

## Simpson freed from jail

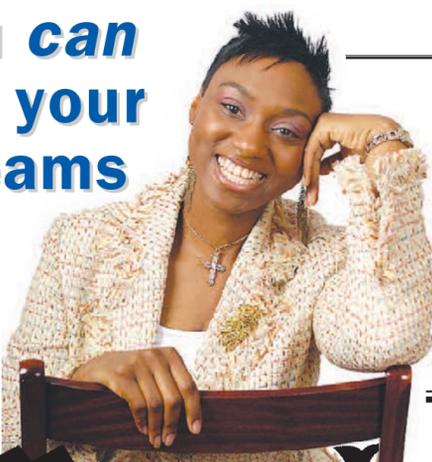


OJ Simpson was freed from a Las Vegas jail after a judge granted him \$125,000 bail

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## Hemp to make Kenya tour

Glamorgan captain boosts Island's chances in Intercontinental Cup



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## Construction leading employment sectors

By Scott Neil Deputy Business Editor

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Construction industry jobs are now growing at a faster rate in Bermuda than jobs within international business.

As cranes dominate the Hamilton skyline a trend that will see construction overtake all other employment sectors except international business by the end of the decade has been identified.

Remarkably, the construction sector did not even figure in Bermuda's top five employment industries in 2001 but it will be a mere 64 jobs behind international business come 2010, according to a former Government statistician's latest forecast.

Government and public administration jobs will be relegated to third place overall. The stunning trend has been revealed in a telling snapshot of the Island's current employment

markets. "The pace of the increase in construction employment shocked me at first, even more because international business is always on top," said Cordell Riley, managing director of Profiles of Bermuda, who presented his findings this week.

"But then I thought about it and we are seeing construction within Hamilton, we are also seeing housing and condos being constructed and the new hotel (Tucker's Point) and others planned."

And at the same time Bermuda's average population age figure is being skewed by the high numbers of expat workers who give the impression that, in contrast to other developed countries, Bermuda's population is growing younger.

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## PROGRESS



The installation of test pilings at the site of the new King's Wharf extension on Ireland Island North continued this week as the Crown Princess visited on its last cruise this season.

Photo by Chris Burville

## Tourism probing complaint about wedding planner

By Sam Strangeways



The Department of Tourism is investigating claims that a Bermudian company inflated prices and tried to flout immigration laws when it was hired by an American family to plan a wedding.

Father-of-the-bride Mark Golde wrote to Premier Dr. Ewart Brown about Destination Bermuda Ltd. (DBL), claiming it attempted to bypass employment rules by using overseas photographers, "disparaged" local florists and "hugely inflated" costs by mark-

ing up service providers' fees and then adding an additional 20 percent charge.

The company yesterday denied it did anything wrong in relation to the July 20 nuptials.

Managing director Joann Veney said DBL was "a reputable Bermudian company with a sterling reputation in the industry that is recognised by clients in the United States, Canada, Europe and Bermuda."

She said it was standard practice for companies to mark up prices before adding an overall fee. "That's normal for everybody," she said. Asked if that policy was made clear to clients, she replied: "I don't think anybody will say to a client: 'I got this for \$10 but I'm going to charge you twenty'."

The DJ who performed at

the wedding, Scott Simons (aka Double S), said he backed DBL "100 percent", adding that it was standard practice for event planners to add fees to a service provider's price. Master of ceremonies Charles Webb said he too would "fully understand" if DBL charged a client more than the fee paid to him.

Mr. Golde alleged in his letter that DBL "not only conducts its business dishonestly with clients and service providers, but also seems to promote circumventing Bermudian employment regulations."

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## Alex Scott: We need young black male report 'right now'

By Matthew Taylor

Former Premier Alex Scott has urged Government to tackle issues surrounding young black males and not sit on its hands waiting for another report to be done.

And he said a homegrown solution rather than a convoluted study by outsiders was needed to address Bermuda's urgent social ills. His comments come after Premier Ewart Brown announced he had hired an American academic for a \$400,000 study into young black males which won't be completed until 2009.



Former Premier Alex Scott

In May 2005 Mr. Scott had commissioned a report by Bermudian professor Roy Wright which has now been branded incomplete by the new guard.

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## INSIDE

### Anti-Syrian MP killed

BEIRUT - A car bomb killed an anti-Syrian Lebanese lawmaker and at least six other people in Beirut, less than a week before parliament was due to elect a new president.

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### Gaza called 'enemy entity'

JERUSALEM - Israel declared the Gaza Strip an "enemy entity" yesterday and said it would reduce its fuel and power supplies to the Hamas-run territory in response to rocket attacks.

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### Crimes against humanity

PHNOM PENH - Khmer Rouge "Brother Number Two" Nuon Chea, Pol Pot's top surviving henchman, was charged with war crimes and crimes against humanity.

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## Concern grows for 'Auntie Em's' toddler great-grandson

By Sam Strangeways

The 14-month-old great-grandson of alleged elder abuse victim Auntie Em is still living in the filthy conditions the 95-year-old was rescued from, a relative of the child has claimed.

The family member contacted *The Royal Gazette* to allege that the property had been allowed to fall back into disrepair after it was cleaned up earlier this year on the orders of Environmental Health officers.

The relative claimed the condition of the house could be detrimental to the health of the tiny child, who was removed from the property at the end of 2006 to live with his paternal grandmother but allowed to return in February.

This newspaper contacted the authorities last Thursday to warn officials that the baby could be in danger.

A spokeswoman for Family Services said on Monday that officials have since visited the house but found no one in and had tried to make contact with Auntie Em's adopted daughter — the baby's grandmother — without success.



The newspaper spoke to the adopted daughter over the telephone yesterday but she hung up on the conversation before responding to the latest allegation. A family member advised *The Royal Gazette* not to call at the house.

The spokeswoman confirmed that the property was deemed unsuitable for the little boy — the son of Auntie Em's 19-year-old granddaughter — last December.

During the same month, Environmental Health officers declared the conditions "undesirable and detrimental" to Auntie Em's health.

She was rescued by caregiver Yvonne Dawson, who gave up her own bed for the near-blind widow.

The family member — a relative of the baby's 18-year-old father, who is studying overseas — said: "I'm concerned for the baby. I know for a fact that the baby is still in there and that the (paternal) grandmother has contacted Family Services to find out what's going on."

"They have yet to call her back. We have had an incident already where the child was removed and they allegedly cleaned up the place and the baby has gone back."

"The child has already been rushed into hospital because he had breathing difficulties. It was earlier this year. Once the child was moved he never had to be taken to hospital. They need to do something. This child should not be in this environment. It's a health hazard."

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## NIE debuts Kiesha the Mermaid

"Dumping Ground", the first adventure of Kiesha the Mermaid, appears today on Page 19. Part of *The Royal Gazette's* award-winning Newspapers in Education programme, the series of stories will run on Thursdays for the next six weeks.

Students are invited to send in their own stories inspired by Kiesha's adventures to [nie@royalgazette.bm](mailto:nie@royalgazette.bm).

If you missed the workbook which appeared in Tuesday's *Gazette*, are interested in teacher resources supporting the Kiesha stories, or want further information about the NIE programme which sends newspapers to schools twice a week, contact Jennifer Hind [nie@royalgazette.bm](mailto:nie@royalgazette.bm) or 278-0136.