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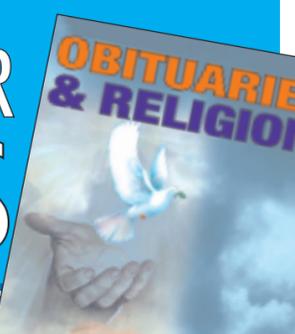
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FOR the second weekend in a row the newest edition to the weekend newsstands - The Tribune's Big T - was a huge hit. It catapulted Saturday to the third best selling day of the week for Tribune vendors.

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Packed with news, features, fashion, motoring, travel and much, much more, The Big T - the brainchild of the late Mr Roger Carron, director and former Managing Editor of The Tribune and husband of Tribune publisher Mrs Eileen Carron - is an entirely new newspaper in look and content.

Super Value's chief Rupert Roberts said he picked up the Big T before catching a flight out of the country last Saturday and has been impressed by the versatility of the paper.

The Big T features food and shopping coupons, some of which are redeemable at Super Value locations.

Mr Roberts said the Saturday paper proved to be more than just a newspaper, but a news magazine.

"It's more than a newspaper," he said. "It's news and magazine and so it's not something you just read Saturday, you can keep it around and read it all through the week because it's more than a newspaper."

Roberts predicts that as the Big T continues to develop, "the better it's going to be."

Mr Roberts said last week that shoppers were eager to snap up the special offers.

He said: "I think The Big T was received very well. Customers started clipping the coupons in the store, which was more than I expected. They saw the specials and they wanted to take advantage of them."

With \$200 worth of food and shopping coupons inside, bargain hunters were keen to get their hands on a copy.

The Big T reporters are now working hard for this Saturday's edition. Check out Tribune242.com for a peak at the Big T coming hot off the Press.

Don't miss out, make sure you get your copy!

Walkout over thefts

Immigration staff protest over car crime

By **SANCHESKA BROWN**
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STAFF at the Department of Immigration walked off the job yesterday after they claimed management did nothing to curb car thefts in the Hawkins Hill parking lot.

Vice-president of the Bahamas Customs Immigration and Allied Workers Union (BCIAWU), Sloane Smith said the central issue surrounding the walk out was lack of security in the eastern side of the parking lot on Hawkins Hill.

"Over the past few years there have been at least 10 cars stolen from the parking lot and more cars have been broken into than I can count. For the year alone four cars have already been stolen. Just Tuesday a car was stolen in broad daylight out of the parking lot," he said.

"This is getting out of hand. The same thing is happening at the airport with the Customs workers. Their cars are being stolen and management is not doing anything. They are also getting held up at gunpoint on the walk to the parking lot after the bus stops running. It seems the people in charge are not concerned for our well-being."

The Immigration staff remained outside for an hour before returning to work. However, less than 30 minutes after they got inside

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Sloane Smith, BCIAWU vice-president

another car was broken into, it was claimed.

Mr Smith said: "It's not that we do not want to do our jobs, we just want management to make provisions for security at this office and at the airport. People are tired of having their windows broken and having to walk to their vehicles in the dark. The staff needs to be accommodated. If management can brag about making \$50 million a year, they can certainly pay for a security guard."

Mr Smith said they wrote a letter to management on August 8 outlining their issues, but received no response.

He claimed, however, that Deputy Prime Minister and

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BYSTANDERS LEFT HORRIFIED BY DOGFIGHT



AFTER TRYING everything to separate these two fighting dogs - throwing sticks, shouting at the dogs, even throwing a bucket of water over them to try to stop the fight, an onlooker sprays insect spray in a vain effort to help.
Photo: **Tim Clarke/Tribune Staff**

By **DANA SMITH**

ONLOOKERS watched in horror as two dogs contained in a fenced-in lot attacked one another for more than 15 minutes before the Bahamas Humane Society arrived.

The dogs - both pitbulls - tore savagely at each other's

legs, neck and head, leaving both covered in blood by the time help arrived.

John Henry Bostwick II, speaking for the owners, told The Tribune yesterday that the property in Devaux Street is occupied by another person and the dogs do not belong to the owners.

The crowd tried in vain to separate the bloodied, fighting animals using water, insect repellent, and various noises as distractions.

"The lot is owned by a company and its principals

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FORMER MINISTER SAYS PM 'CAVED IN' ON GAS PRICES

By **SANCHESKA BROWN**
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FORMER Minister of Trade and Industry Leslie Miller said he is disappointed that a leader as forceful as the prime minister would "cave in" to the demands of petroleum retailers and increase their fuel margins.

He said once the PLP is returned to office, he will reverse the increases and make the margins

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DAVIS: 'CRIME BILLS FALL FAR TOO SHORT'

By **CELESTE NIXON**
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GOVERNMENT'S crime Bills fall too "short" of what is needed to fix rising violent crime, Cat Island MP Philip Davis told House members.

His comments came during the first day of Parliament's debate on a package of 10 bills meant to stem crime through an overhaul of the penal code, increased

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OPPOSITION CHASTISED FOR LACK OF ACTION OVER BAIL

By **TANEKA THOMPSON**
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EDUCATION Minister Desmond Bannister chastised the Opposition party for not bringing amendments to the Bail Act during its five year term in office.

His comments came as he led Parliament's debate on a package of 10 Bills, meant to stem crime through an overhaul of the penal code, increased sentences for serious crimes, procedures for appeals and placing tighter restrictions on when judges can grant bail, among other

things. While speaking about the proposed amendments to the Bail Act, Mr Bannister said it was under the leadership of the Free National Movement when government intro-

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SPECIAL CUSTOMS UNIT TO BE SET UP TO TACKLE INVESTIGATIONS INTO SHIPMENTS OF SCRAP METAL

By **TANEKA THOMPSON**
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THE Department of Customs will establish a special unit to investigate and inspect shipments of scrap metal before the goods can be shipped between islands or out of the country.

The new unit will be created under an amendment to the Customs Management Bill and is an effort to clamp down on copper and other metal thefts in the country, said Education Minister Desmond Bannister during a House of Assembly debate on the legislation yesterday.

If a shipment contains copper, aluminum, brass or converters the proposed unit must conduct a comprehensive chain of custody investigation.

The unit then has to certify that the shipment is made up of scrap that Customs deems permissible for shipment or refer the matter to the Royal Bahamas Police Force if the goods are suspected of having been obtained by illegal means.

"Under the Bill, the Special Investigation Unit will be the only body with authority to certify that a shipment contains scrap metal which may be transhipped or exported and may only do so when the shipper is an authorised dealer under the Act and a documented chain of custody has been submitted with the proposed shipment," he said.

In order to establish a chain of custody the authorised dealer must exercise due diligence by securing a valid photo iden-

tification, a documented origin of the scrap metal and proof that the scrap metal was legally obtained by the seller.

Shipments of aluminum, brass or catalytic converters will not be given permission for export until 15 days have passed.

For copper shipments, the waiting period will double to 30 days.

"These provisions are designed to protect Bahamians. We have all heard the stories of the destruction of graveyards, of air conditioning units being pulled out of walls for thieves to extract the copper," Mr Bannister said.

He added: "The amendment is timely and legitimate businesses will gladly keep the required records and wait for the stipulated periods... those who have difficulty complying

with these provisions are the persons who ought not to be in this business."

Government has also created new laws to regulate the mushrooming "cash for gold" and pawn broker industry, which many feel has contributed to a rise in house-breaking and armed robberies by thieves looking for jewellery to sell.

Under the Pawnbrokers and Secondhand Dealers Bill, businesses will have to verify the identity of every customer and ensure that they have the authority to sell the items they bring into pawn shops.

Dealers also will be required to maintain goods in an unaltered state for at least 14 days, unless acquired from another dealer or it was returned to the person who pawned the item.

Pawn brokers must also keep electronic business records for five years.

The Bill also gives police the power to instruct pawn shops to hold an item for a minimum of 28 days, if it is suspected of having been stolen, or seize the items if they are needed for evidence in a criminal matter.

"We seek for the first time to regulate these pawnbrokers and secondhand dealers."

"These businesses are mushrooming and there may be a need to revisit the Bill at some stage, however, the provisions before us are sufficiently strong that if enforced will make a huge dent in criminal activity," said Mr Bannister.

The House continues debate on 10 Bills today at 10am.

MAN FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER ATTEMPT

SEVEN of nine Supreme Court jurors found Kenwood Miller guilty of attempted murder yesterday.

Miller, 41, was accused of shooting Dereck Walters on January 23, 2010. Miller was represented by attorney Murrio Ducille and the prosecution was led by Linda Evans.

Mr Walters suffered life-threatening injuries, according to the doctor, who treated the victim at Doctor's Hospital's emergency department on the night of the shooting. Dr Nicholas Knowles told the court Mr Walters had "multiple" penetrating injuries to the abdomen, buttocks, left foot and ankle. He said the type of injuries the shooting victim sustained "required immediate operative intervention".

Miller was remanded to prison until Justice Vera Watkins, who presided over the case, delivers his sentence on November 8.



ATTORNEY GENERAL John Delaney (centre) is pictured with senior staff of the Office of the Attorney General along with the new recruits. Seated in the first row, from left: Undersecretary Marco Rolle; Director of Public Prosecutions Vinette Graham-Allen; Mr Delaney; Debra Fraser, Director of Legal Affairs and Archie Nairn, Permanent Secretary.

'GREAT THINGS' EXPECTED OF NEW STAFF

ATTORNEY General and Minister of Legal Affairs John Delaney expects "great" things from the new staff at the Department of Public Prosecutions.

Mr Delaney introduced the 16 employees during a news briefing on Tuesday in the Office of the Attorney General.

"These additional manpower resources now enable the department to better staff the specialised practice groups, advise police during the early stages of investigations of serious matters, implement criminal case management reviews of files for prosecution and execute on other

initiatives," he said.

The new recruits joining the Office of the Attorney General this week are: Darell Taylor, Abigail Farrington, Anishka Hanchell, Kendra Kelly, Patrick Sweeting, Viola Barnett and Raquel Whyms.

The remainder of the recruits are members of the

Royal Bahamas Police Force who have already served as junior prosecutors.

They are: Sgt Paul Jones, Sgt Roger Thompson, Cpl Kevin Farrington, Insp Raymond Hanna, Sgt Carlton Smith, W/Sgt Desiree Ferguson, W/Sgt Maria Zancolla, Sgt Uel Johnson, and Cons Aaron Johnson.

RELIGIOUS LEADERS COULD HAVE INFLUENCE ON ANTI-CRIME BILL

By **KHRISNA VIRGIL**

THE Anti-Crime Bill now before the House of Assembly has bolstered prominent leaders of the religious community to a position that could bring changes to the bill.

Yesterday, Attorney General John Delaney, Director of Public Prosecutions Vinette Graham-Allen and other top members of the Attorney General's office met with the religious leaders to have an open discussion on the Bill.

Mr Delaney noted that as the Bills have been crafted and are now being discussed in parliament, they have not been set in stone. "What would be useful is if there were something that is really important that they feel we need to take a look at. There is every opportunity for us to do that while this Bill is still in debating stages," the Attorney General said.

With such consultation, the possibility of a slightly improved version of the Bill reaching the Senate could be likely, as now, the justice system is redrafting the law to make it more relevant to the challenges the country faces.

Religious leaders also have the opportunity to educate members of their congregations on what the Anti-Crime Bills mean, what they entail and what they are intended to do.

While many of the religious leaders had not had a chance to read the bill before the meeting, Christian Council President Rev Ranford Patterson said there is hope that a complete understanding of the Bill will be reached.

"We are going to ask some serious questions to find out exactly how serious they are about implementing the programmes they have put forth in these crime Bills," said Rev Patterson.

As it stands, he said, there are many laws not being followed. He hopes that the discussions will help each of those laws to be enforced.

This initiative is a part of the Attorney General's office's com-

munity outreach plan to increase public education on the justice system. Mr Delaney said the office of the Attorney General has had a website since last year.

"We produced an annual report for the first time ever last year, we've had a few public seminars at the beginning of this year, we launched the witness care programme," he said.

A similar discussion with the clergy will be held in Grand Bahama and Abaco in the next few weeks.

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Wall Street protests draw overseas attention

The Occupy Wall Street movement, which has spawned grass-roots activities around the US and prompted comments from President Barack Obama, is now drawing political remarks from overseas.

Iran's top leader said Wednesday that the wave of protests reflects a serious problem that will ultimately topple capitalism in America. Ayatollah Ali Khamenei claimed the United States is in a full-blown crisis because its "corrupt foundation has been exposed to the American people".

The remarks came a day after US officials said the Obama administration plans to leverage charges that Iran plotted to assassinate Saudi Arabia's ambassador into a new global campaign to isolate the Islamic republic.

For the past three and a half weeks, the protesters have besieged a park in lower Manhattan near Wall Street to rally primarily against corporate greed as what they say is the primary cause for the country's failing economy.

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg visited them Wednesday at Zuccotti Park, where protesters have been camped out since mid-September. Bloomberg told them park owner Brookfield Properties plans to clean the public space on Friday, and said they would be allowed to return after the park is clean.

Deputy Mayor Cas Holloway said in a statement that the protest has "created unsanitary conditions and considerable wear and tear on the park". He said Brookfield Properties asked for police help to clear the park so it can be cleaned.

Allison Esso of Human Services Council, a group that supports the protesters, was wary. "I'm hoping that they're not trying to undermine their ability to protest," she said.

The New York protest has triggered sympathetic groups in other cities, who each stage their own local rallies and demonstrations: Occupy Boston, Occupy Cincinnati, Occupy Houston, Occupy Los Angeles, Occupy Philadelphia, Occupy Providence, Occupy Salt Lake, and Occupy Seattle, among them.

Protesters say they are in it for the long haul, despite the onset of cold weather.

Occupy Seattle demonstrators sent the mayor a list of demands, including approval for large tents to be used as a kitchen, infirmary, storage area and information centre — and written approval of long-term occupancy.

In Washington, six people were arrested Tuesday for demonstrating inside a Senate office building. More than 125 protesters in Boston were arrested after they ignored warnings to move from a downtown green space, police said.

Protesters in New York gathered Wednesday at the headquarters of JP Morgan Chase, where they'll continue to decry the expiration of the state's 2 per cent "millionaires' tax" in December.

Meanwhile, a lawyer for a woman pepper sprayed during an action last month is demanding that the Manhattan district attorney prosecute an NYPD deputy inspector on an assault charge. Commissioner Raymond Kelly said the matter was being investigated by police internal affairs and the Civilian Complaint Review Board.

The New York state comptroller has issued a report showing that Wall Street is again losing jobs because of global economic woes. The job losses threaten tax revenue for a city and state heavily reliant on the financial industry.

The industry shed 4,100 jobs in late spring and summer and could lose nearly 10,000 more by the end of 2012, Comptroller Thomas Napoli said. That would bring the total industry loss to 32,000 positions since the financial meltdown of 2008.

The sector employed 166,600 people in investment banks, securities trading firms and hedge funds as of August.

Christopher Guerra, an artist and Occupy Wall Street protester from Newark, NJ, said the job losses help the protesters' cause.

"That means more people on our side," Guerra said.

"The companies are destroying this country by helping themselves, not the people, and pushing jobs out of America. If they get shafted, they will realize that what we are saying is true."

(This article is by Verena Dobnik of the Associated Press).

Has crime risen while faith faded?

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Were we better off 30-40 years ago when we only had the traditional established Faiths in our midst?

I think this is an interesting subject of serious interest, as it is obvious 30 years ago we had no serious crime except the exceptional case — murder rate was where it should be per capita below 10 per year.

I can easily list the traditional established Faiths — Anglicans, Methodists, Lutherans, Roman Catholics, the Greek Orthodox and, of course, The Southern Baptists.

Anyone understanding these Faiths realise that each

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is self-disciplined and each has strict rules which were passed onto the believers in total contrast with the Faith situation we have today. Whether the Charismatic Faiths accept it or not they do not have the discipline of the traditional established Faiths, and are very much the organisations who "comment" on the Bible and try to make their followers "feel good and positive".

Church going — wasn't it ex-Minister Wisdom who surveyed Government schools and found that over 50 per

cent of the students never attended a church — many young persons do not know who their father is, just how can we suggest we have a normal society?

Some want an orgy of hangings — thinking scaring tactics will work... sorry we all forget within 48 hours of the last hanging there were two murders!

A society without discipline — without a disciplined Faith — without parents, as in mother and father, living under the same roof is dysfunctional so what can you expect? The norm?

W. THOMPSON,
Nassau,
October 11, 2011.

Let us not forget the other 103 victims

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I feel for the family of Marco Archer. I hope that the God of the Bible grants them His peace in the midst of their storm.

I hope that no one from Nassau misinterprets what I am about to write. This particular case has garnered a lot of publicity. It was mentioned in an address to his supporters by Progressive Liberal Party Leader Perry Christie at his party's Job Creation and Empowerment Summit on September 30 and by Member of Parliament for Bain and Grants Town Dr Bernard Nottage in the House of Assembly on October 6. I was ambivalent as I watched Kohfe Edwardo Goodman hauled to court on Bank Lane for allegedly sexually assaulting two young boys. The mob out there on Bank Lane was livid. I understand that several of them were hurling profanities at the accused paedophile; even though now it has been reported that he was arraigned for matters unrelated to the Marco Archer case.

Thank God police officers were out there. That mob would have torn him to pieces. If he is guilty, then he should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. If innocent, then I hope he is given back his freedom. I

understand that he was in Fox Hill Prison before for a similar offence and for attempted murder. Was he reformed? I will not speak to his guilt or innocence. I will leave that to our justice system. Nevertheless, the way that mob carried on, you would think that he was just found guilty by the courts. The way things look, I seriously doubt that he could get a fair trial in Nassau. Many Nassauvians are riled up over the Marco Archer case. Who could blame them? Whoever killed young Marco must be punished for his heinous crime.

Perhaps the Marco Archer case has finally awakened the moral conscience of the people of New Providence. But why did it have to take 104 murders in nine months for the people of New Providence to finally say enough is enough? Where was the moral outrage when the other 103 murders were being committed? Where was the moral outrage for the 94 murder victims of 2010? These victims are just as important as Marco Archer. Their voices must also be heard. We must not forget these slain Bahamians. Their blood also cries out for justice, and not only justice in our broken judicial system.

I truly hope that the Royal Bahamas Police Force is able to quickly solve the Marco Archer case. But we must

remember that there are other families of murder victims who are also crying out for justice. They have not been afforded the same media coverage that the Marco Archer case has received. That mob should have been out on Bank Lane each time a murder and rape suspect is arraigned. They should also decry the gratuitous blood-letting each time a murder has been committed in this country. As we all mourn with Marco Archer's family, we must never forget the other 103 murder victims. These fallen Bahamians are just as important as Marco Archer.

KEVIN EVANS
Freeport,
Grand Bahama,
October 6, 2011.

The horse has bolted

EDITOR, The Tribune

Re: Crackdown. — The Tribune, October 4, 2011

It's worth a try, but we shouldn't expect too much to change as this crowd-pleasing election ploy is a bit like closing the barn door after the horse has bolted.

KEN W KNOWLES, MD
Nassau, October 5, 2011

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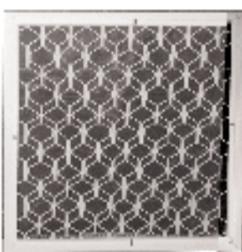
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BTC REMAINS 'OPTIMISTIC' ON LABOUR DISCUSSIONS

FOLLOWING a demonstration outside BTC headquarters yesterday, CEO Geoff Houston said he remains optimistic that the company and union officials can "shape a way forward" that will benefit all stakeholders.

The protest by union members was held to demonstrate their opposition to the management's contract proposal for line staff.

Mr Houston said: "First, I would like to point out that we have been able to accomplish much with our union partners since coming into BTC in April.

"We have had considerable discussions on a wide range of issues and have been able to agree on matters that have served the interests of the entire BTC team.

"So while certainly we do not want to negotiate a very important new labour agreement in the press, we understand that our union partners will not always agree with us and will want to use available channels to get their point across. This will happen from time to time and we are not alarmed."

Mr Houston said the com-



"We have to create a new business environment that focuses on customer care, improved quality of our products and services, freedom to innovate and get things done and the assurance that all team members are accountable to each other, the business and our clients"

Geoff Houston, pictured, CEO of BTC

pany is focused on creating a world-class, customer-centric organisation that provides superior service, cutting-edge products, and best prices and value for money.

"And our industrial arrangements and company policies must be shaped to facilitate this if BTC is to survive and thrive going forward," he said.

Mr Houston pointed out that BTC has entered a new era not only of private ownership, but of significantly increasing competition in its

traditional spaces like land-line services.

He added that the company faces the prospect of a strong mobile competitor in less than two and a half years.

Mr Houston noted that this will mean the way that BTC conducts business must change if the company is to survive in this new environment.

"We have indicated to the unions our desire for true partnership to move BTC forward in this increasingly competitive environment. Our shared desire must be to create an environment where our team members can grow and flourish professionally – a setting where all staff are empowered and can advance based on their own skill and preparedness to excel.

"This frankly means that together we have to create a new business environment that focuses on customer care, improved quality of our products and services, freedom to innovate and get things done and the assurance that all team members are accountable to each other, the business and our clients.

"Provided that we can in good faith continue our discussions based on these core principles, I am convinced that we shall find common ground and shape an agreement that will serve the interest of all parties," Mr Houston said.

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DNA: 'CHRISTIE AND INGRAHAM'S OLD PARTNERSHIP IS ALIVE AND WELL'

THE old partnership between Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham and opposition leader Perry Christie is alive and well, according to Democratic National Alliance chairman Mark Humes.

Following Mr Ingraham's remarks in parliament about the Bamboo Town constituency on Monday night, Mr Humes issued a statement calling the prime minister's behaviour "unbecoming" and "regrettable".

He said: "The one thing that I am pleased with, how-

ever, is the fact that Mr Ingraham has finally put to rest many people's suspicions that the old partnership of Christie, Ingraham and Co has never gone out of business."

Messrs Ingraham and Christie were partners in a law firm many years ago, and Mr Humes claims they have been "operating incognito" to the detriment of the Bahamian people ever since.

In his comments, Mr Ingraham told the House that the FNM and PLP are not going

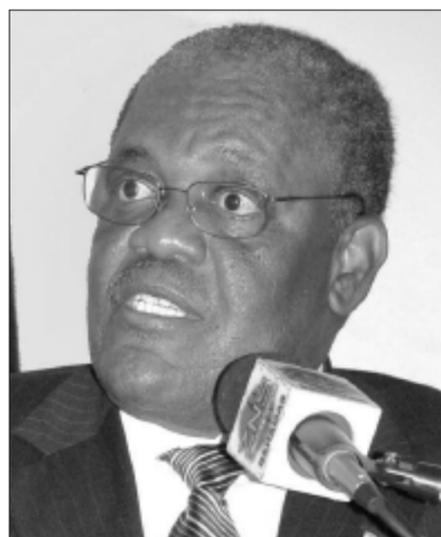
to cut the boundaries of Bamboo Town, the current seat of DNA leader Branville McCartney, as they plan to use it as a "test case" for their own two candidates.

"The people of Bamboo Town should be insulted and incensed to know that Prime Minister Ingraham and his good pal Perry Christie have teamed up to use them and Bamboo Town as a 'test case' in the upcoming election," Mr Humes said. "While they struggle to stay afloat in these tumultuous economic seas, these two elderly statesmen sat and decided among themselves that they would amuse themselves at Bamboo Town's expense."

He said Mr Ingraham's comments did nothing more than reveal how fearful he has become of DNA leader Branville McCartney's potential - "fearful to the point that he has publicly announced his willingness to form an alliance with the PLP to see Mr McCartney defeated."

Mr Humes said PLP candidate Renwood Wells and FNM candidate Cassius Stuart should also be incensed and insulted by the move.

"Little did they know that



DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL ALLIANCE chairman Mark Humes has said that Perry Christie, left, leader of the PLP, and Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, right, leader of the FNM are amusing themselves at Bamboo Town's expense

to Christie, Ingraham and Co, they were only dispensable 'test cases.' But I hope that Mr Wells and Mr Stuart will find the courage to man up to Ingraham and Christie," Mr Humes said.

"It is not too late, and, if for no other reason than to show the aging Ingraham and Christie that they are

nobody's 'tings' to give away at will, Wells and Stuart should join the people of the Bahamas and the people of Bamboo Town in showing the two gentlemen that he who laughs last laughs best."

In the upcoming election, Mr Humes said, the Bahamian people should put an "out of business" sign on Christie,

Ingraham and Co once and for all.

"The Bahamas is in need of the fresh injection of life that Branville McCartney and the DNA brings. Now more than ever is the time to send these two antiquated personalities into the museum of Bahamian history where they belong," he said.

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CALL TO CELEBRATE HEROES INSTEAD OF DISCOVERY DAY

AN ACTIVIST group is calling on the public to disregard Discovery Day this year and celebrate their own heroes instead.

The African United Coalition will be hosting a National Heroes Day rally and march on Friday to celebrate those who have made a difference to the development of the Bahamas.

The rally will begin at noon at the southern basketball court at CR Walker High School between Blue Hill Road and Market Street. The march will follow at 2.30pm.

Using the theme "Discover our Heroes! Forget Columbus!" the coalition hopes to place more emphasis on and give appreciation to national heroes of African descent

who have had an impact on the Bahamas.

A coalition spokesperson said: "We need to reject Columbus and more importantly raise up those who have sacrificed for all of us to live a more equitable and just life."

She said the goal of the coalition is to unite African people worldwide and to liberate them from the unjust

conditions imposed on them.

According to the coalition, instead of celebrating Columbus, Friday should be recognised as a day to honour African heroes everywhere - for example Susan Hopkins, CR Walker, Sir Randol Fawkes, Marcus Garvey and Malcolm X - who embody what a national hero should be.

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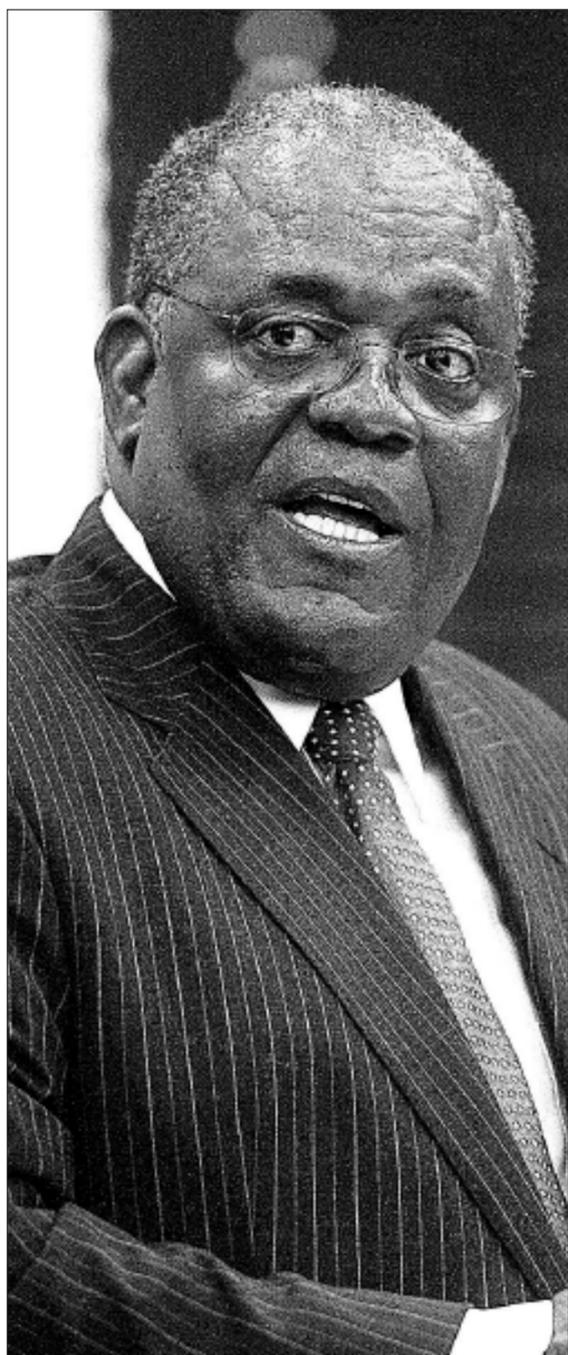
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PM TO SPEAK AT NASSAU HIV CONFERENCE



PRIME MINISTER Hubert Ingraham will speak at the HIV conference

PRIME Minister Hubert Ingraham will head up a list of distinguished speakers at the 2011 Caribbean HIV Conference in Nassau.

The conference provides a venue for HIV stakeholders in the Caribbean to network and hear from some of the most well-respected names in HIV research.

Health experts, public officials, and HIV community members will come together November 18-21 to focus on HIV in the Caribbean, where adult prevalence is higher than in any region in the world outside of Sub-Saharan Africa.

Individuals from across the Caribbean have been invited to attend this free conference to hear directly from authorities on the medical, social, and socio-political factors influencing the HIV epidemic in this region.

Featured speakers and session moderators will include:

- Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham.
- St Maarten Prime Minister Sarah Wescot-Williams.
- Dr Anthony S Fauci, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, US Department of Health and Human Services.
- Dr Jean William Pape, Weill Cornell Medical College, Les Centres GHESKIO, Haiti.
- Dr J Peter Figueroa, the University of the West Indies at Mona, Jamaica.
- Dr Ernest Massiah, Caribbean Regional Support Team, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, Trinidad and Tobago.
- Dr Farley Cleghorn,

Futures Group, United States.

- Geeta Sethi, United Nations Population Fund, Jamaica.

This will be the third Caribbean HIV conference in the past decade, and it is designed to build on successes of the previous events, which demonstrated that regional co-operation and collaboration are crucial to confronting HIV in the Caribbean.

The multidisciplinary forum is designed to support local interests and education and is open to anyone who would like to attend, including:

- people living with HIV.
- members of vulnerable groups.
- researchers and clinicians.
- allied health care professionals.
- caregivers.
- patient advocates.

- advocates for social justice and health parity.

- members of community and faith-based organisations.

- regional and international governmental representatives.

- policy analysts and decision makers.

- civil society and regional media representatives.

"The conference provides a unique opportunity for attendees with diverse perspectives and backgrounds

to share, learn, and network," said conference co-chair Daisy M Gely, professor of medical sciences at the University of Puerto Rico.

"It provides a venue in which to examine the many factors influencing HIV in the Caribbean in order to move forward collectively in our effort to prevent the spread of HIV, mitigate its impact in the region, and improve our overall response."

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AMBASSADOR AVANT takes her turn at playing bocce. Photo: Ashley Taylor Photography



SPECIAL OLYMPICS athletes with volunteer Courtney Hamm.

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AMBASSADOR HOSTS 200



AMBASSADOR AVANT, Special Olympics national chairman Basil Christie and Miss Bahamas World 2011 Sasha Joyce

FOR the second consecutive year, US Ambassador Nicole Avant and members of the US mission to the Bahamas hosted more than 200 Bahamian Special Olympians and volunteers to honour the indomitable spirit of the woman who started the Special Olympics movement, Eunice Kennedy Shriver.

Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture Charles Maynard was also present for the occasion on Saturday, October 8.

In celebration of Eunice Kennedy Shriver (EKS)

Day, which is celebrated around the world each year, Ambassador Avant transformed the front lawn of her "Liberty Overlook" residence into a mini "Camp Shriver" with games, food and music.

US mission officers and their family members were there to demonstrate their support for the Special Olympics by serving food, refereeing games and dancing alongside the athletes.

"EKS Day is more than just a tribute to Eunice Shriver, it is a tribute to Special Olympics for its work in



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US AMBASSADOR Nicole Avant; Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture Charles Maynard and Special Olympics national chairman Basil Christie with the athletes who attended the event at the US Embassy. Attendees took part in a host of sports while supporters of the event included Marco's Pizza and Texaco. To learn more about Special Olympics Bahamas or to become a volunteer for the organisation, visit Special Olympics Bahamas on Facebook or email info@sobahamas.org.

TO MARK SPECIAL OLYMPICS

ensuring that all people are accepted, regardless of their abilities," said Ambassador Avant.

"As Eunice K Shriver once said, 'There is no purpose more noble than to build communities of acceptance for all'."

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AMBASSADOR AVANT plays Bocce as Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture, Charles Maynard, Deputy Chief of Mission, John Dinkelman, Special Olympics athletes and volunteers look on.



ATHLETES FROM Special Olympics Bahamas show off their creative face-painting designs at the EKS Day event.

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CRIME PREVENTION BEGINS WITH EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

OPINION
By **PAUL THOMPSON, SR.**

IN law enforcement organisations around the world it is accepted that Rapid Response, Early Detection,

Effective and Appropriate Sentencing contribute to Crime Prevention. The criminal, who becomes aware, that he is likely to be caught is likely to walk away. Crime Prevention Education and

Crime Watch Programmes are very important weapons in the fight against crime.

The public must be educated of the do's and don't's in communities where there is rampant crime. The public

must support its law enforcement agencies and adopt the slogan: "Notify, Identify and Testify."

The first response to crime, request for assistance or information on criminal activity requires Rapid Response and decisive Action. The crime scene must be secured, the safety of witnesses and victims be assured and information about the incident or suspected criminal activity collected. There must be the assurance of anonymity and confidentiality, if required.

Rapid Response is a goal, that our Police service has been trying for decades to achieve. It is noted, that when our Police personnel can get to the scene of a crime, in particular crimes against the person, such as armed robbery and rape quite often the criminals are encountered at the scene or nearby, resulting in arrests. It is known to Police personnel, that past Commissioners have been aiming at a three minute response.

The recent signing of a contract between The Bahamas Government and Motorola will introduce a new and modern 919 system to our Police arsenal in the fight against crime. The new system will enhance the Rapid Response Concept and would be a major weapon in the war on crime. One of the features of the new technology is the Commander in the Police Control Centre being able to locate, observe and direct the movement of all vehicles to respond to crime scenes. The Commander will know, which is the nearest vehicle to any crime scene and dispatch that vehicle for immediate response. He will also know of other vehicles in the area should additional assistance be needed. The government has added yet another crime fighting tool. It is very likely that the importance of this new technology will be discussed with the public in due course after the Police training has been completed. There is another feature that allows the personnel in the Police vehicle to listen to the caller or the victim of the crime while enroute to the scene. The new technology will also improve Police/Public relations.

In recent years the Police have increased their efforts to provide Crime Prevention Education to our public, through the media, advertising, lectures/seminars and crime/neighbourhood watch programmes. It is evident, that some of the victims of crime are not responding positively to the Police effort and are making themselves vic-



FORMER POLICE inspector Paul Thompson

tims. Car thefts have increased as owners decline to have anti-theft equipment installed and insurance companies are not encouraging them to do so. Home invasions, many of which are due to negligence, poor locking devices and the neglect of those who can afford alarms to have them installed. Drivers, in particular females, not taking precautions to lock doors when driving along city streets and having valuables exposed on their persons or on the front seats. The business owners, large and small, who neglect to install available crime prevention and detection equipment on their premises. Criminals target the large sums of money they retain in their businesses and on their persons.

The negligent conduct by many victims reveals that the Police message on crime prevention is not being considered.

Recent examples: A female returns to her residence and immediately observes that her front door, which she left locked was unlocked. She also heard noises inside the house. Yet she enters and is accosted

by two armed men. A female business woman is driving on Wulff Road with her bag on the front seat of her car containing cash assets for banking. The car is not locked, the window is down, she stops on the traffic light at Market Street. A man takes the bag from the seat and flees the scene. A man goes to a bank and collected a large sum of money to pay his employees. His car is parked a long distance away from the bank. He is walking to his car with the cash in a bag with the bank's name. On arrival to his car he placed the bag on top of his car to search his pockets for his keys. The bag of cash was removed by a pedestrian, who seized the opportunity.

The community policing philosophy, which is extensively used in our communities emphasises the importance of problem solving partnerships.

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PAUL THOMPSON, SR.,
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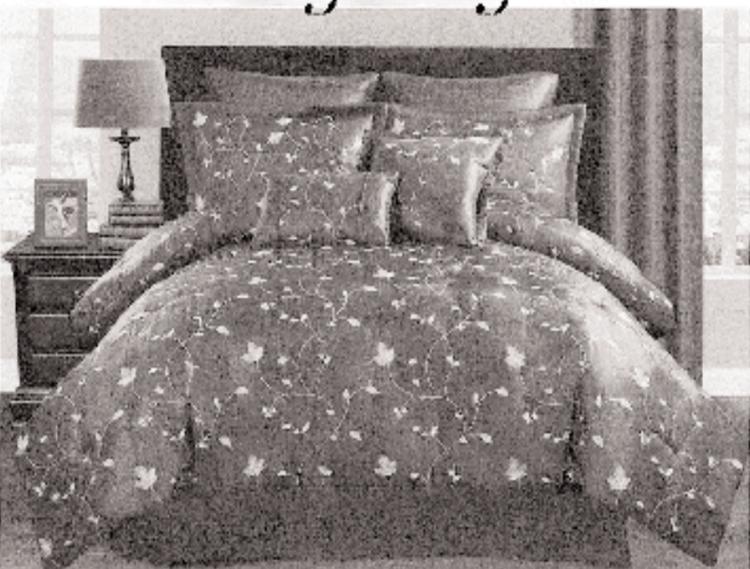
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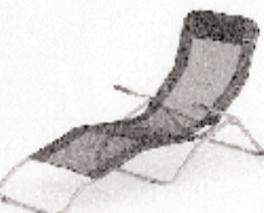
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BYSTANDERS ARE LEFT HORRIFIED BY DOGFIGHT

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haven't been there in years," Mr Bostwick said. "There's only supposed to be one dog and there's a person who's supposed to be taking care of that dog."

After being called to the scene, a Bahamas Humane Society official removed one of the dogs for treatment before returning for the other.

Inspector Grant of the Humane Society said the caretaker of the animals has been identified and the dogs are "not in bad condition" despite the bloody altercation.

"They are a little bruised, but it's not a life or death situation," he said.

And in response to the spectators claiming the animals were starved and fighting over food, the inspector said: "There was no mistreatment involved, and the animals weren't starving."

The inspector also revealed that the dogs are older pitbulls and "when they get to a certain age, sometimes they just snap", which explains the fight.

However, several people who live on the street claimed the dogs are not fed enough and the fight broke out when a passerby threw a scrap of food to them.



A PASSER-BY tries to intervene to prevent the dogs from fighting

OPPOSITION CHASTISED FOR LACK OF ACTION OVER BAIL

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duced the country's first Bail Act in 1994 - 10 years after such legislation was recommended by the Royal Commission of Inquiry to the then governing Progressive Liberal Party.

"Those were the days when the Bahamas was labelled as a 'nation for sale', a place where international drug traffickers could easily get bail," he said.

He added that "unreasonable delay" was compounded by a lack of amendments to the legislation during the PLP's last term in office from 2002 to 2007.

Taking this into account, he said any criticism from the PLP on the proposed amendments "is entirely disingenuous."

One of the proposed amendments states that when a person is charged with kidnapping, murder, armed robbery, treason or conspiracy to commit any of these offences as well as attempted murder, rape, incest, sex with someone under the age of 14, sex with a dependent, among other things, a court should not grant bail unless the person has not been tried within "a reasonable amount of time."

The amendment defines a reasonable amount of time as three years.

"Hence, Mr Speaker, we seek to limit the granting of bail to persons who are charged with these very serious offences, first to those who can show the courts that they have not been tried within three years."

He added that after the amendments are passed, the court may grant bail for those offences if it determines that in a particular case the accused is unlikely to be tried within the stipulated three years.

Cat Island MP Philip Davis said the amendments to the Bail Act will be fruitless in stopping offenders from getting bail until the slow justice system is overhauled.

"Until the whole system is fixed, however we treat the Bail Act we're not going to stop (accused) from (getting) bail for serious offences. The only answer is

to be able to try persons within a reasonable time," said the Opposition MP.

"We have to shorten the time between arrest and trial, if that had happened this issue of bail would not have arrived."

He added that instead of attempting to define what a reasonable amount of time for trial is, legislators should put initiatives in place "to fix the system."

He also questioned if an accused has to wait until he has been in custody for three years without trial before he can apply for bail or if the application can be made as the three year mark approaches.

"It's not clear," he said referring to the Bail amendments.

Members of the House will continue debate on the crime Bills at 10am tomorrow.

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LOCAL NEWS

WALKOUT OVER CAR THEFTS



DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION Jack Thompson

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Minister of Immigration, Brent Symonette assured them yesterday that he instructed management to deal with the issue.

Director of Immigration, Jack Thompson, admitted there is an ongoing problem with car theft at the Immigration Department, but he said management is working to resolve it.

"I suppose the walk out today was the employees' way of causing greater awareness to their plight. We have

requested security through the Department of Public Service and my information is that it is being pursued.

"It is most unfortunate that we live in a society where you cannot come to work without worrying whether or not your car will be stolen, broken into or vandalised.

"We are aware of this problem and we are seeking to have it resolved."

Mr Thompson said the department has had some success in recovering stolen vehicles and stolen items that were taken off the property.

EX-MINISTER SAYS PM 'CAVED IN' ON GAS PRICES

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lower than they were to begin with.

Mr Miller's comments came after Government increased the retail price of gas by 10 cents per gallon and the retail price of diesel by 15 cents per gallon.

The former Blue Hills MP said if he were in charge, he would never have approved increases for the retailers.

"That decision will be reversed my first day in office. Not only will the margins be decreased but I would decrease them to lower than what they started with. There is no way you can justify raising gas prices in the Bahamas when gas prices around the world are dropping. Gas is 25 cents cheaper in the United States and we are going to increase gas here. That makes no sense," he said.

"I cannot believe Mr

Ingraham approved this. He said there would be no increases and now he has backed out of that. He is normally an intelligent man who does not cater to foolishness, but he must be motivated by the elections to (do) something that is obviously not good for the wider public. Rest assured once we return to power there will be a dramatic decrease in the price of fuel."

Mr Miller said there is no justification in giving the retailers the increases when the economy has not recovered fully from the recession.

"When I was minister I refused to sign increases because the economy was bad, and it is still bad. The government and the retailers need to come together and fight the real problem, the franchisers and the importer. In order for the retailers to begin making real money

they either have to stand up for themselves or become independent."

He added: "This is the fourth time the retailers have gotten increases under the FNM government. They obviously care more about businesses than they do the small man. It's putting an unfair burden on the backs of Bahamian people."

In August, petroleum dealers voted unanimously for strike action after months of negotiations had stalled.

At that time, the nation's chief said gas prices were too high and Government would not burden the public with even higher fees at the pump.

On Tuesday Oswald Moore, chairman of the Margin Relief Committee, admitted that gas prices will go up because of the margin increases, but not by a significant amount.

MAN ARRESTED OVER DRUGS

POLICE arrested a 28-year-old man after he was found with what was alleged to have been \$17,000 worth of marijuana.

Officers of the Fox Hill Police Station, acting on information, took the Armbrister Street resident into custody when they found him in a bushy area at Frances Avenue in Fox Hill, allegedly with the drugs.

The drugs weighed 17 pounds with an estimated street value of \$17,000.

TWO ARRESTED

POLICE caught two men as they were breaking into a shop on Fox Hill Road yesterday morning.

The pair were nabbed inside the business at 2.30 am by officers of the Mobile Division who were acting on information. The suspects, who are 19 and 22 years old, are in police custody.

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WORLD FOOD DAY TO BE MARKED BY MINI-FAIR

By LAMECH JOHNSON
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ON Saturday, local food producers will flock to Gladstone Road for a mini fair to celebrate the country's observance of World Food Day.

The day was identified by the United Nation's Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) to celebrate mankind's efforts to produce enough food to feed the world.

FAO's theme for World Food Day 2011 is "Food Prices - From Crisis to Stability".

The eight hour event at the Research Centre on Gladstone Road is expected to include a farmers' market, back yard garden sessions, and dance, drama and song presentations by students.

Live music will be provided by the Royal Bahamas Police Force Band.

Agriculture Minister Larry Cartwright said this year his ministry will showcase its national initiatives to increase food production in an effort to lower food costs.

"In 2008, we embarked on an initiative towards lowering food prices, where planting

material for food crops such as sweet potato, cassava and beans were distributed to farmers throughout the country, so as to boost production, increase supply and dampen price increases," he said.

The backyard gardening sessions, which Mr Cartwright said have been ongoing for years "with tremendous success" are open to the public.

The minister encouraged all "householders to engage in this wholesome and economically prudent activity" by coming out to the fair on Saturday.

He noted that rising food prices are "one of the main factors contributing to hunger and malnutrition, and my ministry has focused on the need to involve other agencies and institutions in the community in this war on hunger and malnutrition."

He announced that local organisation Hands for Hunger is partnering with the ministry to distribute food to various charities.

Hands for Hunger is a non-profit organisation committed to eliminating hunger and reducing food waste throughout the Bahamas.

The fair will begin at 7am and end at 3pm.

LOCAL NEWS

FAMILY ANGER OVER RELEASE OF CONVICTED KILLER

By DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREEPORT – The ashes and photographs of Philip Gaitor Jr were prominently displayed by his family as they expressed outrage over

the release of the convicted murderer who is now appealing the case.

Rev Glenroy Bethel, Founder of Families for Justice, believes that the decision of the Supreme Court to grant bail to Renaldo Armbrister is a slap in the

face to the Gaitor family.

“This decision by the Supreme Court has sent shockwaves through the community of Grand Bahama,” Rev Bethel said on Wednesday after learning that Philip Gaitor Jr, found guilty of murder,

had been released from prison.

Last June, Armbrister, 24, was sentenced to life, and his co-accused Renaldo Bonaby, 25, was sentenced to death after they were found guilty and convicted in December 2009 of Gaitor's murder.

They were also found guilty and convicted, with Kevin Harvey, 26, of kidnapping 19-year-old Gaitor and attempting to extort \$100,000 from his family.

Rev Bethel said the Families for Justice organization and other families on Grand Bahama are also outraged and are in support of the Gaitor family.

“This is an assault on the community of Grand Bahama, indeed the entire Bahamas. Obviously, the justice system in the Bahamas is broken and needs to be fixed,” he said.

“The Supreme Court has sent a negative message to criminals and law-abiding citizens that there is no justice in the Bahamas.”

While the law states that individuals have a right to appeal, Rev Bethel said individuals convicted of murder and sentenced should not be granted bail.

“This is not right. This is a wrong practice and our organization condemns such a practice, and we are calling

on the Christian community and all law-abiding citizens to take a stand against lawlessness in our country,” Rev Bethel said.

Families for Justice, he said, will be seeking to file application to the United Nations for international intervention to review the Bahamas' justice system.

Myrna Gaitor said that an urn with her son's ashes and photographs are the only memories she has left of her only son.

Having endured the painful details during trial of his brutal murder, Mrs Gaitor is very upset over Armbrister's release.

“Those young men kidnapped my son, beat him with a baseball bat and then burned him alive.

“It has been just over a year since the sentencing and now he (Armbrister) is out as if nothing has happened. That is my biggest concern.

“I just want closure for my family. The photographs and ashes here (in front of me) are all the memories I have.

“We did not have a casket; all I have is this urn with his ashes, and any mother would not sit down and let this happen. This is my only son and I am outraged and will not be quiet. I want justice for my son,” said Mrs Gaitor.

Commenting on the crime situation, Apostle Rev Dr Anthony Grant, pastor of Agape House, said the Bahamas is in crisis.

“Our elected leaders are afraid to use the word crisis, but that is exactly where we are. I am frustrated and confused as to how someone who not only has been found guilty, but sentenced to life, could be out on bail.

“I believe if the Armbrister family was in the same boat they too would be just as outraged as the Gaitor family. This should not be happening in our country where there are laws to control this kind of thing,” Rev Grant said.

Rev Bethel said that the Gaitor case is one of many complaints that have been brought to the organization.

“This is a serious matter and it appears that our justice system has a problem that we cannot fix. And when you look at the injustices going on we definitely realize that we need some sort of international intervention to what is going on in our country.

“We want the justice system to know we are serious about this and will not tolerate criminals who are convicted and sentenced being released on the streets,” Rev Bethel said.



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DAVIS: 'CRIME BILLS FALL FAR TOO SHORT'

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sentences for serious crimes and placing tighter restrictions on when judges can grant bail.

Mr Davis, who was the Opposition's lead speaker yesterday, said the compendium of crime Bills “are the answer to the wrong question”.

He said the legislation seemed to be a response to the political pressure the prime minister has faced from citizens who are fed up with the crime wave.

Among his criticisms, Mr Davis asked whether thought had been given to the rate of recidivism and what was the average length to rehabilitate a person, when putting forward amendments to define life imprisonment.

“There is jurisprudence to

suggest natural life without an opportunity to review with a view of release is cruel and unusual punishment,” said Mr Davis.

Further Mr Davis said the cost of housing a convict for his natural life and the increased burden on taxpayers, especially when putting away young people for all of their life should be taken into consideration when making amendments.

According to Mr Davis it costs taxpayers some \$14,000 per year to house a prisoner. If a person is sentenced to life in prison at the age of 30 with the average Bahamian male life expectancy of 70 years old that means the person will be a responsibility of the state for 40 years.

“Do the math,” he said, “there are at 400 persons to be tried – millions of dollars it will be costing tax payers.”

Addressing amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code that will allow suspects to be held by police for a longer period of time upon application to a magistrate is “troubling.”

Mr Davis said increasing the time the police can hold a suspect in custody without being charged from 48 hours to an additional 72 hours is a cause for concern which could possibly lead to an abuse of the system.

“I am troubled by this,” he said, “a person arrested not charged and would have been held in police custody for five days, sanctioned by the courts on an *ex parte* hearing.”

If a person is going to be deprived of their liberty said Mr Davis they should at least be given the opportunity to show why they should no longer be held in custody.

“The government should be able to provide police with the training, equipment and resources to charge a person within the 48 hours,” the specified time under the current law, said Mr Davis.

Mr Davis said the government needs to lead the way on crime, not just during election time.

“What the FNM has failed to do is properly invest in the people of the Bahamas. . . at a time when the economy is in trouble, at a time when too many families are struggling, at a time when thousands were turned away from a jobs programme. . . (and the prime minister) only offers \$1 million (more) for social programmes.”

He said the PLP's proposed crime initiative “Safe Bahamas” is an holistic approach “in contrast to the government's crime Bills (which) are woefully inadequate.”

CRIME NEWS

SOUTH-WEST POLICE MAKE ARRESTS

FIVE men were arrested by officers of the South-western Division during an early morning operation as police executed search warrants and targeted prolific offenders.

The men were arrested for investigations into attempted rape, housebreaking, unlawful possession and stolen property.

A 57-year-old man of Moonshine Drive was taken into custody after officers executed a search warrant on his home and discovered what was suspected to be stolen jewellery and electronic equip-

ment, such as netbook, flat screen TV and DVD.

A 39-year-old man of South Beach is in police custody after he was found in possession of an unlicensed shotgun and shotgun shells.

He was arrested at 8.40am Tuesday.

Officers of the Mobile Division, acting on information, went to a home at Bougainvillea Boulevard, South Beach where they conducted a search and discovered the weapon.

Active police investigations continue.

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BTC REMAINS 'OPTIMISTIC' ON LABOUR DISCUSSIONS

FOLLOWING a demonstration outside BTC headquarters yesterday, CEO Geoff Houston said he remains optimistic that the company and union officials can "shape a way forward" that will benefit all stakeholders.

The protest by union members was held to demonstrate their opposition to the management's contract proposal for line staff.

Mr Houston said: "First, I would like to point out that we have been able to accomplish much with our union partners since coming into BTC in April.

"We have had considerable discussions on a wide range of issues and have been able to agree on matters that have served the interests of the entire BTC team.

"So while certainly we do not want to negotiate a very important new labour agreement in the press, we understand that our union partners will not always agree with us and will want to use available channels to get their point across. This will happen from time to time and we are not alarmed."

Mr Houston said the com-



"We have to create a new business environment that focuses on customer care, improved quality of our products and services, freedom to innovate and get things done and the assurance that all team members are accountable to each other, the business and our clients"

Geoff Houston, pictured, CEO of BTC

pany is focused on creating a world-class, customer-centric organisation that provides superior service, cutting-edge products, and best prices and value for money.

"And our industrial arrangements and company policies must be shaped to facilitate this if BTC is to survive and thrive going forward," he said.

Mr Houston pointed out that BTC has entered a new era not only of private ownership, but of significantly increasing competition in its

traditional spaces like land-line services.

He added that the company faces the prospect of a strong mobile competitor in less than two and a half years.

Mr Houston noted that this will mean the way that BTC conducts business must change if the company is to survive in this new environment.

"We have indicated to the unions our desire for true partnership to move BTC forward in this increasingly competitive environment. Our shared desire must be to create an environment where our team members can grow and flourish professionally – a setting where all staff are empowered and can advance based on their own skill and preparedness to excel.

"This frankly means that together we have to create a new business environment that focuses on customer care, improved quality of our products and services, freedom to innovate and get things done and the assurance that all team members are accountable to each other, the business and our clients.

"Provided that we can in good faith continue our discussions based on these core principles, I am convinced that we shall find common ground and shape an agreement that will serve the interest of all parties," Mr Houston said.

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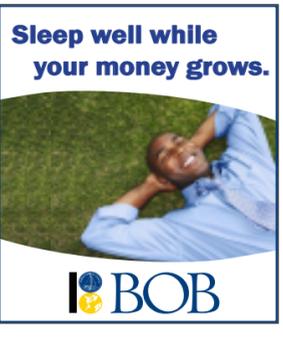
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TOUR OPERATORS 'POUNDED' FROM FUEL PRICE MOVES

'At a loss' over five-figure monthly bills due to fixed contract nature of business

By NATARIO MCKENZIE
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LEADING tour operators told Tribune Business yesterday they were still evaluating the impact that margin increases granted to petroleum retailers would have on their five-figure monthly fuel bills, adding that they had been "pounded" due to the fixed-term contract nature of their business.

William Saunders, president of Majestic Tours, said: "For the first nine months of this year I paid a total of \$172,348 for diesel, and I paid \$194,688 for gas. The price in January was \$4.16 for diesel and \$4.56 for gas. The increase on diesel went up to \$5.28 at one point, and gas went from \$4.56 to \$5.30.

"We have been pounded by these variations in increases, because all of my business that I do with overseas operators, I have to give them a one-year contract. We use a lot of diesel and a lot of gasoline. Between the diesel and gasoline we paid \$367,037 to move our equipment. Now what we're going to be faced with, we don't know."

Mr Saunders explained: "I have to give rates to my overseas operators no later than October 30 for the entire year of 2012. Tour operators and people who use a lot of equipment have been at a loss, and it's not easy to adjust these things.

"I don't think the Government has reduced what they've been making on fuel. The Government should step in and take some of this loss, too. It hasn't been a pleasant situation, and we don't know

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'UTTER CONTEMPT FOR JOBS'

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

A DEPARTING businessman yesterday blasted the Grand Bahama Power Company for having "utter contempt for jobs" on the island, as he prepared to walk away from his \$20 million investment having "never made a profit" in its four

- * Businessman walks away from \$20m investment, saying power costs ensured 'never made a profit in four years'
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years. Detailing the failure of last-ditch talks with Grand Bahama's electricity monopoly, Stephen Howes, the major shareholder in

Queen's Highway-based Fenestration and Glass Services, said that on a scale of one to 100, the progress made in Tuesday afternoon's meeting was "minus 100".

Stating that Grand Bahama Power Company's senior executives resolutely opposed the company running its generator to provide its own power, and refused

to contemplate refunding Fenestration for the alleged \$200,000 worth of equipment destroyed by electricity spikes, Mr Howes told Tribune Business he had no choice but to walk away from Grand Bahama.

And, pointing out that Grand Bahama electricity

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'URGENTLY ADDRESS STRUCTURAL' DEFICIT

* IMF projects Bahamas' primary deficit to widen top 2.6% of GDP by 2012

* Ex-finance minister describes national debt as 'cancer'

* Projects 'cut' to Bahamas' rating in next 6 months, due to world's woes

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

THE BAHAMAS has to "address rather urgently" the fact its fiscal deficit appears to be a growing "structural" problem, a former finance minister warned yesterday, as International Monetary Fund (IMF) data projected this nation's recurrent deficit was set to widen to 2.6 per cent over the next two years.

James Smith, former minister of state for finance in the 2002-2007 Christie administration, also warned

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JAMES SMITH

AIRPORT CONCESSIONS SET TO CREATE 250 JOBS

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EXPANDED food and retail concessions at Lynden Pindling International Airport (LPIA) could ultimately create between 200-250 jobs, the Nassau Airport Development Company's (NAD) vice-president of commercial development told Tribune Business yesterday.

"I don't have exact numbers, but we have probably 150 plus employ-

ees right now," John Spinks said. "Once the whole airport is finished with all the concessions, we would certainly be up over 200. So I would say somewhere between 200 and 250 jobs will be created through the concessions."

NAD has recently put out a number of tenders for more concessions at the airport and, according to Mr Spinks, there has been a "fair amount" of interest thus far.

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BTC BLASTED FOR 'POOR JOB' OVER PRIVATE SECTOR

Former Chamber president says absence of attractive post-paid cell packages for 'highest volume users' will see many defect when competition starts

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

THE Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) was yesterday criticised for doing "a poor job" in providing attractive post-paid cellular packages to its highest-volume users, the private sector, a prominent businessman warning many companies were likely to defect when competition entered the market in 2015.

Dionisio D'Aguilar, president of Superwash, said the biggest discount post-paid offering he knew of was 1,000 minutes per month for just under \$140, but said this was used up by his company within just six-seven days.

Urging BTC, which effectively has a cellular monopoly in the Bahamas until 2015 (it will take a rival operator at least a year to build out their

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THE TRUTH ABOUT PHOTOSHOP 'LIES'

By DEIDRE M BASTIAN

DOES anyone still believe that cameras cannot lie? Well, if you don't, Adobe Photoshop has always been lurking around the corner to lend a hand if ever the truth needed tweaking. With a little digital plastic surgery in Photoshop, portraits can tell a gentle fib or two in less than minutes.

With Photoshop it easy for a picture to speak with any amount of words, and it might take a cynical attitude and a skilled eye to detect whether it is actually true. While this might be a creative opportunity for observant photographers and analytical designers, it can all be a bit of a nightmare for some.

Doctoring photographs has been around almost as long as photography itself, but as digital imaging hardware and software have both advanced, the practice of digital image manipulation has become more commonplace and faked photos harder to detect.

Since the pre-digital era, glamour photos have been manipulated by skilled photographers to remove imperfections on the skin and background etc. Digital photo manipulation, commonly referred to as 'photo shopping', has become a popular pastime, many considering this a new art form. But whenever it works



THE ART OF GRAPHIX

BY DEIDRE M BASTIAN

its way into photojournalism and the media, the issue of ethics comes to the fore. How far can we take digital image manipulation and still maintain photographic integrity? Photographers and graphic designers sometimes cannot easily detect the manipulation without over-reliance on visual cues, analytical tendencies and the assumption that Photoshop is always lurking somewhere around every corner.

Remember the shot of the Hungarian tourist, Péter Guzli, apparently standing on top of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, as one of the hijacked planes

approached? Well, Guzli had taken the picture in 1997 and made the edit for friends. Thereafter others made further edits, placing him at every disaster from the sinking of the Titanic to the destruction of the White House by aliens on Independence Day.

In this Adobe Photoshop tutorial on digital photo editing, we're going to learn how incredibly easy it is to give someone a digital nose job. This photo editing technique is so simple and easy, you'll be tempted to use it on photos of people who don't need it. Or at least that's what you can tell them when they ask why you made their nose smaller.

While almost every photograph online, off-line and on news stands has received at least some slight alteration, it is important to stay on top of your game, as editing sophistication is prominent among younger 'tech savvy' artists.

I've observed digital artists creating fine art photographs by putting a photo on the base layer in Photoshop or Corel Painter, using smudge tools with varying brushes to place additional layers on top of the original layer, and shamelessly claim it as their own. This is unfortunate, as they are literally pinching from the photographers who originally took the image.

There are many detection methods that can easily earn you a digital forensics merit

badge of honour when it comes to uncovering anomalies in a photo, one being your eyes, which is really the best asset. Without practice you'd be fooled, but you can train yourself to be analytical and start noticing the imperfections and oddities that point to a manipulated photograph.

By its nature, a photograph is an incomplete and slanted picture of reality, depicting exactly what the photographer wants you to see and no more. But, even though it may seem odd and scepticism may be all around, I am sure you will agree that photographers and graphic designers ought to be the guiding principle of reality and truth. It may be misleading to alter the content of a photograph that deceives the public in a negative way, especially if the photo contains history.

Clearly, there's no magic button - and there may never be one - but photographers have the responsibility to document society and preserve images as a matter of historical record, despite the fact that emerging electronic technologies provide

new challenges to their integrity.

Delving a little deeper, whenever pictures are altered the essence of that photo quickly disappears. The unspoken contract between the photographer and viewer is broken, so the photo is no longer a glimpse of the scene but an illusion with selective facts, categorised in a deceptive way. Against that backdrop consider this school of thought: Hypothetically, each photograph is like a big story, and behind that big story is a great storyteller.

Photoshop is an amazing tool for alterations, and can clearly be used for both good and evil, which is not necessarily a bad thing. Photoshop is a gift to the design industry, but understanding the difference between retouched images and stretching the truth for public relations purposes is two different messages.

The assumption that some legal authorities, marketing agencies, beauty industries and others still make is that pictures cannot - and do not - lie, and everything seen on a photo is real. Well, without fear of con-

tradiction I would say that unquestionably Photoshop still reigns as the "president of the manipulative club".

It has the ability to so easily erase, add, lighten, darken, stretch and shrink any elements in a picture to tell a story that "never, ever" happened. And, sadly, do you know that whenever a photo receives just a slight modification it still does not tell its viewer the story or truth in its entirety? Until we meet again, have fun, enjoy life and stay on top of your game.

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

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

SCIENTISTS TO ADDRESS THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK

THE sixth Exuma Business Outlook (EBO) on October 26 will feature two female Bahamian scientists addressing the quality and sustainability of development in this nation.

"We are more than pleased to have secured the participation of professional engineer Sonia Brown, who is the principal of Graphite Engineering, a leading firm in that branch of development in the Bahamas, and Felicity Burrows, marine conservation specialist, Northern Caribbean Office, The Nature Conservancy," said Joan Albury, president of The Counsellors and developer of the five-island Business Outlook conferences.

Sonia Brown will address the topic *Getting the Right Mix - Conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy*, to which she brings 17 years' experience in the engineering industry. A graduate of the College of the Bahamas and of the University of the West Indies, she earned a degree in mechanical engineering with honours from the latter institution.

Mrs Brown spent seven years with the Ministry of Public Works, where she developed and contributed to many projects of national significance. She speaks of "a rewarding time" at Atlantis, where she further expanded her experience during a three-year term as director of projects in the facilities division, with responsibility for the management and execution of a multi-million dollar capital budget for the Paradise Island property.

A former president of the Bahamas Society of Engineers, Mrs Brown is also a former member of the Professional Engineers Board. She said: "The Board is dedicated to assisting Bahamian engineers in securing meaningful participation in major projects executed in this country. More importantly, the Board seeks to ensure that appropriate projects are developed for the Bahamian environment that would sustain the beauty of our country over the long term."

Mrs Brown is registered with the Florida State Board of Engineering and the Professional Engineers Board of the



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Bahamas, and is also a member of the American Society of Heating Refrigerating & Air Conditioning Engineers.

Meanwhile, Ms Burrows will speak on *Conservation in the Bahamas: The future of the Exumas*. She holds a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science from Auburn University, Alabama, and a master's degree in Marine Environmental Science from Florida A&M University.

Ms Burrows began her professional career as a contractor in marine science for both I.M. Systems Group and Jardon and Howard Technologies at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Centres for Coastal and Ocean Science in Silver Spring, Maryland. She assisted with the development of a user-friendly, science-based coastal habitat restoration monitoring manual, and from 2002 to 2006 worked on the Oceans and Human Health grants team.

Ms Burrows joined The Nature Conservancy in 2006, and is responsible for collaborating with the Government and local communities to identify priority conservation areas and develop strategies to manage and protect existing and proposed protected areas.

She assists with numerous marine-related projects, including the Bahamas marine reserves network management planning efforts, the Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystems Working Group, the Rare Conservation Pride Campaign for spiny lobster in Abaco, and acts as coordinator for the Bahamas Spiny Lobster Fishery Improvement Project.

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FREEPORT RESORT PUT UP FOR SALE

By NATARIO MCKENZIE
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A Grand Bahama-based resort is up for sale after closing its doors earlier this week, an executive confirmed to Tribune Business yesterday.

Some 15 persons have been left unemployed as a result of the Island Palm Resort's closure, although resort executives declined to comment on the lay-offs when contacted by Tribune Business yesterday.

The Island Palm Resort's general manager, Delores Adderley, would only confirm to Tribune Business: "Sunday was the last day. This is not a temporary closure, it's a permanent closure. The property is being put on the market."

Mrs Adderley declined further comment on the matter and directed Tribune Business to contact Mike Kennedy, managing director of Island Palm's sister resort, Island Seas, for further comment. Repeated calls to Mr Kennedy yesterday however

proved unsuccessful up to press time yesterday.

The closure of the 143-room resort on Mall Drive and Explorers Way, sending more persons on to the unemployment line, spells more bad news for Grand Bahama, whose economy has been struggling for some time. Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce president, K. Peter Turnquest, told Tribune Business, however, that he was still optimistic the island's economy will rebound.

"I am still optimistic that

we'll see some rebound. The reality is that things are very slow at the moment, and we

are going through a rough patch, but we're trying to do some things to see if we can

bring back some business. Hopefully those initiatives will pay off," he said.

BTC RESPONDS TO UNION PROTESTS

THE BAHAMAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY'S (BTC) chief executive yesterday expressed hope the carrier could work with its two trade unions to "shape a way forward", following a demonstration by one union's members in front of its head office

That move came in response to the contract proposal to the non-management bargaining unit - the BCPOU.

Geoff Houston, BTC's chief executive, said: "First, I would like to point out that we have been able to accomplish much with our union partners since coming into BTC in April. We have had considerable discussions on a wide range of issues, and have been able to agree on matters that have served the interests of the entire BTC team.

"So while we certainly do not want to negotiate a very important new labour agreement in the press, we understand that our union partners will not always agree with us and will want to use available channels to get their point across. This will happen from time to time and we are not alarmed."

He added: "Paramount,



Geoff Houston, BTC's chief executive

though, in our minds as we move forward is the need to create a world-class, customer-centric organisation that provides superior service, cutting-edge products and best prices and value for money. And our industrial arrangements and company policies must be shaped to facilitate this if BTC is to survive and thrive going forward."

BTC, Mr Houston said, had entered not only private

ownership but faced increasing competition in its traditional spaces such as landline. BTC also faces the prospect of a strong mobile competitor in less than two-and-a-half years.

"We have indicated to the unions our desire for true partnership to move BTC forward in this increasingly competitive environment," the chief executive said.

"Our shared desire must be to create an environment where our team members can grow and flourish professionally - a setting where all staff are empowered and can advance based on their own skill and preparedness to excel. This frankly means that together we have to create a new business environment that focuses on customer care, improved quality of our products and services, freedom to innovate and get things done, and the assurance that all team members are accountable to each other, the business and our clients.

"Provided that we can in good faith continue our discussions based on these core principles, I am convinced that we shall find common ground and shape an agreement that will serve the interest of all parties."



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DEVELOPMENT NAMES NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE

A NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE has been appointed to oversee development of the 400-home Palm Cay project on Eastern Road.

Richard Browning brings 30 years of development management experience to the post. His arrival comes as Palm Cay Development Company enters its next construction phase, and begins a new

branding and marketing programme.

Mr Browning has experience in all aspects of leisure resort construction and management, including financial structuring, master planning, marketing and sales to local and international markets.

During the last two decades, he has overseen development of six award

winning, multi-million dollar residential golf communities, including the Oubaii Golf Resort in South Africa, featuring an Ernie Els-designed golf course. His most recent project involved the launch, development and delivery of Riffa Views in the Kingdom of Bahrain, a 900-villa residential golf development alongside Colin Montgomerie

and Boris Becker.

"I find joining Palm Cay Development particularly exciting. This is a quality project with prestige and appeal for both local and international home buyers, who love to live by the ocean," said Mr Browning.

"And as one of the few marinas on New Providence, Palm Cay represents an opportunity for a rather unique and enviable residential lifestyle."

Apart from the marina, Palm Cay will feature a Club House offering a waterfront lifestyle. The development combines turnkey and land purchasing opportunities, plus boat slips, for each home owner.

RICHARD BROWNING



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SECURITIES COMMISSION OF THE BAHAMAS

PUBLIC NOTICE

No. 17 of 2011

11th October 2011

Re: **REGULATORY AUTHORITY ON INFORMATION SHARING**

This **NOTICE** is issued by the Securities Commission of the Bahamas (the Commission) pursuant to the Securities Industry Act, Chapter 363 (the Act) and is intended to outline the factors considered by the Commission in decisions related to sharing of information and the authority to provide such information.

As part of their functions and due to the international activities of securities markets, securities regulators are required to consult and share information with each other to ensure compliance and enforcement of securities laws and regulations. To facilitate its responsibility as part of an international network of regulators supervising global entities, the Commission is authorised to assist foreign regulators pursuant to section 91 of the Act, which empowers the Commission to "disclose to an overseas regulatory authority information necessary to enable that authority to exercise regulatory functions including the conduct of civil or administrative investigations and proceedings to enforce laws, regulations and rules administered by that authority". This power allows the Commission to obtain information, for an international counterpart or for itself, by various means. Persons from whom the Commission requests information are required to provide the information; however, if it becomes necessary the Commission can take any action necessary, including entering a licensee's premises to obtain the information.

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The speaker line-up includes Stacia Williams, president of Total Image Management; Jerome Gomez, accountant and president of Global Corporate Management, and former administrator of the Bahamas Entrepreneurial Venture Fund; Abaco businessman Pastor Silbert Mills, president of the Bahamas Christian Network; Leslie Vanderpool, president of the Bahamas International Film Festival (BIFF); and Utah Taylor-Rolle, president of Nitro Films and host of the popular television show, *Controversy TV*.

The topics to be covered at the conference, which is being held at Worker's House from 9am-5pm, include:

- * 'Small is the New Big'
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- * 'The Do's and Don'ts of Business - Playing clean when your competitors play dirty'
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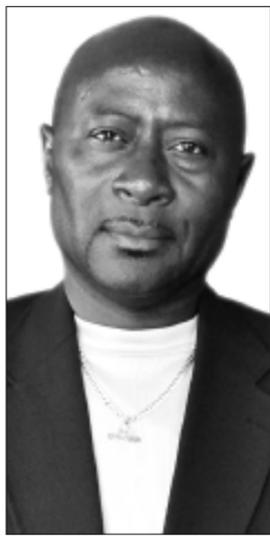
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US COMPANIES POSTED FEWER JOB OPENINGS IN AUGUST

WASHINGTON Associated Press

U.S. EMPLOYERS advertised fewer jobs in August than the previous month. Some may have pulled back on hiring plans in the face of wild stock market swings and renewed recession fears.

Companies and governments posted 3.1 million job openings in August, down from 3.2 million in July, the Labor Department said Wednesday.

The drop was the first in four months, although July's openings were the highest in nearly three years.

Still, there's heavy competition for each job. Nearly 14 million people were out of work in August, which means an average of 4.6 unemployed workers competed for each opening. That's worse than July, when the ratio was 4.3. In a healthy economy, the ratio is roughly 2 to 1.

Total openings are well above the 2.1 million that were available in July 2009, which was

one month after the recession officially ended. But they are far below the 4.4 million jobs advertised in December 2007, when the recession began.

The downshift in job postings partly reflects the increasing ability of companies to quickly adjust their hiring plans if the economy sours.

"As soon as companies hear talk of a 'soft patch,' they hit the pause button on hiring," said Jeff Joerres, chief executive of ManpowerGroup, the world's largest staffing agency.

Such caution also means employers are filling jobs more slowly. In the past year, openings have risen 6.8 percent, while actual hiring has increased only 3.3 percent.

"The heightened financial and economic uncertainty may lead businesses to downsize their original hiring intentions and hold off on hiring," said Henry Mo, an economist at Credit Suisse, in a note to clients.

Employers are also getting pickier, economists say, and are holding out for better-qualified candidates. And they may not be offering enough pay to prospective employees.

APD Limited

TENDER NOTICE

APD Limited invites sealed Tenders from eligible tenderers for the **APD Inland Terminal Access Road Water Main Project**. The project includes the construction of a new water main from Fire Trail Road to the new APD Inland Terminal Warehouse Facility.

Tender Documents in electronic format may be collected from the address below, between 10:00 AM and 4:00P PM, from Tuesday 18 October 2011 to Friday 21 October 2011. **This tender is only open to contractors currently listed on the Bahamas Water & Sewerage Corporation (WSC) Approved Contractors List.** Contractors on the WSC Approved Contractors List may obtain a tender package from the following address:

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Completed Tender Documents must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked, **"CONFIDENTIAL – TENDER APPLICATION FOR APD INLAND TERMINAL ACCESS ROAD WATER MAIN PROJECT"** and shall be submitted to the APD at the address above before 11 AM on Tuesday, 25 October, 2011. Late submissions will not be accepted.

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, preventable blindness from trauma, glaucoma and retinopathy (a common complication of diabetes and high blood pressure), continues to increase worldwide due to the growing prevalence of violence, accidents, and chronic lifestyle related diseases such as diabetes and hypertension, two of the most common causes of morbidity and mortality in The Bahamas;

AND WHEREAS, high incidences of diabetes, hypertension and eye injuries in the population of The Bahamas, place individuals at high risk for permanent loss of vision (eye sight) contributing to the economic burden on both the health care and social support systems of the country;

AND WHEREAS, health care professionals recognize that through public education, a reduction in the incidence and prevalence of eye disorders, such as retinopathies, glaucoma and injuries from trauma that result in preventable blindness is achievable, thus reducing the numbers of individuals losing their eye sight;

AND WHEREAS, International World Sight Day is celebrated globally on the 13th October, 2011;

AND WHEREAS, in The Bahamas, Eye Health Awareness and Education Week is being observed under the theme, "Closing the Doors on Blindness, Keeping Our Windows Open to the World" with a focus on public awareness and education on good eye health practices to protect the eyes and prevent blindness;

AND WHEREAS, all governmental, non-governmental organizations and citizens are encouraged to join with the PUBLIC HOSPITAL AUTHORITY AND MINISTRY OF HEALTH in its efforts to reduce the incidence of eye injuries and preventable blindness in the Bahamian population by increasing public awareness and education and promoting good eye health practices, inclusive of compliance with treatment of eye and related systemic diseases such as diabetes and hypertension;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Hubert A. Inghram, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, do hereby proclaim 9th – 13th October, 2011 as "EYE HEALTH AWARENESS AND EDUCATION WEEK IN THE BAHAMAS".

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LEADING IN LOW PRICES PLUS QUALITY STAMPS

'URGENTLY ADDRESS STRUCTURAL' DEFICIT

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that the likes of Moody's and Standard & Poor's (S&P) were likely to cut the Bahamas' sovereign credit rating within the next six months, although this would be due more to getting caught up in Europe's debt woes rather than any issues here.

And he also ruled out the likelihood that the Bahamas would ever default on its sovereign debt, given that currently some 82 per cent of it is held domestically, making it easy to reschedule debt servicing payments.

Yet the former Central Bank governor warned that the Bahamas' \$4 billion-plus national debt would increasingly divert funds away from areas such as education and health through higher debt servicing payments.

Identifying weak revenue performance as the key factor behind the ever-expanding deficits and national debt, Mr Smith urged policymakers to focus on stimulating aggregate demand, warning that high unemployment had created a vicious circle ultimately impacting the Government's income, too.

The IMF, in its recently-published Western Hemisphere Economic Outlook, predicted that the Bahamas' primary fiscal deficit - the difference between the Government's recurrent revenue and recurrent spending, with the latter exceeding the former - was set to widen over the next two years.

The Bahamas' primary deficit, the IMF warned, was set to increase from 2.1 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) in 2010 to 2.2 per cent this year, before expanding to 2.6 per cent in 2012.

The Fund's projections are not good news for the Bahamas or the Ingraham administration, given that they need to set the annual fiscal deficit back on a declining trajectory to halt the rise in, and ultimately start cutting, the national debt and its ratio to GDP.

The IMF data also lays bare the Bahamas' revenue weakness. While collections are projected to improve from the 16.8 per cent they slipped to in 2010, the Fund projects they will only rise to levels equivalent to 17.8 per cent and 17.5 per cent of GDP, respectively, in 2011 and 2012. Both figures are well short of the '20 per cent of GDP' target the Government sets for revenue.

Recurrent spending, though, as a percentage of GDP, is projected to hover either side of 20 per cent, hitting 19.9 per cent in 2011 and 20.1 per cent next year.

Assessing that data, Mr Smith said the revenue projections were "key to our problem". Dismissing those who had blamed the Ingraham administration's "capital works and infrastructure spending" stimulus for the widening deficits, he added: "When you examine the figures, you'll see the deficit is being driven by the weak revenue performance. The major concern is on recurrent revenue."

"If it's increasing at all, the rate of increase is much less than the increase in our expenditure.", This, the former finance minister said, indicated that tax collections were weak and the tax increases unveiled in the 2010-2011 Budget were generating "diminishing returns".

"It's also showing the reduction in aggregate demand," Mr Smith said, pointing out that the Customs Duty-reliant tax system was heavily dependent on business and consumer consumption to drive import volumes.

Due to the recession, the Bahamas was "getting hit from all major categories of GDP", with high unemployment levels combining with "sluggish" tourist spending to reduce government revenues.

Based on the IMF data, Mr Smith said of the fiscal deficit: "It's not only a growing problem, but one that has to be addressed rather urgently. The primary deficit looks like it's taking on a structural element. The existing tax regime is not doing the job to grow out of this slowdown, and that will feed into higher debt ratios."

The IMF's fiscal projections are also rather less optimistic than the Government's.

The latter's revenue forecasts, standing as a percentage of GDP, are at 18.6 per cent, 18.5 per cent and 19.3 per cent for the Budget years 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013.

The expenditure estimates, though, are closer to the IMF's, but the Government's deficit projections are still much lower. While the differences could result from the IMF's 'years' being based on the calendar year, rather than the Government's Budget year, Mr Smith said the Fund's figures may also take into account the Department of Statistics' revised GDP figures - which had the effect of driving the revenue ratio lower.

Any increase in unemployment

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would further drive revenues down, Mr Smith said, and he added: "One of the obvious things to look at is how do you get faster increases in revenue? What type of measures are there to do it?"

"To the extent the bulk taxes come from consumption, you need to lower the unemployment rate, increase transaction spending or both. Your policies have to be designed to increase aggregate demand."

Reiterating that it was important to reverse the increase in the national debt-to-GDP ratio "before we get to the danger zone", the Bahamas "cannot take any comfort" from the fact its gross direct government debt, predicted by the IMF to hit 49.9 per cent by year-end 2012, was lower than almost any other Caribbean country.

Once concerned to keep the debt-to-GDP ratio between 35-40 per cent, given that above the latter was considered a "red flag" by the IMF, Mr Smith said: "The mindset has changed now. We're becoming comfortable with these higher ratios, and I don't know if that's a good thing."

"We've been told we don't want to be this high, we're heading down a slippery slope..... This thing is like a cancer, and it takes time for the rot to set in."

If "nothing improves over the next six months", the former finance minister suggested the Bahamas' sovereign credit rating itself might get cut.

This, though, would not be "because of what is happening here". The Bahamas, like many other nations, was likely to get caught up in the storm surrounding the debt woes of nations such as Greece, Italy, Spain and Portugal, and the exposure many European and international banks had to this.

"We certainly wouldn't escape a serious look by the international rating agencies," Mr Smith told Tribune Business, adding that too many Bahamians were failing to adjust and believed "this would all blow over", especially when s Mar got going.

The major saving grace for the Bahamas, he added, was that only 18 per cent of its \$4.075 billion national debt, some \$745.053 million, was held by foreign creditors. The fact the vast majority was held domestically would make it easier to effect a debt restructuring, should the need become pressing.

"I think we would have been in a lot of trouble if there was more foreign debt. Even though that's grown very rapidly over the last several years, it's not very large by international standards," Mr Smith said.

The Bahamas' total foreign currency debt, held by local and foreign creditors, stands at some \$1.268 billion, 31.2 per cent of the total. If debt servicing became a problem, Mr Smith said the Government, for example, could easily negotiate with its Bahamas-based lenders to replace 10-year bonds with 20-25 year bonds carrying a lower interest rate.

"I think we're still in a good position to make those changes, but we want to do, rather than wait until it's upon us," Mr Smith said, adding that a Bahamas sovereign default was highly unlikely and "pretty much covered".

Outlining the main issue, he said: "We won't be able to do as many things as we did in the past if we spend more and more money on debt servicing. We'll be diverting resources from areas critically in need of increased funding, like law enforcement and education."

BUSINESS

'UTTER CONTEMPT FOR JOBS'

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bills were higher than US taxes, thus negating much of Freeport's 'tax-free' advantages for international firms, Mr Howes said energy costs were undermining the island's economic future.

He argued that since he and Fenestration arrived on the island four years ago, "not one other investor" had established a new business in Freeport or Grand Bahama.

Grand Bahama Power Company, while confirming the meeting with Mr Howes did take place on Tuesday,

declined to comment, saying it did not discuss individual accounts. However, Mr Howes provided a detailed account of the encounter, which was attended by company chief executive, Sarah MacDonald; vice-president of finance, Tony Lopez; and the utility's attorney, Robert Adams, a partner in Graham, Thompson & Company.

He told Tribune Business the meeting started on the wrong foot and went downhill from there, both sides accusing the other of bad faith. Grand Bahama Power Company referred to the

numerous media articles on Mr Howes and Fenestration; he was upset at Mr Adams' presence.

"I said you have no idea what you're doing to the future of this island," Mr Howes recalled, noting that "the Internet is a powerful weapon". This, he alleged, was interpreted as a threat by Grand Bahama Power Company's executives to besmirch the utility's reputation.

"It's been four years since I came in," Mr Howes told this newspaper. "Not one investor has come in during the last four years. If any investor does their due diligence, they'll see they can't run a business here.

"Their attorney [Mr Adams] still says we have no right to run our own generator. I said we have a legal opinion which says we can. You can't supply power of any quality, and give it to me at a price six times' higher than anywhere else."

Mr Howes said the Grand Bahama Power Company executives also refused to look at compensating Fenestration for the alleged \$200,000 worth of equipment losses due to electricity woes, adding that they "denied any knowledge" of the two document packages he sent in to prove the losses.

"I don't think it's possible to stay here," he told Tribune Business. "I've given it my best try. I've invested for four years, investing my life savings in this island, and don't

want to give those people any more of my money.

"I said: 'This is a total waste of time'. It shows their utter contempt for jobs. What about the people going to lose their jobs? In the end I can only do so much. It was a little shocking and it's so annoying, but it's not worth it."

Mr Howes said Fenestration hoped to take some of its remaining 60 Bahamas-based employees to its newly-acquired factory in Lantana, Florida, where it is shifting operations.

Presumably Grand Bahama Power Company fears that allowing Fenestration to operate off its own generator would have set a very dangerous precedent, at least as far as its high-yielding commercial and industrial customers are concerned.

Yet this latest episode is only likely to further ratchet up pressure on Grand Bahama Power Company, which has been rocked in recent weeks by public protests over major increases in electricity costs.

Mr Howes, meanwhile, said the "sad part" about Fenestration's problems - and Grand Bahama's power woes in general - was the "knock on effect" for the wider community, such as reduced licence income for the Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA).

Arguing that Grand Bahama Power Company's new \$80 million power plant was intended to merely stabilise electricity prices, Mr Howes added: "I'm not the only one. I've given it my best shot....

"I'm not going to cry over it, and I'd say it's an experience I have to learn from. I'm not the first one, and I won't be the last. There's nothing else I can do. I can't run a generator and run a business, so what else can I do?"

He told Tribune Business that he had been "subsidising" his \$20 million investment from the get-go, and had "never made a profit from it. If I can't make a profit, there's no point in going through with it in the first place".

Mr Howes added that it was not just Grand Bahama's manufacturing sector, but its tourism industry, that was suffering under the weight of high power bills.

BTC BLASTED FOR 'POOR JOB'

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network once they come in in April 2014) to offer post-paid packages of 4,000-10,000 minutes per month, Mr D'Aguilar said the newly-privatised carrier seemed to be going against the US trend of focusing on bulk volume users.

"I think BTC is doing a poor job in offering options to the business community," Mr D'Aguilar told Tribune Business. "The biggest plan I'm aware of 1,000 minutes for just under \$140 per month for cell phones.

"Businesses operate on a post-paid basis. I've been trying to investigate how to get a group plan for my operations, but all they [BTC people] say is they don't know about it. They don't advertise it, and you have to know someone at BTC to find out about it.

"It seems as if they are not catering to their largest volume users at BTC. Why? Because we have no choice but to use them as they are a monopoly. It's an untapped market they're not addressing. They're focused on dealing with all those people who have prepaid phones because it's very profitable."

Mr D'Aguilar said he typically paid a \$700-\$800 post-paid cellular bill himself per month, given the constant communications he had to make with customers and staff. He added that the 1,000 minutes per month deal would last six-seven days at Superwash.

"This is the way we communicate now; with cell phones, not landlines," the Superwash president said. "Businesses need greater relief. We need business plans of 4,000-5,000 minutes a month, even 10,000 minutes a month....

"We're paying a lot of money for cell phones, and they are not addressing those large volume users. When the competition comes about, as it will do in three years' time, we will remember this and move."

Mr D'Aguilar added that BTC's strategy appeared to be contrary to long-term trends in the US, where cellular carriers were targeting high volume, bulk users and seeking to tie them into discounted, promotional deals. In this way, the largest customers were enticed to keep coming back for more minutes.

The Superwash president also lamented the fact that BTC appeared to have no "international plan" for its post-paid cellular customers, adding that when he travelled to the US on business, as he often did, he bought a "cheap phone" from Wal-Mart to avoid getting "burned" by the Bahamian carrier's rates.

"They're so busy dealing with the post-paid market that they pay no attention at all to the business community," Mr D'Aguilar said.

"Whether it's for international travel, using it a lot in your business.... For plumbers and electricians, the cell phone is the primary tool of their business, and they're being hammered. I'm sure a lot of CEOs and managers require a lot of cell phone use, and there's no plan for the more you use, the better your rate becomes."

Based on experience to date, Mr D'Aguilar said the private sector would be the "first people" a rival cellular operator would attract.

"In the first six months, you have not provided any options to the biggest volume user, the business community, and those are the people you want. Two-and-a-half years to competition. The clock is ticking," he told Tribune Business.

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APD Limited – Request for Proposals for Private Terminal Operators.

Invitation to qualified Ocean Carriers interested in operating a private container terminal within the Nassau Container Port.

APD Limited was established in 2010 pursuant to a MOU between the Bahamas Government and APD Limited for the purpose of developing Arawak Cay into an international port facility serving the break bulk cargo, bulk materials and containerized freight needs in New Providence. The port development and operating agreement with the Government of The Bahamas provides APD Limited with exclusive rights to operate the port in New Providence for twenty years and provides APD Limited with a 45 year lease for the port property on Arawak Cay.

In July 2010 Port construction began and the Port is expected to be fully operational by January 2012. APD Limited would like to invite qualified firms to submit proposals to operate a private container terminal in the Arawak Port.

The Ocean Carrier will be expected to operate and supply the necessary freight handling equipment and personnel to meet the operating needs of the assigned private container terminal. APD Limited will establish the rules and regulations regarding the safe operation of a private container terminal. The Ocean carrier will be required to conform to these requirements in order to remain in good standing with APD Limited. Should the Ocean Carrier fail to meet the minimum operating requirements and/or satisfactorily comply with the terms and conditions of the license, APD Limited will have the right to terminate the license without consequence to APD Limited. The Ocean Carrier will be subject to a \$15 per TEU license fee and will be subject to minimum volume guarantees. In addition the Ocean Carrier will be required to construct a maintenance facility to support the freight equipment operation. All improvements made to APD Limited property, to include facilities of any kind, become the absolute property of APD Limited at the expiration of the license.

Ocean Carriers interested in obtaining a license to operate a private container terminal in the Arawak Port are invited to submit a proposal to include but not be limited to the following:

- Business structure: sole entity or a consortium of partners. Please explain and provide background of consortium.
- Evidence that the applicant is licensed to provide freight terminal/stowage operations in the Bahamas.
- Detailed account of current and historic experience in operating a private container terminal.
- APD Limited requires that the Ocean Carrier provide a minimum TEU volume commitment as part of their response to the RFP. The applicant is asked to provide the TEU volume which they will guarantee each of the first three years of operation.
- Evidence that the applicant can provide the following freight equipment by the dates indicated:
 - Reach stackers, top loader, straddle carrier – minimum QTY required 3 of any combination (All required by January 15th, 2012)
 - Jackey Trucks – minimum QTY 4 (required by January 15th, 2012)
- The applicant's proposal include a detailed terminal operations staff and their qualifications and years of experience.

Procedure:

Upon receipt and satisfactory analysis of the provided qualification, the shortlisted companies will be invited to present their proposal on or before November 2nd, 2011.

You are asked to hand deliver your submissions to the office of APD Limited, Arawak Cay, Bahamas. Submissions must be received on or before November 1st, 2011.

HELP WANTED

Description

Established Restaurant in the Out Islands of the Bahamas is looking for a Souse Chef and a Line Cook to assist in running a busy restaurant kitchen preferably for the PM shift.

Skills/Requirements

Caribbean resort experience would be great but not essential.

Sous Chef: Managing a Busy Kitchen. Setting menus and food pricing. Ordering and Monitoring supplies: -

Position Functions / Areas of Responsibility

- Attention to detail is a must, demonstrate culinary expertise.
- Creative and Passionate to produce innovative dishes and enhance the overall dining experience for customers.

Line Cook: Assisting Souse Chef in basic preparation. Under the direction of the Chef, the successful candidate would be responsible for preparing a wide variety of foods and sautéed entrees with diverse methods of preparation and adhere to product sensitivities and plate presentation.

Position Functions / Areas of Responsibility

- Keeps updated on recipe changes. Ensures proper execution of recipe procedures to maintain a high quality and consistent product.
- Completes assigned prep work for stocking and set up of station. Breaks down and cleans station thoroughly every day.
- Communicates ticket times and potential problems with the service staff, kitchen staff and managers.
- Produce items exactly according to recipe to ensure guest satisfaction and control food costs.
- Follow food handling and sanitation procedures to control food costs and ensure guest and employee safety and morale.
- Assists other kitchen members with prep work and cleaning responsibilities.
- Performs other duties and responsibilities as required or requested.

Proposed starting date: As soon as possible.

Ideal candidate has over three years in a hotel or resort management role.

Please send all resumes and cv's to resortingattentia@yahoo.com

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AIRPORT CONCESSIONS SET TO CREATE 250 JOBS

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"The main tenders that we put out included the indoor-outdoor restaurant and coffee shop for the new arrivals terminal, and then two food court locations in the new domestic international departures lounge," he explained.

"The news stands for the domestic international departure terminal, none of those have closed yet, so we don't know how many proposals we're going to receive."

Mr Spinks added: "We did have a fairly good representation at the briefings that we held for those. For the restaurant and coffee shop we had probably 12 people

show up for that. For the food court we probably had about 25 people show up for the briefings, and for the news stand and gift shops it was probably be the same."

"When they show up for the briefing it doesn't mean they're going to submit a proposal, obviously. There seems to be a fair amount of interest at the briefing stage at least."

Mr Spinks told Tribune Business that sales per passenger passing through LPIA were above average for airports of its size, boosting business for the retail, restaurant and food concessions. However, the gross number of passengers transiting LPIA was not as high as NAD wanted, travel hav-

ing been impacted by the economic downturn.

"If you look at business on a sales per passenger basis, how many sales you're getting for each passenger that's going through, that number is quite healthy. It's actually above average for airports our size," Mr Spinks said.

"The problem has been the actual number of passengers going through has not grown like all of us would have hoped they would have grown, because of the US economy primarily. The stores in the US departures terminal, while they are doing OK, they and NAD are looking towards getting more passengers into that terminal."

With regards to phase II

of the airport redevelopment Mr Spinks said: "Phase II, which is the conversion of the old US terminal into the new international arrivals terminal, is due for completion about the end of September early October next year."

"That will include the indoor-outdoor restaurant at the arrival area, a coffee shop, and it actually also includes the food court area for the new domestic international terminal because stage two also includes building the other departure piers going out to the other gates. Stage three is basically one year later, so by October 2013 everything should be up and running. As of now we are on time."

TOUR OPERATORS 'POUNDED' FROM FUEL PRICE MOVES

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what the future is going to bring. During these tough times I have not laid one person off. I have not reduced one salary and we operate

seven days a week, 22 hours a day."

The Government announced that with effect from yesterday it would increase the retail margins on gasoline and diesel, previously fixed at \$0.44 and \$0.19

respectively. Gasoline now stands at \$0.54 per gallon, and it is \$0.34 per gallon of diesel.

Michael Symonette, owner of Bahamas Experience, told Tribune Business: "We have a team evaluating what effect that's going to have on our operational costs. As matter of fact, they are in the process of doing that right now."

"It's too soon to say what the ultimate outcome will be but, obviously with our size and the volume of fuel we use, it will have a significant effect on us. We are crunching those numbers as we speak."

He added: "Without going to look at the records I would estimate we spend about \$50,000 a month on fuel, so any movement one way or the other will be significant for us."

Mr Symonette said Bahamas Experience was trying to identify more efficient ways of operating amid rising fuel costs.

"We are looking at more fuel efficient ways of operation. We are trying to keep our prices competitive, along with trying to offset any increased cost in fuel, but it's a major challenge," Mr Symonette said.

"We have contracts. Sometimes they are one to two years out, so we have to live with that cost. It's not mandated by government, like taxis or bus rates, but we are locked in in a similar way because we have fixed contracts."

"We have just been exploring ways of being more efficient and utilising our fuel consumption much more wisely."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Tenders are invited for the supply of Drugs and Related Items for the National Prescription Drug Plan.

The Tender document, which includes conditions along with other relevant information can be collected on or after October 17, 2011 from the National Prescription Drug Plan Office, located on the 2nd floor of the National Insurance Board's, WIMP Tower Local Office.

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Nassau, Bahamas

Electronic and hard copies must be received at the above address on or before 5pm (Wednesday, November 02, 2011). Copies of valid business licence and National Insurance certificate must accompany all proposals.

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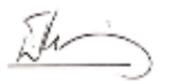
NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY WINDING UP

Montage Capital Partners Limited (in Voluntary Liquidation) (The Company).

TAKE NOTICE that the Company has passed a Voluntary Liquidation on September 30, 2011 by a special resolution passed at an extraordinary meeting of the Company held on September 30, 2011.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that Kenneth M. Kya and Edmund Rahming of KRYG Global, of Cayman Professional Center, Cayman Village, West Bay Street and Blake Road, PO Box 5P-5064, Nassau, Bahamas have been appointed Joint Voluntary Liquidators of the Company.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2011


EDMUND RAHMING
JOINT VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATOR



VACANCY NOTICE

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- Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale

BUSINESS

STOCKS RISE ON HOPES FOR RESOLUTION TO EUROPE MESS

NEW YORK Associated Press

EUROPEAN LEADERS moved more decisively Wednesday to control the region's debt crisis, and sent stocks sharply higher. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 102 points and closed

at its highest level since late August.

The Dow had been up as many as 209 points, but gave up half that gain in the last hour of trading. Late-day reversals have become increasingly common in the market. So have point changes of more than 100

points. "Unfortunately I think we're stuck with the wild volatility that we've had for some period of time. I don't think we've moved past it," said Dennis Wassung, a portfolio manager at Salem, Massachusetts-based Cabot Money Management.

The Dow has rallied 8.1 percent since last Tuesday, when it hit its lowest point of the year, 10,362.26. The Standard & Poor's 500 index has risen even more in that time, 9.8 percent. That's the biggest 7-day jump for the S&P since March 2009, when the market hit 12-year lows.

The surge is even more remarkable considering that it came right after the S&P 500 nearly entered a bear market. On Oct. 4, it traded below 1,090, a 20 percent drop from its recent peak in April. Had it closed at or below that level, it would have entered what stock watchers call a bear market.

Much of the surge in stocks since last week was due to new efforts by European leaders to contain the continent's debt problems. On Wednesday, European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso presented a plan to strengthen European banks and lower Greece's debt. Greece is still waiting to receive the next install-

ment of its emergency loans. However, there is a growing belief that even those loans won't prevent the government from defaulting on its debt.

Separately, a Slovakian opposition party leader said that country's political parties have agreed to approve a deal to strengthen Europe's financial rescue program. Slovakia's parliament blocked the deal Tuesday. That set back efforts to free up more funds for indebted European countries and banks.

The Dow rose 102.55 points, or 0.9 percent, to close at 11,518.85. The average is now down just 0.5 percent for the year. The Dow has closed up or down at least 100 points in 11 of the past 13 trading days.

The S&P 500 rose 11.71, or 1 percent, to 1,207.25. The S&P is down 4 percent for 2011.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 21.70, or 0.8 percent, to 2,604.73.

Banks and financial stocks had the biggest gains in the S&P 500. Those companies would have the most to lose if European banks suffer big losses because of a default by the Greek government. A default would cause the value of Greek bonds held by banks in Europe to plunge, weakening their balance



STEPHEN HOLDEN, centre, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange with fellow traders, Wednesday. (AP)

sheets and making it harder for them to lend. Their financial problems would likely hurt other banks, including those in the U.S., and could hobble global credit markets.

European leaders are working to shore up those banks so they can withstand the impact.

The euro rose to \$1.38 against the U.S. dollar from \$1.37 late Tuesday.

The euro has fallen in recent months as Europe struggled to control its debt crisis. Treasury prices fell and their yields rose as investors bought riskier assets like stocks instead of U.S. government debt. The yield on the benchmark 10-year note rose to 2.21 percent from 2.16 percent late Tuesday.

Demand was slightly weaker than average at an auction of 10-year Treasury notes.

Liz Claiborne Inc. rose 34 percent after the company said it is selling its namesake brand and several others in an attempt to reverse years of losses. Liz Claiborne hasn't had an annual profit since 2006.

U.S. companies have begun to release their third-quarter earnings reports, and so far the results have been mixed. PepsiCo Inc. rose 2.9 percent after the company said its income rose because of stronger sales of snacks and beverages, especially overseas.

Alcoa Inc. dropped 2.4 percent after the aluminum maker reported earnings that were weaker than analysts expected.

A 12 percent drop in aluminum prices in the July-September period dragged down its results.

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS 2010/CLE/04/00092 IN THE SUPREME COURT Equity Side

IN THE MATTER OF all that piece parcel or lot of land containing 4.7 acres of land formerly the property of Nimrod Newton, situated in the area called Little Fortune Hill on the island of San Salvador one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

AND

IN THE MATTER OF The Quietng Titles Act, 1959

AND

IN THE MATTER OF The Petition of BERT DEVEAUX

NOTICE

BERT DEVEAUX, the Petitioner claims to be the owner in fee simple possession of the piece parcel or lot of land hereinbefore described and has made application to the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas under Section 3 of the Quietng Titles Act to have the title to the said piece parcel or lot of land investigated and the nature and extent thereof determined and declared in a Certificate of Title to be granted by the Court in accordance with the provisions of the Act. Copies of a diagram or plan showing the position boundaries and shape marks and dimensions of the said pieces parcels and lot of land may be inspected during normal working hours at the following places:

- (a) The Registry of the Supreme Court, Ambacher House, East Street in the City of Nassau, New Providence, The Bahamas.
(b) The Chambers of Kingdom Law Advocates, 16 West Avenue, Centreville, Nassau, The Bahamas, Attorneys for the Petitioner.

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

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

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

KINGDOM LAW ADVOCATES S 16 West Avenue, Centreville Nassau, Bahamas

NOTICE
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BUSINESS

PORTLAND, Oregon
Associated Press

PEPSICO 3Q PROFIT CLIMBS ON SNACK, BEVERAGE SALES

PEPSICO INC. has found its recipe for success in this economic environment: raise prices and grow overseas.

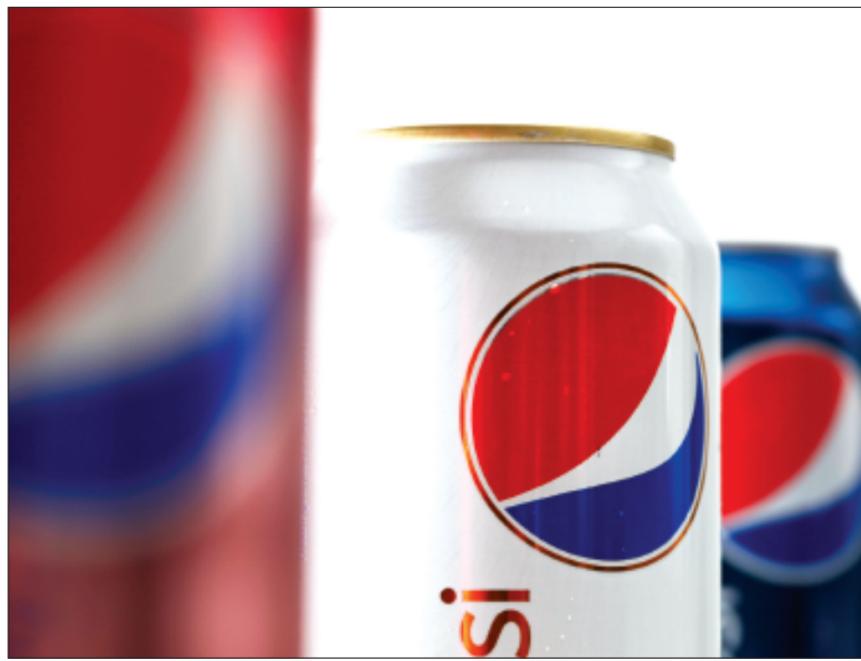
PepsiCo, like many U.S. companies, has faced a balancing act during this period of global economic uncertainty. Many consumer brands from McDonald's to Nike have raised prices as they try to offset their higher costs for ingredients, packaging and fuel. At the same time, they've had to look elsewhere to expand their business as consumers in developed markets like the U.S. have cut back on spending.

PepsiCo, maker of such products as Mt. Dew soda, Gatorade drink and Lay's potato chips, showed Wednesday that the emphasis on higher prices and growing its overseas business paid off in the third quarter. The company reported that its profit rose 4 percent for the period, beating Wall Street estimates.

PepsiCo earned \$2 billion, or \$1.25 per share, for the quarter that ended Sept. 3. That's up from \$1.92 billion, or \$1.19 per share, in the same quarter last year. Excluding charges related to its acquisition of Russian juice and dairy company Wimm-Bill-Dann and other one-time items, earnings were \$1.31 per share. PepsiCo's revenue climbed 13 percent to \$17.58 billion.

The results beat analyst expectations of \$1.30 per share on revenue of \$17.11 billion, according to FactSet.

The company increased its sales volume in both snacks and beverages during the period. Its biggest revenue gains came from overseas, with Europe reporting a 37 percent revenue increase because of higher prices and the addition of Wimm-Bill-Dann. Revenue for Asia, the Middle East and Africa rose 25 percent on increased prices and volume growth, particularly in emerging markets. The Latin America Foods unit posted a 19 percent increase in revenue, led by Mexico and Brazil.



In North America, the company's Frito-Lay business reported a 4 percent increase in revenue on strong sales of its Lay's Doritos, Cheetos and Ruffles brands. Revenue for Quaker Foods North America edged up 2 percent on higher prices and cost controls.

PepsiCo Americas Beverages has been its softest segment as consumers have cut back on spending and shown a preference for other drinks. The business posted a 3 percent revenue increase, largely on higher prices. Gatorade led volume growth for

non-carbonated beverages such as juices and sports drinks in North America. Company leaders said the North American beverage business remains a terrific business and a tough business, as it competes fiercely with companies such as Coca-Cola and Dr. Pepper Snapple.

PepsiCo CEO Indra Nooyi said Wednesday that PepsiCo may have pushed volume too much in years past rather than develop the identity and popularity of its brands more.

The company has worked to improve the popularity of some of its brands such as Pepsi Max, which has no calories and has greatly increased its sales.

PepsiCo will now turn to doing the same for its other brands. Nooyi said the company is also trying to think about creative ways to attract U.S. consumers who may still want to buy PepsiCo's drinks but have cut back on their spending. The company also said it will take further pricing increases in the fourth quarter on select products and certain markets.

"It's not going to take an awful

lot to get this thing going again," said Edward Jones analyst Jack Russo. "This quarter it was good to get some stabilization and hit the number."

PepsiCo reaffirmed its guidance for the year, but company leaders said they would wait until December to provide 2012 guidance to see how commodity prices, the economy and consumer response to higher prices play out.

PepsiCo leaders also dispelled any potential concern that it might go the way of Kraft Foods Inc. or Sara Lee Corp., which have recently announced plans to split up their businesses.

"I firmly believe that PepsiCo's value is maximized as one company," Nooyi told investors Wednesday.

"It was created as an integrated snack and beverage business and its success is tied to this combination. This has been true in the past and will remain in the future."

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
2011
IN THE SUPREME COURT
Common Law and Equity Side

CLECase 00273

BETWEEN

DAVID HAGAN

Plaintiff

AND

ANN - FINE-SAMA JINUCI

Second Plaintiff

AND

DEBORAH BALFOUR-BOODIE

First Defendant

AND

SONJA BALFOUR

Second Defendant

NOTICE

TO: SONJA BALFOUR
New Providence, Bahamas

TAKE NOTICE that an Action has been commenced against you in the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas Common Law and Equity Side No. CLECase 00273 of 2011 by David Hagan and Ann-elene Sama Jinuci (Plaintiff) in which the Plaintiff's claim - Specific Performance of an Agreement to Sell dated July 25, 2009, damages for breach of contract or return of deposit paid.

AND THAT it has been ordered by the Supreme Court of The Bahamas that service of the Writ of the abovesaid Action on you be effected by this advertisement.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that you may, within 14 days from the publication of this advertisement, inclusive of the day of such publication, acknowledge service of the said Writ of Summons and enter an appearance hereon, personally, by attorney, and in default of your so doing Judgment may be entered against you.

DATED This 17th day of August, A. D. 2011

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APD Limited – Request for Proposal for Common Warehouse Cargo operations support for the Gladstone Freight Terminal.

Invitation to qualified Bahamian firms to submit proposals for providing warehouse cargo services to ocean carriers, NVO's and Importers serving the Nassau market.

APD Limited was established in 2010 pursuant to a MOU between the Bahamas Government and APD Limited and for the purpose of developing Arawak Cay into an international port facility serving the break bulk cargo, bulk materials and containerized freight needs in New Providence. The MOU also contemplated the development of an inland deconsolidation facility along Gladstone Road. The port development and operating agreement with the Government of The Bahamas provides APD Limited with exclusive rights to operate the port in New Providence for twenty years and provides APD Limited with a 45 year lease for the port property on Arawak Cay and inland depot on Gladstone Road.

In August 2011, the Gladstone Freight Terminal construction began and the inland terminal is expected to be semi-operational by January 2012 with construction concluding in June 2012. The Gladstone Freight Terminal will include 50,000 square feet of warehouse space and 10,000 square feet of cargo cross dock facility. The initial annual base lease rate will be \$12 per square foot. International ocean carriers who presently have bonded cargo facilities have applied for warehouse space and a limited amount of warehouse area remains available for common warehouse operators. The common warehouse bays will become available beginning in March 2012. The Gladstone Freight Terminal warehouse is subdivided into ten 9,000 square foot bays (80ft wide by 150ft long). A copy of the facility layout may be collected from APD Limited office on Arawak Cay. The Gladstone Freight Terminal is located off of west Fire Trail Road just east of the Bahamix park.

The common warehouse operator would be expected to outfit the leased area with, at minimum, the following:

- Required offices to support the tenants administration and operations personnel
- Required offices to facilitate Bahamas Customs management of the cargo release process
- LP Forklifts and other freight equipment as determined by the tenant
- Warehouse racking

APD Limited will establish the rules and regulations on how to operate within the Gladstone Freight Terminal. Common warehouse operators will be required to conform to these requirements in order to remain in good standing with the terms and conditions of their lease with APD Limited.

Common warehouse operators interested in obtaining a lease for Gladstone Freight Terminal warehouse space are invited to submit a proposal to include but not be limited to the following:

1. Business structure, sole entity or a consortium of partners. Please explain and provide background of consortium.
2. Evidence that the applicant is licensed to provide warehouse operations in the Bahamas.
3. Copy of cargo volume/handling agreements or letter of intent with ocean carriers and/or importers indicating the volume of cargo that the applicant expects to handle in their leased area.
4. Number of 9,000 square foot bays the applicant intends to apply for
5. Letter from Bahamas Customs that the applicant is in good standing.
6. Detailed account of current and historic experience in providing warehouse cargo operations in the Bahamas.
7. The applicant is to include a list of all staff and their qualifications and years of experience.
8. Evidence from any one or more of Royal Bank of Canada, First Caribbean, Bank of The Bahamas, Royal Fidelity, Scotiabank or other recognized firm, indicating the applicant's ability to invest a minimum of \$500,000 on demand.

Procedure:

Upon receipt and satisfactory analysis of the provider's qualification, the shortlisted companies will be invited to present their proposal on or before November 15, 2011.

You are asked to hand deliver your submission to the office of APD Limited, Arawak Cay, Bahamas. Submissions must be received on or before November 4th, 2011.

HELP WANTED

Description

Established Resort in the Out Islands of the Bahamas is looking for a **General Manager or a Management Couple**. We are a 19-bed property with plans to double in size and other amenities in the future. Position will entail the day-to-day management of the property and working with immigration, customs and overseas purveyors.

Skills/Requirements

Caribbean resort experience would be great but not essential. **Big emphasis on Human Resources - guests and staff. One half should have very strong F&B experience, as a trained Chef would be a plus. The other half should be strong in maintenance and overall administration. Both should have experience in working in partnership with local communities.**

Proposed starting date: **As soon as possible.**

Ideal candidate has over three years in a hotel or resort management role.

Food and Beverage

- Ability to plan, order and execute a full daily menu
- Understanding of food costs and pricing
- Ability to schedule and train staff according to business demands
- Decent knowledge of wine and cocktails

Human Resources

- Guest satisfaction – ensuring that staff focuses on this all the time
- Work closely with your Heads of department to help them deliver
- Maintain and grow healthy relationships with all of the resorts neighbors
- Mentor and train senior staff
- Recruitment of staff when required
- Create growth opportunities and a learning environment for your staff
- Nurture relationships with the local community
- Insure that staff motivation happens on a daily basis
- Do performance reviews and ensure that it happens for all staff
- Deal with poor performance and be consistent

Financial

- Manage costs in relation with occupancies
- Manage budgets; ensuring monthly costs are in line with budgets and occupancies
- Supervise stock takes and inventories
- Computer literacy and financial understanding

Critical Skills

- Excellent Attention to Detail
- Able to perform under pressure with a high sense of responsibility
- Excellent leadership skills & team spirit
- Excellent command of the English Language
- Attention to detail
- Diligence and self-motivation to stay on top of your job
- Willingness/ability to develop other staff in their roles

Please send all resumes and cv's to resortsmgmtteam@yahoo.com



TICKET Masters representative presents Mr McKenzie with the first ticket copies.

BAHAMIAN ARTIST CALLS FOR HELP

By KHRISNA VIRGIL

WHEN gospel Bahamian artist Kevan "Kevi Kev" McKenzie was diagnosed with stage four colon cancer, he did not envision the extent of the hardship that would eventually come his way.

It was three years ago when the singer and writer of "They Don't Know You Until Ya Dead", "Sunday Christian" and many other songs, was diagnosed with colon cancer.

Right away his chemotherapy treatments began. Mr McKenzie was able to have a cancerous part of his colon removed with surgery. Last year, however, an annual check up revealed devastating news.

"They found tumors on my liver, lungs, and kidney," Mr McKenzie said.

He went right back into treatment, and after his twelfth round of chemotherapy, doctors reported only finding tumors on his lungs.

Despite the progress, more headaches came when the musician's insurance company cancelled his insurance, requiring him to pay medical bills of \$19,000 every three weeks. Mr McKenzie's bank also reported that \$50,000 saved specifically for treatments was missing from his account.

"It's been a challenge; it's been a sacrifice and I'm stretched really far," said Mr McKenzie.

Knowing his financial struggles, friends and family organised a fundraising concert to support him. Just asking for assistance from them, Mr McKenzie said was "difficult to do."

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financially, so it's very difficult to be on this side of the coin."



Kevan "Kevi Kev" McKenzie

the coin," he said.

Concert producer Kevin Harris made this appeal: "If Kevan has ever come your way, this is your time to come his way."

The concert is scheduled for Friday, October 14, at the Diplomat Centre on Carmichael Road. Top Bahamian artists slated to perform include: Alia Coley, DJ Counselor, Dynamite Daisey, Ricardo Clarke, Kenyatta Taylor, Shaback and others.



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2011

THE TRIBUNE'S
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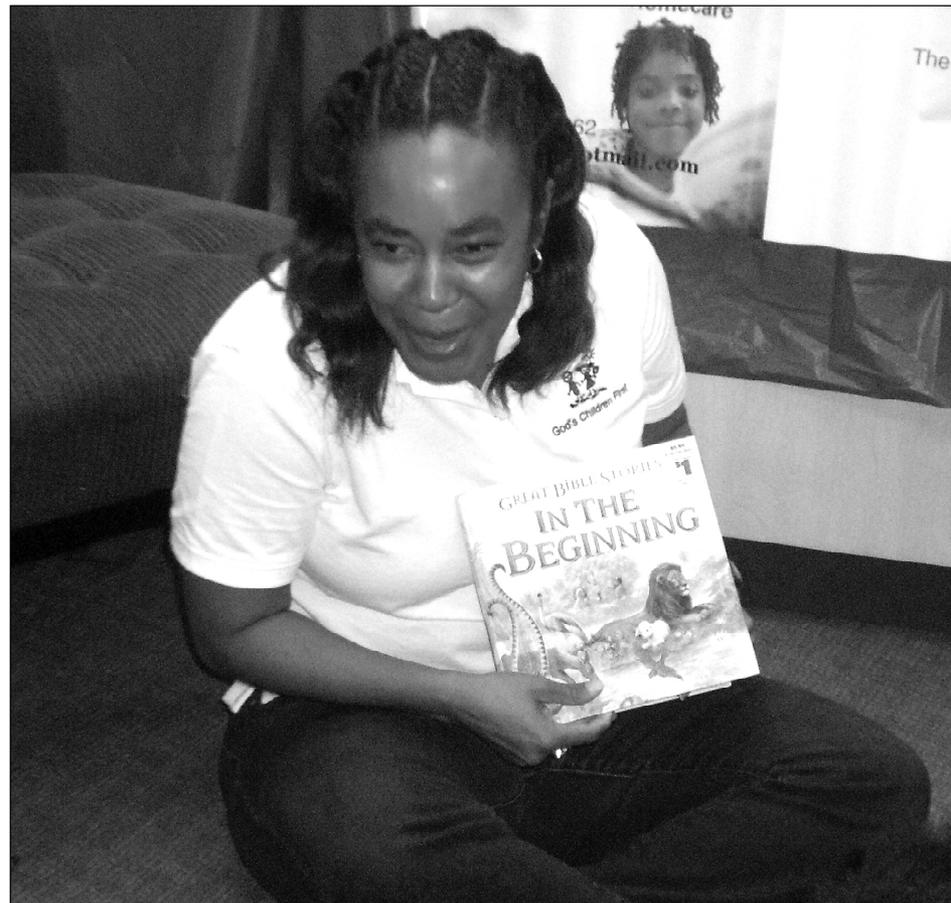
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BIBLE BOOK LAUNCHED FOR EARLY READERS



BAHAMIAN author Lenora Brown launched her newly published book, "Bible Basics", to an audience of eager children.



BAHAMIAN author Lenora Brown launched her newly published book, "Bible Basics", to an audience of eager children. Ms Brown read extracts from the book at the story telling launch event, last Saturday.

The activity book contains a number of classroom-style activities and prayers for children to learn with their parents. The objective is to help advance the spiritual development of children outside of the classroom.

"The compilation of Bible Basics was really motivated by the experience of teaching children, not only in Sunday School, but also those taught in the regular classroom," said Ms Brown.

"The classroom experience has mostly influenced this piece as there is very limited space on the regular timetable for spiritual development in relation to the other subjects of the curriculum. Thus Bible Basics was developed not only to assist the teacher, but also to assist the parent as to the basics every child should be exposed to when it comes to spiritual development," she said.

Ms Brown has been an early childhood educator since 1988, graduating from Government High School. She received her early childhood qualifications at P.E.T Institute and the College of the Bahamas, and was the honoured recipi-

ent of the Sir Gerald Cash National Distinguished Teachers Award in 2010.

She is a Sunday school teacher of more than 12 years at St. Gregory's Anglican Church and works in the Department of Education's Early Childhood Teachers.

Since she started publishing in 2002, Ms Brown has always been guided by her favourite proverb: "Train up the child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn away from it."

Her first book, "Alphabet Friends Chart Stories and Developmental Activities", was published in 2002. This book began the Alphabet Friends Easy Readers Book Collection, which later expanded to include: Anna's Ant Adventure, Carl's New Cap, Ben's Boat Ride and Lionel's Week.

All of the books from the collection were developed to integrate basic pre-school skills and some element of social studies relevant to Bahamian children.

Ms Brown passes on the Bible message in her new book in a stimulating and educational way. Storytelling is a major component of the book.

"I hope that parents will see the importance of not only reading Bible stories to their children, but also how important it is to nurture their children's spiritual growth through meaningful hands on activities," she said.

Bahamas Anglican Cursillo Movement NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting has been postponed to November 11th 2011 at St. Gregory's Anglican Church. For more information contact Rodney Williams on <rmw44@hotmail.com>



MEDITATION

CHRISTIANS IN ACTION

WHENEVER a deacon is ordained to the priesthood, it reminds all of us, both clergy and lay people, that we are called to be a prayerful person engaged in passionate action.

In Hebrews 13:15-16, we find the following directions: "Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the first of lips that confess his name. And do not forget it. Do good and share with others for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

Begin your day with the thought that you want to always prepare with prayer and praise. As leaders of worship in church, let us ask God to make every celebration of the Eucharist a time of fresh anointing for us. Let us remember that this is a celebration, a glorious gift, a table of forgiveness for healing and wholeness. Let our voices be sincerely enthusiastic as we repeat ancient words or pray impromptu.

When reading Scripture out loud, let us study the words beforehand, and then enunciate them so that our voices are strong, clear, reverent and genuine. There is power in our voices, the power of urgent and intimate communication of important Good News.

When we worship, it is a precious moment in time when heaven and earth meet. It is for us to remember that all around us are angels, archangels, and the whole company of heaven. In fact, we can use our imaginations to see that the pews are jammed with them wing-tip to wing-tip.

In a way, we join the ongoing worship of heaven, and slip into the heavenly ban-



REV. ANGELA
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quet while it is in progress. No matter how many times we attend worship in a week or in a day, let us expect the presence of the Lord to fill us whether you feel it or not.

Be on the look-out for the un-baptized. All of us are called for a reason to where we find ourselves placed at the moment. God is swelling the ranks. Harvest is more plentiful now than ever. The battle gets fiercer every day.

Keep your Bible in the car and make sure that you know more Scriptures that are appropriate for various occasions. Have a spare Bible or New Testament to give away if need be. Let your priority be evangelism. Invite others to church. Talk to them on the blocks about how satisfied they will be with Jesus, and if they want more in their lives help them understand that Jesus fills the emptiness. You may even invite them to supper at your home if it is what the Spirit directs, and then invite them to the table at church.

We particularly need young christian men to be witnesses in a time when young men are dying and losing their way. Young men, keep your eyes open and see how your youthfulness can put you into circles that will be harder to penetrate as

you get older. Let the sacrament of baptism remain close to your heart, everyone needs a Saviour.

Make your youth groups more interesting and exciting. Teach them to keep the group together as a reunion group even when they leave for college. Help them to understand cell groups early by sharing together in prayer and study to give emotional support. Allow the youngest child to find tasks in the church. Expose them to the possibility of having gifts for the communication ministry: internet, video, and audio taping. Every church needs a vibrant music ministry to help with christian formation. Use social outreach and evangelism as the church's response to those who are hurting and need to have Jesus as a friend.

Every christian is a minister of sorts, with differing gifts and abilities, but all called to love others and to build up the Kingdom of God here on earth.

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LECTURE SERIES

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Trust in the lord

THERE are four biblical steps in the process of God directing our path. Just before I reveal those four steps, we must understand that our path to happiness, financial stability, the right decision, soundness of mind and the like are never by accident. Proverbs 3:5-6 makes it abundantly clear what we ought to do in regards to God pointing

out the only successful path out of a challenging situation. Again, all situations and challenges have many paths, but only God knows the successful path.

This should not be surprising information to the believer because the word tells us that only God knows the end of anything from its beginning.

STEP 1. We must trust! (Suggesting we must abandon all other trust).

STEP 2. We must trust him with our whole heart and mind.

STEP 3. We must lean not on our own understanding.

STEP 4. We must acknowledge God in all our ways.



KEVIN EWING

Proverbs 3:6 shows us that only when the above process is followed, then God will direct our path. My words of wisdom to every reader: Proverbs 16:25 makes it clear when it says, leaning on our own understanding there is always a way that seems right to us, but we are guaranteed at the end of our journey complete failure, destruction or death. Proverbs 19:21 on the other hand, tells us there are many devices or ideas in a man's heart, but only the counsel of God shall prevail and set us on the right path.

Please, I strongly suggest to all of you this morning in spite of how crazy your situation may appear, follow the above steps

and honestly ask God with the expectation of Him answering you to make clear your path in all situations of your life in this day and from this moment forward.

Heavenly Father you promised in your word that you would instruct us, teach us, and show us in the way in which we should go, and that you would guide us with your eye. Psalms 32:8. It is his words that we come in agreement with, with the expectation that our path is about to be made clear by the creator in the matchless name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Christ Church Cathedral Schedule of Services for Sunday October 16th, 2011 Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

7:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m.
Administration of The Sacrament of
Holy Confirmation

(The 9:00 a.m. and the 11:15 a.m. Services will combine)

6:00 p.m.
Evensong, Sermon & Benediction

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Reaching a higher level of spirituality

'The Rise of the Glory Carriers' youth conference seeks to bring youth together from all walks of life

By JEFFARAH GIBSON
Tribune Features Writer

The Rise of the Glory Carriers youth conference is seeking to bring young people from all walks of life to reach a higher level of spirituality.

In its fortieth year, this conference, hosted by the Church of God of Prophecy National Youth Ministries, will reinforce core values of the church.

"As the core values of the Church of God of Prophecy are to glorify God through prayer, harvest and leadership development, it is our mandate to play an active role in our churches, schools and community as we propel our youth to their God ordained destiny. We believe that our youth can rise above the violence and negative activities by being transformed by their mind, body and spirit," youth leader Katherine BENEBY told *Tribune Religion*.

The youth oriented event is an opportunity to unite with other youth serving the Lord.

"We're expecting God to show up and do a mighty work in and through all of our attendees.

"It is our hope that our youth will be encouraged to go to a higher level in God. After the conference we want our youth to have a more intimate relationship with Christ, dream bigger, work harder, and have faith knowing that all things are possible with Christ."

The conference starts October 19. Several dynamic speakers are featured guests, including Minister Gail McKinney from Trinity City of Praise, Pastor Timothy Johnson Church of God of Prophecy National Youth Director and Apostle Valentino Williams from Life Changers Ministries International.

During the Thursday night conference session, organisers say the format will take on a non-traditional flavour. There will be various workshops geared to social media, understanding your gift,

walking with God, rearing teenagers and understanding God's design for your body.

A production written and directed by Natasha Swann, member of Church of God of Prophecy, is added to the event. The drama production, "Plans" is a highly anticipated feature.

"Public schools will be on mid-term break during this time so this is a great opportunity for youth to be refreshed and empowered," said Ms Swann.

"Over the past years we have had several schools join us as we seek to address

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various issues concerning them. This year our focus is on self-esteem/personal identity, purpose, how to resolve conflicts and guarding your spirit."

Those attending the conference can expect to be filled with enough inspiration to successfully embark on a life long journey with Christ, said organisers.

"This is not just another event but a lifetime experience with the King. We are aiming to cater holistically to our youth through services and workshops," she explained.

"The Rising of Glory Carriers" conference will be held on October 19 - 21.

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Ancestral Stories

THE 'SWEET-TART' MEMORIES



By ALESHA CADET
Tribune Features Reporter

THE HARD working and caring Eliza Elizabeth Johnson may not be here in body, but she is definitely with her eight grandchildren in spirit.

Eliza enjoyed the little things in life, said Venteria Johnson, while remembering her grandmother. Whether it was spending time with the neighbourhood kids or taking care of her community church, Ms Johnson said her "ma" was dedicated to it. Most of all, she enjoyed making her famous sweet pineapple tarts, Ms Johnson said.

It was in the farms of Bluff, Eleuthera, where Eliza spent her time with her husband enjoying the sunny days and working as hard as she could. Ms Johnson said some of her most memorable moments came from watching her grandmother make native straw crafts.

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worked as a maid, but she enjoyed plaiting straw and making straw dolls and straw baskets. I still have two of her straw dolls," said Ms Johnson.

She describes her grandmother as the definition of a compassionate individual; "never too busy for her and her siblings". Even though she only saw her during the holiday seasons, Eliza was always available to Venteria when she needed her. "She was also an outgoing person, always known in the community."

"We are all the kids she knew. My older brothers and sisters lived with her, she helped with raising them. I spent my time with her during summers and Christmas time."

Speaking about Eliza's sick days, Ms Johnson said the decision was made by her and her brothers and sisters to have her grandmother admitted into a home.

"Back in 2005, her memory started fading and she was admitted into Sandilands. I think the people at the home were better equipped to take care of her."

Although Eliza was laid to rest just last week, Ms Johnson said she plans to pass her memory on to her two daughters. "We all plan to teach our kids about her and who she was as a person. Whenever I visited her, I always took my kids with me so they could see her and hear stories about her youth. That is something they will never forget."



Eliza Elizabeth Johnson