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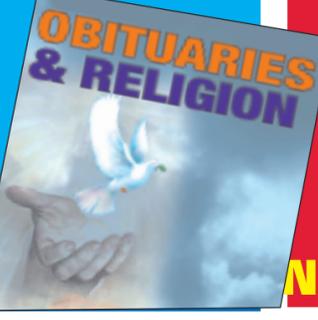
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'Murderers got the wrong man'

Family claims trial witness was real target

By **KHRISNA VIRGIL**

THE family of Robbie Rolle, who was shot and killed in a home invasion, believe his death was an execution but the killers got the wrong man.

A relative of the victim, who wished to remain anonymous, told The Tribune as he waited to identify Mr Rolle's body yesterday, that it is

believed the intended victim was a man who was slated to soon testify in a murder trial.

He said the witness who lives nearby, parked his vehicle near where Rolle was shot and killed.

When the gunmen arrived, the family believe, they mistook Rolle for their target and killed him.

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CHRISTIE: 'CRIME PLAN A FAILURE'

By **TANEKA THOMPSON**
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OPPOSITION leader Perry Christie denounced the Government's crime fighting plan as a "failure" that only focuses on punishment and not social development.

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BRAN REJECTS ACCUSATIONS

By **CELESTE NIXON**
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A FORMER junior cabinet minister denied that he has neglected his commitment to a client in his capacity as a private lawyer, and called for the resignation of his accuser,

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THE WIFE and daughter of Robbie Rolle, who was shot at his residence early on Tuesday, visit the morgue yesterday morning to identify his body Photo: Felipe Major/Tribune Staff

MINISTER HITS OUT AT JUDGES YET AGAIN

By **AVA TURNQUEST**
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NATIONAL Security Minister Tommy Turnquest criticized certain members of the judiciary for releasing accused violent offenders on bail without electronic monitoring.

Of the 68 people charged with serious crimes of murder...

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TEN PER CENT RISE IN CRIME FIGURES

By **TANEKA THOMPSON**
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THERE was a ten per cent increase in crime up to October 11 this year compared to the same period in 2010, according to statistics released by the Minister of National Security yesterday.

Homicides saw the highest increase with a 44 per cent jump. However, the statistics

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BODY CONFIRMED AS MARCO ARCHER

POLICE have officially identified the body found on Yorkshire Street last month as 11-year-old Marco Archer of Brougham Street and Bailou Hill Road.

Although the family revealed the body was Marco's weeks ago, police earlier said they were awaiting the results of an autopsy.

Police said they are making significant progress in the investigation, and expect to file charges shortly.

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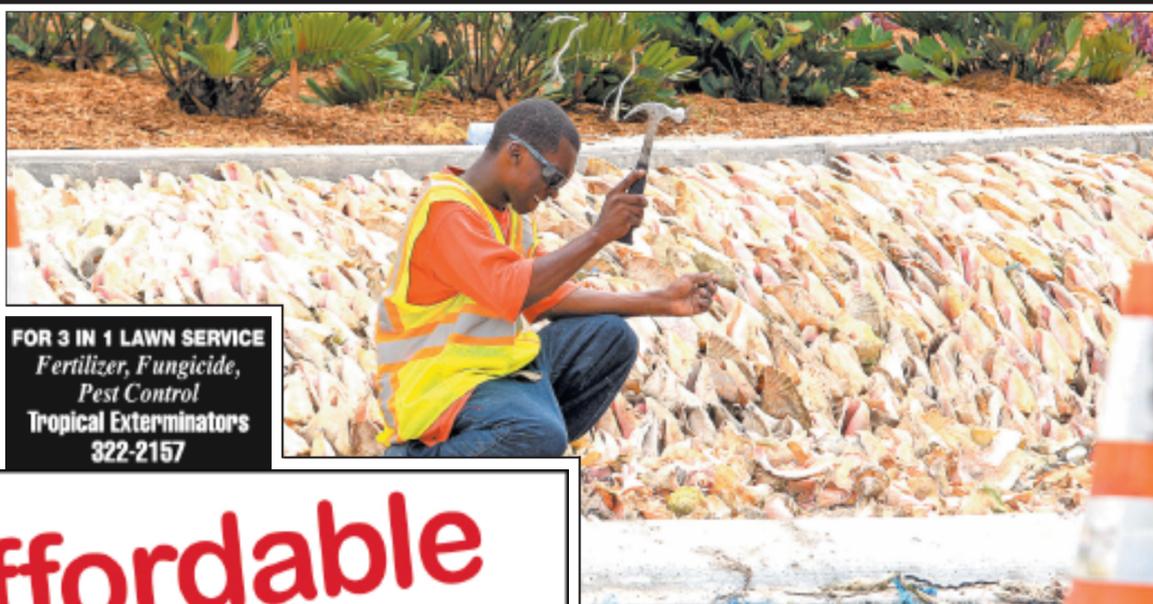
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A WORKER smashes conch shells that have been placed at the roundabout

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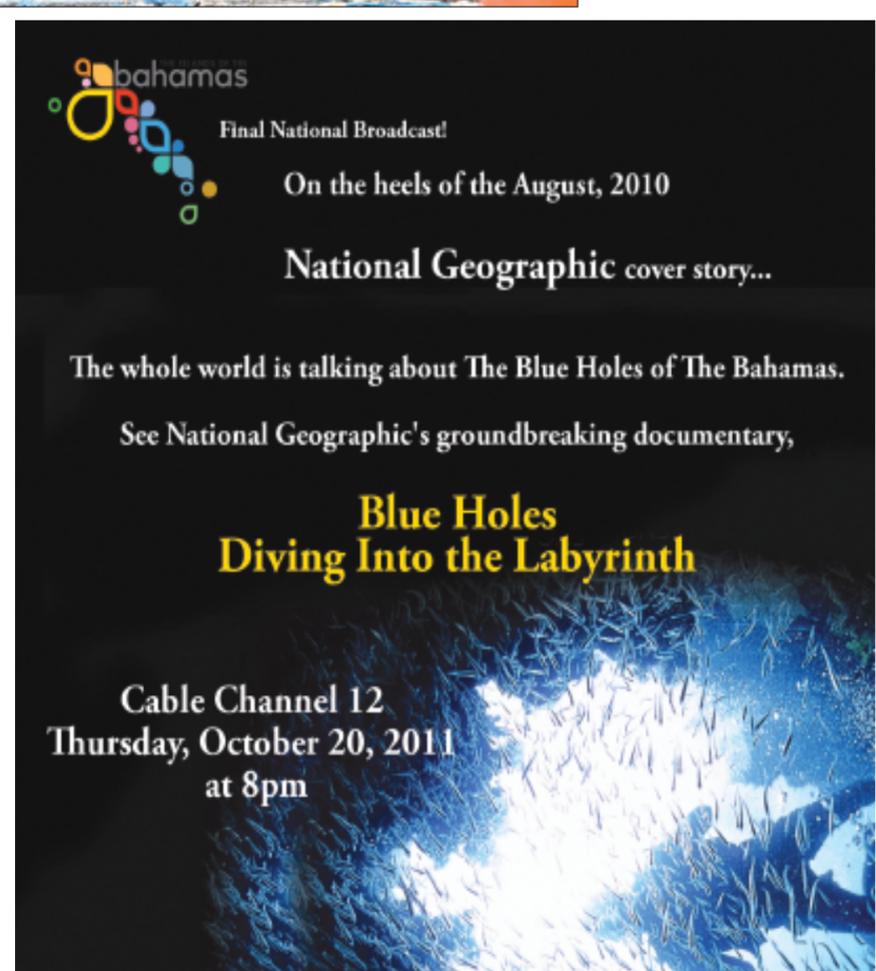
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WITH less than two weeks of reprieve left, only 18 firearms have been turned in to police under the gun amnesty order.

Some 3,386 live rounds of ammunition have also been turned in under the order, Minister of National Security Tommy Turnquest

revealed in parliament yesterday.

The 30-day firearms moratorium, which ends November 3, was implemented to allow illegal gun holders to give up their weapon ahead of the government's proposed amendment to several crime laws.

Yesterday, Mr Turnquest explained that the country's location renders it a transit point for drugs moving north and illicit firearms moving south.

"Increasingly, however, the guns are staying in the region and are contributing to the increasing rate of crime and

violence throughout the region," he said.

Police have recovered 361 guns and 6,044 rounds of ammunition for the year to date, Mr Turnquest said.

Once recovered, weapons are marked in an effort to identify trafficking routes and traffickers.

Magistrate's Court Nine, dedicated to cases of firearms possession, has heard and completed 78 cases, Mr Turnquest said.

"In addition to looking at addressing gun control, we have taken measures to address crime by addressing the structural causes of vio-

lence and crime.

"The government has scaled up its social interventions aimed at reducing disparities, creating sustainable livelihoods for youth, men and women, and at improving conflict resolution, parenting and life skills," he said.

TEACHER ON DRUG CHARGES

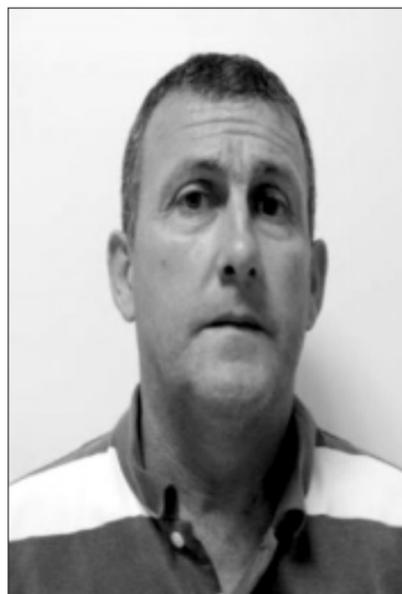
BY DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREEPORT - A Grand Bahama teacher was arraigned in New Providence on drug possession charges in connection with the seizure of a large quantity of marijuana last week in Freeport.

Colin Evans, a 49-year-old teacher at Jack Hayward High School, appeared on Monday in Court Eight before Carolita Bethel.

He pleaded not guilty to possession of dangerous drugs with intent to supply.

Evans, a resident of Lucaya, was remanded to Her Majesty's Prison until today, when he will appear for a bail



COLIN EVANS, left, has been arraigned on drug possession charges, while Jamaal McPhee appeared in court on drug, firearm and ammunition charges



hearing.

It is alleged on October 12, Evans was discovered with 176 pounds of marijuana in his possession.

Further investigations resulted in the arrest of a second man, who was also

arraigned in New Providence.

Jamaal McPhee, also known as Jamaal Moss, 34, appeared before Magistrate Joyann Ferguson-Pratt in Court Nine on drug, firearm, and ammunition

possession charges.

McPhee, a resident of Holmes Rock, pleaded not guilty and was granted \$15,000 bail.

He is expected to return to court on February 23 and 24 next year for trial.

MOTHER CLEARED IN MANSLAUGHTER APPEAL

By LAMECH JOHNSON
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A MOTHER convicted of manslaughter in the 2007 death of her son was acquitted in the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Makisha Brown, who with her former boyfriend Leroy Rolle, was found guilty of Levano Brown's death, by a Supreme Court jury last year, was freed after the appellate court ruled there was insufficient evidence to link her to the incident.

The one-year-old child had reportedly suffered blunt force trauma to the head and abdomen, lacerations to the head and bruises about the body.

Though the jury at the original trial found her not guilty of murder, she was convicted on the alternative charge of intentional manslaughter.

According to evidence presented by the prosecution during the Supreme Court trial, Brown had told police that her boyfriend had always beaten her son.

Yesterday, however, after

concerns were expressed by presiding justices Christopher Blackman, Stanley John and Abdulai Conteh, Director of Public Prosecutions Vinette Graham-Allen admitted that the police statement and autopsy report were not enough to prove she committed manslaughter.

Prior to this, Brown's attorney Geoffrey Farquharson asked the justices for permission to withdraw from the case, citing difficulties in carrying out the instructions of his client.

The justices were not pleased by the request and noted that the attorney, who had already made three appearances in connection with the matter, had sufficient time - since July - to prepare for court or ask to be removed.

Additionally, Justice Blackman noted that it would be dishonourable for Mr Farquharson to withdraw, after he had offered to represent the defendant following Philip Hilton's withdrawal from the case.

The attorney then attempt-

ed to explain that other potential appellants would be robbed of opportunities to have their cases heard before the courts.

Justice Conteh did not agree and told the attorney that "once you are here, you have a duty to represent her."

Justice John supported this, noting that it would be "unfair to the appellant, the court and the Crown" to honour the request.

After the judges denied the lawyer's request and asked him to remain seated, they turned their focus to Ms Graham-Allen and expressed their concerns regarding the evidence at the first trial.

Justice John asked the DPP what evidence there was against Makisha Brown on the original charge of murder.

The chief prosecutor replied that the evidence consisted of a "mixed statement" and "evidence from the pathologist."

"Where in her statement do you find the evidence to support the charge of murder?" the justice asked.

She said a portion of the statement suggested manslaughter and not murder.

Justice John expressed surprise that a statement was the only evidence present from the commencement of the trial, aside from the pathologist's report - which while detailed, "could not substantiate a connection of her to murder," he said.

The justices asked about the existence of additional evidence after the rejection of a "no case" submission made during the trial, but the DPP responded that there was no new evidence, and admitted that "having reviewed the evidence, it was not sufficient to mount a charge of manslaughter."

Justice John noted that the defendant "ought to have been discharged at that point."

Nevertheless, the justices publicly commended Mrs Graham-Allen for her honesty and fairness.

Moved to tears by the ruling, Ms Brown told the justices, "Thank you. Thank you."

POLICE FIND MARIJUANA

CENTRAL Intelligence Bureau officers found a shotgun and a quantity of suspected marijuana during two separate searches.

At 2.30pm on Monday the officers, who were acting on a tip, went to Palm Tree Avenue and Sixth Street where they found a shotgun with a shell behind a garbage bin.

Police seized the weapon but no one was taken into custody.

About an hour later, at 3.35pm, the officers, acting on another tip, went to Milton Street off East Street where they found a quantity of suspected marijuana hidden beneath a wooden home.

A 16-year-old boy is assisting police in their investigation into the discovery.

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Australians cheer Queen Elizabeth

CANBERRA, Australia — Thousands of people cheered and waved from the banks of the Australian capital's central lake as Queen Elizabeth II and her husband, Prince Philip, took a motor boat to a flower show Thursday in their first public appearance of a 10-day tour of Australia.

The queen wore a lilac hat and coat and her husband a hat to protect against the late morning spring sunshine as they waved to well-wishers from the open boat beneath an almost cloudless sky. The couple, who arrived in Australia on Wednesday, appeared fresh despite the 11-hour time difference from their London home.

The fans who greeted the royal couple included Elizabeth Stewart, 83, who flew from her home in Lower Hutt, New Zealand, to see the monarch for the third time. Stewart first saw the queen when she visited New Zealand in 1954, less than two years after her coronation. The queen is the monarch of 16 countries, including Australia and neighbouring New Zealand.

Stewart said she disagrees with the Australian government's position that the British monarch should be replaced as Australia's head of state by a president who is an Australian citizen.

"The queen gives us continuity," Stewart said. "Presidents come and go." Nils Lantzke thinks Australia should have a president, but decided to come to Canberra's Lake Burley Griffin anyway with his alpaca, Honeycomb, which he takes to hospitals as pet therapy for patients.

"I'm not really interested in her as queen of Australia," Lantzke said. "If it was the king of Saudi Arabia who'd come to Canberra, I'd do the same — make him feel welcome."

Canberra's annual flower show had been extended to accommodate the monarch's visit — her 16th to Australia since 1954.

The queen will visit Brisbane and Melbourne before opening next week's meeting of the 54-nation Commonwealth in the western coastal city of Perth. Leaders of the nations linked to Britain's former empire, who meet every two years, will consider a range of rec-

ommended reforms, including lifting laws against homosexuality that exist in most Commonwealth countries.

The queen's arrival in Canberra late Wednesday was front page news in Australia's major newspapers on Thursday.

Prime Minister Julia Gillard, who argues the queen should be Australia's last monarch, and Chief Minister Katy Gallagher, the head of the Australian Capital Territory government, who agrees that Australia should become a republic, were questioned by reporters Thursday on why they had not curtsied when they greeted the queen on her arrival.

Both Gillard and Gallagher replied that protocol allowed them to bow and shake the queen's hand instead of curtsying.

"The advice to me was very clear that you can make a choice with what you feel most comfortable with; that's what I felt most comfortable with," Welsh-born Gillard told reporters.

Governor General Quentin Bryce, the monarch's representative in Australia and the first woman to fill the role, had greeted the queen by curtsying.

Australians rejected a proposal to make Australia a republic at a referendum in 1999. Supporters of a republic were bitterly divided over various options for selecting a president. The Australian Capital Territory, where the queen will spend most of her current visit at the governor general's official residence, was the only state or territory to endorse a republic.

John Warhurst, deputy chairman of the Australian Republican Movement, which is leading the public campaign to change the constitution to create an Australian head of state, said the queen's popularity among Australians would probably doom another referendum to failure during her reign.

"We believe that she is a foreign dignitary first and foremost and Australia's head of state down the line," Warhurst said. "But it's hard to think of an international dignitary ... who's been around longer and has greater respect in the international community."

(By Rod McGuirk of the Associated Press).

Cable News 12 still not better than ZNS TV

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Would you please publish this small letter in your prestigious newspaper. Thank you. Many Bahamians are now saying that Cable News 12 is the best newscast in The Bahamas. I have heard persons from Grand Bahama praising the private news organization for airing stories that don't even appear on the ZNS Bahamas Tonight newscast. This is an indication that Cable News 12 is one step ahead of ZNS in getting information. I give Cable News 12 credit for this. I have seen Cable News 12 feature important stories from New Providence that never see the light of day on ZNS. While it is true that ZNS has done a admirable job in covering the news from the Family Islands, Cable News 12 seems to be doing a better job of covering the news in New Providence.

Cable News 12 is very professional and fast paced. The newscasters are very articulate and good-looking. In fact, the newscasters on Cable News are better looking than the newscasters on ZNS. I have heard several Grand Bahamian men brag about how beautiful the newscasters are from that private news organization. I would be lying if I were to say that I prefer ZNS TV news to Cable News. I don't. In fact, I find myself watching Cable News 12 rather than ZNS TV news. Reporters like Candia Dames and Juan McCartney are very good at their craft. It could be argued that both of them are the best in the business.

I have noticed that Cable News 12 reporters always make it a point to say that they are the best in the business in bringing news to the people. No one can deny that they are very good in this regard. Moreover, the actual television newscast is very professional; and the video production is of a very high quality. If I didn't know any better; I would've thought that I was watching a US TV newscast. On the other hand, the ZNS TV newscasts look like old video footages from the

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1980s. I think that Cable News has outdone ZNS in this area.

Nevertheless, despite its upside and professionalism; I still don't believe that Cable News is the best TV newscast in the business right now. I give the slight edge to ZNS for the simple reason that ZNS TV news airs on holidays and weekends. I have noticed that Cable News 12 doesn't air on weekends. I had switched the TV channel to Cable 12 at 7:30 pm on Friday, October 14, which was the Discovery Day holiday; and saw a programme on called Islands of the World Fashion Week. During that same time, though, The Bahamas Tonight newscast was on. When the weekends come, Cable News 12 shuts down like most government agencies in this country. ZNS TV news, however, despite its shortcoming, is on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. When I want to watch the news on a Saturday or a Sunday evening, I can't turn to Cable TV 12, they're off the air. But I can depend on ZNS Bahamas Tonight to be on the air. Furthermore, the newscasters and reporters on ZNS are also very professional and articulate. I have been critical of ZNS throughout the years; but I still give them credit for having very good

reporters.

In addition to airing its newscast on the weekends and on holidays, ZNS continues to run circles around the other media houses when it comes to covering an approaching hurricane. This was evident when Hurricane Irene slammed into The Bahamas this past August. I believe that ZNS TV news has outdone its competitors in this area. Most Bahamians tune in to ZNS to get the latest information on an approaching hurricane. I think ZNS has at least two meteorologists on staff. As far as I can tell, I don't know if Cable News 12 has any meteorologists.

Until Cable News 12 decides to broadcast on weekends and on holidays, they cannot honestly consider themselves to be the best in the business at this stage. The ZNS Bahamas Tonight newscast is still the number one rated newscast in the country right now. Cable News 12 is indeed good, but they still have ways to go before they are crowned number one. I hope that whoever calls the shots at Cable News 12 reads this letter and gives serious consideration to airing the newscasts on weekends. Cable News 12 has been on the air now for several years; it is high time that they start broadcasting on weekends and on holidays. Thank you!

KEVIN EVANS

Nassau,
October 16, 2011.

Nature of the beast

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Permit me to comment on the "PLP Headquarters broken into" with FNM pom-poms found inside. What will the PLP resort to next for power? In my opinion they broke into their own place and tried to make it look like the work of the FNM. It is also my opinion that these people are so desperate that they would stoop to any level. That is not the actions of FNM's, they have more class than that. Instead I see it as a page right out of the University of Wulff Road's goon squad manual.

Be reminded of the "fire" at the same HQ. They tried to insinuate then that it was the FNM.

The same for Fred Mitchell's HQ during the last campaign.

Don't judge the FNM by PLP standards, which as far as I am concerned is lower than a snake's belly.

I would be more inclined to believe it, if it were the other way around. Of course, we all know the nature of the beast.

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Micah 2:1-5

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LOCAL NEWS



By DANA SMITH

SEVERE road flooding has plagued Alexander Street in Palmdale for years, and those who live and work in the area say they are fed up.

One shop owner blames the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, which is responsible for clearing the drains of clogging debris.

Samantha Moree, sales and marketing director of the bakery "Something's Different" on the corner of Alexander and Rosetta Streets, said the stagnant water is sometimes around for days and has a negative impact on her business.

"If it rains and the drains are clean, it can take anywhere between eight and 12 hours for the water to drain," Ms Moree said. "If the drains aren't clean, water can be there for two or three days."

Ms Moree said the drain in front of her shop in particular needs frequent cleaning, because all the water from the surrounding areas collect there.

"Because of our location, we are the most affected. We are in a location where all of the water from the surrounding areas collects," she said.

"There are drains that help remove the water but they have to be kept clean for them to work."

"I only know of two times the drains have been cleaned – once last year and once this year, because both times I called the Ministry of Works."

"I don't have time to call

the ministry every time. Cleaning once a year might be okay for most drains, but since everything pools in our area – garbage, water, dirt, everything – it needs to be cleaned more often.

"It's not a difficult problem to solve once the ministry realises this particular drain needs more attention than most," she said.

Ms Moree said the flooding discourages some potential customers, and frustrates those who do show up.

"It looks very intimidating and very few people want to make the effort to come to our store."

"How many people look at our shop surrounded by the water and think, 'I just don't want to deal with that today?'"

"It's very embarrassing for

us. Some of our customers have even complained," she said.

"It's a very old problem that has been here since before I was born, and I'm 40," Ms Moree said. "We moved here almost three years ago knowing that the water settled here."

"It wasn't a problem at first because our business was based on pre-orders, but now we do everyday retail and there's an urgency to get this flooding under control."

"We've thought about moving, but then why should we have to move?"

"Why can't the problem be fixed? We're already settled in here."

Ministry of Public Works and Transport representatives could not be reached for comment.

RESIDENTS and workers are routinely suffering from road flooding in Alexander Street in Palmdale, and say they have had enough



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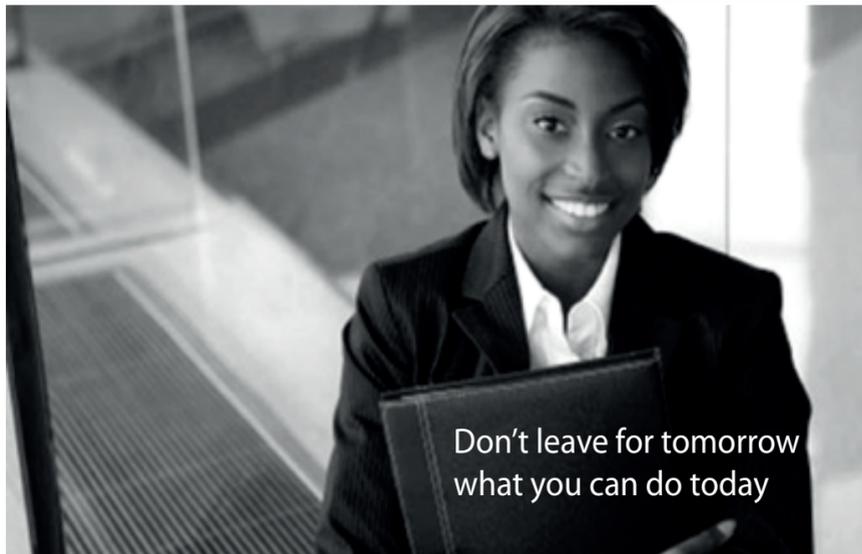

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LOCAL NEWS

HOTEL INDUSTRY PENSION FUND OPERATING UNDER A POLICY OF 'DISCRIMINATION'

By DANA SMITH

THE Hotel Industry Management Pension Fund is operating under a policy of "discrimination" according to

a former hotel employee.

Pedro Smith, 45, who worked in a Paradise Island hotel for 12 years, said he was unfairly denied a pension by the fund – some-

thing which the Hotel Industry Management Pension Fund refutes.

"I worked for Resorts International from 1982 through 1994 as assistant

manager of pest control and fire safety," Mr Smith said.

Mr Smith moved to the US in 1998 and on March 15 of this year, contacted the Hotel Manager's Union to make

sure he was eligible for pension and was assured that he was.

However, when he tried to claim his pension, he was denied.

And Mr Smith claims that his two brothers, with whom he worked, were both paid by the fund.

According to Mr Smith, he contacted senior executives at the Hotel Pension Management Fund, but was told that although his brothers received cheques, this does not mean he was eligible, despite the fact that all three worked for the same department and hotel.

"The Hotel Pension Management Fund cannot choose who to give and not to give pension cheques to," Mr Smith said. "This is simply a discrimination policy."

However, secretary to the fund's Board of Trustees Michael Reckley explained that Mr Smith is clearly not eligible for a pension at this time.

According to the rules of the fund – which Mr Reckley said are clearly stated in the pension plan handbook – to qualify for a pension at all, employees have to have worked for a hotel for more than 10 years, at which point they become "vested members".

Any person who works less than 10 years and is not yet vested can request a "cash out" – and will be paid the equivalent of the contributions to the fund made in their name, but no regular pension payments.

Those who do qualify for a pension are supposed to begin receiving payments at age 65, but can request an early pension at age 55 if they have worked in a hotel for more than 15 years.

Mr Reckley explained that as Mr Smith worked in the industry for 12 years and therefore became vested, he cannot cash out.

And, he does not qualify for an early pension because he did not work in the industry for more than 15 years.

Even if he had, Mr Reckley pointed out, Mr Smith – who left the hotel at age 28 – is only 45 – 10 years too young to qualify.

The fund's records indicate that a brother of Mr Smith was issued a cheque, but this was a single cash out payment, for which the recipient qualified because he had worked at the hotel for more than 10 years, Mr Reckley said.

He said he has spoken to Mr Smith "more than a dozen times" in an effort to explain why he does not yet qualify for a pension.

When he is of age the payments will begin, Mr Reckley said, adding: "The rules are clear."

"We are a reputable company, and this is a worthwhile plan."

"We aid anyone who works in this industry," the fund secretary said.

But Mr Smith disagreed, saying people who worked for more than 10, but less than 15 years in a hotel are left out in the cold.

He said this means that by definition, the plan is discriminatory – which he said "means to make distinctions in treatment or show partiality and prejudice".

And Mr Smith also called for more government oversight of all pension plans, along with full audits to ensure members' funds are being properly administered.

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CHRISTIE: 'SERIOUS QUESTIONS' OVER MP'S ACTIVITIES

PERRY CHRISTIE has called on Tommy Turnquest MP to clarify comments on MPs hiring illegal workers to make clear whether an MP was involved in illegal activities

By CELESTE NIXON
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DURING his contribution to the crime bills debate in the House of Assembly yesterday Opposition leader Perry Christie called on Mount Moriah MP Tommy Turnquest to clarify his statements made on Tuesday regarding Members of Parliament hiring illegal workers.

He said his ambiguous comments left questions about whether a Member of Parliament was involved in illegal activities.

"Is there something we should know about illegal activities on the part of anyone, because the implication of what you said clearly was that some people had work permits without having permission and had people working without work permits," said Mr Christie.

Mr Turnquest was brought to his feet earlier this week in the House of Assembly as he demanded that Bamboo Town MP Branville McCartney withdraw his reference to the prime minister in which Mr McCartney accused the Prime Minister of not submitting his disclosure forms under the Public Disclosure Act. Under the Act members of parliament are required to disclose theirs and their immediate family's assets. Failure to do so is an offence punishable by a \$10,000 fine or up to two years in prison or both. An offender's property can also be forfeited to the Crown.

"The member for Bamboo Town," said Mr Turnquest, "has made a claim against the member for North Abaco (Mr Ingraham). North Abaco has refuted that - he ought to withdraw those remarks."

Later, Mr Turnquest said he did not want Bamboo Town MP McCartney to withdraw the claims against the nation's chief.

"Obviously we will deal with it in another manner," said Mr Turnquest. "Persons in this House have been tardy in doing their public disclosure for many years but people have also been tardy in hiring illegal persons without any permits and doing other things."

Speaking with the *Tribune* yesterday Mr McCartney said he did not wish to speculate whether Mr Turnquest's comments were directed towards him, but added that if they were Mr Turnquest should come forward to clarify his statements and if there is concern to confront him with it.

"I do not know what he was speaking about when he referred to illegal immigration," said Mr McCartney, who at the time of his resignation from the FNM earlier this year, was junior Minister of State for Immigration. "but I encourage the Minister of National Security to come and speak with me if there is a concern - stop making accusations from his seat in Parliament."

Mr Christie in his address said further to Mr Turnquest comments, South Abaco MP Edison Key's claim about the \$5,000 retainer paid to Mr McCartney to collect

money owed to BAIC "raised serious questions".

In the House of Assembly on Tuesday Mr Key had claimed that Mr McCartney accepted a \$5,000 retainer to help BAIC collect millions in unpaid debt, but had yet to deliver on his part of the agreement.

"That was just left there - because members have admonished each other in this debate we must not paint people indirectly and wrongly. It's a matter that should be clarified," said Mr Christie.

Responding to Mr Key's comments during a press conference yesterday at his Halsbury Chambers law firm, Mr McCartney denied the allegations, calling them "untruths".

Mr McCartney said he never spoke with Mr Key regarding legal work for BAIC, nor did he receive a

'Is there something we should know about illegal activities on the part of anyone?'

Perry Christie

cheque from them.

"I wonder if Mr Edison Key knew what he was saying," said Mr McCartney, "it would mean that he would have colluded with a cabinet minister - he would have been very wrong to do that."

Admitting that a former associate of his firm was retained and provided legal services for BAIC, Mr McCartney said he was not practising during the time in question and provided no legal work for BAIC while a Cabinet Minister.

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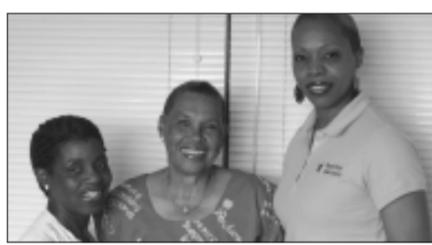
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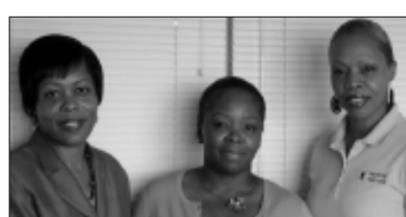
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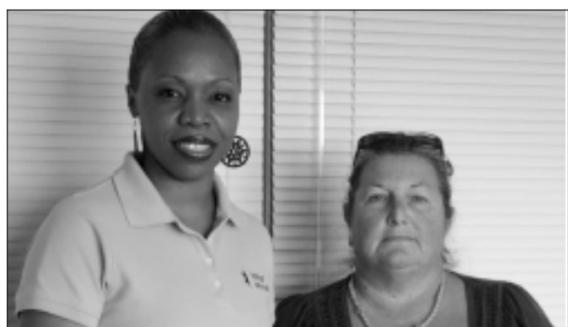
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Hands For Hunger, the Bahamas National Trust and the Ranfurly Home. RSA also presented three lucky persons who made donations to the various charities with either a \$250, \$500 or \$1,000 Visa gift card. This year, the public was again invited to vote for the charity of their choice from a list that included: Abilities Unlimited, the AIDS Foundation, the Bahamas Conference Women's Missionary Society, BASRA (Bahamas Air, Sea

and Rescue Association), the Humane Society, the Persis Rodgers Home for the Aged, Sister Sister, the Bahamas Red Cross, the Scout Association of the Bahamas, Project Read and Ride For Hope. Voters were encouraged to vote for any charities not listed as well. The Bahamas Conference Women's Missionary Society, BHumane and Sister Sister emerged as winners. Each organisation received a donation from RoyalStar Assurance.



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He also criticised 10 Bills which were debated in Parliament yesterday – meant to address crime through an overhaul of the penal code, an amendment to the Bail Act and increasing sentences for certain violent crimes – and said the legislation does nothing to address the social roots of crime, poverty and violence. The country is in the midst of a crisis, said the Farm Road MP, where out of work young men are being lured into a life of crime through promises of easy money.

He said he has even been propositioned by teenage girls for money in exchange for sex, who pay their way through school with cash given to them by older sexual partners. “There is a criminal enterprise that exists that is a source of attraction for (young people). There are young men without criminal records that have been attracted to them. There is an obligation for the state to create a counter to the criminal enterprise and we're fooling ourselves to come in here and talk nonsense about Urban Renewal. “The criminal enterprise

CHRISTIE: 'CRIME PLAN A FAILURE'

every day is saying you're not working come and take this \$50, give this to your mother, take this for rent and then one day they say I want you to shoot him for \$500. “The fundamental failure of the FNM today in the face of the most serious crime crisis is their seemingly lack of understanding of the need for there to be a strategy beyond that of arming and equipping the police – which we support. “You could buy all the equipment, give the police all

the technology, unless you have a programme that is directly relating to children in their environment... and that programme informs public policy, an intervention to help, you are wasting your time.” He added that findings of an IDB sponsored report that was commissioned during his term as prime minister found that many students are armed or have thoughts of violence. According to that report, 66 per cent of girls and 50 per cent of boys surveyed said

they feel like hurting or killing someone while 33 per cent of males, 13 per cent of females said they carry a weapon outside of school and 20 per cent of male secondary students and 6 per cent of female said they carry a weapon to school. These examples underscore the need for Government to invest as much in social programmes as they have in public infrastructure, he said. “This government has demonstrated it can spend \$250 million on roads and infrastructure. There is a compelling need in this country for us to recognise that we are

out of control with crime. “(But) there are thousands of young Bahamians who are being overlooked. You're faced with a crisis. You're faced with hundreds of people out on bail, you've castigated us for being 'wutless' and you have not been able to move from the same spot – you're stuck.” The Progressive Liberal Party's plan to curb crime includes police “saturating” crime hot spots and Urban Renewal 2.0, which will focus on social intervention and community based policing. Debate on the crime Bills continues in the House today.

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'MURDERERS GOT THE WRONG MAN'



FAMILY and friends of Robbie Rolle outside the morgue yesterday morning

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Holding a daughter close, Mr Rolle's visibly distraught wife, Theresa Rolle said: “I just want this to be over.” Having been called in to the Princess Margaret Hospital morgue to view and identify the body, Mr Rolle's family and friends were crying and comforting each other as they left. Senior police officials said they were unable to comment on the family's theory. Calls to head of the Central Detective Unit, Supt Paul Rolle, were not returned. On Tuesday morning, just before 3am, Mr Rolle and a so-far unidentified woman were sleeping in a home on Saki's Close off Soldier Road when three gunmen forced their way into the

home and opened fire on the couple. Police have confirmed that the two children in the house at the time were not injured. The woman, who suffered multiple gunshot wounds, was taken by ambulance to Princess Margaret Hospital, while Rolle was declared dead at the scene. Mr Rolle's death, the country's 105th murder of the year, comes as members of parliament discuss 10 anti-Crime Bills. The Bills aim to revamp the outdated penal code, tackle the problem of repeat offenders and to put stiffer penalties on hardened criminals. Anyone who is able to assist with information can contact police at 911, CDU at 502-9991, and Crime Stoppers at 328-tips.

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BRAN REJECTS BAIC ACCUSATIONS

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South Abaco MP Edison Key. Branville McCartney, MP and Democratic National Alliance (DNA) leader at a press conference yesterday denied that Bahamas Agricultural & Industrial Corporation (BAIC) was ever his client, as Mr Key had alleged in the House of Assembly. Mr McCartney said he was actually inactive at the firm at that time, not practising for some two years prior to being elected to government.

"Old men playing old political games and it is not going to work this time," said Mr McCartney.

He said as a young leader who is trying to move forward in a new way for the country he is being falsely attacked for starting a new party and giving the people an alternate choice.

Following a heated exchange between Mr McCartney and Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham and several government members in the House of Assembly yesterday after the Bamboo Town MP chastised the PM for failing to submit disclosure forms of his assets, Mr Key said that three years ago – when Mr McCartney was still a government minister – he was hired by BAIC to help



BRANVILLE MCCARTNEY shows the document which he says disproves the accusations made by South Abaco MP Edison Key over work for BAIC
Photo: **Felipe Major/Tribune Staff**

the agency collect millions in outstanding payments.

Mr Key claimed Mr McCartney was paid \$5,000 for his services, but was never heard from again on the matter.

"We made an agreement and we gave him a retainer of \$5,000 almost three years ago and I haven't heard from him from then 'til now," said Mr Key.

Statements made by Mr Key "offended my integrity, quite frankly my honour and I take offence to that," said Mr

McCartney.

He said that he has never been to Mr Key's BAIC office, he has never been approached by him or agreed to do any legal work for him while a cabinet minister nor did he ever receive a cheque for \$5,000 from BAIC, as claimed by Mr Key.

"Everything he said about me is an untruth – in Bahamian terms he lied and should be very ashamed of himself," said Mr McCartney.

Further Mr McCartney said that if Mr Key's statements

were correct he would have been wrongly colluding with a cabinet minister who he well knows should not have been practising.

"I am asking the Prime Minister to call for Mr Edison Key's resignation," said Mr McCartney. "I say that outside of the House of Assembly so that if anything I am saying is untrue he has every recourse against me."

During the press conference Mr McCartney provided copies of letters exchanged between Mr Key and Donald

Saunders, a former associate of Halsbury Chambers, the first dated September 12, 2007 from BAIC requesting a contract for legal services.

A copy of the retainer cheque in the amount of \$5,000 was also provided by Mr McCartney who confirmed that legal services were rendered for BAIC by Mr Saunders, not himself.

Mr Saunders, an associate of Graham Thompson & Co, speaking with The Tribune said he could not speak to claims made by Mr Key regarding Mr McCartney yesterday, however, he did confirm he represented BAIC while an attorney at Halsbury Chambers – working on a number of files until his departure three years ago.

"I never have solicited work from BAIC," said Mr Saunders, "as a senior associate at Halsbury I responded to a request for legal service and work was in fact carried out until my departure from the firm in 2008."

Mr Saunders added he continues to provide legal services for BAIC and maintains a good relationship with them.

Mr McCartney challenged Mr Key to make such claims against him outside of the privilege of Parliament where he can be held accountable for his words.

TEN PER CENT RISE IN CRIME FIGURES

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were compiled when the country's murder count stood at 104 and do not account for murder victim Robbie Rolle, who was killed inside his Soldier Road home on October 18.

There were 72 murders up to October 11, 2010.

National Security Minister Tommy Turnquest said that while police have solved 52 per cent of this year's murders the remaining challenge is getting the matters before the courts.

Of the 105 murders recorded for the year, 72 per cent of them were done with firearms and 15 per cent by knives.

Sixty-six per cent of the 105 murders recorded this year were directly related to criminal enterprises fueled by drugs, conflict and retaliation while nine per cent were domestically related, said the MP.

He added that police have concluded that the majority of murder victims and suspects are known criminals.

"An analysis of the murder cases also reveal that many of the victims and the suspects are known to the police. Members opposite have tried to portray this analysis as uncaring, nothing could be further from the truth. I am concerned about these murders, but I am more concerned about those innocent victims, those armed robbery victims who are killed by these thugs."

According to the statistics incidents of rape rose by 38 per cent, from 58 reported cases up to October 11 last year to 80 at October 11, 2011.

Attempted rapes increased by 18 per cent, from 22 reported incident to 26 in the corresponding time period.

However, there were decreases in two categories of violent crimes, manslaughter and unlawful sexual intercourse which fell by 50 per cent and 30 per cent respectively.

Crimes against property rose by 10 per cent up to October 11 compared to the same time last year.

However, in this category there were decreases in reported incidents of burglary, shopbreaking and stealing which fell by 12, 23, and one per cent respectively during the time period in question.

Housebreaking increased by nine per cent from 2,293 to 2,502, the statistics revealed.

The Mount Moriah MP released the statistics as he made his contribution to a debate on 10 criminal justice Bills in the House of Assembly yesterday.

He said the package of Bills is part of Government's "multi-faceted" approach to root out criminal elements in society.

The debate resumes in Parliament today.

SECURITY MINISTER HITS OUT AT JUDGES YET AGAIN

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der, rape or armed robbery in 2010 and 2011, only 13 people have been given an electronic bracelet, Mr Turnquest said yesterday.

"When you start looking at those released on bail from the time they were charged and what they were charged with, it will make your hair curl."

Mr Turnquest added: "We went to great lengths to introduce this electronic monitoring system, if you're going to release them at least put an ankle bracelet

on them."

The government has spent \$878,851.30 for the management of the monitoring system by ICS of the Bahamas and international partners, Mr Turnquest said.

During his contribution to the government's proposed compendium of anti-crime bills, the Mount Moriah MP explained that it cost the government a total of \$15 per day to monitor an individual, more than half the cost per day of housing a prison inmate.

At the beginning of the week, 179 people were in

the programme, and 162 were being actively monitored. Mr Turnquest said 17 people have been remanded to prison for breaching the terms of their monitoring.

"I'm not passing the buck," Mr Turnquest said. "I'm talking the facts. I didn't put them out on bail, I put them before the courts. We can continue to dance around this issue or we can look at the facts."

"I echo the frustration of the Police, who work hard in taking alleged criminals off

the streets, only to have them return to commit more crimes," he said.

The electronic monitoring programme has been introduced in New Providence, Grand Bahama, Abaco and Exuma. Due to its effectiveness, Mr Turnquest said the programme also has been implemented in Trinidad and Tobago.

During yesterday's debate, Mr Turnquest also revealed that nearly 500 Bahamians have been deported from foreign juris-

dictions.

"Whilst most of the deportations have been as a consequence of violating immigration laws, some 42 per cent of the deportees had been convicted of drug related offences," Mr Turnquest said.

"The matter of criminal deportees returning to the Bahamas from foreign jurisdictions is therefore one that is of concern to law enforcement agencies and one that warrants constant monitoring."



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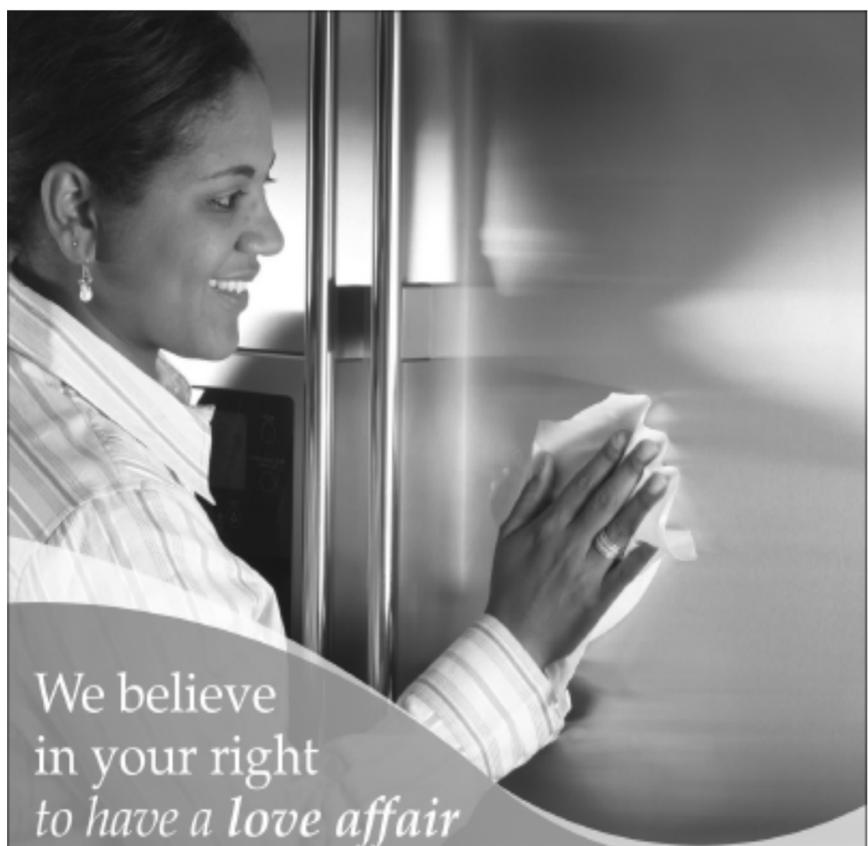
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Crime Statistics from January 1 to October 11, 2010, and January 1 to October 11, 2011.

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Murder - 72; 104
Attempted Murder - 7; 9
Manslaughter - 2; 1
Rape - 58; 80
Attempted Rape - 22, 26
Unlawful Sexual Intercourse - 183; 129
Armed Robbery - 639; 704
Robbery - 237; 274
Attempted Robbery - 25; 27

Crimes Against Property

Burglary - 293; 258
Housebreaking - 2,293; 2,502
Shopbreaking - 975; 752
Stealing - 1,513; 1,503
Stealing from a vehicle - 1,180; 1,868
Stolen vehicles - 960; 1,031

STATISTICS ADD UP TO GOOD BUSINESS



CPA JOHN SWAIN, first vice-president of the GB Chamber of Commerce, who gave a presentation at the Department of Statistics' free workshop under the theme 'Partnering with our business community to provide better statistics for sound planning'

BY DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREEPORT – The financial woes of many small businesses in Freeport are not due to economic circumstances but rather because of poor bookkeeping practices according to Clara Lowe, Department of Statistics assistant director.

At a workshop hosted by the department on Tuesday, Mrs Lowe noted that most small businesses do not have proper accounting records.

"Too many businesses are failing because they are unprepared for this economy as they do have not proper records to evaluate their weaknesses, and unfortunately we are seeing especially smaller businesses here closing," she said.

In observance of National Statistics Day, the Department of Statistics invited 50 small business owners to participate in a free workshop under the theme, 'Partnering with our Business Community to Provide Better Statistics for Sound Planning'.

CPA John Swain, first vice president of the GB Chamber of Commerce, made a presentation on the topic, 'How to keep good business accounting.'

Nicole Pinder, supervisor for the business establishment section at the department's northern branch, gave a presentation on the topic, 'The importance of good business statistics.'

Mrs Lowe noted that a sample survey is conducted of private entities engaged in productive economic activity on Grand Bahama.

'What we find is that older folks keep their receipts in a box and the young people try to keep it on a computer but they are not updating it, and proper records are important in business'

Clara Lowe, Department of Statistics

The survey begins the first week of March each year and questionnaires are mailed, e-mailed or hand-delivered to the selected respondents, who are required to provide information on their performance the previous year.

Mrs Lowe reported that for the first time in many years, more than 70 per cent of the businesses responded.

However, she noted that certain portions of the questionnaire were not filled out because many small business owners simply do not have the relevant information due to the lack proper accounting/bookkeeping records.

"Many could not put their hands on the information to fill out the forms of their returns because they do not have proper accounts," Mrs Lowe said.

"What we find is that older folks keep their receipts in a box and the young people try to keep it on a computer but they are not updating it, and proper records are important in business," she said.

Mr Swain told participants to keep their personal and business accounts separate.

He also stressed the importance of making daily deposits at the bank, keeping proper documentation of deposit slips and cash receipts, and reconciling bank statements.

In her presentation, Nicole Pinder noted that the business establishment section of the Department of Statistics conducts surveys on private businesses in 13 sectors, including, mining and quarrying; manufacturing; electricity production and distribution; water production and distribution; construction; wholesale and retail trade; hotels, motels, guest-houses

and restaurants; transport and storage; real estate; business services; private educational institutions; health activities; and other community, social and personal services (which includes funeral homes, beauty salons and washhouses).

She said the data generated from the surveys is fed into National Accounts Section where it is used to measure each sector's contribution to national output and to provide information essential to the estimation of the national income and gross domestic product of the Bahamas.

Ms Pinder said the survey commences in March of each year and ends August 31.

She said respondents are required to complete information regarding their business performance the previous year and return questionnaires the Department of Statistics.

During the survey, officers are required to periodically contact the establishments to determine firstly, if they have received a questionnaire and secondly, if they need assistance in completing the questionnaire.

This process continues until the end of the survey period.

There are several steps in the editing process which follows.

First, the questionnaires are checked for completeness and accuracy.

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OPINION

IS THE SOLUTION TO CRIME TO CHOOSE ONE SIDE OR TO WORK TOGETHER?

Opinion
By **JOSEPH A WALKER**
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KINDLY allow me some space in your valuable column to make a few comments on the issue of crime in The Bahamas.

In recent times, it has become fashionable and convenient for those who were themselves at one point or the other, in one capacity or the other, in charge of our country to make public proclamations on the cause of crime and to point fingers at others for the same.

Nothing is wrong with this as it keeps focus on the problem but, in all of it, the proclamations appear to miss the real target. I will return to this point later.

One has heard the Leader of the Official Opposition pontificate about who is responsible for the crime wave we are experiencing and as to what he would do about it if he and his party were returned to political power.

It appears, however, that he has conveniently forgotten that he and his party had five years to deal with this said problem of crime but he and his party did little or nothing to solve the problem and they were removed leaving the problem to grow and fester.

When the crime, at the material time, touched personally, the Leader of the Official Opposition, there were many promises of what he was going to do to get to the bottom of it but, alas, nothing was done. The problem remained unabated.

The Leader of the DNA, like the Leader of the Opposition, has blamed the present government for the problem of crime going so far as to hold the Minister of National

Security personally responsible for the problem, quite conveniently forgetting that he was a senior member and Cabinet Minister of the now governing party and therefore shares part of the blame.

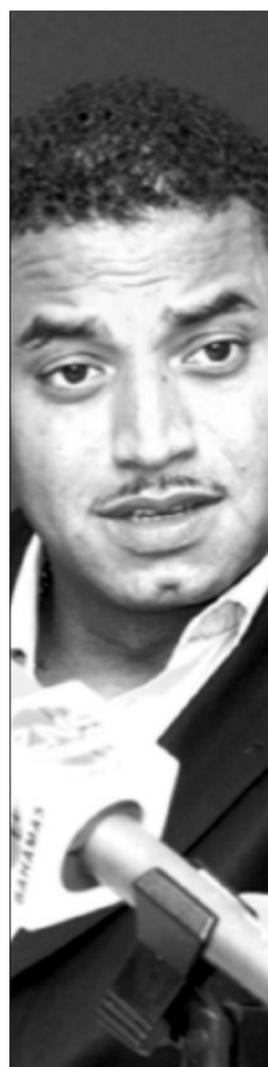
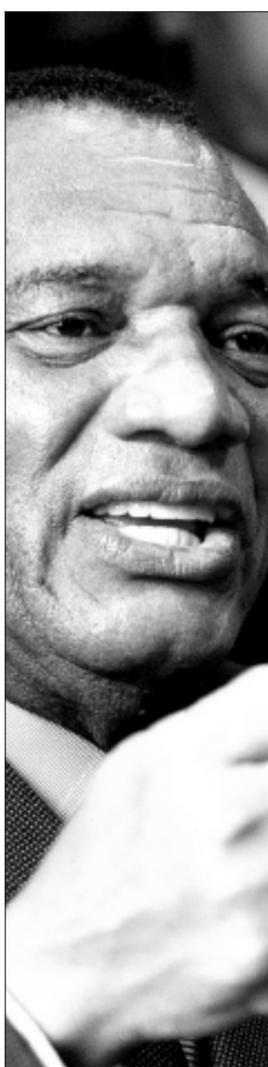
While one acknowledges that the crime issue is one of grave concern, leaders as well as those aspiring to be political, religious and social leaders ought not to allow themselves to make pronouncements on this most serious issue based on emotions, spite, political pandering, personal, arbitrary and ascriptive criteria or on poorly understood facts or principles. To do so is to be divisive and it bodes no one well nor does it contribute to the solution of the problem which should be the aim of all those who engage in the debate on the issue.

With all the noise in the market place about crime, particularly crimes involving murder, the salient point that is being missed or ignored or not understood or factored in the analysis is that no one, not the government, not the Minister, not even the parent or spouse of the murderer can prevent a murder unless the murderer makes his intention known prior to carrying out the act.

Even so, one may articulate an intention and may not follow through on the expressed intention or follow through may be delayed.

Murder is ideally personal and, in most cases, private, even if it is committed in a public way. Some murders are spontaneous.

Thus, because murder and other violent crimes can only be prevented if one has prior knowledge of their impending incidence, it is shortsighted and, in many ways, unfair,



IN THE debate over crime in the Bahamas, each side has pointed the finger at others - but would it be more productive for all sides to work together?

in one's view, to hold any one personally responsible for them save the perpetrators.

It is for this reason that when the accused of a murder or other crime is convicted of his crime, not the gov-

ernment, the minister or his parents, is punished personally.

This is not to be construed to say crime cannot be prevented for surely certain measures can be put in place to

discourage or reduce its incidence, but this will only be effective when we as a society have a clear understanding of the root causes of crime in our society.

Not the causes of crime in

the US or other Caribbean territories as published in reports and textbooks, but those causes, if any, characteristic to The Bahamas.

The factors involved in causing crime are varied, multifaceted and, some cases interrelated and, as such, any number of or any combination of them can synergise in any individual or group of individuals to result in the commission of a crime.

What we, as a society, need to do is to try through detailed and valid longitudinal scientific research, to identify, if we can, those factors, conditions, circumstances, community characteristics, family variables and even national linkages that are common among murderers and perpetrators of other violent crimes that may be trigger factors and therefore attempt to identify and develop and apply practical ameliorative strategies.

Even so, we may, at best, only make a small dent in the problem.

If we can, that would be a starting point from and on which we can build and learn. Crime is not a simple issue in any society.

There is no simple or easy solution therefore. If there were, other more developed and advanced societies would have solved it a long time ago because they have been grappling with it longer than we have.

All the pillars of society - the government, the opposition parties, the church, the judiciary, the security forces, the educational system, the family to name a few - must work cooperatively and congenially for the reduction of crime in our society. The blame game is most dysfunctional and, at best, divisive.

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By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

THE Nassau Airport Development Company (NAD) is close to signing a final agreement for a \$25 million hotel and office/conference centre to be built at Lyn-

den Pindling International Airport (LPIA), a project likely to create between 100-150 full-time jobs.

Frank Watson, chairman of the Airport Authority, yesterday confirmed to Tribune

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THE NEW US departure terminal at the Lynden Pindling International Airport.

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By NEIL HARTNELL
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THE US renewable energy company that has partnered with the Bahamas Electricity Corporation (BEC) and Baha Mar yesterday said it was looking to

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SELF-STARTER TAKES 80% OF BAHAMAR LOTS



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A BAHAMIAN entrepreneur yesterday told Tribune Business his company has seen rapid expansion since it started 16 months ago, and continues to secure work on several major projects, including 80 per cent of Baha Mar's parking lots.

With this rapid expansion, Atario Mitchell, president of Bahamas Striping, said he hopes to create more employment opportunities for young Bahamians. He told Tribune Business that ever since Bahamas Striping was launched 16 months ago through the assistance of the Government's Self-Starter program, the company has been aggressively competing for business.

Mr Mitchell told Tribune Business: "The company is expanding very fast right now. I am looking to purchase some more machines. I have some work coming up on the island, and I

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CASINO REFORMS SET TO GENERATE 'TIE BREAKERS'

- * Minister says 'massive' tome of proposals will make 'significant difference' to Bahamas' gaming competitiveness

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

PROPOSED reforms to the Bahamas' casino gaming regulations will "make a sig-

nificant difference" if they are all enacted, the minister of tourism yesterday saying they would make this nation more competitive and give it a potential "tie breaker" over rival destinations.

The legislative and regulatory amendments, awaited for more than a year by the Bahamas Hotel Association (BHA) and casino gaming regulations, are now contained in a "massive document" that Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace hopes to place before Cabinet soon.

Acknowledging the difficulty in getting important items on the Government and Cabinet agenda, especially given the current focus on crime-related legislation, the minister of tourism said the proposed gaming reforms would both modernise the regulatory framework and enhance the competitiveness of Bahamian casinos.

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BAHAMAS WINNING CRAWFISH EXPORT WAR DESPITE 20% HIGHER PRICING

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

THE BAHAMAS is "continuing to outdo" rival crawfish (spiny lobster) exporters even though its prices are 20 per cent higher than the global average, although it is in danger of losing "significant" share of the Canadian market to the likes of China and Brazil.

CARICOM's Office of Trade Negotiations (OTN), in a bulletin on the

- * But in danger of losing 'significant' Canada market share to Brazil and China
- * Nation accounts for \$60m, or 86%, of CARICOM's 2009 crawfish exports
- * Caribbean firms urged to forge Bahamas partnerships

region's crawfish industry and trade volumes, noted that the Bahamas was its "top exporting member state" based on 2009 data, accounting for 86 per cent -

some \$60.372 million - of its total \$70.2 million crawfish exports for that year.

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BUSINESS

CONTENT KEY TO ONLINE SELLING

By DEIDRE M. BASTIAN

CAN THE MECHANISMS that make us trust beautiful people more than regular-looking folk be traced to our bloodline? What about objects? Can we trust objects that are more beautiful than those that are not? Probably not; objects don't communicate like humans, and the link between object design and designer is often unknown. In other words, the human element of most objects is muted and not at all salient in the viewer's mind.

But what if the object did communicate a strong human element, whereby the visual aspect could be viewed as an

extension of our personality? Like websites. I would like to think they may be viewed as an extension of a person with a personality, and other associations that go beyond objective evaluations.

Features

Why? Well, website communication is adorned with decorative features. It may have 'balanced' beauty in human beings with trust, which has traditionally been the most important obstacle for website vendors to overcome. (Sounds fair?)

Hypothetically, in the physical world you can easily sell a prod-

uct by interacting and marketing tactics. But in the e-world, where there is no face-to-face interaction and critics constantly grunt that all online marketing is a total gimmick, it is paramount that you target customer needs and convince them your e-business is trustworthy. The key is to know your market and build the website to their preferences.

There are many factors to consider when designing a site, especially when millions of online businesses are competing for attention. Human beings are visual creatures that thrive on what appeals to them the most. Moreover, your website represents your company's image, and your every approach should be lucid but appealing because a content that informs and educates will encourage customers to buy as well.

Give your visitors what they want, not what you want, and they will love you for it. Happy visitors buy more, and effortlessly recommend your business to others. Do not mislead customers by false advertising, but facilitate products to cross-sell and up-sell. For example, when a customer purchases a CD player, a disc cleaner can also be offered.

Equally, it is important to create smooth navigation that works in the same manner as aisles in a supermarket. It should take customers to items they want to buy.

Your website should be all about load speed. You have between 10 and 30 seconds to capture your potential customer's attention, so load time is important.

Personalisation of your website is another key element that can increase sales. Ensure your site is consistent in look, feel and design, and interactive enough to add feedback with an e-mail that allows visitor questions. What background colours work best? Years of testing have shown that black text on white background works best on websites, as text on a background with patterns is difficult to read and will blend in with the back-

ground. The rule of thumb is to build a website with dark text on light-coloured background.

Serif fonts are excellent on paper, but they do not read well on-screen due to low resolution. Sans serif works best on websites. Using the same font size throughout your text proves to not only be monotonous but discourages users from reading the entire page. Use different sizes and colours for headings, sub-headings and paragraphs, and give plenty of space in between.

Try serving information in bite-sized chunks, as long blocks of text can discourage reading. Use bullets, which make it 10 times easier for a reader to skim your content.

Conditions

No matter how good the screen or the conditions for reading are (colours, light), it is still much more difficult to read on screen than on paper. Try to use words that even 10 year-olds can understand. Get your point across quickly by cutting through the fluff and make 'every word tell'.

Today we see website links that are not underlined, and designers have started using other colours for links and text to blend in better. Yet links should stand out and cry: "I'm a link, you can click on me."

If good content sells a product, ask yourself the following questions. Does your website convey your intended message? Is it compelling? Does your site make your visitors happy, or is it just another old song? The secret to a successful, powerful website lies with astonishing words which can make us laugh, cry or buy. Strive to make your customers 'buy'. Graphics alone do not sell products; carefully crafted words do.

Find the appropriate balance between images, as too many images distract just as much as no image does. A common mistake is trying to attract visitors' attention with everything you have, such as unrelated graphics.

Graphics should be used only when they are essential to communicate something that is not possible with words alone, so avoid using graphics that have absolutely no relation to the surrounding product. Concentrate on improving content rather than getting stuck with the technology behind it. Simplicity is the best approach.

A good decision is to have someone glance over your website and pay attention to where they look, m or click first. If it's the 'Buy now' or 'Special offer' link, then you have created a successful page. If they first glance at the flashy graphics, you have probably lost their attention.

There are thousands upon thousands of websites uploaded daily, and your business must stand out with credibility in order to be noticed. Be creative and easily accessible. Use graphics that reflect your purpose and offerings. This will help you become more desirable and attractive to clients. Trust is still an enormous component of website design; without it consumers simply will not transact or return.

Attracting thousands of visitors to your online business is futile if customers do not open their wallets at some point. To this end, it is important to make those few seconds count when making a first impression. A website's form and content is what will determine if a visitor will remain just a visitor, or turn into your next customer. Until we meet again, have fun, enjoy life and stay on top of your game.

NB: The columnist welcomes feedback at deedee2111@hotmail.com. Ms Bastian is a trained graphic designer who has qualifications of M.Sc., B.Sc., A.Sc. She has trained at institutions such as: Miami Lakes Technical Centre, Success Training College, College of the Bahamas, Nova Southeastern University, Learning Tree International, Langevine International and Synergy Bahamas.



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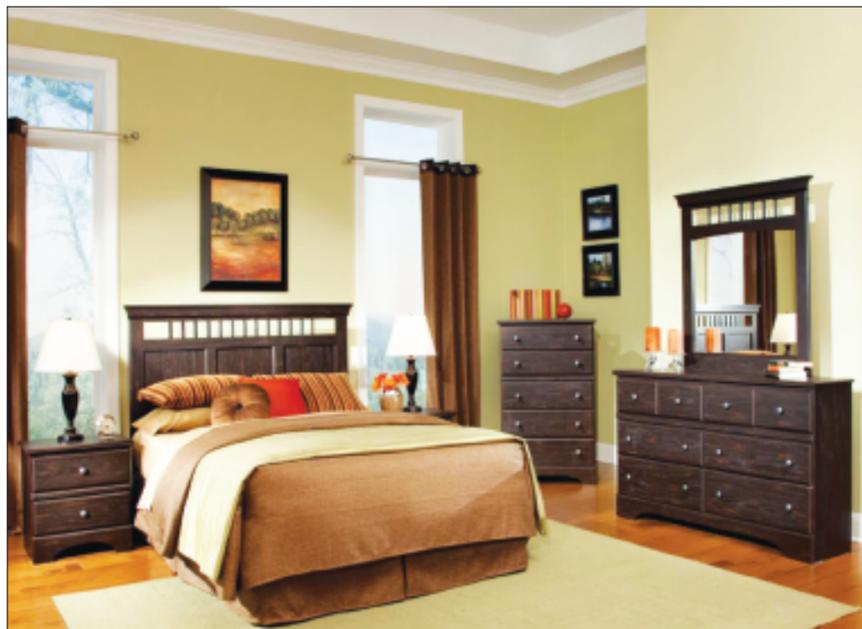
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REGULATOR UNVEILS FEE CONSULTATION

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THE SECURITIES Commission has today posted another white paper in a bid to obtain industry feedback on the fees it proposes to levy under the Securities Industry Act (SIA) 2011.

Philip Stubbs, its executive chairman, told Tribune Business yesterday: "Like the white paper on physical presence, this is now a rule that has to be in place for the Act to go live on a new fee regime we are proposing. We are doing the white paper to have a 45-day consultation period, so that the industry can review it and gives us feedback before we write the final rule."

Categories

Mr Stubbs further explained: "Essentially we looked at the fees that are under the current Securities Industry Act, and we are just mapping those fees forward into the new Act. There are some changes because under the new Act licensing and registration is a bit different; we have four categories that you are licensed under.

"It's a little bit different than the approach we use now, so there had to be a change in the way the fees are worked out.

"What we did was that we benchmarked with other jurisdictions we compete against to ensure that, while we increase the fees to have the funding to run the Commission in order to regulate the industry, we've ensured that we have ended up with proposed fees that are competitive compared to some of the other jurisdictions."

Mr Stubbs said the Commission will put out other white papers with regards to other rules it proposes to introduce in relation to the new legislation. Two weeks ago, the regulator posted a policy paper on physical presence requirements for broker/dealers and securities investment advisors.

CONSUMERS URGED: FOCUS ON OWN ELECTRICITY USAGE

By NATARIO McKENZIE
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THE PRIVATE SECTOR should not look to the Bahamas Electricity Corporation (BEC) for lower energy costs any time soon, Superwash's president said yesterday, adding that consumers needed to take matters into their own hands by identifying ways to reduce consumption.

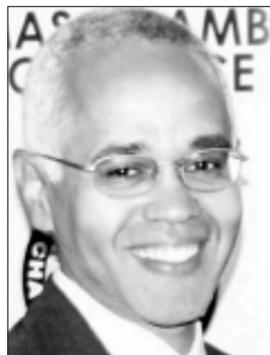
Dionisio D'Aguilar, who is also on the BEC Board as a director, told Tribune Business yesterday: "BEC is in a bit of quandary too, because it generates electricity one way, which is the consumption of fuel to run generators, so therefore they're very susceptible to spikes in fuel prices.

"There's absolutely nothing BEC can do in the short term, and businesses have to stop looking at BEC to do something about it. They have to start to take measures into their own hands by reducing consumption."

The Superwash president added: "Expecting the utility company to change the way it does business in a significant manner is certainly not in the short-term.

"It's up to the individual consumers to do what they need to do to reduce their consumption. I don't expect BEC to get cheaper any time soon, and if some politician jumps and says that under their regime they're going to get cheaper, it's absolutely a lie."

Mr D'Aguilar said high energy



DIONISIO D'AGUILAR

costs continue to be a vexing problem for most businesses. "Energy prices continue to hamper a lot of businesses. I think every business is now looking at ways to reduce their energy costs," he added.

"I think there is a major exercise underway where people are looking at replacing existing equipment with more energy efficient equipment as it relates to refrigeration and air-conditioning."

Mr D'Aguilar said many businesses have had to accept lower profits or losses due to current economic conditions.

"It's an extremely competitive environment out there," he explained. "You have a reduced demand. It doesn't make sense to raise your prices when the demand is down and you have rising energy costs.

"You can raise your prices, which will probably cause even more loss for your business.

You can replace less efficient equipment with more efficient equipment, or you can accept lower profits and, in some cases, losses. I would say most companies are making much less money now."

Winston Rolle, Chairman of the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation (BCCEC), told Tribune Business that a recent survey of its members revealed that energy costs were one of the major inputs businesses have to contend with.

"We have conducted a survey of our members, and one of the major costs that members have to contend with is their cost of energy, whether it is lighting, whether it's heating or cooling. It's a cost that has to be managed, and persons for the most part don't have a whole lot of control as to what they can do about it."

Mr Rolle said the Chamber is currently compiling the final statistics for that survey.

He added: "We're going to be holding an energy seminar on November 4-5, and the idea is to start to build more awareness - not only about opportunities for us to look at long-term plans for alternative energy, but also to start to give businesses and consumers some things that they can implement now that can have an impact on their energy consumption cost.

"I totally understand BEC's position as it relates to the oil prices because they're buying in bulk to meet anticipated demand, so a drop in price today probably

won't equate to a drop in price to them until they go to purchase their next supply, which is going to be possibly weeks or months out.

"I anticipate they're always going to be some bit of a lag before we start to realise the decrease in price from an oil perspective, and similarly from a gas perspective. We're trying to do what we can to sensitise the business society and the consumer in terms of the need for us to look at alternative energy, and things we can do practically to conserve energy and lower our operating costs and energy consumption costs."

BEC's chairman, Michael Moss, told Tribune Business earlier this week that in September the corporation paid the highest sum in the last 12 months for fuel supplies.

In September the corporation paid a higher price for automotive diesel oil (ADO) and Bunker C or heavy fuel oil (HFO). The HFO per barrel price paid by BEC was up 47.6 per cent year-over-year, while the ADO price was up 58.1 per cent. All this is likely to mean one thing: Higher electricity costs for Bahamian consumers and businesses.

Mr Moss noted that in October last year, for heavy fuel oil, BEC paid a price of \$75.94 per barrel, while this year in September it paid \$112.06 per barrel. For diesel in October of last year BEC paid \$95.70 per barrel, while in September 2011 it paid \$151.32 per barrel.



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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 90,000 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 (60ft 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 plant.

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 provided qualification, the shortlisted companies will be invited to present their proposal on or before November 15, 2011.

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\$25M AIRPORT HOTEL DEAL CLOSE

Business that negotiations with a group of south Florida-based investors for the 108-room hotel and conference centre were close to completion.

And this newspaper can reveal that the developers are seeking to construct a facility of 'four-star' standard, rather than the typical 'two-star' airport hotel, targeting the private aviation market and foreign directors of Bahamas-based companies who fly into LPIA for Board and other meetings.

The developers, who own The Atlantic Resort & Spa in Fort Lauderdale, are looking to construct the hotel on a three-acre site immediately to the south of Windsor Field Road, right between the two entrance and exit roundabouts for LPIA.

"That information is accurate," Mr Watson told Tribune Business yesterday, after being contacted about the proposed LPIA hotel. "Yes, there are negotiations. They should be very near a

final agreement. I'll be able to answer you more definitively in a couple of days, after November 2.

"They are planning a 108-room hotel and conference centre with meeting rooms. That will be a nice and interesting addition."

Subsequent to the interview with Mr Watson, Tribune Business was able to track down one of the principals in the investor group, George Allen, who confirmed that the developers were proceeding with their plans and negotiations with NAD.

"We want to make this airport hotel more interesting and of a higher quality than a typical airport hotel," Mr Allen said.

"An airport hotel is usually a two-star. We're going to try and make it, as they say, very damn close to a four-star."

The investors were targeting "a very strategic three-

acre site" about 800 feet to the east of the new US departures terminal for the hotel and associated conference, office and meeting room facilities.

"It's midway between the two entry and exit roundabouts. Just on the other side of the parking lot," Mr Allen explained.

"The hotel will include an interconnected office complex for aviation and airport related activities and operations.

"Between the two of them, the hotel and office complex, the investment will be in the vicinity of US\$25 million. The number of employees will be between 100-150."

Apart from himself, Mr Allen said the investor group also included Michael Hill from the same The Atlantic Hotel, who was managing director of the Bahamian entity incorporated to facilitate the LPIA hotel's development. The Bahamian on-site representatives for the project were Sonny Russell and Kent Knowles.

Explaining that the developers had been attracted by the "capacity and beauty" of the redeveloped LPIA terminals, Mr Allen said the proposed hotel was targeting executives who flew into Nassau for meetings and business involving Bahamas-based companies.

Its proximity to LPIA, he indicated, would give it a competitive advantage, as these executives would no longer had to travel to downtown Nassau or other offices/resorts for their meetings.

The proposed hotel is also well-positioned to take

advantage of the population growth in western New Providence, which has resulted in many families and businesses relocating there, away from what is perceived as an overcrowded eastern end of the island.

"The fact this new terminal has attracted world attention, the fact the Bahamas had the foresight to have US Customs embedded in the airport, we think there will be many guests, conference people coming in for meetings for one-two days and not going into downtown," Mr Allen told Tribune Business.

"They will want to be in a beautiful attraction, and we'll have vehicles to get them to the Caves, Bay Street or a beach."

Yet even Mr Watson, the Airport Authority chairman himself, acknowledged he was "a little sceptical" as to whether the proposed LPIA hotel would be able to carve out a market niche for itself, given that the traditional 'airport hotel' model did not apply to the Bahamas.

Globally, airport hotels are typically used for 'lay overs' by travelling airline passengers, who rest up for a day before catching a connecting flight. Mr Watson, though, noted that no such market existed at LPIA, as there were no such 'interconnecting' flights, while international visitors in transit to the Family Islands caught those flights the same day.

"The developers approached NAD," Mr Watson confirmed. "They run a number of boutique hotels around America. NAD did not go looking for them.

"I'm a little sceptical. I don't know what the drawing card is going to be for them. We don't have that many interconnecting flights. That's the issue I have, but they feel confident they can do it. I spoke to one or two of them, but they were gung-ho and think it can work.

We're happy to accommodate them.

"It's very interesting."

Mr Watson said the developers had initially focused on a plot of land near the LPIA police station, before switching their attentions to the current proposed site.

SELF-STARTER TAKES 80% OF BAHAMAR LOTS

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don't want that to take away from my work here in Nassau. There is a big need for striping, so I hope to get a lot of work.

"We have contracts to do 80 per cent of the work here at Baha Mar in reference to the parking lots, and a bit of the road works at the rerouting stage of Baha Mar. We just recently secured a verbal contract in reference to Phase II of the airport as it relates to the striping works there."

Mr Mitchell said that with two employees from the Government's job placement program already on staff, he is looking to add more persons to his payroll.

"Currently I have seven persons employed, and I am also seeking additional persons from the Government's job placement program. I had applied for five persons, and I have two already," he added.

Mr Mitchell said many striping companies have gone out of business due to competition from larger foreign firms. "There are not a lot of Bahamian companies that do it," he added. "I know of two besides myself, but this particular field was really controlled by a UK company called Road Grip."

"Road Grip has been in the Bahamas for 10 years. We work on the UK standards and we have a UK expert here to train our employees. A lot of striping companies have gone out of business because of foreign companies coming in and doing the work. They come in the country, make a lot of money but nothing stays in the country. We have no issue with foreign companies coming in if they're going to transfer skills."

Mr Mitchell credited the Self-Starter Program with jump-starting his business. "The Self-Starter program was where I got started. I got a grant and was able to put my team together, and started competing for jobs. The Self-Starter program was a big help to me," he added.

Travis Johnson, an employee hired through the Government's job placement program, said: "I got a job with Bahamas Striping through the Government placement program, and I feel it's a great opportunity to learn a new skill that's rare here in the Bahamas."

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Dated this 3 day of October, 2011

Edmund Rahming
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BISX LISTED & TRADED SECURITIES AS OF:										
TUESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2011										
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX: CLOSE 1,367.65 CHG 0.03 %CHG 0.00 YTD -131.86 YTD % -8.79										
FINDEX: YEAR END 2008 -12.31%										
WWW.BISXBAHAMAS.COM TELEPHONE: 242-677-BISX (2479) FACSIMILE: 242-323-2320										
52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Security	Previous Close	Today's Close	Change	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
1.19	0.97	AML Foods Limited	1.18	1.18	0.00	0.148	0.040	8.0	3.39%	
10.63	9.05	Bahamas Property Fund	10.63	10.63	0.00	-0.642	0.080	-16.6	0.75%	
7.50	4.40	Bank of Bahamas	6.93	6.93	0.00	0.230	0.100	30.1	1.44%	
0.53	0.17	Benchmark	0.18	0.18	0.00	-0.048	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
2.84	2.55	Bahamas Waste	2.70	2.70	0.00	0.030	0.090	90.0	3.33%	
1.96	1.77	Fidelity Bank	1.77	1.77	0.00	0.097	0.040	18.2	2.26%	
11.10	8.29	Cable Bahamas	8.46	8.46	0.00	0.245	0.320	34.5	3.78%	
2.80	2.33	Colina Holdings	2.60	2.60	0.00	0.438	0.040	5.9	1.54%	
8.50	8.33	Commonwealth Brewery	8.50	8.50	0.00	0.740	0.000	11.5	0.00%	
7.00	6.21	Commonwealth Bank (B1)	6.55	6.55	0.00	0.496	0.320	13.2	4.89%	
2.00	1.63	Consolidated Water BDRs	1.85	1.88	0.03	0.111	0.045	16.9	2.39%	
1.77	1.31	Doctor's Hospital	1.37	1.37	0.00	0.074	0.040	18.5	2.92%	
5.50	4.75	Fanguard	5.43	5.43	0.00	0.498	0.240	10.9	4.42%	
8.10	8.29	Finco	8.35	8.35	0.00	0.757	0.000	7.1	0.00%	
9.45	7.75	FirstCaribbean Bank	8.14	8.14	0.00	0.494	0.350	16.5	4.30%	
6.00	5.00	Foocal (S)	5.33	5.33	0.00	0.435	0.220	12.3	4.13%	
1.00	1.00	Foocal Class B Preference	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
7.30	5.58	ICD Utilities	7.30	7.30	0.00	-0.122	0.240	-59.8	3.29%	
10.80	9.80	J. S. Johnson	9.82	9.82	0.00	0.880	0.640	11.2	6.52%	
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate	10.00	10.00	0.00	1.207	0.200	8.3	2.00%	
BISX LISTED DEBT SECURITIES - (Bonds trade on a Percentage Pricing basis)										
52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Last Sale	Change	Daily Vol.	Interest	Maturity		
99.46	99.46	Bahamas Note 6.95 (2029)	BAH29	99.46	0.00		6.95%	20 November 2029		
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00		7%	19 October 2017		
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022		
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00		7%	30 May 2013		
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015		
RoyalFidelity Merchant Bank & Trust Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)										
52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
10.06	5.01	Bahamas Supermarkets	N/A	14.00	14.00		-2.945	0.000	N/M	0.00%
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.55		0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%
CFAL Securities Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)										
41.00	29.00	ABDAB	30.13	31.59	29.00		4.540	0.000	9.03	0.00%
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.65	0.75	0.40		0.029	0.000	24.13	0.00%
BISX Listed Mutual Funds										
52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD%	Last 12 Months %	NAV 3MTH	NAV 6MTH	NAV Date		
1.5779	1.4674	CFAL Bond Fund	1.577926	3.39%	5.87%	1.548717	1.535365	31-Jul-11		
3.0248	2.9020	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	3.0248	2.63%	3.94%	2.981382	2.952663	31-Jul-11		
1.6128	1.5289	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.6151	2.61%	4.53%	1.591803	1.580804	5-Aug-11		
2.8423	2.5398	Royal Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	2.5730	-5.41%	-9.79%			30-Jun-11		
13.7493	13.2291	Royal Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.7347	2.82%	1.94%			31-Jul-11		
114.1289	99.4177	CFAL Global Bond Fund	114.0922	2.35%	13.85%	114.128861	111.469744	30-Jun-11		
118.4255	101.6693	CFAL Global Equity Fund	118.4255	2.30%	8.26%	118.580785	115.762221	30-Jun-11		
1.1749	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.1877	3.59%	4.94%			30-Sep-11		
1.1343	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.1415	2.06%	4.07%			30-Sep-11		
1.1764	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.1890	3.47%	5.04%			30-Sep-11		
9.5078		Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal								
9.9952		Protected TIGRS, Series 1	9.9433	0.98%	4.58%					
11.4985	9.8690	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal								
		Protected TIGRS, Series 2	10.9652	0.78%	5.70%					
10.6813	9.7396	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal								
		Protected TIGRS, Series 3	10.6013	5.75%	13.20%					
8.8564	7.8830	Royal Fidelity Int'l Fund - Equities Sub Fund	8.6507	3.01%	18.38%					
MARKET TERMS										
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX - 19 Dec 02 = 1,000.00										
52wk-HI - Highest closing price in last 52 weeks										
52wk-Low - Lowest closing price in last 52 weeks										
Previous Close - Previous day's weighted price for daily volume										
Today's Close - Current day's weighted price for daily volume										
Change - Change in closing price from day to day										
Daily Vol. - Number of total shares traded today										
DIV \$ - Dividends per share paid in the last 12 months										
P/E - Closing price divided by the last 12 month earnings										
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BUSINESS

CALLENDER ACHIEVES A BAHAMIAN FIRST

COLIN E. CALLENDER, QC, managing partner of Callenders & Company, has been chosen as a director of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers (IATL) at its recent annual meeting in New York. He becomes one of only five attorneys in the world outside the US to hold a current directorship.

Mr Callender, whose law career has spanned five decades, called the appointment "one of the highest honours of my career and a reflection of the respect with which the legal profession of the Bahamas is held at the global level". He was admitted to the Inner Bar as Queen's Counsel in 2010.

The IATL, according to its own definition, is reserved for "the elite" among litigators - those attorneys and barristers who fight for clients in the courtroom. Its membership is by invitation only, and is limited to 500 lawyers admitted to Fellowship after a gruelling screening process that includes reviews by judges and respected academic and practicing legal authorities or experts.

Voted

Only a few new IATL places open on an annual basis, and new members voted into the litigators' inner circle tend to make headlines for the firms, but Mr Callender was voted to hold what only 10 per cent of the membership ever achieves - a responsibility of helping to steer the academy as it tackles a wide range of issues affecting legal systems worldwide. No other Bahamian has ever been named a director of the Academy.

Considered to be one of the Bahamas' leading insolvency experts, Mr Callender first gained international recognition in 1977 when he was retained to advise the official liquidators in the liquidation of Mercantile Bank

& Trust Company.

This retainer was followed by his appointment to represent the official liquidators in the Bahamas of IOS, the group of fund companies, started by the late Bernie Cornfield, and which later fell into the hands of the notorious Robert Vesco.

In 1982, Mr Callender was retained to represent the official liquidators of the Bahamas branch of the Banco Ambrosiano Group of Companies, known as "the Pope's Bank", following the discovery of the bank chairman, the late Roberto Calvi, hanging under Blackfriars Bridge in London.

Banco Ambrosiano was found to have close connections to the Istituto per Opere di Religione, the Vatican Bank. Because of its

implications for numerous banks worldwide, the scandal rocked the financial world and led to massive media coverage.

Landmark

Nearer to home in 1997, Mr Callender was retained to represent the official liquidators of Gulf Union Bank (Bahamas) a Bahamian-licensed bank having offices in Nassau and Freeport. Several of the decisions rendered in those liquidations are regarded as landmark decisions and upheld in the Privy Council.

Mr Callender, the great-grandson of the firm's founder, W.E.S Callender, was educated at the

Taunton School in Somerset, England. He was admitted to the Bar of England and Wales (Middle Temple) in July 1962, and admitted to the Bahamas Bar one month later.

He also holds membership in the International Bar Association and the Bahamas Bar Association.



SECURITIES COMMISSION OF THE BAHAMAS

PUBLIC NOTICE

No. 18 of 2011

19 October 2011

NOTICE RELATING TO A CONSULTATIVE

WHITE PAPER ON FEES

The Securities Commission of The Bahamas ("the Commission") is pleased to announce the posting of a white paper, detailing the fees being proposed under the Securities Industry Act, 2011 ("SIA 2011"), to its website, www.scb.gov.bs.

This paper represents the Commission's policy perspective with respect to the fees to be assessed under the SIA 2011. It encapsulates the components of the rule that will be developed to govern the Commission's authority to set fees for the purpose of carrying out its functions as required under securities laws.

The consultation period starts Wednesday, 19 October 2011 and ends on Friday, 02 December 2011 (45 calendar days).

Please be advised that comments should be made directly on the website by linking to the email address: SIAconsultation@scb.gov.bs or via the Comment form. Alternatively, written comments may be submitted to:

The Secretary of the Securities Commission of The Bahamas
Securities Commission of The Bahamas
 3rd Floor, Charlotte House Shirley & Charlotte Streets
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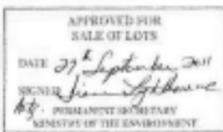
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BUSINESS

FROM page one

BAHAMAS WINNING CRAWFISH EXPORT WAR DESPITE 20% HIGHER PRICING

Still, the OTN sounded a warning note, saying: "The region's exporters of frozen rock lobster are generally not price competitive. The Bahamas, the dominant exporter, was able to sell the product at a price which was 20 per cent more expensive than the global average export price in 2009.

"Belize and Haiti's export prices were about 33 per cent more expensive than the world average price in 2009."

The Bahamas was the second leading exporter, behind Brazil, of crawfish to the US in 2009, a market that consumed 51 per cent of CARICOM's total

exports.

"The Bahamas was France's main supplier of frozen rock lobster in 2009, capturing almost a third of the import sales," the OTN bulletin added. "The Bahamas continued to out-compete exporters from Cuba, Spain, Nicaragua, the US and Australia, even though it is not price competitive with these markets."

Spain and Nicaragua receive the same trade preferences as the Bahamas

does under the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), and have expanded their crawfish exports to France by 12 per cent and 36 per cent per annum between 2005-2009. The US, too, even though paying a 12.5 per cent tariff to access the French crawfish market, still managed to expand their sales by 2 per cent per annum over the same period.

"The tariffs on this product seem to work in conjunction with the price competitiveness of the product, as some countries penetrated the market even without any of the trade preferences that may be benefiting exporters from the Bahamas," the OTN added.

The Bahamas was also labelled as "the top exporter of frozen rock lobster to Belgium in 2009, and based on preliminary data

maintained their top market position in 2010".

Again aided by its duty-free preferential market access to Belgium, the Bahamas beat the likes of Nicaragua, the United Arab Emirates, Ecuador, France, the Netherlands and Germany.

"The Bahamas was the most dynamic exporter of frozen rock lobster to Belgium, as between 2005 and 2009 export volume expanded by 132 per cent per annum, and export sales by 43 per cent per annum," the OTN said.

"However, Nicaragua also expanded its export sales between 2005 and 2009, but has not been gaining significant import share, as in 2009 the Bahamas still supplied almost 60 per cent of Belgium's imports."

Warning that CARICOM crawfish exporters had to be mindful of the European

Union's (EU) Catch Certification requirements, which need fisheries products to be caught by licensed vessels using legal means, the OTN said the Bahamas "also dominates exports of frozen rock lobster to Canada, supplying over one-third of import spending"

While the Bahamas and CARICOM exporters accounted for 70 per cent of crawfish imports by Canada in 2009, the OTN warned: "Based on preliminary data for 2010, the Bahamas is expected to lose significant import sales to countries including China and Brazil, which now seem to have the Canadian frozen rock lobster market in their cross hairs."

And it added that the preferential 5 per cent tariff that Bahamian crawfish products currently entered Canada under, via the

CARIBCAN trade agreement, were due to expire at year-end 2011.

Calling on CARICOM crawfish exporters to diversify their markets, and target the likes of Mexico, Indonesia, Taiwan, the UK, Portugal, Greece and Australia, the OTN said their competitiveness was "retarded" by high fuel costs, poaching by Caribbean rivals and possible collusion by retailers and wholesalers in export markets.

Noting that proximity to the US was one competitive advantage for the region, the OTN said: "The Bahamas benefits from a Customs clearance programme which may be facilitating trade and ensuring that this quality, sensitive product is able to obtain a higher price based on the freshness factor."

"Other CARICOM rock lobster firms that do not benefit from similar Customs clearance procedures could examine partnerships with firms in the Bahamas geared towards exploiting some of the locational advantages where feasible."



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AEROSERVICE LIMITED In Voluntary liquidation

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

The date of commencement of dissolution is the 20th day of October, 2011.

**Allison Logan,
12-14 David Place,
St. Helier, Jersey JE2 4TD
Liquidator**

Legal Notice **NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN as follows:

- (a) **GOLFTEAM LIMITED** is in dissolution under the provisions of the International Business Companies Act 2000.
- (b) The Dissolution of said Company commenced on October 19, 2011 when its Articles of Dissolution were submitted and registered by the Registrar General.
- (c) The Liquidator of the said company is Zakrit Services Ltd. of 2nd Terrace West, Centreville, Nassau, Bahamas.
- (d) All persons having Claims against the above-named Company are required on or before the 1st day of December 2011 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims to the Liquidator of the company or, in default thereof, they may be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

October 20, 2011

ZAKRIT SERVICES LTD.

LIQUIDATOR OF THE ABOVE-NAMED COMPANY



BAHAMAS ELECTRICITY CORPORATION VACANCY NOTICE



AUDIT CLERK INTERNAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT

A vacancy exists in the Corporation for an Audit Clerk in the Internal Audit Division.

Responsibilities of the position include, but are not limited to the following:

- Conducts research investigations of files e.g., accounts payable, payroll reports, purchases records and the Customer Information System to retrieve information/data needed to support audit programs;
- Performs compliance tests and prepares both manual and computer spreadsheet analytical schedules;
- Inputs audit data into the departments' computer system;
- Completes audit concerns memorandums;
- Assembles audit files including referencing and cross-referencing;
- Prepares monthly and quarterly reports for the Chief Internal Auditor on audit activities.

Job requirements include:

- Completion of an Associates Degree in Accounts or Computer Science
- A minimum of 1-2 years of experience
- Knowledge of basic accounting to assist with audit activities
- Computer Skills to input data and retrieve information
- Verbal skills to interact effectively with co-workers

ASSISTANT INTERNAL AUDITOR INTERNAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT

A vacancy exists in the Corporation for an Assistant Internal Auditor in the Internal Audit Department.

Responsibilities of the position include, but are not limited to the following:

- Develops audit programs, for conducting audits, from the planning to reporting stages for approval by the AGM/Chief Internal Auditor;
- Consults with the Internal Auditor or AGM/Chief Internal Auditor to resolve queries or obtain guidance on audit assignments;

- Conducts financial, operational and ITS audits at Corporate Head Office and the Family Island Operations;
- Conducts risk and control assessment exercise;
- Prepares audit and investigation reports;
- Provides feedback on Audit Clerks in the preliminary performance evaluation for them;
- Coaches, supervises and assist in the training of Audit Clerks.

Job requirements include:

- Bachelor degree in Accounting or other closely related discipline
- A minimum of 3-5 years experience in auditing, accounting or related experience
- Completion of a professional certification (ACCA, CA, CPA or the CIA)
- Understand and apply Internal Audit Standards and Procedures, and International Accounting Standards
- Good investigative, interviewing, problem solving and analytical skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Knowledge of Microsoft Word & Excel computer programs.
- Knowledge of audit software and a good working knowledge of the Corporation's software applications
- Knowledge of internal controls, operational audit techniques as well as the ability to identify and assess risks
- The ability to assess and evaluate the Corporation systems of internal control
- The ability to conduct some risk analysis for major areas within the Corporation
- The ability to conduct financial, operational and ITS audits, and investigations and exercise strict audit code of ethics (e.g. confidentiality)
- Ability to lead, supervise and training Audit Clerks

INTERNAL AUDITOR INTERNAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT

A vacancy exists in the Corporation for an Internal Auditor in the Internal Audit Division.

Responsibilities of the position include, but are not limited to the following:

- Conducts complete risk assessment for areas being audited;

- Conducts financial, operational and ITS audit assignments in accordance with established audit programs.
- Produces audit reports on audit concerns, their causes, effects and the audit recommendations in accordance with the IIA Standards;
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- Discusses audit concerns with the relevant Department/Section Head and seeks agreement to implement recommendations;
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- Trains, coaches and directs the activities of the Audit Clerks, and offers general supervision and technical support to the Assistant Internal Auditor(s);
- Conducts audits in conjunction with the External Auditors and produces working papers for the External Auditors year-end audit;
- Conducts stock taking observation exercises, Family Island audits and special assignments.

Job requirements include:

- Bachelor degree in Accounting or other closely related discipline
- A minimum of 5 years experience
- Professional accounting certification (e.g., CA, CPA.), in addition completing the CIA would be highly desirable
- Understand and apply Internal Audit Standards and International Accounting Standards
- Good investigative, interviewing, supervisory and analytical skills
- Knowledge of Microsoft Word & Excel computer programs. Also knowledge of audit software and a good working knowledge of the H.T.E system are required
- The ability to conduct complete risk analysis for all major areas within the Corporation
- The ability to conduct financial, operational and ITS audits and investigations and exercise strict audit code of ethics (e.g. confidentiality)

Interested persons should apply by collecting an Application Form from BEC on Blue Hill and Tucker Rds.
Completed forms should be returned to:

The Assistant Manager-Human Resources, Bahamas Electricity Corporation, Blue Hill & Tucker Rds., P. O. Box N-7509 Nassau Bahamas on or before: **OCTOBER 28 2011.**
Only candidates meeting the requirements will be contacted.

BUSINESS

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Conceding that the Bahamas had in the past neglected certain components of its tourism offering, such as gaming, simply because there was little to no competition, Mr Vanderpool-Wallace said it could not afford to ignore "any element" that might create a "tie breaker" in favour of a rival jurisdiction.

"I have that massive document in front of me as we speak," Mr Vanderpool-Wallace told Tribune Business, when questioned as to the status of casino gaming regulatory reform.

"It hasn't been put forward yet, but it's quite a lengthy thing because there are so many bits and pieces under consideration. The next step is putting it out to the Government [Cabinet] for consideration. They haven't seen it

CASINO REFORMS SET TO GENERATE 'TIE BREAKERS'

as yet."

Emphasising that he had "no control whatsoever" of when the Ingraham Cabinet might consider the lengthy reform proposals, Mr Vanderpool-Wallace said: "There are a whole number of things ahead of that on the agenda. That's what we are facing in terms of getting some of these items down the pipeline."

While declining to detail the reforms under scrutiny, the minister told Tribune Business: "A lot of the recommendations are ones that will certainly modernise what it is we are doing, and the key part is doing those things that make us a lot more competitive."

"Between those two buckets of things is what these proposals address - modernising the gaming laws and making

us more competitive. It's a whole series of items requested by the industry; some of it we have accepted, and some of it we have modernised."

The minister said he expected a favourable reaction to the proposed reforms from the private sector, given that a "substantial proportion" originated from the industry. "We did not invent them ourselves," he added.

In a previous interview with Tribune Business, Robert Sands, Baha Mar's senior vice-president of governmental and external affairs, said that among the reforms proposed by the BHA and casino sector were widening "the net of those allowed to gamble to permanent residents and junket representatives - entertainers on short-term work

permits".

Other reforms involve the approval process for investment in the casino industry, and movement of table games and slot machines.

Mr Vanderpool-Wallace told Tribune Business that in relation to the reform proposals "the competitive side of it is more important", given that the world had "changed dramatically" since the Bahamas' original gaming regulatory framework was implemented, with increased competition from a variety of US,

Caribbean and global destinations for the same customer.

"Nowadays, every little piece is very important," Mr Vanderpool-Wallace said of the tourism product. "There was a time when we didn't pay attention to some components of our tourism offering because they weren't many people doing the same thing."

"Now, there is no element we can leave neglected. We see all these things as tie breakers."

"There's so much competition out there that no element can be allowed to break the tie between you and other destinations. We do not want to

miss out on any of these tie breakers, so they all become very important."

Telling this newspaper that the Government and private sector had done "a great job" in drawing up the reforms to date, Mr Vanderpool-Wallace said: "I think we will make a significant difference, provided we get the whole suite of proposals put forward."

"It's not just the stuff in Parliament."

"There's a whole host of other things the Government is working on."

"We've never worked harder in terms of the things we're trying to do."

BEC PARTNER TO CREATE JOBS VIA NASSAU OFFICE

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per year.

Jeremy Feakins, chairman and chief executive of Ocean Thermal Energy Corporation (OTE), told Tribune Business that the seawater district cooling plant it has committed to build and operate for the Cable Beach developer, which will involve an investment "in excess of \$100 million", would reduce the \$2.6 billion project's air conditioning (A/C) related energy costs by "up to 90 per cent".

And apart from saving Baha Mar 8 MW or 35,000 MW hours per annum, Mr Feakins said a seawater district cooling plant of the size to be constructed at Cable Beach would save 58,000 barrels of oil and 26,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions per year.

With the Bahamas very much becoming OTE's forward operations centre, given its agreement with Baha Mar and the two potential ocean thermal energy plants it would build/operate under the MoU with BEC, Mr Feakins said the company was already looking for office space in Nassau.

Explaining that OTE hoped to win additional seawater district cooling contracts from other Bahamas-based hotels and businesses, once it explained the energy-saving and environmental benefits to them, Mr Feakins said the company's Bahamian-based staff complement could grow much larger.

"We are looking at setting up a permanent operation in the Bahamas," Mr Feakins told Tribune Business. "That was a commitment we made to Minister [Earl] Deveaux."

"We don't want to be an operator that comes into the Bahamas, does the work and clears off. We want to be part of the business community and employ as many local people as possible. It's certainly going to be more than 20-25 people on permanent staff."

How big the Bahamas-based staff became would depend on "how many contracts we get. It's looking good. We've been looking for offices and talking to our lawyers to set up the International Business Company (IBC). We've already done that".

OTE's links to BEC and Baha Mar have already caught the attention of the Bahamas Hotel Association (BHA) and other Bahamas-based resort properties. The BHA has asked the company and Mr Feakins to come to Nassau and give a presentation on seawater district cooling and its possible advantages.

"I think the interest of the group at that first meeting was to talk about seawater district cooling," Mr Feakins said of the BHA. "They've reached out to us, and asked us to come along and explain seawater district cooling and how it works."

Seawater district cooling uses cold seawater piped in from the sea to provide air conditioning to buildings, and Mr Feakins said it can either be a by-product of ocean thermal energy production or a standalone operation, as it will be for Baha Mar.

"It does save up to 90 per cent of electricity costs when compared to traditional A/C," he told Tribune Business. "It's definitely a huge saving for the country... For Baha Mar it's going to save 8MW of power a year."

District cooling, Mr Feakins said, had "been around for donkey's years". The large-scale operations constructed to date have not used seawater but, rather, other water sources, such as the lakes employed by Toronto's downtown area. OTE, he added, had some 20-30 years' experience in the field.

As for the Baha Mar contract, Mr Feakins said it would follow the company's build/own/operate model, with OTE providing all the project financing itself. The seawater district cooling plant will be operational by 2013, he added, a full year ahead of Baha Mar's full opening.

"We've got engineers on the ground right now," he added. "They're [Baha Mar] a delight to work with, and we plan to have the plant up and running by 2013. They need it before they open. All the buildings need to be cooled and chilled, as there will be substantial interior decorating going on, floors put in. That can't take place in the hot Bahamian climate. We have to have A/C up a full year before they're ready."

Apart from the energy savings, Mr Feakins said Baha Mar executives were also keen on seawater district cooling because it was environmentally friendly.

"For the size of plant we're doing now, the reduced energy consumption is 35,000 MWh per annum, or 8 MW a year saved," he added. "The reduced energy consumption results in 58,000 barrels of oil saved, which is equal to 26,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide a year saved by doing a plant equivalent in size to what Baha Mar is doing."

A plant the size of Baha Mar's would involve an investment "in excess of \$100 million", Mr Feakins said.

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Appraised Value: \$140,000.00

Travel south on Soldier Rd. from Taylor Street (the main entrance to Nassau Village Sub.), to the first roadway on the south, known as Strachan Blvd. Travel onto Strachan Blvd pass the Old Trail Plaza to the first roadway travelling west. Travel west towards the dead-end of the road. The subject property is the third lot from the dead end on the north.

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Lot# 10 & 11 Blk# 45 Nassau Village Subdivision

Duplex Apartment

Unit 1 - 2 Bedrooms 1 Bathroom

Unit 2 - 3 Bedroom 2 Bathrooms

Property Size: 5,000 sq.ft

Building Size: 2,096 sq.ft

Appraised Value: \$236,715.00

From Soldier Road travel south along Taylor Street (entrance into Nassau Village); continue across Alexandria Boulevard and turn left onto Lawton Avenue, then right on Jackson Street and the subject property is about 225 feet on the left. Green Trim white

Lot H south of Rocky Pine Road, N.P

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Duplex - 2 Bedrooms, 1 bathroom, Single Family Residence - 3

Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms

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Traveling east along Rocky Pine Road from Gladstone Road take the 1st corner on the right. The subject is the 9th lot on the left.

Lot# 6 Block A Pothemus Gardens, N.P

Multi Family Residence

Duplex Apartment

2 Bedrooms, 1 Bathroom

Property Size: 5,528 sq.ft

Building Size: 1,800 sq.ft

Appraised Value: \$196,000.00

Traveling north along Providence Avenue from Boyd Road, take the 5th corner on the right (Rosalind Street). Heading east the subject is the 5th lot on the left a single storey duplex painted green.

Lot of land Agryl Subdivision, N.P

Multi Family Residence

Duplex Apartment

2 Bedrooms, 1 Bathroom

Property Size: 3,800 sq.ft

Building Size: 1,300 sq.ft

Appraised Value: \$113,000.00

Traveling south along Fox Hill Road from the roundabout, take the 1st corner on the left (Reeves Street). Come to the T-Junction with Ambrister Street and take a left. The subject property is the 2nd building on the right painted beige trim white.

Lot of land south side of Pine Yard Road, N.P

Multi Family Residence

Triplex Apartment

2 Bedrooms, 1 Bathroom

Property Size: 9,007 sq.ft

Building Size: 2,550 sq.ft

Appraised Value: \$357,530.00

Traveling east along Pine Yard Road from Melbourne Road take the 1st

corner on the right. The subject property is the 2nd lot on the right, a single storey triplex painted white with purple trim.

Lot of land West of Miller Road, N.P

Multi Family Residence

Triplex Apartment

1 unit w/ 3 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms and 2 units w/ 1 Bedroom, 1

Bathroom

Property Size: 7,000 sq.ft

Building Size: 2,764 sq.ft

Appraised Value: \$271,483.00

Travel west on Carmichael Road to Bacardi Road, travel south, take the 3rd corner on the right, the building is the 5th on the left painted tan trimmed burgundy.

Lot# 677 Elizabeth Estates Subdivision, N.P

Multi Family Residence

Duplex Apartment

1 unit w/ 3 Bedrooms, 1 Bathroom and 1 unit w/ 2 Bedrooms, 1

Bathroom

Property Size: 5,435 sq.ft

Building Size: 1,575 sq.ft

Appraised Value: \$135,000.00

Heading north along Australia Avenue from yamacraw Hill Road come to the 1st cross road (Malawi Street and Australia Avenue). The subject property is situated at the northeastern corner. A single storey residence painted pink with white trim.

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