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# UNITED IN GRIEF

## Families left in tears after three murders

By SANCHESKA BROWN  
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POLICE are trying to determine the motives behind two separate shootings that pushed the country's murder count for the year to 109, adding to a Fox Hill shooting reported in yesterday's Tribune.

The first homicide occurred shortly after 7pm Sunday. Initial reports indicate that two men were walking on Cordeaux Avenue when they were approached by a gunman, in a black Honda Accord, who opened fire on them. One of the men died in hospital from his injuries while the other was unharmed.

The victim has been identified as 27-year-old Bradley Leviticus of Amos Ferguson Street.

Bradley is described by his family as a "loving, gentle soul."

At the Princess Margaret

Hospital morgue yesterday, his stepmother, Yvonne Burrows said "to know Brad was to love him."

"It is not fair for his life to be taken away like that. We are going to miss him. I don't know anyone that would want to hurt him," she said.

"He didn't grow up here. He lived in the United States all his life. He has only been here three years.

"I was cooking dinner when someone ran into my yard and told me he got shot. I couldn't believe it.

"I ran outside to where he was but they were already putting him in the car to take him to the hospital. He had just left the house so happy and now he is dead. I really don't understand this. He was a good boy and didn't bother anyone. It's just senseless."

The second homicide occurred shortly after 2am Monday at Deliverance Way off Malcolm Road. Police say

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## SHOOTING VICTIM NAMED

POLICE have identified the 28-year-old man who was shot and killed in Fox Hill over the weekend as Stephen Bernard Hill of Montrose Avenue.

Hill was found in the passenger seat of a white Honda Accord with multiple gunshot

wounds early Saturday morning.

Police were called to the scene at Johnson Road, where it was reported that the victim got into an argument with another man

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GRIEVING MEMBERS of three separate shootings pictured at the morgue yesterday. From left, members of the family of the man shot at Deliverance Way yesterday morning, thought to be Kastico Akeem Nabbie, members of Stephen Hill's family, and a member of Bradley Leviticus' family. Photos: Felipe Major/Tribune Staff

## MAGAZINE PREDICTS FNM WILL WIN IN 2012

By CELESTE NIXON  
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THE analysis arm of a renowned financial publication has predicted the FNM will win the 2012 election.

The latest update by The Economist magazine's Intelligence Unit said that while the global economic outlook remains pessimistic, 1.8 per cent growth is expected in the Bahamas in 2011 and 2.3 per cent in 2012 - which should put the FNM in a favourable position for the next general

election.

The report said: "With economic conditions improving and the opposition discredited by its own scandals, The Economist Intelligence Unit expects the FNM to retain a majority in the election."

The Intelligence Unit, a sister organisation to The Economist, provides forecasting and advisory services that help "business leaders prepare for opportunity, empowering them to act with confidence when making strategic decisions."

According to the report, the

political scene in the Bahamas will be dominated by campaigning for the general election over the next six months.

It said: "The Free National Movement (FNM) led by the prime minister, Hubert Ingraham, has a small but workable majority in parliament and the election will indicate to what extent the FNM's support base has been eroded by the sharp economic contraction in 2008-09 and the government's privatisation programme, which is unpopular."

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## CALL TO TARGET RINGLEADERS

By KHRISNA VIRGIL

GRAND Bahamians are concerned that while the foreign cargo of a human trafficking operation have been taken into custody, the Bahamian masterminds may get off scot free.

While police on the island remain tight-lipped on the issue, sources say the 14

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# FNM GIVES THANKS FOR 40 YEARS IN POLITICS



THE Free National Movement marked the 40th anniversary since its formation in 1971 with a service on October 23 at the Voice of Deliverance Temple.

Party leader Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham is pictured above as he address the audience, and the message was delivered by the host pastor, Apostle Leon Wallace.

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# TRIAL OF TRIO IN CONNECTION WITH SEIZURE OF 16 GUNS DELAYED UNTIL NEXT MONTH

By LAMECH JOHNSON  
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THE trial of two men and a woman, charged in connection with a major gun seizure in August, was delayed yesterday afternoon.

Travis Demeritte, Bronell Humes and recently charged ex-polic officer Princeton Rolle were supposed to stand trial

before Magistrate Joyanne Pratt-Ferguson in Court 9 to answer charges in connection with a seizure of 16 guns and 867 rounds of ammunition found among groceries at Potters Cay Dock on Friday, August 19.

After being charged with 16 counts of firearm possession and 9 counts of ammunition possession, the three were also charged with conspiracy to introduce a

firearm into the country.

However, defence attorneys for Demeritte, Humes and Rolle yesterday told the court that they had only received the full charge sheet from the prosecution that day.

Ian Cargill, who represents Demeritte and Humes, argued that it was insufficient time to put together a proper defence for the hearing.

Gina Morley, representing Rolle — who was also charged with abetting the two accused in unlawfully introducing the weapons into the country — agreed with Mr Cargill.

She noted that she and Cargill at the next date of trial would be making no-case submissions before the courts.

When a date in the remaining part of October was suggested, Cargill declined indicating that he was in bereavement of a relative who had passed away and was to be buried soon.

Prosecutor Garvin Gaskin did not object to an adjournment and Magistrate Pratt-Ferguson set the matter down to the remaining date originally set aside for trial, November 7, 9, 10 and 11.

The judge — after instructing the prosecution to provide the defence with all statements regarding the case prior to yesterday — strongly advised counsel to be prepared for trial when the matter appears before the court again, so as to not waste time in expediting the matter or give the public a negative impression of justice in the court system.

# FAMILY IN SHOCK OVER GIRL'S DEATH

By DANA SMITH

THE FAMILY and friends of Richa Gibson are still reeling from the 15-year-old's violent death over the weekend.

The body of Richa, an 11th grader at CV Bethel Senior High School, was found by police with stab wounds in her neck after a family quarrel on Saturday morning at an apartment on Southward Way off Sunshine Way.

Students and teachers at her high school say Honour Roll student Richa will be sorely missed. They described the teenager as shy, but very smart.

Sanjae Nixon, a classmate, was in tears as he remembered Richa.

"She was my best friend," he said. "We were in the same math class, same PE class, and used to go to Maritime Cadets together."

"She was a smart person, she wasn't a troublesome person. She had a great person-

ality and she was never in any trouble at all," he said.

Helen Campbell, Richa's mathematics teacher, was still in disbelief.

"She was a very smart, very intelligent child who participated really well in class," Ms Campbell said.

"Richa had so much potential, she was an Honour student and to know all of that is going to go down into her grave — it saddens me.

"A tragedy like this does not have to happen," she said.

Richa's homeroom teacher, Charles Adderley, echoed Ms Campbell's sentiments, saying: "She was quiet, shy, yet still determined and hard-working."

"I would say she was an excellent student because she was one of our honour students."

"You always could see her with a smile on her face," he said. "Always unassuming and any time you spoke to her, she always had that little



**RICHA GIBSON**, who died from stab wounds after a family quarrel on Saturday morning

smile. We're going to miss her."

An atmosphere of intense grief dominated the scene as Richa's family gathered at the

Princess Margaret Hospital morgue yesterday to identify her body.

Relative Ricardo Dean described her as "an honourable person" who was "about to receive an award for her academics".

"She will be greatly missed," he said.

"It's such a sad situation for us right now."

Richa's cousin, Dominique, said her death has hugely affected the family.

"She was a nice girl," she said. "Very smart and very sweet."

Richa's immediate family refused interviews.

"We don't have anything to say right now," said one relative.

"We'll probably make a statement at some point, but we're not giving a statement now."

The girl's father, who was present when the stabbing occurred, is assisting police with their investigation.

# HOMELESS LIVING IN CEMETERY

By KHRISNA VIRGIL

THE Eastern Cemetery is in a "deplorable condition" according to one concerned woman — who told of several homeless people living in the tombs there.

The woman, who wished to remain anonymous, said some were even using the graves as open-air beds.

"Some of the graves were run down, dirty and the tops are broken and sliding off of them."

"People are living in the tombs of the dead. I believe some of the tombs contain people who had cholera," she said.

A visit to the once well-kept cemetery confirmed many of the claims.

A makeshift bed of worn and torn sheets sat atop a grave and clothes were scattered about the cemetery.

The Eastern Cemetery is the final resting place of some of the country's most renowned figures, including former governor general Sir Gerald Cash and former

FNM leader Sir Cecil Wallace Whitfield.

It is now studded with pockets of settled water, discarded food containers and old potato chip bags.

Although a landscaping crew was seen working on the grounds, they did nothing to improve the poor condition of many of the headstones and tombs.

Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Public Works Brenda Dorsett said the ministry is aware that persons are living in the cemetery.

"We have written to the relevant agencies: the Ministry of Social Development and the Police Department, to ensure that they stay out of the cemeteries as much as possible by increasing their patrols," she said.

Ms Dorsett also admitted that the ministry had received many calls from the public about the state of the grounds.

"The Ministry of Public works is responsible for the landscaping. The contacts

expired in September and were renewed last week.

"Some landscapers were employed and began work on the weekend, but for the most part many of them are being deployed this week to begin work," she said.

While the ministry is responsible for the state of the grounds and removing litter, Ms Dorsett pointed out that once a plot is purchased, the upkeep of a tomb or headstone is the responsibility of the owner or their family.

As to the very old, seriously neglected tombs and headstones, Ms Dorsett said: "The ministry will have to look into working money into the budget to find tenders to repair them. We will have to do something to make the graves more presentable."

A Ministry of Health official said that while it is unsanitary to live amongst the dead, those sleeping in the cemetery are not at risk of contracting cholera.

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# IMMIGRANTS APPREHENDED

By DENISE MAYCOCK  
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FREEPORT - The Royal Bahamas Defence Force apprehended 14 illegal immigrants of various nationalities in waters off Grand Bahama early Sunday morning.

ASP Clarence Reckley, assistant press liaison officer, reported that a 30ft single engine Sea Craft, a Grand Bahama registered vessel, was intercepted shortly after 6am.

On board were nine men and five women. The group comprised of five Haitians, five Brazilians, three Sri Lankans, and one Chilean.

Mr Reckley said police received information from an anonymous caller sometime around 11.25pm on Saturday that a boat was out of fuel and drifting in a south western direction a few miles off Grand Bahama.

The Police Marine Unit, BASRA, Royal Bahamas Defence Force and the US Coast Guard were notified.

While searching waters off Grand Bahama, Defence Force officers spotted the vessel early Sunday.

ASP Reckley said all persons were in good health and taken to Freeport where they were handed over to Bahamas Immigration officers.

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## Magistrates starting to open their eyes

AT LAST, public exasperation at the lenient manner in which cases are handled — especially for accused with well established criminal records — is getting through to the magistrates.

In the delay of the trial of two men and a woman charged in a major gun and ammunition seizure case yesterday, the magistrate told the prosecution to make certain that defence lawyers were given all relevant statements. She then set a date for trial and warned defence counsel to be prepared to go ahead on that date so as not to waste the court's time. Also, she did not want the public to be given a negative impression of justice in the court system.

Unfortunately, the public already has that negative impression. It is now up to the courts to dispel it, not only by efficiently handling cases, but by more frequent denial of bail.

The public's criticism does not just rest with the magistrates. What many of our letter writers say about some defence lawyers is unprintable.

Bahamians know that many of the court delays are from the Outer Bar, and the pleading for leniency for hardened criminals comes from the mouths of many of those pleading attorneys.

The public is fed up. In cases where bail can be given, they want it given. Of course, with the amended bail act magistrates can no longer grant bail in serious cases, such as murder, armed robbery, rape, attempted rape and the various offences involving firearms.

In these cases, magistrates have to take into consideration the need to protect the safety of the public and public order. The need to protect the safety of the victim of the offence and the nature and seriousness of the offence and the nature and strength of the evidence against the defendant.

Another — and it appears recent — element that seems to be slipping into our court system is a defendant's attempt to select his judge.

Last week, the Appeal's Court turned down such an appeal calling it "forum shopping".

Accused of drug conspiracy, the defendant tried to get his case moved from the court of Deputy Chief Magistrate Carolita Bethel, by claiming bias.

The higher court found no bias against him on the part of the magistrate, but did find an attempt by him to "forum shop". This is something that has to be stopped in its tracks before it gets out of hand.

In his contribution to the House debate on the crime bills, Fox Hill MP Fred Mitchell challenged government to live up to its promise of reducing crime

through criminal justice legislation.

However, when it came to the witness protection bill, Mr Mitchell complained that it was unconstitutional to deny the accused the right to know his accuser.

It would seem that Mr Mitchell not only wants his cake, but he wants to eat it too. Prime Minister Ingraham described what would happen to our judicial system if essential witnesses were not protected.

Last week, the cruel death of a man — a case of mistaken identity — should have sealed Mr Mitchell's lips forever on the issue of witness protection.

The dead man was a case of mistaken identity. The bullet was intended for a witness in a murder case. This was the second time that his assailants had missed him. He is now in the witness protection programme.

In the House, Mr Ingraham explained the need for such protection.

"It is the duty of every citizen," he said, "to report the commission of a crime, to cooperate with the police, to give evidence in court if they are called upon to do so, to assist the police in the execution of their duties and to go to the Supreme Court to serve as a juror.

"In order for a citizen to carry out that duty the citizen must feel safe, must feel and indeed know that they are going to be safe not going to be intimidated, not going to be hanged, that their family are going to be safe, and unmolested because they are simply doing their civic duty.

"Whenever that can't happen, the citizen is not inclined to cooperate, is unwilling to cooperate; if he's unwilling to cooperate we are unable to have prosecutions, we have a state that cannot enforce its laws and protect its citizens from criminal activity."

We recall the outcry when airline passengers resented being searched before boarding an aircraft — it was unconstitutional and demeaning many said.

Today when faced with either giving up that constitutional right or being blown to smithereens, they stand in long lines, meekly taking off their belts and shoes, emptying their pockets and taking their turn walking through a metal detector. In choosing between their constitutional right and their life, they chose Life.

Today, that is what Bahamians will have to accept with the witness protection programme. In some instances, accused persons will have to give up their right to know the person giving evidence against them, in return for the witness's evidence and to make it possible for government to grant Mr Mitchell and all Bahamians' wish to reduce crime through the criminal justice system.

# Sister calls for end to violence

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I am the sister of one of the victims in your article and I am angry. My siblings and I grew up in The Bahamas at a time when people looked out for each other and were taught that hard work and education would bring success. The police didn't carry guns and alcohol was the drug of choice. We worked, we worshipped and lived as one people, and we were also prideful and peaceful.

Our paradise, The Bahamas, has become hell where hostility, greed, fear and despair flourish. Our people are gunned down in their beds, on the streets and

## LETTERS

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in their front yards.

Where are our representatives? Why are our laws not tough enough to deter such heartless criminals? When is the madness going to stop?

Mr Representative, you were elected by the people to work for the people. We can't do anything with the condolences you offer for those we have lost.

We need laws drafted and implemented that will keep the monsters from living among those who just want to work, protect their loved

ones and enjoy the life they have made for themselves.

I am angry for the victims because when one is killed so many others suffer.

I am angry for the country because we have lost so much. We fought for independence not corruption.

### VERY ANGRY

Abaco,  
October 21, 2011.

(Law makers in the House of Assembly are busy right now doing just that — stiffening up the laws, with the promise by the Prime Minister that if these don't work, the penalties for serious crime will be made even stiffer. — Ed).

## Can we have more productivity, please?

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I do not know who the country head is for the I.D.B., but the following needs to be told to the country head:

(1) We Bahamians say thanks for all of the loans past, present and future, inclusive of the one for the current road improvement programme.

(2) There are, however, some contentious areas as follows:

(a) Could the work be done on a shift system, if not 24 hours at least, 3-6 hour shifts?

(b) Could the frequency and length of break periods be reduced?

(c) Could we stop the practice of having 5 to 7 men around one work site, but only 1-2 men are working?

(d) It appears that the habits of BEC, Water & Sewerage, BTC, Ministry of Works, where 1 1/2 persons are working while 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 persons are observers, are ever present. That is not so, with Cable Bahamas. Those bad habits have infiltrated (regretfully, successfully) to the road improvement

programme. Can we have some efficiency in this area please?

(e) Could we have luminous paints, applied on a regular basis to the unpainted islands in certain areas? Could we have flashing lights at areas, where they need to be? There are some good flashing lights in use at the airport.

(f) Could an I.D.B representative from their head office, who is experienced with this type of project going on in Nassau, evaluate the project, with a view

to speeding it up.

(g) Too often, the employees are seen smoking (not cigarettes) and also consuming alcoholic beverages.

(h) More productivity is needed very urgently - PLEASE!

Many are very dissatisfied and annoyed.

Thanks for your time and space.

### CONCERNED BAHAMIAN OBSERVER,

Nassau,  
October 20, 2011

## Words matter - this crime was rape

EDITOR, The Tribune.

LAST WEEK'S headline in a daily paper stunned readers: Man Gets 3 years for unlawful sex with 7-year-old.

While initial shock focused on what seemed a light sentence for such a heinous crime, there was another equally disturbing message.

The choice of words in the headline "unlawful sex" was a reflection of how the crime was viewed.

There is no such thing as "unlawful sex with a 7-year-old". That act is rape.

We would not say that a person convicted of fatally shooting someone was sentenced for "prematurely ending the life of". We would call it by its true name, murder.

Why then, do we say unlawful sex when we mean rape? By using the wrong words in the criminal code or in a headline,

we diminish the cruelty of the act.

We mask the deed and avoid the troubling thoughts about its lifelong impact on the victim.

Many years ago, police reports in Florida said of a rape victim, she was released unharmed.

Think about that concept. How is a rape victim unharmed?

Neither the police nor the newspapers use that phrase any longer. It was only a matter of calling their attention to it.

We now need to urge the same for Bahamian news and officials. A child who is sexually abused has not had sex. He or she has been violated.

Words do matter. They shape thoughts and thoughts shape behaviour. In honesty, there is honour, even when it hurts.

### DIANE PHILLIPS

Nassau,  
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## LOCAL NEWS



**POLICE AND** officials gather to examine the body found on the beach at Holmes Rock, in Freeport, yesterday morning.

# MAN'S BODY DISCOVERED ON BEACH

By DENISE MAYCOCK  
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FREEPORT – The body of an unidentified man was discovered on the beach at Holmes Rock on Monday morning, police reported.

Asst Supt Clarence Reckley, assistant press liaison officer, said a concerned resident made the discovery around 10am and contacted police.

On arrival at the scene, officers found the body of a black man about 100 yards east of the public cemetery.

The deceased – wearing blue shorts, a white singlet, a blue undershirt and a brown flannel shirt – was lying face down in the sand.

Mr Reckley said there were no visible signs of trauma on the body.

The man was pronounced dead by a doctor at Eight Mile Rock Clinic, and the body was taken to Rand Memorial Hospital.

Foul play is not suspected at this time and police are awaiting the results of an autopsy before confirming the official cause of death.

Although further investiga-

tions revealed that the deceased was a resident of the Holmes Rock area, Mr Reck-

ley said police are withholding his identity until after they notify his family.

## MURDER APPEAL DELAYED BY LACK OF DEFENCE COUNSEL

By LAMECH JOHNSON  
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THE appeal hearing of two men convicted of murder and attempted armed robbery was delayed yesterday because one of the convicts was not represented by counsel.

Raymond Darling, who with Herman Natario Francis, was unanimously found guilty of murder by a Supreme Court jury in April last year, told the Court of Appeal that he was not prepared to represent himself at yesterday's hearing. He wanted to amend the grounds for his appeal. He also wanted to appeal his conviction as he originally had applied only to appeal sentencing.

Darling and Francis were found guilty of murder and attempted armed robbery of Tyna "Penny" Pinder, which occurred nearly six years ago.

Ms Pinder, 33 at the time, was shot to death in her office at the Cool Breeze Apartments in Grand Bahama on November 25, 2005. She died of a cardiac arrest as a result of a shot gun injury to the neck. Prosecutors said the two planned the robbery and took steps to carry it out by using a shotgun.

Yesterday, Mr Franklyn Williams – deputy director of public prosecutions – offered no objection to counsel being appointed "nor for leave being granted to amend grounds of appeal". Darling was then told by appellate court president Justice Anita Allen an attorney would be appointed at the public's expense upon instruction to the registrar's office.

The matter was then adjourned to Thursday, December 8, for mention when a trial date will be set. Justice Allen noted that it would be sufficient time for Darling to have obtained representation.

Meanwhile co-accused Francis is represented by Jiam Mangra. Justices Allen, Stanley John and Abdulai Conteh are the presiding judges.

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LOCAL NEWS

# DIPLOMAT CARLTON WRIGHT RETIRES

THE Ministry of Foreign Affairs has said farewell to Under-Secretary Carlton Wright, who served as “an effective and dedicated diplomat” for almost 40 years.

Accolades were heaped upon Mr Wright during an official retirement reception held at the Paul Farquharson Centre.

He was part of the first generation of Foreign Service Officers, having joined the ministry in August 1973, just one month after the country’s Independence from Great Britain.

Mr Wright obtained the highest rank possible for a Foreign Service Officer – that of ambassador – in 2004, becoming only the sixth officer to do so.

His first diplomatic posting was Haiti, where he established the Bahamas’ first resident office in Port-au-Prince.

“For the short time I have known Carlton, I’ve been impressed by his ability to remain unflappable under pressure. He is both a gentleman and a gentle man and so it’s rather ironic that his responsibilities at the ministry have exposed him to the harsher side of diplomacy, involving the emotional stress of demanding clientele, illegal migrants, political refugees, incarcerated Bahamians or persons in distress,” said Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Brent Symonette.

He said diplomacy is very much about relating to people, and “Carlton obviously had the right stuff.”



DR PATRICIA RODGERS, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, left, presents Carlton Wright with gifts to mark the end of nearly 40 years of service as a diplomat. Photos: Patrick Hanna/BIS

In addition to Haiti, Mr Wright served in Cuba and was vice consul general in Miami, the Bahamas’ busiest consular office overseas.

And in 1993, he travelled to Honduras to assist in securing the release of four members of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force who were kidnapped by Honduran fishermen in Bahamian waters.

He has survived three coups d’état, a planned kidnapping and hostile situations while serving in various diplomatic posts in the United States and the Caribbean.

“It takes a special commitment to serve in any foreign service,” said Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Dr Patricia Rodgers. “As a Foreign Service Officer, Carlton has served this country well.”

She described him as “an effective diplomat” who was able to grasp the lifestyle and thinking of the people of his host country.

Mr Wright, 64, joined the Public Service on October 10, 1972 and actually considered

leaving early in his career.

Luckily, he was persuaded by a colleague not to submit his resignation letter, and went on to have a very rewarding career.

“My career has been very fruitful. The Public Service is not perfect; I think we can improve it.”

“But I have found it very, very rewarding, especially in my area, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where I have spent most of my career,” he said.

“Being at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs affords one the opportunity to work overseas and to interact with the movers and shakers of the world. I have met presidents, prime ministers and other heads of state.

“I have enjoyed it immensely. I enjoyed going to work; it was a very pleasant experience,” he said.

Mr Wright studied Spanish and French in Spain and France respectively; and earned degrees in those languages from the La Sierra University in Southern California.

He was also amongst the



DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER and Minister of Foreign Affairs Brent Symonette addressing the retirement dinner held for Carlton Wright, under-secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, at the Paul Farquharson Centre on Friday, October 7.

first officers selected to pursue focused training in international relations at the Insti-

tute of International Relations in St Augustine, Trinidad.



GUESTS ATTENDING the retirement dinner. Front row, from left: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Brent Symonette; Anita Bernard, Secretary to the Cabinet; Audrey Wright; and Carlton Wright.

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LOCAL NEWS

# WELCOMING THE POLITICIANS OF TOMORROW



**GOVERNOR GENERAL** Sir Arthur Foulkes and Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture Charles Maynard welcomed participants in the latest Youth Parliament for a courtesy call at Government House on October 21.



**THE YOUTH MP** for Golden Gates, Andre Kelly, makes his contribution in the House of Assembly, left.

Photos: Patrick Hanna/BIS



Danielle Wilson, MP for Cat Island, speaks in the House.

Death Notice  
**Maria Theresa Wells, 72**



Maria Wells of Winton Meadows quietly passed away at the Princess Margaret Hospital after a long illness on Saturday, 22nd October, 2011.

Beloved wife of Eric Wells, and much loved and loving mother of Theresa Turnquest, Richard Roberts (deceased), Janice Roberts, Donna Darville, Michelle Roberts and Erica Wells Cox; and Leslie Wells, Sandra Wells Carmona and Eric Wells Jr. (deceased).

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Colin Higgs  
Permanent Secretary

LOCAL NEWS

# MAGAZINE PREDICTS FNM WILL WIN IN 2012 ELECTION

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ular among much of the population.

"We forecast growth to pick up in 2012-13, although the more pessimistic outlook for the global economy and particularly the US, which will impact negatively on tourism, will hamper more rapid growth.

"We expect activity to expand by 1.8 per cent in 2011 and 2.3 per cent in 2012. Growth will pick up further thereafter, in line with more benign global conditions.

"Stronger growth will boost tax receipts, but spending will increase in the run-up to next year's election, causing the fiscal deficit to widen to 3.5 per cent of GDP in fiscal year 2011/12.

"The current-account deficit will start to narrow in 2012, as an easing of commodity prices offsets a rise in demand for imports."

The report also spoke of the government's efforts to crack down on crime, noting that on October 3, Mr Ingraham announced the establishment of two new courts to deal with crimes relating to drugs and illegal firearm possession, and a 30-day gun amnesty programme.

It said: "The ability of magistrates to hand down tougher sentences has also been strengthened, with the possi-

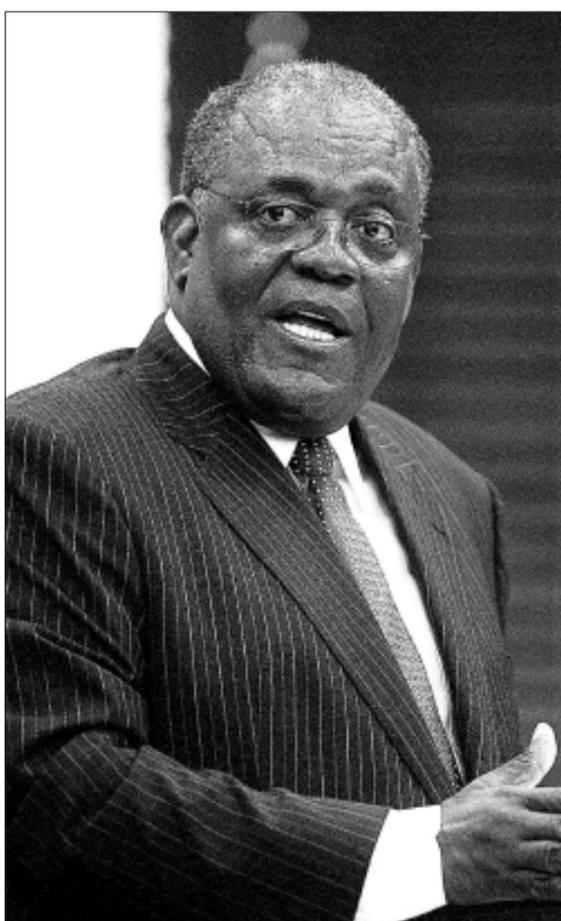
bility of sentencing offenders — including those on drugs and weapons charges — to up to seven years in prison (raised from five years previously).

"Mr Ingraham also announced that amendments to the Firearms Act and the Dangerous Drugs Act are in the planning stage and that new legislation will strengthen law enforcement powers to address the sale of stolen goods and the proceeds of crime via third parties."

The Intelligence Unit described the new measures as "long overdue".

The unit said: "Considering the country's heavy dependence on tourism, there is widespread concern over the impact that such a deterioration in the security situation will have on the struggling economic recovery."

When informed of the report, FNM chairman Carl Bethel said: "While I have not seen it, let me say that we welcome any confidence from *The Economist* or other well respected institution, and are gratified that after examining our record the Intelligence Unit came to the same conclusion that we have: that the Bahamian people respect the good governance of the FNM and will reward it in the next general election."



THE ECONOMIST magazine makes mention of the law enforcement amendments being introduced by Prime Minister before concluding that Bahamians will vote the FNM back into office in next year's general election

# CALL TO TARGET RINGLEADERS

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people taken into custody after being found in a boat just off the coast were being smuggled through the Bahamas to the United States.

They said the 30-foot single engine vessel is registered to a Bahamian man, and was being run by a Bahamian crew who abandoned their passengers to drift at sea when the boat broke down.

A number of observers are said to be concerned that the Bahamians involved will not be prosecuted for their part in the incident, as this is the second time the boat has been impounded under similar circumstances, but charges have yet to be brought.

One source said: "It's terrible that after their lives were risked and they were abandoned at sea, these immigrants will now pay the consequences of their actions, but the Bahamians involved will not be dealt with."

It is claimed that the only reason authorities were ever alerted to the plight of the 14 immigrants was because one of them had a cell phone and happened to report that they were stranded at sea.

"The Bahamians caught a dingy and left. Only because

one of the persons onboard had a phone were the police notified," one source said.

Attempts to confirm these claims and get more information from Assistant Port Controller Shannondor Evans were fruitless.

When contacted by a reporter, Mr Evans said: "I work with (Assistant Superintendent of Police) Clarence Reckley, I do not work with you."

"For you to have that information from me, he (Clarence Reckley) would have to request that information from me and then I don't care what he does with the information after that."

However, Mr Reckley could not be contacted.

Director of Immigration Jack Thompson could only confirm a vessel had been intercepted.

He said: "Due diligence will be carried out by Immigration. We are investigating."

A press statement from the Royal Bahamas Police Force issued on Saturday said an unknown caller contacted the police control room reporting that a boat was out of fuel and drifting a few miles southwest of Grand Bahama. Shortly after 6am, Defence Force officers intercepted the boat.

On board were five Haitians, five Brazilians, three Sri Lankans and one Chilean, who were all in good health.

# FAMILIES LEFT IN TEARS AFTER MURDERS

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the victim was standing in front of his residence, when he was approached by a gunman wearing a white mask

and dark clothing. The victim ran for his life, but was shot multiple times. He died at the scene.

His identity has not yet been released, but sources

say he is Kastico Akeem Nabbie, 22, of Deliverance Way.

Police are appealing to members of the public who might have information on

these two homicides, to contact them at 911, 919, the Central Detective Unit at 502-9991, 502-9910 or Crime Stoppers at 328-TIPS.

# MAN MAY HAVE KILLED HIMSELF

A 43-YEAR-OLD man is believed to have committed suicide in Exuma.

Police are investigating the death of Michael Smith, who was found hanging from a tree on Sunday.

According to investigators, Mr Smith was known to suffer from mental illness, and as a result, foul play is not suspected at this time.

It is believed that Mr Smith took his own life after he was refused shelter from family members on the island.

Mr Smith's body was found hanging from a tree near the Airport Road in the area of the strike force base around 5.30pm.

Investigations are continuing.

# SHOOTING VICTIM NAMED

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before he was shot. Hill had an extensive police record and was charged with crimes ranging from stealing to assault.

According to police sources, Hill was a member of Dion "Emperor" Knowles' gang.

The infamous Fox Hill gang leader was knocked off his trail motorbike at the roundabout at Milo Butler Highway and Faith Avenue,

police said. It is believed Knowles tried to run away but a gunman shot him a number of times. He died at the scene and became the country's 81st murder victim.

No one has been charged with Knowles' murder.

However, head of the Central Detective Unit, Paul Rolle said a number of people were arrested but due to lack of evidence no one has been charged. "We have taken a number

of persons into custody and questioned them but we do not have sufficient evidence so the matter is still under investigation.

"Ten persons were in custody based on information from the public. We took action but evidence is just not there."

Anyone with information that could assist police with both murders are asked to contact police at 911, CDU at 502-9991 and Crime Stoppers at 328-TIPS.

# MAN IN ASSAULT CASE DENIED BAIL

By LAMECH JOHNSON  
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A MAN was denied bail in Magistrate's Court yesterday after he was arraigned on charges of indecent assault, and firearm and ammunition possession.

Han Herman Rollins, 34, of Bacardi Road, who pleaded not guilty to the three charges, was denied bail by gun court Magistrate Joyanne Pratt-Ferguson because he has another matter before the courts.

According to the prosecution, the defendant was already on bail for a charge of possession of dangerous drugs with intent to supply.

Yesterday, Rollins appeared before Magistrate Pratt-Ferguson to be charged with sexually assaulting a 12-year-old girl.

He is also accused of being

in possession of a black Maverick shotgun and eight rounds of ammunition on Wednesday, October 19.

The prosecution argued that the defendant had violated his bail terms by being arrested for an offence similar to the one of which he was already accused.

Acknowledging the facts presented by the prosecution, his attorney Gregory Hilton disagreed that the charges are similar.

He also pointed out that his client "is presumed innocent of these charges".

Mr Hilton contended that one matter before another court is "not sufficient to deny the defendant bail".

He also pointed out that the first matter is near completion, having begun in 2009.

After reviewing the current Bail Act, the judge dis-

regarded Mr Hilton's argument, noting that the accused could be denied bail if he committed an offence while on bail, the punishment for which could exceed a year in jail.

Magistrate Pratt-Ferguson then asked Mr Hilton about his client's relation to the virtual complainant in the assault case and whether he lives nearby.

Mr Hilton replied that there was no familiar relations between the two, and that they were "totally foreign persons".

He also said there were no issues of proximity.

After hearing Mr Hilton's responses, the magistrate denied Rollins bail and remanded him to Her Majesty's Prison, Fox Hill.

The accused returns to Court 9 on February 22 and 27, 2012.

# MAN CHARGED WITH INDECENT ASSAULT ON MINOR

By DENISE MAYCOCK  
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FREETPORT — Police are expected to file criminal charges against a man who is accused of indecent assault of a minor.

Acting Assistant Commissioner of Police Emrick Seymour said police received a report last week concerning an alleged indecent assault of a female believed to be in her early teens.

He said that an adult male has been taken into custody for questioning in connection with the matter.

Mr Seymour said the suspect is not related to the victim.

"We have information that she may have been in the company of the suspect over a period of time.

"We feel positive with the investigations and we expect that charges will be filed soon in connection with the matter," he said.

ACP Seymour urged young persons to speak out if they are victims of a sexual assault.

"I want to advise young persons if they feel they are being disadvantaged by an adult in any sexual way to come forward, tell a parent or someone they trust who will contact the police.

"It is so sad when adults prey on young, unsuspecting persons in the community, but the police will take immediate action when we find such cases," he said.

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DATE	TIME	SESSION	TOPIC	SPEAKER	
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH	9:30am - 12:00noon	SESSION #1	"THE SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION FOR EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP"	- Dr. Jerry Horner	
	8:30am - 10:00pm		Registration (Lower Hotel Lobby)		
	10:00am - 11:00am		Formal Opening Ceremonies / Dignitaries / Opening Address		
	11:00am - 12:00noon	SESSION #2	"THE TOP QUALITIES OF THE 21ST CENTURY GLOBAL LEADER"	- Dr. Myles Munroe	
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH	12:00noon - 1:00pm	SESSION #3	"THE DYNAMICS OF EMERGING THIRD WORLD LEADERSHIP"	- TBA	
	1:30pm - 7:15pm		Lunch, Afternoon Break and Leadership Networking		
	6:00pm - 6:45pm		Delegates Orientation and Leadership Reception		
	7:15pm - 9:45pm	SESSION #4	Opening Plenary Session		
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH - TRACK #1 - PERSONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	8:00am - 9:00am	SESSION #5	"DISCOVERING PERSONAL PURPOSE"	- Dr. Myles Munroe	
	9:00am - 10:00am	SESSION #6	"CULTIVATING PASSION IN LEADERSHIP"	- Mr. Martin Williams	
	10:00am - 11:00am	SESSION #7	"CAPTURING AND CASTING PERSONAL VISION"	- Dr. Derek Grier	
	11:00am - 11:30am	Break			
	11:30am - 12:30pm	SESSION #8	"ACCOUNTABILITY & CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY IN LEADERSHIP"	- Dr. Richard Demeritte	
	12:30pm - 1:30pm	SESSION #9	"DEVELOPING PERSONAL DISCIPLINE, ETHICS AND VALUES"	- Mrs. Sylvia Jordan	
	1:30pm - 7:00pm		Lunch, Afternoon Break and Leadership Networking		
	7:00pm - 8:00pm		Free Time - Networking, Rest, Relaxation, Fellowship (Exhibition & Resources open)		
	8:00pm - 9:00pm	SESSION #10	"REDEFINING THE THIRD WORLD MENTALITY"	- Mr. Raphael Massiah	
		SESSION #11	"THE PRINCIPLE AND POWER OF MENTORING AND SUCCESSION"	- Dr. Myles Munroe	
	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH - TRACK #2 - CORPORATE LEADERSHIP	8:00am - 9:00am	SESSION #12	"THE POWER OF CORPORATE PURPOSE, MISSION AND VISION"	- Dr. Myles Munroe
9:00am - 10:00am		SESSION #13	"HOW TO SELECT YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM"	- Dr. Richard Pinder	
10:00am - 11:00am		SESSION #14	"EFFECTIVE PRINCIPLES FOR SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT"	- Mr. Jerome Edmondson	
11:00am - 11:30am		Break			
11:30am - 12:30pm		SESSION #15	"KEYS TO EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT"	- Mr. Leon Williams	
12:30pm - 1:30pm		SESSION #16	"THE PURPOSE AND ROLE OF CORPORATE CORE VALUES"	- Mrs. Beverley Saunders	
1:30pm - 2:30pm		Lunch			
2:30pm - 3:45pm		SESSION #17	LEADERSHIP SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS ***		
3:45pm - 7:30pm		Afternoon Break	- Networking, Rest, Relaxation, Fellowship (Exhibition & Resources open)		
7:00pm - 8:00pm		SESSION #18	"DEVELOPING PERSONAL CHARACTER"	- Dr. Myles Munroe	
8:00pm - 9:30pm		SESSION #19	21st CENTURY LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE (Global Leadership Discussion)		
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH - TRACK #3 - NATIONAL LEADERSHIP	8:00am - 9:00am	SESSION #20	"KEYS TO DEVELOPING A NATIONAL PURPOSE AND VISION"	- Dr. Myles Munroe	
	9:00am - 10:00am	SESSION #21	"THE ROLE OF NATIONAL IDEALS, VALUES AND MORALITY"	- Dr. Peter Morgan	
	10:00am - 11:00am	SESSION #22	"KEYS TO CULTIVATING NATIONAL UNITY & PRIDE"	The Hon. Zhiwago Liang	
	11:00am - 11:30am	Break			
	11:30am - 12:30pm	SESSION #23	"PRINCIPLES FOR NATIONAL DISCIPLINE & SOCIAL ORDER"	- Mr. Bertil Baird	
	12:30pm - 1:30pm	SESSION #24	"THE DIVINE MANDATE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY"	- Dr. Pepe Ramnath	
	1:30pm - 2:30pm	Break	- Leadership Networking, Exchange, Exhibitions open		
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Seminar # 1	"10 Steps To Starting A Business"		- Mr. Larry Jordan		
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Seminar # 3	"7 Keys To Securing An Managing Finances For Your Vision"		- Dr. Dwight Nichols		
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## CLICO CREDITORS FACE \$20M DEFICIT

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CLICO (Bahamas) creditors are facing a \$20.058 million solvency deficiency, a figure that has increased by almost \$6 million year-over-year, as the insolvent insurer's liquidator continues to work on the sale of its policy portfolio and the Government's \$30 million guarantee.

Craig A. 'Tony' Gomez, in his eighth report to the Supreme Court for the period to end-June 2011, disclosed that the failed life and health insurer had total assets worth \$45.569 million, and liabilities of \$65.628 million, creating a \$20.058 million solvency deficiency.

Based on those figures, CLICO (Bahamas) creditors will recover only 69.4 per cent of what is owed to them, meaning they will receive \$0.69 of every \$1 owed to them. That recovery rate, though, is dependent on Mr Gomez's asset recovery success, meaning the total

- \* Solvency gap widens by almost \$6m in one year
- \* IT concerns over policy portfolio sale to Colina
- \* 'Title deficiencies' hold up real estate sales
- \* Work continues on \$30m Gov't guarantee

sum recovered could either increase or decrease from current estimates.

As at end-June 2010, CLICO (Bahamas) assets were worth some \$45.885 million, its liabilities \$60.086 million, leaving Bahamian policyholders and creditors then looking at sharing in only an estimated \$14.201 million loss.

Key to kickstarting CLICO (Bahamas) liquidation into high gear is the successful sale of its main asset, the Florida-based Wellington Preserve real estate project, which accounted for 63 per cent of total assets. Mr Gomez has already raised \$10 million to pay off all US creditors through selling part of Wellington Preserve, and is attempting

to raise a further \$40 million from disposing of the remainder.

Another key is to transfer CLICO (Bahamas) remaining policy portfolio to another Bahamas-based insurer. The Baker Tilly Gomez accountant and partner, in his report to the Supreme Court, said efforts to achieve this had focused on migrating/transferring the technology platform previously used by the insolvent insurer back from Trinidad, home of its failed parent, to the Bahamas.

The report disclosed that some eight meetings on this subject, six of which had involved teleconferences between

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CRAIG GOMEZ

## FISHERMEN FACE GROWING THREAT

Boat owners hiring Dominicans to fish on their vessels

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THE Bahamas' fishing industry is facing a new threat, Tribune Business was told yesterday, with fishermen alleging that some Bahamian boat owners are employing Dominicans to fish in this nation's waters.

While poaching by Dominican fishermen has long been considered the greatest single threat to the Bahamas' fishing industry, local fishermen said yesterday that they now face a growing new threat.

"Our biggest threat now is not the poachers any more; it's the Dominican guys who used to be poachers. The Bahamians go there and bring them in as mechanics, engineers or general workers, and have them on these fishing boats diving as fishermen," Henry Bannister told Tribune Business yesterday.

"Some of these boats have as many as 20 Dominican workers on them, so the problem is not only out on the sea. Now the problem is that they are hiring these guys to work on their boat as handy men. The Bahamian boat owners are hiring these guys as labour force, yet you see them on the boats dressed in dive suits. The fishing laws state that fishing is reserved for Bahamian fishermen only. We don't need any foreign fishermen in our waters to fish, we can do it ourselves."

Fisherman Clay Sweeting told Tribune Business: "That's a big problem in the industry because fishing, according to the legislation, is for Bahamians. It has gotten to the point that mainly Dominicans are being hired by Bahamian fishermen to go and collect

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## TRUSTEE ACT'S REFORM 'BOLD, INNOVATIVE'

- \* Attorney says proposed amendments to make Bahamas 'more competitive' on estate planning
- \* Says 'most controversial' aspect creation of directed trusts
- \* Arbitration of trust disputes also permitted

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

THE proposed Trustee Act amendments were yesterday said to be a "bold and innovative" effort to make the Bahamas more competitive in its core estate planning/wealth management business, allowing the creation of 'directed trusts' and for trust disputes to be resolved by arbitration.

Addressing yesterday's Offshore Professional Conference, Heather Thompson, attorney and partner at Higgs & Johnson, said the proposed Trustee (Amendment) Bill 2011 was

designed to "strengthen the administrative powers in trust law" and make the Bahamian financial services industry "more competitive" with rival jurisdictions.

She also urged Bahamas-based financial services providers to have "more confidence" in marketing this nation, and its products and services, saying: "Sometimes we don't speak as highly of ourselves as we ought to."

The amendments to the Trustee Act 1998 are part of a three-strong package of legislation designed to strengthen the Bahamas' position in its 'bread and butter' estate planning sector, the other two pieces being the Purpose Trust (Amendment) Bill 2011 and the Rule Against Perpetuities (Abolition) Bill 2011.

Describing them all as "significant pieces of legislation" that she hoped would have become law by now, Ms Thompson said that possibly "the most controversial provision" in the Trustee (Amendment) Bill 2011 was the one providing for the introduction of directed trusts.

This is designed to give the trust settlor, referred to in the legislation as the 'power holder', more control over the trust's asset investment and manage-

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## FILM FESTIVAL'S \$15-\$18M PR BENEFITS



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THE Bahamas International Film Festival (BIFF) has generated between \$15 and \$18 million in public relations value for this nation over the past eight years, its executive director said yesterday.

"Over eight years we have accumulated between \$15 and \$18 million in public relations value," Leslie Vanderpool said. "We have been covered by the likes of Variety, CNN, Entertainment Tonight, and there's actual value that Roger and Cowan and Weber Shandwick has measured [in terms of] how much public relations value we bring to the Bahamas. The film festival has contributed to the tourism product."

Ms Vanderpool said plans for this year's festival, scheduled for

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## MIDDLE CLASS IS 'SLOWLY ERODING'

By NEIL HARTNELL  
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THE Bahamian middle class is "slowly eroding", the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation's (BCCEC) chairman agreed yesterday, adding that he was "not one bit surprised" that women now dominate New Providence's workforce.

Responding to the findings of the 2011 Labour Force and Household Income survey, Winston Rolle said the

- \* Chamber chief 'not one bit surprised' women dominating Nassau workforce
- \* Shows need to 'do more work' on Bahamian men

declining Bahamian middle class base had not reached the stage where it would be a concern, as the trend could still be reversed.

He expressed concern, though, that the growing trend of women dominating the Bahamian labour force - in both position as well as

numerically - indicated an urgency for this nation "to do more work with the young men" if it was to avoid the continuing build-up of major social and economic problems.

"That's not surprising," Mr

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# CHAMBER TO GET 'MORE AGGRESSIVE' ON HELD DESK

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THE RESPONSE to the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation's (BCCEC) recently-launched human relations and labour help desk has "not been good", Tribune Business was told yesterday, even though it was designed to reduce such costs by 20 per cent.

Ian Ferguson, manager of the Chamber Institute, said that as a result the Chamber was proposing to be

more aggressive with its offering. He told Tribune Business: "In regards to the community response, it has not been good at all. We may have had about two calls since we have opened the desk. Those were from persons who are just calling for basic information regarding some of the labour issues they would have had."

The BCCEC announced the introduction of its human resource and labour help desk last month as a new service for members and small, medium and large businesses. Members can request the assistance of a human

resource consultant to assess varying aspects of their talent management at greatly reduced rates.

Each company will receive a written assessment with recommendations to improve any deficiencies that would help strengthen their company and their employee relations.

Mr Ferguson added: "It's not something that really surprises us. We know that people are not always all that forthcoming in seeking the help they need, and sometimes you have to take the push approach and approach them and let them know the service is avail-

able."

Mr Ferguson said the Chamber was proposing to be more aggressive with its offering. "We are going to propose today that we more aggressively contact these businesses and say: 'Look we have these persons prepared to come in, do this diagnostic check up and then, with the information that's provided, you make the decisions'."

"Whether that is with face-to-face visits and/or telephone calls to company executives, we will be making an attempt to schedule a time for the diagnostic check-up, which is a step

on in the process. From there, hopefully, they will see the need."

"Once we make some of these developmental gaps glaringly clear to them, hopefully they make the decision to employ the services of some of these individuals. We know most of them don't have a vision mission statement. We know most of them don't have employee handbooks and manuals."

"We also know that most of them don't conduct company training orientations and some of the critical things we are offering."

## FISHERMEN FACE GROWING THREAT

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the product for them, where they are only paying them maybe \$20 a day. The money isn't going into our country; it's going back to Dominica."

Another fisherman, who chose not to be named, told Tribune Business: "The people who own the boats would rather pay Dominicans to go on the boats, rather than pay Bahamians. What they don't realise is that they pay the Dominicans to go out fishing during our season, and when the season closes they go back home and come back on other boats because they already know where everything is. They fish all summer."

Mr Bannister also said fishermen have often times been left in a vulnerable position when seeking to sell crawfish because the buyers set the price.

"The buyers are setting the price. I think that's bad. I think the fishermen should come together set a price and the fish house buy at that price," he added.

Mr Sweeting noted: "The buyers, they set their prices according to the market value. Bahamian fishermen can go on a website with a subscription and see the current market value, and that they can argue if their price is too low or too high. When you offload your lobster you get a set price from the buyer. Now whether you want to go to a different buyer, that's up to you."

## FIRSTCARIBBEAN CHIEF VISITS THE BAHAMAS



FIRSTCARIBBEAN International Bank's newly-appointed regional chief executive, has visited Bahamian government ministers and regulators on a tour of the bank's operations that encompassed branches and operating units.

Rik Parkhill was joined by the bank's executive chairman, Michael Mansoor, and Bahamas managing director, Marie Rodland-Allen.

In remarks to staff, Mr Parkhill said his immediate agenda would be to concentrate on positioning the bank for future growth and client satisfaction.

TOP. Pictured L to R, are: Michael Mansoor, executive chairman, and Marie Rodland-Allen, managing director for the Bahamas and the Turks & Caicos Islands, both of CIBC FirstCaribbean, Prime Minister Hubert A. Ingraham and Rik Parkhill, CIBC FirstCaribbean's chief executive

MIDDLE. Pictured L to R are: Michael Mansoor, executive chairman, CIBC FirstCaribbean; minister of state for finance, Zhivargo Laing; Marie Rodland-Allen, managing director for the Bahamas and the Turks & Caicos Islands; and Rik Parkhill, chief executive, both of CIBC FirstCaribbean.

BOTTOM. Pictured L to R are: Marie Rodland-Allen, managing director for the Bahamas and the Turks & Caicos Islands, and chief executive Rik Parkhill, both of CIBC FirstCaribbean; Wendy Craig, Governor of the Central Bank of the Bahamas; and Michael Mansoor, executive chairman, CIBC FirstCaribbean.

## OIL EXPLORER CLOSES 3D DATA ACQUISITION

A BAHAMAS-BASED oil exploration company has completed the acquisition phase of its 3D seismic programme has been completed.

The Bahamas Petroleum Company said a final total area of 3,075 square kilometres had been surveyed, after the search was expanded following encouraging early results and good data quality.

The Bahamas Petroleum Company had earlier raised \$43.3m, net of costs, to pursue its technical programmes, including £23 million on the acquisition and processing of a 3D seismic survey by CGG Veritas.

Simon Potter, Bahamas Petroleum's chief executive, said: "Completion of this 3D survey using CGG's most up-to-date technology over the most southern four blocks in the company's portfolio is a major milestone in the continuing risk reduction work programme undertaken by the company."

"Processing and interpretation of this data will refine and reinforce conclusions drawn from the initial 2D survey over the same area, and allow the definition of individual structures which will be screened as targets for future drilling activities."

"Early indications from the preliminary interpretation on the results are encouraging, and we look forward to updating the market once comprehensive analysis has been completed."

The Bahamas Petroleum Company said the data acquisition has been completed on time and on budget, despite the additional area surveyed and precautionary delays caused by the close passage of hurricanes.

Processing has already begun, with initial indications that the data sets are of high quality, it added.

Preliminary results are expected to be available early in New Year 2012, and will allow the Bahamas Petroleum Company to gain a better understanding of the complete section of undersea structures.

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Mr Gomez, the buyer's IT department and Clico Trinidad, had been held between May-June 2011.

"A buyer has been identified to assume CLICO's life, health and pension policies, and the buyer is continuing its due diligence procedures," Mr Gomez said. "On May 31, 2011, I met with the proposed buyer to discuss the progress of the December 31, 2010, actuarial valuation and also discussed IT matters."

"The due diligence process is in the final stages of completion with regard to the local insurer for the assumption of the company's life, health and pension policies."

The migration, and IT solution, for bringing all the back office policy/accounting data back to the Bahamas is critical for both Mr Gomez and the proposed buyer, understood to be Colina Insurance Company. The former needs to reconcile the data with his records and make sure everything is in order before the portfolio transfer, while Colina wants a smooth transfer to eliminate any risk on its part.

CLICO (Bahamas), as at June 30, 2011, consisted of 14,728 policies with a sum assured worth \$1.313 billion. Their collective surrender value was \$19.368 million. Between April 1, 2011, and end-June, some 215 policies - 209 life, six health - had been surrendered by policyholders.

The IT migration/conversion has also involved discussions with the Ministry of Finance, Mr Gomez writing of the June 15 meeting between himself, government officials and the Ministry of Finance: "We also requested an update on talks between the Bahamas and Trinidad's government officials to ensure that adequate time is given to Clico to address the conversions of the data."

Mr Gomez said he was also awaiting from the Attorney General's Office a first draft of the \$30 million guarantee the Government was expected to provide to cover the likely liquidation shortfall. The Government is to be reimbursed by funds recovered from the sale of CLICO (Bahamas) assets.

Elsewhere, Mr Gomez said the sale of Centreville Medical Centre, located on Collins Avenue and Gibbs Corner, together with six properties located on Sears Hill, were progressing.

"The completion of the two real estate sales has been protracted as a result of having to address numerous title deficiencies," Mr Gomez said.

"The closing of the sale of the properties in Sears Hill is being delayed pending the resolution of two judgments, which are outside the statutory period, and payment to the

opposing counsel's costs related to these judgments.

"The closing of the Centreville Medical Centre sale is being delayed by a tenant, whom has not vacated the building," Tribune Business understands the Centreville Medical Centre sale has been concluded.

The sale of CLICO (Bahamas) Golden Gates property, though, had not progressed due to the prospective buyer's failure to pay a deposit.

Meanwhile, FirstCaribbean International Bank (Bahamas) \$363,215 claim, representing the balance on mortgage loans owed to it, had been added to the creditor list. It will be settled by the sale of real estate assets covered by the mortgages.

Mr Gomez said he was still attempting to enforce the \$58 million guarantee that CLICO (Bahamas) had received in its favour from its Trinidad parent, CL Financial.

He added, though, that a preliminary assessment suggested intercompany loan balances owed to CLICO (Bahamas) from related parties were "not considered collectible" for the benefit of Bahamian creditors.

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December 1-4, are going well. "There are 60 films from 26 countries that are going to be shown this year. Thirty of those films are short films, and the films that are being hosted at Galleria JFK are all free," she added.

"There are 58 films that will be free this year, all except for the opening and closing night films at Atlantis, which are December 1 and December 4."

She added: "We have different films, different film makers coming in. We have a career achievement tributee, new venues and new films."

Ms Vanderpool said that the festival's impact on Bahamian film makers has been invaluable. "You can't put a value on it; local film makers like Kareem Mortimer have had their films go around the world," she said.

"This is an invaluable opportunity for Bahamians and the Bahamas. It also provides the youth with career opportunities to see that they can use their talents towards the arts."

The Bahamas International Film Festival is a non-profit organisation that provides the Bahamian community and international visitors with a diverse presentation of films from around the world.

# CONSTRUCTION JOBLESS RATE 'MORE LIKE 25%'

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

THE Bahamian Contractors Association's (BCA) president yesterday estimated that between 20-25 per cent of construction workers had suffered unemployment at the recession's height, as he called for a renewed housing industry focus to get "50 per cent of those idle contractors" building again.

Responding to the Department of Statistics' 2011 Labour Force and Household Income survey, which said construction industry employment declined by 18 per cent between 2009 and 2011, Godfrey Forbes said this in his view was an underestimate of the recession's impact on the sector.

Estimating that between one in five and one in four Bahamas-based construction workers became unemployed at the height of the economic downturn, Mr Forbes told Tribune Business of the Department's report: "I'd think it would be even more than that. I think it's dropped more than 18 per cent."

## Housing revival 'paramount' to employ 70-75% of contractors 'geared' to single family homes

The BCA president referred to recently-released data from the Ministry of Works Building Control division, which showed that construction starts and their collective worth declined by 48.7 per cent, and 69.5 per cent, respectively, between 2008-2010 as a better gauge of the blow felt by the construction industry.

"I think the percentage decline would be a little greater. I believe it was a bit more than 18 per cent," Mr Forbes reiterated. "It was pretty close to 20-25 per cent. I believe it was more like 25 per cent."

The construction industry is vital to the Bahamian economy and society in terms of providing employment, and reasonable income, for the thousands of semi-skilled and unskilled workers in the Bahamian labour force.

It is also a key employer of young Bahamians, and the Labour Force Survey found that 32 per cent of the unemployed were aged under 25 years-old. More than one in four young Bahamians are currently unemployed, the survey pegging 'youth' unemployment at 27.5 per cent in 2011, up from 26.2 per cent in 2009.

Mr Forbes, meanwhile, acknowledged that the Bahamian construction industry was experiencing a recovery, aided by employment and work opportunities provided by the likes of the \$2.6 billion Baha Mar project and the ongoing New Providence Road Improvement Project.

"There's definitely some signs of recovery taking place, no question about that," the BCA president told Tribune Business.

"We're basically looking at the coming year for a few projects to come on stream and going operational."

"One of which we expect to be the Critical Care block at the Princess Margaret Hospital. We expect that to come on stream, go ahead and create a fair amount employment for Bahamian workers out there. There are things beginning to take place right now as it relates to activity in the construction industry."

Mr Forbes added: "The fact the construction industry is the number three industry in the country in terms of revenue generation, it's important for us to get it moving again."

"When it comes to the labour standards in the country, there are a fair amount of people out there with the skills to perform in the construction industry. We really need to get them active again. We have a crime situation that seems to be out of control, and this is something we have to be mindful of. When people do not get opportunities for legal employment they find other ways

and means to earn an income, although I don't want to justify criminal activity."

The BCA president told Tribune Business it was "paramount" to get the Bahamian housing market, both government homes and private developers, moving again given that 70-75 per cent of Bahamian contractors were geared towards single family home construction.

"The majority of our contractors in this country are geared towards building single family homes," Mr Forbes said. "The housing industry has been flat for the past two-three years, and we need to get some stimulus in the housing industry."

"Once that becomes active and vibrant again, it will cater to 70-75 per cent of the construction industry in terms of activity out there. If we can find work to get 50 per cent of those persons who are idle right now going, and get some activity in that area, we will do something not just for the economy but for homeowners who have to cater to their families, too."

## BFSB UNVEILS ITS NOMINEES

THE Bahamas Financial Services Board (BFSB) has unveiled the nominees for its 11th anniversary Industry Excellence Awards.

The 2011 Nominees are:

**Achiever of the Year**

\* Alec F. Rolle, account officer, BSI Overseas (Bahamas) Ltd.

\* Dexter C.L. Bodie, mortgage specialist, RBC FINCO

\* Genesta Jackson, credit officer, Commonwealth Bank (Freeport Main Branch)

\* Keitra Pratt, portfolio manager, UBS (Bahamas) Ltd.

\* Sharon A. LaFleur, Jr. relationship manager, Julius Baer Bank & Trust (Bahamas).

**Professional of the Year**

\* Steve Davis, director, head trust control, UBS (Bahamas)

\* Denise K.M. Allen-Pinder, branch support officer, RBC FINCO

\* Donna Tynes, manager, client care, RBC Royal Bank of Canada (Freeport Branch)

\* Duhiza T. Swaby-Smith, senior compliance officer, Banque Privée Edmond de Rothschild

\* Elwood H. Bonimy, chief financial officer, The Private Trust Corporation.

\* Kenrick L. Brathwaite, senior, assistant vice-president, internal audit and credit inspection, Commonwealth Bank

\* Kevin G. Cambridge, director, insolvency services, PricewaterhouseCoopers

**Mentor of the Year**

\* Dave Smith, resident manager, BAC Bahamas Bank

\* Dorothy M. Hilton, managing director, SG Hambros Bank & Trust (Bahamas).

\* Vivian V.A. Mitchell-Selver, executive assistant, Commonwealth Bank

**Student of the Year**

\* Janeille R. Brathwaite - BBA, Business Management, College of the

Bahamas

\* Mandelia K. Morris - BBA, Banking and Finance, College of the Bahamas

The BFSB introduced its Industry Excellence Awards Programme in 2001, in collaboration with the industry associations, to recognise excellence in performance amongst industry practitioners.

The Association of International Banks & Trust Companies in the Bahamas (AIBT) joined forces with the BFSB in 2010 to enhance the profile of the annual Financial Services Industry Excellence Award for the 'Achiever of the Year'.

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Rolle said of the survey's finding that women now account for 51 per cent of New Providence's workforce. "It doesn't surprise me one bit.

"I see it every day as I go through corporate Bahamas and meet with persons in corporate Bahamas. Women not only outnumber men in the workforce, but are beginning to climb in the decision-making process as well. It's just a sign of the times."

The Chamber chairman said the trend of increasing 'female dominance' in the Bahamian workforce had its foundation in wider educational and social issues.

"I think what we're seeing is [reflective] of what's happening in the school system, in that young men are not excelling academically and not entering the workforce as prepared as the young ladies," Mr Rolle told Tribune Business.

"It just goes to show how we have to do more work with the young men to get them into the system..... When you speak with the major employers, they say they find the women more reliable and attentive, and more interested in what's going on, compared to the young men."

The work done by Bahamas-based economist, Ralph Massey, both for the Coalition for Education Reform in 2005 and his later The Learning Crisis essay, illustrated the 'male education problem' that is now spilling over into the workforce and the data gathered by the Department of Statistics.

Noting the "profound male academic performance gap", Mr Massey's 2005 work noted that in 2004 girls wrote 13,350 BGCSE exams compared to 8,745 for boys, while 2,368 girls attained 'A' and 'B' grades compared to 1,240 boys.

Describing this as "so important to the nation that it warrants a drastic and innovative solution", Mr Massey - both in 2005 and his later report - urged the creation of an 'All-Male Laboratory School'.

This is why the number of women in the Bahamian labour force increased by 5.3 per cent over the two-year period between 2009-2011, the number of men growing by just 1.4 per cent.

Over the same period, 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, experienced by their male counterparts," the Department of Statistics said.

"Informal activities tend to be concentrated in the retail industry, a subgroup 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."

Mr Rolle, meanwhile, yesterday told Tribune Business that the findings were "obviously concerning from a social aspect as well". Given that women were traditionally the 'homemakers', their increasingly prominent role in the workforce raised questions of who was taking care of raising the children at home.

"The concern from the social side is that women do not have as much time in the home," the Chamber chairman added. "When the children are older, that's not a major problem.

"A major reason why young men are not engaged is because they do not have meaningful role models in their lives to show the need for them to work hard and have a strong education. The young women are seeing it on a daily basis for the most part, and that's why they're going at that rate.

"What happens in the home, or does not happen in the home, ends up in the workplace. We have to be mindful of these things." The end result, of course, is lower worker productivity and relatively high labour costs com-

pared to competing jurisdictions.

The 2011 Labour Force and Household Income survey also provided evidence of 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.

While the wealthiest 20 per cent of Bahamian households saw their share of national income increase slightly between 2009 and 2011, for the remaining 80 per cent their share all declined.

Dividing Bahamian society into five 'wealth segments', the Department of Statistics report showed 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.

"That is one of the concerns that have been raised in several forums, that we have an eroding middle class, and one of the reasons we're seeing it is because we don't have a high degree of entrepreneurship, where persons start a business with strong foundations and grow steadily to become a bigger business, elevating them from the middle class to the next," Mr Rolle said.

"It's part of the whole cycle that has to be addressed, ensuring people have all the resources - human, financial, technical or other - to start and grow a business to have some longevity."

Pointing out that 'middle class erosion' was no bad thing if persons were graduating to higher classes in Bahamian society, Mr Rolle nevertheless agreed: "I think it [the middle class] is slowly eroding. I don't think it's at the point where we need to be concerned, as there's still an opportunity to change this.

"We need to have a more skilled workforce, so people unable to become employed are otherwise able to establish their own business or provide their own services through self-employment and those sorts of things."

# TRUSTEE ACT'S REFORM 'BOLD, INNOVATIVE'

## FROM page one

ment strategy, Ms Thompson explaining the Bahamas had "no choice" but to enact this amendment given international client demand for it.

Recalling her discussions with Sir Geoffrey Johnstone over the 1998 Trustee Act, legislation she believed was trustee-friendly, Ms Thompson said her "mentor" disagreed, believing it was weighted in favour of settlors.

The reason for this, he explained, was because "trustees were put under pressure to provide certain services included in the trust structure, and yet trustee responsibilities were so onerous that there must be some form of" reform.

## Demand

As a result, and with settlors wanting their trusts to operate in certain ways, and to have specific powers, the Bahamas needed to accommodate this demand by putting directed trusts "into legislation".

"We've found that although reserved powers trusts have been very successful, we have a lot of competition from the US, Delaware in particular, and trust companies in those jurisdictions were saying: 'When are you going to do something?'" Ms Thompson said.

Settlors, who wanted to direct something but not use their reserve powers, were shying away from using the Bahamas but, Ms Thompson said, this nation also wanted to protect trustees "when the rubber hits the road" - such as when trust investments went bad.

"We felt we had no choice but to provide for directed trusts in our legislation," she explained, "to provide for the needs of [clients] and make ourselves more competitive."

The Bill, Ms Thompson said, protects Bahamas-based trustees from liability if they follow - or do no more than follow - directions given to them in relation to a directed trust. They "do not have the traditional duties of monitoring an investment or taking responsibility" for it, she added.

Even if trustees had "great concerns" over something they were directed to do, Ms Thompson said that unlike a traditional trust they would not have to "go to court to get directions" in the case of a directed trust.

Following such directions would be more than enough to meet their obligations, she added. The only exception was if trustees had prior knowledge that the directions were dishonest, but they had no duty to make inquiries as to whether this was so.

"It is meant to be drafted so that it's difficult for the trustee to have knowledge that an actual direction is dishonest," the Higgs & Johnson partner added.

## Power

"Our legislation does not deal with whether the power holder is going to be a fiduciary or not," Ms Thompson said. "In Delaware, it provides that the power holder is a fiduciary. In the Bahamas, it will be up to the trust draftsman to decide whether the person holding the power in a personal capacity or a fiduciary."

Another Bill provision was the inclusion of a new section allowing arbitration to resolve disputes involving Bahamas-based trusts. Ms Thompson described this as potentially the "most exciting" amendment, explaining that "even 10 years ago, people were very keen on having trust disputes arbitrated".

This, she said, was because of the perception that arbitration would save on the time and money involved in going through the court system, and maintain confidentiality associated with the trust's affairs.

"Hopefully, the timeliness will improve, and there may be concerns the courts do not necessarily have the expertise to deal with particular types of dispute," Ms Thompson said.

"To be fair, in the Bahamas we have at least one judge very familiar with trust matters, and if a matter came before him I feel he would very comfortably deal with it." She described "some of the judges", though, as being "more generalist" and not specialists in trust law.

"It's not that judges can't grapple with matters, but maybe it's not as speedily and it depends on which judge the matter is set before," Ms Thompson said.

The inclusion of the arbitration clause, though, would be "a very good factor in choosing the Bahamas" when clients went through their jurisdiction check-lists and comparisons, the Higgs & Johnson partner said.

She acknowledged, though, that "there have been concerns about putting an arbitration clause in the trust document".

Among the questions were whether arbitration would "oust the jurisdiction of the courts", and whether decisions would be binding and the likelihood they could be enforced. Another issue was how the interests of unborn beneficiaries would be represented.

And Joe Field, senior regional partner at the Withers law firm for Asia, warned that New York statutes made arbitration in trust disputes "ultra vires" or illegal.

## INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (No. 45 of 2000)

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Mr. John Benjamin Foster  
Authorized signatory  
for and on behalf of  
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Liquidator

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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%	
7.50	4.40	Bank of Bahamas	6.93	6.93	0.00	0.230	0.100	30.1	1.44%	
0.53	0.17	Benchmark	0.18	0.18	0.00	-0.048	0.000	N/M	0.03%	
2.84	2.55	Bahamas Waste	2.70	2.70	0.00	0.030	0.090	90.0	3.33%	
1.10	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%	
3.0248	2.9020	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	3.0248	2.9374	-0.0874	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	5.35	Finco	5.35	5.35	0.00	0.757	0.000	7.1	0.00%	
9.45	7.75	FirstCaribbean Bank	8.14	8.14	0.00	0.494	0.350	16.5	4.30%	
6.00	5.00	Foocal (8)	5.33	5.33	0.00	0.435	0.220	12.3	4.13%	
114.1289	99.00	Foocal Global Bond Fund	114.0922	114.0922	0.00	0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
7.30	5.58	ICD Utilities	7.30	7.30	0.00	-0.122	0.240	-59.8	3.29%	
10.80	9.80	J. S. Johnson	9.82	9.82	0.00	0.880	0.640	11.2	6.52%	
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate	10.00	10.00	0.00	1.207	0.200	8.3	2.00%	
BISX LISTED DEBT SECURITIES - (Bonds trade on a Percentage Pricing basis)										
52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Last Sale	Change	Daily Vol.	Interest	Maturity		
99.46	99.46	Bahamas Note 6.95 (2029)	BAH29	99.46	0.00		6.95%	20 November 2029		
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00		7%	19 October 2017		
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022		
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00		7%	30 May 2013		
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015		
RoyalFidelity Merchant Bank & Trust Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)										
52wk-HI	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
10.05	5.01	Bahamas Supermarkets	N/A	N/A	14.00		-2.945	0.300	N/M	0.03%
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.55		0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%
CFAL Securities Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)										
41.00	28.00	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		
1.6128	1.5289	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	3.0248	2.9374	3.94%	2.981382	2.952663	31-Jul-11		
2.7202	2.5398	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.6151	2.61%	4.53%	1.591803	1.580804	5-Aug-11		
13.8493	13.2291	Royal Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	2.5730	-5.41%	-9.79%			30-Jun-11		
114.1289	99.00	Royal Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.7347	2.82%	1.94%			31-Jul-11		
118.4255	101.6693	CFAL Global Bond Fund	114.0922	2.35%	13.88%	114.128861	111.469744	10-Jun-11		
1.1749	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.18277	3.59%	4.94%	116.580785	115.762221	30-Jun-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		
9.9952	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	Protected TIGRS, Series 3	8.6507	3.01%	18.38%			31-Jul-11		
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Previous Close - Previous day's weighted price for daily volume										
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## BUSINESS

# GERMAN OFFICIALS: BAILOUT FUND WILL TOP \$1.4 TRILLION

BERLIN  
Associated Press

THE EUROZONE bailout fund will see its firepower increased to more than euro1 trillion (\$1.39 trillion) to enable it to contain the debt turmoil that threatens to rip apart the 17-nation eurozone, according to German lawmakers briefed Monday by Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Eurozone governments hope the euro440 billion (\$600 billion) European Financial Stability Fund, or EFSF, will be able to protect countries such as Italy and Spain from being engulfed in the debt crisis.

To do that, however, it needs to be bigger or see its lending powers magnified.

Frank-Walter Steinmeier, parliamentary leader of the opposition Social Democrats, and Greens leaders Cem Oezdemir and Juergen Trittin said the chancellor informed them that the EFSF's lending powers will be boosted significantly.

"There will be a leveraging of the EFSF. It is clear that this leveraging will be around a level beyond 1 trillion (euro)," Trittin told reporters outside the chancellery in Berlin.

That would be achieved through a combination of measures. The fund would insure investors against a percentage of possible losses on eurozone government bonds and the plan also involves the participation of outside organizations such as sovereign wealth funds and the International Monetary Fund, Trittin said.

## Progress

The chancellor briefed lawmakers Monday about the progress of the eurozone rescue plans following last weekend's European Union summit.

Because of the move's significance, members of Merkel's party proposed that the change receive full parliamentary approval on Wednesday — although it would have been enough

for the parliament's budget committee to approve the plan.

Volker Kauder, the parliamentary leader of Merkel's conservative bloc, said the decision to seek a vote was "nothing extraordinary" because "questions of fundamental significance must be decided in parliament."

Parliament is set to sign off on the eurozone rescue plans and the EFSF's new powers before Merkel gives the final green light at an EU summit in Brussels later Wednesday. The change looks likely to pass by a wide margin in parliament.

Beefing up the bailout fund is one part of a three-pronged eurozone plan to solve the crisis.

The other two parts are reducing Greece's debt burden so the country eventually can stand on its own and forcing banks to raise more money so they can take losses on the Greek debt and ride out the financial storm that will entail.

Greece's private bondholders agreed in July to accept losses of 21 percent on their holdings, and getting them to take deeper losses to lighten the country's debt load is proving particularly difficult.

Experts agree that Greece needs to write off more of its debt — German officials have said up to 50 or 60 percent — if it is ever to make it out of its debt hole.

But many also say such a deal with private creditors needs to be voluntary. Imposing sharp losses against the banks through a so-called haircut could trigger massive bond insurance payments that could cause panic on financial markets.

Charles Dallara, managing director of a global banking lobby group currently negotiating a wider Greek debt reduction with



GERMAN CHANCELLOR Angela Merkel, left, accompanies German finance minister Wolfgang Schäuble prior to a meeting of the party executive committee in Berlin Monday. (AP)

eurozone officials in Brussels, cautioned "there are limits to what could be considered as voluntary."

He insisted any approach not based on cooperative discussions but unilateral actions would be tantamount to a Greek default, isolating the country for years from capital markets.

"It would also likely have severe contagion effects, which would cost the European and the world economy dearly in terms of employment and growth," Dallara said in a statement.

## Markets

While European governments finalize their comprehensive plan, the European Central Bank has been taking on the role of firefighter by buying the bonds of financially weakened governments on the open market. That keeps the bond prices up and the

rates down, allowing the countries to borrow on financial markets at lower rates than they otherwise could.

The ECB said it bought euro4.5 billion (\$6.3 billion) in government bonds last week. That was up from euro2.2 billion the week before, bringing the total of sovereign bonds held by the ECB to euro169.5 billion.

The ECB hopes it will be able to stop the bond-buying program once the bailout fund's new powers are active.

French Finance Minister Francois Baroin said France, in a bid to "avoid tensions," has agreed to abandon its push to turn the EFSF into a sort of bank that would give it access to the ECB's unlimited source of money. The idea clashes with German traditions of economic management and fears of

printing money to pay for the governments' debt.

"We know that the Germans don't want this," Baroin said.

Differences between Germany and France have been blamed in part for the failure of talks last week and the EU summit Sunday to produce a comprehensive new plan to stem the eurozone's debt crisis.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy and Merkel put public pressure on Italian premier Silvio Berlusconi in Brussels on Sunday to implement new economic reforms.

But Berlusconi responded on Monday by saying "no one can nominate themselves commissioner" of the EU and "give lessons" to EU partners. Italy's banking system is stronger than that of France and Germany, he said.

However, Italy's Cabinet was holding an emergency meeting later Monday to discuss the new growth measures that Berlusconi promised to his EU counterparts.

Italy is considered to be one of the next weakest links in the eurozone after the three countries already bailed out — Greece, Ireland and Portugal.

Outgoing ECB president Jean-Claude Trichet, meanwhile, renewed his suggestion that in the long term Europe should consider creating a eurozone finance ministry that would stand above national ministries and police them.

"Increasingly, it seems that it is not too bold to consider a European finance ministry," he said in a speech in Berlin, according to the prepared text of his remarks.

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## BUSINESS

# FOR THE HOLIDAYS, PRICE MATTERS MORE THAN ANYTHING

NEW YORK  
Associated Press

FORGET style, quality and customer service. This holiday season, all that matters is price.

A week before Halloween and two full months before Christmas, stores are desperately trying to outdo each other in hopes of drawing in customers worn down by the economy.

Wal-Mart, the biggest store in the nation, joined the price wars Monday by announcing that it would give gift cards to shoppers if they buy something there and find it somewhere else cheaper.

Staples and Bed Bath & Beyond have already said they will match the lowest prices of Amazon.com and other big Internet retailers. Sears is going a step further, offering to beat a competitor's best price by 10 percent.

"The days of marketing the stuff in your store because it was a hot brand are over," says Dave Ratner, owner of Dave's Soda & Pet City, a Massachusetts pet food and supplies chain.

For the holidays, Ratner plans to offer 20 percent off pet accessories if customers buy a bag of dog food. Customers, he says, just want a deal.

Almost four years after the onset of the Great Recession, they've learned to expect one, too. In better times, retailers could afford to keep prices higher and use promises of higher quality and better service to lure people into stores.

Those days are over. In a recent poll of 1,000 shoppers by America's Research Group, 78 percent said they were more driven by sales than they were a year ago. During the financial meltdown in 2008, that figure was only 68 percent.

Wal-Mart last year went back to its "everyday low prices" roots, a bedrock

philosophy of founder Sam Walton, rather than slashing prices only on certain items to draw in customers. Now everyday low prices might not be low enough.

So it's trying something it is calling the Christmas Price Guarantee. It works this way: If you buy something at Wal-Mart from Nov. 1 to Dec. 25 and find the identical product elsewhere for less, you get a gift card in the amount of the difference.

The deal excludes online prices and some categories of merchandise — groceries, live plants, tobacco, prescription drugs and wireless devices that require a service agreement.

But it is good even if weeks pass between your purchase and spotting the better deal. And it applies even to big items like TVs, for which prices can drop steeply as Christmas approaches.

## Intensity

Duncan MacNaughton, chief merchandising officer for Wal-Mart's U.S. stores, told reporters Monday that he has noticed "much more promotional intensity and gimmicks" among competitors.

"This gives customers peace of mind that we are an advocate for them," he said.

Toys R Us' big book of holiday offers will be packed this year with \$8,000 of savings, compared with \$5,600 last year, said Bob Friedland, a company spokesman. And it has added an incentive this year: If customers who sign up for its loyalty program spend \$200 or more during the holiday season, they will get coupons on toys every month next year.

Retailers are responding to a customer base that is better informed, and more comfortable shopping online, than ever.

Jenna Wahl, a cardiac nurse from Bloomington, Ind., said she expects to spend about as much on holiday gifts this year as last — roughly \$500 — but will try to get more for her money.

She'll be asking stores to do more price-matching and plans to use her iPhone to check prices and download coupons.

"I will take things back in order to get the better deal," she said.

Wal-Mart left online prices out of its Christmas offer, but other stores have decided they may not have that luxury.

Staples, for example, is leaving it to the discretion of its store managers to decide whether to match online prices.

Sears' offer of beating a competitor by 10 percent will not apply to retailers that only do business online, such as Amazon, but will apply to prices that its brick-and-mortar competitors offer on their websites.

The holiday price wars mark an acceleration of a trend that has already swept the retail industry. Lowe's, the nation's No. 2 home improvement store, said in August it was starting to focus on everyday low prices for items that customers can easily compare in-store at rivals like Home Depot and Sears.

And J.C. Penney, the department store chain, said earlier this month that it plans to overhaul its pricing strategy starting in February. So far, it has kept the details a secret.

Wal-Mart stepped up its price matching in April by directing store employees to comb through competitors' advertisements so price matches at the register would be easier.

It has matched prices on the spot for several years — meaning that if you already have a lower price from a competitor, Wal-



IN THIS JUNE 20, 2011 FILE PHOTO, a Wal-Mart worker pulls carts at a Wal-Mart store in Pittsburg, Calif. A week before Halloween and two full months before Christmas, stores are desperately trying to outdo each other in hopes of drawing in customers worn down by the economy. Wal-Mart, the biggest store in the nation, joined the price wars Monday, Oct. 24, 2011, by announcing that it would give gift cards to shoppers if they buy something there and find it somewhere else cheaper. (AP)

Mart will match it. But that price match did not apply when customers discovered a lower price later.

In a survey of roughly 1,000 customers by Citi Investment Research & Analysis, shoppers also indicated it would take deeper discounts to get them to buy.

Two-thirds said it would take 30 to 50 percent off to entice them to buy, compared with a little more than half last year.

Amazon, which typically beats its competitors on prices anyway, does not appear to be backing down this time, either.

"We will have our hands on every Black Friday circular we can find so that we can meet or beat advertised deals on the products we carry," said Sally Fouts, an Amazon spokeswoman.

## NOTICE

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS  
IN THE SUPREME COURT  
Equity Side

No. 2280 of 2002

IN THE MATTER of the provisions of the Partition Act, Chapter 153.

AND IN THE MATTER of ALL THAT piece parcel or tract of land situate on the Southwestern side of the New Harrold Road Reservation in the western District of the Island of New Providence aforesaid comprising **Ninety-two and Thirty-three hundredths (92.33) acres** more or less and bounded Northwardly by land the property of the Bahamas Government Northeastwardly by the New Harrold Road Reservation leading to John F. Kennedy Drive Eastwardly partly by land the property of the Air Ministry partly by other land the property of Nassavian Limited partly by land formerly leased to the late Hedley Edwards and partly by land reserved for the Bahamas Geodetic Survey southwardly by Crown Land Westwardly partly by land now or formerly the property of The Caves Company Limited and partly by land now or formerly the property of G. A. and S. G. Bosfield which said piece parcel or tract of land has such position shape marks and dimensions as are shown on the diagram or plan attached to a Certificate of Title issued by the Supreme Court of the Bahama Islands to Nassavian Limited on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, A.D. 1970 and recorded in the Registry of Records in the City of Nassau in the said Island of New Providence in Volume 1582 at pages 182 to 185 and is delineated on that part which is coloured pink on the said diagram or plan.

BETWEEN

LESHELMARYAS INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED

Plaintiff

AND

- (1) KENNETH MCKINNEY HIGGS, SENIOR
- (2) PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF CLOTILDA HIGGS, DECEASED
- (3) ANNAMAE WOODSIDE
- (4) PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF JULIA LESLIE, DECEASED
- (5) MANUFACTURERS AGENTS LIMITED
- (6) PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF GOERGE NOTTAGE, DECEASED
- (7) OSBORNE HIGGS
- (8) PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF MONICA DELORES HIGGS, DECEASED

Defendants

TO: Monica Higgs Knowles

TO: The Personal Representative of the Estate of Clothilda Higgs

### NOTICE OF ADJOURNED HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the Order given by The Honourable Madam Justice Rhonda Bain YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the application for an Order to partition the property which is the subject of this Action was heard on 4th August A.D., 2011 before the Honourable Madam Justice Rhonda Bain a Judge of the Supreme Court, at the BAF Financial Centre, Marlborough Street and will now be heard on **Thursday 27th day of October A.D., 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon.**

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

MCKINNEY, TURNER & CO.  
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## HEALTH

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## health



## Body oils do the trick

By JEFFARAH GIBSON  
Tribune Features Writer

Why spend almost \$50 for a bottle of designer perfume when a similar scent can be purchased for just \$10 from a vendor on the side of the road?

For some Bahamians the choice is easy. Designer scents cost much more and do not always last as long as perfume oils.

"I love Pink Sugar (perfume). After I could not find the spray, I found someone who was selling the pink sugar oil. The Pink Sugar spray cost so much more than the oil so I stopped buying the spray and started buying the

oil. I love the oil because it stays on much longer than the spray. It does not come off until I scrub it off. Although the oils are much smaller, you only need a small amount to smell good, which means it will last longer," said Kelly Farrington.

Easy access, affordable prices and long-lasting scents have made perfume oils popular for Bahamians. But not all oils are equal, said Khalil Khalfani, founder and proprietor of Ashanti Oils. He advises Bahamians to exercise caution when purchasing "street oils."

Oils bought from some street vendors are duplicates of designer perfumes and because of their high concentration of alcohol they can sometimes have adverse

effects on the skin, said Mr Khalfani.

"All of the oils on the street are imitations of designer perfumes. Every major wholesaler, distributor and manufacturer of these oils has a chemist. When a new fragrance comes out the chemist dissects the perfume and is able to make synthetic fragrances from it. Some chemists are able to match the fragrances pretty close to the designer fragrance and sometimes they may miss the scent by one or two notes. The chemist might also make a new fragrance from the original perfume," he explained.

Mr Khalfani said unlike duplicate oils, essential oils are natural oils that carry the distinctive scent or essence of

a plant. They are used in a range of cosmetic products as massage oils or flavouring for food and drinks, and to add fragrance to perfumes, incense and household cleaning products. Essential oils are also used for medicinal purposes and aromatherapy.

While less expensive than designer perfumes, essential oils are more expensive than fragrance oils. They are generally produced by a process of distillation, using berries, leaves, seeds, flowers, bark, peel or other parts of a plant.

Rose oil is known to be one of the most popular and expensive essential oils. It is produced almost exclusively in countries like Bulgaria, Morocco, Iran and Turkey, and used widely in designer perfumes.

Castor oil is used as a laxative, while eucalyptus oil is used as antiseptic; black pepper oil is used for soothing muscle pain, and camphor oil is used for arthritis, coughs, fevers and other infectious diseases.

"(The perfume oils) are not high quality oils because they are chemically altered. Essential oils come from plants; you cannot make them in a lab," said Mr Khalfani.

In high concentrations, some essential oils can adversely affect the skin, so they are often diluted before direct application to the body.

"I do not like perfume oils because they are so concentrated and they make me sneeze. I like to use essential oils in candles and have the scent in my room. But I do

not like to put them on my skin," said Sally Adderly.

Spotting the difference between pure essence and imitation oils takes much time and experience, said Mr Khalfani.

"A person just getting into oils will probably not be able to tell the difference between the pure essences and duplicates. But there are things you can look out for if it is essential oils you are looking to purchase. If the oil does not last long, if it looks watered down and has a high concentration of alcohol, these are good indications that the oil is not pure. Also essential oils do not (always) come in the kind of bottles you usually see on the streets. They (usually) come in nicely wrapped boxes," he said.

## GET WELL BAHAMAS: A FAMILY AFFAIR

GWB Special to The Tribune

SINCE January 2011, the National Insurance Board's Get Well Bahamas Challenge has ignited a passion for wellness and healthy living in New Providence that is not only directly impacting the lives of individual participants but is leaping beyond to touch and inspire their families as well.

Just one example of this phenomenon is the husband and wife team of Jenkins Rolle and Janice Minus-Rolle, both participants in Get Well Bahamas Phase 2. Janice applied to the programme after watching her sister Ruthann Rolle succeed at losing 36 pounds in the first phase of the Challenge.

"Man, I was jealous," Janice admits. "I said if she can do this when the second phase comes around I'm going to be right there and I will make sure I bring Jenkins along so he wouldn't be cooking fried chicken when I need to eat baked chicken."

When Phase II was advertised Ruthann brought an application for Janice.

"She said, 'here', so I said, 'where is Jenkins' application? I need one for him, too'. I said, 'you see that stomach on him? I need to work on that'."

Now 12 weeks into the programme and 25 pounds lighter, Janice is eating healthier and taking full



GETTING HEALTHY TOGETHER: Jenkins and Janice Rolle

advantage of the free gym membership, personal training sessions and wellness coaching provided by NIB's Get Well Bahamas programme.

"I'm in the gym sometimes twice a day. I go to the gym at least six times out of the week and when I'm not on the treadmill I do aerobics for an hour and then after that I still work out with my personal trainer," Janice said.

Now, she is almost the same weight as Ruthann was when she finished the programme.

"The last time I saw Ruthann she said, 'you're as small as me and you're not finished yet.' I said, 'yeah and I got about 20 more pounds to

go,'" Janice said.

According to Ruthann, Janice actually started working out months ahead of her.

"I met Janice going to the gym and working out but she never lost a pound and she was trying to figure out why. And then I told her about waterworks and portion sizes and some of the other things I had learned in the programme. She tried to do them on her own but I think she needed the motivation and support of the programme to succeed like I did," Ruthann said.

When Janice applied to Get Well Bahamas she brought along a secret weapon.

"I realised that food was going to be one of the weaknesses so I made sure I got Jenkins involved as well since he likes to cook so he could cook the right foods for both of us," she explained.

At 60, Jenkins Rolle is one of few men and the oldest participant in the group of 40 Get Well challengers. He is also one of the most dedicated challengers, having lost more than 45 pounds already, according to the programme's facilitators.

"She got me into this programme and I'm continually kissing her for it because it has changed our whole lifestyle. It has changed our mindset and the psychology of our whole life has changed for the better," Jenkins said.

"I was on the road to ruin and if I continued in the direction I was going it would have been rest in peace. But here I am. I feel that I have a second chance in life. I've been rejuvenated. I feel good. I'm fit and trim. I'm lean and mean and everything is good," he said.

Before Get Well Bahamas Jenkins and Janice, who both suffered from hypertension, were not making the best health choices.

"Before in the nighttime, my husband and I would have some chicken in the bag on Fridays when I came home from happy hour. We'd stop and get our fried chicken and when we got home it was grease to

grease! And sometimes if I moved and went in another room when I came back my wing would be gone! But now I could pass the chicken shack, smell it and that don't even move me," Janice said.

"Every weekend we used to drink two bottles of wine. Now, the wine in the refrigerator is just sitting there. We'll have a glass every now and then but we don't have an appetite for it anymore like that. And I was a big cigar smoker. I smoked about three or four cigars a week and that is gone," Jenkins said.

"And I'm so happy I don't have to worry about that anymore...the smelly cigars that used to cause all of the arguments. I don't have to worry about that no more," said Janice.

Last week, both Janice and Jenkins had their blood pressure taken.

"We took the test on Thursday and it was normal, perfect, and we're going to try to keep it like that," Jenkins said.

Jan Martin-Isaacs, president of Jemi Health and Wellness, said the transformation that has occurred in the Rolles' health and marriage has been phenomenal.

"They've both said to me that their marriage is stronger because they are doing this together...and that's what this programme is about... building relationships and motivating each other to change and continue on the journey of wellness," Mrs Martin-Isaacs said.

## HEALTH

# PREDATORY BEHAVIOUR IN DOGS AND CATS

By DR BASIL SANDS

DOGS were originally domesticated to take advantage of their hunting abilities. Our ancestors redirected the natural instinct of the dog's ability to hunt in packs, benefitting from its tracking skill and speed in pursuit of common prey. Thousands of years of selected breeding have produced a lot of different breeds. The Bloodhound was developed for its sense of smell; the Saluki and Borzoi for their keen eyesight; Labradors for hunting birds; Coonhounds for hunting raccoons and Rhodesian Ridgebacks for lions.

With the exception of lions, most cats are solitary hunters that hunt alone and primarily at night. Predatory behaviour in cats is both instinctual and learned. Kittens in the form of play

practice hunting techniques. Some house cats without prior experience instinctively react to prey animals that cross their path.

Dog breeds were developed to hunt certain animals: the Irish Wolfhound and the Foxhound to hunt wolves and foxes. Some breeds were developed to protect other animals. The Border Collie and Elkhound to protect small ruminants; Daschunds and Terrier breeds were bred to pursue ground prey. The English Bulldog and American Pit Bull Terrier were originally bred for uninhibited predatory and dominant social aggression for their owner's entertainment such as dog-fights. The Saint Bernard and the German Shepherd were both developed for more humanitarian applications, such as the search and rescue talents that we see

today. Undesirable predatory behaviour is relatively common in dogs. Most pets are genetically predisposed towards some form of predatory behaviour. This type of behaviour is a problem because the dog can cause injury, can be injured itself or exposed to contagious diseases.

Owners may be horrified when their cat presents them with a half eaten mouse or bird. This is not a gift to the owner for its gratitude for the owner's care and hospitality, but is a maternal instinct when the cat brings back prey to its home for its young ones. The mother will normally bring dead prey, even regurgitating half digested food for her newborn litter. As the kittens grow, she will return with live prey to teach the kittens how to capture prey. A cat's instinct may be to carry its

prey to a sheltered area, but not to consume it. Some cat owners proclaim that it's cruel to restrict a cat's natural instinct to hunt.

The most obvious disadvantage of predatory behaviour by dogs is the unnecessary injury or death of other animals, including wildlife and other pets that appear to be offensive and unnecessary. It can also take a more sinister form when directed against family members, particularly if these are children and infants. Predatory instincts are most likely to be redirected towards small children, for example when an infant begins to crawl and walk. The dog may not display any interest in an immobile newborn but may show some interest in this same newborn when he begins crawling around your home. So never leave a child (toddler) unattended around

even the most trusted pet.

How to prevent predatory behaviour in dogs and cats

In dogs, there are two simple approaches:

Deny your dog the opportunity to hunt. Prevent opportunities to roam unsupervised outdoors. Ensure that your home is fenced or walled in if hunting occurs beyond your property.

Minimise your dog's desire to roam and hunt by providing other activities; discourage wild and undisciplined behaviour; walk your dog on a leash, and practice obedience skills daily.

In cats, the only practical way to resolve undesirable predatory behaviour is to prevent it. The instinct to hunt can be so strong that it lasts a lifetime. A cat "sneaky" hunts every day and will bring a dead mouse to

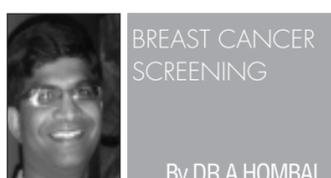


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us most times. Of course we like this because it is a means of rodent control. Hunting is a part of a cat's outdoor activities regardless of how it is fed. It may help to attach bells to a collar to warn unsuspecting targets.

Remember that your pet can be injured in its attempt to capture prey and is susceptible to the health risks associated with roaming outdoors.

# Breast cancer screening with imaging



BREAST CANCER  
SCREENING

By DR A HOMBAL

By DR AMARESH HOMBAL

SCREENING for breast cancer with imaging modalities has been shown to decrease mortality from breast cancer, and mammography is the mainstay of screening for clinically occult disease. Other imaging modalities including ultrasound and magnetic resonance imaging have been used as adjunctive screening tools, mainly for women who may be at increased risk.

Mammography is a specific type of imaging that uses a low-dose x-ray system to examine breasts. A mammography exam, called a mammogram, is used to aid in the early detection and diagnosis of breast diseases in women. Most often, two pictures of each breast are taken—one from the side and one from above. A screening mammogram takes about 20 minutes from start to finish.

Mammograms are most often used to look for breast cancer that is too small to be felt in women who have no breast complaints or symptoms. These are called screening mammograms. Mammograms are also used in women who have breast symptoms, such as a lump, pain, nipple discharge, or who have a suspicious change seen on a screening mammogram. These are called diagnostic mammograms.

There are many advantages of digital mammography over the conventional. Digital mammography exams typically take less time than traditional film-based exams. Less time means less discomfort. Physicians can zoom in and out of the breast images, and contrast can be lightened and darkened. Through an inverting feature, physicians can reverse from black to white, and vice versa, to help detect microcalcifica-



MAMMOGRAPHY is a specific type of imaging that uses a low-dose x-ray system to examine breasts.

tions. Digital mammography offers a number of practical advantages and patient conveniences:

Digital images are easily stored and retrieved.

Because there's no waiting for film to be developed, digital images are immediately available. The technologist can evaluate the quality of the images as they're taken. That means patients spend less time in the exam room and rarely need to return for repeat images due to under or over exposures.

The digital machine is fast (five to 10 minutes), so patients spend less

time in uncomfortable positions and there is less pressure.

Brightness, darkness or contrast can be adjusted and sections of an image can be magnified after the mammogram is complete making it easier to see subtle differences between tissues. The ability to increase contrast gives digital images give better visibility of the breast, particularly near the skin line, chest wall and in women with dense breast tissue.

Transmission of images from one physician to another is quick and easy.

Digital technology provides a plat-

form for new technologies such as CAD software, which dedicated to advancing the early detection of breast cancer.

Digital images give better visibility of the breast, particularly near the skin line, chest wall and in women with dense breast tissue. Digital images are easily stored and retrieved. Physicians can electronically send digital images anywhere to be viewed on a workstation by another physician.

Screening mammograms have been proven to decrease mortality from breast cancer by approximately 30 per cent. Simply put, early

detection of breast cancer using mammograms saves lives. Therefore, the American Cancer Society recommends an annual screening mammogram for women over age 40.

The risk of getting cancer from the mammogram itself is negligible. If you have a screening test result that suggests cancer, your doctor must find out whether it is due to cancer or to some other cause. Your doctor may ask about your personal and family medical history. You may have a physical exam. Your doctor also may order some of these tests:

- Diagnostic mammogram, to focus on a specific area of the breast

- Ultrasound, an imaging test that uses sound waves to create a picture of your breast. The pictures may show whether a lump is solid or filled with fluid. A cyst is a fluid-filled sac. Cysts are not cancer. But a solid mass may be cancer. This exam may be used along with a mammogram.

- Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), which uses a powerful magnet linked to a computer. MRI makes detailed pictures of breast tissue. MRI may be also be used along with a mammogram.

- Biopsy, a test in which fluid or tissue is removed from your breast to help find out if there is cancer. Your doctor may refer you to a surgeon or to a doctor who is an expert in breast disease for a biopsy. A biopsy exam confirms or excludes cancer.

So, to conclude, early detection of breast cancer saves lives. Mammograms are used as a screening tool to detect early breast cancer. The risk of getting cancer from the mammogram itself is negligible

Ultrasound and MRI are used as adjunctive screening tools, mainly for women who may be at increased risk

It is recommended to have an annual screening mammogram for women from age 40 and in high risk cases, starting at age 30.

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The Imaging Centre at  
The Medical Pavilion Bahamas

# 'KEEPING YOUR MOUTH ALIVE'

By ANDRE CLARKE

IT HAS been 10 years since the initiative of the Department of Public Health was put into action. The initiative focused on and continues to focus on strengthening the dental knowledge of the general public. The stigma attached to dentistry has to be shed and shredded. Dental healthcare professionals are here to help and not to harm.

When the members of various dental teams visit the various schools; are guest speakers on radio and television talk shows; and publish articles in the local newspapers, please give them your attention. You will undoubtedly benefit and you will learn about the importance of mouth cleaning techniques; the importance of a good nutritious diet; the impact of fluoride; and the connection between the mouth and the rest of the body.

The drive to educate about matters of the mouth does not begin October 1 and end on the October 31, but will be perpetuated throughout the year.

Knowledge of the health of the mouth is to be disseminated to all persons living in The Bahamas. It is with this knowledge about the health of the mouth that all persons living in The Bahamas (not only Bahami-

## It is here again! Dental Month 2011 has come around

ans) can smile and fully exemplify the theme for this year's dental month, "Smile Bahamas".

We all know that eating too many sweets is bad. Do we know why? Do we know that eating too many starches and carbohydrates is just as harmful?

Simple information has the potential to slow down the effects of one of the most rampant diseases in the world, dental caries (rotten teeth). It has either affected or will affect many of us, or it has either affected or will affect someone close to us. Its attack is slow, steady and unyielding. Regardless of the seemingly inevitable victory of dental caries, persons living in The Bahamas can make headway against this menace. Brushing your teeth at least twice daily; flossing your teeth at least once daily; using fluoride products where appropriate, and eating a well-balanced diet will serve as good weapons in the battle for your smiles.

In addition, your dental healthcare professional will supplement your efforts at home. Your dentist will give sound appropriate advice



YOUR MOUTH

By ANDRE CLARKE

and will intervene with effective dental office procedures, if necessary. It is, therefore, crucial to visit your dentist at least twice yearly or as often as your dentist suggests.

The month of October is not only known as Dental Month, but also as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It would, therefore, be negligent of me not to highlight the connection between the mouth and breast cancer.

Breast cancer can affect the mouth cavity directly and indirectly. The direct effect is by the spread of breast cancer cells (metastasis) into the mouth and jaws. The indirect effect is due to the side effects of the methods of treatment of breast cancer.

Many women undergo surgery for breast cancer and also receive additional treatment, such as chemotherapy, radiation or hormone therapy. It is common for chemotherapy and radiation therapy to cause inflammation (unhealthy

reddening) of the mouth's mucous membranes and tissues. The chemotherapy and radiation therapy can also predispose to infections, bleeding, dry mouth and tooth decay. Taste changes, jaw stiffness, mouth pain/burning and bone loss in the jaws, can also occur.

Hormonal therapy's impact is usually one of bone loss in the jaws. When bone loss occurs due to chemotherapy, radiation therapy and hormonal therapy, drugs called bisphosphonates are sometimes used to treat the bone

loss. These bisphosphonates, in turn can predispose to possible future poor bone healing capability in the jaws. Of note, chemotherapy and radiation therapy can also predispose to future poor bone healing capability in the jaws.

All of the body is connected. Whatever affects one part invariably

has an impact on another part. Sometimes the impact is not an obvious one.

Let us always make mouth health a priority and not only during one month of the year. Also, let us always be aware of the connection between the mouth and the rest of the body. Let us keep our mouth alive and be part of the "Smile Bahamas" campaign.

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## WOMAN

# FLIRTY GIRL FITNESS: TAPPING INTO YOUR INNER DIVA

By **JEFFARAH GIBSON**  
Tribune Features Writer

TAPPING into the "inner sexy" of every woman, creating an atmosphere of sisterhood and improving health is what the Flirty Girl Fitness programme is all about.

With sensual dance moves and routines that incorporate chairs and dancing poles, women can release their inner diva in the new Club One Fitness Centre program, according to coordinators.

"Everyone wants to feel sexual, but in a sensual way. Women learn choreographed moves that they can use outside of class. There is nothing demeaning about the dance moves.

Basically it is all about what women find enticing to them; tapping into their level of sensuality," said Yolanda Barr, manager at Club One.

Organisers see the programme as an opportunity for women to escape everyday life and engage in fun activities that are beneficial to their health. The secluded gym environment also allows for bonding.

"We are mothers; we are providers, and we put little time and effort into the thing that is most important: that is ourselves. Everyone needs a balance, an outlet, and a source of refuge," she said.

Women of all fitness levels can participate in the "flirty girl" movement.

"To each its own. Some women are shy and timid and there are some women who are more outgoing. It is all about who you are and what is comfortable for you. All we want to do is bring out that self-confidence. It is all about accepting what you have and whatever your sensual level is. This is geared towards empowering women and making them feel good about themselves," said Ms Barr.

## Classes

Women can choose classes such as Fit-Tease; Video Vixen; Burlesque; Chair Strip; Booty Beat; GI Jane; Abs and Ass, and the Zumba Fitness Party.

More than 10 years ago, pole dancing and other more erotic forms of performance art were reserved for private spaces like clubs and shows. Their popularity as a form of exercise has been welcomed by women interested in building confidence and increasing flexibility, as well as core and general body strength.

*Tribune Woman* spoke to a few ladies who are very excited about the unique fitness programme.

"I think the idea of erotic dance as a form of aerobics is just great. I have always wanted to do pole dancing or some sort of erotic dance. The closet thing I have gotten to erotic dance is probably Zumba. With this

as a form of aerobics I can be sensual and try sexy dance moves that I probably would have never tried outside of the aerobic class. If I did it, it would not be exercise, it would just be me practicing a routine for my man or something like that," said April.

"Just having the opportunity to do what a stripper does and not actually be a stripper is cool, and actually doing something that is good for my health as well can be pretty (cool)," said Samantha.

At the launch of Flirty Girl Fitness this month, Club One plans to raise funds to support efforts during Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



**ENTREPRENEURS** Christopher Adderley, Ranard Henfield, Scharad Lightbourne and Dario McKinney share laughter at the inaugural Viva La Bella Femminar.

# Men take the floor at 'Femminar'

By **ALESHA CADET**  
Tribune Features Writer

A PANEL of Bahamian men got their chance to vent and speak out at an all women's empowerment and fashion summit this weekend. The open floor session at the inaugural Viva La Bella Femminar covered everything from common communication topics, to more touchy subjects like "nagging women."

Attorney Ranard Henfield said his message to the women at the Femminar was to view the dating process as an "audition" for a part in the play of life. He said women should know they are the casting directors for the movie called "Serious Relationship."

"Every man will walk into the audition and say, 'I'll make you happy and be there for you.' What he won't say is that he's a jerk, loser, irresponsible, violent and disrespectful. He is called an actor," said Ranard.

"If he acts like a little boy when he's thirty-five then chances are that he's more fit for a cartoon or animation film for little girls rather than the romance film you're looking to shoot," he said.

According to Ranard, men for the most part are not complicated beings, or that intellectual, for that matter. He said there will inevitably be hints of the true personality of a man in his behaviour.

"You can't date a thug and expect to be respected, or treated like a princess, and have him be the perfect gentleman. He hasn't won any acting awards in Hollywood so don't expect the irresponsible thug to role play when you need a real father for your kids, an emotional and financial supporter, a romantic or a listener," said Ranard.

"Learn to yell cut, and cast for a suitable actor rather than hope to change a man," he said.

Photographer Scharad

**PHOTOGRAPHER** Scharad Lightbourne expresses himself during an open floor session at the Viva La Bella Femminar.



Lightbourne took the panel opportunity to speak about "nagging woman", or what he refers to as "the dragon lady."

Scharad said a dragon lady is a woman who screams and shouts all the time when nothing can be heard over her voice.

"We don't like her. Please

put her away. And yes, even if I will never do it, I am thinking about using physical force to make you shut up. Can we please just deal with something one time and move on. Why do you have to keep coming back over and over. It is a big turn off and most men don't tolerate it," he said.

Speaking about his concept of the honest truth, Scharad suggested that men are patronising and dishonest. "Truth is, 50 per cent of the things we say to you is because we know you need to hear it; not because we feel it," he said.

Femminar participants clashed with Scharad over a

number of issues, including his thoughts on the way men and women communicate. Men think logically and women think emotionally, said Scharad. And when a man speaks, he means it.

"99.9 per cent of the things we say we mean the first time. You don't need to question if

I'm sure about something because most likely I am," he said.

Some women were open to the message, but others put up a challenge. Scharad suggested the intense arguments arose "because some women in the audience were guilty of what I was talking about."