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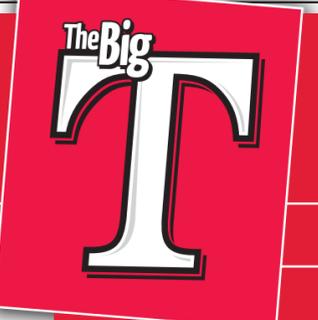
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'We must protect trial witnesses'

19 targeted this year by criminals

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NINETEEN witnesses to serious crimes have suffered intimidation and harm as a result of their testimony this year, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham revealed.

Eleven bills were passed in the House of Assembly last night, including an act to provide for the protection of the identity of witnesses during criminal investigations.

"Our way of life, our livelihood, is threatened by this

criminal class in the Bahamas," Mr Ingraham said. "We are forced to use the power of the state, not the power of the government, the power of the state of the Bahamas, the full power of the state, we are forced to use to fight and to conquer these criminals."

The country's murder count has nearly tripled the total recorded 11 years ago.

In an effort to illustrate the "extent of witness intimidation," Mr Ingraham provided

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IMMIGRANT HAD CHOLERA

A HAITIAN immigrant intercepted at sea was infected with cholera, the Ministry of Health has revealed.

The man was taken to New Providence by Defence Force officers and admitted to the Detention Centre.

The detainee appeared unwell on arrival, was treated for cholera and later repatriated.

"There was no contact between the person and the

community-at-large. Laboratory tests later confirmed cholera," said the ministry in a statement.

"As reported, Haiti has an increased rate of cholera. The Ministry of Health continues its heightened surveillance activities and other necessary precautions to identify cases and prevent the transmission of cholera in the Bahamas.

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THIS BIG TRENCH in front of Hoffer & Sons seems to be getting bigger as the days go by, with traffic having to merge into one lane to pass safely
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BRAN ROW ESCALATES

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A WAR of words broke out between South Abaco MP Edison Key and Branville McCartney as the pair clashed over allegations that the Bamboo Town MP solicited thousands of dollars in work from a government agency while he was a Cabinet minister.

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PROPERTY APPEAL EXTENDED

AN APPEAL for an extension of time in the property easement access case of millionaire Peter Nygard was granted to the appellant yesterday afternoon.

The application was approved by Justice Christopher Blackman, along with a second one seeking to gather additional evidence to support submissions in the case already filed to the Court of Appeal.

Koed Smith, attorney for Canadian fashion designer in an ongoing disputed property

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IT'S A FACT - THE BIG T IS A HIT

AFTER three weeks of record sales, the Big T has now firmly established Saturday as *The Tribune's* third best selling day of the week.

Last week, 70 per cent of newspaper depots throughout New Providence sold out of Big Ts, with most of the others left with only a handful of copies.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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THE DOG, Boy, that was shot by Clifford Fernandez following an attack on his goats by a group of dogs. However, locals say it is unlikely that Boy was one of the culprits and was likely in the wrong place at the wrong time.

DOG SHOT AFTER ATTACK ON GOATS 'IN WRONG PLACE'

THE shooting of a well-loved dog in San Salvador has outraged the community, but Chief Councillor Clifford Fernandez said he was only acting in defence of his livelihood.

Mr Fernandez, who is also a senior customs official and ministry of tourism representative, said he only shot the dog because it was attacking his livestock.

Mr Fernandez said he fired into a pack of dogs that were going after his two goats and just happened to hit that particular dog.

A few days later, he said, the other dogs – which he described as a nuisance to several settlements – came back and “finished the job”, killing the goats while he was at church.

“I don’t have any goats now,” he said.

Mr Fernandez said the dogs have harmed his livelihood, as the goats were rare and valuable and he was in the process of breeding them.

He called on people on the island who claim own-

‘He is one of the biggest, gentlest, laziest dogs you can imagine – he couldn’t kill a rubber duck if you asked him to, but he was at the wrong place at the wrong time.’

Community member

ership of dogs to control them.

“If you have a dog, keep him in the yard,” he said.

But according to sources on the island, who wish to remain anonymous, Mr Fernandez’s goats were not properly secured either, although they were on his property.

They said some dogs did go after the goats, but that it is unlikely Boy was one of them.

One community member said: “He is one of the biggest, gentlest, laziest dogs you can imagine – he couldn’t kill a rubber duck if you asked him to, but he was at the wrong place at the wrong time.”

He said people were outraged by the incident, as the dog is a much-loved member of the community.

“The shooting of this dog upset the whole community because everyone knows, loves and interacts with this dog.

“Fortunately a local animal activist took the dog in and called the Bahamas Humane Society (BHS) for advice.”

With the help of a BHS veterinarian, the dog was able to be nursed back to good health after weeks of care.

In response to the incident, a BHS official warned livestock farmers on the Family Islands against taking matters into their own hands.

He said farmers should contact Ministry of Agriculture officers in their area to obtain a live animal trap if they are experiencing problems with dogs.

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ARMED ROBBER 'HAD MY LIFE IN HIS HANDS'



FORMER PRESIDENT of the Chamber of Commerce Khaalis Rolle was in Hanna's Hardware Store on Cordeaux Avenue and Palm Beach Street when armed robbers struck yesterday

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THE former President of the Chamber of Commerce, Khaalis Rolle, counts himself lucky to be alive after he was caught in the middle of a daring armed robbery yesterday afternoon.

Recounting the horror of the event that has left him physically shaken, Mr Rolle said that he literally saw his entire life flash before his eyes when gunmen entered Hanna's Hardware store on Cordeaux Avenue and Palm Beach Street.

Speaking with *The Tribune* only moments after the incident, Mr Rolle said that he was walking in the hardware store around 3pm when he noticed a young man stand-

ing outside the premises wearing a hat and dark shades.

Noting that there was a lot of activity outside the business, Mr Rolle said that the young man did not appear "suspicious" to him as there were a lot of people outside.

"As I was about to walk in, he started to walk towards the door and then stopped for a second. Well, within 30 seconds of me going inside, picking up a brochure that was on the counter about the water heaters, I heard someone yell, 'everyone get down'," Mr Rolle said.

Falling to the ground, Mr Rolle said that the next few minutes were a "blur" to him.

"I didn't immediately glance back, but then I felt someone right up on me, and that's when I glanced back and I heard a bunch of shout-

ing and I saw that the guy to my right was struggling to pull out a gun - a shiny handgun."

Mr Rolle said that when he glanced around the room he saw a second gunman was already in the store with his weapon drawn, aiming it at the cashier.

"I just ran over to the corner and hit the floor. Let me tell you something, while I was on the floor listening to the commotion I was never so concerned in my entire life about anything. My daughter, who is a day old ... that image was just in my head," he said.

The two gunmen were able to make good their escape on foot with an unknown amount of cash. None of the patrons in the store was injured or robbed during the ordeal.

Mr Rolle said that he did not get a good look at any of

the robbers and credited the police with a speedy response to the scene.

"I am extremely shaken up. I have never experienced anything like that in my life, and when people say your life flashes before you, I have a great appreciation for that now, and you can't take that for granted. My entire life flashed before me.

"And not looking for the dramatic, but it was one of the worst experiences, one of the most demeaning experiences, one of the most helpless situations anyone can be in. Because literally one idiot with a gun has your life in their hands. At that point in time, they are the supreme being," he said.

Mr Rolle is also the PLP's candidate for Pinewood in the upcoming general election.

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MITCHELL ISSUES CHALLENGE ON CRIME LAWS

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FOX Hill MP Fred Mitchell challenged the government to live up to its promise of reduced crime through criminal justice legislation.

During his debate contribution in parliament yesterday, Mr Mitchell warned that the compendium of anti-crime bills - passed last night by the government - threatened the balance between public rights and the powers of the state.

"The witness Bill will not allow the defendant to know who his accuser is," Mr Mitchell said. "This is a fundamental right in law. You have to know who your accuser is."

Mr Mitchell said: "This goes back to what I have said about shifting the balance away from the rights of the defendant to the rights of the state. And presumably you are doing so because you are arguing that it is in the larger public interest."

The Bill to provide for the protection of the identity of witnesses is a constitutional test, the Fox Hill MP said.

He suggested that the act be limited by a "sunset clause", which would allow parliamentarians an opportunity to review its effectiveness after five years.

Mr Mitchell said: "Secondly, and perhaps cumulatively, you could put in place a panel of the House, the Senate and civil society which is to review the practice of the law and how it is applied as a kind of oversight committee to ensure that there is no abuse of the law."

Underscoring what he said was the vital importance of the Urban Renewal programme as conceptualised by the PLP, Mr Mitchell maintained that social intervention is the only effective answer to crime.

He said the programme had been "gutted" by the FNM government, and now lacks the level of involvement in the community needed to render appropriate support.

"Nothing else will lessen crime," Mr Mitchell said.

"Unless we address the fundamentals we are headed to failure."



FOX HILL MP Fred Mitchell warns that the anti-crime bills threaten the balance between public rights and the powers of the state.

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Tough times call for tough measures

HOLDING UP Thursday's Tribune in the House of Assembly last night, Prime Minister Ingraham pointed to the heading over the lead front page story: "Murderers got the wrong man."

Being debated was the Criminal Evidence (Witness and Anonymity Act), one of the 11 amended and new crime Bills passed by the House last night in an attempt to bring the criminal element that is terrorising this country under control. And, said Mr Ingraham, if these Bills are not strict enough, then they will be reviewed and made even tougher.

Pointing to The Tribune headline, Mr Ingraham said that although the police had not confirmed the information given to the newspaper by the dead man's family, he had been informed that the man the killers were looking for was to be a witness in a murder case.

Mr Ingraham said that his information was that "they tried to kill him before. This is the second attempt to kill this man, and they killed the wrong man".

The Prime Minister wondered how "many others of these cases have happened since the beginning of 2011 that are ongoing right now?"

There are many such cases, even to the extent of a witness changing her testimony in the witness box because she had been threatened before she got to court. As a result, a guilty person is still walking the streets, unless, of course, he has since been arrested on another matter.

As late as Wednesday night, a terrified witness telephoned The Tribune to say that she was too afraid to go home that night because she had been threatened by a person who had been trying to extort money from her. She felt her tormentor had been tipped off that she had taken her complaint to the police. She had a tape recording of their conversation, which she was to bring to our offices yesterday so that if anything happened to her, the authorities would know where to look from the evidence the tape would provide. As soon as she hung up, we telephoned a top police officer to alert him of what was happening. The police must have the situation under control, because, although the witness did not come to our office yesterday as promised, at least her name was not on the daily police crime sheet that morning as another casualty.

Such telephone calls to our office in the dead of night from frightened people was a common occurrence during the drug years. It is troubling that history is starting to repeat itself.

We are told that, as the law is today, witnesses can sit in prison and study the witness list, obviously obtained from their lawyer - witness's name, address and other relevant information.

This will no longer be possible in certain

serious cases — murder, manslaughter, rape, robbery while armed with a firearm, dangerous drugs, terrorists acts and trafficking in persons.

In these cases, the Criminal Evidence Bill is "going to allow the police or the Attorney General to be able to bring to a magistrate and obtain permission to keep secret from an accused person the name of a potential witness in a matter being investigated", said Mr Ingraham.

"In certain circumstances, they will no longer be required to tell the police to hand over to a defence lawyer the statement of the witness with address and occupation revealed and what was said."

He said that what the witness is going to say will be known but "who is saying it and where they live, where their family lives, where their children go to school" will not be known.

Mr Ingraham said that "the general right of a person to know who is accusing him and to be able to face that person in court is being curtailed in these instances. There are no absolute rights".

Mr Ingraham said he could have never contemplated that the day would come when he would stand in parliament and ask members to deny an accused the right to face his accuser.

He acknowledged that circumstances in his country had not only changed, but had changed for the worst "in relation to criminal activity." He said it was his duty as head of government to ensure that peace and order in the Bahamas overrides any personal conviction that he could have "in relation to the rights that we have known for years and years."

Fox Hill MP Fred Mitchell did not agree. He said the fundamental right in law is that you have to know who your accuser is. However, in our opinion, a man's life overrides any other right, and it is the state's duty to protect a person's right to life over another's right to know.

From the beginning of this year, 19 witnesses have been threatened. Of those 19 some have been murdered, attempts have been made on the lives of others — at least one was shot at twice — and one will remain paralysed for the rest of his life after being shot because he was going to give evidence. How can Mr Mitchell in good conscience say that an accused — and usually one with a long criminal record — has more rights than an innocent citizen doing his public duty? If the accused has more rights than an innocent citizen, then indeed our justice system will collapse and the criminal will be in control.

It is too bad, but tough times call for tough measures. And these are tough times. The criminal now has a choice — either shape up or be prepared to take the fast bus ride to Fox Hill, some to remain there for the rest of their lives.

Grand Bahama is FNM no more

EDITOR, The Tribune.

For years, Progressive Liberal Party supporters have accused The Nassau Guardian and The Tribune of being the official organ of the Free National Movement (FNM).

This now appears to be the view that is held by the former editor of The Nassau Guardian and The Freeport News, Mr Oswald Brown. Besides popular Nassau journalist Miss Nicki Kelly and two very popular internet dailies, Mr Brown is arguably the FNM's harshest critic.

Miss Kelly's column "Between The Lines" appears every week in a very popular tabloid newspaper. This particular newspaper has generally been pro-FNM for many years. But it now appears that the editor has also turned on the FNM government, despite the valiant efforts of the person or persons hiding behind the pseudonym The Scribe.

The Scribe makes it a point every week to remind his/her readership of the many alleged scandals that rocked the PLP government to its foundation between 2002 and 2007. Reminding the Bahamian electorate, however, about the many miscues of the Christie administration will have very little bearing on the election outcome in 2012. Bahamians have a very short memory span.

In one of his recent letters to the editor that was published on September 13 by The Freeport News, Mr Brown made mention of an alleged internal struggle for the leadership of the FNM.

According to Mr Brown, original members of the FNM are pushing Health Minister Dr Hubert Minnis to become the next leader of the party. These original FNMs are also supporting Education Minister Desmond Bannister for the Deputy Leader position. Mr Brown and other journalists like Nicki Kelly have obviously done their homework on the FNM.

Nevertheless, Brown is not the first to reveal that Dr Minnis and Prime Minister Ingraham are not always seeing eye to eye. I have heard and read rumours before that the two are not the best of friends.

Mr Brown used to write positive things about Prime Minister Ingraham and the FNM, but now he uses his pen to expose the proverbial chinks in the FNM's armor.

LETTERS

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Mr Brown also pointed out in his letter that Prime Minister Ingraham is presently grooming Minister of State for Finance and Member of Parliament for Marco City Zhivargo Laing to succeed him as the next leader of the FNM. I don't think that anyone would deny that Mr Laing has aspirations of one day becoming Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

Let me state at this point that I am glad that Mr Laing has achieved much in life. I understand that he came from humble beginnings. His is truly a rags to riches story. He is an alumni of the famous Hawksbill High School in Grand Bahama. I think he also was the head boy at that learning institution, which has now been closed for nearly 15 years.

Laing's academic achievements are impressive. He attended the College of The Bahamas; the University of Western Ontario in Canada, where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics; and George Washington University, where he undertook undergraduate studies.

Laing was first elected to the House of Assembly as the Free National Movement representative for the Fort Charlotte Constituency in 1997 by defeating Sir Lynden's protégé Franklin Wilson. To say that Laing's victory over Mr Wilson was a surprise upset would be a major understatement. Mr Wilson is a political heavyweight within the Progressive Liberal Party. I believe Mr Laing was only 29 at the time when he was elected in 1997. Mr Laing, however, lost his seat by an overwhelming margin to Progressive Liberal Party candidate Alfred Sears in 2002. Mr Sears received 657 more votes than Mr Laing in that election.

The FNM was routed by the Christie-led PLP in New Providence. In fact, of the 24 constituencies in New Providence at the time, the PLP won a staggering 21 seats to the FNM's one seat; which was Montagu by Brent Symonette. The remaining two seats were won by independent candidates Pierre Dupuch in St Margaret and Tennyson Wells in Bamboo Town.

After spending five years in the proverbial political wilderness, Mr Laing ran again as an FNM candidate, but this time in the Marco City Constituency in the 2007 General Election. He defeated Freeport attorney Miss Pleasant Bridgewater, who by all accounts was a very good representative for Marco City.

In fact, many Marco City residents would admit that Miss Bridgewater worked harder than Mr Laing during the five years of her representation. She was always visible; and she always made it a point to distribute turkeys and hams to her constituents during the Christmas season.

Zhivargo Laing won Marco City by a mere 47 votes. However, that margin of victory was reduced to just 27 votes in December of 2008 by the Election Court. The PLP felt that the 2007 election result in Marco City could be overturned in their favour by the Election Court.

Many FNM supporters, though, felt that the 75 persons who voted for independent candidate Michael Edwards were disgruntled FNMs. Had these so-called disgruntled FNMs voted for Laing, he would have won by at least 102 votes, instead of the measly 27 votes that he got after the election court ruling in 2008.

It now appears as if the PLP is set again to capture Marco City in 2012 with another candidate, Mr Gregory Moss. The constituents of Marco City are not dyed-in-the-wool supporters of either major political party. I think that the past decade and a half has taught us all this important lesson. No political party can take Marco City for granted anymore, especially the FNM.

Therefore, to call Freeport or Marco City "FNM country" is a misnomer. In my humble opinion, I think that the FNM will lose Marco City by a blowout margin. It happened before in 2002. I am disappointed that the FNM and Zhivargo Laing haven't worked as hard in Marco City as Miss Bridgewater. I had voted for Laing; yet I cannot honestly say that I have seen him in my area since he became my Member of Parliament. I am not saying that he hasn't canvassed my area; I just haven't seen him.

My point is this: Because Mr Laing's margin of victory was only by 27 votes in 2007, that can hardly be considered a wide margin of victory. With all due respect to Mr Laing, he should have worked harder in Marco City. He hardly has any room for error.

Even though I believe his chances of holding onto Marco City are very slim, Laing should have hit the ground in his constituency by now. What is he waiting on? We are already in the month of October. We have at least seven months remaining before an election must be called in this country.

Mr Laing and the FNM need to come and talk to the constituents of Marco City. They need to let us know what are their plans for Grand Bahama moving for-

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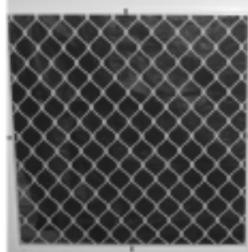
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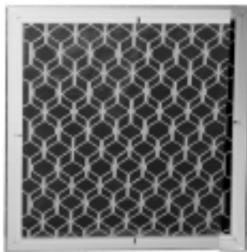
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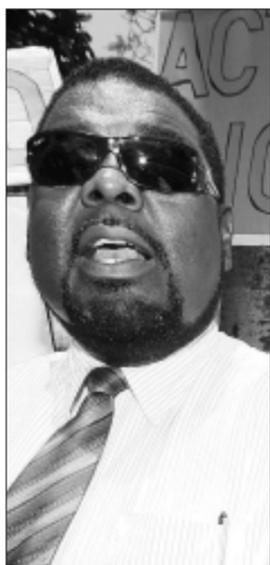
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UNION PRESIDENT SEEKS CREATION OF PROMOTION BOARDS

BY DENISE MAYCOCK
Tribune Freeport Reporter
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FREEPORT – Bahamas Public Services Union president John Pinder said the main aim of his new term in office will be the establishment of promotion boards to oversee career advancement in the Public Service.

Visiting Grand Bahama on Wednesday, Mr Pinder said pay raises and promotions for civil servants need to be more timely and transparent.

“We have received complaints over promotions, performance appraisals and non-payment of increments, and this term in office we will try to get government to agree to establish promotion board in all areas,” he said.

The union president said he plans to have a BPSU representative sit on each board, to ensure fairness.

“We think it is very important for a more transparent way of doing promotions,” said Mr Pinder.

Turning his attention to the northern Bahamas, Mr Pinder said the union will be looking at starting a housing project on Grand Bahama.

He plans to discuss with the Grand Bahama Port Authority the possibility of lots being allocated to the BPSU for the development of affordable housing for its members.

Although Mr Pinder was re-elected, he noted that he has lost some support in Grand Bahama.

In this year’s election Pinder secured 82 votes, compared to 144 in the last election.

He said lack of promotions and staff shortages are some of the main concerns of members in Grand Bahama.

“We will do our best to address those concerns,” he said.

Mr Pinder said that increas-

JOHN PINDER has called for the establishment of promotion boards to oversee career advancement in the Public Service

ing membership is another aim the union will aggressively pursue.

“There is a great number of persons that ought to be unionised and we must get our membership drive going immediately,” he said.

Mr Pinder added that the union is involved in a number of negotiations for staff contracts at the moment.

Negotiations are ongoing with the College of the Bahamas, and nearly complete with the Gaming Board, he said.

Talks with the Public Hospitals Authority have reached a stalemate over promotions and salaries for auxiliary nurses, attendants and security officers.

The union president said he is also looking to begin negotiations on industrial agreements for BAIC and Airport Authority staff.



HER MAJESTY’S PRISON, where a key to a cell block went missing this week

By **KHRISNA VIRGIL**

THE key to a cell block at Her Majesty’s Prison which went missing this week has raised questions about accountability at the facility.

According to sources inside the prison, a daily counting system is currently used to keep a record of all keys.

It was during such a count that prison officers realised they were missing a key that opened “a few” cells, according to a source.

This led to a partial prison

lock-down while a search was conducted.

That lock-down has since been lifted, as an alternative method of securing the cells in question was put in place.

But, the sources claim, senior prison officials have yet to get to the bottom of the missing key mystery, because there is no system of recording who has custody of a key at any given time.

They said a key check-in, check-out system needs to be put in place to ensure the incident is not repeated.

A press statement from the HMP’s Public Affairs Unit said measures are now being put in place to ensure the key will be rendered useless.

It also said that at no time during the incident was the public’s safety threatened.

After a formal investigation of the matter is completed, any prison officers found culpable could face a disciplinary action, it said.

Minister of National Security Tommy Turnquest said that after hearing about the

missing key, he was relieved to learn from Superintendent of Prisons Dr Elliston Rahming that it was not a master key.

According to recent statistics, the total capacity of the prison is 1,348 inmates. As it stands, 1,316 are currently housed there.

Of that number, 706 are sentenced, and 610 are awaiting trial.

Attempts to reach the Superintendent Rahming and his deputy were not successful.

MAN JAILED AFTER ADMITTING SEX WITH SEVEN-YEAR-OLD

A MAN who pleaded guilty in Supreme Court to having sex with his girlfriend’s 7-year-old granddaughter was sentenced to serve three years in prison yesterday.

Gregory McPhee, 28, was sentenced by Senior Justice Jon Isaacs, who took into consideration that he pleaded guilty and had no previous convictions.

The maximum sentence for the offence is seven years in prison.

McPhee, who had sex with the girl between January and

June of 2008, was the live-in boyfriend of her grandmother at the time.

Senior Justice Isaacs noted that despite the immediate plea of guilt, McPhee had abused the child’s trust and had to face consequences.

He recommended that the three years in Her Majesty’s Fox Hill prison be spent seeking counselling.

Jillian Williams was the prosecutor in the case. Wallace Rolle represented McPhee.



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PUTTING THE FOCUS ON

FOCUS STUDENTS take part in various programme activities in these pictures, which, in addition to classroom time, include "energisers" — daily exercises combined with positive chants and affirmations.
Photos: Tim Ayley, Derek Smith II, and Felicity Humblestone

THE Lyford Cay Foundation has launched a new education enrichment programme called FOCUS, which targets deserving, motivated grade four public school students with the aim of setting them on a path to college and career success.

The initiative provides the youngsters with 45 additional days of formal learning each year as well as everything they need to participate in its activities, including transportation, uniform t-shirts, class materials, meals and mentoring — free of charge.

FOCUS (Forward and Onward to College. Upward to Success) also presents unique internship opportunities for aspiring teachers.

High achieving college stu-

dents have been recruited to teach the children and act as role models, under the guidance and supervision of experienced educators.

Student teachers bring great energy, enthusiasm, a love for learning and a fresh approach to the task of education and serve as examples of how "it's cool to be smart".

The organisers hope the training and experiences provided by FOCUS will encourage a significant number of its intern teachers to one day become dynamic education professionals.

FOCUS was created and developed with the collegial assistance of Breakthrough Miami.

It consists of a six-week summer programme held Monday through Friday and lessons held on 15 Saturdays between October and April.

The first class began on July 7, 2011 at the College of the Bahamas (COB), which has donated use of its classrooms and facilities to the project.

A new class of rising fifth graders will be added every summer, and students remain in the programme until they graduate from high school — a full eight years.

Eventually, FOCUS will also include an "On Course to College" component designed to assist its 10th —



12th graders in selecting and preparing for senior high school and a postsecondary education.

Admission to FOCUS is by application, and the rigorous selection process includes numerous meetings and interviews with parents / guardians — who have a crucial role to play in the success of the programme — as well as the children.

"We are all accountable to one another," said Felicity Humblestone, programme director. "FOCUS provides mentoring to the adults in the children's lives, as well as the students, because we know that we all need to work together. We are in a relationship of mutual respect, and everyone is aware of the fact that excellence is our standard."

The response by the custodians and family members has

so far exceeded all expectations. Ms Humblestone said, with many of them taking every opportunity to visit the COB campus to participate in different FOCUS events.

Dora Chisolm, aunt and guardian of student Edwin Simmons, age nine, was thrilled to attend a "family morning" and expressed her gratitude for all that the programme offers.

"When Edwin came to live with me I told him that he had to go to college, but I told him I didn't know how he was going to go," she said. "And the next thing we knew, he was one of the successful candidates."

"We are just so appreciative that he has an opportunity now to go to college. It's a great opportunity, so we're just going to be there for him to encourage him, so that he can achieve his goals and

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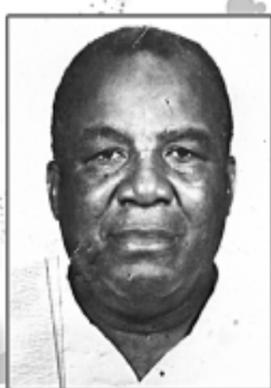


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The office will be re-opened to the public at its location on Monday 24th October, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

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even help and encourage other students, that they can do it too."

FOCUS has already had a transformative effect on the lives of the participants.

"The programme hadn't even started yet and I'd already learned a ton," said mentor teacher Adam Thibault, who devised the FOCUS English Language Arts and Social Studies curriculum.

"And I saw tremendous progress on the part of the students and the intern teachers within a matter of just a few weeks. I've noticed great energy, enthusiasm, attendance, humour and intelligence, and it has been very neat to watch."

Intern teacher Lizinga Rolle, a second year English Education major at COB, said: "The training we received at Breakthrough

Miami was really, really exciting.

"We learned something called, "Say, See, Do". It's where the teacher says something and the students see what the teacher is saying, through visual aids. And then the students actually do it, so that they remember what they are taught, and at the same time they have fun doing it. They have fun learning, they have fun writing, they are excited, they are energised, they are ready to go at all times."

Said eight-year-old FOCUS participant Stephen Dean: "I think what I like about the teachers is when they give us homework and then the homework is not too difficult. I should go to college because it is going to help me to get a career, have a job, have a family."

At the very start of the pro-

gramme, one student wrote an anonymous note on the Wish Board posted in one of the classrooms. It read: "I wish to have a better life than

make a warm, comfortable and professional environment. The role of a teacher is to meet each child's educational needs and treat each child with dignity and respect. As a FOCUS intern teacher, I will put my philosophy into action and help each child the best way I can.

Gwenique Charlow, who is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Primary Education at the College of the Bahamas.

I feel FOCUS gives children a voice. Children who may otherwise never see the same opportunity. I feel it places them at the same level as

everyone else. It's really an inspiration. It makes you realise that you don't have to be a private school kid in order to do the same things as others.

Intern teacher and former Lyford Cay Foundation scholar Elan Hutchinson, who is studying speech and language disabilities along with American Sign Language at Elmira College in New York

FOCUS will get me closer to college and into my schoolwork. It's important to me because it will help me to make my goal so I can go to

I like the teachers because they're fun. If you have a goal, you want to do your goal, then you have to go to college and you have to study it.

college and be what I want to be when I grow up.

[College] is important to me because sometimes you learn in school and like you just don't remember, but in college you just study the same thing. I want to go to the Police College, and try my best to work hard.

I did before and I think with the help of FOCUS it will get much better."

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A new date for the closure will be announced later.

The Ministry also announced that final paving works are being carried out on sections of Robinson Road between Claridge Road and Podoleo Street.

Motorists travelling along these routes are advised to follow the traffic management scheme in place and use Balfour Avenue as an alternate. This section is expected to re-open within the week.

As road works continue the Ministry encourages residents to support the businesses that fall within the corridors affected and thanked motorists for their patience and cooperation.

Motorists are asked to call 302-9700 between 9 am and 5 pm to report a roadwork problem or for more information.

AIRPORT UNVEILS NEW WEBSITE

TRAVELLERS can now log on to www.nassaulpia.com – the new official website of the Lynden Pindling International Airport.

Under the tag line, “No ordinary airport”, the website features images and information on the upgraded facilities at LPIA and sports the new airport logo.

The new-look website is part of a rebranding exercise undertaken by the Nassau Airport Development Company (NAD) to set the country’s major gateway apart from other airports in the region.

For Vernice Walkine, vice president of marketing and communications at NAD, the website launch is perfectly timed.

“Airports around the world are attempting to rebrand themselves in an effort to stand out in a very competitive market and LPIA is no ordinary airport, with three brand new terminals when the redevelopment project is complete – US departures, international arrivals and international and domestic departures/arrivals.

“Our original website, www.nas.bs, focused pri-

marily on NAD as a management company.

“It also gave users flight arrival and departure information.

“With the new site, we wanted to shift the focus away from NAD as a management company and instead highlight the facilities and services offered at LPIA,” she said.

New features include travel tips, a list of retail and food and beverage outlets in the US departures terminal, information on getting to and from the airport and other airport services like the popular free Wi-Fi.

‘With the new site, we wanted to shift the focus away from NAD as a management company and instead highlight the facilities and services offered at LPIA.’

Vernice Walkine, vice-president of marketing and communications

At its peak, the old website averaged more than 100,000 unique hits per month. The new site is expected to exceed those levels.

Soon to come will be

social media applications like Facebook and Twitter, aimed at making www.nassaulpia.com a fully interactive experience for airport users, Ms Walkine said.

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several incidents, occurring this year, in which witnesses have been murdered, shot, and paralysed.

Highlighting The Tribune's headline story yesterday, Mr Ingraham also confirmed that a man thought to be a witness was killed Tuesday.

"It is my information that the man they were looking for is a witness in a murder case," Mr Ingraham said.

"They tried to kill him before and this is the second attempt to kill this man, and they killed the wrong man."

Only serious charges of murder, manslaughter, rape, armed robbery, dangerous drugs, terrorist acts or trafficking persons, are eligible to apply for witness anonymity.

A magistrate must be satisfied that a qualifying offence has been committed; there are reasonable grounds for fearing intimidation or harm; the

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witness is able and willing to assist the investigation; the defendant was at least sixteen years of age at the time of the offence.

Earlier in the day, Fox Hill MP Fred Mitchell said the government's proposed witness anonymity bill infringed on the constitutional rights of accused offenders.

Mr Mitchell warned that the compendium of anti-crime bills threatened the balance between public rights and the powers of the state.

While asserting that there are no absolute rights, Mr Ingraham said he never imagined the day would come when he would be forced to contemplate witness anonymity.

"The general right of a person to know who is accusing him and to be able to face that person in court is being curtailed in these instances.

He added: "No horror dream I could have had that could have told me that I would come to parliament and want to have an opportunity for a witness to testify against someone and for them not to know who the witness is.

"But circumstances in my country have changed, changed for the worst in relation to criminal activity. My duty as head of government is to ensure peace and order in the Bahamas, that overrides any personal conviction I could possibly have in relation to the rights that we have known for years and years."

Last night, parliamentarians passed legislation to amend the Penal Code, Bail Act, Court of Appeal Act, Evidence Act, Criminal Procedure Code, Firearms Act, Dangerous Drugs Act, Customs Management Act, and

Sexual Offences Act; and to create the Pawn Brokers and Second Hand Dealers Act and Criminal Evidence Witness Anonymity Act.

During his contribution, Mr Ingraham said that the minimum sentence for persons engaged in the sale or trafficking of illegal drugs near schools is six years. He also stressed that convicted persons will serve the full calendar term of their sentence.

"Here in New Providence, it is not easy to find a place that is not within one mile of a school. Therefore, such persons will go to jail for six years. Not the eight months per year as it has become nowadays. From January 1 to December 31."

Mr Ingraham said: "I say to those persons who are in that business - no more fines, only jail and confiscation of anything that can be found to have been acquired from the proceeds of drugs."

PROPERTY APPEAL EXTENDED

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easement against billionaire neighbour Louis Bacon, made the requests to Justice Blackman in yesterday's brief hearing.

Robert Adams, attorney for the respondents, offered no opposition to either of the requests, only asking that an early date be given to hear the matter as it was one that would not take up the court's time.

Justice Blackman, after ruling to approve the applications, said the court would set a date.

In the original lawsuit filed by Mr Nygard against Mr Bacon in the Supreme Court, a list of multiple claims were outlined related to the right of passage through Mr

Bacon's property.

According to the writ filed by Mr Nygard, his property was assigned two rights of way by easement across the property of Mr Bacon when it was conveyed in 1984.

It claimed that between 2004 and 2008, a gate was constructed at the eastern end of the roadway of the easement that restricted access to Nygard Cay by Mr Nygard, his family and his guests.

That claim was countered by the billionaire who countersued his neighbor, alleging that Nygard used his property between 2005 and 2010 to transport materials, supplies and equipment to Nygard Cay, encroaching it in the process. Parking was one of the other issues raised in the billionaire's claims.

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Mr Key claimed he did not know Mr McCartney was the founder of and a partner in the law firm Halsbury Chambers when the firm was selected in 2007 and later paid almost \$10,000 in legal fees to help the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation collect millions of dollars owed to it.

He also claimed that the Bamboo Town MP "approached" him three years ago about hiring Halsbury Chambers to work for BAIC - a move he called "dishonest".

However, Mr McCartney, who resigned from the Free National Movement earlier this year, maintained he did not initiate discussions with the BAIC chairman.

"The truth is not in the member for South Abaco. The member said that I received a retainer for \$5,000 almost three years ago, that is not the truth," said Mr McCartney, speaking on a point of privilege.

He argued that he was an "inactive partner" in 2007 and that another lawyer from his firm - Donald Saunders - was first contacted by BAIC on September 12, 2007 about handling their case.

He added that Mr Saunders - who left Halsbury Chambers three years ago - has said publicly that he is "still doing the work to the satisfaction of BAIC".

Mr Key stood on a point of privilege to answer Mr McCartney, however the latter would not yield.

"I'm standing on a point of privilege, he can't stand and say he has a point of privilege," Mr McCartney said.

Mr Key again tried to interject but was interrupted by the member for Bamboo Town who shouted: "I am not finished. You're untruthful man, you're too old to be doing this foolishness, you should be ashamed of yourself, it's time for you to retire man. Shame, I call shame on you, shame, shame, shame!"

These statements elicited a loud outcry from sitting members of the Government side.

As the Speaker tried to quell the disruption, Mr McCartney, from his seat, shouted questions and hurled insults across the floor to Mr Key.

The Speaker stood several times to quiet the row and bring the House back to order.



BRAN ROW ESCALATES

The Speaker told Mr McCartney: "No member has to tell another member what his point of order is, you speak to the Chair. You laid your case."

Mr McCartney said: "I'm not finished! You've allowed the member for South Abaco to come in here, stand up and start talking and I'm not finished, he has no point of order. That's bad, man."

He also suggested that Mr Key's long political career was near an end: "Even the good deputy (Mr Symonette) said you (Mr Key) were finished in that constituency. Your time is up, you won't see the House of Assembly again."

Mr McCartney added that his character was impugned by Mr Key's claims and he demanded that the issue be referred to the House of Assembly's Committee of Privilege.

On several occasions he asked sitting members of government, who were questioning his conduct and account of the issue, to stand and say their words on their feet so it would be entered into the House's record.

To this, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham said: "Mr Speaker we know exactly what is supposed to transpire when a member says his privilege has been breached. This is not what's supposed to happen. This is not how the House is supposed to operate."

When Mr Key got his chance to respond, he maintained that Mr McCartney solicited business from BAIC

for his firm while the latter was a Cabinet minister.

"I had no idea that this was the member's law firm because he was a minister of the government. I know better than that, I been here for lil' while."

He added that he had a stack of letters signed by Mr McCartney demanding further payment from BAIC.

"If he is so innocent, how come as soon as he left Cabinet correspondence from Branville McCartney from his law firm comes to BAIC?"

He claimed Mr McCartney's law firm was paid almost \$10,000 from BAIC and then requested another payment of more than \$1,000, which was not paid.

He also warned voters to be wary of Mr McCartney's political ambitions.

"The man wants to be leader of this country with no experience - the Bahamian people better wake up and smell the coffee before it boils over."

HAITIAN IMMIGRANT HAD CHOLERA

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"The public is reminded to use clean water and maintain good hygienic practices to prevent cholera from spreading," it said.

Meanwhile, the Department of Immigration announced that it had repatriated 47 Haitian immigrants to Port-au-Prince yesterday morning on two charter flights with Sky Bahamas and Western Air.

In the group were 30 men, 12 women and five children.

Others repatriated to their homeland for contravention of Bahamas immigration laws included Chinese, Sri Lankan, Brazilian and Jamaican nationals.

"The Bahamas Immigration Department continues to be vigilant, in its sustained efforts to apprehend and repatriate those attempting to enter the Bahamas illegally, as well as those residing and working illegally in the country," said the department in a statement.

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of No.64 Golf Course Drive, Sea Breeze Estates, will be held on Tuesday, October 25th, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at East Street Gospel Chapel, No. 83 East Street. Officiating will be Pastor Tom Roberts assisted by other ministers. Interment will follow in Lakeview Memorial Gardens, John F. Kennedy Drive.

Memories of her life will forever be cherished by her husband: William (Al) McCartney Sr.; **five children:** William "Billy" McCartney Jr., Dr. Barrett McCartney, Lennox McCartney, Keith McCartney and Tamara McCartney-Cargill; **nineteen grand children:** William III (Lethera), Jamaal, Kino (Lisa) McCartney; Tiffany Charlton, Mario (Monique), Michelle, Melissa and Kamron McCartney, Georgette (Paul) Turnquest, Brandon, Adrien, Marlies and Brianna McCartney; Darren, Karl, Drew and Keisha McCartney and Ian and Tia Cargill; **nine great grand children:** Leah, William IV, Layell, Krysten and Daniel McCartney, Gabrielle and Jeffrey Charlton, Maisha Anderson, Sarai McCartney; **one sister:** Charmaine Johnson; **one brother:** George Clifford Culmer; **four daughters-in-law:** Margaret Pratt-McCartney, Carolyn Delancy-McCartney, Alanna Moss-McCartney and Desiree Williams-McCartney; **one son-in-law:** Ian Cargill; **four adopted sisters:** Coramae Major, Joan Adderley, Mavis Bowe and Ann Cancino; **three adopted brothers:** Dr. Timothy, William (Wilmac) and Clinton McCartney; **four brothers-in-law:** Henry Sands, William (Archie) Carey, Charles Wallace, and Charles Arnold McCartney; **five sisters-in-law:** Corliss and Delores (Laurie) Culmer, Ivis Carey, Dorothy Moncur, and Angela Wallace; **nieces:** Sarah Patsy Ingraham, Deloris Culmer, Sarah Lizetta (Rodger) Newman, Crystal (Sherman) Culmer, Ruth (John) Thompson, Henrietta (Spence) Bethel, Anita Patty, Deanne (Jerry) Anderson, Adrianna Anderson, Gabrielle and Caroline Culmer, Cislun Simmons, Deitra Delancy, Dale (Perry) McHardy, Shawn (Hon O. A. Tommy) Turnquest, Kim (Dwayne) Gibson, Alexandra, Amanda and Anita Moncur, Dr. Charlene Wallace-Ferguson, Kayla Hilton and Tonya Tynes; **nephews:** Keddy (Anita), Kirk (Lavina), Phillip (Natasha) and Glen Culmer, Leonard Garror (Pam), Brian and Oscar (Dawn) Sands, Myles and Marc Richard Culmer, William (Phillipa), Philip, Peter, and Craig Delancy; Augustus (Conra) Moncur, Carvill Wallace and Garvin and Mark McCartney; **other relatives and friends including:** Clarice Granger, Gloria Strachan, Hon. Perry G. and Mrs. Christie, the families of the late Talmadge, Benjamin and Richard Sands; the families of the late Herman, Hillard and Charlie Culmer; the family of the late Edith Ingraham; the Culmer family of Savannah Sound, Eleuthera; the McCartney family, the Carey family, the Allen family, the Thompson family, the Gibson family and the Staff of Commonwealth Fabrics and its many loyal customers.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Assembly of Brethren Christian Life Centre (C.L.C.) in Memory of Eliza Eileen McCartney would be appreciated and can be made at the Royal Bank of Canada Palmdale Branch account # 102-590-7.

Friends may pay their last respects at Butler's Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Ernest and York Streets on Monday October 24th, 2011, from 10:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and at the church on Tuesday October 25th, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. until service time.

LETTERS

Grand Bahama is FNM no more

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ward. He needs to walk through his constituency and listen to the concerns of the people.

Perhaps he should resign from the Ministry of Finance and give Marco City his undivided attention.

Let's be honest with ourselves, politics in The Bahamas is parochial. The constituents of Marco City didn't elect Mr Laing so that he could be appointed as Minister of State for Finance; they elected him to look after their interests in their constituency.

One of the great disadvantages of being both a Member of Parliament and a Minister in the Cabinet is that you tend to get distracted from your constituency as you serve in your ministerial post.

Besides, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham already serves as the substantive minister of finance.

Perhaps Mr Zhivargo Laing should take a page out of St Cecilia Member of Parliament and former Deputy Prime Minister Cynthia Pratt's book.

Cynthia Mother Pratt always made it a point to walk through her constituency every morning. This routine by the St Cecilia MP has endeared her to thousands of her constituents.

If rumours are true that Laing will move over to the safer seat of Lucaya, then I believe that the FNM should have at least let the good people of Marco City know by now.

If Laing does indeed run in Lucaya and wins; I don't think that it would be a clever move by Prime Minister Ingraham to unilaterally back him for the top leadership position of the FNM party, if Mr Oswald Brown's thesis is indeed accurate.

The entire FNM party should make that decision, not just Prime Minister Ingraham.

Prime Minister Ingraham



ZHIVARGO LAING should not be too confident of his hopes in Lucaya if he cannot be sure of winning in Marco City, says letter writer Kevin Evans

should not repeat the error of 2002, when he backed Tommy Turnquest and Dion Foulkes for the two top positions of the FNM.

Both Turnquest and Foulkes were rejected by the Bahamian electorate in 2002. In fact, both of them lost their seats to two PLP candidates, Dion Foulkes to Leslie Miller in Blue Hills and Tommy Turnquest to political newcomer Keod Smith in Mt Moriah. Not only did the FNM lose badly in 2002, but the party was deeply fractured.

In fact, the FNM party of today bears very little resemblance to the FNM party of the 1980s and early to mid-1990s.

According to political pundits, the FNM party has been gutted out. The whole question of who should succeed Prime Minister Ingraham as the new leader of the FNM should be settled in an open and free election in a convention.

Let the delegates of an FNM convention make that important decision. If they want Member of Parliament for Killarney Dr Hubert Minnis to lead the party after Prime Minister Ingraham makes his final exit from the political stage, then so be it. The FNM party can ill afford to have another internal squabble. The party is just too weak for that.

Furthermore, if the FNM feels that Laing cannot win in Marco City; who's to say that he will win in Lucaya? More-

over, if you cannot win as an incumbent in your own constituency, then you should not be entertaining thoughts of leading your political party in a general election.

If your own constituents reject you, then many of the voters in the remaining 40 constituencies throughout the country will also reject you. We must also bear in mind that the political atmosphere that permeated Grand Bahama and the entire Bahamas in 2002 is here again.

In that year's general election, Lucaya Member of Parliament Neko Grant won by just 185 votes. The PLP had gained significant ground in Lucaya in 2002. Granted, Mr Grant won in 2007 by a staggering 652 votes. But Grand Bahama's economy in 2007 wasn't as bad as it is now. I don't think any FNM supporter can say with a straight face that it is impossible for the PLP to win Lucaya in 2012.

As it stands right now, the only seat in Grand Bahama that the FNM can call safe is the High Rock Constituency. I understand that the PLP is even making plenty headway in the Eight Mile Rock and Pineridge Constituencies. Many Grand Bahamians,

including several FNM supporters, are now predicting that Dr Michael Darville will defeat incumbent Kwasi Thompson in the contest for Pineridge.

That Grand Bahamians are even saying things like this is a clear indication that Grand Bahama can no longer be considered FNM country. There is currently a paradigm shift in Grand Bahamian politics.

More and more Grand Bahamians are becoming disillusioned with the FNM. Let us not forget that Kwasi Thompson won Pineridge by only 220 votes in 2007. Many Grand Bahamians were expecting Mr Thompson to win that constituency by a landslide.

Thompson's margin of victory in 2007 was not a blowout by any stretch of the imagination. Progressive Liberal Party candidate Ann Percentie had won that seat in 2002 by a staggering 781 votes. She had defeated C.A. Smith. Many were surprised that the political newcomer was able to defeat an FNM

senior politician. The PLP nearly pulled off an upset victory in Eight Mile Rock in the 2002 election. The FNM incumbent Lindy Russell defeated the PLP challenger Caleb Outten by a measly 45 votes that year.

In the 2007 election, however, the FNM's margin of victory in that constituency had increased by 258 votes. The PLP should have no problem holding onto West End.

The FNM candidates in Grand Bahama aren't blowing out their PLP challengers anymore like they used to in the 1990s. However, if you look at the 2002 and 2007 election results in the Opposition strongholds of New Providence, you would see that PLP candidates like Perry Christie, Dr Bernard Nottage, Glenys Hanna-Martin, Shane Gibson and Cynthia Pratt all won by blowout margins. The inner city constituencies of New Providence can rightly be called PLP country.

Right now, time is of the essence for Mr Laing and the FNM. The FNM party must hit the ground running now in Marco City; if they want to at least salvage any hope of a small victory in that constituency.

The PLP has already held a mass rally in Freeport at their headquarters on Sunrise Highway earlier this year. The Opposition has also held its Job Creation and Empowerment Summit this past September and its Eastern Region Constituencies Conclave in July.

The PLP has gained plenty momentum heading into the upcoming election. It is high time that the FNM do the same, especially in Marco City. The FNM needs to hold a mass rally and a convention in Grand Bahama before the end of 2011.

The party is already in plenty hot water in New Providence. The last thing that the FNM needs right now is to lose any of its five seats in Grand Bahama, especially Marco City. If the FNM loses Marco City, then it will lose the general election.

A concerned Marco City constituent.

KEVIN EVANS
Freeport,
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS: MOAMMAR GADHAFI



LIBYANS react to the death of Moammar Gadhafi outside the Libyan Embassy in London, Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011. (AP)

LIBYA'S MOAMMAR GADHAFI KILLED IN HOMETOWN BATTLE

SIRTE, Libya
Associated Press

MOAMMAR Gadhafi, Libya's dictator for 42 years until he was ousted in an uprising-turned-civil war, was killed Thursday as revolutionary fighters overwhelmed his hometown of Sirte and captured the last major bastion of resistance two months after his regime fell.

Interim government officials said one of Gadhafi's sons, his former national security adviser Muatassim, was also killed in Sirte and another, one-time heir apparent Seif al-Islam, was wounded and captured.

The 69-year-old Gadhafi is the first leader to be killed in the Arab Spring wave of popular uprisings that swept the Middle East, demanding the end of autocratic rulers and the establishment of greater democracy.

"We have been waiting for this moment for a long time. Moammar Gadhafi has been killed," Prime Minister Mahmoud Jibril told a news conference in the capital Tripoli.

His death decisively ends a regime that had turned Libya into an international pariah and ran the oil-rich nation by the whim and brutality of its notoriously eccentric leader. Libya stands on the cusp of a new era, but its turmoil may not be over. The former rebels who now rule are disorganized and face rebuilding a country virtually without institutions by Gadhafi's design. They have already shown signs of infighting, with divisions between geographical areas and Islamist and more secular ideologies.

Libya's new leaders had said they would declare the country's "liberation" after the fall of Sirte.

President Obama said Gadhafi's death "marks the end

of a long and painful chapter" for Libya. Vice President Joe Biden said the Libyan people had rid themselves of a dictator and have now "got a chance" with Gadhafi gone.

Footage aired on Arab TV networks showed Gadhafi was captured wounded but alive in Sirte. The goateed, balding Gadhafi is seen in a blood-soaked shirt, and his face bloodied. Standing upright, he is shoved along by a crowd of fighters on a Sirte roadside, chanting "God is great."

Gadhafi appears to struggle against them, stumbling and shouting as the fighters push him onto the hood of a pickup truck.

"We want him alive. We want him alive," one man shouts before Gadhafi is dragged away, some fighters pulling his hair, toward an ambulance. Later footage showed fighters rolling Gadhafi's lifeless body over on the pavement, stripped to the waist and a pool of blood under his head.

Amnesty International called on Libyan revolutionary fighters to make public the full facts of how Gadhafi died, saying all members of the former regime should be treated humanely. The London-based rights group said it was essential to conduct "a full, independent and impartial inquiry to establish the circumstances of Col. Gadhafi's death."

Out of initial confusion, a clearer picture began to emerge of Gadhafi's last hours, though there were still contradictions.

Most accounts agreed Gadhafi had been holed up with heavily armed supporters in the last few buildings held by regime loyalists in his Mediterranean coastal hometown of Sirte, furiously battling advancing revolutionary

fighters.

At one point, a convoy tried to flee and was hit by NATO airstrikes, carried out by French warplanes. France's Defense Minister Gerard Longuet said the 80-vehicle convoy was carrying Gadhafi and was trying to escape the city. The strikes stopped the convoy but did not destroy it, and then revolutionary fighters moved in on the vehicle carrying Gadhafi himself.

Fathi Bashaga, spokesman for the Misrata military council, whose forces were involved in the Sirte siege, said fighters encircled the convoy and exchanged fire with several of the vehicles.



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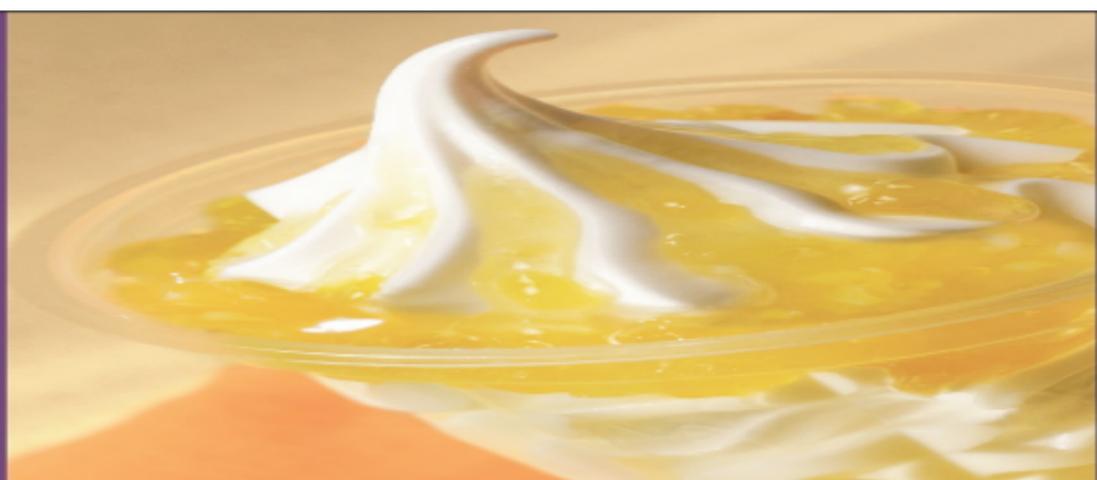


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AIRLINE: 'REVOLUTIONARY PLAN BUSINESS DESTROYER'

- * Sky Bahamas chief says Ministry idea to put all private carriers under Bahamasair GDS system will not fly
- * Raises timely payment and competition issues
- * Minister says idea would 'open up' Out Islands to tourism development

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

BAHAMIAN airlines have serious concerns over a ticketing/booking system proposal the minister of tourism believes could "revolutionise" Family Island development, one yesterday telling Tribune Business it would "destroy your business" if a carrier signed up to the initiative as it currently stands.

Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace earlier this week said the Ministry of Tourism was working on an initiative to get Bahamian domestic airlines on the Global Distribution System (GDS) for ticketing, something it believes will provide more efficient flight connections for tourists passing through Nassau on their way to the Family Islands.

"We think that will be a revolutionary

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RANDY BUTLER

REAL ESTATE 'SUCKS' AS OFF 30-40%

- * With property prices also down 30-40%, leading realtor urges Gov't to follow Turks' stimulus lead
- * Former BREA president converts part of home into office to cut expenses and 'survive'

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

A FORMER Bahamas Real Estate Association (BREA) president yesterday said he had converted part of his home into an office in a bid to reduce costs, telling Tribune Business the market "sucks", with sales values and volumes off 30-40 per cent.

William Wong, head of William Wong & Associates, said that while he needed a "crystal ball" to predict when the Bahamian market would recover, he estimated it might start in another 15-16 months once the Bahamian general, and US presidential, elections were concluded.

His comments came as another leading realtor told Tribune Business the Bahamas should follow Turks & Caicos' lead in looking to stimulate its real estate market through tax-related incentives, adding that property prices had

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MARIO CAREY

COMMISSION EYES FEE RISES UP TO 118%

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

NEW SECURITIES COMMISSION licensees could experience up to an 118.7 per cent increase in fees under new proposals unveiled yesterday, with observers expressing concern the regulator might prevent new firms coming into the industry in its drive to become self-sufficient.

The capital markets regulator's White Paper on the fees it plans to levy on Securities Industry Act licensees - chiefly the broker/dealer and securities investment adviser community - disclose the size of the increase it is asking market participants to absorb.

The existing Securities Industries Act's fee schedule has never been altered since the legislation came into force in 1999. Under that, a new Class I broker/dealer was required to pay a total of \$15,000 in application, registration and annual registration fees.

Under the new Act, which has yet to take effect, firms will be licensed by the Securities Commission depending on the nature of the market activities they will be involved with. The White

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CRAWFISH EXPORTER MULLING PRICE CUTS

By NATARIO McKENZIE
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THE BAHAMAS must get its prices "in line" with the global average to remain the leader in the crawfish (spiny lobster) export industry, a leading fisheries wholesaler telling Tribune Business yesterday his company may have to look at reducing its purchase price by \$0.50 to \$0.75 per pound.

Anthony McKinney, president and chief executive of Paradise Fisheries, acknowledged there was concern that the Bahamas could effectively price

Paradise Fisheries chief says fishermen 'must understand' Bahamas has to get 'in line' with global industry

itself out of the market, its crawfish prices being some 20 per cent higher than the global average.

"There is certainly a concern about that because the whole world economy is pretty weak. I think as a country we all have to pay attention to that because of the whole global economic situation. We're going to have to get

our prices in line to remain competitive," Mr McKinney said.

"One of the things we're going to have to look at is the raw product costs; what we pay for the product. We're going to have to look at our operational costs as well and see what we can pos-

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CHAMBER CHIEF QUESTIONS HOW US CARD PLANS TO BE 'POLICED'

Proposal that all stored value, pre-paid cards and gift cards be included in US \$10k currency declarations

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

FREQUENT Bahamian business travellers to the US could soon encounter greater bureaucracy when dealing with the \$10,000 currency reporting form, a private sector leader questioning yesterday how the expanded 'dragnet' was going to be "policed".

Winston Rolle, the Bahamas Chamber of Com-

merce and Employers Confederation's (BCEC) president, also said he was uncertain how US government proposals to include pre-paid stored value and gift cards, plus cell phones and cell phone cards, among items that must be included in currency calculations, would impact the Bahamian market.

The proposals have been put out by the US Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), the arm of the US Treasury which combats money laundering and other financial crimes, saying it wants to combat the "misuse of prepaid access products".

While nothing is set in stone yet, FinCEN wants items such as per-paid cards (stored value cards), "certain gift cards and potentially cell phones" added to the list of financial instruments that must be totalled up, when either travelling to or leaving the US, to see if they exceed the \$10,000 declaration threshold.

"The proposal is intended to address certain devices that can be used as a substitute for currency, as they provide access to funds by any bearer

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BUSINESS

SUCCESS EVOLVES INTO NEW SUCCESS

By SIMON COOPER
Res Socius

I'M A GREAT believer in allowing businesses to evolve organically. That's because business is a dynamic thing that must continue to respond to change around it if it is to survive. This does not mean that a business owner ought not to choose the product line, hire staff, pay the bills and so on. What it means is that entrepreneurs must be sensitive to the needs of the ever-changing market place they exist in.

I use the word evolve. Now that's not to say I'm touting Charles Darwin, although he was correct when he observed that the fittest survive. Take the auto industry, for example. The cars at Swedish motor manufacturer, Saab, are no longer selling in the quantities needed to maintain critical business mass. Saab no longer offers what people want. They are going down as swiftly as the Titanic did 99 years ago.



SIMON COOPER

More recently, in 1994, to be precise, a man named Jeff Bezos decided to create a dot.com firm called Amazon. The Internet was a mysterious thing to many in those days, and most Americans still queued in stores for books made more expensive by traditional business overheads. But did Bezos wait until his site was perfect before he poured money into advertising, too?

No, he didn't pour money into advertising at all, and

his website was incomplete when he launched it. He did do three other smart things, though. First, he announced Amazon by crawling billboards past Barnes and Noble stores. He advertised where his future customers were already shopping for his products. And that did not cost him more than a few dollars either.

Second, Amazon's Jeff Bezos got his website on to Yahoo's 'What's cool' page in days when that search engine was still king. Was this the first successful use of 'word-of-mouth social media' power, I wonder. And finally, Amazon's owner let slip a mention that his rental home in Bellevue had a garage. Everybody in America knew that successful dot.com's began life in garages. He just didn't tell them he used his garage as a recreation room instead.

And that was probably Jeff Bezos's greatest reason for success. He looked like he was doing well from the beginning, although his

people were still crawling on the floor dispatching books, because he could not afford sorting tables. That is an important lesson we all can benefit from. People follow successful people, and that means successful businesses, too. Jeff Bezos looked successful but he never let success get to his head, and I doubt he ever will. He is still selling books that people want, not just any books. That's why he lets his customers review them freely on his website, even if they mention for good reason that they are

garbage. His latest innovation is allowing recipients of gifts to exchange them for other products while they are still on their way to them. Now that's innovation for you – no more pencil sets and sensible socks from Amazon (as if they ever sold them).

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NB: Simon Cooper is a founding partner of Res Socius, a business brokerage firm authorised by the Bahamas Investment Authority that facilitates the sale and purchase of businesses.

Contact 636-8831 or visit www.ressocius.com.

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AN ADMINISTRATOR at a Bahamas-based financial and corporate services provider, Marcia S. Meeres, has successfully completed the Series 7 exam in the US after studying with the Securities Training Institute (STI).

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OIL EXPLORER EXECUTIVE
AT BUSINESS OUTLOOK

A BAHAMAS-BASED oil explorer's chief operating officer has been confirmed as a speaker for next week's Exuma Business Outlook. Dr Paul Gucwa began his tenure at Bahamas Petroleum Company (BPC) in June 2011.

"We are absolutely thrilled to add Dr Paul Gucwa to our roster of speakers at Exuma Business Outlook," Joan Albury, president of The Counsellors, the organisers of the Business Outlook series, said.

"BPC is the first oil and gas exploration company in almost three decades that the Government has awarded license permits to for surveying areas of the seabed in our archipelago.

"It is exciting that BPC's probes could lead to the discovery of industrially-viable deposits of fuels in the Bahamas, which would bring radical change to the economy."

Dr Gucwa has 37 years of experience as a geoscientist, as well as in the technical and business



DR PAUL GUCWA

management roles he has filled in developing exploration and production projects throughout the US and Canada.

Dr Gucwa received his undergraduate degree from Franklin and Marshall College, and his Master's and Doctoral degrees from the University of Texas.

In 1974 he began his career at Marathon Oil Company, where he was responsible for research in structural geology/tectonics. Four years later, he transferred to Gulf of Mexico Exploration. Since 1978, Dr Gucwa has been involved with projects in the majority of North American petroleum basins in a variety of positions, most notably as chief geologist for BP America and as manager of US exploration for Marathon.

In the latter role, from 1992 to 2000, Dr Gucwa was responsible for a capital expenditure budget in excess of \$100 million. During that period, Marathon's exploration programme added in excess of 300 million barrels of oil equivalent net to Marathon, while its Gulf of Mexico production increased by 300 per cent to just under 100 million barrels of oil equivalent.

Dr Gucwa left Marathon in 2000 to form Texas 3 Star Energy Investment, also engaged in exploration and production in the field of hydrocarbon energy.

He has also been a technical contributor to Tetra Technologies oil and gas unit, Maritech Resources, and serves as a member of the Advisory Council of the Jackson School of Geoscience at the University of Texas.

APD Limited – Request for Proposals for Private Terminal Operators.

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

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

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

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

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

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 freight terminal/stevedoring operations in the Bahamas.
3. Detailed account of current and historic experience in operating a private container terminal.
4. APD Limited requires that the Ocean Carrier provide a minimum TEU volume commitment as part of their response to the RFP. The applicant is asked to provide the TEU volume which they will guarantee each of the first three years of operation.
5. Evidence that the applicant can provide the following freight equipment by the dates indicated:
 - a. Reach stackers, top loader, straddle carrier – minimum QTY required 3 of any combination (All required by January 15th, 2012)
 - b. Jockey Trucks – minimum QTY 4 (required by January 15th, 2012)
6. The applicant is to include a list of all terminal operations staff and their qualifications and years of experience.

Procedure:

Upon receipt and satisfactory analysis of the provided qualification, the shortlisted companies will be invited to present their proposal on or before November 7th, 2011.

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

NOTICE

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CHARLES PERCY THOMPSON
late of Marsh Harbour, Abaco, The Bahamas

Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claims or demand against the above Estate are required to send the same duly certified in writing to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of November, A.D., 2011, after which date the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets having regard to the claims which they shall have had notice.

An Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the said Estate are requested to make full settlement on or before the 18th day of November, A.D., 2011.

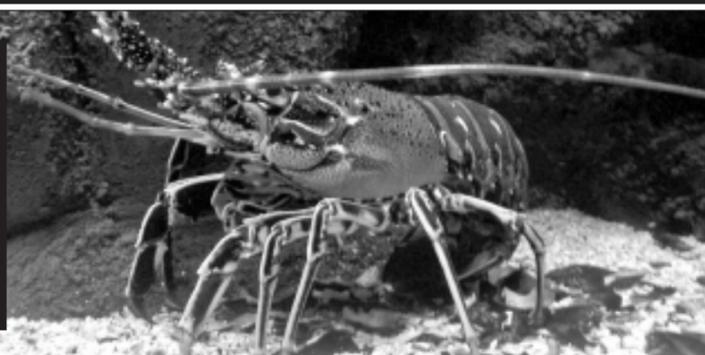
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QUALITY GIVES BAHAMAS CRAWFISH EXPORT EDGE



* Strong self-regulation also keeps Bahamas 'ahead of the game'
* Leading others on catch certification compliance, says Alliance head

By NATARIO MCKENZIE
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THE BAHAMAS has remained dominant in the crawfish (spiny lobster) export industry due consistent quality and the self-regulatory standards of distributors, despite prices 20 per cent higher than the global average.

Adrian LaRoda, president of the Bahamas Commercial Fishers Alliance (BCFA), told Tribune Business yesterday: "Our primary market is the European market, and we've been able to maintain our products going into Europe.

"Our prices have been consistent. The prices we get for the product have been consistent because we have always managed to produce a good product. There is no fluctuation in the quality of the product.

"They can hedge that; even moving into 2012 they can expect a quality six to eight ounce tail from the Bahamas

that they would have been accustomed to receiving, unlike in other markets where you find the quality of their products fluctuating, and where sometimes they get good lobsters and sometimes they do not."

Mr LaRoda added: "Quality and consistency, that's been our strong point. Our wholesalers have been more or less self-regulating in terms of providing the quality product.

"If other markets were self-regulated, their prices would be consistent with what Bahamian lobsters are.

"Since they are not as self-regulated, or do not have measures in place to protect their industries, you find that people are mass producing and not getting the prices they need because they are more or less giving their product away for whatever they can get for it."

CARICOM's Office of Trade Negotiations (OTN), in a bulletin on the region's crawfish industry and trade volumes, noted that the Bahamas was its "top export-

ing 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, even though its prices are 20 per cent higher than the global average.

The OTN also warned 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. Mr LaRoda said the Bahamas was also ahead of its competition in terms of meeting these requirements.

"We're working, progressing to have those certifications very quickly, and we're making good progress towards those. When you look at other countries, we are far ahead of them in their progression towards getting the certifications that are required, like MSC and others. We are ahead of them in the game," he told Tribune Business.

AIRLINE UNVEILS NEW MARSH HARBOUR FLIGHT

GULFSTREAM International Airlines yesterday announced it will start non-stop daily service from Orlando to Marsh Harbour on November 10.

Darrell Richardson, the airline's chief executive, said: "This new service underscores our commitment to offer the highest quality service and flexible flight options in the Florida-Bahamas market.

"To help accommodate the leisure travellers who we largely serve to destinations like the Bahamas, we developed a schedule that allows our customers to maximise their vacation time through the convenience of early morning departures to their destination and late evening returns."

The new flights mark Gulfstream's first-ever service from Orlando to Marsh Harbour, and adds to its two daily non-stop flights from Fort Lauderdale.

The company is owned by Victory Park Capital, a Chicago-based investment firm that launched Gulfstream in May 2011, following the acquisition of selected assets from the former Gulfstream International Airlines, which filed for bankruptcy in November 2010.

The Gulfstream fleet is comprised of 21 Beechcraft 1900D aircraft (maximum seating capacity: 19 passengers), each powered by reliable, fuel-efficient jet-turbine engines.



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CABINET OFFICE

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

APPOINTMENT OF CONSTITUENCIES COMMISSION

The public is advised that Article 69 (1) of the Constitution provides that "there shall be a Constituencies Commission for The Bahamas". As a result of this, His Excellency the Governor-General has appointed the following Members of the Commission in accordance with Article 69 (2):-

(b)	The Honourable Alvin Smith Speaker of the House of Assembly Appointed under Article 69 (2)(a)	-	Chairman
(b)	The Honourable Mr. Justice Stephen Isaacs Justice of the Supreme Court Appointed under Article 69 (2)(b)	-	Deputy Chairman
(c)	The Honourable T. Breat Symonette, MP Member of Parliament Appointed under Article 69 (2)(c)	-	Member
(d)	The Honourable Orville A.T. Turnquest MP Member of Parliament Appointed under Article 69 (2)(c)	-	Member
(e)	Mr. Phillip E. Davis, MP Member of Parliament Appointed under Article 69 (2)(d)	-	Member

The public is further advised that the Constituencies Commission held its first meeting on Thursday, 13th October, 2011 in the Majority Room of the House of Assembly.

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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 2011 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.

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

BUSINESS

FROM page one

AIRLINE: 'REVOLUTIONARY PLAN BUSINESS DESTROYER'

system for opening up the Family Islands to more tourist development," Mr Vanderpool-Wallace said.

The 'tourists in transit to Family Islands' business, he added, was a market Bahamian carriers did "not get very much of", and talks on the initiative had been held with a number of airlines. By paying for international and Family Island flights on one ticket, visitors would, in theory, enjoy seamless transportation through to their ultimate destination.

Yet one Bahamian airline boss is not convinced - at least not yet. Captain Randy Butler, president and chief executive of Sky Bahamas, told Tribune Business that the Ministry

of Tourism's goal was to get all Bahamian-owned private airlines to come under the GDS system used by Bahamasair.

This would mean that travellers pay Bahamasair for both their international and Family Island-connecting flights, although the latter would be operated by one of the private airlines. Bahamasair would then reimburse the other airlines with their due share of the tickets.

Captain Butler, though, expressed concern about how quickly privately-owned airlines would be reimbursed by Bahamasair under the proposed GDS system, given that the national flag carrier was well-known for "very, very late payments" already.

And, apart from creating potential cash flow and receivables problems for other airlines, Captain Butler pointed out that the GDS proposal - as it now

stands - would put Sky Bahamas and others into an alliance with one of their main competitors on Family Island routes in the shape of Bahamasair. The national flag carrier, he added, had every incentive to put itself first when putting visitors on Family Island flights.

The Sky Bahamas chief, who is the Democratic National Alliance (DNA) candidate for North Andros, said the Ministry had not given him anything to "get my teeth" into in terms of putting meat on the bones of its proposal.

Recalling developments to date, Captain Butler told Tribune Business the idea had been discussed during a meeting he held at his office with David Johnson, director-general of tourism, and David Hackett. The latter, who was president of Gulfstream Airlines when it went into Chapter 11 bankruptcy, is now working as a consultant for the Ministry of Tourism.

The proposal, Captain Butler added, was for Bahamian airlines to be placed on Bahamasair's GDS system, which would effectively act as 'a clearing house' to ensure all other carriers were paid.

"Their goal is to get the carriers to come under Bahamasair's GDS system," Captain Butler told Tribune Business. "What they're proposing is that Bahamasair build the system, and they will pay us. So when you're buying the ticket, you will buy it from Bahamasair, but we'll operate the flights [to the Family Islands]."

This arrangement would be similar to airlines who use the International Air

Transport Association (IATA) as their GDS 'clearing house', with IATA paying them.

However, Captain Butler said: "We don't want Bahamasair collecting the money and paying us. The problem we have in doing business with Bahamasair is that they pay very, very late. As a small business we cannot afford the extra time."

Privately-owned carriers are often asked by Bahamasair to take its passengers in the event of issues such as over-booking, giving them much experience in dealing with the airline.

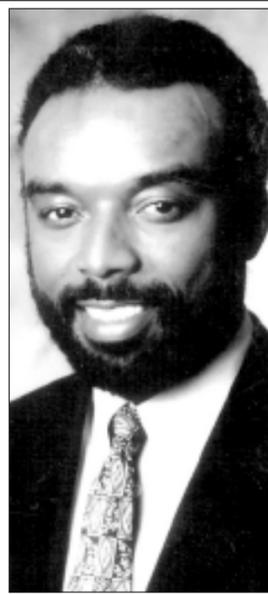
Captain Butler said it would likely to take Bahamasair 30 days to receive ticket revenues through the GDS. It would then have to reconcile its accounts before paying the other carriers.

"In the meantime we have to carry the load, paying for fuel, pilots and operations," he added. "We cannot afford to carry that for 45-60 days. What we've asked them to do is to look at a way, even if we share the system, that we can be paid in a more timely fashion. I believe they will have more local airlines interested if they do that."

While the private domestic carriers would "lose our identity" under the GDS system, Captain Butler said this was not a concern if the GDS system proposal was structured to the financial benefit of all.

"As it stands now, the details are not really thought out to the benefit of all," Captain Butler added. "It's not been worked out properly. That's why they've not been able to get a commitment from Sky Bahamas and any other airline, for that matter."

He pointed out that Bahamasair was in direct competition with the privately-owned carriers on numerous Family Island routes, including those from Nassau to Grand Bahama, Abaco, Eleuthera and Exuma.



VINCENT VANDERPOOL-WALLACE

"We're competing against Bahamasair, and how do you do that in the GDS system, as their inventory will show up before your inventory?" asked the Sky Bahamas chief executive. "We have not seen any contract, how do we behave towards each other, and anti-competitive clauses."

"Other than that, you're signing up to something that would destroy your business, and up to this time the Government has not shown its support for small business and small airlines."

And Captain Butler added: "There's a whole bunch of things that have to be worked out here, and there is no document from the Ministry of Tourism to put my teeth into. We have no information about the objective, and the objective is not well thought-out."

"At least give us a plan, a document to think on. Is it workable? Is it a win-win situation for Sky Bahamas and Bahamasair?"

Mr Vanderpool-Wallace acknowledged to Tribune Business that privately-owned Bahamian airlines had "some caveats" about the GDS initiative, including pricing, but indicated the Ministry was confident it could work through those.

"There's a couple of hurdles to be overcome after we get preliminary approval," Mr Vanderpool-Wallace said. "We want to be sure the airlines in the system are in compliance with international regulations, so we comply with the best of practices."

APD Limited

TENDER NOTICE

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

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

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Arawak Cay
Nassau, Bahamas

Telephone: (242) 323-7064
Fax: (242) 323-7072

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

APD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

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IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 137 of the International Business Companies Act 2000 **SANTA MARIA VENTURES LTD.** is in dissolution.

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David Thain
Liquidator

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David Thain
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100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00	Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015			
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52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
10.06	5.01	Bahamas Supermarkets	N/A	N/A	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		
1.6779	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%	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		
2.7202	2.5398	Royal Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	2.5730	-5.41%	-9.78%			30-Jun-11		
13.8493	13.2291	Royal Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.7347	2.82%	1.94%	11.128861	11.469744	31-Jul-11		
114.1289	99.4177	CFAL Global Bond Fund	114.0922	2.35%	13.88%	114.128861	111.469744	30-Jun-11		
118.4255	101.6693	CFAL Global Equity Fund	118.4255	2.30%	8.26%	116.590785	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	2.07%	4.07%			30-Sep-11		
1.1704	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.1890	3.47%	5.04%			30-Sep-11		
9.9652	9.5078	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal	9.9433	0.98%	4.58%			31-May-11		
11.4985	9.8690	Protected TIGRS, Series 1	10.9652	0.78%	5.70%			31-Jul-11		
10.6813	9.7396	Protected TIGRS, Series 2	10.6013	5.75%	13.20%			31-Jul-11		
1.1704	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.1890	3.47%	5.04%			30-Sep-11		
8.8830	7.8830	Royal Fidelity Int'l Fund - Equities Sub Fund	8.6507	3.01%	18.38%			31-Jul-11		
MARKET TERMS										
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX - 19 Dec 02 = 1,000.00										
Bid \$ - Highest closing price in last 52 weeks										
52wk-Low - Lowest closing price in last 52 weeks										
Change - Change in closing price from day to day										
Previous Close - Previous day's weighted price for daily volume										
Today's Close - Current day's weighted price for daily volume										
EPS \$ - A company's reported earnings per share for the last 12 mths										
Div \$ - Dividends per share paid in the last 12 months										
P/E - Closing price divided by the last 12 month earnings										
S1 - 4-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 8/8/2007										
S1 - 3-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 7/11/2007										
YIELD - Last 12 month dividends divided by closing price										
Bid \$ - Buying price of Colina and Fidelity										
Ask \$ - Selling price of Colina and Fidelity										
Last Price - Last traded over-the-counter price										
Weekly Vol. - Trading volume of the prior week										
EPS \$ - A company's reported earnings per share for the last 12 mths										
NAV - Net Asset Value										
N/M - Not Meaningful										
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BUSINESS

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declined by around 30-40 per cent since the recession's start.

Mario Carey, principal of Mario Carey Realty, said Turks & Caicos, recognising the major spin-offs that the real estate industry provided for numerous industries, had eliminated real property tax, cut Stamp Duty rates from 12 per cent to 10 per cent, and allowed the latter to be paid over a three-year period rather than one-time upfront.

As a result, the Bahamas' southern neighbour had seen market activity "start to get better", and Mr Carey suggested this nation ought to look at something similar. To date, the Ingraham administration has gone the other way, increasing Stamp Duty by two percentage points for all tax brackets, despite conventional wisdom suggesting that tax increases are the worst thing to do in a recession.

"It's still a buyer's market, and values are still down," Mr Carey told Tribune Business. "It's safe to say that values have been going down as much as 30-40 per cent. We've seen that pretty consistently. It seems to have been long accepted by the market."

The Government's Mid-Term Budget statement for the 2010-2011 fiscal year revealed a

REAL ESTATE 'SUCKS' AS OFF 30-40%

\$43.1 million shortfall in Stamp Tax collections compared to forecasts, something it said "largely reflected weakness in respect of real property transactions over \$250,000".

It added that there was "a significant decline in the value of transactions during the first six months of the current fiscal year".

Noting this, Mr Carey said yesterday: "The hard marker is that the conveyancing dollars have gone down tremendously. What is this administration doing to address that? Where is our stimulus? Where is the discussion about stimulating this sector? I've not seen anything to make that happen."

Suggesting the Bahamas should learn from Turks & Caicos's actions, Mr Carey said a vibrant real estate market created a "domino effect" felt by a variety of Bahamian industries. Every time a transaction concluded, there were economic benefits for attorneys, realtors, banks, insurance companies, furniture and maintenance people, and gardeners.

Given the spin-offs, Mr Carey questioned: "Why is that not being addressed. I've been asking that quite a bit. I've spoken to people from all parties, and I'm curious to see what they say."

Noting that the Government increased Stamp Duty across the board at "a stroke of a pen", Mr Carey said: "No one spoke to us as professionals. We have about 1,000 realtors, and no one government entity came to us and asked us: 'What do you think?'"

Arguing that "something had to give" to eliminate the current sluggishness afflicting the Bahamian real estate market, Mr Carey asked rhetorically: "What is the only thing that can give?"

"The agents are negotiating their rates, the lawyers are negotiating their rates, the banks have tried to reduce their rates. The one constant that has not given at all is the Government."

"To get out of it there has to be some sort of stimulus plan. It can be short-term, long-term at

some level. The banks can do better, but the Government policy has to shift."

Telling Tribune Business he had earlier this week met a 30-year veteran of the police force who was looking to do something in real estate, Mr Carey said there needed to be "an incentive" for him to come into the market.

With nothing on the horizon to drive real estate trends in a positive manner, Mr Carey added: "A lot of people are looking, a lot of people are curious, but they're not making a decision to buy. They may rent to take some of the risk out."

Banks, though, were still "aggressive" for business coming from foreign buyers who were able to put down significant equity downpayments on Bahamas-based property.

Mr Wong, meanwhile, described the Bahamian real estate market as "still a bit soft".

He added: "A lot of us are trying to hold on till the market turns around again."

"I don't have a crystal ball for that."

"Hopefully, it will be in the next 15-16 months that things change, probably after we have the election here and the US

have their election. Then we'll know which way we will go."

The former BREA president told Tribune Business: "Right now we're in the trenches trying to revamp and reconfigure ourselves."

"Some of us have gone into other businesses to survive."

"I've converted part of my home into a home office to reduce expenses."

"We're hoping the Government does reduce some of the Stamp Tax to make it a little easier. Business currently sucks. My sales are down 30-40 per cent from last year, both in volume and value."

COMMISSION EYES FEE RISES UP TO 118%

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Paper showed that a new firm, looking to deal in and manage securities, advise on securities and manage them (all four business areas) will have to pay \$32,800 in upfront registration, application and annual renewal fees, a 118.7 per cent hike over what new Class I broker/dealers paid under the old Act.

"It's huge. That's a big hurdle," one capital markets veteran, speaking on condition of anonymity, told Tribune Business yesterday of the new fee structure.

"They've been told they've got to pay for themselves. The other problem is that the amount if regulatory stuff they have to do has grown exponentially. But this really stops start-ups from the domestic community, because of the amount of capital required. It's going to be counterproductive."

The Securities Commission has attempted to lessen the blow, requiring new licensees to pay only the full application, registration and annual renewal fee for its primary activity, with "lower, fixed amounts for each additional service category".

Explaining the rationale for the fee increases, the Commission said in its White Paper that the fee structure had not changed since 1999. It also hinted that the Government wanted to stop subsidising it, to the tune of \$1-\$2 million per annum, from the Consolidated Fund (Bahamian taxpayers).

"Whilst the Commission is committed to running its affairs efficiently so as to keep the financial burden on regulated entities to a minimum, increases to the current fee framework are necessary to allow the Commission to enhance its supervisory regime to keep pace with changes in the domestic and global marketplace," the regulator added.

Through the Caribbean Regional Technical Assistance Centre (CARTAC), the Securities Commission said it had hired a consultant who benchmarked the proposed fee structure against the likes of the Cayman Islands, British Virgin Islands, Jamaica, Singapore and Trinidad & Tobago. The regulator's costs were also factored in.

Filing fees and administrative fees will also be levied to support the Securities Commission's work on behalf of licensees in terms of dealing with regulatory filings and processing requests.

In an earlier interview with Tribune Business, Philip Stubbs, its executive chairman, said: "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."

"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."

He added: "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."

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BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES REGULATION ACT, 2000

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF SURRENDER OF LICENCE

In exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (2) of section 18A and section 18D of the Banks and Trust Companies Regulation Act, 2000, the Central Bank of The Bahamas approves the surrender of the trust licence of Hermin Trust Company Limited which was granted on the 31st day of January 2000 to Hermin Trust Company Limited.

Made this th day of October , 2011.

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
IN THE SUPREME COURT
Common Law & Equity Division

1995/CLE/qui/00016

IN THE MATTER of the Quieting Titles Act 1959

AND

IN THE MATTER of all that tract of land containing 18.32 acres being a portion of an Eighty-five (85) acre tract of land known as "Marshall" and situated on the South and North side of Prince Charles Drive near the Boys' Industrial School in the Eastern District of the Island of New Providence.

AND

IN THE MATTER of the Petition of High Hills Investment Company Limited
(By Original Action)
(The Substituted Petitioner by Order of Sir Michael Barnett,
Chief Justice dated the 22 June 2011)

AND

IN THE MATTER of the Application of Thomas Bertie Davis and Willard Clarke
(No. 72 of 1971)

AND

IN THE MATTER of the Application of Easthill Limited
(No. 18 of 1987)
(Consolidated by Order of Mohammed, J dated 14 December 2004)

AND

IN THE MATTER of the Application of Franklyn Benjamin Rahming
(No.2 of 1988)
(Consolidated by Order of Mohammed, J dated 20 November 2006)

NOTICE

The Petition of HIGH HILLS INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED a company incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas in respect of:-

Tract "A"

TRACT A is comprised of 9.607 acres and is bounded on the NORTH by land said to be owned by Purcell Ferguson and running thereon 49.84 feet; land said to be the Subdivision of Edward Major and running thereon 352.44 feet; land said to be owned by Bahamas Harvest Church and running thereon 186.00; land said to be owned by G. Ferguson and running thereon 129.01 feet; and Land said to be the property of Vincent D' Paul Roberts and running thereon 285.54 feet for a total admeasurements of 1012.63 feet AND is bounded on the EAST by the Plaza At Solomon's Springs and running thereon 578.29 feet; AND is bounded on the SOUTH by a Fifty Foot (50') Road Reservation, now known as Prince Charles Drive and running thereon accumulatively 1058.64 feet, AND is bounded on the WEST by land now or formerly belonging to the Estate of Julius C. Rahming and running thereon 71.83 feet and by land said to be owned by the Estate of Thomas Bertie Davis and running thereon 327.59 feet and by land said to be owned by James Shepherd and running thereon 168.94 feet AND UPON which said Tract A, is situated an unnamed water depot, B & C Carwash, B & C Beauty Supplies and R & A Tire Repair operation, which said piece parcel or lot of land has such boundaries marks and dimensions as are shown on the diagram or plan attached hereto and labeled Tract A and is coloured PINK,

AND

Tract "B"

TRACT B is comprised of 6.627 acres and is bounded on the NORTH by a Fifty Foot (50') Road Reservation, now known as Prince Charles Drive and running thereon accumulatively 932.49 feet; AND is bounded on the EAST by land said to be now or formerly the property of KS Darling and running thereon 464.82 feet AND is bounded on the SOUTH by land belonging to the Bahamas Government known as the Boys Industrial School and running thereon accumulatively 1034.63 feet; AND is bounded on the WEST to the point of the Northern boundary AND UPON which said Tract B is situated Rhema International Family Development Center and an unfinished concrete structure and a dwelling house currently occupied by Evelyn and Jason Forbes and an unfinished building structure built by Douglas and Denise Vaval which said piece parcel or lot of land has such boundaries marks and dimensions as are shown on the diagram or plan attached hereto and labeled Tract B and is coloured BLUE.

High Hills Investment Company limited claims to be the owner of the fee simple estate in possession of the said pieces or parcels of land free from encumbrances. And the Petitioner had made application to the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas under Section 3 of the Quieting Titles Act, 1999 to have title to the said pieces parcels or tracts of land investigated and the nature and extent thereof determined and declared in a Certificate of Title to be granted by the Court in accordance with the provisions of the said Act.

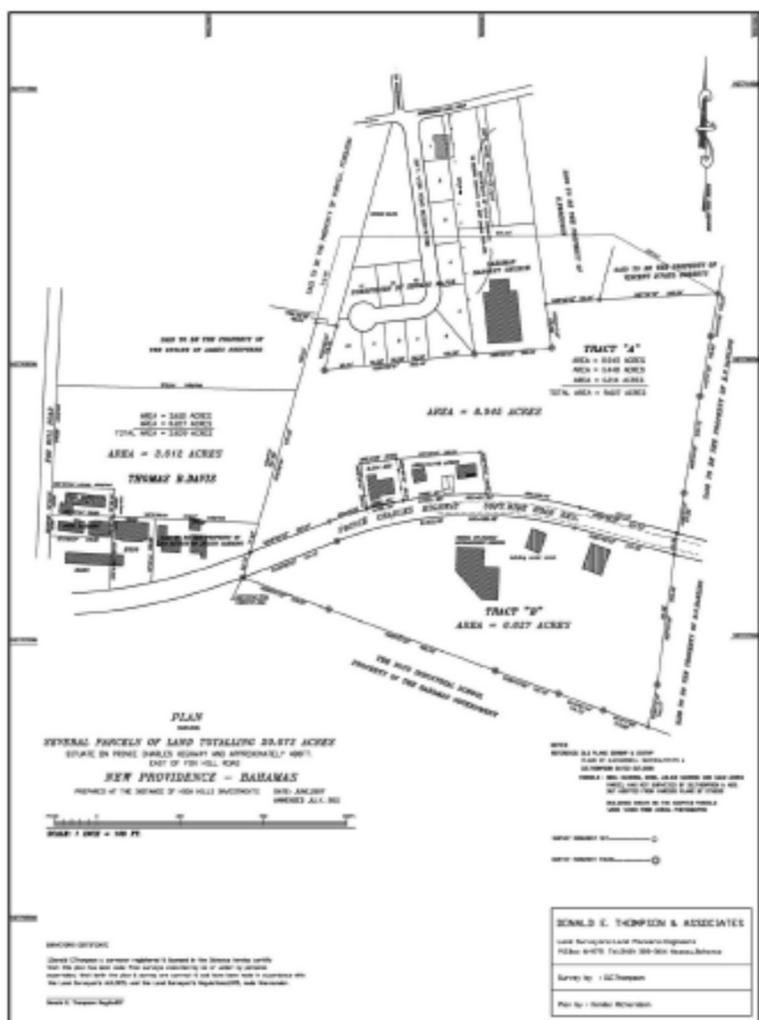
NOTICE is hereby given that any person having a Dower or right to Dower or an Adverse Claim or a claim not recognized in the Petition shall on or before the 30th day of November, A.D., 2011 file in the Supreme Court and serve on the Petitioner or the undersigned a Statement of his claim in the prescribed form verified by an Affidavit to be titled therewith. Failure on any such person to file and serve a Statement of Claim on or before the 30th day of November, A.D., 2011 will operate as a bar to such claim.

Copies of the plan may be inspected at:
The Registry of the Supreme Court;
The Chambers of Cassar & Co., Attorneys for the Petitioner.

Dated the 29th day of September, A.D., 2011

Cassar & Co.
280 Shirley Street
Nassau, Bahamas

Attorneys for the Petitioner



BUSINESS

Crawfish exporter mulling price cuts

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sibly trim there. "The market itself has dropped almost \$1 since the season opened to today's date. It's something we're looking at. If we're going to stay in the market we're going to have to get our prices in line. The fishermen are going to have to understand that you're dealing with global competition."

CARICOM's Office of Trade Negotiations (OTN), in a bulletin on the region's crawfish industry and trade volumes, said 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, even though its prices are 20 per cent higher than the global average.

Mr McKinney further told Tribune Business: "We're hoping we see some signs of pick-up in early November, but if there is no pick-up we're going to have to look at dropping the price we pay for the product. In the next week or so we're going to have to make a decision to bring our prices in line with world prices. That means we're going to have to drop our prices by \$0.50 to \$0.75. That's something the fishermen are going to have to understand."

Adrian LaRoda, president of the Bahamas Commercial Fishermen's Alliance (BCFA), told Tribune Business: "We've always kept our supply consistent with demand, producing a quality product in terms of the six ounce to eight ounce tails.

"We've been able to keep our prices consistent. While we may be 20 per cent higher than the global market, that 20 per cent has been the norm for the past 10 years more or less."

He added: "From the supplier to the wholesaler we're being paid \$7 to \$8.25 per pound, and the wholesaler would then retail that to the domestic consumer for about \$11.25 to \$12 per pound. The export is another thing."

According to the OTN, 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 outcompete 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. 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 CARIB-CAN trade agreement, were due to expire at year-end 2011.

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

2009/CLE/QUI/601436

IN THE SUPREME COURT

EQUITY SIDE

IN THE MATTER OF The Quieting Titles Act, 1959
AND

IN THE MATTER OF The Petition of Franklin Burnside

IN THE MATTER OF ALL THAT tract of land containing 4,973 square feet bring lot No. 23 Richville Subdivision NO.3 in the Southern District of the Island of New Providence one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

NOTICE

THE PETITION OF FRANKLIN BURNSIDE in respect of:

IN THE MATTER OF ALL THAT tract of land containing 4,973 square feet bring lot No. 23 Richville Subdivision NO.3 in the Southern District of the Island of New Providence one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

Franklin Burnside claim to be the owner of the unencumbered fee simple estate in possession of the said land and has made an application to the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas under Section Three (3) of the Quieting Titles Act, 1959 to have their title to the said land investigated and the nature and extent thereof determined and declared in a Certificate of Title to be granted by the Court in accordance with the provisions of the said Act.

Copies of the Petition and the Plan of the said land can be inspected at the following places during normal office hours:

1. The Registry of the Supreme Court, Ansbacher House, East Street North, Nassau, Bahamas;
2. The Chambers of Commonwealth Law Advocates, Duncanson House, 79 Montrose Avenue, Nassau, Bahamas

Notice is hereby given that any person having dower or right to dower or an Adverse Claim or a claim not recognized in the Petition shall on or before the expiration of thirty (30) days after the final publication of these here presents, file in the Supreme COURT or serve on the Petitioner or the undersigned a statement of his claim in the prescribed form verified by an affidavit to be filed therewith.

Failure of any such person to file and serve a statement of his claim on or before the expiration of Thirty (30) days from the final publication of these presents shall operate as a bar to such claims.

Dated this 14th day of September, A.D., 2010

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CHAMBER CHIEF QUESTIONS HOW US CARD PLANS TO BE 'POLICED'

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of the device," FinCEN said. "This product attribute, as FinCEN's cooperation and consultation with law enforcement has indicated, may enable the anonymous transfer or concealed transport of illicit funds across the US border."

It added, though, that credit cards and debit cards were excluded from the proposal, as were codes and personal identification numbers (PINs) for the likes of computers or web-enabled cell phones.

Responding to the development, Mr Rolle said: "The first question that comes to mind is how are they going to police that? I would not have thought that would be an issue."

The Chamber chief added that some persons transiting US Customs might forget, or not be aware, that they had such items on them. "The question is: How is it going to be policed?," Mr Rolle said.

"You fill out the declaration wrongly, that you don't have it, and they find it on you. Do they then take legal recourse? Are you going to check all the cards in their possession."

But, with the number of Bahamians using such stored value cards presently unknown, Mr Rolle said: "I really have no idea how much of an impact that will have as it relates to our local market."

"The proposal we're releasing is a further step in our staged approach, building upon our newly implemented regulations of prepaid access, in a coordinated effort with law enforcement to shine a light on the transfer of money obtained through illicit activity," said FinCEN director James H. Freis, Jr.

"Reporting tangible prepaid access devices puts another tool at the disposal of law enforcement to interrupt the transfer of monetary value anonymously across international borders when that value was obtained illegally."

BUSINESS

STOCKS END MIXED AS EUROPE HAGGLES OVER DEBT FIX

NEW YORK
Associated Press

NEW SIGNS of division among European leaders over how to handle the region's debt crisis led to confusion on financial markets Thursday.

Stock indexes rose, fell, rose back again and then ended the day more or less where they started. As they have been doing for weeks now, traders remain focused on the latest hope for a resolution to Europe's debt crisis: this time, a weekend summit of European leaders.

The Dow Jones industrial average moved between gains and losses all day before ending up 37.16 points, or 0.3 percent, to close at 11,541.78. The Dow had been down as many as 113 points shortly after noon. The Dow is 0.3 percent below where it started the year, and is headed for its first down week after three weeks of gains.

Banks

Trading was choppy as talks across the Atlantic appeared to falter because of differences between Germany and France over how to protect European banks from the consequences of a default by the Greek government. Later in the day stocks rose slightly on news that a second summit meeting would take place next week after it became clear that France and Germany would not be able to bridge their difference in time for the meeting Sunday.

A messy default by Greece could lead to deep losses for European banks that hold Greek debt. If that leads them to pull back on lending to each other, it could cause another freeze in global credit markets like the one in late 2008 after Lehman Brothers collapsed.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 5.51 points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,215.39.

The Nasdaq composite lost 5.42 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,598.62.

U.S. Treasury prices also fluctuated sharply as the latest news from Europe crossed, before ending about where they were a day earlier. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note was 2.18 percent late Thursday compared with 2.16 percent late Wednesday.

Trading

Stock indexes had edged higher in early trading after the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia said regional manufacturing was "showing signs of recovery." Its index of manufacturing, shipments and new orders was far better than economists had forecast. An unexpected drop in the index spurred a stock market sell-off in August.

Other economic reports were mixed. The Labor Department said new applications for unemployment benefits dropped to 403,000 last week, a sign that layoffs are easing. On the down side, sales of previously-occupied homes dipped 3 percent last month.

Among stocks making big moves, Newfield Exploration plunged 14.8 percent, the largest decline in the S&P 500 index. The oil and gas producer reported disappointing third-quarter results and cut its production forecast for the year.

Union Pacific Corp., the country's largest railroad, surged after its earnings came in well ahead of analysts' estimates. The company gained 4 percent after reporting that its income trumped forecasts. It also said it expects the growth to continue.

Southwest Airlines rose 4.5 percent after reporting income that was a penny per share higher than analysts predicted. AT&T Inc. lost 0.3 percent after reporting that the number of new iPhones activated last quarter was the lowest in a year and a half.

The New York Times jumped 9.2 percent after the company reported higher profits than expected.

Casino operator Wynn Resorts Ltd. said that it turned a profit in the third quarter after posting a loss a year ago, but the results still fell short of Wall Street's estimates.

Its stock lost 5.3 percent.



A MAN walks by the electronic stock board of a securities firm in Tokyo Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011 as the benchmark Nikkei 225 stock average rose 170.54 points to end morning session at 8776.16. Asian stocks surged Tuesday after a pledge by European leaders to protect the region's banks against a continent-wide debt crisis and Beijing's move to buy the shares of major Chinese lenders. (AP)

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MARATHON BAHAMAS: EVERYONE WHO CROSSES THE FINISH LINE IS A WINNER



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FERGUSON'S 80-YARD TD SPARKS HURRICANES' 22-14 WIN

By **RENALDO DORSETT**
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Another week, another dynamic performance for Demetrius Ferguson as he continues an historic season in Canada's Atlantic Football League. Ferguson's 80-yard touchdown punt return sparked the Holland Hurricanes' 22-14 win over defending AFL champions UNB Saint

John Seawolves. Ferguson's score came just four minutes into the game to put the Hurricanes ahead early as they improved to 4-0 in the conference (5-1 overall). He took in the punt on his own 30-yard line and then wove his way through defenders before sailing up the sidelines, leaving three Seawolves in his wake. A failed point-after attempt left the score at 6-0. "We played great all game, now

we can say we have the best defense in our conference," Ferguson said. "But we host that team again next week, and they are the defending champions, so we have to beat them again," he added. The rest of the first quarter was marked by numerous big defensive plays by both teams as Holland took a slim 8-7 lead into the dressing room. Hurricanes running back Dave Clark scored first in the second half to take a 14-7 lead for Holland Col-

lege. They held a one-score lead at 22-14, when Ferguson's heroics would seal the game and the victory. Ferguson caught an interception and returned it 40 yards to end the Seawolves' comeback hopes late in the fourth quarter. He was also named Holland College Hurricanes APM Construction Services Special Teams Player of the Game. Next week, the Hurricanes are slated to face Saint John on the road to complete the series with the Seawolves at 8pm.

Swimmers 9th, 12th overall



MAKING A SPLASH: Bahamian swimmers McKayla Lightbourn (inset) and Elvis Burrows had a strong showing yesterday at the Pan Am Games in Guadalajara, Mexico. In the 200m back, Lightbourn clocked 2:23.74 to finish ninth out of 20 competitors, just missing the finals which only features the top eight. And Burrows, in the 50m free, finished 12th overall in a time of 23.26 seconds.

Garth Wright Golden Gloves tourney in final weekend

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A LEADING amateur boxing club in the Bahamas is all set to wrap up one of its landmark events this weekend. Champion Amateur Boxing Club is slated to host the final weekend of its 18th Annual L Garth Wright Golden Gloves Tournament. Action in the ring is scheduled to get underway 4pm Saturday, October 15 at LW Young Junior High School. Based on the outcome and productivity in week one, CABC executive Ray Minus Jr expects the trend to continue in week two. "Quite a few of our young boxers were able to make their debuts and that is awesome because we are trying to get more kids involved in the programme, that is our aim," Minus Jr said. "We are very excited about this next week. Many kids are preparing who have not fought yet and are looking to make their debuts. We are looking at about 20 matches. We are able to put on many fights in a

short space of time." Week one featured 10 bouts and the event continues to feature some of the rising amateur fighters in the country. "So many successful good things came out of this programme and this show in particular, some of the biggest names in Bahamian boxing today. Even persons who went on to have thriving professional careers in all walks of life, not just in boxing. It has produced Olympic boxers, Commonwealth boxers and Bahamian champions and we are happy to be able to continue this event." Awards, including the L Garth Wright Award, will be presented to the boxers for the best fight of the night, most improved boxer and MVP of the night. "This will give the boys a wealth of experience in the country," said Minus Jr. "The visiting Inagua contingent is very excited about the show and they have indicated that they would like to compete in all of the weekend shows. We want to



RAY MINUS JR

Ray Minus Jr says after-school boxing programme thriving

showcase everybody and really, really bring boxing together and get everybody involved in this tournament. This tournament is the leading tournament in the country." Minus Jr announced that plans are set in motion to develop a thriving after-school boxing programme, beginning with a small selection of schools. "I want to encourage a lot of parents to get their kids involved in the amateur boxing programme. It is an after-school programme at LW Young and Champion Amateur Boxing Club is spearheading that. A whole ton of kids from DW Davis and CI Gibson still train at our headquarters on Wulff Road so the programme is growing," Minus Jr said. "LW Young is about to issue a challenge to the boxers of DW Davis

very soon so we want to see how big we can take this after-school boxing programme." **18th L Garth Wright Golden Gloves - Week One Results** Edwin McClain d. Tyrek Hall, 9-6 Sharrach Major d. Dashon Johnson, 11-7 Paul Rolle d. Joseph Rolle, 9-8 Don Rolle d. Tavio Adderley, 12-11 Daniel Smith d. Edwin McClain, 8-5 Javano Collins d. Colyn Johnson, 10-8 Devante McPhee d. Bancroft Thompson, 15-10 **Exhibition Matches** Jason Rolle v. Kobe Rolle Justin Sawyer v. Absolam Sturup Brian Ferguson v. Shaquille Davis

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YELLOWBIRD FOUNDATION ALL SET FOR MARATHON BAHAMAS RETURN

THE Yellowbird Foundation (Canada) is set for a return visit to Marathon Bahamas 2012 for what is now their fourth annual travel trade run in the Caribbean islands. Comprised of members of the Canadian travel industry, this non-profit organisation is dedicated to improving the lives of children in the Caribbean through their commitment to promoting and supporting local education programmes, in addition to providing financial and infrastructure support to schools. "With golf as the main sporting event for many years among the travel industry members, we wanted

to reach out and engage a new audience that we never had before and running was the perfect fit," said Gerry Kinasz, one of Yellowbirds' founding members. Due to the surging popularity of the sport, coupled with an international appeal and the association of supporting a charity, the Yellowbird Foundation had a winning combination. With a team made up of Canadian travel agents and suppliers, the Yellowbird Foundation experienced its first Bahamas Marathon race earlier this year. "My race experience in the Bahamas was exceptional. Per-

fect running weather, beautiful scenery and well supported with race volunteers. Definitely a race I would recommend," Kinasz said. Cheryl Babulal, of Ensemble Travel in Toronto, said the last Marathon Bahamas "was my very first international race and it will always be my most memorable." "My heartfelt thanks to all the race organisers and volunteers," she added. In an effort to give back to the local communities, the Yellowbird Foundation encourages all team members to raise funds through pledges and this year was no excep-

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 — Yellowbird Foundation founder Gerry Kinasz
 tion. With the assistance of the Bahamas Training and Education Department, a local school, the Centre for the Deaf in Nassau was identified as the beneficiary for this year's project. For more information on Marathon Bahamas and to register visit www.marathonbahamas.com

FOR BTO RUNNERS, EVERYONE WHO CROSSES FINISH LINE IS A WINNER

FOR the past two years, a group of employees in the Bahamas Tourist Office in Plantation, Florida, have been engaged in the pursuit of a healthier lifestyle. Team BTO-Plantation Weight Loss Challenge, has been focusing on proper nutrition and exercise with positive results, including a higher energy level along with a greater sense of well-being. Participation in the third annual Marathon Bahamas Race Weekend marathon events (full and half), will be the culmination of a six-month training programme to engender physical fitness, mental toughness, team camaraderie and a high sense of accomplishment. Team BTO captain Earl Miller boasts that the goal of the group is to "compete and complete the marathon or half marathon." "And, at the end, check this accomplishment off of their bucket list. "Each person crossing the

finish line will be a winner and those completing the marathon will then be in the elite status – one per cent of the world's population who have achieved this accomplishment". For all of the participants, this will be their first venture in long-distance running and they are very proud to be making their statement at home, in the Bahamas, at Marathon Bahamas during the US Martin Luther King Birthday weekend. The brave persons who are expected to be competing in the half marathon and marathon are Andrew Adderley, Kerry Fountain, Jeannie Gibson, Rosie Gomez, Bridgette King, Hilda James, Earl Miller, Kara Manouzi, Mariam Manigault, Anita Patty, Cecile Torrence, and Karen Wring. During their ongoing training schedule, the group is constantly reminded of Bill Bufum's comment: "The marathon is not really about



FRESH START: The third annual Marathon Bahamas race weekend is all set for January 14-15, 2012.

the marathon. It's about the shared struggle, and it's not only the marathon, but the training." For more information and to register for Marathon Bahamas, visit www.marathonbahamas.com

MARK KNOWLES CELEBRITY INVIT.
 MARK Knowles is pleased to announce the annual Mark Knowles Celebrity Tennis Invitational is set to be held December 1-4 at the Atlantis

resort by presenting sponsor MDC-Partners and organised by the Mark Knowles Management Group (MKMG). This year's featured players are Andy Roddick, Xavier Malisse and Sabine Lisicki with some additional stars to

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

CONCHMAN TRIATHLON
 THE 25th annual Conchman Triathlon is scheduled for Saturday, November 5 in Freeport, Grand Bahama. The event will comprise of a one-kilometre swim, a 25k bike ride and a 5k run. Persons can register by logging onto the Facebook Event Page, e-mail organiser Bert Bell at bertbell@coralwave.com or calling him at 727-5886 or 727-5381.

BAHAMAS BASEBALL FEDERATION AGM
 THE Bahamas Baseball Federation's annual general meeting and election of officers is set for Saturday, November 12 in the boardroom of the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture. In order to be eligible for any of the positions, interested persons should note that the nomination deadline is

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October 28. All nominations must be turned in to the BBF's secretary general Teddy Sweeting.
BASEBALL LEGENDS GAME
 THE Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture has requested that the Bahamas Baseball Federation lead organisations to co-ordinate the upcoming 'Legends Baseball Game' in conjunction with the 'Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, scheduled for 6pm November 5 at Government House. As a result of the request, the federation has released the following schedule of games:
 Saturday, November 5

10 am - Game one
 12:30pm - Game two
CYCLING TOUR DE NEW PROVIDENCE
 THE Tour de New Providence will be held over the weekend of October 29-30, starting and finishing at the Clifton Heritage Park parking lot at Clifton Pier. There will be a race for the competitive cyclists and non-competitive cyclists. Prizes will also be presented to the oldest and youngest participants. For more information, persons can visit musgrovebarron@hotmail.com or call 425-1057.

TRACK BSC TRACK AND FIELD MEET
 THE Baptist Sports Council's 2011 Rev Dr Enoch Backford's Track and Field Classic is set for 10am Saturday, October 22, at the Thomas A Robinson Track and Field Stadium.

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Rangers rally in 9th, beat the Cardinals to even Series

ST LOUIS (AP) — Down to their last three outs, and in danger of dropping into a serious World Series deficit, the Texas Rangers rallied against St. Louis' vaunted bullpen for a 2-1 victory last night.

Josh Hamilton and Michael Young hit sacrifice flies in the ninth inning to give Texas the win.

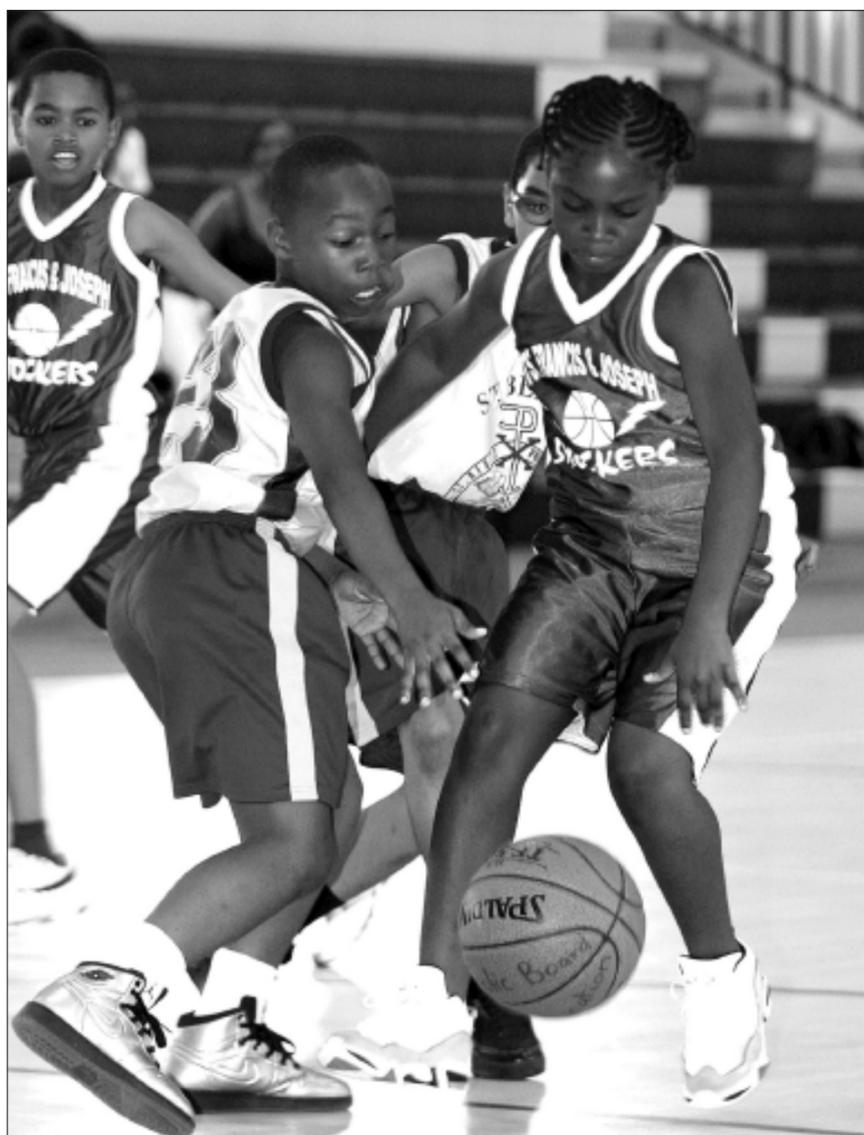
For the second straight night, Cardinals pinch-hitter Allen Craig greeted reliever Alexi Ogando with a go-ahead single. This time, Craig did it the seventh. In Game 1, his hit in the sixth sent the Cards to a 3-2 win.

The Rangers, however, were not done quite yet. Now, after a travel day, they will host Game 3 on Saturday night. Matt Harrison is set to start for the Rangers against Kyle Lohse.

EVEN SERIES: Texas Rangers Ian Kinsler is congratulated in the dugout after scoring on a sacrifice fly ball during the ninth inning of Game 2 of the World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals last night in St. Louis. (AP)

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS LEAGUE

Sts Francis & Joseph Shockers vs. St Bede's Crushers



Photos by Felipe Major/Tribune staff



DOUBLE PLAY: Here are some more photo highlights as the Catholic Board of Education continued its 2011 primary schools basketball league with a double header at Loyola Hall, Gladstone Road, on Wednesday. The Sts Francis & Joseph Shockers rebounded from a tough loss in their last outing to defeat the St Bede's Crushers 34-26. Alex Neely led the winners with 17 points while Lakarious Russell led the Crushers with 17 in the loss.