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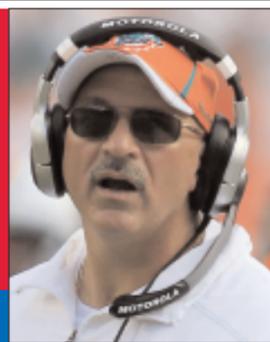
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GIRL, 15, KILLED IN FAMILY QUARREL

Teenager stabbed to death, father helping inquiries

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RICHA GIBSON, 15, who was stabbed to death at her home

A FAMILY quarrel resulted in the stabbing death of a 15-year-old girl inside her Golden Gates home.

The girl's 47-year-old father is assisting police with investigations into Saturday's death, Paul Rolle, head of the Criminal Detective Unit, said.

Police found Richa Gibson's body with neck injuries inside an apartment at Southward South off Sunshine Way shortly after 10am.

"No charges will be pressed right now. (CDU) is still doing investigations," Mr Rolle said.

Richa's death shocked neighbours and area residents, most of whom said they found the fatal stabbing of the 11th grade C V Bethel student hard to believe.

"That's sad. I'm speechless right now. Everybody is still in shock," a neighbour said. "It's hard to believe it actually hap-

pened, it hasn't sunk in yet." Another neighbour said: "This is a very good community. I don't know what went wrong."

The screams of a woman neighbour pierced the traditionally "nice and quiet" street on Saturday morning.

According to residents, the woman came running down

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FAMILY AND friends of Richa Gibson react to the news of her death

Photo: Felipe Major/
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MAN FOUND SHOT DEAD IN CAR

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TWO separate homicide teams are investigating the shooting death of a 28-year-old man in Fox Hill.

The man was found in the passenger seat of a white Honda Accord with multiple gunshot wounds early Saturday morning.

Shortly after 3am, police were called to the scene at Johnson Road, where it was reported that the victim got into an argument with another man before he was shot.

Paul Rolle, head of the Central Detective Unit, said that two separate teams were sent out to explore all possible

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SIX SHOT IN BLOODY WEEKEND

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SIX men were shot and a teen boy stabbed during a weekend of bloodshed.

One of the men, a former Royal Bahamas Defence Force officer, was wounded by police during a daring morning shoot-out in the Golden Gates area.

Police said the 25-year-old former marine pulled a handgun and opened fire on officers of the Mobile Division,

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PM CALLS ON VOLUNTEERS

By NATARIO MCKENZIE
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PRIME MINISTER Hubert Ingraham yesterday called for a "new era of volunteerism and giving" at a special service marking the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Free National

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'BUSINESSES ARE HURTING'

By NATARIO MCKENZIE
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ELIZABETH MP Ryan Pinder yesterday criticised the government for implementing policies that he said have hurt small to medium sized businesses and ultimately caused the Bahamas to

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GOODBYE POLIO, THANKS TO ROTARY

By THE ROTARY CLUBS OF THE BAHAMAS

IN October, we observe both World Polio Day and the birthday of Dr Jonas Salk, who developed the world's

first safe and effective vaccine against this crippling and sometimes deadly disease.

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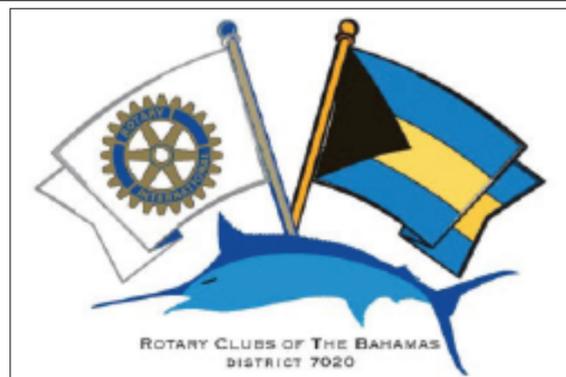
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In her new role, Ms. Astwood will assist the Vice President of Human Resources and Training in managing the bank's employee benefits and compensation programs to ensure they are aligned with the Bank's strategic objectives and standards of excellence.

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CHINESE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TO BUILD ABACO BRIDGE

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AFTER 15 years of planning, the government has signed a contract with a Chinese construction company to build a bridge linking North Abaco and Little Abaco. The contract with China Harbour Engineering Company (CHEC) will also include the construction of a new port in North Abaco. At a press conference Friday at the Ministry of

Finance, the government signed the \$40 million contract, which will be funded by the EXIM Bank of China. The project will begin in December with the bridge expected to be completed in February 2013 and the Port in November 2013. According to Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Works Colin Higgs, the design and construction of the Little Abaco Bridge will cost \$6.5 million and the North Abaco Port is estimated to cost upwards of \$33 million.

Mr Higgs said the existing 300' long causeway constructed 50 years ago across Angel Fish Creek has negatively impacted the surrounding marine ecosystem. He said the old causeway "cutoff tidal flow and fish migration between the islands and adversely affected ecosystems and most notably, fish." The new bridge will be constructed on the north side of the existing earth-fill causeway and will have a total opening width of 150', which will not only restore tidal flow

but will allow pleasure and fishing vessels to travel between the north and south sides of Abaco, Mr Higgs said. The plan to build a new international and domestic port at Conch Rock Creek, two miles north of Coopers Town, is aimed at relieving congestion at the Marsh Harbour Port and encouraging further development in Abaco. Mr Higgs added that the port will include a marina where fishing and pleasure

vessels can stop for fuel or supplies. The project includes plans for an administration building and warehouses for both domestic and international cargo, said Mr Higgs. Representing CHEC,

regional director Zhongdong Tang said the contract signing is just the start of the real work. He added: "I hope to have more and more opportunities in the Bahamas to expand our business here."

FAMILY CALLS ON DRIVER IN HIT-AND-RUN KILLING TO ADMIT RESPONSIBILITY

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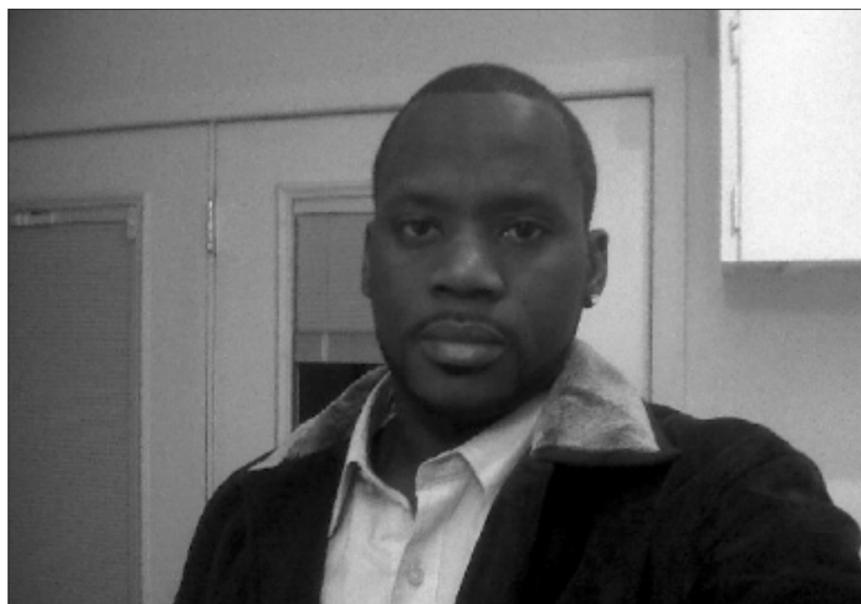
THE family of hit and run victim Levon Cooper want the person responsible for his death to come forward to police so that they can have closure. His sister, Petra Cooper, said the grieving family is still trying to come to terms with his death and want justice to be served on the person who left him lying on the side of the road "like a dog".

Yesterday, she appealed to the driver's conscience and urged the person responsible to surrender to police.

"We'd like for them to turn themselves in. They knocked him down and left him to die like a dog and if it was their family they would have hoped the person would have stayed and said it was an accident."

"You can understand an accident happening but you fled the scene, people need to put themselves in the situation of the victim. If the tables were turned you would want someone to say 'I made a mistake'. We would have felt better if the person had stopped." The ordeal is particularly traumatic for Mr Cooper's mother, who is recovering from a recent stroke.

"My mom, all she saying is 'They kill my son'. We hope it doesn't just go down as another traffic fatality," said his sister.



LEVON COOPER, who died after being hit by a vehicle at about 8pm on October 16 on St Vincent Road, near Silver Gates Boulevard. Police said they were looking for the driver of a Ford Expedition, model year between 1998 and 2001.

Mr Cooper, 32, died after he was hit by a passing vehicle on St Vincent Road near Silver Gates Boulevard, a few yards away from his home.

He was walking to his cousin's home when he was struck by the passing car at around 8pm on October 16.

Residents of the area heard the accident, but when they ran outside the driver was gone, his sister said.

Mr Cooper, a father of a five-year-old girl, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Last week, police said they were looking for the driver of a Ford Expedition, model year between 1998 and 2001.

The car should have some damage to its right side, police said.

Ms Cooper believes critical evidence was washed away by rain and the only way the case can be closed is if the driver turns him or herself over to police.

Last week, the victim's uncle Victor Cooper said the family is "willing to forgive"

the hit and run driver. Anyone with information about this incident, or who has seen an Expedition or similar truck with front end damage, are asked to call: 911, 919, 322-3333, 393-7204, 393-7714/4 or Crime Stoppers on 328-TIPS.

TWO ARRESTED OVER GUNS FIND

TWO men were arrested by police after they were allegedly found in possession of illegal firearms.

Police took a 26-year-old resident of Commonwealth Boulevard into custody after it was alleged that he was found with a handgun and ammunition while at Pratt's Alley off Rupert Dean Lane around 12.45pm Friday.

Police also arrested a 19-year-old resident of Johnson Road after they allegedly found him with a handgun and

ammunition. Officers of the Wulff Road Police Station picked the suspect up at 2.15am Saturday while they were on routine patrol of Wulff Road, near Peach Street.

Police said they saw the teen acting suspiciously and when they approached him he allegedly threw an object under a nearby car.

The officers searched under the car and found a handgun and ammunition.

Active police investigations continue.

CRIME TIP
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Transitional leader declares Libyan liberation

LIBYA'S transitional leader declared his country's liberation Sunday after an 8-month civil war and set out plans for the future with an Islamist tone. The announcement was clouded, however, by international pressure to explain how ousted dictator Moammar Gadhafi had been captured alive days earlier, then ended up dead from a gunshot to his head shortly afterward.

Gadhafi's death in circumstances that are still unclear, and the gruesome spectacle of his body laid out as a trophy in a commercial freezer and on public view, are testing the new Libyan leaders' commitment to the rule of law. Even at the ceremony to declare liberation, two speakers in positions of authority essentially said Gadhafi got what he deserved.

But transitional government leader Mustafa Abdul-Jalil, who made the keynote speech, did not mention the events surrounding Gadhafi's end and called on his people to eschew hatred.

"You should only embrace honesty, patience, and mercy," Abdul-Jalil told the crowd at the declaration ceremony in the eastern city of Benghazi, the birthplace of the uprising against Gadhafi. He urged Libyans to reconcile their differences.

And he laid out a vision for the post-Gadhafi future with an Islamist tint, saying Islamic Sharia law would be the "basic source" of legislation and existing laws that contradict the teachings of Islam would be nullified. In a gesture that showed his own piety, he urged Libyans not to express their joy by firing guns in the air, but rather to chant "Allahu Akbar", or God is Great. He then stepped aside from the podium and knelt to offer a brief prayer of thanks.

Using Sharia as the main source of legislation is stipulated in the constitution of neighbouring Egypt. Still, Egyptian laws remain largely secular as Sharia does not cover all aspects of modern day life.

The uprising against Gadhafi erupted in February as part of anti-government revolts spreading across the Middle East. Neighbouring Tunisia, which put the so-called Arab Spring in motion with mass protests nearly a year ago, has taken the biggest step on the path to democracy, voting for a new assembly Sunday in its first truly free elections. Egypt, which has struggled with continued unrest, is next with parliamentary elections slated for November.

Libya's struggle has been the bloodiest so far in the region. Mass protests quickly turned into a civil war that killed thousands and paralyzed the country for the past eight months. Gadhafi's hometown of Sirte was the last loyalist stronghold to fall last week, but Gadhafi's son and one-time heir apparent, Seif al-Islam, apparently escaped with some of his supporters.

Abdul-Jalil paid tribute to the Gulf Cooperation Council, a six-nation alliance led by Saudi Arabia, the Arab League and

the European Union. NATO, which aided the anti-Gadhafi fighters with airstrikes, performed its task with "efficiency and professionalism", he added.

President Barack Obama congratulated Libyans on the declaration. "After four decades of brutal dictatorship and eight months of deadly conflict, the Libyan people can now celebrate their freedom and the beginning of a new era of promise," he said.

But just hours before that statement, US Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Britain's new defence secretary, Philip Hammond, said a full investigation into Gadhafi's death is necessary.

An autopsy confirmed that Gadhafi died from a gunshot to the head. Libya's chief pathologist, Dr Othman al-Zintani, said. However, the pathologist said he would not disclose further details or elaborate on Gadhafi's final moments, saying he would first deliver a full report to the attorney general.

Libya's acting prime minister, Mahmoud Jibril, said he would not oppose an investigation, but cited an official reporting saying a wounded Gadhafi was killed in crossfire following his capture. Addressing the celebrations around Gadhafi's body, Jibril told the BBC in an interview on Sunday: "You have to appreciate the agony that people went through for 42 years."

The 69-year-old Gadhafi was captured wounded, but alive Thursday in his hometown of Sirte, the last city to fall to revolutionary forces. Bloody images of Gadhafi being taunted and beaten by his captors have raised questions about whether he was deliberately executed.

Gadhafi's body has been on public display in a commercial freezer in a shopping centre in the port city of Misrata, which suffered from a bloody siege by regime forces that instilled a virulent hatred for the dictator in Misrata's residents.

People have lined up for days to view the body, which was laid out on a mattress on the freezer floor. The bodies of Gadhafi's son Muatassim and his ex-defence minister Abu Bakr Younis also were put on display, and people wearing surgical masks have filed past, snapping photos.

The New York-based group Human Rights Watch, which viewed the bodies, said video footage, photos and other information it obtained "indicate that they might have been executed after being detained".

"Finding out how they died matters," said Sarah Leah Whitson, of Human Rights Watch. "It will set the tone for whether the new Libya will be ruled by law or by summary violence."

The vast majority of Libyans seemed unconcerned about the circumstances of the hated leader's death, but rather was relieved the country's ruler of 42 years was gone, clearing the way for a new beginning.

By Karin Laub and Kim Gamel,
Associated Press

Rebuilding after the hurricane

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Re: Hurricane relief supplies

I am writing as a civil servant and as a citizen of The Bahamas.

In the Central Eleuthera District, two assessments were done. I am writing in particular about my aunt who on her next birthday will be 74 years young, but she still thinks she can build and break down things, but she is not able.

She worked hard all her life for her sisters, brothers and her mother who had no husband, she worked hard to help her nieces and nephews, she also built her dwelling home to retire in.

Then along comes Hurricane Irene that did lots of damage to her three bedroom home.

She sat in there and watched water or rain pour

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into each room. That did something to my old aunt, I watched her sitting there helpless and not knowing where to put herself.

Her brother (in Nassau) sent some of his friends and some shingles and she borrowed some shingles to have her home repaired. When this was completed, I saw a little life come into her eyes.

Then the second home assessment was done and she was told that since she had repaired her roof already, she was not eligible for any shingles for her roof, even the ones she had borrowed. A pensioner and trying to survive in a messed-up economy. I am not sure if

that is right.

She was told she had to sit in her house and not do any repairs.

Mind you, nobody gave her any tarp for her house and it was given out to certain people.

Was she to sit in a leaking house for five weeks and wait for NEMA or the Prime Minister to decide to give something to Eleuthera?

Remember it was said that Eleuthera was not devastated. I don't think that this is fair to my aunt. How is she to pay the person back for his shingles?

I wish that NEMA or the Prime Minister could clear this up for me, as no one in the Central Eleuthera is able to clear up.

M. A. E. R.,
Eleuthera,
October 5, 2011.

PLP letdown over market

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Nothing has more eloquently articulated how the Bahamas has been damaged by the style and philosophy of PLP misrule and incompetence than the recent experience with the new Straw Market.

Destroyed by fire just nine months before the PLP's election to office in May, 2002, the market was an iconic Bahamian institution playing a unique role in the economic and cultural life of Nassau.

It was one of the major venues through which tourism directly connected with our economy, providing an income for generations of proud and resourceful Bahamians.

It was an historic landmark and point of reference for giving directions on Bay Street. There was no question of the urgency of its replacement. And yet the PLP, after five years in office, made absolutely no progress with its replacement, save for a last-minute contract signing at the very end of their term which was a public-relations stunt. Despite the ritual document signing, there were no completed drawings for the market.

The weary, waiting vendors, either from a sense of



The new Straw Market building on Bay Street

fallen expectations, acquiescence to the PLP, or hypnosis brought on by the grand nature of another Perry Christie promise, appeared not to notice how badly they had been treated.

When the House debated the legislation for the operation and sustainability of the new Straw Market, Mr Christie, who days before visited the site and heaped scorn upon the market and the Government which got the job done, led his team in trying to belittle something he never accomplished.

As one MP noted, the Opposition continue to praise themselves for what they did not do, while criticizing the current Government for what it has done so well. This is the very definition of hypocrisy.

In typical form the PLP encouraged the vendors to see any effort to require maintenance of standards and discipline as the imposition something unfair. What was unfair and a hardship is the PLP leaving straw vendors and woodcarvers without a decent Straw Market

despite broken promise after broken promise.

The Opposition's rhetoric during the debate on the Straw Market Authority was reminiscent of those old days when the PLP created a culture of self-entitlement and slackness which led too many Bahamians to believe that they could get whatever they want because the Government owed them something.

I believe that this mindset led to people not paying their National Insurance contributions and to a greater tolerance for getting over which excused fraudulent behaviour and a growing culture of criminality.

The Bahamian people have now on two occasions rejected this shameless behaviour from a PLP which refuses to reform its culture of corruption and self-entitlement. They will do so again, though it is unlikely that a scandal-ridden PLP will get the message.

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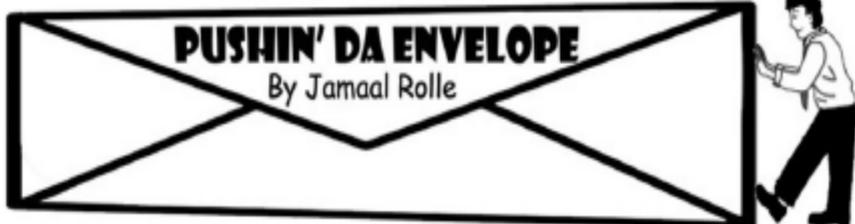
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HIGGS SILENT ON CANDIDACY

SENATOR Jacinta Higgs was tightlipped yesterday over reports that she will not offer herself as a candidate for the Free National Movement in the next general election.

When contacted for comment Mrs Higgs – who ran on the FNM's ticket in the Fox Hill constituency in 2007 but lost to incumbent MP Fred Mitchell – would only say that an official decision has not been made by the party's leader Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham.

"He (Mr Ingraham) has not ratified his candidates for the upcoming election," said the senator when asked about her political future.

When pressed by The Tribune on whether she has decided not to offer herself for renomination she said: "I still yield to my leader."

A source close to Mrs Higgs said the veteran educator has plans to leave politics and focus on her career and private life.

In August, Mrs Higgs opened her own school in Fox Hill, the area in which she grew up.

ANDROS ROADS 'DEPLORABLE'



MINISTER OF Public Works and Transport Neko Grant (1st from left) makes an observation of a road in Nicholls Town, Andros as Dion Munroe, engineer (2nd from left) and Director John Canton (centre) look on. Photo: BIS Photo/Letisha Henderson

THE roads in Mastic Point, Nicholls Town and Stanyard Creek, North Andros are "deplorable" and in urgent need of repair, said Works Minister Neko Grant.

The minister's assessment came during a tour of roads of several settlements in North Andros over the weekend.

He was accompanied by a small delegation, including Education Minister and Andros native Desmond Bannister; Director of Works John Canton and Dion Munroe, an engineer.

Garnett Campbell, an area engineer and local government officials Maxine Duncombe, Vanda Rahming and Dr Huntley Christie were also a part of the tour of public infrastructure.

Mr Munroe said initial assessments reveal that the roads are in a state of disrepair and some require total reconstruction.

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LOCAL NEWS

CALLS FOR ANIMAL ABUSE WITH FIREWORKS TO BE REPORTED

THE Bahamas Humane Society is urging anyone who sees a person abusing animals with fireworks this Halloween to report the incident immediately.

A statement issued on Friday listing precautions for Halloween and Guy Fawkes Day said all cases of animal cruelty should be reported either to the police or the Humane Society.

The statement said: "Jack-o'-lanterns, trick-or-treaters, haunted houses, costume par-

ties and fireworks – Halloween is full of fun things for you and your family to enjoy, but it's one of those holidays that is enjoyed more by people than by pets.

"Keep the following precautions in mind when preparing for the frightfully fun festivities and help ensure that everyone in your family — including your pet — has a safe Halloween and Guy Fawkes."

The statement said pets should be kept in a quiet place, away from trick-or-treaters and

other Halloween activities.

"You may know that the miniature monsters and goblins that come knocking on Halloween aren't real, but pets don't. Dogs and cats are creatures of habit and could become frightened or agitated by the unaccustomed sights and sounds of costumed visitors.

In addition, the Humane Society said, frequently opened doors provide a perfect opportunity for escape, which can go unnoticed during all the commotion.

Owners were urged to ensure all pets are wearing collars and ID tags in case of an accidental getaway.

The statement added: "Place live flame Guy Fawkes and decorations like candles and jack-o'-lanterns out of your pet's reach. Curious critters risk being singed or burned by the flame — they could also easily knock over a candle or pumpkin and cause a fire.

"Don't let the family dog accompany the kids on their

trick-or-treat outing. Children may have a difficult time handling a pet during the festivities and your pooch could get loose, especially if your dog is spooked by the strange sights and sounds of trick-or-treaters

"Keep decorations that pets could chew on — like streamers and fake spider webs — and wires and cords from electric decorations out of reach.

"If pets chomp on Halloween decorations, they

could choke or may become ill and, if they chew on electrical cords, they risk a potentially deadly electrical shock.

"Pets could also become tangled and injured by dangling cords or decorations."

The statement said any owners who know their pet is very frightened of loud noises should contact their veterinarian to buy a sedative to keep the pet calm.

"This will prevent injuries to the pet and damage to furniture," it said.

ADMINISTRATOR TO HELP ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF RIDE FOR HOPE

RIDE for Hope Bahamas announced today the appointment of its first administrator, Alicia Wallace of Nassau.

A 2009 graduate of St Mary's University, Nova Scotia with a bachelor's degree in commerce and economics, Alicia brings to the Ride for Hope enthusiasm and demonstrated experience in the areas of not-for-profit work, administration, planning and budget management, organisers of the charity say.

"Dedicated and self-motivated, Alicia impressed RFH interviewers with the manner in which she has already used her energy and talents to help make the world a better place," they said.

"While pursuing her undergraduate degree, Alicia single-handedly planned and coordinated a summer day care camp, funding the business by way of personal savings, a small loan and prize money she had won from a business plan competition."

The highly successful programme employed eight teachers and ran year-to-year on budget.

Also while at college, Alicia worked for the Canadian social system's Phoenix Youth Programme and was a live-in supervisor and mentor for young women.

With responsibilities beyond many of her peers,

A RIDER at a previous Ride For Hope event



Alicia ensured that her residents, some of whom were older than she, lived healthy lifestyles, followed productive day-to-day schedules, and met programme expectations by attending meetings, programme nights, school and/or work, and house meetings.

A volunteer for the Canadian Cancer Society (Nova Scotia), Junior Achievement (Nova Scotia and New Providence), and St Mary's University Career Development Centre, Alicia also found the time to excel in her studies.

She was nominated as Student Entrepreneur of the Year, won the Best Part Time Business Idea Award, and the Rev JJ Hennessey, SJ Medallion Award.

The Ride for Hope was established six years ago to build the hope and resources needed to fight cancer in the Bahamas.

Its flagship event, held in Eleuthera each Spring, has grown into one of the country's most respected and successful charitable fundraisers.

Collectively, more than 1,500 participants have cycled more than 45,000 miles and raised nearly \$1.6 million since its inception in 2006.

As administrator, Alicia will play a big role in the many months of advance planning that go into the Ride for Hope.

She will also provide year-round support and oversight to the growing number of programmes receiving RFH funding.

Through the generosity of long-standing corporate sponsors, Alicia's office is located at the law firm Holowesko, Pyfrom, Fletcher in the Templeton Building, West Bay Street.



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, this year marks the 14th year of the BahamArts Festival hosted by The Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation (BAIC), The Ministry of Tourism and Aviation and The Bahamas National Craft Association;

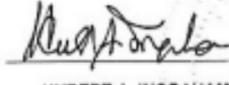
AND WHEREAS, the Festival's mission is to bring together artisans and artists from throughout The Bahamas to create a 'Craft Village' to showcase indigenous Bahamian-made products, souvenirs and gifts for both Bahamians and tourists;

AND WHEREAS, the event will feature a three-day craft show, encompassing crafts training programs, trade fair and exposition to highlight the achievements and developments over the years of the handicraft and souvenir industry as well as to encourage healthy competition in the industry;

AND WHEREAS, The Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation proposes to celebrate the Festival under the theme "Achieving Excellence", with a week of activities inclusive of a Church Service, Community Band Competition, Gala Tea Party, A Mini Regatta and A Gospel Explosion to highlight these Bahamian-made products;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Hubert A. Ingraham, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, do hereby proclaim the week beginning Sunday, 23rd October and ending Sunday, 30th October, 2011 as "NATIONAL CRAFT WEEK".

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LOCAL NEWS

HORSE ATTACKED BY DOG

By DANA SMITH

A HORSE was left badly injured and its owner demanding answers after a horseback tour in Coral Harbour had a violent encounter with a dog.

Happy Trails Stables staff were conducting a beach tour that included four riders, two of whom were tourists, when the incident occurred.

Susan Smith, owner of the stable, who was not present at the time, expressed anger at the owner of the dog.

"They were on the beach when they saw these two pit-bulls off the leash coming around the corner," Ms Smith said.

"The dogs ran at the lead horse carrying the tour guide and pulled it down to the ground.

"It was quite horrific, they were tearing chunks out of the horse," she said.

According to Ms Smith, the attack lasted nearly 10 min-

utes, only ending when the dogs became too "exhausted" to continue and the owner managed to put them on a leash.

The horse suffered several bites on its legs, but no people were harmed.

"Our tour guide managed to keep kicking at them and keep them moving until they were exhausted," Ms Smith said.

"Luckily they only bit at his shoe, and didn't get his foot.

"The other local rider who was with him, led the two tourists away from the attack, fearing the dogs might turn on them next."

However, Cliff Block, the owner of the two dogs - who was present at the time - said only one of his dogs was involved in the incident, which he described as a "miscommunication between animals".

Mr Block said both he and his dog were injured, forcing him to seek medical

attention.

He said the dog in question is not a pit bull, but rather a 45-pound Staffordshire Terrier rescued through the Bahamas Humane Society's BeHumane programme.

"We were alone near the beach playing fetch when the group of horses and riders startled us," Mr Block said.

"My dog went for a sniff and was lightly kicked by the horse.

"The rider whipped at him and he went for another sniff, again another kick - but harder."

Mr Block believes it is important to point out that there "are no posted signs of possible horse traffic in the area".

"I'm sure my dog was confused and thought it to be a big dog," he said.

"I called to the lead rider to relax as he's never seen a horse, but the group leader began yelling and losing control of his horse.

"I called for him to dismount, but the horse began to kick and the dog began to bite."

During the next few minutes, Mr Block said, "everyone was in a very excited state.

"I was hurt, the dog got kicked, the horse got bit, and the rider lost control.

"The incident ended when I literally dove beneath the horse and held my dog close," he said.

Mr Block claimed he was hurt "trying to avoid the horse's kicking" and had to be treated for an injured knee and three abrasions.

His dog was also injured by the kicking horse, but did not receive any professional medical treatment.

"I feel great remorse at this incident as I would never want to see any harm come to such beautiful animals," Mr Block said.

"In the future, this animal lover will avoid this part of New Providence."



SOME OF the injuries suffered by the horse in the incident.

GOODBYE POLIO, THANKS TO ROTARY

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is a funding shortage. In response, Rotary is working to raise \$200 million in response to a \$355 million challenge grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

All of the resulting \$555 million will support crucial immunisation activities in countries where polio still threatens children.

Rotary club members worldwide have already raised \$180 million of the \$200 million challenge.

Over the past 26 years, Rotary's 1.2 million members in 200 countries and regions have contributed more than \$1 billion and countless volunteer hours to help immunise more than two billion children in 122 countries. Rotary

also reaches out to governments worldwide to obtain vital financial and technical support.

Since 1995, donor governments have contributed in excess of \$8 billion to polio eradication, due in part to Rotary's advocacy efforts.

The commitment of Rotary volunteers worldwide demonstrates the extraordinary role civil society can play in improving global health. Right now, in honour of World Polio Day, Rotary clubs around the globe are doing their part to raise awareness and critically-needed funds to vanquish the disease forever. Once eradicated, polio will join smallpox as the only two human diseases ever eradicated, fulfilling Rotary's promise to create a polio-free world.

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LOCAL NEWS

GIRL, 15, KILLED IN FAMILY QUARREL

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the street yelling that a girl had been stabbed. Another neighbour ran to the house, and said that he saw Richa's father, who appeared calm, sitting on the front porch.

Richa's mother was reportedly at a funeral service when the incident occurred. Richa's younger brother also was said not to have been present.

Ushered into the house by church members, the mother was overwhelmed with grief and could be heard sobbing with loved ones inside the house.

Last night, police said the circumstances surrounding the incident were still unclear. However, sources claim the 15-year-old didn't come home from the previous night until that morning, which led to the argument.

Loved ones refused to speak with The Tribune about the incident last night.

At the family's home, a woman said: "We're going

through something right now."

Friends and schoolmates said their final goodbyes on a Facebook tribute page created in memory of the 15-year-old girl yesterday.

Last night, the page had more than 1,900 "likes."

The C V Bethel High School student was described as a smart and well-rounded girl, who was on the honour roll, cadets and track and field team.

A Facebook user said: "She was in my homeroom and I refuse to believe this because she was a very kind and quiet person."

Another user said: "She was having problems at home, don't say nothing about this if you don't know her, or her situation, she was not a bad girl."

Anyone with information that might assist this investigation can contact police at 911, CDU at 502-9991, and Crime Stoppers at 328-TIPS.



A WOMAN is comforted at the scene of Richa Gibson's killing. Photo: Felipe Major/Tribune Staff

SIX ARE SHOT DURING BLOODY WEEKEND

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who were acting on information, when they approached him at 9 am at Sisal Road.

The officers returned fire and shot the Ocean Street resident who is now in hospital in stable condition.

Police said no one other than the gunman was injured during the exchange of gunfire, however, there was some property damage.

"Several shots were exchanged. Some property was damaged in the area and I think someone's car windshield was shot out and some damage caused to a door of another vehicle," said head of the Central Detective Unit Superintendent Paul Rolle yesterday.

Two double shootings are also being investigated. Police were told that two men were walking near Bar 20 Corner, in the Mackey Street area, at 9.44 pm Friday when they were approached by four occupants of a silver coloured Honda.

Someone inside the car shot at the men, wounding both of them, the car then sped away.

The victims were taken to hospital by EMS and are detained in serious condition.

Two other men were shot while standing outside Pitt Restaurant on Augusta Street at 10.45 pm Saturday.

Police were told that the victims, who are 40 and 31-years-old, were outside the restaurant when a red Honda with two male occupants pulled up.

One of the men jumped out of the car and shot at the two men.

Both victims were taken to hospital where at last report they were in stable condition.

Police also reported that a 28-year-old man is in hospital after he was shot in the face at 6.40 am Saturday.

Although police did not release many details on the incident, they said the man was driving south on East Street, near the Garden Hills No. 1 subdivision when he was shot.

The victim, a resident of Quarry Mission Road, was taken to hospital and is in serious condition.

A 16-year-old boy was stabbed while at the JuJu Tree Club on Johnson Road at 3.30 am Saturday.

Police said they are uncertain of the circumstances surrounding the incident which left the teen in hospital in serious condition.

Investigators also have their hands full with the country's two latest homicides - a 15-year-old girl was stabbed inside her home off Sunshine Way and a 28-year-old man was shot at Johnson Road.

Both victims were killed on Saturday morning.

Police are actively investigating all of these incidents and have appealed for members of the public with information on these crimes to contact them at the Central Detective Unit at 502-9991 or the Crime Stoppers hotline at 328-TIPS.

Last week, National Security Minister Tommy Turnquest revealed that, up to October 11, crime was up 10 per cent compared to the same period last year.

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MAN FOUND SHOT DEAD IN CAR

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leads. Mr Rolle said: "We appeal to persons in Fox Hill community who may have some information."

"We would ask them to come forward and let us know, so we can act on it to try to bring to a speedy resolution."

Illegal firearms recovered in Fox Hill account for nearly 10 per cent of the total guns seized in the country this year, according to police, with illegal ammunition at 35 per cent.

Police have recovered 34 illegal firearms, and one rifle, in Fox Hill since the launch of their special taskforce in June.

Based on the team's findings, shooting conflicts in the Fox Hill community stemmed from a turf war between three emerging factions that were battling for the "illicit" drug trade in the area.

Earlier this month, police announced that turf wars in Fox Hill had subsided. Operations in Pinewood Gardens and Nassau Village were launched October 1. However,

Mr Rolle said that officers will continue to monitor the Fox Hill community.

At that time, Mr Rolle maintained that his department was not "stretched" by the record number of homicides despite a "sharp escalation" in crime this year.

The 28-year-old man is the country's 106th murder for the year.

Anyone with information that could assist police with their investigation can contact police at 911, CDU at 502-9991, and Crime Stoppers at 328-TIPS.

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Mr Ingraham told those assembled at Voice of Deliverance Disciple Centre in Malcolm Allotment yesterday: "In order to address crime and anti-social behaviour, and to build a more peaceful culture and renew a sense of community requires faith and community based action as well as corporate citizenship, philanthropic efforts and individual initiative."

He noted: "The FNM is committed to a balance of personal and social responsibility and we believe that giving back and community service are at the heart of good and active citizenship. Community demands civility and civil society, shared sacrifices and shared responsibility. We see Government as a vehicle – it is not an end in itself."

He added that his party is committed to equality. "We seek to build a country

PM CALLS ON VOLUNTEERS



PM HUBERT INGRAHAM is calling for more volunteers

where the content of one's character and hard work are the keys to success and national development – not pedigree or connection. This is why we have constantly sought to expand equality and protection and rights of the marginalized, the children, the elderly, and

Bahamian women. We are proud that the first woman elected to the House of Assembly was an FNM."

Prime Minister Ingraham said that the party's 40th anniversary was a time to renew the values upon which the party was founded, including "transparent, accountable and good governance."

"We continue to work tirelessly to put in place the policies, programmes and investments needed to safeguard our country in crime-fighting and national security, in education, in business opportunity, in employment, in health care, in social security and in youth development."

"As we celebrate our legacy and renew our values, we rededicate ourselves to improving the daily quality of life and

the future needs of the Bahamian people. For all that we have done and despite the considerable work ahead we remain mindful of why we are here in the first place – to give incorruptible, responsible and compassionate service to the Bahamian people.

"The greatest reward for those afforded the privilege of office is whether on your watch

you made a difference in improving the lives and well-being of people. This is why we roll up our sleeves, endure all the cussing and shouting, and carry on to implement the things which benefit the Bahamas and Bahamians everywhere," the prime minister said.

Mr Ingraham thanked the crowd for its continued support. "Today's celebration is there-

fore one of gratitude. With gratitude we thank the Bahamian people for the privilege of serving. We thank them for their trust. We are privileged to serve. In honour of this privilege and trust we continue our pledge to work tirelessly to improve the lives and future of all Bahamians by ensuring good and accountable governance and trustworthy integrity in government."

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receive negative ratings by various international agencies and institutions.

Responding to a recent report by the International Finance Corporation (IFC) on the ease of doing business in which the Bahamas ranked 85th out of 183 countries Mr Pinder said: "In the last four years, under the FNM Government, the Bahamas has fallen from an IFC ranking of 59 to an embarrassing 85th; with respect to our Latin American and Caribbean neighbours, we now rank thirteenth."

"Colombia, Tunisia, Rwanda, Puerto Rico, Slovenia, Panama – these are just a few of the 84 nations who now rank ahead of The Bahamas in "ease of doing business." He added: "The continued downgrading of The Bahamas by the IFC reflects serious mismanagement of the economy by the FNM. Small and medium enterprises should be the engine of economic growth – yet here is evidence that under the current government, conditions for SME's have worsened considerably. The low ranking itself is problematic, making it more difficult to encourage new business development, resulting in lost job creation opportunities even as Bahamians struggle with record unemployment."

Mr Pinder criticised the government for implementing policies that he said have hurt small to medium sized businesses.

'BUSINESSES ARE HURTING'

"When you have policies that cause a contraction in businesses your revenues from a government point of view also fall. That is why the credit rating agencies have had negative outlooks on us as a country because our revenues are falling and we have been having policies that are adverse to the business environment."

He added: "If we created policies that stimulated businesses and can cause an expansion in businesses then you would see government revenue go up because businesses are more successful. When your government revenue goes up the credit rating goes up as well and you don't have the negative outlook by credit rating agencies."

Mr Pinder noted that apart from the IFC ranking, the Bahamas has been falling in other rankings as well.

"This has been a trend for years, going down in this rating. If you look at other institutions, credit rating agencies, Moody's and Standard and Poors, the Bahamas has been falling and receiving negative outlooks. If you look at the financial services industry ratings index, every single year under this administration likewise we have been falling. This isn't a one index deal, its every international rating agency, we have fallen in the Bahamas year after year."

According to Mr Pinder, under the PLP, from 2002 to 2007, 22,000 jobs were added to the Bahamian economy. Mr Pinder said that the PLP's plan includes business license fee rebates for companies providing academic scholarships for Bahamian students; annual retraining for thousands of Bahamians, so skills can be constantly updated; and a Bahamian Venture Fund to support the launch of new Bahamian-owned businesses.

Former Chamber of Commerce President and PLP nominee for Pinewood Khalis Rolle noted: "We follow the US model in terms of investing from the public sector standpoint. During this crisis the US decided that they were going to invest in small businesses, we did the exact opposite. We invested our money in increased taxes and the public sector. If you want to drive an economy the small and medium sized businesses drive the economy. Increasing taxes shut down the small and medium sized businesses. When we decided we're going to do a lot of capital works projects that was another failure of investing. In the US model of investing everything stays in the economy. When we invest in capital works everything goes out of the country so you don't get the type of economic stimulus that the US would get."

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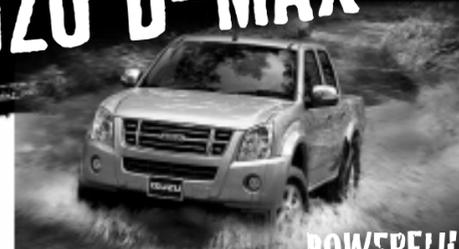


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LOCAL NEWS

GLOBAL EFFECT OF 'THE LUCK OF THE IRISH'

insight

WORLD VIEW

By Sir Ronald Sanders

THE economic prospects of the Republic of Ireland could indicate whether the world will head for a second recession or for recovery.

While it ranks among the wealthiest countries in the world today in terms of GDP, Ireland is a country long accustomed to economic hardship.

It did remarkably better after it joined the European

Economic Community (now the European Union) in 1973. An inflow of European funds to bring the country's infrastructure on par with other better developed European nations, significant corporate investment from the United States with which Ireland has always had strong links due to massive Irish migration, and a significant investment in education, made Ireland highly competitive in the



services sector and improved its standard of living dramatically.

In 2010, the United Nations Human Development Index ranked Ireland at number 5 in the world only one place behind the United States and ahead of Canada, Switzerland, Japan and the United Kingdom.

All of that is now under threat, and if the Eurozone does not recover from its present crisis particularly over the Greek bailout and its attempt to contain fallout in Portugal, Ireland will be further affected.

Ireland has taken strong measures to rebuild its reputation in the services sector, particularly banking.

A new report from Morgan Stanley, the US investment bank, draws a clear distinction between Ireland the other bailout countries - Greece and Portugal - saying that the Irish economy benefits from its openness to trade, strong manufacturing base and improving competitiveness.

The report says: "If there is a Eurozone country that can meet the challenges posed by the current crisis, it is probably Ireland."

Hopefully, the Morgan Stanley assessment will prove to be correct. If events show it to be wrong, Ireland might have to look for a second bailout from the Eurozone countries and the International Monetary Fund, both under considerable strain at the moment.

It received the first bailout in November 2010. The effect of a second bailout for Ireland will not be limited to Europe - it will be worldwide, hurting US businesses in Ireland, repatriation of profits to the US, weakening currencies and encouraging



LUXEMBOURG'S PRIME MINISTER Jean-Claude Juncker, right, speaks to Ireland's Finance Minister Michael Noonan during a meeting of EU finance ministers in Brussels on Saturday. Of all the Euro nations fighting back from a bailout, Ireland is predicted to have the best recovery.

more trade protectionism. Contraction of economic activity and the second recession that is dreaded globally could become a frightening reality.

The good news is that Ireland has experienced two successive quarters of growth (unlike the continued shrinking in Greece and Portugal). Its deficit has dropped to 10 per cent, and the yields on Irish bonds have also fallen to 8 per cent. Investors are clearly more confident that the country will be able to pay off its debts.

A significant part of Ireland's good fortune is its people. After centuries of calamity, including the shipment in the 17th century of tens of thousands of their people as indentured labourers (virtual slaves) to the Americas, including the Caribbean, and large-scale migration to the United States in search of economic opportunities - a practice that continued until the year 2000 - the Irish appear resigned to adaptation and coping.

There is a tremendous spirit of "getting on with it and doing the best you can". It is a spirit that is reflected in the fine literature that has emanated from this relatively small island that is often inspirational, even though at times morose.

An indication of the nature of Ireland is that while the world would hardly know it, the Republic has elections on October 27th for a new President who would serve a seven-year term.

The campaign for the

Presidency has grabbed no world headlines and even in Ireland itself, it has elicited little excitement.

There are several reasons for this - principally that the Irish President is primarily a figurehead even though the post is entrusted with certain constitutional powers such as referring a bill to the Supreme Court for a judgment on its constitutionality.

The main point of any anxiety within Ireland, and outside of it, is that among the seven candidates is Martin McGuinness, a former Irish Republican Army (IRA) commander.

McGuinness' Sinn Fein party is struggling to match in the Irish Republic the success it had in elections in Northern Ireland which is part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain.

While the long confrontation between British authorities and the IRA, of which Sinn Fein was the political arm, gave Sinn Fein and McGuinness appeal in Northern Ireland for participation in governance, the same draw does not apply in the Republic.

Indeed, recent polls show that McGuinness has slipped from third to fifth place in the race and is very unlikely in the few days left to catch-up with poet and former culture minister Michael Higgins and senator David Norris, who is a noted Irish scholar.

A television debate between the seven contenders produced no fireworks, except for a brief reference to McGuinness' role in the IRA, which targeted civilians during a 30-year

campaign against British rule in Northern Ireland, and the impact on Ireland's international reputation of such a link to the Irish Presidency.

The two women contenders have very little hope of improving their chances. They are casualties of the success of two previous women, who, between them, have held the Irish Presidency for 21 years.

This time, the sentiment clearly is to give a man a chance.

One of the former women Presidents, Mary Robinson, went on to become an outstanding United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights from 1997 to 2002 and is now closely associated with fighting for justice in Climate Change - a position that endears her to many developing countries that have become the victims of changes in climate that threaten the very existence of some of them.

So the Irish Presidential election is likely to pass with a new President elected without fanfare and fuss. It will make no shattering difference to Ireland and even less to the rest of the world.

Of greater concern now is Ireland's capacity to overcome the present economic difficulties by rebuilding its competitiveness in services and high-technology industries. If there is a country that should have the proverbial "luck of the Irish", it should be Ireland itself. The world must wish so.

• Responses and previous commentaries at www.sirronaldsanders.com.

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS 2007 IN THE SUPREME COURT CLE/qui/01177 Common Law and Equity Division

IN THE MATTER OF The Quieting Titles Act, 1959

AND

ALL THAT piece parcel or lot of land situate South of Smiths Hill Settlement and North of Kemps Bay Dock on the Island of South Andros and bounded as Follows: on the North partly by a twenty (20) Acre grant to Mary Jane Smith and running Thereon Seven Hundred and Ninety-five and Forty-seven Feet and partly a grant to Rose B. Bethel and running thereon One Thousand Three Hundred and Nineteen and Ninety-nine (1319.99) Feet and on the East by a Thirty (30) Feet and on the East by a Thirty (30) Feet wide Crown Road Reservation and running thereon Six Hundred and Fifty-three and Eighty-nine (653.89) Feet on the South by a Twenty (20) Feet wide Road Reservation and running thereon One Thousand Two Hundred and Forty-four and Ninety-three (1,244.93) Feet on the West by another Twenty (20) Feet wide Road Reservation and running thereon Six Hundred and Fifty-three and Ninety (653.90) Feet with such positions shapes marks boundaries as are shown on a plan being No. 516 in the Department of Lands and Survey at the instance of Charles Miller as are shown on The Plan filed herewith and is thereon Coloured Pink.

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IN THE MATTER OF The Petition of CHARLES MILLER

NOTICE

The Petition of CHARLES MILLER of the Settlement of Kemp's Bay in the Island of Andros one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas in respect of:-

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Charles Miller claims to be the owner of the fee simple estate in possession of the said piece or parcel 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 piece parcel or tract of land investigated and the determined and declared in a Certificate of Title to be granted by the Court in accordance with the provisions of the said Act.

AND TAKE 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 before the thirtieth (30) day after the last day of publication file a Notice in the Supreme Court within the City of Nassau 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 an Adverse Claim on or before the 21st day of November, A.D., 2011 will operate as a bar to such claim.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the files plan may be inspected at:

1. The Registry of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas on the Second Floor of the Ansbacher Building situate at East Street and Bank Lane on the Island of New Providence;
2. The Chambers of Messrs Lewis & Longley Chambers, East Bay Street Shopping Centre, East Bay Street, New Providence;
3. The Department of Lands and Survey
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By Constable 3011
MAKELLE PINDER

DRUG AWARENESS provides a reality check and resource for parents to understand the issues their children are experiencing.

Children are bombarded with opportunities, from egging to shoplifting. Experimenting, using and abusing drugs is every parent's nightmare. Recognising the signs and behavior of drug use and working with your child is better than going through drug rehabilitative treatment later. A parent's biggest asset is communication and setting high family values.

Where Do I Start?

Drug awareness education for your child should begin and continue at home, be enhanced through classroom education and be promoted by law enforcement. Make sure you are open and honest with children - let them know experimenting and using drugs are not accepted practices at your home.

What Is Out There?

Hallucinogens: Block the brain's pain receptors. Time and movement seem to slow. Speech is difficult to understand and users hallucinate. Physical effects include loss of appetite, dilated pupils, increased heart rate and sleeplessness. Common names: PCP, Angel Dust, Magic Mushrooms, White Lightning.

Stimulants: Make the heart beat faster which result in elevated blood pressure, blurred vision, dizziness, and anxiety or sleep deprivation. Stimulants may cause stroke or heart failure. Taken orally, injected or inhaled. Common names: Speed, Crystal Meth

Depressants: Same effects as alcohol - slurred speech and altered perception of reality. Many are in colorful pill form. Large doses often result in convulsions or death.

Narcotics: Addictive drugs that reduce pain, alters the mood and behavior, may induce sleep. Excessive amounts suppress the ability

to breathe and can cause coma or convulsions.

What Do I Look For?

Sight: Look at your child - are their eyes and cheeks flushed red? Are the pupils overly constricted or dilated? Are there strange burns on the mouth or fingers? Do long sleeves hide marks?

Smell: Most drugs leave

telltale smells. If you notice smells on the breath or clothing - be concerned! Be cognitive of overused breath fresheners or heavy perfumes to mask smells.

Sound: Listen to what your child says (or doesn't say) and laughs at. Silence should be a clue! If grades start slipping, be aware of possible drug abuse.

Other indicators include skipping school quitting extracurricular activities and losing motivation. Often recollection of events isn't logical and social circles begin changing. Observe and interact with your child to note changes in

behavior, appearance, personal habits, health and school work over time.

• Should you need more information on detecting signs of drug use or if you have information pertaining to any crime, contact the police at

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- Evaluate performance, give guidance and discipline as necessary to promote quality products consistently.
- Visually inspect, select and use only the freshest fruits, vegetables, meats, fish, fowl and other food products of the highest standard in the preparation of all menu items.
- Knowledge of Italian food products, standard recipes and proper preparation.
- Read and employ math skills for following recipes.
- Prepare requisitions for supplies and food items for the timely production in workstations.
- Observe production flow and make adjustments in order to adhere to control procedures for cost and quality.

Skills & Abilities

- Must be able to speak, read, write and understand English and use it to facilitate the communication process.
- Must possess computer skills.
- Ability to analyze, forecast data, and make judgments to ensure proper payroll and production control.
- Ability to supervise large staff and accomplish goals on a timely basis.
- Ability to conduct meetings, menu briefings and maintain communication lines between line staff and Executive Chef.

Qualifications & Experience

- High School or equivalent education required, Bachelor's Degree preferred.
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LOCAL NEWS



POLICE ARREST one of the men suspected of committing an armed robbery at Shirley and Charlotte Streets yesterday afternoon
Photos: **Felipe Major/Tribune Staff**

TOURISM POLICE ARREST ARMED ROBBERS

OFFICERS of the Tourism Police Unit arrested two men allegedly responsible for an armed robbery at Shirley and Charlotte Streets.

According to police, the incident occurred around 4:35pm yesterday.

Initial police reports indicate that a man was in the process of making a deposit at the Bank of the Bahamas when he was approached by two men one of whom was allegedly armed with a handgun.

It is reported that the culprits robbed the man of a

deposit bag containing an undisclosed amount of cash and fled the area on foot.

Quick response by officers of the Tourism Police Unit resulted in a chase on foot and the culprits being arrested in the area of Peck Slope and Market Street.

According to a police report last night, officers retrieved from the culprits, both 19 years of age, a handgun with a quantity of ammunition and the deposit bag, containing an undisclosed amount of cash.

Active police investigations continue.



THE BAHAMAS ALL-STARS entertain the crowd at the International Cultural Festival in Nassau on Saturday

Photos: **Felipe Major/Tribune Staff**



A YOUNGSTER enjoys the play area at the festival

CROWDS flocked to the 16th annual International Cultural Festival at the weekend.

The festival, held at the Botanical Gardens, featured food and cultural exhibitions from more than 30 countries, ranging from Caribbean nation such as Haiti and Cuba to European countries such as Spain and France, and ranging as far as the Philippines and China.

Whether it was Mexican food or Scottish whiskey they were looking for, visitors packed the gardens.

Each of the different nations offered performances of music and dance on the main stage as well, while the Bahamas All-Stars band wowed the crowd with their display.

This year, the ICF wel-

comed the Bahama Out Island Promotion Board as sponsor, while the Bank of the Bahamas was the official bank of the festival and provided "festival dollars" for the event.

The festival was also able to make presentations to several organisations including a donation of \$3,000 to the Zonta Club of Nassau, \$4,000 to Rotary, and \$10,000 to the Bahamas National Trust.

Several charities also participated this year, including the Ranfurly Home, Zonta, Omega Psi Phi and the Rotary Club.

Cuba was named as the winner of the best stall contest.

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VISITORS queue for the food on offer at the festival

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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 (Wilmae) 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 Butlers' 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.



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LOCAL NEWS

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THE STALLS were packed throughout the weekend as people made the most of the International Cultural Festival

CASINO TOURISM HAS CHANGED, SO MUST THE BAHAMAS

SINCE the birth of Las Vegas over sixty years ago, casinos were considered, during the earlier decades, a sufficient attraction to be the main draw for a resort or destination.

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Then slowly at first and later at an accelerating pace, casino gambling became more available as Atlantic City, many Caribbean islands, Asian countries, South African Homelands, Indian Reservations in the USA, cruise ships and many other locations too numerous to count changed their laws to permit it.

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or Atlantic city. In Asia, Macau is now the world's leading and largest gambling destination.

Singapore has joined the game. So the avid gamblers of that region don't have to go far to satisfy their desires. There are casinos all over Middle America and South America, so gamblers living there can satisfy their need for a flutter close to home and no matter where in the world you live you can gamble on line. So we in the Bahamas and more particularly Nassau and Freeport, will have to put more effort into developing and promoting our other attractions because gambling will be

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less of a draw than it was in years past.

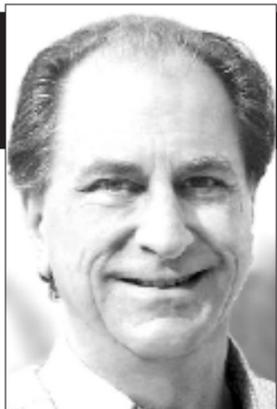
In addition to enhancing ourselves as a destination with new and exciting features and attractions, we have to ensure that we can deliver this attractive vacation experience at a competitive price.

So the creative work in increasing the appeal of our islands has to be accompanied by efforts to reducing the cost of delivering that vacation experience.

It would be useful if the appropriate department of government and the business community evaluated the cost of the inputs with a view to finding ways of becoming more efficient as an economy.

This is something that most business operators do on a daily basis.

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job of Government. The need for restructuring is urgent.

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'BEST OF THE BEST' FOR \$3.7M VENTURE FUND

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

DESPITE 29 per cent of its investments failing to make the grade, the \$3.7 million Government-sponsored venture capital fund is now attracting "the best of the best" in Bahamian entrepreneurs, as it focuses increasingly on equity stakes and second-round financing for its successes.

Edward Rolle, administrator for the Bahamas Entrepreneurial Venture Fund, told Tribune Business that the

- * Gov't sponsored fund 'alters modus operandi' to focus on equity stakes and top-notch projects
- * Some 29% of investments fail, but 40 companies still in portfolio and enjoying 50% 'success rate'
- * Best-performers coming back for second finance rounds

strategy of targeting quality, not quantity, was beginning to pay-off with proposals increasingly "out of the box", and coming from "more sophisticated, higher level entrepreneurs".

While between 10-16 of the

fund's investments in Bahamian start-ups had "dropped off", Mr Rolle said the Fund still had a 40-strong portfolio and its roughly 50 per cent success rate stood up well against international standards for angel/venture capi-

tal investing.

While declining to specify the amount, Mr Rolle said the Bahamas Entrepreneurial Venture Fund had received some of the \$2 million capital injection it had been seeking back in May, enabling it to fund another three business proposals.

"The Fund is moving along and progressing," he told Tribune Business. "We're getting some real good projects. Persons are now thinking out of the box with projects that we can recommend for funding."

Since its inception in 2005, the Bahamas Entrepreneurial Venture Fund has financed some 56 Bahamian entrepreneurs and start-ups. Some 43 of those have received debt financing, and 13 have seen the Fund take equity stakes in their actual business.

Mr Rolle, who is also manager of the Baker Tilly Gomez accounting firm's corporate department, told Tribune Business that of the \$3.7 million invested by the Fund to-date, some \$2.2 million has

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TARGET 'LOW HANGING FRUIT' TO AID BUSINESS

- * Chamber chief urges 'one-stop shop' and better credit access for Bahamian entrepreneurs
- * Says continued slippage in Ease of Doing Business rankings, this time three spots to 85th, 'a concern'

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

THE Bahamas has been urged to target "the low hanging fruit" to make commerce in this country easier, a private sector leader calling for the creation of a "one-stop shop" for small business/entrepreneurial regulatory needs and improved credit access.

Winston Rolle, the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation (BCCCEC) chairman, acknowledged that the Bahamas' continued slippage in the *Ease of Doing Business* rankings, **SEE page 7B**

MORE WOMEN THAN MEN IN WORKFORCE

- * Survey shows women account for 51% of New Providence labour force
- * Richest 20% of Bahamians got wealthier during recession
- * Over 50% of jobless unemployed for more than year

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

WOMEN for the first time account for the majority of New Providence's labour force, a Department of Statistics report has revealed, other findings showing that the wealthiest Bahamas residents continue to get richer.

The full 2011 Labour Force and Household Income survey released quietly by the Department last week, disclosed additional details not revealed by its initial findings report in August.

These included indicators that long-term unemployment is becoming a serious problem, plus the fact that more than one in four Bahamian 'youth' are now unemployed.

The Department of Statistics' data showed that women are accounting for an ever-increasing proportion of the Bahamian workforce, something that may again reignite debate about the "disengagement" of men, as one analyst

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BAKER'S BAY'S OPPONENTS 'LIVE TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY'



FRED SMITH

Case still of 'pivotal importance' to Bahamas in developing 'jurisprudence' for future development

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

OPPOSITION of the \$500 million Baker's Bay Golf & Ocean Club "live to fight another day", their attorney dismissing arguments that continued opposition to the Abaco-based project is futile because a substantial portion is now constructed.

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DISPUTE SYSTEM 'CRITICAL' FOR OUR COMPETITIVENESS

- * Leading attorney pushes for ADR/arbitration system
- * Ranking 123 out of 183 nations in World Bank report shows need for court system complement



BRIAN MOREE

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

DEVELOPING an Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) system to tackle commercial conflicts is "critical" to the Bahamas' competitiveness as an international business centre, a leading attorney warning that it was almost impossible for the courts to "keep up" with the volume of cases being filed.

Emphasising that an arbitration-type structure would attempt to resolve disputes between Bahamas-based, as well as international, commercial players, Brian Moree, senior partner at McKinney, Bancroft & Hughes, said the findings of the annual *Ease of Doing Business 2012* report were another pointer towards this nation's need for ADR.

The survey, published by the International Finance Corporation (IFC), an arm of the World Bank, ranked the Bahamas a relatively poor 123rd out of 183 nations when it came to the ease of enforcing commercial contracts in this nation.

Using as its benchmark the time, cost and number of procedures involved in resolving a hypothetical 'breach of sales contract' dispute concerning two Bahamas-based entities, the IFC said report aimed to measure the judicial system's efficiency.

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CANADA DOES ALL TO RATIFY TAX DEAL

By **NATARIO MCKENZIE**
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THE CANADIAN government has completed "all procedures necessary" to ratify the Tax Information Exchange Agreement (TIEA) it signed with the Bahamas last year, Sandra Slaats, a partner in Deloitte & Touche (Canada's) international tax group has told Tribune Business.

Mrs Slaats said: "The Canadian government has completed all procedures necessary to ratify the TIEA. The TIEA will come into force once the two governments notify each other that the TIEA has been ratified. Since we understand from the Bahamas Financial Services Board that the Bahamas has also ratified the TIEA, we expect this to occur at any time."

Mrs Slaats said the necessary Excise Tax amendments were passed in June, but the 'Order in Council' - a notice of an administrative decision

issued by the Governor General of Canada - was not executed until after the Canadian parliament's summer recess. The Excise Act and Excise Tax Act amendments were contained in Bill C-3, which received royal assent on June 26.

Once the TIEA comes into force it will mean that Canadian corporations will be able to set up active businesses in the Bahamas and, once they meet certain standards and tests, take advantage of the special tax incentive.

Mrs Slaats had previously explained: "What it will do is allow Canadian companies to set up a subsidiary with a business in the Bahamas, and the income from that business can be tax free - not only in the Bahamas, but when it comes back to Canada in the form of dividends. Those dividends will no longer be taxed."

The Bahamas-Canadian TIEA was signed in June 2010. The Bahamas' International Tax

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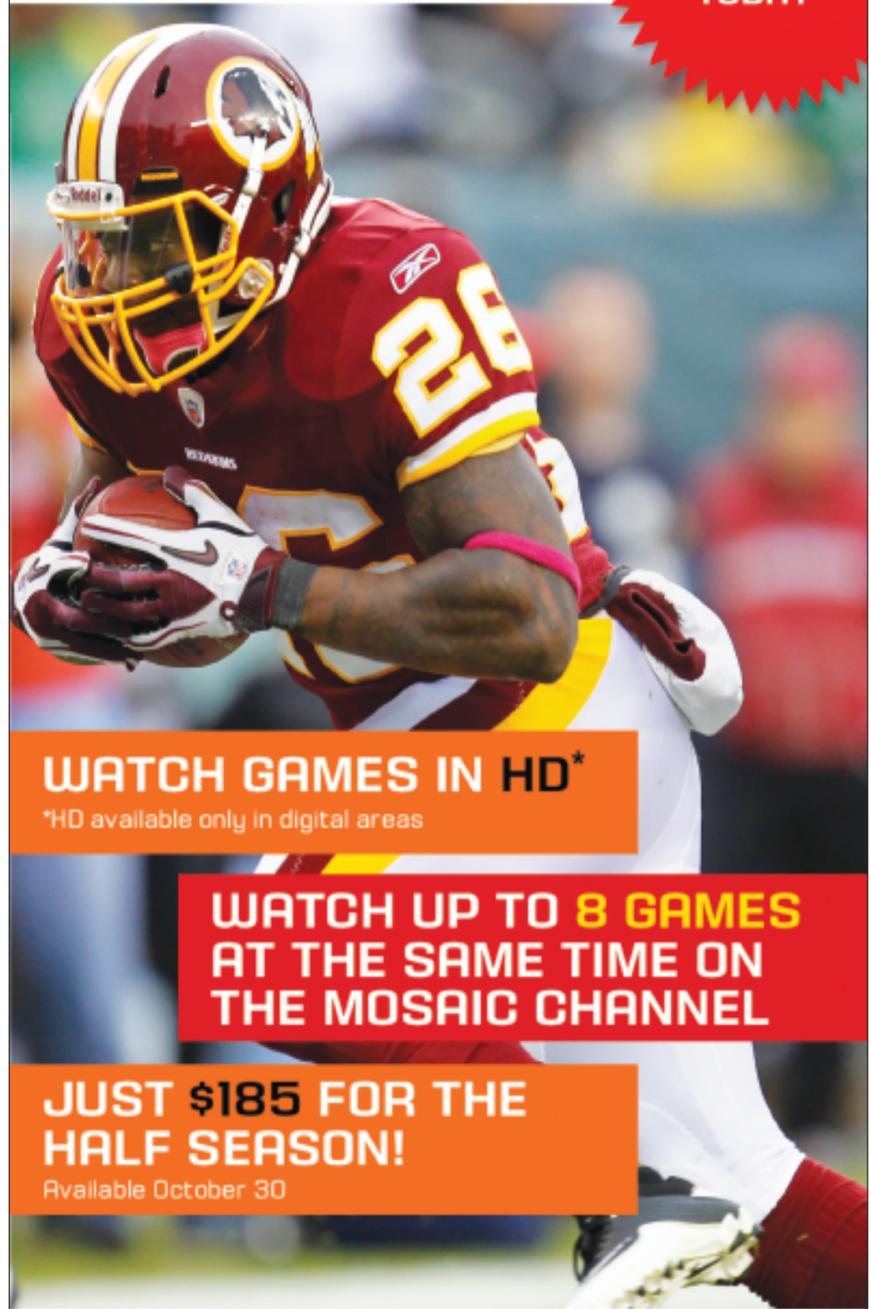
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Demand comes after Bahamas ranked 177th out of 183 nations for ease of property registration

By NATARIO MCKENZIE
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A LEADING attorney has reiterated demands for the Bahamas to implement a proper land registration system, after the International Finance Corporation's (IFC) Ease of Doing Business 2012 report ranked the Bahamas in the bottom six of 183 nations over the transfer of property rights/title.

After the Bahamas fell two spots from 2011's rankings to 177 out of 183 countries, former Bar Association president, Wayne Munroe said that may be because the Bahamas does not have a system for registering land, something he says the Bar Association has been calling for over two decades.

"That's because we don't have a system of registered land. In many other countries you can go to a registry and find the entire history of a property—for instance, transactions as well as state of title. For the last two decades the Bar Association has been calling for a system of registered land," Mr Munroe said.

However, he noted that "it is as easy to register land in the Bahamas as anywhere else".



WAYNE MUNROE

"When you think about it legally it's a system of what you call unregistered land. That doesn't mean it is not registered; that means the registration is not according to property, you simply register deeds," Mr Munroe said.

"If you were to go to the Registrar General's Department you couldn't go to them and say: 'Let me see what is the title situation with this piece of land'. You would go and look at the name of persons who had purchased and sold it.

"A system of registered land, often called a torrens system, calls for you to register the title of land in accordance with the parcels of land so that you could go and ask what is the title situation with a piece of land. In registered land, before

you're registered as the owner of land, the Registrar would make a determination as to whether you're entitled to be registered.

Mr Munroe said a system of registered land would make it easier for lawyers to be certain of title to a particular piece of land immediately "As is the case now, if I take my conveyance, the Treasury will take the money it costs to stamp it, the Registrar General will take the \$3.50 per page to register it, and that's not assuring you of anything," Mr Munroe said.

Bar Association president Ruth Bowe-Darville, while admitting that she had not seen the report, echoed Mr Munroe's sentiments.

"We do need a proper system of land registration in the Bahamas," she said. "There are other countries in the region that have land registration already and it is working. I am aware that the Government is making preparation towards promoting land registration."

Attempts to obtain further information on these efforts from the Department of Lands and Surveys were not successful.

The Bahamas decline, and position, in the Ease of Doing Business survey when it comes to registering and transferring property rights appears to be related to the relatively high level of Stamp Duty imposed

on real estate deals.

The survey noted that the Bahamian government had made it harder to do business in this respect by increasing Stamp Duty for every tax bracket by two percentage points in the

2010-2011 Budget.

"Registering property [in the Bahamas] requires seven procedures, takes 122 days and costs 14.1 per cent of the property value," the report said. The 14.1 per cent appears to have

been created lumping Stamp Duty in with legal fees of 2.5 per cent of the purchase price.

On time and costs, the Bahamas was way above the Caribbean and Latin American average.

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Cooperation Act 2010 is the enabling legislation for the TIEAs this jurisdiction has signed.

Mrs Slaats said many Canadian companies are looking to capitalise on the opportunity, and want to do business in the Bahamas. Barbados is a jurisdiction that has a 'double tax' treaty with Canada, and therefore has been a place where Canadians have created foreign operations. The new TIEA between the Bahamas and Canada will put the Bahamas on an equal footing with Barbados with respect to tax incentives.

Raymond Winder, the Bahamas' lead World Trade Organisation (WTO) negotiator and Deloitte & Touche (Bahamas) managing partner, previously told Tribune Business the TIEA

signed with Canada will "have just as much or greater impact" on the Bahamas than the trade agreement being negotiated with that country on our behalf.

"The Government just signed a TIEA agreement with Canada which is going to have a far greater impact on trade and the likelihood of attracting investment into the Bahamas," Mr Winder told Tribune Business.

"The tax agreement is likely to have just as much, or greater impact, because of the incentives embedded in the agreement between the Bahamas and Canada. We're likely to find ourselves being just as competitive in attracting Canadian business, which primarily in the past went to Barbados. We're in a position to get that share of those investment dollars."

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BAKER'S BAY'S OPPONENTS 'LIVE TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY'

Informing Tribune Business that the Court of Appeal had extended the time, and given the Save Guana Cay Reef Association "leave to appeal" a Supreme Court ruling striking out a second action it had brought against the Government and developers. Discovery Land Company, Fred Smith QC said the continuing legal battle was critical to creating "jurisprudence" in local community rights when major developments came their way.

Government immediately applying to set aside the leave granted by the Supreme Court to bring the case on the grounds it had not been brought within six months of the permits in question being granted.

Despite the Association arguing that this was "absurd", as it had know way of knowing the permits existed until they were disclosed, the Association's action was struck out by the Supreme Court. It also failed to obtain the court's leave to appeal, and failed to file its appeal on time, having mistakenly thought the Supreme Court's judgment was final, and not interlocutory.

However, Mr Smith said he was last week able to argue successfully before the Court of Appeal that "in the interests of justice" it should give leave to extend the Association's time to file and allow the appeal to be heard.

He argued that the battle over Baker's Bay was "a public interest case", and would set legal precedent and

"jurisprudence" on issues in the Bahamas such as local government, public and environmental rights, and Judicial Review.

At its heart, the case raised issues of "consultation and whether communities have a right to be heard before development occurs on their islands". The Court of Appeal ruled in the Association's favour, and gave it leave to appeal the Supreme Court's ruling striking out its Judicial Review challenge to Baker's Bay's permits.

Asked by Tribune Business whether the Association's fight was now futile, given the construction progress made by Discovery Land Company and its real estate buyers, Mr Smith said: "No. Even the developers said this is a 10-year project, and with the

recession it's probably a 15-year project.

"It's not a permit for one item. It's a continuum." The developers, he added, would continually have to seek all manner of government approvals and permits, relating to issues such as golf course and environmental management, water and sewerage, not to mention construction permits required by both Discovery Land Company and their home buyer investors.

"All these things are part of a continuum, and to the extent that permits need to be applied for or any application is made which affects local rights, which affects the environment, then the residents [of Guana Cay] continue to maintain they have a right to be consulted, as the Privy

Council, the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court found in Guana Cay case number one," Mr Smith said. "This is all about the right to be heard.

"Those who criticise the Association's continuation of the case; we say that's misguided. There are still many permits that require regulatory oversight and decision-making. Give us an opportunity to be heard. There is nothing worse than being shut out of the development process."

Mr Smith added that it was "perverse" to think the Association and its members "want to stop the entire project. It's half built as it is".

"This case remains of pivotal importance to the Bahamas" in establishing jurisprudence that will guide future governments and devel-

opers on the development process, in the context of environmental and local community rights, Mr Smith said.

It was "especially" needed in the Bahamas, given the level of real estate and resort-related development that was ongoing, the Association's attorney added, together with the absence of an Environmental Protection Act.

"We have created hundreds of white elephants in many parts of the Bahamas," Mr Smith told Tribune Business. "The Bahamas is strewn with developments that were going to be fantastic and never happened.

"We have always fought against the Government's local anchor projects."

Mr Smith conceded that with Baker's Bay having gone ahead, the Association's members and supporters had declined in number, but the "core group" remained

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put it, from the education system and working world.

While the total Bahamian labour force grew by 3.3 per cent between 2009 and 2011, rising from 184,020 to 190,075, the survey found that "women were the main contributors to this increase, accounting for 78 per cent" of the 6,055 person increase.

The number of women in the Bahamian labour force increased by 5.3 per cent over the two-year period, with the number of men rising just by 1.4 per cent. "The participation rate for women held steady, but that of males fell by 2.3 percentage points," the Department of Statistics report said.

More tellingly, it added: "In New Providence in 2011, the labour force grew by 2.8 per cent, while in Grand Bahama there was a decline of 2 per cent.

"Of particular interest is the fact that in New Providence, for the first time, the number of females in the labour force exceeded that of males, accounting for 51 per cent of the total. There were also more employed women than there were men." This, though, was not the case in Grand Bahama.

The number of women in the employed labour force rose by 5.6 per cent, the report revealed, compared to 2.4 per cent for men.

"Employment in the informal sector seemed more accessible for women, as their numbers increased by 65 per cent compared to a much lower increase, 20 per cent, expe-

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rienced by their male counterparts," the Department of Statistics said.

"Informal activities tend to be concentrated in the retail industry, a sub-group of the wholesale and retail industry that grew by more than any other industry over the period, increasing its numbers by 16 per cent. In contrast, industries which tend to be dominated by males such as construction experienced a decline of 18 per cent."

Income inequality between the sexes, though, remains. The Department of Statistics' report showed average Bahamian household income as remaining static, growing by less than 1 per cent between 2009 and 2011, from \$38,314 to \$38,512.

"The average household income for households headed by women, \$31,109, continued to be lower than that of households headed by men, \$43,147," the Department of Statistics report said.

"In other words, for every \$1 earned by households headed by men, households headed by women earned only 72 cents. Households headed by women accounted for one-third of the total aggregate household income in 2011."

The Department's report also showed that during the height of the recession, the richest 20 per cent of Bahamian society saw its share of total national income increase slightly, while the other 80 per cent saw

their share decline.

This indicates increasing income inequality in Bahamian society, with the brunt of the recession - and increased unemployment/declining incomes - falling on the middle class and poorer segments.

The report showed that the national income share enjoyed by the wealthiest 20 per cent of Bahamian families rose from 46.7 per cent in 2009 to 47.5 per cent in 2011.

Elsewhere, it declined. The bottom 20 per cent of Bahamian families saw their share of national net income fall from 3.3 per cent to 2.9 per cent.

Dividing Bahamian society into five 'wealth segments', the Department of Statistics report showed that the lowest 80 per cent all suffered falls in their share of national income. The greatest fall was suffered by those households in the 41-60 per cent tranche, or middle class, which saw their share drop from 16.1 per cent in 2009 to 15.1 per cent in 2011. The 'middle class squeeze' is on.

The report showed that long-term unemployment was also becoming a problem, with 52 per cent of the jobless unemployed for 12 months. Some 51 per cent of New Providence's unemployed, and 57 per cent of the jobless in Grand Bahama, were in this category.

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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **GUILBAUD CINEUS OF PALM BEACH STREET, NASSAU, THE BAHAMAS**, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **17TH day of OCTOBER, 2011** to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, P.O.Box N-7147, Nassau, The Bahamas.

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52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Security	Previous Close	Today's Close	Change	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
1.19	0.97	AML Foods Limited	1.18	1.18	0.00	0.148	0.040	8.0	3.39%	
10.63	9.05	Bahamas Property Fund	10.63	10.63	0.00	-0.642	0.080	-16.6	0.75%	
7.5943	4.40	Bank of Bahamas	6.93	6.93	0.00	0.230	0.100	30.1	1.44%	
0.53	0.17	Benchmark	0.18	0.18	0.00	-0.048	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
2.84	2.55	Bahamas Waste	2.70	2.70	0.00	0.030	0.090	90.0	3.33%	
1.96	1.77	Fidelity Bank	1.77	1.77	0.00	0.097	0.040	18.2	2.26%	
11.10	8.29	Cable Bahamas	8.46	8.46	0.00	0.245	0.320	34.5	3.78%	
2.80	2.33	Colina Holdings	2.60	2.60	0.00	0.438	0.040	5.9	1.54%	
8.50	8.33	Commonwealth Brewery	8.50	8.50	0.00	0.740	0.000	11.5	0.00%	
7.00	6.21	Commonwealth Bank (B1)	6.55	6.55	0.00	0.496	0.320	13.2	4.89%	
2.00	1.63	Consolidated Water BDRs	1.88	1.91	0.03	0.111	0.045	17.2	2.36%	
1.77	1.31	Doctor's Hospital	1.37	1.37	0.00	0.074	0.040	18.5	2.92%	
5.50	4.75	Fanguard	5.43	5.43	0.00	0.498	0.240	10.9	4.42%	
8.10	3.35	Finco	3.35	3.35	0.00	0.757	0.000	7.1	0.00%	
9.45	7.75	FirstCaribbean Bank	8.14	8.14	0.00	0.494	0.350	16.5	4.30%	
6.00	5.00	Foocool (S)	5.33	5.33	0.00	0.435	0.220	12.3	4.13%	
11.4	9.29	Foocool Class B Preference	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
7.30	5.58	ICD Utilities	7.30	7.30	0.00	-0.122	0.240	-59.8	3.29%	
10.80	9.80	J. S. Johnson	9.82	9.82	0.00	0.880	0.640	11.2	6.52%	
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate	10.00	10.00	0.00	1.207	0.200	8.3	2.00%	

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52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Last Sale	Change	Daily Vol.	Interest	Maturity
99.46	99.46	Bahamas Note 6.95 (2029)	BAH29	99.46	0.00	6.95%	20 November 2029	
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00	7%	19 October 2017	
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00	Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022	
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00	7%	30 May 2013	
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00	Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015	

BISXFidelity Merchant Bank & Trust Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)

52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
10.05	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)

52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
41.00	29.00	ABDAB	30.13	31.59	29.00		4.540	0.000	9.03	0.00%
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.65	0.75	0.40		0.029	0.000	24.13	0.00%

BISX Listed Mutual Funds

52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD%	Last 12 Months %	NAV 3MTH	NAV 6MTH	NAV Date
1.5779	1.4674	CFAL Bond Fund	1.577926	3.39%	5.87%	1.548717	1.535365	31-Jul-11
3.0248	2.9020	Fidelity MSI Preferred Fund	3.0248	2.63%	3.94%	2.981382	2.952663	31-Jul-11
1.6128	1.5289	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.6151	2.61%	4.53%	1.591803	1.590904	5-Aug-11
2.7202	2.5398	Royal Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	2.5730	-5.41%	-9.79%			30-Jun-11
13.8493	13.2291	Royal Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.7347	2.82%	1.94%			31-Jul-11
114.1289	99.4177	CFAL Global Bond Fund	114.0922	2.35%	13.88%	114.128861	111.469744	30-Jun-11
118.4255	101.6693	CFAL Global Equity Fund	118.4255	2.30%	8.26%	116.580785	115.762221	30-Jun-11
1.1749	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.1877	3.59%	4.94%			30-Sep-11
1.1343	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.1415	2.06%	4.07%			30-Sep-11
1.1764	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.1890	3.47%	5.04%			30-Sep-11
9.9552	9.5078	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal	9.9433	0.98%	4.58%			31-May-11
11.4985	9.8690	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal	10.9652	0.78%	5.70%			31-Jul-11
10.6813	9.7396	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal	10.6013	5.75%	13.20%			31-Jul-11
8.8564	7.8830	Royal Fidelity Int'l Fund - Equities Sub Fund	8.6507	3.01%	18.38%			31-Jul-11

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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **FEDNER ST. VICTOR of Cowpen Road, P.O.Box EE-15211 Nassau, Bahamas**, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **24th day of OCTOBER, 2011** to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

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PANEL REVIEWS AWARD FINALISTS

Gala Dinner set for November 11

MEMBERS of the Blue Ribbon Panel met last week to review the list of finalists in various categories for this year's Financial Services Industry Excellence Awards, hosted by the Bahamas Financial Services Board (BFSB).

Recipients in the Achiever of the Year, Professional of the Year and Mentor of the Year categories are to be announced at the 11th annual Excellence Awards Gala Dinner on November 11.

At the same time, the Student of the Year will be announced.

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Interested parties may inspect the Tender Documents and obtain further information, including eligibility to participate and purchase, at the same address.

Completed Tender Documents must be enclosed and sealed in the envelope provided, to include the receipt for the B\$100.00 paid, clearly marked, and shall be submitted to the Offices of the Tenders Board, Ministry of Finance, at the address below before 10:00am on **Tuesday November 01 2011**. Late submissions will not be accepted. Tenderers are invited to attend the Tender Opening.

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FROM page one

"Enforcing a contract requires 49 procedures, takes 427 days and costs 28.9 per cent of the value of the claim," the IFC/World Bank report said. While this nation placed well ahead of St Lucia, Grenada and Dominica, it was behind regional competitors such as Antigua and Barbuda and St Vincent, which placed 70th and 101st respectively.

The Bahamas dropped three places when it came to the ease of enforcing commercial contracts, from 120th in the 2011

DISPUTE SYSTEM 'CRITICAL' FOR OUR COMPETITIVENESS

version to 123rd now, although nothing had changed year-over-year when it came to the three measurement yardsticks.

Indeed, the 427 days taken by Bahamian courts to resolve commercial disputes were better than both the 707.78 day average for the Latin American and Caribbean region, and the 518.03 day average in the OECD nations. The Ease of Doing Busi-

ness report broke the time down into seven days to file and serve a case; 240 days for trial and judgment; and 180 days to enforce the judgment.

As for contract enforcement costs averaging almost 29 per cent of the disputed agreement's amount, some 18 percentage points comprised attorney costs. A further 2.9 percentage points represented court costs, and the 8 percentage point balance was enforcement costs.

Again, commercial contract enforcement costs in the Bahamas were said by the report to be better than the Latin American and Caribbean average, which stood at 31.21 per cent of the contract's total worth. The Bahamas was, though, significantly higher than the OECD average of 19.71 per cent.

Where this nation appeared to fall down was on the numerous procedures involved in commercial contract enforcement. The Ease of Doing Business report said that based on the Bahamas' civil procedure codes and regulations, plus surveys of local attorneys, this nation had 49 procedures - far more than the Latin American/Caribbean and OECD averages of 40.03 and 31.42, respectively.

In response, Mr Moree told Tribune Business that the Bahamas was far from being the only nation whose court system was failing to keep pace with the ever-increasing volume of filed commercial disputes.

Judicial systems in the major industrialised nations, he added, suffered from exactly the same problem despite being given ever-increasing resources.

"In every country in the world, litigation is a very time consuming and costly exercise," Mr Moree said. "Unfortunately, that is an integral part of resolving a dispute through court procedures.

"In some countries, including the highly developed countries, the court system is very challenged in handling the large volume of cases that come through the system on an annual basis.

"Court systems, generally speaking, are not the most efficient way of resolving commercial disputes, simply because of the limitations all countries have in committing resources to the administration of justice. No matter how big the country is, and how many resources are allocated to the court system, it seems to never be enough to keep up with the cases being filed.

While the *Ease of Doing Business* report was merely another indicator, Mr Moree said that to boost its competitiveness against rival international business cen-

tres, the Bahamas needed an ADR/arbitration system to complement the courts.

Investors and companies conducting international business were "looking for other ways to resolve disputes and take pressure off the court system", Mr Moree said.

"That is why commercial people, and parties in disputes more often than not are looking at ADR, arbitration and conciliation as ways to resolve disputes that are more economic, more efficient and less time consuming.

"That's why the development of some ADR system is so critical for the Bahamas to complement our court system, not only as an international centre for resolution of disputes, but to provide alternative means of settling disputes between local parties."

The Bahamas has long-targeted the establishment of an arbitration centre as an area for financial services-related growth, with the Bahamas Financial Services Board (BFSB) currently collaborating with the Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) and others in searching for physical premises for the institution.

Wendy Warren, the BFSB's chief executive, said the Bahamas was seeking to establish a "niche" for itself as an ADR centre for trust and maritime-related disputes. Steps have also been undertaken to

provide the human capital "foundations", the Bahamas now possessing a Chartered Institute of Arbitrators branch with some 35 members.

"The big macroeconomic point here comes back to this," Mr Moree told Tribune Business. "The Bahamas is engaged in a business that is highly competitive. We are a commercial business centre. That is a very competitive arena with other jurisdictions, and consequently we have to continue to refine and modernise our systems, processes and institutions in order to maintain the Bahamas as an attractive option for high level commercial activity.

"This is an imperative that is essential if we're going to be successful as a business centre going forward, because many other countries are looking for the same business."

And Mr Moree added: "Things like our cost base, capacity to resolve disputes, efficiency of the court system, ability to enforce judgments and arbitration capability, all those things become very important in the context of international business.

"You have to have confidence that if you get involved in commercial business in the Bahamas, these disputes can be resolved in a timeframe acceptable by international standards, and at a cost comparable with other jurisdictions."

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Dated the 20th day of October, A.D., 2011.

Kirvy Ferguson
Liquidator
Shirley House
50 Shirley Street
Nassau, Bahamas

NOTICE

ATHENS CORPORATION LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN as follows:

(a) **ATHENS CORPORATION LIMITED** is in dissolution under the provisions of the International Business Companies Act 2000.

(b) The dissolution of the said Company commenced on the 19th day of October, 2011 when its Articles of Dissolution were submitted to and registered by the Registrar General.

(c) The Liquidator of the said Company is **Kirvy Ferguson** of Shirley House, 50 Shirley Street, Nassau, Bahamas.

Dated the 20th day of October, 2011.

HARRY B. SANDS, LOBOSKY MANAGEMENT CO. LTD.
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EXXONMOBIL LIBYA (ONSHORE SIRTE) LIMITED

NOTICE

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Dated the 20th day of October, A.D., 2011.

Carol G. Gray
Liquidator of
EXXONMOBIL LIBYA (ONSHORE SIRTE)
LIMITED

AUDIT CLERK
INTERNAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT

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

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

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

Job requirements include:

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

ASSISTANT INTERNAL AUDITOR
INTERNAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT

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

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

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

BAHAMAS ELECTRICITY CORPORATION
VACANCY NOTICE

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

Job requirements include:

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

INTERNAL AUDITOR
INTERNAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT

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

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

- Conducts complete risk assessment for areas being audited;



- Conducts financial, operational and ITS audit assignments in accordance with established audit programs.
- Produces audit reports on audit concerns, their causes, effects and the audit recommendations in accordance with the IIA Standards;
- Conducts some audit investigations, evaluate findings and produce investigation reports; exercising the IA's ethical standards e.g., confidentiality, etc.;
- Conducts reviews of budgetary systems (including variances analysis), policies, manpower efficiency and new computer applications;
- Discusses audit concerns with the relevant Department/Section Head and seeks agreement to implement recommendations;
- Produces audit reports and submits the same to the Chief Internal Auditor for review and release to management and the Audit Committee;
- Trains, coaches and directs the activities of the Audit Clerks, and offers general supervision and technical support to the Assistant Internal Auditor(s);
- Conducts audits in conjunction with the External Auditors and produces working papers for the External Auditors year-end audit;
- Conducts stock taking observation exercises, Family Island audits and special assignments.

Job requirements include:

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

Interested persons should apply by collecting an Application Form from BEC on Blue Hill and Tucker Rds.

Completed forms should be returned to:

The Assistant Manager-Human Resources, Bahamas Electricity Corporation, Blue Hill & Tucker Rds., P. O. Box N-7509 Nassau Bahamas on or before: OCTOBER 28 2011.

Only candidates meeting the requirements will be contacted.

BUSINESS

FROM page one

TARGET 'LOW HANGING FRUIT' TO AID BUSINESS

a trend that this year saw it fall another three places to 85th spot out of 183 nations, was "a concern".

While agreeing with minister of state for finance, Zhivargo Laing, that the Government had moved to make the conduct of business in the Bahamas easier through enacting the omnibus Business Licence reforms, and initiatives such as e-government, Mr Rolle said these were still in their relative infancy and "too early to make an impact".

The *Ease of Doing Business report 2012*, produced by the International Finance Corporation (IFC), an arm of the World Bank, noted that the Bahamas had slipped in most major categories it assessed, seemingly because other nations were making reforms to improve their standing and bypassing this country, which was sticking with the status

quo.

For example, when it came to Starting a Business, the Bahamas slipped from 65th position in 2011 to 73rd in 2012, despite improving in one category that determined this ranking.

The Ease of Doing Business Report detailed that the cost of starting a business in the Bahamas, as a percentage of per capita income, fell year-over-year from 9.1 per cent to 8.7 per cent. The number of procedures, and days, involved in getting into business remained the same at seven and 31, respectively.

Yet despite faring better than the Latin American and Caribbean average for starting a business, the Bahamas ranked was still behind many regional peers, such as Dominica, St Lucia, St Vincent, St Kitts and Grenada.

Noting that the 'ease of doing business' had been a

key focus at the recent Western Hemisphere Competitiveness Forum he had attended, Mr Rolle told Tribune Business of the report's findings: "The fact we're slipping is a concern.

"The challenge is to see where we are, where we need to be and what steps we need to take over the next few years. If we just take a look at the parameters they're looking at, it's all things we need to be looking at."

Expressing hope that several issues raised in the report will be addressed by recent Ingraham administration initiatives, Mr Rolle said the proposed Small and Medium-Sized Business Development legislation, which the Chamber is working on with the Government, would act as a catalyst for further improvement.

It aimed to create a "one-

stop shop" for small businesses and entrepreneurs when it came to their licensing and permitting needs, plus take them through all the processes they needed to go through and provide access to business support services.

Besides cutting through regulatory red tape, Mr Rolle said another key focus should be the access small businesses and entrepreneurs enjoyed to credit and other debt financing instruments.

"That is a major impediment to business right now," he told Tribune Business. "I'm not putting it all on the financial institutions. A lot of Bahamians do not have the proper wherewithal to start a business, and need to adequately capitalise a business.

"Where a fair amount of it falls on financial institutions, a fair amount is to do

with entrepreneurs who have unrealistic expectations as well."

Mr Rolle added: "In terms of getting started, a one-stop shop is key for anyone starting a business. It would supply them with a number of resources.

"I think that's one of the major challenges we have. We're not short on creativity and people wanting to do things; it's having the resources to quicken them through the process to help them achieve what they want to achieve.

"That's one aspect of it. The other aspect of it is credit access to financial resources. That is critically important for persons wanting to start a business.

"I think those two would have a significant impact on doing business in this coun-

try as a start, and I think we need a concerted and collaborative effort to recognise that."

Describing easier credit access and the "one-stop shop" proposition as "the low hanging fruit", Mr Rolle said implementing them was "not easy, but easier than other things that we need to put in place".

The Bahamas fared better than its overall average when it came to assessing ease of getting credit, ranking 78th out of 183, although that was again three spots below its ranking of a year before. Then Ease of Doing Business report determined its ratings based on credit information availability, and the legal rights of borrowers and lenders when it came to collateral and bankruptcy laws.



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'BEST OF THE BEST' FOR \$3.7M VENTURE FUND

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been in the form of debt and \$1.4 million as equity.

Going forward, though, the financing mix is likely to shift in favour of the latter, Mr Rolle indicating that the Board seats equity investments provided enabled the Fund to exert more influence and advice over a start-up's initial direction, and give it better access to business support services, such as accounting and legal providers.

"The strategy is more getting into equity rather than debt, and looking at the best of the best," Mr Rolle told Tribune Business, adding that the Fund appeared to have "got over the hurdle" of persons bringing it poorly thought-out business plans, or submitting proposals for already-saturated sectors.

With the emphasis on quality, Mr Rolle said the rate at which business plans were submitted to the Bahamas Entrepreneurial Venture Fund had "slowed quite a bit", down from the initially "huge" 20-40 a month to about five currently.

While some entrepreneurs might be "running out of

ideas", among the Fund's most recent investments have been a liquid oxygen/propane energy business, plus "something in the medical field".

"Right now, we're getting a higher level of projects coming across the desk," Mr Rolle said, "from the more sophisticated, higher level entrepreneur. We looked at a brilliant one yesterday."

As a result, the Fund had seen "a huge improvement" in how the entrepreneurs it financed ran and managed their business, and in how they dealt with key issues such as cash flow.

"Basically, the ones coming now are behaving like businesspersons," Mr Rolle told Tribune Business. "I think maybe we're getting the more educated persons, the more sophisticated persons stepping forward now who want to venture out on their own."

The Fund was currently reviewing 10 business proposals before it, but it was "now harder to get an approval. The Fund has been around for six years, and the modus operandi has changed in how bad projects slip in, which does not happen now".

When it came to equity

investments, the Bahamas Entrepreneurial Venture Fund looked for a five-year stake of no higher than 35 per cent. Its Government-imposed financing limits are a maximum of \$200,000 for every equity investment, and \$100,000 for debt financing.

"When you look at angel funding or venture capital investing there's a risk you're taking," Mr Rolle told Tribune Business. "If you have 50 per cent success, you're doing well, and we're still around that."

"A lot of the companies we've funded have turned the corner, and are seeing profits. From 2005 until now, that's cycle when companies should turn the corner and turn a profit. We're seeing that."

"Within the next six months we'll see quite a few of the companies we have equity funding in really turning the corner and coming for a second round of funding."

Mr Rolle said the Bahamas Entrepreneurial Venture Fund had "tried to really go after" start-up proposals likely to hire employees, adding that the companies it had invested in should have cre-

ated jobs "in the hundreds".

"It's worked out well," he said of the Fund's performance. "We provide an avenue for small to medium-sized businesses to get up and running when most banks are reluctant to take the risk. It's an important avenue for that person who wants to get started without too many barriers and costs. If you're trying to go through the banks, it's more of a headache.

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PHOTO PROVIDED by German government press office shows German Chancellor Angela Merkel, right, talking to French President Nicolas Sarkozy as they are on their way to a meeting prior to a summit of the European financial crisis in Brussels Saturday evening. (AP)

EUROPEAN LEADERS KEEP SUMMIT EXPECTATIONS LOW

BRUSSELS
Associated Press

Greece's prime minister pleaded Sunday for a comprehensive solution to the European debt crisis that has swallowed his country and is threatening to suck in larger economies, but the continent's leaders warned the world may have to wait a few more days.

The search for a comprehensive solution to its escalating debt troubles has divided the continent. Increasingly it is pitting not only the poorer countries in the eurozone against their richer neighbors that are tired of bailing them out, but also sparking anger from governments outside the 17-state currency union, who fear being dragged into the mess.

"The crisis in the eurozone is having a chilling effect on all our economies, Britain included. ... We have to deal with this issue," British Prime Minister David Cameron said on his way into the meeting of the 27-country EU. Britain does not use the euro. Later in the day, the leaders of countries the 17 that use the euro will meet on their own.

Cameron's eurozone counterparts, meanwhile, tried to lower expectations for Sunday's meet-

ings, saying the real decisions will be made Wednesday at another emergency summit.

"Let's put the expectations in context: Don't count on decisions today," German Chancellor Angela Merkel said.

Leaders are in the difficult position of not being able to decide on anything until everything is in place, since each piece of the crisis puzzle affects the others.

The biggest sticking point is how to most effectively use Europe's bailout fund to make sure Italy and Spain don't see their borrowing costs spiral out of control as happened with Greece, Portugal and Ireland. Europe doesn't have enough money to rescue Italy and Spain as it did the other three countries; analysts say it must act now to eliminate the possibility of their collapse.

Disagreements between Merkel and French President Nicolas Sarkozy over how to use the bailout fund, which is called the European Financial Stability Facility, are largely responsible for the delay.

France wants the fund to be allowed to tap the massive cash reserves of the European Central Bank — an option Germany rejects. And weaker economies

are wary of agreeing to the other two parts of the grand plan — bigger bank capital and cuts to Greece's debt — without assurance that the bailout fund is ready to provide support.

Until it does, the continuing uncertainty will roil markets and slow growth across Europe and even the world.

Worst off, of course, is Greece, which reeling from several rounds of budget cuts that have sparked a series of strikes and riots.

"Greece has proven again and again that we are making the necessary decisions to make our economy sustainable, and make our economy more just," Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou told reporters as he headed into Sunday's meetings. "We are doing what we need from our side ... but it's been proven now that the crisis is not a Greek crisis. The crisis is a European crisis, so now is the time that we as Europeans need to act decisively and effectively."

To ease the pressure on the country, banks will be asked to accept much bigger losses on the country's bonds.

Austria's chancellor said the cut in the value of Greek government bond will likely be raised "in the direction of 40 to 50 percent."

"A cut in the debt is the right step," Werner Faymann told Austrian newspaper Wiener Kurier. The comments were confirmed by one of his aides.

Despite massive budget cuts and reforms, a new report has said that Greece's economic situation is still dire and that worsening economic conditions mean it could take the country decades to emerge from the crisis.

The report from debt inspectors said the eurozone and the International Monetary Fund would likely have to lend Athens more money unless the banks accept a 60 percent writedown of the bonds they hold.

That would be on top of the euro110 billion (\$300 billion) in rescue loans that have been propping up with country since May 2010.

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COMPANIES POST PROFITS BUT INVESTORS STILL WORRY

NEW YORK
Associated Press

INVESTORS who doubted U.S. companies could make big money in a weak economy have been proved wrong again.

Before companies started reporting earnings two weeks ago, investors worried third-quarter profits might fall short of what Wall Street analysts were predicting. The fear helped push stocks nearly into a bear market. More companies than usual warned the faltering recovery could hurt business.

The reality has turned out different.

Among S&P 500 companies reporting so far, seven out of ten have posted higher profits than expected, called "beats" in Wall Street parlance. For all S&P companies, profits are now on course to rise 14 percent, the eighth quarter in a row they will have grown more than 10 percent. Profits for 2011 are on

pace to surpass the annual record set in boom times four years ago.

Stocks have rallied in response. Yet some companies beating expectations are getting punished. On Monday, stock in IBM Corp. fell sharply even after posting better-than-expected profits. And stocks are still priced relatively low compared to earnings.

Part of what's bothering investors is fear of another economic slowdown. They worry that if Greece defaults on its debt, it could set off another global financial panic and tip the already fragile U.S. economy into recession.

A recession could mean big trouble for stocks. A year after the last recession started, near-record profits for the S&P 500 turned into losses. The index fell by half, reaching a 12-year low in March 2009.

"People are saying it doesn't really matter what companies

earn if we fall into recession," says Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist at Standard & Poor's.

Investors are right to worry for another reason: Those corporate "beats" are less impressive than they seem.

Wall Street analysts generally think the U.S. is going to avoid a recession and that stocks are a bargain. Yet they've been cutting their estimates in the months leading up to this reporting season, according to John Butters, senior earnings analyst at data provider FactSet.

Which raises the question, Why get excited about a company that beats estimates that have been lowered?

"I'd be more impressed if the numbers hadn't come down," says Butters, who calculates estimates fell an average 4 percent from this summer through earlier this month. "It's a solid drop."

Estimates for early next year have been cut even more. Whereas analysts used to expect an 11.9 percent rise in S&P 500 earnings for the first quarter, for instance, they now see them growing 7.7 percent.

Analysts have turned sour mostly on three industries: Financials firms like banks, telecommunication companies and steel and other materials makers. The latter includes Alcoa, which posted profits below estimates that analysts had already cut. For all materials companies, they've cut third-quarter estimates 13 percent from the summer through last week.

For all their caution, investors have richly rewarded some companies lately. Shares of Intel Corp. and McDonald's Corp. rose nearly 4 percent after reporting surprisingly good earnings last week. The S&P index is up 12.7 percent from its

low for the year on Oct. 3.

With most companies yet to report, there's still a chance more could start missing estimates.

On Monday, heavy machinery maker Caterpillar Inc. is expected to report profits per share grew by almost a third over the prior year. Still, the stock has fallen 22 percent in three months as analysts cut estimates. One concern: With economic growth slowing around the world, Caterpillar may have trouble selling tractors and farm equipment abroad.

Package delivery giant United Parcel Service Inc. reports Tuesday. Its stock has dropped more than 5 percent in three months as analysts slashed estimates by a similar amount. Rival FedEx Corp. met expectations when it reported last month. The stock fell to a two-year low anyway, on fears that future earnings might disappoint.

On Thursday, Procter & Gamble Co. will offer insight on consumer spending with its earnings report. In three months, stock in the maker of Pringles and Pampers has risen 2 percent while analysts were cutting estimates 10 percent. In other words, don't be surprised if the stock drops even if the company beats.

Then again, the report from P&G may get drowned out by other headlines. By then, investors will be digesting details of Europe's latest plan to shore up its banks and increase the scope of a financial rescue fund. Europe's leaders hope to hammer out the details at a summit meeting Wednesday.

Depending on how they view the plan, stocks could rise sharply or fall fast. Laments S&P's Stovall, "The market is driven more by macro news, not micro."

Translation: Profits may not matter as much as you think.



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NEW YORK
Associated Press

GOOGLE is exploring the possibility of helping to finance a possible deal by others to acquire Internet search company Yahoo, according to a report published by the Wall Street Journal on Saturday.

Google Inc. has talked to at least two private equity firms about potentially assisting them to finance a deal to buy Yahoo Inc.'s core business, according to the source, which cited a person familiar with the matter, and did not identify the source.

Discussions

The Journal said Google and prospective partners have held early-stage discussions, but haven't assembled a formal proposal. The source said Google may not end up pursuing a bid.

A spokeswoman for Mountain View, California-based Google declined to comment to The Associated Press. A spokeswoman for Sunnyvale, California-based Yahoo said the company doesn't comment "on rumor or speculation."

Messages that The AP left on Saturday with representatives of Google, based in Mountain View, California, were not returned.

Any involvement by Google in a Yahoo acquisition would likely draw antitrust scrutiny from regulators, because of both

companies' shares in the Internet search business.

The report came as investors have recently driven up Yahoo's stock price, betting that the company will sell itself, either in whole or in part. Closing Friday at \$16.12 apiece, the shares have gained nearly 25 percent since Sept. 6, when CEO Carol Bartz was fired. They are up 45 percent from the stock's 52-week low reached in early August.

There has been repeated speculation that the company might be sold to an assortment of buyout firms that prey upon troubled companies. Alibaba Group, a Chinese Internet company of which Yahoo owns a 43 percent stake, has expressed interest if it can line up the financing for a deal that would likely require a bid of more than \$20 billion, the current market value of Yahoo's shares. Microsoft Corp., which offered to buy Yahoo for \$47.5 billion in 2008 before withdrawing the bid, also has been mentioned as a

possible suitor.

Since Bartz' firing, Tim Morse has been filling in as Yahoo's interim CEO while also working as chief financial officer. After the company's third-quarter earnings announcement on Tuesday, Morse told analysts that he couldn't discuss what the company's next step might be or when it might take it.

Revenue

Yahoo is under pressure because its revenue has been falling at a time when the Internet advertising market has been growing as rivals such as Google and Facebook gain market share.

Although it's still recognized around the world, Yahoo's brand has been losing its luster as people increasingly embrace social networks such as Facebook and short-messaging service Twitter to keep track of what's going on instead of relying on a media hub like Yahoo's website.

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PENNSYLVANIA CASINOS UP HIRING OF ASIAN WORKERS

HARRISBURG, Pa.
Associated Press

OFFICIALS say the advent of table games at Pennsylvania casinos — and marketing to Asian populations — has spurred a hiring boom of workers of Asian descent for jobs at gambling establishments in the commonwealth.

The (Harrisburg) Patriot-News says Asians appear as a stand-alone demographic in the Gam-

ing Control Board's annual diversity report for the first time, after being included as "other" in earlier reports because the number of workers was so small. Asians now account for more than 7 percent of casino workers statewide, overtaking the Hispanic category that maintained a 5 percent share of the employment. African Americans account for nearly 12 percent of casino employees, while the proportion of Caucasians has dropped to 75 percent from 82 percent in June of last year.

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Caribbean islands struggling to dismantle criminal gangs

By DAVID McFADDEN
Associated Press

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts (AP) — When Dudley Williams was a police commander in the mid-1980s, law enforcement in St Kitts and Nevis was a leisurely occupation. Violent crime was rare on the sleepy specks of land in the eastern Caribbean.

"If fellows got into a heated dispute at a rum bar, things were settled with fists, a piece of stick, a knife at the worst," said Williams, now 79. "You'd get a shooting once every five years."

Times have changed here and for many islands across the Caribbean, where an escalating arms race among criminal gangs has turned once-peaceful neighbourhoods into battle zones.

St Kitts and Nevis, a two-island federation of nearly 50,000 people, has tallied 31 homicides so far in 2011, already making it the bloodiest year on record. Police blame gangs with names like Killer Mafia Soldiers and Tek Life for the escalating violence.

Usually far from the view of sunbathing tourists, tit-for-tat shootings by trigger-happy gangsters have become common in the Caribbean, according to a new report on global homicides by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime.

Alarmed citizens are putting pressure on politicians throughout the region to attack the problem. In Trinidad and Tobago, which is off Venezuela's coast along a prime drug shipment route, the government has declared a state of emergency, imposing nightly curfews and giving police and soldiers broad powers to conduct searches and seizures.

Little of the violence so far has affected tourists to the Caribbean, where about six million Americans visit each



A JAMAICAN police officer marks for record a seized handgun at a police station in downtown Kingston, Jamaica. (AP)

year. Many stick to all-inclusive resorts, and those who don't rarely stray into the gritty slums where the violence flares up.

Still, there are isolated cases: A vacationing US Army sergeant was killed during a robbery in Trinidad last year. A Welsh couple was butchered in an Antigua vaca-

tion cottage on the last day of their two-week honeymoon in 2008.

In St Kitts, bandits held up a small bus of tourists last year, prompting two cruise lines to briefly suspend stops there. Two British women were raped on a remote beach in St Lucia earlier this year.

Drug traffickers have

helped drive up the crime rates by introducing firearms and narcotics with a street value exceeding the size of the Caribbean's legal economy.

Although the islands remain near-perfect conduits for drug shipments, with their numerous unpoliced islets and barely monitored coasts, the UN crime office says

Caribbean drug seizures actually diminished 71 per cent between 1997 and 2009 as more contraband shifted to Central American routes.

According to the agency, the increase in the Caribbean's lethal violence can partly be traced to frenzied competition between underworld groups fighting

for turf in a diminished drug smuggling market.

Caribbean experts worry a culture of violence has become entrenched on the islands, where nearly 70 per cent of homicides are committed by firearms.

"Until fairly recently, we

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DIS MY T'INGS: A REVIEW OF 'SHAKESPEARE IN PARADISE 2011'

By PATRICIA GLINTON--
MEICHOLAS

I have tried to make time each year to support the Shakespeare in Paradise (SIP) Festival, a needful effort by husband and wife Philip Burrows and Nicolette Bethel to revive theatre in the Bahamas and recreate "the season" that the dear departed Winston Saunders had successfully run for a number of years. Because critical reviews are important to the development of a national theatre of quality, I have undertaken a commentary on this year's SIP. In so doing, I reflect on the need for integrity in such an enterprise, which is crucial if theatre in the Bahamas is to be praiseworthy and sustainable.

I just managed to squeeze in three

festival entries—"Mariah Brown", one of a trilogy of monologues created by historian Sandra Riley, Julius Caesar, the Shakespearean centrepiece played out in modern dress and "Dis We T'ings", of which the late Kayla Lockhart Edwards was an originator. The latter encapsulates singing, dance and dialogue and was created, I believe, to engender or strengthen Bahamian identity and national pride.

"Mariah Brown" was staged simply at Bahamas Historical Society with only a chair, three books and a piece of crumpled, dingy paper as props. They were sufficient to create a highly satisfying evening. The story of a Bahamian pioneer in Coconut Grove, Florida was fascinating in itself and was amplified by the star turn of the actor Laverne Lewis. Apart from stimulating won-

derment at her prodigious powers of memory, the statuesque Lewis dominated the room. She brought to vivid life a laughing Mariah Brown, her family, her dreams and such triumphs as learning to read and building a home of her own, which represented a great victory for a black woman in the 19th century Southern United States.

"Julius Caesar" is not an easy play to stage, especially when trying to maintain a facsimile of the 16th century language in which the Bard wrote it. Most challenging are the many and powerful monologues, through which the actors must convey a range of strong emotions and subtleties, while driving the action of the tragedy forward. The cast was an obvious mix of seasoned and neophyte thespians that I adjudged well directed by Philip Burrows because

the staging did hold my attention, lagging mostly in interludes carried by actors who would probably have been best assigned shorter communications or walk-ons.

David Burrows' Brutus showed the actor's obvious theatrical experience and a level of comfort with the stage. Jane Poveromo's soothsayer was a creditable turn, as might be expected from a stalwart of Bahamian theatre. And so was the performance of Matthew Wildgoose as Marc Antony, who managed not to spoil that great speech that so utterly condemns Brutus while "praising" him. Gordon Mills has long been a dependable comic actor, but he interpreted the conqueror of the Gauls and the Britons with just too much humour, as if recalling the rustic from last year's Midsummer Night's Dream.

The evening belonged to Jovanna Hepburn, who did a transgender performance as Cassius. She seemed to fulminate as the instigator of the plot to kill Caesar. She managed to draw us into a mind exploding with unrelenting anger and hatred and a surprising tenderness towards his/her hero Brutus, an unhappy marriage which demanded suicide in the end. I hope to see more of her performances.

"Dis We T'ings" was a lesser creation because it attempted too much, resulting in something of a patchwork quilt. The main trouble was a run at rendering the current triple-party politicking, which devolved into preaching.

There were good points. No one can best Claudette "Cookie" Allens

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INSIGHT

Caribbean islands struggling to dismantle criminal gangs

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had an innocence about ourselves in the Caribbean, but that's been lost. This thing is a Pandora's Box and I'm not sure you can ever close it again," said Marcus Day, director of the Caribbean Drug & Alcohol Research Institute in St Lucia.

Comparisons with other parts of the world can be stark. Jamaica, an island of roughly three million people that has been hit hard by drug and extortion gangs for years, chalked up 1,428 killings in 2010. Chicago, a city of nearly 3 million, reported 435 homicides last year.

Statistics from the UN crime office show homicide rates nearly doubling in a number of Caribbean countries since 1995. In St Kitts and Nevis, slayings have increased sixfold since 2002, when there were just five killings.

Ivelaw Griffith, an expert on Caribbean security at City University of New York, said outmaneuvered and out-gunned law enforcement agencies on the islands have a limited ability to cope with the problem on their own.

He said the spread of cable television and popular music has raised expectations among youths by depicting the easy life even as the rough global economy is making pockets of poverty grow deeper and wider. It's "really creating a very unholy and unhealthy recipe for these small societies," Griffith said.

To counter the gang culture, the Bahamas is toughening crime and bail laws, building more courts, trying to round up unlicensed guns and funding programs to steer at-risk youth away from crime.

The archipelago off Florida's east coast has seen 104 people killed so far this year, easily topping the previous full-year record of 94 set just last year.

Norelle Scott, a 19-year-old college student who lives on the most populous island of



AN AERIAL view of the Caribbean island of St Kitts. The Caribbean region, once a leisurely occupation, is facing hard times as an escalating arms race among criminal gangs has turned once-peaceful neighbourhoods into battle zones. Jamaica chalked up 1,428 killings in 2010 and St. Kitts and Nevis, a two-island federation of nearly 50,000 people, has tallied 31 homicides so far in 2011, already making it the bloodiest year on record. (AP)

New Providence, said she is now fearful of leaving home at any time of day and is pessimistic about the chances for change.

"Criminals are getting bold these days. I'm ashamed to know that my people are killing each other over small things, material things, and it's getting worse," she said.

Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham is urging Bahamians to join neighbourhood watch programmes and help police identify criminals.

"Community engagement and service will be more effective in combating crime than iron bars and gated commu-

nities," Ingraham said during a recent televised address.

Trinidad and Tobago's emergency decree, imposed in August and expected to extend through December, angered some young people, but others applauded the move.

"We don't mind living under curfew conditions if it makes the country safer," said Zana Ramdial, a fortysomething mother of three in the capital of Port-of-Spain.

Many Caribbean islands have been known for feeble local enforcement. In St Lucia, drug smugglers know immediately when the maritime

police are on patrol, making evasion nearly effortless, said Day, the crime researcher in St Lucia.

"We don't really have enough fuel to pay for the police boats so we can only run them at certain times. And the criminals know when they go out," Day said.

Some of the poor, developing islands have reached out to Scotland Yard and the FBI for help, or brought in foreign police and security consultants.

St Kitts recruited a new police commissioner, Calvin G Walwyn, who is a native islander with long experience

as police officer in Texas and Florida. He has warned street gangs he plans to eradicate them and has special teams of police and soldiers to patrol crime hotspots together. A tough new law can put people away for 20 years if they are convicted of recruiting for the gangs.

"Rumours on the street are that the gangs have an arsenal. But if push comes to shove, we can wipe them out," Walwyn told The Associated Press.

He said employment and other services will be available for young people who wish to leave gangs.

Dale Watley, a 31-year-old who served three years in an overcrowded St Lucia prison for a shooting, says youths can be lured away. He turned his back on the underworld life he had known since childhood and now runs his own barber shop.

"The young guys, they want a movie kind of life, like 'Scarface,'" he said. "But once they get a chance to survive in the real world with respect, they don't want to shoot anyone anymore. They want to live."

• **Associated Press writer Megan Reynolds in Nassau, Bahamas, contributed to this story.**

DIS MY T'INGS: A REVIEW OF 'SHAKESPEARE IN PARADISE 2011'

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at conveying the personality of the wrong-headed Bahamian woman. The singing was also enjoyable.

Inescapable was a truth about Bahamian life that "Dis We T'ings" brought inadvertently to light. When I entered the Dundas Centre for the Performing Arts, I had no idea how intimately involved in that play I would become. A hint came at intermission when the director, Nicolette Bethel, approached me to say that I would "recognise" something in the second half. What a shock awaited me when a performer took centre stage rendering one of my stories, "The Gaulin' Wife". Here was a startling example of copyright infringement. No one had sought my permission to use my work, nor was I credited before or after the performance or in the programme booklet, where such

credit is expected and obligatory. Audiences would almost certainly have credited Patrice Francis and Jonelle and Cherelle Fox, as they were given the byline for 'Dis We T'ings' and mentioned twice in the programme booklet in that connection.

A likely excuse for the unauthorised use of my work may be an assertion that Tony McKay and others, including Derek Burrows, have told stories about a man marrying a gaulin, a traditional story character. Perhaps what the lay public or novices in literary circles may not wish to admit is that I have long been quietly recognised as an authority on Bahamian folktales and many who now use the traditional characters to weave their own stories have been influenced by my writings and talks. Dr Cleveland Eneas was one such. He differed from others in that this grand and rare Bahamian, now gone from us, always asked my permission in his

delightful visits to my workplace before he told a story incorporating my material. Even Ms Bethel's brother-in-law, Derek Burrows, the storyteller, once interviewed me when I was still on the faculty of the College of the Bahamas.

Stories

While my stories may, in some cases, use traditional characters, the writings that result are entirely my own and not a part of "a shared Bahamian heritage." The legend of the vampire exists all over the world, from the strigoi of Romania to the Soukoyan of the Eastern Caribbean to the hag of The Bahamas, and would certainly qualify as shared heritage. I challenge anyone, however, to make public use of the scripts of the "Twilight" series of films or any modern vampire novel using that claim and see what happens. The stories of An Evening in

Guanima, including the "Gaulin' Wife", are original, literary creations that are entirely my own in characterisation, story line and in every aspect of their development. They are to be found nowhere else, except with my authority and without my authority when plagiarised.

My ownership of the Gaulin' Wife has been iterated since 1988, when the story was published by Penguin London in their anthology, Under the Storyteller's Spell (ed. Faustin Charles) and confirmed by its registration as a part of the larger work, An Evening in Guanima, with the United States Library of Congress.

I stand by my assertion of copyright and challenge anyone to make a public comparison of other material and my story "The Gaulin' Wife". Dis my t'ings.

It is hard to credit claims of "honest mistake". In the theatre, the protection of intellectual property is vital and a key to profit and sustainability. Copyright is that important, but not so important, it seems, in The Bahamas, where we are witnessing a frightening decline in respect for life and property.

Through rehearsals and several performances of "Dis We T'ings", it is inconceivable that those who are well-versed in the arts, whether they be director, writer or performer, would not have been aware of the source of this particular story. Was not the director present at rehearsals and particularly at dress rehearsals? In contemporary theatre, doesn't a good director of a play zealously oversee all aspects of the production and have final decision-making power over the global artistic concept and the content and interpretation of what finally goes on stage?

Furthermore, how could Patrice Francis and Jonelle and Cherelle Fox, who have been given the byline for the play, not know that a major segment of the dialogue (the "storytelling") was not theirs? Reva Cartwright-Carroll recited my words and brought to

life my characters on stage at the Dundas on October 8, 2011 without my permission. How could they not have known that they were infringing my copyright? They had to learn the specific story, "The Gaulin' Wife", from my book with its copyright notice prominent in the front matter. Once it was apparent that the story was protected by copyright, why would these people not have refused to use the story, unless assured that the author's permission had been obtained and due credit given to the author?

We need to examine publicly the implications for the development of Bahamian theatre and Bahamian principles of an act that is considered unconscionable in the literary world. Indeed, it is actionable in most legal systems and certainly in The Bahamas. It is a grave solecism, which has brought down college presidents, noted authors and journalists.

Claim

Making a monetary claim against SIP has not been a consideration, although there would be substantial evidence to sustain such an action. Intellectual property is to writers, musicians, photographers, filmmakers, designers, inventors and many others, the same as money to the banker, produce to the farmer and the catch of fish to the fisherman. Creativity and Intellectual property are the writer's stock-in-trade, the source of livelihood. As such, its unauthorized use must be considered as serious as any other form of property theft.

The most memorable thing about the play was its central assertion of "Dis We T'ings". It echoed our assertion of national pride on each Independence Day that seems to die once the day passes. Our concept of national pride seems hollow, promoting widespread exclusion of responsibility towards country and fellow citizens. There is a disturbing and widening gap between what we preach and what we practice. This is bad enough among those

whose early life experiences did not emphasize obligations to law and fellow human beings, and worse when demonstrated by the more privileged.

The answer may lie in a malady, whereby some fiercely protect their own rights but "cry havoc and let slip the dogs of war" on the property of others. Festival organizers may have, by their example, sanctioned plagiarism. Surely, with declining mores, they too may one day be cheated of rights and credit.

SIP infringed several of my most important rights as a writer—the right to permit or refuse the use of my creative product, the right to the first public staging of "The Gaulin' Wife", and the right to direct and give input to any staging of material I worked hard to create. It is time citizens of goodwill stand against cultural traits and practices that militate against order and admirable development in our society, and not casually condone them when the offenders are widely received in society. We cannot condemn vociferously the infractions of the people of the inner city, while covering in a conspiracy of silence and legal highjinks the failings of those of higher social and economic standing in our community. The wispy, airborne seeds of the silk cotton eventually grow into enormous, thorny trees dominating our landscape, their roots maintaining a grip on the earth that is seldom shaken even by the most powerful of hurricanes.

My hope is that we can learn from this unsanctioned "transfer of ownership" to create a more beneficial practice of national pride and generate greater respect for property rights. Elsewhere in the world theatres have been shut down and actors jailed for exposing the woes of their societies. Shouting "And now difference!" from the stage pales in the light of such courage. Among all the ingredients required for the prosperity of Bahamian theatre, surely respect and consistent maintenance of moral integrity are vital.

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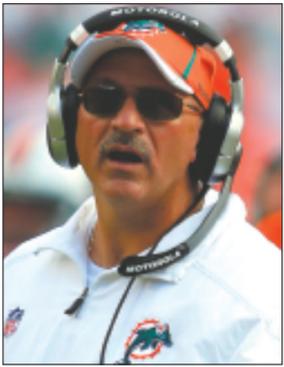
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Valentino first boxer ever to win medal at Pan Am Games

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Valentino Knowles can now add a Pan American medal to his résumé.

Fighting in the men's light welterweight division or 64 kilogram division, Knowles came from behind to pull off a (17-17) - 61:44 decision over Fabrian Maidana of Argentina to secure the first medal for the Bahamas in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Having also secured the distinction of winning the Bahamas' first medal in boxing at the four-yearly games, Knowles now advances to the semifinal where he is slated to face Yoelvis Jesus Hernandez of Venezuela on Tuesday for a chance to compete for the gold medal.

If he is successful, Knowles will advance to the gold-medal round on Friday.

Knowles, who was unavailable for comments, trailed 6-4 in the first round but bounced back to take the second set 7-5. He and Maidana fought to a 6-6 draw in the third round as they finished even at 17-17.

But because of his aggressiveness in the second round, Knowles was awarded the victory.

Coach Andre Seymour said he was quite impressed with Knowles' performance and is confident that he will prevail.

"We have never had a boxer win a medal at the Pan Am Games. He's the first boxer," said Seymour, a former outstanding amateur boxer who failed in his bid to win a medal.

"It was rough. Valentino had to come from behind after falling behind by two points, but in the second round he went ahead to tie it at 11-11. He just kept the pressure on his opponent."

As long as Knowles can continue

Through to semis, Knowles one win away from gold-medal round



PUNCHING POWER: Valentino Knowles (right) lands a punch against Fabian Maidana of Argentina in their light welter-64 kg quarterfinals bout at the Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico, on Sunday. (AP)

to apply the pressure the way he did in the second round yesterday, Seymour said there's no reason why he

can't prevail the rest of the tournament. "Each round, I want him to stay

ahead," Seymour stressed. "We

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'FANTASTIC FOUR' 6TH OVERALL IN 4X100 MEDLEY RELAY

By SIMON LEWIS
Bahamas Information Services

GUADALAJARA, Mexico – Dubbed the 'Fantastic Four', the Bahamas National Ladies Swim Team competing at the XVI Pan American Games have become the darlings of the Games.

The squad, Alana Dilette, 24, Alicia Lightbourne, 21, McKayla Lightbourne, 19, and Ariel Weech, 20, have impressed. The Bahamas is the lone team from the Caribbean to consistently be among the top finishers.

On Friday, the final day of the swimming competition, the squad clocked 4:23.04 in the Women's 4x100 Metre Medley Relay for a sixth place finish, advancing to the finals on Friday night at the Scotiabank Aquatics Centre in downtown Guadalajara.

Less than an hour earlier, Weech had competed in the Women's 50 Metre Freestyle, finishing 12th in a time of 26.76 and had to suit up again for the relays.

This has been the case for the Bahamians throughout the week, with some swimming in as many as four races a day. Many countries were able to bring in extra swimmers, keeping swimmers fresh for the relay teams and other races.

"These athletes I am proud to say



MEXICO'S Byanca Rodriguez (left) keeps pace with Alicia Lightbourne of the Bahamas during a preliminary heat of the women's 4x100 medley relay Friday. (AP)

represented The Bahamas at a high level both in and out of competition and are true ambassadors. I think many of our other athletes could learn from them in terms of their conduct and dedication to their sport," said Don Cornish, Chef de Mission for the Bahamas contingent.

Swim Team Coach Lionel Moreau was likewise pleased with the team's performance, saying it was "great".

"We have won just about all the B Finals that we were in and people noticed us. Ariel Weech swam her two best time in the 100 Freestyle. McKayla swam the Breaststroke best time last night winning the B Finals, really close to an individual medal.

"The other girls are really just showing some amazing stuff, and they were out there racing and giving the best they have, so I am real-

ly, really happy about this team," he said.

Coach Moreau said the squad will now focus on qualifying for the Olympics.

The B Finals at the Pan Am Games is like a consolation race, which features those top athletes that did not make the A Finals or medal race.

Team manager Kathryn Dilette felt The Bahamas was short changed in terms of have many swimmers the country could bring to the Games.

She said that, late last year, the Pan American Sports Organization (PASO) had informed the Bahamas Swim Federation that three of their swimmers would not be able to compete, even though they had reached the qualifying time, because they had to cut numbers to make sure the meet did not exceed 256.

"They also at that time cut our relay only swimmers. Some countries would enter swimmers just to use for relays.

"But at the Congress this week (in Mexico) they made the statement that they changed their position on relays and allowed countries to carry their relay only swimmers and in our case we were never informed about that.

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Rangers even World Series

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Derek Holland kept Albert Pujols in the ballpark and the Texas Rangers in this World Series.

In a title matchup that's getting more interesting with every game, Holland put the emphasis back on pitching. Given a pep talk by manager Ron Washington minutes before the game, Holland allowed two hits over 8 1-3 innings to beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-0 on Sunday night and even things at 2-all.

Holland struck out seven, walked two and never was in trouble against a team that erupted for 16 runs the previous night. He came within two outs of pitching the first complete-game shutout in the World Series since Josh Beckett's gem for Florida to clinch the 2003 title at Yankee Stadium.

"I was very focused. I knew this was a big game for us," Holland said. "I had to step up and make sure I was prepared."

Hobbled Josh Hamilton put Texas ahead with an RBI double in the first inning. Then Mike Napoli broke it open with a three-run homer in the sixth that set off a hearty high-five in the front row between team president Nolan Ryan and former President George W. Bush.



RANGERS' Mike Napoli celebrates with Yorvit Torrealba (8) and Elvis Andrus (1) after hitting a three-run home run during the sixth inning of Game 4 Sunday. (AP)

And just like that, for the first time since 2003, the World Series stood at two games apiece. Now the whole season is down to a best of three, with the outcome to be decided back at Busch Stadium.

Game 5 is tonight at Rangers Ballpark. It's a rematch of the opener, when Cardinals ace Chris Carpenter topped CJ Wilson.

Pros win opener over Jets 22-6

THE 2011-12 Commonwealth American Football League season began much in the same fashion as last season ended, with a convincing win by the league's perennial champions.

The Orry J Sands Pros opened the year with a 22-6 win over the Nassau Jets Saturday at D W Davis playing field in a rematch of last year's Boil Fish Boil.

Charles Edwards scored two touchdowns while the Pros' defense delivered a shutout on the other side of the ball. The lone score for the Jets came on an interception returned for a touchdown late in the second quarter.

The Pros came out strong on their opening possession, capping a 60-yard drive with a touchdown and successful conversion for an 8-0 lead.

A touchdown pass from veteran quarterback Mike Foster gave the Pros a 14-0 lead.

However, the interception returned for a touchdown on the ensuing possession brought the Jets within a single score just before the half, 14-6.

The second half was all Pros as Edwards added a late touchdown run to seal the win and a successful conversion pass to tight end Philip Moxey Jr was the final scoring play of the game.

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, Nov 5**
10 am - Game one
12:30pm - Game two

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.

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 Man-

agement 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.

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 musgrove-barron@hotmail.com or call 425-1057.

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, interest-

ed persons should note that the nomination deadline is October 28. All nominations must be turned in to the BBF's secretary general Teddy Sweeting.

SOFTBALL BSC ACTION

AFTER taking a break because of its track and field classic, the Baptist Sports Council will resume play in the 2011 Bishop Neil C Ellis Softball Classic on Saturday at the Baillou Hills Sporting Complex with the following fixture of games on tap:

Field One
10am - Temple Fellowship vs Mt Tabor (Co-ed)
11:30am - Macedonia vs Golden Gates (19)
1 p.m. Golden Gates vs Macedonia (Co-ed)
2:30 p.m. Macedonia vs Temple Baptist (M)

Field Two
10am - St Paul's vs Christian Tabernacle (Co-ed)
11:230am - Temple Baptist vs Calvary Deliverance (M)
1pm - Mt Tabor vs St Paul's (M)

PAN AM GAMES: 'FANTASTIC FOUR' 6TH OVERALL IN 4X100 MEDLEY RELAY

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"So in fact we lost not only individual swimmers, we lost relay swimmers that we could have used in the mornings to save some of our girls for the evening finals," she said.

"The entire meet for all of them has been that of an uphill battle. We had one swimmer on Monday swim four swims, two individual and two relays. It was hard on them to combine both events and they have done it and have risen to the chal-

lenge. They understood from the beginning that this was going to be very taxing."

She said that, considering all the obstacles, the team performance has been outstanding.

"A guy from the United States came to me yesterday and said to me that they (Bahamian Swimmers) are doing an amazing job for having to swim everything," she said.

The team ended their competition on Friday night and returned home on Saturday.

Valentino first ever boxer to win medal at Pan Am Games

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knew this guy was coming tough because Valentino beat him a couple months ago. But now that we have gotten into the medal round, we are just going to have to go for the gold."

Knowles, 23, opened competition as the lone Bahamian representative on Friday with a 17-7 dominating performance over Luis Adonis Amador of Nicaragua.

TRACK AND FIELD

Hoping to feed off Knowles' success and the strong showing by the swimmers, who wrapped up competition on Friday, the track and field team is set to swing into action today.

First up is Jamial Rolle in lane seven in heat two of the men's 100 metres preliminaries. Adrian Griffith will run out of lane four in heat three. There are five heats and the first two and the next six fastest times will advance to tonight's semifinal.

Also in action today will be Rudon Bastian in the men's long jump. He will be the fifth of 11 competitors in Group B.

And Katrina Seymour will be in lane two in heat one of the women's 400 hurdles. She will have to be one of the first three finishers or one of the next two fastest to advance to the final.

"I'm looking for Jamial and Adrian to move on to the semifinal and looking at the start list for Katrina in the 400

hurdles, she could pick up a medal because it's an even field," Gardiner said.

"We're very excited about Valentino's performance. He's gotten great support from the athletic people. He's staying in the room with Chris (Brown), Michael (Mathieu) and Donald (Thomas), so that's a plus. Everybody is pulling for him and he's inspiring the athletic team."

Having had a chance to work with Thomas since his arrival at the games, coach Ronald Cartwright said he "looks nice and smooth."

"He had his third practice today and it's getting better," said Cartwright, who noted that they have corrected his approach that hampered his performance at the IAAF World Championships in Daegu, South Korea, in August.

On Tuesday, Chris Brown and Ramon Miller will begin competition in the men's 400. The good news is that there's only two rounds so Gardiner said he's convinced that they both will get into the final on Wednesday.

BOWLING

The women's doubles is scheduled to begin today at the Tapatío Bowling Alley and the Bahamas will be represented by the team of Justina Sturup and Joanne Woodside. The medal round is set for Tuesday.

Competition in the women's single qualifying 1st block of six games is set for Wednesday.

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