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TRAVOLTA TRIAL: DAY THREE

By **NATARIO MCKENZIE**
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HOLLYWOOD superstar John Travolta yesterday recalled the efforts that he and others made to save the life of his 16-year-old son Jett after he suffered a seizure.

Mr Travolta was the only witness to take the stand yesterday as the case against former PLP Senator Pleasant Bridgewater and former ambulance driver Tarino Lightbourne continued in the Supreme Court. The pair are accused of attempting to extort \$25 million from him.

The grieving actor, who

wore a black suit and grey tie, was escorted into the courtroom by a security detail shortly after 10am yesterday. His wife Kelly Preston sat in the public gallery.

Appearing somber and composed, Mr Travolta testified that on December 29, 2008, he and his wife, with their son Jett and daughter Ella, eight, travelled to Freeport, Grand Bahama. Accompanying them on the family trip were four nannies, he said. Mr Travolta told the court his family stayed at a condo at the Old Bahama Bay resort.

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AP Photo /Kris Ingaham **US ACTOR** John Travolta and wife Kelly Preston leave the court building.

Bahamian lawyer is indicted over money laundering allegations

Sidney Cambridge charged in US after FBI 'sting' operation

AN attorney and partner with a top Bahamian law firm, Callender's & Co, was yesterday indicted by the US federal authorities over allegations that he knowingly helped launder hundreds of thousands of dollars in proceeds from a purported investment fraud.

Sidney Cambridge, a senior Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) member who has served as its vice-chairman, was charged following a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) "sting" operation, involving undercover agents posing as persons who wanted to launder funds from a fictitious European-based financial fraud.

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A copy of the indictment obtained by *The Tribune* alleged: "On or about November 23, 2007, at Nassau, Bahamas, defendant Cambridge was told by an undercover agent that the funds came from a 'Ponzi' scheme.

"After acknowledging his understanding of the purported source of the funds, defendant Cambridge instructed undercover agents how to launder the proceeds in the Bahamas."

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SAC principal robbed by thug

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POLICE are searching for the thug who robbed a high school principal as she tried to enter her home in the eastern area of New Providence.

The victim — St Augustine's College Principal Sonia Knowles — arrived at her home in the Eastern Estates subdivision at around 10pm on Tuesday when a man accosted her and demanded cash.

Police said he made off with the victim's handbag, which contained cash and personal effects, before fleeing the area in a nearby vehicle — believed to be a Honda.

Investigators are still trying to determine whether the thief targeted his victim or simply struck when he saw an opportunity.

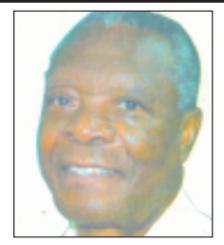
Last night police said they did not have a full description of the attacker, who is said to be a slim built, dark-skinned male.

According to police, Ms Knowles was not seriously harmed during the robbery.

The incident occurred

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Tributes to sporting icon



VINCENT Lloyd Ferguson (pictured) died at his home yesterday morning after an illness with prostate cancer.

The former teacher/administrator, sporting icon and sports administrator extraordinaire, had celebrated his 71st birthday on August 25th.

Winston "Tappy" Davis, who had a long affiliation with the deceased, broke down when he was asked to describe his former friend and team-mate. "It's so sad that he had to leave us," said Davis, who tried to contain himself. "Vince was a straight forward intelligent, honest and hard working individual.

"He believed in everything he was into and he cared a whole lot about it. I never knew that people that had the kind of passion and commitment in what they did the way Vince did."

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UK judge: Cases from countries like Bahamas taking up too much time

By **ALISON LOWE**
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A LEADING UK judge claims cases from other countries such as The Bahamas are taking up too much British time and resources, and he would like to see the burden reduced.

Referring to the caseload of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, Lord Nicholas Phillip's comments have been seen by some as a sign that Britain may soon make moves to shake off the colonial hangover the institution represents, leaving countries like the Bahamas to find or create another final court of appeal.

Speaking to the Financial Times newspaper, Lord Phillips, Pres-
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TEACHERS' PROTEST
C I Gibson students miss classes for third day

By MEGAN REYNOLDS
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STUDENTS at C I Gibson High missed out on lessons for the third day yesterday as teachers continued their protest over inadequate working conditions at the school.

The entire teaching body of around 80 teachers who started their "sit-in" on Monday said they will not return to work until there are enough desks and chairs for all students, and a science teacher and vice-principal are in place.

Bahamas Union of Teachers (BUT) president Belinda Wilson said students at the senior high school in Marathon Estates are forced to stand or sit on desks during lessons because there is not enough furniture to accommodate everyone in a class. The teachers are also angry that the vice-principal position has not been filled since the previous vice-principal resigned two weeks ago.

Security is another major issue at the high school as 11 knives and an ice-pick have been found on the property this term. Since the industrial action began, four security officers and three teachers have been posted at C I Gibson, one of three public schools disrupted by industrial action this week.

The "sit-ins" started at Uriah McPhee Primary School on Kemp Road on Friday as teachers refused to work until air-conditioning was restored on the second and third floors of the school building.

Work was done over the weekend to repair the air-conditioning and students returned to their classes at around 11am on Monday. Staff at Anatol Rodgers High School in Faith Avenue staged a two-day "sit-in" on Monday and Tuesday over inadequate staffing and furniture provisions.

They resumed teaching yesterday after receiving furniture and a new English language teacher. A second English language teacher is expected to arrive this morning.

Minister of Education Carl Bethel failed to return *The Tribune's* calls yesterday to explain why his department did not ensure schools were sufficiently staffed and furnished at the start of the new school year.

Mrs Wilson has criticised the ministry for being reactionary, rather than proactive in its work, and she is calling on parents to speak out for the good of their children's education.

The BUT president said: "It is really disheartening that one month into the school year we are scrambling for teachers, supplies, security officers, desks and chairs."

MURDER: RANDY WILLIAMS, 35

Police quiz suspect over Seagrape Shopping Centre stabbing death

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A SUSPECT is being questioned by police in connection with the murder of 35-year-old Randy Williams at the Seagrape Shopping Centre on Prince Charles Drive on Tuesday evening.

Mr Williams, of Gladstone Road, was stabbed several times when an argument with another man escalated into violence at around 5pm.

He was rushed to the Princess Margaret Hospital and died half an hour later, according to police sources.

Supt Leon Bethel, officer in charge of the homicide department in the Criminal Investigation Unit, said he expects the suspect will be charged in court before the end of the week.

Police reported that Mr Williams and another man were in the shopping centre car park, near the entrance of Body

Zone Fitness gym, when they started to argue.

"The argument resulted in a fight between the two men," Supt Bethel said. "One of the men produced a weapon and stabbed the other. He was stabbed a number of times about the body, and we are waiting for the pathologist's report to tell us exactly how many times he was stabbed."

"A sharp-pointed object was used but we are not sure yet what it was. The victim was taken to hospital and pronounced dead shortly after."

Mr Williams is the country's 63rd murder victim this year. His murder was the third in New Providence in just three days. Rashad Morris, 21, a manager at Burger King on Frederick Street, and former manager of Burger King on Tonique Williams-Darling Highway, was beaten and stabbed to death outside the Tonique Williams-Darling Highway restaurant at

around 1.30am on Sunday. Burger King has put up a \$10,000 reward for any information which could lead to the arrest or conviction of his killer.

Soaring

Just hours later on Sunday, Bahamasair pilot Lionel Lewis McQueen, 29, was shot dead at his home in Golden Palm Estates, near the Kennedy Subdivision. A police investigation into the suspicious deaths of four people killed in a house fire last Thursday morning could lead to the reclassification of those deaths as homicides and send the murder count soaring to 67 this year.

That would amount to ten more homicides this year than the 57 recorded at the same time last year.

Supt Bethel is appealing to the public to come forward with any information which could help solve all of the above

Senator Jerome Fitzgerald in bid for PLP deputy leadership

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SENATOR Jerome Fitzgerald will join the ranks of candidates making a bid for the deputy leadership of the PLP when he officially launches his campaign tonight at the Sun And resort.

Citing his extensive business background and experience around the world, Mr Fitzgerald said that he hopes to be able to assist PLP leader Perry Christie in implementing his vision for the Bahamas.

"I am running for deputy leader and the role that I see for the deputy leader is to assist the leader, and of course with myself having some input in his decision-making, but at the end of the day it is his vision. The other qualities I intend to bring to the table is that I think I have a close affinity and relationship to the young generation, and it is obvious to me that the party has a void that needs to be filled in ensuring that we have a message that is relevant to the younger generation. And in that regard I think that they will be looking to see whether or not the PLP is really willing to embrace the sort of change that they demand at this time," Mr Fitzgerald said.

Persons wanting to be a part of the candidate's launch can either join the senator at the Sun And resort at 7pm tonight, or watch it live on his website.

With profile pictures of himself and his family, Mr Fitzgerald's

website records the endorsements of other successful businessmen such as Nassau Guardian publisher Anthony Ferguson and Philip Kemp.

Mr Ferguson's endorsement reads: "I think the country is looking for young visionary leadership and I think Jerome, as a family man, as a businessman and as true friend, Jerome can add a lot of value. This is what the county needs at this particular time."

Mr Kemp's reads: "One of the things we lack today are persons who have a vision of where this country should go. Jerome has always impressed me with his vision for the country."

Attorney

An attorney by profession, Mr Fitzgerald is the chairman and a director of RND Holdings Limited, a diversified company he co-founded in 1993 with several subsidiaries.

Senator Fitzgerald is also a director of A Scott Fitzgerald Insurance Brokers and Agents,



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an insurance firm started by his mother over 20 years ago. Additionally, he holds directorships on the boards of three public companies namely RND Holdings Limited, Bahamas Waste Limited, Freeport Concrete Company Limited and the privately held Global United Limited.

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In brief
Inquests into police related shooting deaths

THREE police related shooting deaths will be examined in three separate inquests set to take place in the Coroner's Court over the next two weeks. On September 25, an inquest into the death of Dario McKenzie will begin, followed by an inquiry into the death of Lincoln Mettelus on September 28 and Drexel Rolle on October 5.

Also set to be begin at the Coroner's Court today is an inquest into the death of Trevor Ferguson stemming from a traffic collision in Andros. Meanwhile, on October 29 and 30, an inquest will be held into the death of Peter McWeeney, brother of former Attorney General Sean McWeeney, who died in October 2003.

The Coroner's Court recently recorded a verdict of "death by accident" in the case of the shooting of security guard Troy Russell in 2003.

Mr Russell, who worked at the Shell Service Station opposite Saunders Beach on West Bay Street, had been shot by the manager of the station, Marcelles Saunders, during a robbery. Mr Saunders said he mistook Mr Russell for a burglar when he saw him running towards him from the direction of the cashier's cage on December 24, 2003. Jurors delivered their verdict on August 12, 2009.

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United Nations hears its detractors

WE WERE surprised yesterday morning after the rambling 90-minute speech to the UN of Libyan leader Moammar Kadafi to hear news commentators wonder out loud if people like Kadafi and Iran's President Ahmadinejad should be allowed into the United States.

This is what we would have expected to hear — and did hear — from the protesters in the streets, but were surprised that news commentators did not seem to know that the United Nations on First Street in Manhattan, New York, is located on international — and not American — territory.

Of course, the United States could stop such persons landing at New York's airports, but if they were denied landing rights and free passage to the international area, the UN would have to be removed from the U.S. However, there is prestige involved in having this international body in its present location. It is a distinction that we doubt New York would give up lightly.

Wrapped in his flowing coffee-coloured robes, Kadafi's disjointed speech touched on every topic — including the jet lag from which he was suffering to get to New York. He highlighted the sins of the world, side-stepping his own oppressive human rights atrocities. He was highly critical of the Security Council, which to him was elitist with a handful of superpowers — US, Britain, France, Russia and China —controlling the world.

He complained of the limits placed on visitors like himself in travelling around New York, likening it to being imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay. We wonder what freedom others from the outside world would have in Tripoli if the tables were turned. Of course, Kadafi was in New York to point out the moat in his brother's eye, not to examine his own — and so there wasn't even a whisper about the aircraft blown up by a Libyan terrorist over Lockerbie, Scotland — a subject so much in the news in recent weeks.

We must admit that in the early days we were not a great fan of the UN, dismissing it as a debating society that spent too much money, often unwisely.

However, as a graduate student of Columbia University's Journalism School in the late fifties we were assigned to the Associated Press desk at the UN. On February 8, 1958 we saw the true worth of the UN. This was during the height of the Algerian-Tunisian war of independence from France. Early that morning French aircraft from Algeria bombed the Tunisian border village of Sakhiet Sidi Youssef. It was as

though the bomb had been dropped in the centre of the UN. Delegates scattered to find their counterparts from around the world. They huddled in deep negotiations. They desperately tried to extinguish the Mediterranean fire. This was the advantage of heads of the world's nations being together under one roof and being able to meet together quickly to solve world problems.

As for Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad with his downtrodden look and apologetic frame, he believes that the Holocaust is a lie created by the West to justify the existence of Israel.

He too was in New York to bring his message of "peace" to the UN, while back in Teheran, his government is forging ahead with its controversial nuclear programme, ostensibly to protect itself from Israel.

Ahmadinejad was born 11 years after the second world war, and so has no first hand knowledge of the events of those times.

But for those who lived during the war years and still have vivid memories of those days, Ahmadinejad can be dismissed as an hallucinating nut case.

We probably remember more than the average Bahamian, because we grew up in a newspaper office where local and world news daily swirled.

We shall never forget our first sight of death. In The Tribune that particular morning was *Life* magazine's first edition showing bodies tumbling out of the ovens of Auschwitz.

We were struck dumb in disbelief. Men with sunken eyes, open mouths and thin skin pulled over skeleton frames thrown one on top of the other at all angles. Trenches filled with naked skeletons — horror upon horror upon horror. As a child we could not believe that men could stoop to such bestiality.

There is a photograph that has haunted us all our life. It is a picture of sad faced Jews lined up to be loaded into trains for the gas chambers. In front there is a little boy, no more than six years old, with the sadness of the world in his eyes, a cloth cap is on his head.

He is clinging to his mother's hand. Helpless, hopeless, lost. How could any human being treat a small, innocent child like this.

The Nazis were a special breed — they were less than human. Whatever boat they shipped out on for Hades, we hope that it is the Devil who is now stoking the flames under them.

As for President Ahamdinejad and those who think like him, we hope that the world will be spared their pathetic ignorance.

Which study said Arawak Cay was the place for a port?

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Arawak Cay port — which consultant supported using the Cay for a Port?

I listened to the live broadcast from the FNM Headquarters in August and was struck by the responses and the arrogance of the tone of the voice of the various participants.

Why can't our politicians take the licks?

We are now seeing this attitude in the US — the most recent one being that of Barney Franks when he held a community meeting on the Health Care proposals — his arrogance was absolutely unacceptable when one considers he is there in that position simply because the people voted him in.

Getting back to the issue of this letter — Minister of State Laing said on this broadcast as a response to a fax read by

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Wendall Jones that consideration of the pluses for Arawak Cay were excluded in one of the Studies.

The Minister knows full well as we have been there many times that the last Study, so-called the Ecorey's Study, was specifically for the then "chosen site" subject to their study results. It is my understanding that there was no intent to study any alternative as that had already been completed by Coastal International.

The Minister seems not to understand that even the 19-proposed shareholders of the now Arawak Cay proposal paid 50 per cent of the Ecorey's Study cost so we surely have to accept they were on board with

the government if everything came out favourably they would support the location at Clifton, or am I crazy?

For the Minister to say that Arawak Cay was excluded is very irresponsible and, in my opinion a deliberate attempt to confuse.

Which study said Arawak was the place, Minister?

Can The Tribune collect all the studies made on the port proposal over the years from Checci forward and publish the conclusion section so we Joe Public can understand which location was supported and which certainly were not — The Tribune will do the country and us a considerable favour by doing this....we wait.

ABRAHAM MOSS

Nassau,
August, 2009.

Too much made from Congressman Wilson's comment

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Far too much has been made from the outcry of one Congressman Wilson during the recent speech of President Obama at the joint session of the US House.

There is accepted and appropriate "parliamentary language" although some might say the use of the words "that's a lie" might not be discreet enough the facts say it all — in an open democracy no man is above scrutiny and certainly no president is or no prime minister because neither are infallible and make all kinds of mistakes.

Certainly it is interesting that Cable Channels like MSNBC have made a big issue over Representative Wilson's comment but in true reality when a speaker misquotes or says something to cause praise (applause) are not both actions similar and just part of the democratic process and we should not be so thinned skinned?

Now the incredible rather stupid statement of an ex-US President Jimmy Carter — I seriously suggest that it would be best for the good gentleman to remain on his peanut farm and stay quiet as his comment does not merit comment as President Obama was elected by whites-blacks-latinos and everyone else.

What is the status of COB's 'state-of-the-art' theatre?

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I am writing to ask about the status of the College of the Bahamas' fabulous, new, "state of the art" publicly funded theatre that opened with much fanfare at the earlier part of the year and, as far as I know (and I stand to be corrected), has not been used for a public event since.

At the inaugural event — the Colour of Harmony — it was stated that the theatre had been built at much expense for the use of the country's artists and it was hoped that it would be constantly in use.

It is indeed a magnificent theatre and I applaud whomsoever is responsible for accomplishing such a feat — but I would like to find out what exactly is the criteria for use of the theatre, and whether the theatre is going to remain, as

Editor, we have this prevailing thought amongst many who sit in parliament, be it the House of Assembly or the Senate, that when certain people speak the "world" has to stop. All representatives are elected, except in our case the Senate, and therefore their colleagues have within accepted form (regrettably it seems the current speaker is restricting this privilege and limiting the verbage that can be used) can say so long established exclamations as "shame" to indicate their personal unacceptance of a statement. In this day where MPs are unable to ad-lib, speak without written speeches, there is no excuse for inaccurate statements. Mr Speaker, please note this is not permitted.

Politicians have to understand that their free spending — irresponsible policies and lacking of definitive economic policy is what is causing the massive grass-root protests. I suggest the man in the street has better housekeeping qualifications than most politicians and they recognise you can't continue to spend-spend and spend irrationally.

W THOMPSON

Nassau,
September 16, 2009.

do many of our Bahamian "living parlours", covered in plastic for "show only" for only certain "exclusive" events, or is it intended to be actually filled with cultural enthusiasts anxious to drink from the well of Bahamian creativity and talent? These thoughts came to mind as the time rapidly approaches for one of the most exciting dramatic events in the country — the Shakespeare in Paradise Festival due to take place from October 5-12 which, through the rich talent of dedicated and hard working Bahamian artists, is poised to present first class dramatic talent to the people of The Bahamas and the world.

Imagine what such a festival can do to fill the literary starved minds of our community? Imagine how such an event, if properly nourished, can grow into a spectacle that

will not only offer our community avenues to express their creativity and talent on the stage, but will inspire more persons to write plays and books, provide the original music for dramatic events, design stage scenery and costumes, learn how to work the lights and sound stage, exercise their promotional and marketing skillsthe possibilities are endless. I venture to speculate that most of the work being done for this Festival is a "labour of love" by the participants and I applaud any entity who is offering them much needed sponsorship. So I wish to ask the question: "Why isn't the COB Theatre listed as one of the venues on the 'Shakespeare in Paradise' timetable?"

PAM BURNSIDE

Nassau,
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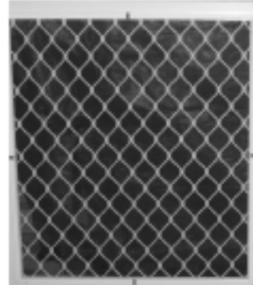
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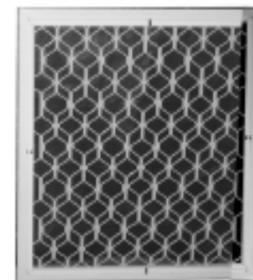
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LOCAL NEWS

Swine flu vaccinations to be made available in Bahamas

By MEGAN REYNOLDS
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DR HUBERT MINNIS

SWINE flu vaccinations will be made available in the Bahamas from the World Health Organisation's global supply, or if government makes a direct request to suppliers and manufacturers in the United States.

The vaccinations to protect individuals from serious illness or death resulting from the highly infectious H1N1 influenza were approved by the United States government Food and Drug Administration last week.

Around half of the US population, that is 160 million Americans are expected to receive the inoculations from mid-October. At risk groups will take priority for the inoculations, including pregnant women, healthcare workers, children and young adults, as well as the chronically ill in the US. People caring for infants will also receive priority.

Dr Minnis said healthcare workers would take priority in the Bahamas as they are most at risk of infection, and the Ministry of Health is taking a pro-active approach by working with schools to prepare children and staff for the possibility of an outbreak in the upcoming flu season.

The Minister said supplies will be ordered through the World Health Organisation (WHO) when necessary, as the WHO retains a supply of vaccinations for developing countries around the world.

He added: "We will watch World Health Organisation reports and communicate with them and purchase the vacci-

nations as necessary. We will not be left out in the cold."

Local pharmaceutical companies in the Bahamas which have tried to order the vaccinations have been told by suppliers and manufacturers they cannot purchase the live vaccinations without a special request from the Bahamas government as the new inoculations are in limited supply.

Nassau Agencies Barbara Donathan-Henderson said: "At least one doctor has been harassing us to bring it in, but the only way we can do that is if it was being sold to government in a government purchase order, and even then they may not order it through us. "If we had the option we would have brought it in so people would be able to take it if they wanted to, but it is up to the government to make that decision."

Lowe's Wholesale Pharmaceutical has also failed to bring in the inoculations. Sales Manager Carrol Sands said: "I have not had any confirmation as to when we will be getting any as yet. "I have been communicating with companies that we deal with, and they have told me their first priority is providing it to institutions in the US."

A representative from Commonwealth Drugs and Medical Supplies told *The Tribune*: "It is all being sold directly to government and we have had no indication from the government as to whether or not they would want us to bring in any."

There have been at least 29 confirmed cases of swine flu in the Bahamas this year, and although the virus has a high infection rate, Dr Minnis said it is far less deadly than regular flu as about 40,000 people in the United States die as a result of the regular flu every year, while just 600 people have died from the H1N1 virus since it became apparent earlier this year.

Policeman's death: Murder trial resumes

By DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREEPORT – The trial of two men accused of murdering a policeman resumed in the Supreme Court on Tuesday.

Edwin Bauld Jr and Wilfred McPhee Jr are accused of the murder, kidnapping and robbery of Police Corporal Eddison Bain in October 2007.

Acting Justice Jethro Miller is presiding over the trial, which was interrupted briefly when Bauld made a loud outburst in the courtroom as a prosecution witness was giving testimony in the witness box.

Justice Miller advised Bauld's attorney that the outburst was not acceptable and initiated a five minute break. Bauld was later escorted from the courtroom by two police officers to give him time to cool off. The decomposed body of Corporal Eddison Bain was discovered on October 22, 2007, in a ditch near the Casuarina Bridge. Bain's hands and feet were bound and a large stone was on his head. The body was covered with tree shrubs and stones in a four-foot deep ditch.

K Brian Hanna represents Bauld and Mario Gray represents McPhee. It is alleged that the accused men kidnapped Bain, robbed him of his ATM bank card and withdrew money from his account. On Monday, the prosecution produced a video that showed one of the accused men withdrawing money using Bain's ATM card.

Hospital pathologist Dr Cornelius Kachali gave evidence in the trial on Tuesday.

Dr Kachali, who performed an autopsy on Corporal Bain, said the cause of death was a blunt force trauma to the head.

He said that the skull was penetrated as a result of the blunt force. He added that Bain was alive when he sustained the injury because there was a swelling of the brain which can only occur if a person is alive at the time.

Lawyer Brian Hanna asked if Bain could have survived his injuries if he had been taken to hospital. Dr Kachali said that Bain's chances of survival were "very slim." "Statistically survival is not good, he would have lived only for two minutes after sustaining injuries," he said.

Lawyer Mario Gray asked Dr Kachali if Bain, while bound, could have sustained the injury himself by falling and hitting his head. Dr Kachali said that it was impossible because the deceased was found face up in the ditch with a huge stone on his head.

Also giving evidence was Gahnise Campbell, the girlfriend of Edwin Bauld Jr. Ms Campbell told the court

that she was Bauld's girlfriend during 2007. She said that she and Bauld had been dating for six months. She said she had known Wilfred McPhee Jr all her life as he was her cousin and they grew up in the same neighbourhood.

Ms Campbell said a week before October 20 she went for a ride with Edwin and Eddison. She said Eddison was Edwin's cousin. She said Edwin and

Eddison went into a liquor store for two Guinness. They then went to Commonwealth Bank because she wanted to check her account.

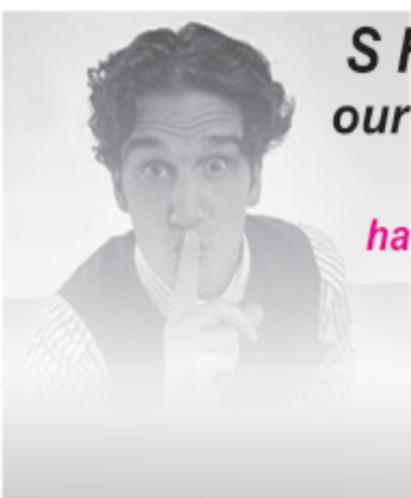
"I gave Edwin my ATM card to check if the money he had put on the card was on my account," she said. Ms Campbell said they went to Bell Channel Resort.

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LOCAL NEWS

Road Traffic Department holds customer service workshop

BY KATHRYN CAMPBELL

PUBLIC Works and Transport Minister Neko Grant gives the opening remarks at the launch of a two-day workshop for staff of the Road Traffic Department on Tuesday. Road Traffic Controller Philip Turner is pictured in the background.



Letisha Henderson/BIS

THE Road Traffic Department has a vital role to play in providing services and contributing to the economic and social development of the Bahamas, Public Works and Transport Minister Neko Grant said. "Each staff member therefore has the responsibility of ensuring that these services are provided to the satisfaction of customers."

Mr Grant officially opened the first of a two-day workshop for staff of the Road Traffic Department on Tuesday at Workers House. The theme for the workshop is "Forward in Growth - Together for Excellence."

One hundred staff members representing various units in the Department participated in the workshop designed to enhance customer service skills. The workshop is in keeping with the government's service improvement programme that aims to formulate strategies for internal and external service improvement.

The programme was implemented in six key service delivery agencies within the public service. Speakers for both days included Philip Turner, Controller of Department of Road Traffic, who spoke on the topic "The Way Forward for the Road Traffic Department"; Elma Garraway, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, on "Dress Code and Work Ethics"; and Rev James Palacios on the topic "Setting Standards for Excellence."

"Excellence in service delivery is challenging under normal circumstances. However, it presents an even greater challenge in today's society from a general perspective in both the public and private sectors," Minister Grant said. "Globalisation has had a significant impact on customers' expectations. We now see an increasing demand by customers for better service in a work environment that reflects current economic circumstances where more efficiency in the use of resources is required."



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PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The purpose of the meeting is to seek approval from the membership for a merger with National Workers Co-operative Credit Union Limited. Note that the Annual General Meeting held May 28th, 2009, authorized the Board of Directors to seek alliance with a larger credit union.

Secretary: Dexter Cartwright

CAT ISLAND: Rotary Club proposal Plans for state-of-the-art resource centre, library

BY AVA TURNQUEST

USING an old teacher's cottage given by the Ministry of Works and Ministry of Education, the newly formed Rotary Club Cat Island plans to create a state-of-the-art community resource centre and library.

With an estimated completion date of September 2010, the library is a much needed resource on the island as the club hopes it will bring a fresh and exciting challenge for the youth.

The club, currently totalling 21 members and directors, is the first and only Rotary Club on Cat Island.

President-elect Gwendolyn Rolle, former member of the Rotary Club of Lucaya Freeport, Grand Bahama, says the club began meeting in November 2008 with a group of professionals at the island's resource centre.

"Rotary brings a new kind of hope to the community," said Ms Rolle, "the youth and the elderly at large."

The club believes that the library is most needed, bringing a fresh and exciting challenge for the youth of Cat Island.

The library, located in Bennett's Harbour, will be the club's maiden civic project since its official installation and charter to the global association June 13, 2009.

"Ready students need a safe and informative environment in order to complete school projects, do research, and be in touch with the world in a controlled environment," said Ms Rolle.

HISTORY

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, was formed in 1905 by Paul Harris, an attorney who wished to capture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth.

Now Rotary International is a global network of volunteers, enhancing their communities and promoting international goodwill through

"Rotary brings a new kind of hope to the community, the youth and the elderly at large."

Gwendolyn Rolle

club projects, scholarships and grants for development and humanitarian projects. Rotary Club of Cat Island is part of Rotary District 7020 comprising 10 countries and 16 islands in the Caribbean, being one of the 75 clubs in the District with over 2400 Rotarians, all men and women with the finest credentials.

Area District Governor Felix Stubbs spoke to the newly installed club, encouraging them to utilise tools and opportunities the organisation presents. "My personal gratitude and appreciation to the business and professional community of Cat Island for embracing Rotary wholeheartedly and to the Rotary Club of South East Nassau for the sponsorship and duly represented by the Club President David Moncur, President-elect Anna deGregory and other members of that Club.

"This is your opportunity to exploit the immense possibilities for your community," Mr. Stubbs said. "The onus is on you to create friendship and fellowship, to invite the best amongst your vocations to join hands with you, to do good so as to give back, and to be recognised in the world as an important segment of the world community."

DONATIONS

The Rotary Club of Cat Island has received numerous donations from both the public and private sectors. The government, through the Ministry of Works and Ministry of Education, has donated

the cottage with supplies and books and has also committed to provide a librarian upon its completion.

The club has set up a registry for material at Kelly's Lumber Yard and Marathon Mall location. To access this registry, interested persons should contact Mr. Robert Plank. The public can purchase discounted items on the "Rotary Club of Cat Island Material for Library List" that Kelly's will ship to Cat Island at the start of the project. Private companies that have also provided outstanding support to this project have been Cat Island Air, The Christie Estate, Orange Creek Car Rental, Neighbourhood Food Store and many more.

Local contractors on the island have also donated their time, which has allowed the club to save on labour costs. Mr Allworth Rolle drew the renovation plans and Mr. Lewis Sweeting has committed to all the electrical wiring.

"I would really like to acknowledge all members of the community and the club that has donated their time and funds," said Ms Rolle, "working tirelessly to see this project brought to reality."

COOK-OUT

The club will host its first cook-out from noon to 6 pm on Saturday, October 3, on the grounds of the library in Bennett's Harbour. Joining them will be representatives from the various Rotary families in the Bahamas as they kick off the first phase of the renovation project.

"This will be a day of fun, with work as well as play," said Ms Rolle. "There will be a lot of local goodies on sale and we are eager to share this experience with the community and our visiting clubs."

In addition to their scheduled civic duties, the club also plans to renovate local parks and play areas and raise funds for a multi-purpose sport facility for the community.

"I have great faith in your brand new club and its promising membership," said Mr Stubbs. "I truly believe that the club will make a strong statement that indeed a new entrant is no less versatile and vibrant than a veteran in the world of service and fellowship."

Donations can also be sent to The Rotary, Arthur's Town Post Office, Cat Island. The club meets every Thursday at 7pm at The Boggie Pond Restaurant in Arthur's Town. All visiting Rotarians are welcome.



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LOCAL NEWS

Minister of Foreign Affairs to address the United Nations

DPM Symonette accompanied by Ministers Earl Deveau, Dion Foulkes

BY LINDSAY THOMPSON



BRENT SYMONETTE



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EARL DEVEAUX



PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, right, and United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon offer a toast at a luncheon during the United Nations General Assembly, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009.

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Brent Symonette left the country yesterday to address the 64th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York on a number of issues relevant to the Bahamas.

He will also sign a Tax Information Exchange Agreement (TIEA) with the Republic of San Marino, in keeping with standards set out by the Organisation for Economic and Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Mr Symonette, along with other CARICOM leaders will address the session tomorrow on the vulnerability of Small Island Developing States (SIDS), and devise ways for a more cohesive union. He is being accompanied by Minister of the Environment Earl Deveau and Senator Dion Foulkes, Minister of Labour.

UN General Assembly. In a speech that was described as "audacious" by some observers, he said his country is committed to "a new chapter of international cooperation."

"Those who used to chastise America for acting alone in the world cannot now stand by and wait for

America to solve the world's problems alone," President Obama said. The UN, headquartered in New York is an international organisation founded in 1945, after World War II. The 192 member-states have committed to maintaining international peace and security, developing friendly relations

among nations and promoting social progress, better living standards and human rights.

Issues

Main issues for the session are the Millennium Development Goals; the world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development; climate change; disarmament; United Nations reform; review of the peace-building commission and the Human Rights Council.

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LOOKING AT VIOLENCE AND MARRIAGE

The five interesting lessons I learned at a Bahamas Christian Consortium meeting

BY NOELLE NICOLLS

WITH the ongoing debate about the proposed amendment to the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act of 1991, I became very curious about the perspectives of the Bahamas Christian Council. I decided to attend a meeting, but when I arrived the group gathered was actually a rogue Christian group, known as the

‘YOUR SAY’

Bahamas Christian Consortium (BCC). I stayed anyway and learned five interesting lessons.

Marriage is the ultimate form of martyrdom

When a man and a woman join as one in marriage they literally give up their individual selves to become one body under God, not in a metaphorical sense, but physically. A miracle happens and their bodies join up like congenital twins, which means they are incapable of raping each other. “Marriage is a covenant [with] your life long partner. You are no longer to operate as individuals but a bond where the two are to become one. So how can one rape themselves, especially when you vowed to fulfil each other sexually?” Ingenious words of Keith Ferguson, who is not a member of the BCC, but considered a prophet.

Men marry to avoid the sin of fornication.

Since men are sexual beasts at heart and prime fornicators, marriage is the best solution: a sacred space where sexual relations are acceptable to God not just for procreation. Marriage is an unrestricted pleasure club for men and women: once signing the marriage contract both parties agree to “upfront, implicit, open-ended sexual consent”. This is not what the actual Marriage Act says or implies, but the moral law of God, according to the Bahamas Christian Council sanctions this interpretation. This makes sense, considering it is much easier for a woman to give her man a key to the house so he does not have to knock on the door to gain entry every time he wants to get in.

Sexual violence in marriage is sacred and intimate.

The Bahamas Christian Council in their official statement said one of the questions causing grave concern over the proposed amendments was: “How far should the government be going with things that are sacred and intimate?” A marriage is sacred no matter how unhealthy it is, even where the most extreme forms of sexual violence exist. An assault against men who rape their wives is an assault against all married men and women. The Christian community has a responsibility to uphold the moral laws of God and protect these sacred and intimate marriages.

If there is no violence in the lead up to rape then no violent act occurred.

The BCC is very concerned about a complete “multi-generational breakdown” in society if the government is allowed to make men answerable to the law for raping their wives. Spiritual icon of the movement Myles Munroe believes the law “could” be or “perhaps should” be amended only if the activities leading up to the “sexual intercourse” are abusive, violent and forceful. So the sexually violent act of rape itself is not sufficient to warrant the government getting into the marriage bed. The lead up to “sexual intercourse” also has to be violent.

Lesbian feminists are trying to destroy marriage.

The valid concern of the BCC is there are many “malignant, evil, spiteful, whoremonger” women who are itching for the opportunity to get back at their husbands “because of some unfortunate circumstance” and married men in unhealthy violent relationships need to be protected by the church. If the feminists succeed in passing this amendment it will open the gates of hell for all homosexuals to wield political power in the Bahamas.

After the meeting I heard people asking the question on whose behalf does Reverend Patrick Paul speak.

‘The BCC seems to be a rogue organisation, or revolutionary, depending on one’s perspective, run by a few ministers in New Providence. They speak for themselves. I realised they are so forward thinking that normal people cannot keep up with their logic.’

He speaks for the Bahamas Christian Council, as their President, not for the Bahamas Christian Consortium (BCC).

Despite their names, neither organisation represents Catholics, Methodists, and Seventh-Day Adventists, who all support the amendment.

The Bahamas Christian Council is a public front primarily representing Baptist and Church of God members.

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LOCAL NEWS

Travolta: Jett's final moments

FROM page one

Mr Travolta, 55, explained how Jett was autistic and suffered from a seizure disorder. He said Jett would suffer a seizure every five to 10 days. Each time the seizures would last for about 45 seconds. Mr Travolta recalled that around 10.15am on January 2, he was wakened by Eli Wheaton, one of Jett's nannies, who was pounding on his bedroom door. The actor said that he and his wife ran downstairs to help their son.

"I saw him on the bathroom floor. Jeff Kathrein, his other nanny and a woman from Old Bahama Bay were doing CPR," Mr Travolta said. Mr Travolta said that he took the place of the woman doing CPR.

"Jeff Kathrein was doing compression and I was doing breathing," Mr Travolta said. Mr Travolta said that while all this was taking place, his wife was holding their son's head.

Mr Travolta told the court that Jared McGrath, who was a part of a group visiting for a party he was having for employees, also continued the compressions. Mr Travolta said that he knew McGrath to have medical expertise and he fitted his son with a defibrillator.

Mr Travolta testified that after 35 minutes an ambulance came and Jett was placed on a gurney and taken to the ambulance while Jared continued the compressions.

Mr Travolta told the court that outside the condo, he spoke to the ambulance driver and following that exchange he received a liability release document which he signed. Mr Travolta admitted that he did not read the document.

"Time was of the essence," Mr Travolta told the court, when asked by lead prosecutor and Director of Public Prosecutions Bernard Turner why he had not read the document.



JETT TRAVOLTA

West Palm Beach rather than taking him to the Freeport hospital. Mr Travolta testified, however, that Jett was taken to the Freeport hospital by ambulance.

"I was in the back of the ambulance. There was EMT and one other person," Mr Travolta told the court.

When asked by the prosecutor whether anything happened on the way to the hospital, Mr Travolta said that "there was a stop where there was a switching of drivers."

Mr Travolta told the court that once they arrived at the hospital, he stayed with Jett in the hospital room until he was asked to leave.

He said the last time he saw Jett at the hospital he was not alive.

Mr Travolta said he stayed on Grand Bahama for about four days after Jett's death,

then returned to his home in the United States.

Both defence attorneys Murrio Ducille and Carlson Shurland opted not to cross-examine Mr Travolta yesterday as the actor is expected to be recalled after certain other witnesses have given evidence.

Bridgewater, 49, and Lightbourne, 47, are accused of conspiring to extort and attempting to extort money from Mr Travolta between January 2 and 20 by means of threats. Bridgewater is also accused of abetment to extortion.



US ACTOR John Travolta, left, and wife Kelly Preston leave the court building in Nassau yesterday.

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LOCAL NEWS

Lawyer indicted in US

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Mr Cambridge was alleged to have facilitated the scheme by creating a Bahamian International Business Company (IBC), Hexagon Development, and setting up a bank account for the company at FirstCaribbean International Bank (Bahamas).

He then allegedly handled wire transfers totalling hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The "sting" was part of an FBI investigation into public official corruption in the Miami area, and one of Mr Cambridge's fellow defendants is former vice-mayor of Broward County and Broward County Commissioner, Josephus Eggleston.

In 2006, Eggleston was alleged to have told an FBI agent and "cooperating witness": "If you wanna do some deals in the Bahamas, let me know."

"Yes sir. In fact, I'm gonna be raising some money for the Prime Minister of the Bahamas that's running for re-election." That appears to imply that he was going to donate to the PLP's 2007 election campaign, although there is nothing to suggest the party or Mr Christie did anything wrong in relation to this or the situation surrounding Mr Cambridge.

See Tribune Business for full story.

UK judge: Cases from countries like Bahamas taking up too much time

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ident of the UK's new Supreme Court, said he is looking for ways to reduce the "disproportionate" amount of time judges who staff that court also spend on cases coming from outside the UK.

The President questioned whether some Privy Council cases, which have ranged from Jamaican death row appeals to fights over press freedom in Bermuda, needed to be heard by a panel of five of Britain's most senior judges.

Robert Hazell, director of The Constitution Unit at University College London, claims it is a "minor public scandal" that judges in the country's top court spend almost half their

time on business "of no interest to anyone in the UK", referring to those cases originating in places like the Bahamas.

One former Governor General told BBC Caribbean that he sees Lord Phillip's message as one telling Caribbean and other Commonwealth countries to "get your house in order and do what you have to do" to prepare for the eventuality that final appeals may in the future no longer be made to the London-based Privy Council.

"The message," said Sir Probyn Innis, former Governor General of St Kitts and Nevis, "is loud and clear."

"Enough is enough is enough. Allow us to get on with our business of modernising our legal system in the United Kingdom."

Yesterday former Attorney General and MP for Fort Charlotte Alfred Sears said the time is "long overdue" for the Bahamas to make a "contingency plan" for the likely eventuality that the Privy Council will not act as the final court of appeal forever.

"I think it's our responsibility to provide the critical institutions of governance for ourselves and the time has come, before the British tell us to go — a likelihood that will only increase as the demands of their own society call for giving priority to their needs — that we assume the responsibility for ourselves," said Mr Sears.

He noted that the Bahamas already helps fund the Caribbean Court of Justice despite not using it as a final

court of appeal.

Meanwhile, he said, he has no doubt that there is sufficient legal talent within the Caribbean region and the rest of the Commonwealth to deal adequately with any legal issues that may arise.

Many Bahamians have called for the Bahamas to end its dependence on the Privy Council since it ruled in 2006 that it was unconstitutional for the death penalty to be mandatory, perceiving a foreign court to have placed an unfair impediment to convicted Bahamian killers receiving their just deserts.

However, Mr Sears said that this in itself is no argument in favour of a national or Caribbean court as such a court could make the same ruling — as it did in South Africa.

Nonetheless, he said, he does believe the issue of capital punishment should be decided by a court "in our region", rather than Europe.

PLP leadership contender Paul Moss raised the issue of the final court of appeal publicly during his campaign launch on Tuesday evening, telling his audience that he would bring "unparalleled focus to fixing the administration of justice," culminating in the "removal" of the Privy Council as the final court of appeal.

Yesterday Mr Moss said he feels it is unlikely that Britain will itself move to stop other countries appealing to the Privy Council as he believes it is "an industry" for the country.

However, he said, he strongly believes The Bahamas "should not outsource" its final court of appeal, whether to Britain or the Caribbean Court of Justice.

"The judiciary is part of government. We do not have a foreign prime minister why then should we have foreigners sitting on another arm of government, such as the judiciary," he said.

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LOCAL NEWS

Schools in Long Island receive greenhouses



AGRICULTURE MINISTER Larry Cartwright (right) inspects one of the greenhouses with (from left) BAIC's assistant general manager of Agriculture Arnold Dorsett, Long Island administrator Roderick Bowe, and local government official Wellington Taylor.

FURTHERING the local food production initiative, four schools in Long Island received greenhouses during special assemblies last week.

The greenhouses went to North Long High, NGM Major High, Glinton's Primary, and Simms' Primary. Three greenhouses came from the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation (BAIC) and the other through the Food and Agriculture Organisation's Initiative on Soaring Food Prices.

Among the dignitaries present were Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources and

Member of Parliament for Long Island and Ragged Island, Larry Cartwright; BAIC executive chairman Edison Key; administrator Roderick Bowe, and Ministry of Education and local government officials.

Mr Cartwright told the students that agriculture is for life. "Everybody needs food," he said.

"And the greatest thrill of one's life is to be able to grow one's own food."

Mr Key underscored BAIC's theme to 'grow what you eat and eat what you grow'.

He said there is no need for

the Bahamas to be importing some \$500 million in food each year when the means are here to produce much of that.

"If there is a magical word in agriculture today, that word is 'greenhouses'," agricultural officer, Maurice Minnis told students.

"The appeal of growing plants in a controlled environment protected from the open sun without most of the physical labour normally associated with production on the open field makes the attraction of greenhouses almost irresistible."

SAC principal robbed by thug

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about five hours after a man was fatally stabbed during a scuffle at the nearby Seagrapes shopping centre on Prince Charles Drive.

Inspector Warren Rodgers, of the Elizabeth Estates police station, said patrols have been intensified as police try to crack down on crime in the area.

"We have a lot of patrols in the night-time. We also have been getting a lot of reserve officers to come out and assist in the night-time to reassure the communities in this area that

the police are out working and also to deter the criminals," he told *The Tribune* yesterday.

Police launched investigations after at least two rapes and two attempted rapes occurred in eastern New Providence since March.

However, *The Tribune* has received reports that this number may be greater than reported.

On an internet message board, a poster claimed a woman had been attacked and nearly raped two weeks ago by a man who lurked outside her home in the eastern area.

Yesterday, police at the Elizabeth Estates station said they had no knowledge of the reported attack.

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SPORTS

'A sporting icon of the highest order'

TODAY'S column is not your usual one. I just had to pause and reflect on the life of the late Vincent Lloyd Ferguson, a sporting icon of the highest order, not just as an athlete, but an administrator as well.

When I got the news that the 71-year-old had passed away yesterday after his battle with prostate cancer, the first thing that really came to mind was how I first got to know him in a personal way.

I was attending my first major international event at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain, and as a young reporter on the curb, I was eager to make the trip.

But when I got to Barcelona, I was staying quite a ways out from everything that was going on. And not being able to speak Spanish didn't help.

Ferguson, the Bahamas Olympic Association's treasurer at the time, served as the Chef de Mission for the team at the Olympics. Being a

very small team, there was more than adequate space in the Games Village.

Upon the insistence of triple jumper Frank Rutherford and quarter-miler Pauline Davis-Thompson, I moved into the Games Village where I was able to hang out with the team.

However, Ferguson was not informed initially and when he found out, he almost hit the roof. He insisted that the BOA would not be responsible for me being in the village as the press was not allowed.

That actually showed me the seriousness of Ferguson, who is known as a disciplinarian.

Anybody who got to know Ferguson can attest to his firmness and his commitment to being the best out of everybody and ensuring that nothing was left to chance.

After his stint as a semi-professional baseball player in the major leagues, Ferguson returned home and took up a long and successful

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OPINION

teaching career.

It started at his alma mater at St Augustine's College where he and the late Leviticus 'Uncle Lou' Adderley

were responsible for coining the school's nickname *The Big Red Machine* after the Cincinnati Reds in the 1960s.

He last taught at the A F Adderley High School before he retired in 1994.

Ferguson leaves behind his beloved wife Marie, a former teacher of mine, and two children, Anne-Marie and Vincent Alex.

He had also compiled a résumé that speaks for itself. Here's a glance at his career:

- Attended St Augustine's College from 1950-1955 where he participated in basketball, softball, volleyball and track and field
- Enrolled at St Anselm's College, Manchester, New Hampshire, on a basketball scholarship in 1957 and graduated with a BA in English and a minor in Philosophy in 1961

- Started playing professional basketball with the Milwaukee Braves (now Atlanta) minor league in 1964-1967,

although he never got to play in the majors

- Obtained a Master of Science degree in Education Administration from Mankato State University in 1974
- Taught locally in the classroom at SAC from 1961-1968

- Served as an administrator at SAC from 1968-1975
- Vice principal at R M Bailey from 1975-1977 and acting principal from 1977-1978

- Principal at Aquinas College from 1978-1993
- Acting principal at A F Adderley from 1993-1994
- Served as the longest president of the Bahamas Amateur Basketball Association from 1966-1983.

- Founded the Bahamas Association of Basketball Officials (BABO) in 1968
- First FIBA certified referee for the English speaking Caribbean after he refereed at the Central American and Caribbean Championships in Cuba in 197

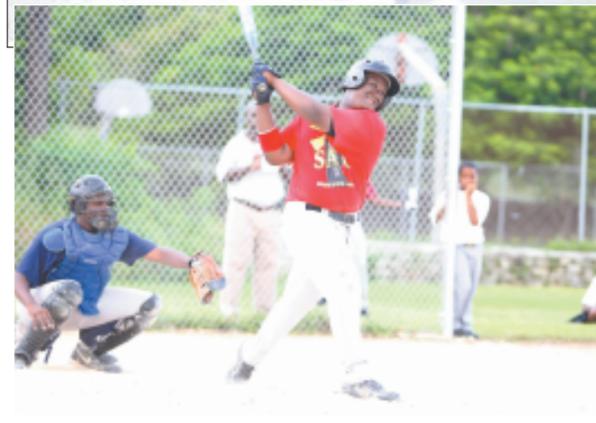
- Founding member and president of the Bahamas Association of Former and Present Professional Baseball Players.
- Inducted into the Minnesota State University Mankato in 2004 when he was presented with the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award.

My condolences to his entire family. May his soul rest in peace.

Rain delays softball game...



Photos: Felipe Major/Tribune Staff



THE senior boys' game between the Big Red Machine and the Nassau Christian Academy Crusaders was stopped in the bottom of the fifth inning when the rain came pouring down.

• SOME of the players can be seen in action here

Champion Truckers put on probation

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stated," Seymour said.

"I don't know where this thing about a suspension or probation came from. They are only trying to blow this thing up more than it is because they lost money on what they call a big night when two top teams were supposed to meet. But we didn't have enough players to play and so we lost the game by default."

As far as the constitution is concerned, Seymour said a team is allowed three defaults, but they are not allowed to have two back-to-back. He said they have a game scheduled to play on Friday and they will show up to play that game.

"The Mighty Mitts defaulted a game the other day and nobody made no noise," Seymour said. "Two girls teams lost by default and nobody made any noise. I think because it's the Truckers, everybody was making an issue out of it."

"When was the last time a Nassau team went anywhere," Seymour asked. "They are only worrying about themselves. They have to start worrying about the players. They are upset because they might have lost a big night, but things happened."

Seymour said the NPSA knows that his team was struggling to get players out. He said three of their players had to work, but they came late and about five of them played in a number of softball games in other leagues, so the players might have been tired.

"It's not the first time something like this has happened on a Saturday night," he said. "The last Saturday we played, I only had 10 players and one had to leave."

The NPSA, according to Fernander, is preparing to wind down its regular season so that they can start the playoffs as they march towards the BSF's National Round Robin in November.

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SPORTS

Former boxer 'Kid Nassau' plans to form amateur club

By BRENT STUBBS
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Leroy Brown to stage exhibition boxing show at BASH's Earth Village Fun Day next month

REMEMBER the name Leroy 'Kid Nassau' Brown?

The former light welterweight champion, who dominated the local scene back in the days when Oswald 'Elisha Obed' Ferguson was making a name for himself, has resurfaced, but this time to give back to the sport of boxing.

Brown, a 61-year-old recovering drug addict with the

Bahamas Association of Social Health (BASH) for the past 16 months, is planning to form his own amateur boxing club.

He has already started the facility on the site that used to

host BASH's car wash off Columbus Drive in Chippingham, but is in need of some additional material to complete the wooden structure.

During BASH's Earth Village Fun Day on Monday, October 12, Brown will reintroduce himself to the public as he stages an amateur exhibition boxing show.

"We're going to show the people what we have to offer," Brown said. "Ray Minus Jr is assisting me. He will put down a boxing ring that we will use and he will bring some of his boxers to compete."

Kid Nassau, as he was affectionately called, was one of the top local boxers along with Obed and Baby Boy Rolle. But he would be the first to tell you that he was the best in his time, having posted an impressive record of 29-1.

"They really didn't recognise me back then," said Brown, whose only loss was against an American in Miami, Florida. "I wasn't in condition when the people called me for that fight."

Having fought and defeated just about all of the big name fighters whom Obed was matched against, Brown said he decided to quit after a fight between himself and Obed was canceled.

"He and his trainers watched me and they said I



LEROY BROWN (shown) is planning to form his own amateur boxing club inside this wooden building...

was too heavy to fight Obed," said Brown, who noted that at the time he was just one pound over the weight limit.

"We fought guys who were 20-30 pounds heavier than we were. I was a junior middleweight and he was a welterweight, but they used it as an excuse because they didn't want him to lose."

After the fight was called off, Brown hung up his boxing gear and he walked away from the sport.

However, he continued in his latter years to watch the sport that he perfected more as a technician. But he found the urge to come back and give back to the sport.

"I had the style like Cassius Clay. I was the crowd

pleaser," Brown recalled. "That was why everybody wanted me to fight."

Through his boxing club, Brown said he intends to bring back the art of the sport.

"The only thing I see out there is the brute force. The man who can punch the hardest win. But they want to see something that they can enjoy," Brown said.

"Although I got strung out on drugs, I came back, thanks to BASH. Now I can contribute to my immediate community and society."

Brown is encouraging any and all young men who have an interest in boxing to come out and participate in the gym, which he hopes to have

completed after they have acquired the much-needed material and equipment.

"We need boxing bags, training gloves, head gears, skipping ropes, mouth pieces, cups to protect the groins, speed bags and a few more items," he said.

"I'm appealing to the public to be a part of this by lending a helping hand."

Already BASH has gotten a lot of support from Premier Importers and the New Providence Community Church in getting the structure to near completion.

However, Brown said they are still looking for corporate Bahamas to assist in providing them with plywood, cement and a rug to put on the floor once it's completed.

Interested persons can contact Brown or Wesley Finlayson, the marketing and media liaison for BASH/Earth Village at 356-2274.

Finlayson, a cousin of Alpheus 'Hawk' Finlayson, said they are throwing their full support behind Brown in his venture into getting the gym opened.

"He's been an inspiration to all of us," Finlayson said. "He's been a role model, someone who's been there and done that and is moving on. I'm very proud of him and this is his way of giving back to the community. So I feel good about it. I think after the gym opens, it's going to be good."



LEROY BROWN (right) with Wesley Finlayson outside the wooden structure on the site that used to host BASH's car wash off Columbus Drive in Chippingham...



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Champion Truckers put on probation

By BRENT STUBBS
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THE New Providence Softball Association (NPSA) has placed the defending champions Commando Security Truckers on probation after they defaulted a live television game against the Heavy Lift Dorsey Park Boyz that was set to be played on Saturday night.

As a result, a number of dedicated fans were disgruntled. So in an effort to lure them back to the park, Fernander said the NPSA designated Tuesday and Wednesday as fan appreciation nights when softball lovers were able to watch the game free of charge.

Calling the default an embarrassment for the league, NPSA president Sidney 'Bobby Baylor' Fernander said they are not going to showcase the Truckers in any radio or television game, nor will they "recommend them for any national team consideration."

"We will hope that the BSF (Bahamas Softball Federation) will uphold what we do because we will not recommend them for any national team consideration," he said.

"Any team traveling out of New Providence going anywhere, they will not be recommended for team play based on our sanctions that we will put on them."

But Truckers manager Perry Seymour said it's not fair to his team because they didn't do anything wrong, except lose a game by default.

"With a defaulted game, the constitution states that you are allowed to pay a \$50 fine and you are rein-

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THE Bahamas Association of Independent Secondary Schools' '09 softball season got started yesterday. But at St Augustine's College, the senior boys' game between the Big Red Machine and the Nassau Christian Academy Crusaders was stopped in the bottom of the fifth inning when the rain came pouring down. The game was tied 11-11 when it was halted by plate umpire Michael Hanna. As the seven-inning game was not official, it will have to continue from that point at a date to be announced.

• SOME of the players can be seen in action here and on page 13

Sporting icon dies at 71

By BRENT STUBBS
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VINCENT Lloyd Ferguson, who was battling prostate cancer, died at his home while having breakfast yesterday morning.

The former teacher/administrator, sporting icon and sports administrator extraordinaire just celebrated his 71st birthday on August 25.

Winston 'Tappy' Davis, who had a long affiliation with Ferguson, broke down when he was asked to describe his former friend and teammate.

"It's so sad that he had to leave us," said Davis, who tried to contain himself. "Vince was a straight forward intelligent, honest and hard working individual."

"He believed in everything he was into and he cared a whole lot about it. I never knew that people had the kind of passion and commitment in what they did the way Vince did."

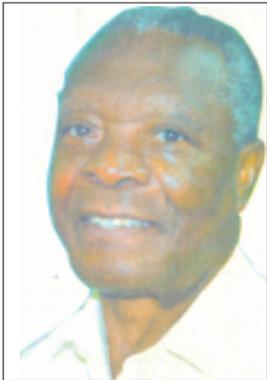
Davis and Ferguson were a part of an historic committee that was commissioned by the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture to put together the history of the game of basketball in the country.

The committee was scheduled to meet again today.

Tom 'the Bird' Grant, who was also a part of the committee, said the Bahamas has certainly lost a giant of a man.

"He was a no nonsense man period," Grant stated. "He did all he could for sports, but he was an individual all by himself. He wasn't one to follow the crowd."

"He did things his way. At times we couldn't see eye to eye, but I knew he meant well. We were going down the



VINCENT FERGUSON

same road. It's just that we did it on different paths. That was just Vince."

Basketball standout Reggie Forbes, who shaped his life after his disciplinarian mentor, said it's a sad day for sports.

"Vince was one of the rare Bahamians, real men, an icon, who has served the Bahamas in many capacities, both academically, athletically, socially and has made immeasurable contributions to the building of our nation," Forbes said.

"Today is a sad day. It causes us to reflect on the contribution he has made and the impact he has made in the lives of both men and women. To me, he has made an invaluable contribution in my life as I developed through the ranks of playing basketball."

Having had the pleasure of working with him as a teacher at Aquinas College, Forbes, now the Dean of Student Affairs at SAC, said Ferguson always tried to get the best of everybody he came in contact with.

"To his wife and children, God knows best. Just hold on and be strong," he said. We just wish that his legacy will live on in each of them."

Ferguson had a storied career.

It began as a multiple athlete at St Augustine's College, to his collegiate days at St Anselm's College, to his professional baseball stint with the Milwaukee Braves, to his return home as a high school administrator, to his latest role as the founder of the Bahamas Association of Former and Present Professional Baseball Players, and his contribution on the committee for the history of basketball in the country.

Ferguson leaves behind his beloved wife Marie and his two children, Anne-Marie and Vincent Alex.

• See column (Stubbs' Opinion) on page 13 for more on Ferguson's achievement

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Young Bahamian Marine Scientists host

Summer Camp



STUDENTS between the ages of 10 and 18 attended the camp, where they were introduced to different aspects of the Bahamian environment.

YOUNG Bahamian Marine Scientists (YBMS), an educational component of the Danguillecourt Project, hosted a seven-day summer camp on Little Farmers Cay, Exuma.

Seventeen students between the ages of 10 and 18 attended the camp, where they were introduced to different aspects of the Bahamian environment. The mornings were spent in the classroom discussing and learning the important facts about each daily topic. Afternoons were spent outdoors in the field.

Nikita Shiel-Rolle, director and founder of YBMS, said: "For many of these students it was their first time putting on a mask and snorkel, their first time swimming with sharks in 70 feet of water, their first time walking through mangrove creeks where they identified the four different types of mangroves and their first time making the connection that these same mangroves act as nurseries to countless juvenile creatures which, when grown, relocate onto nearby coral reefs."

Each day brought a new topic of discussion and adventure. A full day was dedicated to invasive species where lionfish were the focus. Community members accompanied the students on a lionfish hunt after the morning discussion which addressed the environmental threats associated with this predator. The day ended with a grill-out on the Farmer's Cay government dock where fishermen, who just hours before swore that they would never consume the deadly creature, cracked jokes and savoured the white meat of the lionfish. The summer camp would not have been complete without a trip to the Exuma Cays Land and Sea Park, a protected area established by the Bahamas National Trust in 1959. Students visited the park's headquarters on Warderick Wells and learned about the importance of marine conservation and the spill-over effect, gaining an understanding of how wildlife in these protected areas can flourish resulting in an abundance of species that will eventually take up residence outside the designated protected area.

Upon exploring the area, the group saw the skeleton of a sperm whale that had died as a result of pollution, and observed hutia, the largest native mammal in the Bahamas, as well as arti-



facts left from the days of the Loyalists' occupation.

Stromatolites, ancient microbial reefs unique to the Exuma cays, were another topic of study.

These living layered outcrop structures called stromatolites date back to the origins of the planet, when their photosynthetic properties were attributed to creating Earth's atmosphere.

Students visited the Danguillecourt Project's research lab located on Little Darby Island where Dr Pamela Reid of the University of Miami along with researchers from 12 other institutions, including NASA, are conducting ground-breaking scientific studies.

On the last day of the YBMS summer camp students gave a presentation to the local community highlighting the events of the week. Government officials from George Town, Great Exuma, made the trip to Little Farmers Cay along with residents from neighbouring cays. The students' demonstrations included poetry about the invasive lionfish, a song about coral reefs and a dance illustrating the four mangrove communities.

In closing remarks, the visiting George Town administrator said that YBMS camps should be duplicated in every local fishing community. He added that it was particularly nice to have Bahamians running this programme as opposed to having foreigners educating us about our country. The 2009 YBMS summer programme was run by George Allen, Kristal Ambrose, Nikita Shiel-Rolle and Ryan Winder — all Bahamians who are between the ages of 19 and 23.

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'The perfect location' for the wealthy, companies

* Top attorney says Bahamas 'can compete more effectively than any other international financial centre' in attracting companies, high net-worths to base themselves here as primary domicile

* Investment to 'stay in the game' increasing, but lawyer confident Bahamas has 'wherewithal' to compete

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

THE Bahamas "can compete more effectively than any other international financial centre" when it comes to attracting companies and high-net worth individuals to use this nation as their primary operational base, a leading attorney said yesterday, asserting that this nation has "the wherewithal to stay in the game".

John Delaney, managing partner at Higgs & Johnson, urged attendees at a seminar organised by his law firm to "not believe the doomsayers" who claimed that the Bahamas was finished as an international financial services centre due to the concerted, and increasing attacks on such jurisdictions by the G-20/OECD grouping.

Warning that the Bahamas "must invest more in education" if its international financial services sector was to survive and grow market share, Mr Delaney said: "There is a place in the world for an international financial centre that maintains alignment with evolving standards, and is prepared to invest in human capital and infrastructure in what is a highly competitive environment."

"The space is getting smaller and smaller, and the investment needed to stay in the game has increased significantly. More and more are falling by the wayside, but I believe we have the where-

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Top attorney is charged with money laundering

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

A prominent Bahamian attorney was yesterday indicted in the US on allegations that he helped to knowingly launder hundreds of thousands of dollars in proceeds from an investment fraud, after being seemingly caught in a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) 'sting' operation.

Sidney Cambridge, an attorney and partner with Callender's & Co, was named as a defendant along with the former vice-mayor of Broward County and Broward County Commissioner, Josephus Eggleton, in an indictment unveiled yesterday by the US District Attorney's Office for south Florida in connection with a multi-year FBI investigation into public sector corruption in the Miami area.

Mr Cambridge did not return Tribune Business's calls seeking comment before press deadline yesterday, despite this newspaper leaving detailed messages on his cell phone and with his assistant asking for an urgent reply.

However, his indictment is likely to stun many in Nassau's legal circles, where he is held in high regard for his ability and integrity. The Callender's & Co attorney and partner is well-known in both legal and political circles, having served as vice-chair of the Progressive Liberal Party (PLP).

He is also the attorney representing CLICO (Bahamas) liquidator Craig A. 'Tony' Gomez in that liquidation, and is also act-

- * Callender's & Co partner, and PLP vice-chair, indicted in Miami
- * Co-accused bragged of allegedly helping to fund raise for ex-PM Christie's 2007 election campaign

ing for Mr Gomez in another prominent court-supervised liquidation, that involving Leadenhall Bank & Trust.

There is nothing to suggest that Callender's & Co has done anything wrong, and the firm is not named in the indictment relating to Mr Cambridge. Mr Cambridge is understood to still be in the Bahamas, although all his fellow defendants appeared in court in Miami yesterday.

The indictment alleged that FBI undercover agents made contact with Eggleton in February 27, 2006, then donated a \$5,000 cheque to one of his charities. Eggleton then allegedly said, on May 30, 2006, to an FBI agent and 'cooperating witness': "If you wanna do some deals in the Bahamas, let me know."

"Yes sir. In fact, I'm gonna be raising some money for the Prime Minister of the Bahamas that's running for re-election." That appears to imply that he was going to donate to the PLP's 2007 election campaign, although there is nothing to suggest the party or Mr Christie did anything wrong in relation to this or the situation

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Sandals exec blasts Exuma Chamber boss

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

A SENIOR Sandals executive has blasted the Exuma Chamber of Commerce's president for making the most "inappropriate, misplaced and unprofessional" demands of the resort chain that he has ever seen, in relation to its plans for re-opening the Emerald Bay resort.

Floyd Armbrister, the Chamber's president, in a September 10, 2009, communication sent to senior Sandals executives had demanded that they answer a number of questions, and provide details, on the resort chain's plans for the Emerald Bay resort, warning that he could not simply stand by and watch "the total disregard" for the island's business community.

He also railed at the alleged "rape and pillage" of Exuma's economy by previous investors who had failed to deliver on their promises.

Mr Armbrister, in a communication obtained by Tribune Business, said he was "surprised at the lack of information being provided to the local community to date", saying what Exumians knew of Sandals plans had come from the media and a press release.

He added that he had been unsuccessful in contacting Gordon 'Butch' Stewart, Sandals' chairman, as had others, in seeking to learn how they could help Sandals, but added that the 'word on the street' regarding the resort chain's plans "does not seem very positive".

Stating that he was "elated that Exuma, the Bahamas was to be beauty behind it all" when it came to Sandals' latest resort acquisition, Mr Armbrister wrote: "I am aware of the repeated rape and pillage of the Exuma economy in the past."

"Many have come, they have got concessions and did not perform for the concessions received. All that the Government gives belongs to the people, and thus makes the people investors in the company receiving the concessions."

"As president of the Exuma Chamber of Commerce, I cannot stand and watch the total disregard for the busi-

ness community by any individual or group..... The Chamber expects to get a return phone call. We expect that with this acquisition that your corporate social responsibility would lead you to honour the triple bottom line: people, planet, profits."

Mr Armbrister then demanded that Sandals disclose a variety of details regarding its plans, including the total dollar value of concessions it was receiving from the Government; how many non-Bahamians it was planning to bring in; whether Bahamian construction workers would be employed in upgrades to Emerald Bay; when staff would be hired and trained; and how non-local staff would be housed.

Other demands related to Sandals' plans for water sports and ground transportation; its "vision for the community"; its "attitude towards local people; and its expectations of them."

The concern generated by letters such as Mr Armbrister's is that the content could potentially scare away prospective investors in the Bahamas, although there is no sign of this happening with Sandals.

However, the resort chain may now be wondering about the quality of the reception it will get in some circles in Exuma, despite having effectively rescued the island's economy by acquiring Emerald Bay - for a price believed to be in the \$20-\$30 million range - more than two years after it was placed in receivership under the previous ownership.

In a withering response to Mr Armbrister, Sandals' director of operations, Shawn DaCosta, wrote to the Exuma Chamber president on September 11, 2009, to express "displeasure" over the previous day's letter following his conversation with Mr Stewart.

"We have worked with various Chambers of Commerce throughout the world, but never in all the years of our operation have I seen opening discussion so inappropriate, misplaced and unprofessional as yours," Mr DaCosta wrote.

"Need I remind you that one hotel has already failed on this island, which

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Cable attacks 'flawed' retail price analysis

- * BISX-listed firm says own analysis shows cable TV and Internet prices 28% and 118% lower than Caribbean regional average
- * Warns that programming costs up 95% in 15 years, with other operating expenses up 200%, to justify basic cable TV fee rise

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Cable Bahamas has argued that a 'benchmarking' exercise designed to justify retail price regulation in the Bahamian communications industry "is flawed and does not provide a valid basis" for regulating either its cable TV or Internet services, arguing that its prices for the latter market are 118 per cent below the Caribbean average.

In its response to the request for feedback on retail price regulations for the Bahamian communications sector, the BISX-listed utility provider said its own "more comprehensive" benchmarking exercise showed that its prices for cable TV, Internet and other data services were below Caribbean comparatives.

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'Playing a role' in stopping loss

DURING a training session this morning, I had to deal with a recruit who we will call 'Jeff'. Jeff was stronger and more aggressive than his partner, who we will call 'Peter'. As the various drills were given out,

I observed how Jeff would throw and toss Peter around the floor as if he was a rag doll. On the other hand, when the roles were switched unexpectedly, the rough and aggressive response was not given. Jef-

f's action became more aggressive to the point where I had to step in and admonish him about his actions, which in my opinion equated to abuse. However, in Jeff's opinion he was not doing anything wrong, as he

felt that he was in control and stressed the fact that Peter was doing the same thing.

Jeff's perspective is what he operated on, so he made a decision to act accordingly. If this action was not checked, the end result could have been injury. We are observing various behaviours in our society that, for whatever reason, are going unchecked. They are being allowed to fester and grow. Compounding this is that what we believe is unusual, dangerous and unsafe, based on our norms and culture, is not necessarily the case. We are seeing before us the evolution of a very different Bahamas. The sleepy island has awakened, and the perception of risks to survival is being met head on with the same violent and aggressive force.

Unfortunately, those of us who hold fast to now ancient and historic beliefs are not taking the necessary steps to reduce the potential for large-scale loss that may result from our inaction or disregard. We prefer to sing and hold prayer services in our attempt to pacify the eruption around us. Not good enough, so sorry! Agreed, prayer can move mountains, but who is going to move if everybody is down on their knees praying.

Now, we all have our own way of managing events, be they loss or criminal in nature. Who is to say which is the right way or, as some would say, reasonable. One thing for certain is that choosing not to do something or ignoring the event is action within itself.

The time is long past, in my opinion, for peace rallies and prayers that are not backed or supported by specific actions to change



Safe & Secure

by Gamal Newry

occurring events is not crime. However, loss from stealing, rape and murder is crime. Many work-related incidents, such as extended lunch hours and tardiness, are also loss events.

We must also consider that crimes such as driving without the proper vehicle inspection certificate or licensing are also crimes, but because they are seen as minor threats to safety they are regularly disregarded. Yet as the story described earlier, if they go unchecked they create a breeding ground for more serious offences. What can be done about this? Do we give up hope or do we press on with the ensuing battle? Unfortunately, we cannot completely remove ourselves from any of these occurrences; they will happen in one form or the other. With that said we must now develop preventative and preparatory measures so we might adequately deal with them as they occur. This is - and has been - the premise for my column, to recommend solutions to the challenges of crime and loss that may present themselves.

As crime is on the minds and, in some instances, the hearts of many, it is only appropriate to address these issues and provide realistic solutions to this dilemma. As it pertains to loss events, this is a bit more complex, so preventative solutions that pertain to management styles will be suggested. A 'no rules' society that is free from defined crime; some have dared to say is the way to go. This 'survival of the fittest' mentality would take us back to 'uncivilised' and chaotic times, very similar to the times we are living now here in the Bahamas.

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behaviour. The change in behaviour is not limited to the would-be-criminal but, more importantly in my opinion, this change is for us who are at risk. How do we reduce the risk of loss and crime? Risk, too, is relative to culture, location, time of day and individuals or organisations being exposed to the threat. Thus what we perceive as the crime risk is not recognised in the same way by the police.

When I speak of the police in this instance, I speak regarding the organisation, not any one individual. Their view, in many instances, becomes perplexing as it appears they take a very nonchalant approach to conditions that we believe to be extreme. Just as Jeff's actions to the untrained eye may be seen as 'horsing around', the trained eye sees him taking advantage of a perceived weaker partner and abusing that relationship. But again this, too, is relative as Jeff also stated he was reacting to a threat, and rather than seek assistance from the authority figure (me in this instance) he decided to resolve this issue his way.

Is Jeff wrong for this, or is he just acting the part that he has so efficiently been taught over the last 18 or so years. Can we blame him or any other individual completely for actions that essentially have brought them this far in life. No, we cannot, but we as a society must take part of the blame, and incarceration and hangings cannot be our escape.

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Port urged to stop licensing realtors

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

THE Bahamas Real Estate Association's (BREA) president yesterday urged the Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA) to stop issuing persons with real estate licences, arguing that this was creating unfair competition in the Freeport market and leave consumers exposed.

William Wong told Tribune Business: "For several years now, we've been trying to get the Port Authority not to issue persons with licences to sell real estate because they're not mandated to do so. They can issue licences, but not for the selling of real estate. They're unleashing untrained people on the market in Freeport."

Mr Wong said the issue was causing BREA's 70-plus members in Freeport and Grand Bahama "a lot of frustration and a lot of stress, and it's been going on for at least the last 10 years."

The BREA president said that for the last four to five years, the organisation had been trying to get the Port Authority to recognise it as the only licensing body for realtors in Grand Bahama and Freeport, but without success.

Mr Wong said BREA's position was that the 1995 Real Estate Act empowered it as the sole body to licence practising realtors throughout the Bahamas - including Freeport and Grand Bahama. The profession, he added, had been placed on par with the



WILLIAM WONG

likes of architects, doctors and attorneys in terms of being able to self-regulate.

"For anyone to practice real estate in Freeport they need to be licensed by us," Mr Wong told Tribune Business. "They [the Port Authority] need to recognise this and stop doing what they're doing."

BREA said a legal opinion on the issue that was drafted on its behalf had been sent to the Port Authority, but no reply had been received.

"All the complaints we have heard about in Freeport recently have come from people the Port has given a licence to. People have been putting themselves forward as real estate agents and they're not. That's against the law," Mr Wong said.

"We are trying to bring some order to this Wild Wild West. It's in everyone's inter-

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— William Wong

ests for people to be licensed so the public are protected. We have 70-plus people in Freeport paying dues, playing by the rules, and the Port is licensing people not playing by the rules.

"Right now, the public are not protected.

"BREA is the only authority to licence realtors anywhere in the Bahamas, and that's set out in an Act of Parliament."

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BUSINESS

'The perfect location' for the wealthy, companies

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withal to stay in the game."

Mr Delaney said the G-20/OECD offensive was aimed at controlling international financial centres and the offshore world, rather than eliminating it altogether.

As a result, he advocated that there "is a place for international financial centres" that were able to create efficient structures, aggregate

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"Bahamian financial institutions have been preparing for years for this sort of thing. Since 200, they've been trying to ensure they have a tax compliant book of customers," Mr Delaney said, adding that banks and trust companies regularly sought opinions from tax attorneys in their clients' home coun-

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Still, the Higgs & Johnson managing partner urged: "We must act. Nature has proven very unkind to those who will not adapt to change. One thing is certain, and that is change. We must adapt, and must ensure all the ingredients required for success exist."

Among these ingredients, Mr Delaney suggested, were possessing the "best talent", which meant the Bahamas "must invest more in education that we have up till now".

The Bahamian workforce in the financial services industry also needed to be "supplemented" with specialist, skilled and high-end expatriate talent, Mr Delaney suggested that this nation needed to examine its Immigration policies and, if necessary, make some changes if these were not conducive to that objective.

Other prerequisites, he suggested, were improving the administration of justice, plus the efficiency and effectiveness of the enforcement and regulatory agencies.

While the Bahamas needed to implement a "greater effort" when it came to long-term planning, and "invest more in selling the brand", Mr Delaney said this nation had the "potential to be the location of choice" for com-

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Mr Delaney said the Bahamas needed to "aggressively go after" this market, as the land purchase and building boom it might create would generate employment in sectors such as real estate and construction. Crime, though, would need to be tackled.

"We are in a period of significant global change that is impacting our way of life," Mr Delaney said. "I have every confidence we will be able to survive, and every confidence we can get the job done."

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BUSINESS

China pushing for bigger IMF role at G-20

By **JOE McDONALD**
AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Beijing is pressing for a bigger voice in the International Monetary Fund and says Group of 20 leaders at their Pittsburgh summit should start making good on promises to give developing countries more IMF votes.

The G-20 has agreed in principle but could face an obstacle: European governments, which hold a big share of the IMF board seats and are reluctant to accept changes that might reduce their own status in the IMF.

"For many of them, it's the only way they can do some grandstanding globally," said Daniel Gros, director of the Centre for European Policy Studies in Brussels, the center of the 27-nation European Union. "They don't even want to talk about it."

The agenda at the September 24-25 summit includes possible curbs on financial industry pay, joint economic policy and whether to start winding down stimulus spending. But for China, the prize is greater representation in the IMF, which Beijing sees as a way to influence global economic policy. Working through such a multilateral body could help to allay unease abroad about rising Chinese economic and political power.

The change holds symbolic appeal for Beijing, rearranging a global order that dates to World War II and signifying the start of a new era.

By tradition the IMF boss is a European, while an American leads its sister institution, the World Bank. The IMF Executive Board has eight directors from individual governments — the United States, Japan, France, Britain, Germany, China, Russia and Saudi Arabia. Sixteen seats are assigned to groups of nations from the Middle East, Caribbean and other regions,

many of them represented by a European government such as Ireland or Belgium.

Increasing developing countries' voting power might require cutting the number of European seats or creating joint European Union seats.

Beijing has been unusually assertive in pressing its demands, reflecting its growing confidence as an economy that has suffered little damage from the worst global downturn since the 1930s. Its banks avoided the turmoil that battered Western lenders, it has \$2 trillion in foreign reserves and it is expected to be the first economy to recover from the slump.

"We believe the Pittsburgh summit should work toward transferring voting power from developed countries to developing countries," said a deputy governor of China's central bank, Guo Qingping, at a news conference this week.

"At the same time, we hope there will be more members from developing countries in the senior management of the IMF," Guo said. "This will help to increase representation and legitimacy of the senior management."

Beijing wants developing and developed countries to have equal voting shares in the IMF and World Bank, said Zhu Guangyao, a deputy finance minister. Currently, developed countries hold 57 per cent of IMF shares and 56 per cent of World Bank shares.

China announced September 2 it would buy the equiv-

alent of \$50 billion of the IMF's first bond sale. It is part of the Fund's effort to raise \$500 billion for lending to economies battered by the global downturn.

This month in London, G-20 finance ministers reaffirmed the group's promise of reforms at the two institutions. They stopped short of committing to specific changes but said World Bank reforms will be completed by the first half of 2010 and the next IMF quota review — which decides voting rights — by January 2011.

In March, EU leaders endorsed IMF reforms to reflect "relative economic weights in the world economy" — a reference to new economic powers such as China, Brazil and India.

Britain, Germany and

France are confident they can retain a leading role. But mid-size nations such as the Netherlands, with just 20 million people, and Spain worry about their status.

European politicians know this and have hinted that Europe could help defend its voting share by increasing its contribution to the new IMF lending facility to 125 billion euros (\$180 billion) — or 35 per cent of the total.

"Maintaining a significant share would ensure that EU member states' views are adequately represented," German Finance Minister Peer Steinbrueck and his French counterpart, Christine Lagarde, said in a joint statement this month.

European governments are resistant to accepting a joint EU seat.

"We need to have a European leader who is basically bold enough to overcome this impasse" and persuade Euro-

peans to a reduction in their representation, Gros said. "But before that happens, many years could pass."



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Small business angst rises as tax deadline draws near

By **JOYCE M ROSENBERG**
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — These are anxious times for some small business owners who face an October 15 due date for their 2008 income tax returns. These owners got extensions of the deadline for filing their returns back in April but aren't ready to file. Or, they can't pay the government the money they owe.

Some of them are just disorganised. Others might be having a cash flow crunch.

No matter what the problem is, if you're one of these owners, you must submit your return by the deadline or face big penalties for late filing. And not filing your return will only prolong the agony.

If your issue is disorganisation, it's time to rethink not just how you're running your taxes, but your overall business. And maybe more than that.

"My observation of these types of people is that it's not just their business that runs this way, it's their life," said Gordon Spoor, a certified public accountant in St Petersburg, Florida.

Despite the availability and simplicity of software that helps small businesses keep their books and compile their tax returns, many of these owners have piles of receipts, invoices and statements that they bundle up and take to their CPAs or tax lawyers each year. Tax professionals call these owners "shoebox clients," and many preparers don't want to work with them, especially since they tend to show up right before the filing deadline looking for service.

The solution for these owners is clear: Get help, either from software, or get someone else to help you keep your accounts year-round. There are good, even critical reasons for doing this. Spoor pointed out that a CPA who charges a client \$300 an hour for tax prep will also charge \$300 an hour to sort through piles of receipts and invoices. That is money badly spent.

Moreover, a disorganised owner often doesn't have a good handle on how the business is doing, and that could

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— *Gordon Spoor, certified public accountant*

be a threat to the company's survival.

Some business owners just don't want to work with computers. Gregg Wind, a CPA with Wind Bremer Hockenberg LLP in Los Angeles, suggests some easy, low-tech organisation tips: "If you do nothing else, set up folders and drop invoices in there."

The good news is there is still time to sort through the paper, input the data into a programme and get it to a tax professional. It may take a day or two, but it'll save money in the long run.

If your papers are so disorganised that you have many missing checks or invoices, or can't figure out which receipts go with which payments, do the best you can. But be up-front with the government and tell the IRS you're filing an estimated return. You can always amend it in the future.

Spoor recalled the case of a client whose disorganisation, the result of serious personal problems, extended back more than a decade. When the client, who hadn't filed returns during that time, decided to settle up with the government, many of his records didn't exist.

"We constructed estimates based on what we knew," Spoor said. "The IRS accepted it."

October 15 is generally a hard and fast deadline for filing a return if you've had an extension. The IRS has been known to make exceptions in

some cases, but Spoor noted, "being a disorganised small business owner is not a reasonable cause."

Wind noted that e-filing, or submitting your return to the government online, can buy you a little more time.

The IRS is quite clear on its Web site, www.irs.gov, about the reasons you should file your return on time. "If taxes are owed, a delay in filing may result in penalty and interest charges that could increase your tax bill by 25 percent or more."

The government does recognize that not everyone can afford to pay their taxes right away. While it will charge interest on taxes not paid on time, it is willing to work out a payment schedule.

If you owe the government \$25,000 or less in taxes, penalties and interest, you can apply to set up an installment agreement. There are several ways to do this. One is to download and complete IRS Form 9465, Installment Agreement Request. Or, you can use the Online Payment Agreement Application at www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id149373,00.html.

However, if you can pay the IRS your entire bill within 120 days, the agency says you can avoid the fees for setting up an agreement. You need to call an IRS toll-free number, 1-800-829-1040 to arrange for this option.

If you owe the government more than \$25,000, you may need to complete Form 433-F, Collection Information Statement, which asks for information including your assets, liabilities and income.

Whatever the reason for an owner's October 15 anxiety, it's a good idea to meet with an accountant or other financial adviser to figure out how to prevent it from becoming an annual occurrence. Since the year is nearly three-quarters over, "people should be thinking about getting organised for next year's tax planning," Wind said.

"And if they're going to talk to a CPA about 2008, they should spend a few minutes talking about 2009," he said.



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Sandals exec blasts Exuma Chamber boss

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Mr DaCosta said Sandals was open and easy to work with “providing one respects the boundaries of the partnership, and doesn’t overstep the mark, as has happened here”.

Top attorney is charged with money laundering

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surrounding Mr Cambridge. The indictment then alleged that Eggleston offered to provide the undercover FBI agents with contacts in the Bahamian financial services industry around July 31, 2006, stating that “in the Bahamas, he does not have to adhere to the ethical restrictions he has in the United States”.

That offer was repeated in October 2006, the indictment alleged, Eggleston the following month telling an unnamed hotelier with Bahamas connections that the FBI agents needed help in establishing a Bahamian bank account and company.

However, the hotelier and another man, referred to as ‘E.D.’, who had “very good connections in the Bahamas”, were “frightened” and “sceptical” about helping Eggleston and the FBI agents, especially after the latter told Eggleston they wanted to hide and launder proceeds from a fictitious ‘fraudulent’ investment scheme.

Instead, Eggleston allegedly introduced the undercover agents to the two other defendants in the case, Joel Williams and Ronald Owens, who would assist them with their banking needs.

The pair met an undercover FBI agent in Nassau on March 6, 2007. After hearing of the need to conceal and launder proceeds from the fake financial fraud, Williams was alleged to have said that “in the Bahamas, they did not call it money laundering as long as the money did not come from arms, drugs or terrorists”.

Agent

Around the same time, the FBI agent and the two defendants allegedly met with Mr Cambridge. He was said to have provided the undercover agent with an application form for opening a Bahamian International Business Company (IBC) and wiring instructions to the attorney’s trust account at First-Caribbean International Bank (Bahamas).

Then, on March 20, 2007, the undercover agents allegedly sent Mr Cambridge a \$100,000 wire transfer from a Miami bank. Eight days later, the Bahamian attorney allegedly took the FBI agent to meet ‘S.B.’, a First-Caribbean banker, to be interviewed and sign bank account opening documents for Hexagon Development.

The indictment alleged that the undercover agent paid \$7,000 to be shared between Mr Cambridge and the other defendants on March 30, 2007.

From then on, Mr Cambridge was alleged to have transferred \$97,000 from his trust account to the Hexagon Development account on April 4, 2007, and received a \$200,000 wire transfer in May 2007. He then allegedly transferred \$199,000 from the Hexagon Development account with FirstCaribbean to a bank account in St Croix.

Between August 30, 2007, and November 23, 2007, Cambridge was alleged to have received three wire transfers, valued at \$200,000 each, from the undercover agents.

“On or about November 23, 2007, at Nassau, Bahamas, defendant Cambridge was told by an undercover agent that the funds came from a ‘Ponzi’ scheme,” the indictment alleged. “After acknowledging his understanding of the purported source of the funds, defendant Cambridge instructed undercover agents how to launder the proceeds in the Bahamas.”

That same day, Mr Cambridge was alleged to have told the FBI agent he received \$2,000, not \$1,000, for laundering the money, and the same day gave him a \$399,000 cheque to deposit into the Hexagon bank account at FirstCaribbean International Bank (Bahamas).

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- (c) that pursuant to subsection (3) of Section 7 of the Act, upon the expiration of five (5) days after the publication of this notice, a Notice of Assessment shall be deemed to have been served on every owner of property liable to tax under the Act;
- (d) that without prejudice to the provision of subsection (3) of Section 7 of the Act, the Chief Valuation Officer may at any time after the publication in the Gazette of this notice send by post, a Notice of Assessment addressed to any owner of property liable to tax under the Act;
- (e) That pursuant to Section 11(1) any person aggrieved by a notice of assessment deemed to have been served under this Act may object thereto by serving on Chief Valuation Officer within thirty days after the date on which the notice of assessment is deemed to have been served, a notice in writing of such objection stating the grounds upon which he relies.
- (f) that pursuant to Section 18 of the Act (but subject to provisions of Section 11(1)* of the Act) the tax in respect of property will be due and payable by the owners of property not later than sixty days after the date on which notice of assessment is deemed to have been served. Accordingly, it is the duty of each taxpayer to ensure that he receives a Notice of Assessment;
- (g) that the exemption has been allowed for 2009 on those properties which have been declared as owner-occupied residences, and have satisfied the conditions under Section 2(d) of the Real Property Tax (amendment) Act 2009. However, owners are by law, Section (43)(1) required to disclose to the Chief Valuation Officer any change in the circumstances of occupation which does not entitle the property to the exemption allowed. *(Section 43 is reproduced below);
- (h) that pursuant to Section 7 (3) of the Act, persons receiving a Notice of Assessment and Demand Note for the first time should therefore examine the columns labeled ‘Current Tax’, ‘Accumulated Arrears of Tax’ and ‘Total Now Due’, as it would indicate the amount due for current and prior years.
- (i) that if you are a Bahamian citizen/company and own improved property situate in New Providence or a non-Bahamian citizen/company (less than 60 percent of shares beneficially owned by citizens of The Bahamas) and own property situate in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and have never received a Notice of Assessment and Demand Note, you are required by Section (10) of the Act to make a declaration of your property not later than 31st December, 2009. Declaration forms for this purpose are available at the Valuation Section or online at <https://forms.bahamas.gov.bs> and should be returned accompanied by documentary proof of Bahamian citizenship and in the case of a Bahamian Company, a copy of the Company’s latest annual statement of return.

* Section 11 (1) is as follows:-

The Chief Valuation Officer shall dismiss any such objection unless the whole of the tax payable under the Notice of Assessment shall have been deposited with him or for good cause, the Chief Valuation Officer determines that the objector shall be relieved of the requirements of this subsection in whole or in part and is satisfied that the objector has complied with any such determination which gives partial relief only.

Section 43 is as follows:-

- (1) Any owner who is granted an exemption under the provisions of Section 42(1)(f), by reason of the property qualifying as owner-occupied property, shall where he is aware of any circumstances or facts which do not entitle the property to the exemption disclose to the Chief Valuation Officer those circumstances or facts;
- (2) Any owner who knowingly fails to comply with the requirements of subsection (1) is guilty of an offense and liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term of three months or to both such fine and imprisonment; and the court shall upon conviction of an offender, in addition to any other penalty imposed, order the offender to pay to the Treasurer a sum equivalent to twice the amount of the tax which would have been payable but for the exemption had the disclosure been made;
- (3) No limitations as to the time within which proceedings may be brought for the prosecution of a summary offense shall apply to proceedings under subsection (2).

Chief valuation Officer/
 Controller Of Inland Revenue
 Ministry Of Finance

URGENT NOTICE

DUE TO THE LACK OF A QUORUM
ALL MEMBERS OF
Bahama Islands Resorts & Casinos
Cooperative Credit Union (BIRCCCU)
Limited Are Urged To Attend The
Special Called Meeting
Which Will NOW Be Held

Date:
 Saturday, October 3rd, 2009

Location:
 Grounds Of The Credit Union

Time:
 10:00 A.M.

Purpose of The Meeting:
To Discuss & Vote On The Proposed Opening
Up Of Our Bond To Allow Your Family To
Become Members Of BIRCCCU Ltd.

BUSINESS

Cable attacks 'flawed' retail price analysis

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As a result, there was "no justification" to introduce new retail price regulations with respect to any of its services due to price level concerns, Cable Bahamas argued.

The company compared 16 other Caribbean countries to the monthly fee charged for its CoralWave Jazz Internet service, priced at \$21.70, with a download speed of 1,500 kilobytes per second and upload of 256 kilobytes per second.

"The average monthly subscription price for comparable services in the other 17 Caribbean countries surveyed

(excluding the Bahamas) is \$47.33, which is about 118 per cent higher than Cable Bahamas monthly price of \$21.70," Cable Bahamas said in its submission to the Utilities Regulatory and Competition Authority (URCA).

"Looking at the price per kilobytes, the average (excluding the Bahamas) is \$0.039, which is about 178 per cent higher than Cable Bahamas' per channel price of \$0.014. These results indicate the robustness of the conclusion that Cable Bahamas prices are lower."

On the cable TV front, Cable Bahamas used as its benchmark its SuperBASIC

service that includes between 48 to 54 video channels at a monthly price of \$30.

The BISX-listed utility provider said: "The average monthly subscription price for comparable services in the other 12 Caribbean countries surveyed (excluding the Bahamas) is \$38.39, which is about 28 per cent higher than Cable Bahamas' monthly price of \$30.

"Looking at the price per channel, the average (excluding the Bahamas) is \$0.75, which is also about 28 per cent higher than Cable Bahamas per channel price of \$0.60."

To further back its case, Cable Bahamas pointed to the fact that Bahamian gross domestic product (GDP) per capita, based on purchasing power parity, was relatively high in the Caribbean context.

In addition, the Bahamas' population density was one of the lowest in the region, preventing the company from exploiting economies of density, as it alleged that it was further disadvantaged by having to provide services to multiple islands - instead of the

one normally served by rivals. Cable Bahamas then moved to justify its case for a rise in the \$30 per month rate for its basic cable TV package it has been forced to levy since 1994, pointing out that the Bahamian all-items inflation index had increased by 30 per cent over the same 15-year period.

"More specially in the case of Cable Bahamas' operating costs, since 1995 Cable Bahamas' programming costs per subscriber for basic cable TV service have increased by roughly 95 per cent," the company said.

"Salary and benefit costs per subscriber (for customer service, technical and IT and administrative personnel have increased by over 200 per cent, and other operating expenses per subscriber (including plant maintenance, electricity, vehicles) have also increased by over 200 per cent."

Cable Bahamas contrasted this situation with what had happened in the US, pointing out that in response to increased operating costs, cable companies there had on average increased basic TV

package fees from \$22 per month in 1995 to \$49.65 in 2008, a 122 per cent increase. Over the same period, inflation, as measured by the US consumer price index, grew by just 38 per cent.

"Cable Bahamas is simply not in a position to hold basic cable TV service price constant at \$30 indefinitely without significant deterioration in the quality of that service," Cable Bahamas said.

MUST SELL

Re: Lot # 12, Block # 86, Richmond Park Subdivision, Unit 3R Freeport, Grand Bahama



Recently Constructed Six-Plex

Five Units:

One bedroom one bathroom, living and dining area, kitchen and laundry area.

One Unit:

Four bedrooms, two bathrooms, a powder room, living and dining room, family room, kitchen, office and laundry room and arctic area.

Potential Income:

One bedroom units \$3,250.00 per month
Four bedrooms unit \$1,400.00 per month.

For conditions of sale and any other information, please contact:

The Commercial Credit Collection Unit @ 502-0929 or 356-1608 Nassau, Bahamas

Interested persons should submit offer in writing addressed to

The Commercial Credit Collection Unit P. O. Box N-7518 Nassau, Bahamas To reach us before October 9th, 2009

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS 2009/CLE/gen/00040
IN THE SUPREME COURT
Common Law & Equity Division

BETWEEN
SCOTIABANK (BAHAMAS) LIMITED
Plaintiff
AND
BARBARA A. DEVEAUX
Defendant

To: Barbara Deveaux

TAKE NOTICE that

1. An action has been commenced against you by Scotiabank (Bahamas) limited in the Supreme Court of The Bahamas by Writ of Summons filed on the 15th of January 2009 being Action No. 2009/CLE/ gen/00040, wherein the Plaintiff's claim is for the total sum of \$34,279.08 which represents the principal sum of \$24,266.51, accrued interest on the said principal in the sum of \$9,316.57, add-on charges in the sum of \$616.00, interest on the said add-on charges in the sum of \$127.14 and late fees in the sum of \$80.00 due under a loan numbered 1746456.

2. It has been ordered that service of the Writ of Summons in the said action be effected on you by virtue of this advertisement

3. You must within 21 days from the publication of this advertisement inclusive of the day of such publication, acknowledge service of the said Writ of Summons by entering a Memorandum of Appearance on the Attorneys whose name and address appear below, otherwise judgment may be entered against you.

Dated the 22nd day of September A.D., 2009

GRAHAM, THOMPSON & CO.,
Chambers,
Sassoon House,
Shirley Street & Victoria Avenue,
Nassau, Bahamas.
Attorneys for the Plaintiff



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Ministry Of Finance Licensing Authority PUBLIC NOTICE

The Licensing Authority wishes to remind the public that in accordance with the instructions issued, with every Music and Dancing License, it is an offense to disturb the peace in any way, whether by the volume of the music being played in your establishment or by the behaviour of the patrons of your establishment.

Over the past several months the Board has received many complaints related to disturbance. Investigation by the Police has proven that many owners and operators of establishments are abusing their Music and Dancing License and causing much distress to their neighbours.

The Board wishes to reiterate its policies with regard to Music and Dancing Licenses. All establishments holding Music and Dancing Licenses are required to contain their music within the confines of their building and that music should not be heard outside of the building. Further, at no time should music be played on the outside of the building. Recently some establishments have circumvented these rules by applying for Occasional Licenses covering days of the week when they wish to move music out onto the street and to extend their hours. In many cases their requests are submitted as medical cookouts or promotional days and, being accommodating, the Board has often granted these requests only to discover subsequently that the entire neighbourhood has been disrupted and disturbed.

The Board hereby gives notice that no further Occasional Licenses will be given for any space directly outside any establishment. The Board wishes to commend owners and operators who put on promotional events and encourage them to hold these events in public areas designated for such events and for which there is already in place the means by which police monitoring and oversight can be offered. Places include Public Parks, R.M. Bailey Park, Arawak Cay, Western Esplanade, and Goodman's Bay and other areas approved by the police.

The method of obtaining such license is as follows:

For liquor only: make application to Roads and Parks, Ministry of Works and Transport or the relevant Government agency to use the chosen site; if granted, take this permit to the Officer in Charge of Licensing at Police District Headquarters and request a Vendor's Permit.

We suggest that this be done at least one week in advance of your function.

Upon receipt of permission from the Police, take your documents to The Licensing Authority and you will receive your license within two working days.

For food sold with liquor: In addition to the above, you must also obtain a health certificate for at least two persons and request that Environmental Health inspect the place where the food will be prepared and issue you a Food Vendors Permit.

For food only: Environmental Health Food Vendor's Permit and a Police Vendor's Permit are required. No permit from the Licensing Authority is required.

**The Board
The Licensing Authority of New Providence**



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JUDICIAL AND LEGAL SERVICE COMMISSION VACANCY NOTICE

**Stipendiary & Circuit Magistrate
Office Of The Judiciary
New Providence & The Family Islands**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for appointment as resident Stipendiary and Circuit Magistrates in:

- (a) New Providence;
- (b) Abaco;
- (c) Andros;
- (d) Eleuthera;
- (e) Exuma;
- (f) Long Island.

Applicants must be members of the English, Irish, Scottish or Bahamian Bars or of the Bar of any country of the Commonwealth to which a member of The Bahamas Bar is admitted without examination. In addition, they must be at least five (5) years in the above-mentioned countries.

The duties of the post are as set out in The Magistrates Act Chapter 42 of the Statute Laws of The Bahamas and all other applicable Statutes as well as The Common Law, where applicable, and all rules made thereunder, and all other statutory duties which may be prescribed from time to time.

The Salary of the post is in Scale JL14 - \$49,800 x 700 to 55,400 per annum, with a Responsibility Allowance of \$4,000 per annum and a Scarcity Allowance of \$7,500 per annum. Housing and Utilities, along with a vehicle, are attached to the positions in the Family Islands only.

Serving officers must apply through their Heads of Departments.

Application forms may be obtained from the Judicial & Legal Service Commission, 3rd Floor, Ansbacher House, East Street & Bank Lane, and should be returned to the Secretary, P.O. Box N-167, Nassau, The Bahamas, not later than Friday, 16th October, 2009.

BUSINESS

Asian markets lower as monthslong rally sputters

BANGKOK (AP) Asian stock markets fell Wednesday as a monthslong rally sputtered and investors waited for clues from the US Federal Reserve about the global recovery's strength. European shares were higher.

Oil prices hovered above \$71 a barrel following a big jump overnight while the US dollar continued to languish, falling against the yen and euro. Japan's market was closed for a national holiday.

Asian markets were invigorated Tuesday by the Asian Development Bank raising its growth forecasts for China and India, two of the region's biggest economies.

Investors have piled into Asian equities this year but some analysts say the rally, fueled by loose monetary policy and government stimulus spending, has gotten ahead of economic reality.

Markets in Europe were higher in early trade with benchmarks in Germany,

France and Britain up 0.5 per cent or more.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index fell 105.62, or 0.5 per cent, to 21,595.52 and South Korea's Kospi dropped 7.41, or 0.4 per cent, to 1,711.47. Australia's benchmark gained 1.5 per cent while China's Shanghai index shed 1.9 per cent as investors cashed out ahead of a slew of new initial public offerings.

Elsewhere, New Zealand's market rose 0.2 per cent after its economy unexpectedly

grew in the second quarter. Singapore's index was fractionally higher and Taiwan fell 1.9 per cent. India's Sensex was down 0.1 per cent.

"All the markets are over-bought and people are waiting for a reason or catalyst to take profits," said Peter Lai, investment manager at DBS Vickers in Hong Kong.

Some economic data from the US, the world's largest economy, has showed signs of improvement but unemployment is likely to continue ris-

ing, resulting in a weak recovery, he said.

Investors will watch closely what the Fed has to say about the economy and the scale of the recovery after its meeting wraps up Wednesday. The Fed is widely expected to leave rock-bottom interest rates unchanged, though investors will be looking for clues in the central bank's statement about when hikes might start.

Also toward the end of the week, markets will be focusing on the Group of 20 meeting of the world's leading economies on Thursday and Friday in Pittsburgh.

In the US Tuesday, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 51.01, or 0.5 per cent, to 9,829.87, its highest close since October 6, when it finished at 9,956.

The broader Standard &

Poor's 500 index gained 7.00, or 0.7 per cent, to 1,071.66, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 8.26, or 0.4 per cent, to 2,146.30. Both indexes are at 11-month highs.

Futures pointed to gains Wednesday on Wall Street. Dow futures were up 19, or 0.2 per cent, at 9,790.

Oil prices hovered above \$71 a barrel in Asia as signs of weak crude demand were offset by a slumping US dollar. Benchmark crude for November delivery was down eight cents at \$71.68 a barrel by late afternoon Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract added \$1.83 a barrel to settle at \$71.76 on Tuesday.

In currencies, the dollar fell to 90.97 yen from 91.15 yen. The euro rose to \$1.4795 from \$1.4788.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **MARIE MARTHE BELLOT** of **P.O. Box AB-20554, MARSH HARBOUR, ABACO, BAHAMAS**, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **17th day of September, 2009** to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

Medical Sales Representative

Introduction:
A local healthcare supplier is currently looking to recruit a Medical Sales Representative to sell medical and surgical products in the local market. With this position experience in the healthcare field would be an asset but is not essential.

Job Specification:
Main Purpose of the Medical Sales Representative:
- To achieve sales targets for the various product lines through planned activity.
- Maintain business records for all Health Care Professionals and key accounts within the local healthcare industry to help select and deliver business management objectives linked to sales and market share growth.

Skills/Experience Requirements:
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Tenacious, driven and resilient.
- Good planning and organizational skills.
- Self discipline and self motivated.
- Interested in the healthcare industry.
- Ability to interpret data.
- Ambitious and keen to develop a career in a successful organization
- Able to provide evidence of individual achievement in line with core competencies of a medical representative, this can be from other fields of employment, education and social and sporting activities.

Education Requirements:
- Degree Level or equivalent, ideally in sales or medical related

The area covered is the Caribbean. You will live in the Bahamas and be prepared to travel.

The Salary offered for the Medical Representative is competitive and depends on experience + bonus + benefits.

To apply for this position, candidates must be eligible to live and work in the Bahamas.

Please send resume's to medrephumanresources@gmail.com

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **KENOL LOUIS PIERRE** of **P.O. Box AB-20541, MARSH HARBOUR, ABACO, BAHAMAS**, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **17th day of September, 2009** to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **WILSON AUSTRAL** of **TREASURE CAY, ABACO, BAHAMAS**, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **17th day of September, 2009** to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

PUBLIC NOTICE

INTENT TO CHANGE NAME BY DEED POLL

The Public is hereby advised that I, **NAWAKO KIKI ROLLE** of **STAPLEDON GARDENS, NASSAU, BAHAMAS**, intend to change the name to **MAWAKO KIKI ROLLE**. If there are any objections to this change of name by Deed Poll, you may write such objections to the Chief Passport Officer, P.O. Box N-742, Nassau, Bahamas no later than thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice.

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MINISTRY OF TOURISM & AVIATION DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

PUBLICATION BY THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT & AVIATION DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION PARTICULARS OF AN APPLICATION TO OPERATE SCHEDULED AIR SERVICES

In accordance with the provisions of Regulation 9 of the Civil Aviation (Licensing of Air Services) Regulations 1976, the Minister responsible for Aviation hereby publishes the following particulars of the under-mentioned applicant to operate scheduled air services to and from The Bahamas.

PARTICULARS OF APPLICATION

- Application: **LEAIR CHARTER SERVICE LTD.**
- Date of first publication: **17th September, 2009**
- Routes: **BETWEEN NASSAU ON THE ONE HAND AND ANDROS TOWN ON THE OTHER.**
- Purpose of services: **Passenger, mail and freight.**
- Provisional time table:

	Local Times
NASSAU/ANDROS TOWN	0630/0645 Daily
	1530/1545 "
ANDROS TOWN/NASSAU	0700/0715 "
	1600/1615 "
- Frequency of flights: **See above time-table.**
- Type of Aircraft: **EMBRAER-110, CESSNA 402-C & PIPER AZTECS**

Any representation regarding or objection thereto in accordance with Regulation 10 must be received by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Tourism & Aviation & the Department of Civil Aviation within fourteen (14) days after the date of first publication of this Notice.

Signed
HYACINTH PRATT
PERMANENT SECRETARY

Road Traffic Department
Road Safety Competition

Where is the safest place to cross the road?

Before crossing the road what should you do?

What do the following road sign mean?

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

AGE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

COMPETITION RULES:

This competition is open to children between the ages of 5 and 12 years old.
A child may submit as many entries as he/she wishes using the entry blank printed in this newspaper.
Only official entries will be accepted.
Answer the Road Safety questions printed above correctly.
Fill in your personal information and drop it in the competition boxes located in any McDonald's restaurant in New Providence.
A winner will be selected on 29th August at McDonald's, Thompson Boulevard.
To win the questions must be answered correctly.
Answers for the questions can be found using THE HIGHWAY CODE FOR THE BAHAMAS found on the Road Traffic Website at www.bahamas.gov.bs/roadsafety.

SAFETY IS THE WAY TO LIVE

BISX LISTED & TRADED SECURITIES AS OF:										
TUESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2009										
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX: CLOSE 1,513.89 CHG -0.77 %CHG -0.05 YTD -198.47 YTD % -11.59										
FINDEX: CLOSE 789.77 YTD -5.40% 2008 -12.31%										
WWW.BISXBHAMAS.COM TELEPHONE: 242-323-2330 FACSIMILE: 242-323-2320										
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Previous Close	Today's Close	Change	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
1.81	1.03	AML Foods Limited	1.14	1.03	-0.11	1,000	0.127	0.000	8.1	0.00%
11.80	9.90	Bahamas Property Fund	10.75	10.75	0.00	0.992	0.200	10.8	1.86%	
5.90	5.90	Bank of Bahamas	5.90	5.90	0.00	0.244	0.260	24.2	4.41%	
0.89	0.63	Benchmark	0.63	0.63	0.00	-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
3.49	3.15	Bahamas Waste	3.15	3.15	0.00	0.078	0.090	40.4	2.86%	
2.37	2.14	Fidelity Bank	2.37	2.37	0.00	0.055	0.040	43.1	1.69%	
14.20	10.00	Cable Bahamas	10.03	10.03	0.00	1.406	0.250	7.1	2.40%	
2.88	2.74	Colina Holdings	2.74	2.74	0.00	236	0.249	0.040	11.0	1.46%
7.50	5.26	Commonwealth Bank (S1)	5.92	5.92	0.00	0.419	0.300	14.1	5.07%	
3.85	1.27	Consolidated Water BDRs	3.62	3.44	-0.18	0.111	0.052	31.0	1.51%	
2.85	1.32	Doctor's Hospital	2.05	2.05	0.00	0.382	0.080	5.4	3.90%	
6.20	6.60	Famguard	6.60	6.60	0.00	0.420	0.240	15.7	3.64%	
12.50	8.80	Finco	9.30	9.30	0.00	0.322	0.520	28.9	5.59%	
11.71	10.00	FirstCaribbean Bank	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.794	0.350	12.6	3.50%	
5.53	4.95	Focoll (S)	4.99	4.99	0.00	0.352	0.150	15.0	3.01%	
3.0090	3.0941	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00	0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
0.45	0.27	Focoll Class B Preference	0.27	0.27	0.00	0.005	0.000	7.7	0.00%	
9.02	5.49	ICD Utilities	5.50	5.50	0.00	0.407	0.500	13.5	9.09%	
12.00	9.98	J. S. Johnson	9.98	9.98	0.00	0.952	0.640	10.5	6.41%	
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.180	0.000	55.6	0.00%	
BISX LISTED DEBT SECURITIES - (Bonds trade on a Percentage Pricing Basis)										
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Last Sale	Change	Daily Vol.	Interest	Maturity		
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00		7%	19 October 2017		
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022		
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00		7%	30 May 2013		
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015		
Fidelity Over-The-Counter Securities										
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid	Ask	Last Price	Weekly Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
14.60	7.92	Bahamas Supermarkets	7.92	8.42	14.00		-2.246	0.000	N/M	0.00%
8.00	6.00	Caribbean Crossings (Pref)	6.25	4.00			0.000	0.480	N/M	7.80%
0.54	0.20	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.55		0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%
Colina Over-The-Counter Securities										
41.00	29.00	ABDAB	30.13	31.59	29.00		4.540	0.000	9.03	0.00%
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.45	0.55	0.55		0.002	0.000	261.90	0.00%
BISX Listed Mutual Funds										
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD%	Last 12 Months	Div \$	Yield %	NAV Date		
1.4038	1.3344	CFAL Bond Fund	1.4038	3.72	5.20			31-Aug-09		
3.0350	2.8952	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.8950	-1.39	-4.16			31-Aug-09		
1.4892	1.4119	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.4892	3.87	5.47			11-Sep-09		
13.0090	3.0941	Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	3.0941	-8.61	-13.59			31-Aug-09		
13.0484	12.3870	Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.1136	3.93	5.87			31-Aug-09		
101.6693	100.0000	CFAL Global Bond Fund	101.6693	1.10	1.67			30-Jun-09		
100.9800	93.1992	CFAL Global Equity Fund	96.7398	0.35	-4.18			30-Jun-09		
1.0000	1.0000	CFAL High Grade Bond Fund	1.0000	0.00	0.00			31-Aug-09		
9.4075	9.0775	Fidelity International Investment Fund	9.3399	2.69	-1.41			31-Jul-09		
1.0364	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.0707	3.38	5.14			31-Aug-09		
1.0079	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.0319	-0.11	2.05			31-Aug-09		
1.0673	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.0673	2.89	4.93			31-Aug-09		
MARKET TERMS										
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX - 19 Dec 02 = 1,000.00										
52wk-Hi - Highest closing price in last 52 weeks										
52wk-Low - Lowest closing price in last 52 weeks										
Previous Close - Previous day's weighted price for daily volume										
Today's Close - Current day's weighted price for daily volume										
Change - Change in closing price from day to day										
Daily Vol. - Number of total shares traded today										
DIV \$ - Dividends per share paid in the last 12 months										
P/E - Closing price divided by the last 12 month earnings										
S - 4-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 8/8/2007										
(S1) - 3-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 7/11/2007										
YIELD - last 12 month dividends divided by closing price										
Bid \$ - Buying price of Colina and Fidelity										
Ask \$ - Selling price of Colina and Fidelity										
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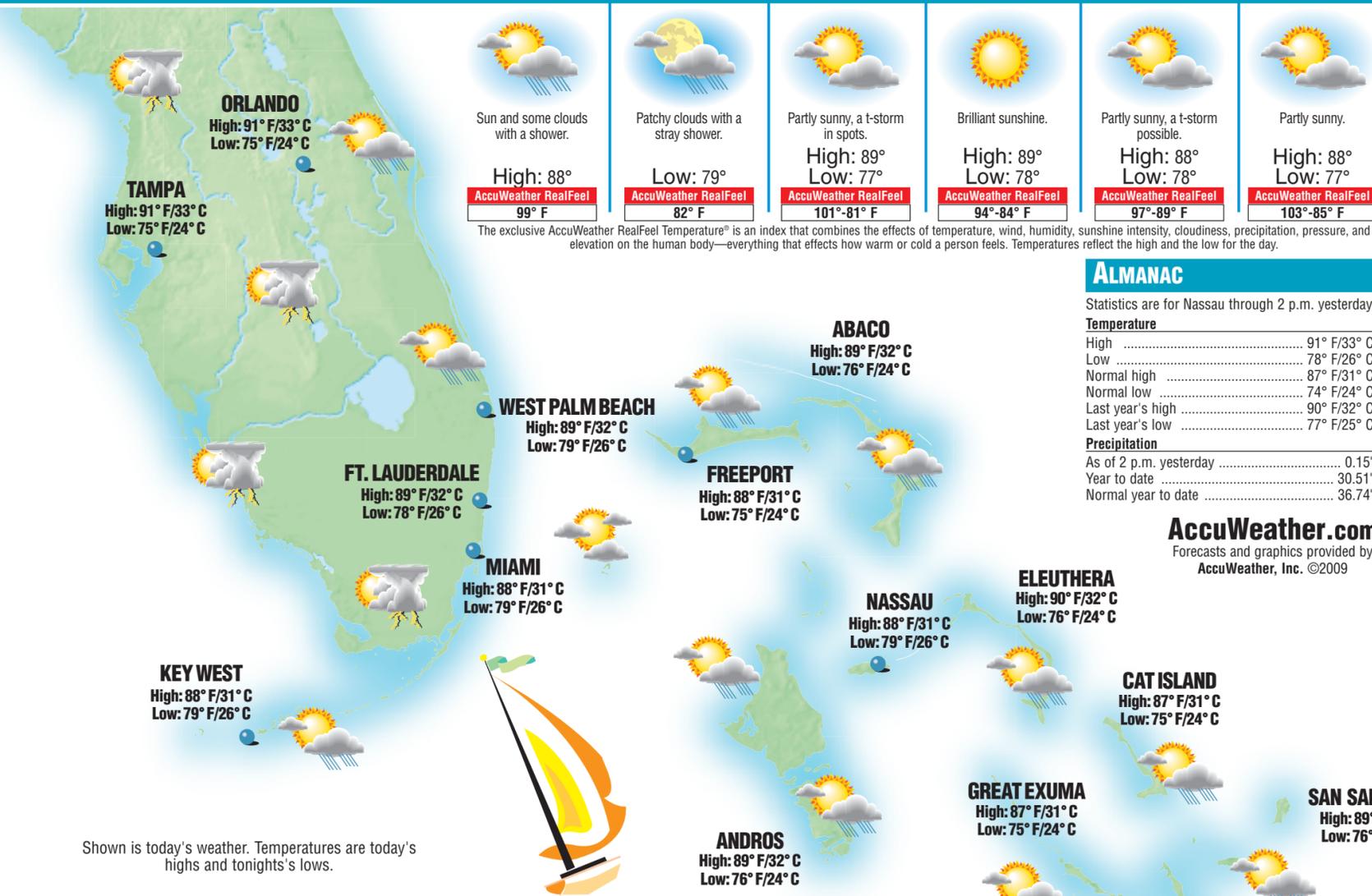
TONIGHT

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

MONDAY



Sun and some clouds with a shower.

High: 88°
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Patchy clouds with a stray shower.

Low: 79°
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82° F

Partly sunny, a t-storm in spots.

High: 89°
Low: 77°
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101°-81° F

Brilliant sunshine.

High: 89°
Low: 78°
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94°-84° F

Partly sunny, a t-storm possible.

High: 88°
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Partly sunny.

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Low: 77°
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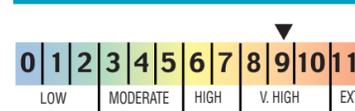
Statistics are for Nassau through 2 p.m. yesterday

Temperature
High 91° F/33° C
Low 78° F/26° C
Normal high 87° F/31° C
Normal low 74° F/24° C
Last year's high 90° F/32° C
Last year's low 77° F/25° C

Precipitation
As of 2 p.m. yesterday 0.15"
Year to date 30.51"
Normal year to date 36.74"

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TIDES FOR NASSAU

	High	Ht. (ft.)	Low	Ht. (ft.)
Today	11:40 a.m.	3.1	5:13 a.m.	0.7
	11:59 p.m.	2.5	6:11 p.m.	1.2
Friday	12:36 p.m.	2.9	6:05 a.m.	1.0
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Saturday	12:57 a.m.	2.4	7:03 a.m.	1.2
	1:35 p.m.	2.8	8:11 p.m.	1.4
Sunday	2:00 a.m.	2.4	8:05 a.m.	1.3
	2:35 p.m.	2.8	9:09 p.m.	1.4

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise 6:59 a.m. Moonrise 12:41 p.m.
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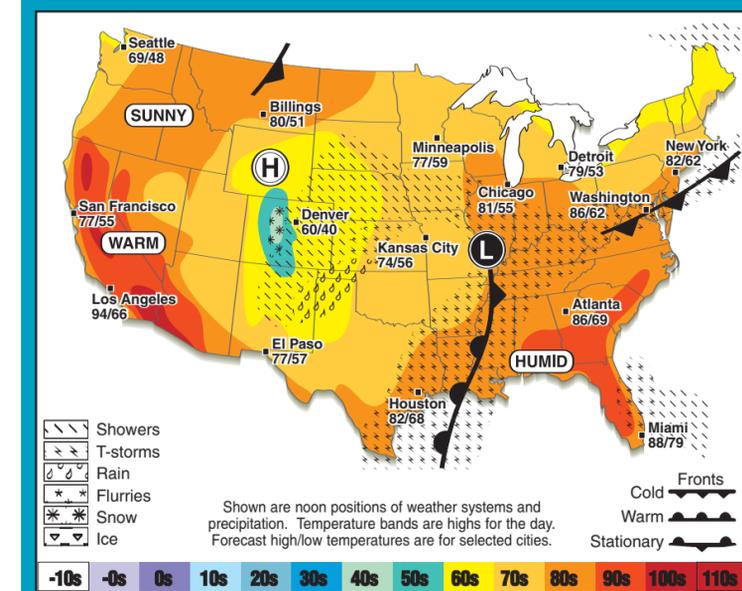
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Acapulco	91/32	79/26	pc	92/33	79/26	pc
Amsterdam	65/18	51/10	s	63/17	52/11	pc
Ankara, Turkey	75/23	43/6	s	77/25	47/8	pc
Athens	77/25	64/17	s	79/26	66/18	pc
Auckland	65/18	56/13	r	61/16	53/11	r
Bangkok	90/32	77/25	sh	89/31	78/25	r
Barbados	86/30	78/25	pc	87/30	77/25	pc
Barcelona	78/25	63/17	s	75/23	63/17	s
Beijing	78/25	54/12	s	75/23	62/16	pc
Beirut	79/26	71/21	s	78/25	72/22	s
Belgrade	82/27	58/14	s	76/24	54/12	pc
Berlin	65/18	47/8	s	63/17	46/7	c
Bermuda	81/27	74/23	sh	80/26	70/21	pc
Bogota	68/20	38/3	pc	70/21	41/5	pc
Brussels	69/20	46/7	pc	66/18	46/7	pc
Budapest	81/27	56/13	s	73/22	50/10	pc
Buenos Aires	64/17	46/7	s	68/20	50/10	pc
Cairo	90/32	65/18	s	91/32	68/20	s
Calcutta	93/33	84/28	r	91/32	83/28	r
Calgary	85/29	39/3	s	74/23	44/6	s
Cancun	90/32	73/22	t	89/31	73/22	t
Caracas	81/27	72/22	t	82/27	72/22	t
Casablanca	83/28	62/16	s	81/27	61/16	pc
Copenhagen	60/15	50/10	sh	63/17	52/11	c
Dublin	61/16	48/8	pc	63/17	50/10	pc
Frankfurt	64/17	48/8	c	65/18	47/8	pc
Geneva	73/22	54/12	pc	68/20	50/10	pc
Halifax	64/17	45/7	pc	59/15	43/6	pc
Havana	91/32	73/22	t	88/31	71/21	r
Helsinki	57/13	39/3	pc	55/12	50/10	c
Hong Kong	88/31	81/27	t	90/32	79/26	s
Islamabad	107/41	73/22	s	110/43	72/22	s
Istanbul	76/24	64/17	pc	76/24	63/17	s
Jerusalem	81/27	60/15	s	81/27	59/15	s
Johannesburg	77/25	54/12	pc	61/16	52/11	r
Kingston	88/31	80/26	r	89/31	79/26	sh
Lima	74/23	57/13	pc	73/22	58/14	pc
London	70/21	50/10	pc	70/21	52/11	s
Madrid	82/27	54/12	s	82/27	54/12	s
Manila	86/30	77/25	t	85/29	76/24	r
Mexico City	73/22	54/12	t	73/22	55/12	t
Monterrey	82/27	63/17	c	82/27	64/17	pc
Montreal	72/22	46/7	pc	64/17	45/7	s
Moscow	55/12	45/7	c	54/12	41/5	r
Munich	72/22	51/10	c	61/16	45/7	c
Nairobi	87/30	55/12	pc	88/31	55/12	s
New Delhi	99/37	79/26	s	101/38	77/25	s
Oslo	59/15	48/8	pc	64/17	52/11	c
Paris	72/22	54/12	c	70/21	49/9	s
Prague	62/16	46/7	sh	64/17	45/7	pc
Rio de Janeiro	74/23	65/18	sh	73/22	65/18	pc
Riyadh	99/37	74/23	s	100/37	73/22	s
Rome	82/27	61/16	s	82/27	61/16	s
St. Thomas	88/31	79/26	pc	88/31	80/26	s
San Juan	79/26	45/7	s	86/30	49/9	s
San Salvador	87/30	73/22	t	87/30	73/22	t
Santiago	73/22	48/8	s	64/17	43/6	c
Santo Domingo	87/30	74/23	sh	86/30	73/22	r
Sao Paulo	65/18	54/12	r	67/19	60/15	s
Seoul	79/26	59/15	pc	79/26	58/14	pc
Stockholm	55/12	41/5	r	63/17	52/11	pc
Sydney	73/22	55/12	s	81/27	59/15	s
Taipei	89/31	77/25	sh	88/31	77/25	pc
Tokyo	79/26	66/18	s	77/25	66/18	s
Toronto	74/23	50/10	pc	64/17	48/8	s
Trinidad	82/27	64/17	c	90/32	72/22	pc
Vancouver	66/18	50/10	s	65/18	54/12	pc
Vienna	70/21	55/12	pc	64/17	50/10	pc
Warsaw	64/17	50/10	c	63/17	48/8	pc
Winnipeg	77/25	54/12	s	73/22	55/12	pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice, Prcp-precipitation, Tr-trace

MARINE FORECAST

	WINDS	WAVES	VISIBILITY	WATER TEMPS.
NASSAU	Today: E at 8-16 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	86° F
	Friday: E at 8-16 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	86° F
FREEPORT	Today: E at 8-16 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	86° F
	Friday: E at 8-16 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	86° F
ABACO	Today: E at 8-16 Knots	3-6 Feet	10 Miles	85° F
	Friday: E at 8-16 Knots	3-5 Feet	6 Miles	85° F

TODAY'S U.S. FORECAST



U.S. CITIES

	Today			Friday		
	High	Low	W	High	Low	W
Albuquerque	68/20	49/9	pc	78/25	55/12	s
Anchorage	47/8	41/5	r	49/9	41/5	r
Atlanta	86/30	69/20	pc	87/30	67/19	c
Atlantic City	86/30	56/13	t	70/21	45/7	s
Baltimore	85/29	58/14	t	75/23	51/10	s
Boston	77/25	54/12	pc	66/18	45/7	s
Buffalo	74/23	48/8	pc	65/18	45/7	s
Charleston, SC	87/30	70/21	pc	86/30	65/18	c
Chicago	81/27	55/12	pc	71/21	56/13	r
Cleveland	77/25	52/11	pc	74/23	50/10	s
Dallas	75/23	57/13	t	80/26	62/16	pc
Denver	60/15	40/4	sh	66/18	44/6	pc
Detroit	79/26	53/11	pc	71/21	51/10	s
Honolulu	89/31	75/23	s	89/31	76/24	s
Houston	82/27	68/20	t	85/29	73/22	t
Indianapolis	81/27	59/15	t	79/26	57/13	r
Jacksonville	87/30	72/22	t	90/32	71/21	pc
Phoenix	97/36	72/22	s	100/37	75/23	s
Pittsburgh	78/25	54/12	pc	73/22	49/9	s
Portland, OR	77/25	52/11	s	79/26	53/11	s
Raleigh-Durham	89/31	66/18	pc	80/26	58/14	pc
St. Louis	82/27	64/17	t	74/23	63/17	t
Salt Lake City	78/25	55/12	pc	84/28	55/12	s
San Antonio	74/23	62/16	t	84/28	67/19	pc
San Diego	83/28	63/17	s	80/26	64/17	pc
San Francisco	77/25	55/12	pc	79/26	57/13	pc
Seattle	69/20	48/8	s	72/22	52/11	s
Tallahassee	92/33	72/22	t	92/33	71/21	pc
Tampa	91/32	75/23	t	91/32	76/24	t
Tucson	91/32	64/17	s	95/35	65/18	s
Washington, DC	86/30	62/16	t	78/25	54/12	s

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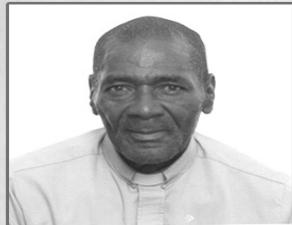
Theme: "A MAN WALKING
BY FAITH"

Date: 23rd September - 25th
September 2009

Speakers



Wednesday night:
Asst. Pastor Gertrude Miller



Thursday Night:
Rev. Albert Kerr



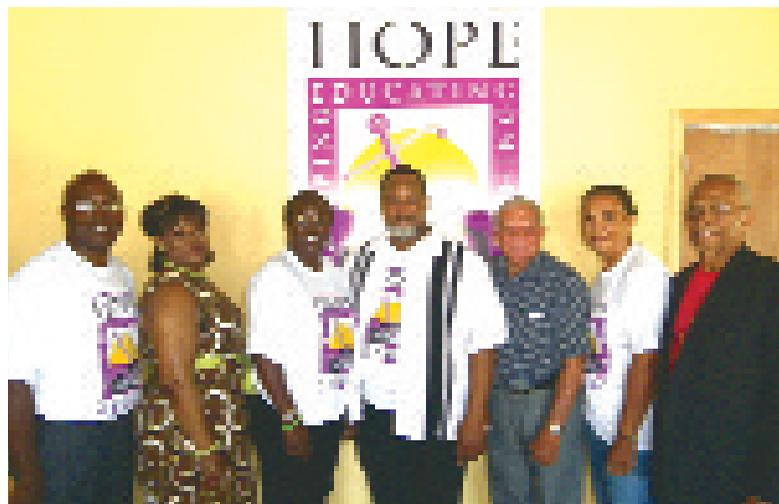
Friday Night:
Min. Lennis McPhee

Services Begin at 7:45 pm nightly

Closing out on Sunday 27th at 3:00pm

Guest speaker: Pastor Lawrence McPhee

Greater Pentecostal Church of God



FACULTY and board members of Hope College shown here at an Open House over the weekend.

HOPE COLLEGE TO OFFER RELIGIOUS DEGREES

By REUBEN SHEARER
Tribune Features Reporter

WITH the national average down for the Fall 2009 BGCSE examinations—dropping to a 'D' this academic year, there is no doubt that many class of 2009 graduates received reject letters from local colleges they desired to attend this semester.

For such persons, this desire to continue their education was tarnished, leaving them with little option, which includes finding work in a depressing job market. One institution is offering an alternative solution for such individuals, with a message of hope.

Hope College, located on JFK Drive in the Christian Life Centre (CLC) pitched its degree programs to the public in an open house over the weekend, and began registering new students for the Fall 2009 academic year.

The Christian based college, spearheaded by the Assemblies of Brethren in the Bahamas is targeting those whose aspirations for higher education were tarnished by unsatisfactory BGCSE results, Dr June Wilson, Research and Education Director at the college told *The Tribune* yesterday.

In addition to secular training, the college seeks to equip persons interested in entering Christian ministry, providing an at-home ministry training experience however, for aspiring church-workers in the Associate of Arts Divinity degree (A. T.H.).

Institutes that offer Biblical studies at home are very limited; leaving aspiring pastors with a starkly brisk decision where they should receive their ministry training.

"Church members who want to take on leadership positions but don't have knowledge on Biblical principles can equip themselves with these classes and upgrade themselves so that they can be impactful in ministry," said Dr Wilson.

Studies show that the success of church's growth, and impact in the community it is in, is directly attributed to whether the church's pastor has received any formal biblical training.

"When it comes to the school of divinity, leaders and members can take those classes and not necessarily enroll in Associate degree programs at this time but they will receive certificate verifying that they completed the class," she explained.

Courses offered in the School of Divinity include: BIB 193 Biblical Interpretation and Hermeneutics, MIN 403 Homiletics, TH 202 Systematic Theology I, and TH 401 Women of the Bible.

In a press statement to *Tribune Religion*, representatives expressed their vision as follows for the college:

"The mission of Hope College is to educate students for lives of leadership and courage in the global environment, through academic and co-circular

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MEDITATION

Do we need a revival?

LAST Sunday evening the discussion centered around the topic of revival. The approach took the form of four questions and the persons present were invited to give individual responses.



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The answers are not in any particular order of importance.

You are also invited to engage in the same exercise. Before reading the suggestions, write your answers down if you like, and foster dialogue between members of your family colleagues, fellowship groups, or church sisters and brothers and among the youth. Add more questions and be prayerfully open to the movement of the Spirit.

QUESTION #1 WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF REVIVAL?

1. Care and concern for others
2. Engaging in personal spiritual devotions and disciplines
3. Young people worshipping regularly and with enthusiasm
4. A deep love for the Lord
5. Love in the heart and kindness towards others
6. Involvement in church activities
7. Testimonies, occasional altar calls
8. Forgiveness, healing and joy

QUESTION #2 BLOCKS TO REVIVAL

1. Laziness
2. Resistance to change
3. Not being holy as God's people.
4. Not accepting God's condition, " if you turn to me...confess, then I will heal"
5. Lack of a Ninevah-like spirit of repentance
6. A mind-set fixed in stone
7. Limited resources
8. Pushing our own agenda, not God's agenda

QUESTION #3 HOW CAN WE HELP AS THE CHURCH

1. Ongoing prayer both personal and corporate
2. Sermons, seminars, workshops, teaching, and prayer ministry
3. The alliance of area ministers to combine their efforts and prayers
4. To be open and expectant as a people

QUESTION #4 HOW CAN I HELP AS AN INDIVIDUAL?

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History of Trinity Methodist Church Nassau

TRINITY Methodist Church, Nassau, Bahamas was founded in 1861 and was opened for worship in 1865.

The District Synod's report of 1861 states:

"The new chapel (Trinity) has not yet been commenced, the builder's estimate of costs being so much in advance of the contemplated expenditure, it is wisely judged that delay is preferable to embarrassment!"

However, the foundation stone of the new church was laid on August 21, 1861 by His Honour Charles Nesbitt, Esq. Lieutenant-Governor of the Bahamas.

It was estimated that the new chapel would cost about £6,200. Plans were furnished by W.W. Pocock, Esq of London. The building was intended to serve as a Chapel and a schoolroom and to accommodate a congregation of 800 persons. However, difficulties were experienced as the work progressed. Due to the Civil War in the United States of America, the builder was unable to get timber from the southern states. In addition, in 1864 an epidemic of yellow fever struck Nassau and four of the carpenters imported from Glasgow to work on the church died, and the remaining two fled to the United States of America.

In a letter to the Mission House in London, Rev Hilton Cheesbrough, Minister of Trinity Church and District Superintendent, writes: "Trinity Church was officially opened on April 2, 1865 at a cost of £8,000 of which the Government gave £2,000."

Writing to the Methodist Missionary Society in 1866 Rev Cheesbrough states: "On the evening of September 30, 1866 whilst conducting divine service in our beautiful Trinity Chapel in this city, a fresh breeze was blowing from the north ..."

The next day October 1, 1866 Trinity



JIM
LAWLOR

Church was completely demolished by this "fresh breeze" which turned out to be the worst hurricane this city has experienced to date. This hurricane destroyed or badly damaged ten Methodist chapels.

The "Nassau Guardian", a daily newspaper, says in its October 3, 1866 issue: "The Wesleyans, we believe, suffered most, their new and beautiful Trinity Chapel, Frederick Street, with its large and powerful organ being entirely demolished, leaving only the class and school-rooms beneath entire."

Before Rev Cheesbrough left the Colony in 1869 the Church had been rebuilt, and he was its first minister. Rev Cheesbrough is described as an able and eloquent preacher, a wise administrator, and a kind and sympathetic friend. He died in Liverpool, England on May 17, 1882.

On September 16, 1928, Trinity Church again suffered considerable damage by another hurricane. Two-thirds of its roof at its western end was blown away. The gallery disappeared and the remains of the pipe organ was found in the basement.

The minister of the church at that time, Rev Walter H Richards, M.B.E., and the trustees had insured the building for its full value, and this sum was sufficient to restore the church building to its former glory. The building was restored by Fred Dillet, one of Nassau's premier builders of a bygone era.

Restoration took just over a year and

during that period members worshipped in Victoria Hall, the building which formerly housed Queen's College, a Methodist School.

A new organ from a firm in Connecticut, USA was installed in 1929, and gave excellent service for 36 years. In 1964, a three manual Wick's organ was installed.

Trinity's beautiful stained glass windows were installed in 1973 and dedicated on Trinity Sunday, June 17, 1973.

In 1960 during the ministry of Rev Harold Slater (1957-1962) the whole building was thoroughly renovated. It was painted, the pews and the floor revarnished and a new red floor matting laid. Due to the generosity of the late PM Lightbourne, an elevator was installed at the western end of the church for the benefit of the elderly and those not so old. The basement hall and classrooms were renovated for the use of youth groups and men's and women's meetings after the departure of the Queen's College Preparatory Department in September 1961 to their new campus on Village Road.

From 1865 to 1986, Trinity Church had 30 ministers. Twenty-eight of them came from the United Kingdom and two from the Caribbean and the Americas. Ministers who served were as follows:

Hilton Cheesbrough (1865-1869); Henry Bleby (1869-1879); Jonathan C. Richardson (1879-1884); Francis Moon (1884-1889); Thomas Raspasp (1889-1891); George Lester (1892-1896); Frederick W. Gostick (1896-1904); W.H.F. "Willie" Bleby (1904-1916); Allworth Eardley (1916-1921); W.T. Kilbride (1921 - -1923); T. H. Howitt (1923-1925); W.H. Richards, M.B.E. (1925-1931); A.E. Nelson (1932); H.S.F. Rossiter (1932); E. Vosper Paget (1932-1937); Herbert S. Clarke (1937-1947); W.H. Armstrong

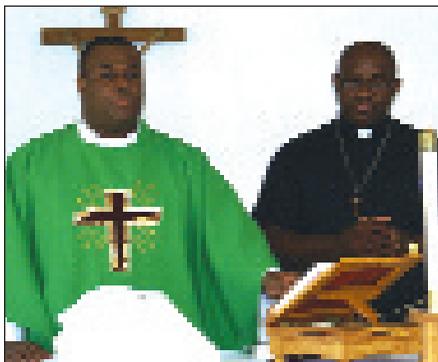
(1947-1950); George T. Start (1950-1952); Willie Rhodes (1952 -1955); G. I. George Jones (1954-1956); William T Makepeace (1955-1957); Harold Slater (1957-1962); Frank E Poad (1960-1974); Philip Blackburn (1962 -1966); David Livingstone (1966-1968); Godfrey S Johns (1968-1972); Peter B Swinglehurst (1972-1976); Eric St. C Clarke (1976-1978); John Bilverstone (1978-1980); Nymphas R Edwards (1980 to 1986).

Since 1986, Bahamian Ministers, Rev Henley Perry and Rev Franklyn Knowles served and during the period of the autonomy issue American ministers, including Rev Gene Zimmerman filled in. Another Bahamian, Rev Bill Higgs, has been the Minister at Trinity since January 2000.

In September 1986, Eddie Sykes of the United Kingdom was appointed by the Bahamas/Turks & Caicos Islands District of the Methodist Church to serve as a Youth Worker at Trinity. He made a positive impact on the young people of the community. Trinity now has a crèche and Children's Storytime. Their scholarship fund assists able students to attend Queen's College.

Trinity Methodist Church has had an interesting history during which time it worked energetically for the Kingdom of God. Over the years this Church has made a significant contribution to the religious, social, economic and political life of the Bahamas. It has a strong Bible Study Group, A Cottage Prayer Group, A Soup Kitchen and a Ministry to the Poor.

Today as always it 'seeks to serve the present age' by becoming more involved in some of the pressing social problems of the community of which it is a part and to be faithful to the calling of her Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.



DEACON Bradley Miller (on the right) assists Fr Enrique Miller during a midday mass held in the chapel of Addington House yesterday. Deacon Miller will be ordained to the priesthood next Tuesday.

Deacon Miller to be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood

REV'D Deacon Bradley Hayward Miller will be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood by Reverend Laish Zane Boyd, Sr on Tuesday, September 29, The Feast of St Michael and All Angels.

The concelebrated mass will take place at historic Christ Church Cathedral, George Street, at 7pm. The chief celebrant will be Bishop Boyd, who will be assisted by con-celebrants

Reverend Drexel Gomez, Rev'd Gilbert Thompson and Rev'd Fr G Kingsley Knowles. Rev'd Fr Rodney Burrows will deliver the sermon.

A descendant of Green Castle, Eleuthera, Deacon Miller received his early education at the Green Castle Primary School, and Rock Sound Senior High (now Preston H Albury). He is a graduate of The College of The Bahamas, where he

attained an Associate's Degree in Biblical Studies. In 2006 he entered Codrington Theological College, Barbados, and graduated in 2008 with a Diploma in Theology and Pastoral Studies. He is currently the Assistant Curate at Christ the King Church, Ridgeland Park, West.

Deacon Miller is married to the former Vernalee Duncombe and they are the parents of six children.

When church folks couldn't care less!

IT IS amazing how easy it is these days to get a group of people to gather and protest. The slightest problem at a worksite results in people leaving their work station to go outside to demonstrate, bearing placards. Sometimes it is a lunch-time demonstration. Sometimes the demonstration makes the city centre of Bay Street, often with the general public not fully aware of the rationale for the public show of displeasure.

When a church, the place where Christians meet for corporate prayer and worship to almighty God, is razed, or in Bahamian language, 'yucked out of the ground', and there is no mass outcry and mass public demonstration of Christians from everywhere in the nation, there must be a message being sent, and I am not quite sure what it is....

Our hearts palpitate at a media report of vandals breaking and entering a church and desecrating the altar. What do we feel when, because of a dispute, an entire church building is willfully demolished?

Being aware of those in the 'moneyed class' who often wait with bated breath to defend their honour in the court system against anything / anyone they perceive to be libelous, I would declare my intention at the outset, which is not to malign anyone's good name. My inten-

tion is to cause fellow Christians to reflect on their position and the message they send when they choose silence in the face of opposition (as in Ephesians 6:12).

In early 2007, the general public and members of Firetrail Ministries Church pastored by Dave and Michelle Baker, saw their church and the foundation for their new church on the adjacent property demolished, only to be replaced by homes in the private subdivision on Fire Trail Road which was later named 'Ros Davis Estates' by the developer. Some years ago, residents living in eastern New Providence served by Prince Charles Drive tearfully experienced the result of heavy equipment demolishing a portion of the new church building being constructed by Rhema Christian Ministries, pastored by Pastors Eugene & Dr Rosetta V Clare, obviously the result of an unresolved dispute.

In mid September, 2009, the news media reported the demolition of the Canaan Baptist Church and there were further media reports that other church buildings could face the same fate.

All of these matters have business, financial and legal sides, to which I do not speak. I draw attention to the spiritual side. In all that is happening in our little country today, can Christians "look the other way" when a "House of God", a Christian church in a 'Christian

nation' is smashed and removed to make way for commercial housing works?

Prophets and prophetesses of the Bahamas--what is God saying about His houses of prayer being "yucked up"?

God the Father, in Jesus Christ, was greatly upset even when the activities in His house were inappropriate (see Luke 19:46). Will God judge His "called out" ones, His Ecclesia, for being so silent when churches are being demolished? Bishop Ian Brathwaite's fellowship group called "Pastors of Prayer" reportedly labeled the Canaan Baptist Church tragedy as the "darkest day" in the history of the church in The Bahamas. (See TRIBUNE RELIGION, September 17, 2009). Well, it is not the first blackout, and, reportedly, there are more dark days ahead...

Some years ago, the public will recall, from the media, Temple Christian Academy discovered that a portion of their new school building under construction was sitting on land reportedly owned by Thompson Trading Company.

As the latter entity had not yet been built on Shirley Street, there was an obvious mistake, by someone, some persons or some entities. I well remember the public outcry by Christians generally and by churches connected to that denomination and Fellowship.



DR ALBERT S. FERGUSON, J.P.

Our hearts palpitate at a media report of vandals breaking and entering a church and desecrating the altar. What do we feel when, because of a dispute, an entire church building is willfully demolished?

In this case, this was a Christian SCHOOL. We are talking today about churches being uprooted. Can actions of this nature be pleasing to God? If they are not, will this nation not be held accountable and judged for their apathetic silence?

In promoting the 2009 Artist Against Violence Concert initiative, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham quoted 18th century politician, Edmund Burke, who said that all that is necessary for the triumph of (*the forces of*) evil is that good men do nothing. I feel that his words are worthy of deep, deep consideration, over and over again, by all of us, especially professing Christians...

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'Strap ya back'

It is indeed amazing how our nation's foundation was built on Christian values yet every now and then we still manage to put "old wives fables" into our mindset.

I was thinking about my name and how common it is. This does not bother me, because I know within myself that there is only one me. In January of (while employed at *The Tribune*) one of the funeral homes brought in their obituaries. Immediately my interest was sparked because one of the deceased persons was named Allison Miller.

When I explained to the funeral home worker why I was staring at the photo, he said jokingly to me, "well you better strap ya back."

At first I didn't know how to



ALLISON MILLER

respond to his remark but realised that I could not let that put fear in me. So I said to him, "You know what, it doesn't matter what happens, when it is my time to go I will. Since there are some things that God still has for me to do and I want to do them, I don't think that will be anytime soon." He looked at me as if to say, "well that's true, you will be fine."

You see for me God has the last say in all things. Only what he says really matters. However, that does not excuse the fact that life and death is in the power of the tongue. Many times we allow people to say negative things in and over our lives and we don't cancel it with the word of God which speaks life to us. Negativity just ends up playing out in our lives. We have to cancel the negative things spoken over our lives. This gentleman meant no harm, he thought that he was doing me a favor by telling me to protect myself regardless of the manner he said it in.

However, I had to cancel the deadly joke that was spoken to me. The Bible tells us to "let a thing be established in the mouth of two or three witness" (Matt 18:16). It is important that we know the word of God and the power that words have whether it is a joke or not. Sometimes things are said in casual conversation

and we just let it go without even being aware of the negative things that can happen to us.

Because we don't cancel negative words spoken over and in our lives, words take root and destroy many lives. In a harsh and hurtful conversation I was told that, "I won't have anything, I won't be anyone, I don't count and I should die."

If I did not omit them, those words would probably be my story. I know that the Devil is a liar and those words won't happen. God Almighty is Alpha and Omega and only what He says matters and will stand.

We have to cancel negative words said in and over our lives. It does not matter if it was said casually or jokingly, they still have to be omitted bottom line. God gave us His words which is truth and life. Let's speak that over and in our lives and the lives of others.



Ma Becca laid to rest in her birth place Cat Island

FAMILY and Friends of Rebecca Williams last week said goodbye to the matriarch last Saturday in Cat Island. She was 86.

Mrs Williams or Ma "Becca" as she was affectionately called was an avid Anglican, a cornerstone in the community and a pillar in the Anglican Church.

Her funeral was held at the St Andrew's Anglican Church in Arthur's Town, the church where she had been baptised, confirmed and married.

She was described as a "giant of a lady and saluted as a modern day heroine. She was one of the island's premier

ambassadors who entertained prime ministers, dignitaries, bishops, priests and deacons.

She was also remembered for going above and beyond the call of duty in her devotion to the Anglican Church.

She delivered a yeoman service organising many bake sales, cook outs and church programs.

Tributes were given by George Johnson (Anglican Church Men President -St. Saviour's Parish) her niece Cleomie Burrows, Rose Pratt Rolle, Charles' Dommie' King, Island Administrator for Cat Island District and Canon Warren Rolle.

In his sermon Edward 'Rex' Seymour Assistant Priest for St Saviour's Parish said Ma Becca displayed many strong attributes and exemplified what every member should offer their God, priest and church in terms of true and laudable service without seeking any personal fame or remuneration.

Fr Chester Burton, Priest in Charge of St Saviour's Parish challenged the family and friends to leave a legacy just as Ma Becca left an indelible mark on the pages of the Anglican Church and in the Arthurs Town community and in the wider Cat Island community.



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Hope College to offer Religious Degrees

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programmes of recognised excellence in the context of the historical Christian faith."

"Hope College plans to operate on Bible-based principles, and has a non-denominational posture to attract students of all religious backgrounds."

"We are trying to reach high school graduates who are not equipped to enter college," Dr Wilson explained. "There are many who have graduated high school, but haven't had the qualifications to enter a college."

The College will offer BGCSE and Pre-College Classes in English, Math, History, Geography, Biology, Religious Knowledge, Accounts and Economics at \$350 per course.

As it stands, the Ministry of Education does not have a systematic approach to dealing with persons who miserably fail BGCSE subject tests. Before the written examination is taken, students must complete sufficient coursework.

"We're really focusing on the exam, and what it takes to get them through the exam. We are screening faculty and staff who have taken students through the BGCSE with a successful track record of students who passed.

Guidelines for acceptance into a program of study at the College of the Bahamas require that students pass at least 5 of the major BGCSE's. If the student passes at least 3 of the examinations, they are required to take college prep courses that don't credit toward their degree program.

If they meet neither standard--unsuccessfully completing at least 3 BGCSE--they are referred to the Bahamas Baptist College to bring themselves up to speed.

Hope College offers an alternative however, and will register students for its Fall semester up to next week.

Financial assistance opportunities and payment plans are available for incoming freshmen students.

According to Barton Duncanson, chairman of the school's steering committee, they have been "working consistently over the last few months to ensure that the facilities, programs and plans are in place to accomplish the fall semester opening of October 5."

New Student orientation will take place on that date. Plans for Associate and Bachelor's degrees in The Arts, Business Administration, Education, and Divinity are tentative for January 2010.

Admissions applications for the school are available at the college's campus at the Christian Life Centre on John F Kennedy Drive.

To be considered for admission, first time students, transfer students, continuing education and diploma students must provide the following:

- completed application form
- \$25 application fee
- Official high school transcript
- Letter of Recommendation

 RELIGIOUS NOTES

• COCONUT Grove Temple will hold its five day long Spiritual Warfare Conference 2009 on September 27- October 2 at the church on Coconut Grove and Crooked Island Street. The conference is being held under the theme "Weapons of Power Spiritual Warfare and Prophetic Move." Sessions begin 7 pm nightly.

Speakers throughout the week will include Roger Williams Conference Host (Coconut Grove Temple), Bishop Lindo Wallace Host Pastor (Coconut Grove Temple), Evangelist Origin Deleveaux (First Baptist Church), Minister Antonio Rolle (Kingdom Come Ministries), Evangelist Alisa Collie (Living Faith Seventh Day Adventist), Prophet Don Clarke (First Baptist Church), and Evangelist Marie McDonald (Coconut Grove Temple).

• A Comm-Uni-Tee- Social event will be held at the Gardens of Gray's Music Center on September 26 at pm. There will be local Bahamian entertainers, refreshments, and giveaways. This social event is uplifting, empowering, and the host of the event is requesting a donation of \$15 for adults and \$2 for children under the age of 12.

 WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!

■ Did you recently give birth to the newest little angel on earth? Have you and your beloved recently tied the knot? Is your church planning a special event? *Tribune Religion* wants to hear from you!

We want to know about the special things going on in your life, so go ahead and send in your wedding photographs, birth announcements and church activities schedule to be posted in upcoming *Tribune Religion* sections.

This service is free. Send all information, including (especially) photographs, to features@tribunemedia.net. Information can be hand delivered to *The Tribune* at Shirley and Deveaux Streets or call the Religion section @ 502.2368.



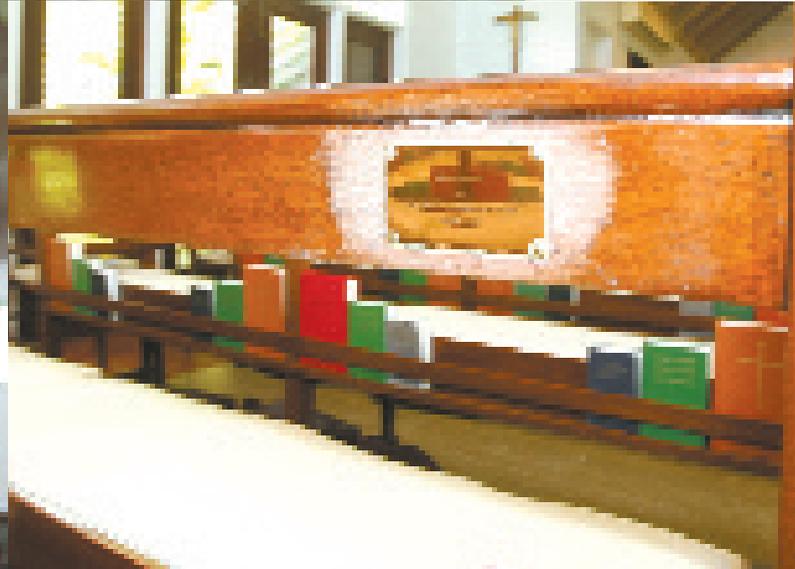
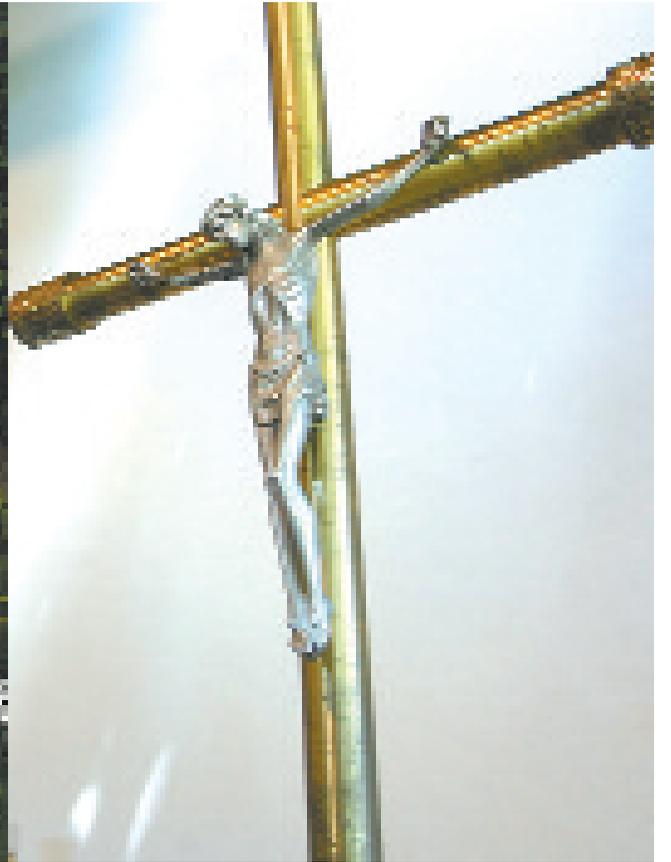
Cat Islanders celebrate Holy Cross Anglican Church Feast of Title

ANGLICANS recently marked the Feast of Title of Holy Cross in Dumfries, Cat Island by turning out in droves to welcome Fr Bernard Been, the assistant priest at St Agnes Parish Blue Hill Road, New Providence. It was Fr Been first visit to the church and he took his text from the parable of the Good Samaritan from the gospel of Luke.

He told the congregation that "everyone in the church is on a journey and we cannot manipulate this trek without Almighty God". He added that the whole Anglican community be they Cat Islanders, Abaconians or Exumians will one day complete this arduous task and be called to give an account of the way they live, adding that no bishop, priest or deacon can answer or defend anyone's journey. Only the person who completes their own course can do this task, he explained.

After the mass, members marched to Turning Point Restaurant and Bar for lunch.





CHURCH OF • THE WEEK

St Christopher Church, located in Lyford Cay and led by Deacon Keith Cartwright has been established for many years. Their dedication to the Anglican faith and to the people of this country has brought them recognition and appreciation throughout the years.

