the fans to support the New Providence teams.

He indicated that of the four New Providence teams, the last three championship teams – the Ravens, RBC Lions and Heineken Spartans respectively – are confirmed to compete.

The fourth team, the Go Green Predators, are the runners-up in this year's title game and they are hungry for a major win.

Last year, the Freeport All-Stars won the title on a thrilling last second touchdown to take the trophy to the nation's second city.

This year, the top three teams representing the BAFF return with the trophy in their hands and a target on their backs.

"We are in the final planning stages and, with the support of a number of corporate sponsors, we are really looking forward to some good competition and friendly environment over the long holiday weekend," Clarke said.



ABOVE: The Go Green Predators face off against the Heineken Spartans. TOP: The Ravens take on the RBC Lions.

## 'Golden girl' Pauline: 'I'm still disappointed that the thieves took my medals'

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national Airport yesterday, Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations president Mike Sands made another plea for the culprits to do the right thing.

"Gentlemen, those of you under the sound of my voice and those of you who read this in print, we beg you to please, please return the medals. Return Pauline's medals," Sands said.

"If you are embarrassed to turn them in...and I've been telling Pauline that I believe it will happen, drive by Pauline's house and the same way you boldly took them out, don't go back in the house, but drop them in the yard."

Sands, a former national 400 metre record holder, said the medals are of "no value" to those who have them. But

he noted that the national icon has "worked so hard" for them and they have "some sentimental value."

"So we are begging you to return the medals," he said. "Please."

Despite the fact that she has issued her own emotional plea for the medals to be returned, Davis-Thompson said she has had a lot of sleepless nights since the ordeal.

"I just feel very violated and every sound I hear, I just want to get up and check it out," said Davis-Thompson of the broad daylight robbery that also saw her lose a number of flat-screen televisions.

Davis-Thompson, now retired and working as a consultant with the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture and as a local coach, said the stolen electronic items can be replaced but she really wants the medals back.

## Worlds bronze medallist Barry welcomed home

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one. It's been very exciting. We've seen some tremendous efforts from a number of our athletes, especially in the junior ranks," he said.

"And we've also seen where the older and senior athletes are ready to pass the baton on and you (Barry) are definitely one of those new and exciting athletes who are going to take your place in the world stage as many before you have done."

As a cool, calm and collective athlete, Maynard said Barry possesses all of the ingredients that bodes well for the Bahamas in future development.

"You represented the country well and even if you don't do anything great again, you have a grateful nation behind you," Maynard said.

While he declined to make any announcement or presentation, Maynard informed Barry that he didn't want to pre-empt anything that the prime minister has in store for their meeting today.

Additionally, Barry will be treated to a cocktail reception which will be organised by businessman Harrison Petty and his Petty Group of Companies.

"It's so important to see a person stick with it the way Trevor has," said Petty as he outlined his reason for

spearheading the event. "He had an outstanding college career. He was a NAIA champion and it just took a while for his pro career to take off. But I want to say congratulations Trevor. We always believed in you and we would like to simply say continue with what you're doing."

Nobody understands the significance of Barry's feat more than "golden girl" Pauline Davis-Thompson, who won a silver medal in the 400 metres on the same day that Troy Kemp clinched the first gold medal in the men's high jump at the IAAF World Championships in Gothenburg, Sweden, in 1995.

"I am so proud of you and the entire Bahamas is proud of you," Davis-Thompson said. "Of all of the athletes who we thought would have gotten a medal was you. That's because you persevered and you never gave up on your dream of becoming a world-class athlete."

Davis-Thompson, a national icon and the most decorated Bahamian track and field athlete, said it took Barry quite a while to get on the podium at the global senior international meet, but he never gave up.

"He pushed through it and he stayed focused," Davis-Thompson said. "Even though there were a lot of distractions going on in Daegu, Trevor never lost

sight of the reason why he was there and the reason why he got the medal."

Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations president Mike Sands said Barry actually saved the day because "despite some mishaps that we had in Daegu, Trevor came through with his performance."

"Myself, on behalf of the BAAA family, and I had the good fortune of being there to watch Trevor's performance, I think Trevor was so excited that he walked off in the opposite direction and we had to go and get him."

Barry, who was accompanied at the welcome reception by his parents, said he was appreciative of the support he got from everybody present.

He noted that his performance was just the tip of the iceberg as he will be preparing for the 15th IAAF World Indoor Championships in Istanbul, Turkey, March 9-11 and the Olympic Games in London, England, July 27 to August 12.

Still nursing a toe injury he sustained in his last meet in Slovakia on September 16, Barry said he will skip the trip to the Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico, October 14-30.

Instead, he will be returning to the US where he will be gearing up for another important trip as he is all set to be married on November 4.

## It's official: BOC announces 23-member team for Pan Am Games

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the larger countries and the numbers that they were allotted so it left a very small number of spaces available to the other countries.

"As a result of that, our secretary general on our behalf made a petition to FINA seeking their intervention and we were fortunate that PASO was able to broker an arrangement where we had 14 additional names added and one of whom was Alicia Lightbourne. So we will have enough swimmers to make sure we have a relay team and that will provide a stronger team that we would have had," he said.

"As far as tennis is concerned, unfortunately we were only able to qualify one

tennis player even though we had entered six and that is something we have to work on. Bowling got a wild card, because they would not have ordinarily qualified but that wild card was extended to two female bowlers."

Cornish also discussed the struggle of the Bahamas and many countries to field teams of their top athletes.

"We had some challenges getting athletes who are competing at this time of year because the World Championships come so close to the Pan Am Games and on the verge of the Olympic Games, most of the athletes would have competed at the World Champs and qualified for the Olympics in London 2012. The incentives are not as high. There are no appearance fees

for the Pan Am Games so truthfully that is going to influence the interest and also the fact that it is being hosted at a time when the collegiate athletes have to be back at school."

Athletics head coach Rupert Gardiner addressed the expectations of his relay squads coming off the heels of a disappointing performance for the Bahamas at the World Championships in Daegu, South Korea.

"This year we have a smaller team. We only have four quartermilers going down so it will be very tough for our 4x4 relay team. Right now they are scheduled to have three rounds of the 400m in the space of five days and you have to come back to run the round and final of the 4x4 so

we are going to have to make a decision as to what is going to happen," he said.

"The team is a good team. Chris is the defending champion in the 400m and also our relay team is the defending champions. When you look at the sprint team with the 4x1, we also have a good chance at qualifying for the Olympics in London."

### Games

The 2011 Pan Am Games are expected to be the largest multi-sport event of the year, with approximately 6,000 athletes from 42 nations expected to participate in 36 sports.

Both the Pan American and Parapan American Games are being organised by the Guadalajara 2011

Organising Committee (COPAG).

The 2011 Pan American Games will become the third Pan American Games hosted by Mexico, the first country to do so. Previously, Mexico hosted the 1955 Pan American Games and the 1975 Pan American Games, both in Mexico City.

The Pan American Games Movement consists of international sports federations (IFs), National Olympic Committees (NOCs) that are recognised by PASO, and organising committees for each specific Pan American Games. As the decision-making body, PASO (Pan American Sports Organisation) is responsible for choosing the host city for each Pan American Games.

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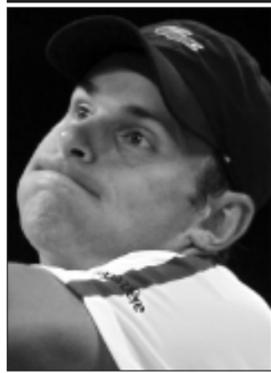
In track and field, the competitors are Rudon Bastian, O'neil Williams, Jamial Rolle, Wesley Neymour, Adrian Griffith, Donald Thomas, Ramon Miller, Rodney Greene, Chris Brown, Michael Mathieu, Petra Seymour, Laverne Eve, Katrina Seymour and Petra McDonald.

In swimming, the athletes are Alana Dillete, McKayla Lightbourn, Alicia Lightbourn, Laura Morley, Ariel Weech and Vereance Burrows.

In bowling, the athletes are Justina Sturru and Joanne Woodside. In boxing, the lone fighter is Valentino Knowles.

And in tennis, the Bahamas will be represented by Marvin Rolle.

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IN BRIEF**

**CELEBRITY INVIT.**  
MARK Knowles is pleased to announce the annual Mark Knowles Celebrity Tennis Invitational is set to be held December 1-4 at the Atlantis resort by presenting sponsor MDC-Partners and organised by the Mark Knowles Management Group (MKMG).

This year's featured players are Andy Roddick, Xavier Malisse and Sabine Lisicki with some additional stars to be announced at a later date.

The organisers plan to hold a Pro/Am doubles tournament for platinum sponsors, a Pro Exhibition and an opportunity for top Bahamian junior tennis players to interact with the visiting pros.

**BGDSA**  
THE Bahamas Government Departmental Softball Association's 2011 season is stripped down to seven teams.

Action is expected to begin 1:30pm Saturday in the women's division - the upstart BPSU Strikers are slated to take on the Finance Health Invaders who are seeking their way back to championship form.

And the highlight of the day is anticipated with the usual presence of the Defence Force Floaters up against a very potent Royal Police Force Chiefs squad in the Men's Division 'A' championship at 3pm.

Interestingly, the opponents of the anxiously awaiting Police Interceptors have not been decided yet in Men's Division 'B' as the BTC Lazars continue to battle the Defence Force Cannons in their semifinals. That matchup will enter its fourth (4th) game at noon as the day gets underway at the Blue Hills playing fields.

Should a fifth (5th) and deciding game be necessary, it will close out the day beginning at 4:30 pm.

On Sunday, Men's Division 'B' kicks off the day with the matchup that would have been decided at 2pm followed by the Invaders/Strikers affair at 3:30pm and finally the Defence Floaters and Police Chiefs at 5pm. In addition, the BGDSA has announced its annual Male Health Awareness Day. Medical personnel are expected to provide free blood pressure checks and sugar level tests.

"A special invitation is extended to people to come out and take advantage of this opportunity. The association says that there will literally be a healthy weekend at the park," said a press release.

**SATURDAY**  
12pm - BTC Lazars vs Defence Force Cannons (DIVISION B) Game 4  
1:30pm - BPSU Strikers vs Fin-Health Invaders (L) Game 1

2:30pm - Police Chiefs vs Defence Force Floaters (DIVISION A) Game 1.  
4pm - Defence Force Cannons vs BTC Lazars (DIV. B)

**SUNDAY**  
2pm - Police Interceptors vs Winner - BTC Lazars/Defence Force Cannons (Div. B) Game 1

3:30pm - Finance-Health Invaders vs BPSU Strikers (L) Game 2  
5pm - Defence Force Floaters vs Police Chiefs (Division A) Game 2

**BSC SOFTBALL OPENING**

THE Baptist Sports Council is slated to begin the 2011 Bish-

op Neil C Ellis Softball Classic Saturday on the wholesalers field at Baillou Hills Sporting Complex. Three games will officially kick off the season.

In the 19-and-under opener at 10am, defending champions Macedonia will play runners-up Temple Fellowship. In the co-ed division, defending champions Golden Gates will play against runners-up St Paul's at 11am.

Following a brief opening ceremony, the final game will be played in the men's division between Mt. Tabor and Temple Baptist.

The league is being held this year in honour of Bishop Neil C. Ellis, senior pastor of Mt. Tabor Full Gospel Baptist Church, who is a former executive officer and former player in the BSC's softball league.

**CYCLING TOUR DE NEW PROVIDENCE**

THE Tour de New Providence will be held over the

weekend of October 29-30, starting and finishing at the Clifton Heritage Park parking lot at Clifton Pier.

There will be a race for the competitive cyclists and non-competitive cyclists. Prizes will also be presented to the oldest and youngest participants.

For more information, interested persons can visit [musgrovebarron@hotmail.com](mailto:musgrovebarron@hotmail.com) or call 425-1057.

**REV. BACKFORD CLASSIC**

THE Baptist Sports Council's Rev. Enoch Backford Track and Field Classic is scheduled for Saturday, October 22 at the Thomas A Robinson. Competition will be held in the under-7, under-9, under-11, under-13, under-15, under-17 men and women divisions. For further information, interested persons can contact BSC director Brent Stubbs.

**CONCHMAN TRIATHLON**

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@coral-wave.com](mailto:bertbell@coral-wave.com) or calling him at 727-5886 or 727-5381.

**Press Release**  
**Grand Prize Winner of \$1000.00 in the Thrifty/ Bahamasair Fly, Drive and Win promotion.**



L-R-Ms. Albertha Lynes - Bahamasair, Mr. Ricky Mackey

Ms. Albertha Lynes presenting award to Mr. Ricky Mackey. Mr. Ricky Mackey was the grand prize winner of \$1000.00 in the Thrifty/ Bahamasair Fly, Drive and Win promotion. This is the first in a series of cash awards to be given away to a luck passenger traveling on Bahamasair. The next drawing will be held at the end of September, the perfect way to get ready for the Christmas Holiday. All passengers purchasing tickets on Bahamasair from August 1st to September 30th will be eligible to win \$1000.00. So buy, fly drive and win. Bahamasair and Thrifty, a winning combination.

**Bahamasair/ Thrifty/Dollar Quarterly Winner**



L-R - Bahamasair Sales Manager Albertha Lynes - Ricco Bain, winner Shekara Brown - Bahamasair Sales agent (reservation dept)



**Ministry of National Security  
Police Department**

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**RE: PRESS RELEASE NOTICE - FULL MILITARY FUNERAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE POLICE SERGEANT 1445 ELVIS WILLIAMS ON FRIDAY 07<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2011, AT GOLDEN GATES ASSEMBLY CHURCH, CARMICHAEL ROAD, AT 11:00A.M.**

**INFORMATION:**

Full Military Funeral Service for the late Sergeant 1445 Elvis Williams will be held on Friday 07<sup>th</sup> October, 2011, at Golden Gates Assembly Church, Carmichael Road, beginning at 11:00a.m.

**ROUTE:**

The Motorcade and Mourning Party will leave the church and travel west along Carmichael Road to Sir Milo Butler Highway, east along Sir Milo Butler Highway to Tonique Williams Darling Highway, west along Tonique Williams Darling Highway to John F. Kennedy Drive, where the Motorcade and Mourning Party will form into a procession and march west along Tonique Williams Darling Highway to John F. Kennedy, west along John F. Kennedy Drive to Gladstone Road, south along Gladstone Road to Lakeview Cemetery.

**ROAD CLOSURE:**

From 1:00pm until after the procession, the following streets will be closed to vehicular traffic:-

- (a) **TONIQUE WILLIAMS DARLING HIGHWAY BETWEEN THEODORE LANE AND JOHN F. KENNEDY DRIVE.**
- (b) **JOHN F. KENNEDY DRIVE BETWEEN TONIQUE WILLIAMS DARLING HIGHWAY AND GLADSTONE ROAD.**
- (c) **PROSPECT RIDGE ROAD NORTH OF JOHN F. KENNEDY DRIVE**
- (d) **THEODORA LANE BETWEEN JOHN F. KENNEDY DRIVE AND TONIQUE WILLIAMS DARLING HIGHWAY.**
- (e) **GLADSTONE ROAD**

**TRAFFIC DIVERSION**

At the commencement of the funeral procession, vehicular traffic not connected therewith will be diverted through side streets.

**NO PARKING**

From 12:30pm until after the funeral procession, no vehicles will park on the following streets:-

- (a) **TONIQUE W. DARLING HIGHWAY BETWEEN THEODORE LANE AND JOHN F. KENNEDY DRIVE - BOTH SIDES**
- (b) **JOHN F. KENNEDY DRIVE BETWEEN TONIQUE W. DARLING HIGHWAY AND GLADSTONE ROAD - BOTH SIDES**
- (c) **PROSPECT RIDGE ROAD BETWEEN TONIQUE W. DARLING HIGHWAY AND GLADSTONE HIGHWAY AND GLADSTONE ROAD - BOTH SIDES**
- (d) **THEODORA LANE BETWEEN JOHN F. KENNEDY DRIVE AND TONIQUE W. DARLING HIGHWAY - BOTH SIDES**
- (e) **GLADSTONE ROAD - BOTH SIDES**

**PARKING**

Parking will be permitted in the area of the church

Commissioner of Police

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Matured firm is seeking qualified persons to fill the position of Supervisor, Security Operations

**General Responsibilities:**

The successful candidate would have responsibility for the supervision and oversight of the Security Operations Department. Hours of duty must be flexible, as functions and staff must be supervised during unsociable hours.

**Special Skills Required:**

- Excellent supervisory skills
- Excellent communication skills
- Good interpersonal skills
- Computer literate
- Good working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel and Power Point
- Ability to react to change positively while operating in a multi-task environment
- Ability to work independently with limited supervision
- Past policing/defence force experience would be a plus and/or a Bachelor's Degree
- ONLY BAHAMIAN CITIZENS NEED APPLY

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