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**OBITUARIES & RELIGION**

# Vigilante mob attack alleged kidnapper

**PLPs set to vote on explosive leadership challenge resolutions**

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THE National General Council of the PLP will vote tonight on three explosive resolutions that are designed to "stack the deck" against any opponent who seeks to challenge party leader Perry Christie at their October 21 National Convention.

The first amendment, which seeks to block the

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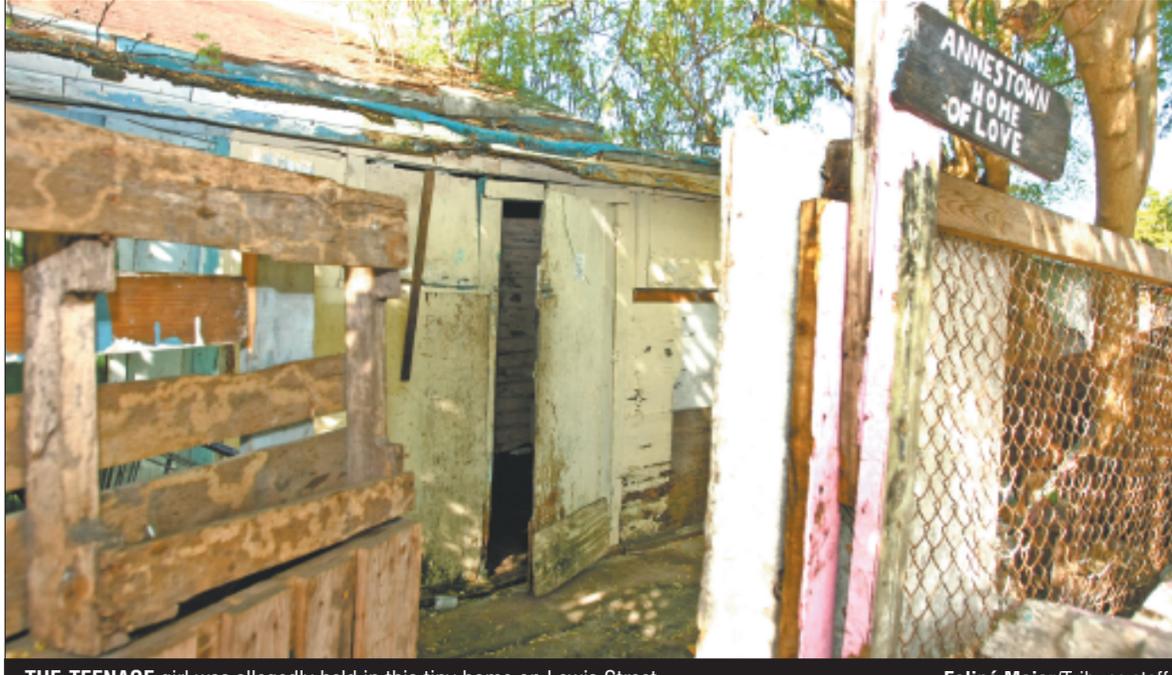
**Man who reportedly held teenage girl for two days taken to hospital**

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AN ANGRY mob of cutlass-wielding vigilantes sent a man to hospital for reportedly kidnapping a teenage girl and holding her against her will in a tiny, dilapidated home on Lewis Street for two days.

Assistant Commissioner Raymond Gibson confirmed that a man had been taken to hospital due to injuries stemming from an attack on Lewis Street yesterday, but said he was not in police custody as a formal complaint had not been made against him as of press time.

But conflicting radio reports broadcast yesterday evening claimed police were searching for the man who escaped from custody while receiving medical attention at the Princess Margaret Hospital yesterday afternoon. The media report also claimed the



THE TEENAGE girl was allegedly held in this tiny home on Lewis Street

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man had been arrested Tuesday night for allegedly having unlawful sex with an underage girl.

When confronted with the kidnapping and assault claims yesterday, ACP Gibson denied that the man had been arrested but said the RBPF is investigating the merits of the claims.

"There is some ongoing investigation into this matter and if information surfaces that he is responsible for some crime, including molestation

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## Minister Neko Grant 'set for promotion in Cabinet shuffle'

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NEKO GRANT

THE MINISTER of Works and Utilities Neko Grant is set to receive a substantial promotion when Cabinet is shuffled sometime next week, as reports reaching *The Tribune* suggest that the MP is set to be given responsibility for the entire island of Grand Bahama.

Along with this elevation of Mr Grant it is reported that the former Minister of Local Government, Sidney Collie, who had to resign from Cabinet in 2007, will be brought back into the fold possibly as

the new minister of Youth and Sports.

The current minister, Desmond Bannister, is reportedly being wooed by the Prime Minister to stay in the Cabinet and take up the post of either Attorney General — that was left vacant when Michael Barnett was elevated to Chief Justice — or the post of Minister of Education.

If Mr Bannister is promoted to Education it is believed that the current Minister, Carl Bethel will be moved to the Attorney General's post.

Mr Bannister has gone on record in recent months as saying that he is contemplating whether or not to remain

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## Keod Smith confident of winning PLP chairman post

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FORMER MP Keod Smith is confident he will be elected as national chairman of the PLP when he runs for the coveted position at the party's convention, he announced yesterday.

The former MP for Mount Moriah served as vice-chairman of the PLP in the 18 months leading up to the 2002 general election. He believes his experience as an activist, advocate and civil leader makes him a good candidate for the post.

If elected, Mr Smith vowed to stay out of the political race and allow another PLP hopeful to run for the seat in Mount Moriah in the 2012 elec-

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## Heated clash in Travolta attempted extortion trial

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HEATED exchanges erupted between a defence attorney and a key witness in the attempted extortion trial of ex-PLP Senator Pleasant Bridgewater and former ambulance driver Tarino Lightbourne yesterday.

US attorney Michael McDermott was back on the witness stand again yesterday for further cross-examination. Early into his cross-examination Mr Shurland became visibly frustrated with Mr McDermott's answer in response to his question as to whether he had told Ms Bridgewater that their conversations had been private.

"When you told Ms Bridgewater that the conversations had been private and you knew that police were taping, that was a lie," Mr Shurland said.

"It was part accurate, part inaccurate," Mr McDermott said.

"My lady, I am not going to let him get out of hand if the court is not going to reel him in," Mr Shurland said. Senior Justice Allen told Mr Shurland that he did not run the court and asked him to sit three times. Senior Justice Allen again reiterated her admonition about conduct in the courtroom and reminded both men not to engage in commentary.

"My lady is he going to keep running off at the mouth? "So you told a lie?" Mr Shurland asked.

"It's partially true, partially inaccurate," Mr McDermott said, explaining that the conversation he had with Bridgewater on January 12 was private and that the conversation on January 18 was not private. Mr Shurland then questioned whether Mr McDermott had leaked the extortion plot to the media.

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# Dwight, Keva Major appeal is adjourned

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AN APPEAL lodged by convicted drug trafficker Dwight Major and his wife Keva Major has been adjourned for four weeks following a brief hearing in the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Commercial Law Advocates attorney Keod Smith, representing the Majors, both 40, requested the adjournment as he said he had not been able to contact Dwight Major for instructions on how to proceed with the matter, as Major is currently being transferred between prison facilities in the United States.

Major is now in a Texas prison and is expected to be settled in another facility soon, Mr Smith said.

The Majors' appeal against the Superintendent of Her Majesty's Prisons, the Attorney General and the Commissioner of Police, relates to the couple's complaints about inhumane treatment at Her Majesty's Prison, where they were held on allegations of drug trafficking in 2003. They then fought a five-year extradition battle



DWIGHT and Keva Major.

before being extradited to the United States in April last year.

Mr Smith told the court: "Mr Major is currently between facilities and I have not been able to reach him so I have not had any specific instructions as to how to proceed with the application."

"I was hoping it would have been settled, but I've not had any communication from him. "I did not have any instructions to take steps in one way or another."

Sandra Dee Gardener of the Attorney General's Office did not object to the application for adjournment.

Justice of Appeal Hartman Longley adjourned the Appeal Court hearing to Thursday, November 5.

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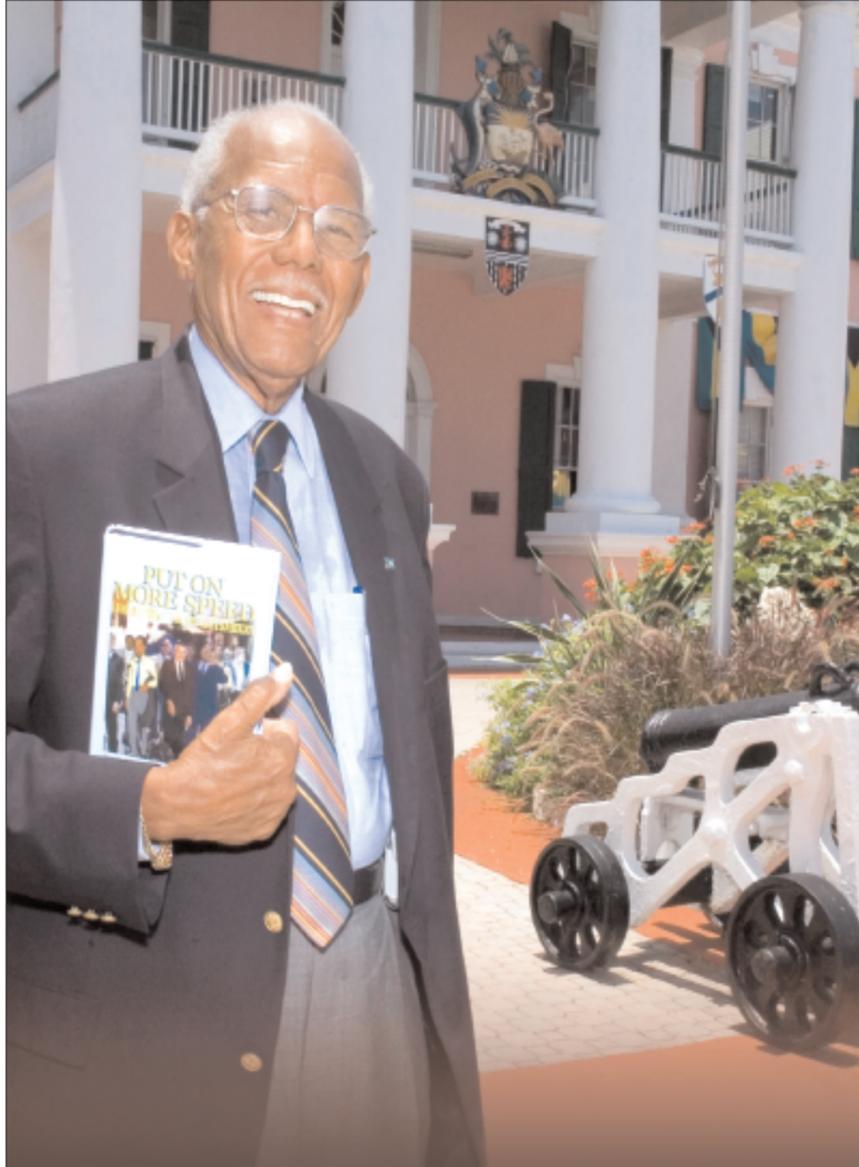
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GOVERNMENT EMBRYO TRANSFER PROGRAMME

# 'Parasite infestation killed livestock from govt embryo scheme'

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FAILURE to carry out routine internal parasite control measures led to the death of five animals from the government's groundbreaking Embryo Transfer Programme, the Ministry of Agriculture admitted yesterday.

According to a brief statement from the ministry, the young animals, a mix of kids and sheep, all died during the first five days of this month because of "heavy internal parasite infestation".

The ministry added that corrective steps have been taken to prevent more deaths of the precious livestock – which are a major part of the country's ambitious plan to become more self-sufficient – including staff reassignment and increased surveillance.

"The severity of the infestation was exacerbated by recent rains and the necessary confinement of animals and a failure to practice routine internal parasite control measures," said the statement, which was released after *The Tribune's* inquiries into the deaths.

Agriculture Minister Larry Cartwright said he was not made aware of the deaths until *The Tribune* contacted him about the situation yesterday afternoon, before the ministry issued the statement.

He said that he had last received an update on the animals' condition about two weeks ago, adding that veterinarians were gearing up for another round of embryo implantation.

Mr Cartwright promised to look into the incident and about



**AMBITIOUS PLAN:** The government's Embryo Transfer Programme is designed to make the country self-sufficient. In this file photo Dr Leroy Santiago, project coordinator for Ovatech Genetics, is pictured with a kid.

three hours later issued a statement which confirmed the reported deaths.

He explained that it was normal for livestock to become infected with worms at this time of year, but said several animals dying within a short period was reason for concern, as it could be a sign of a contagious illness.

Government is preparing to sell the offspring of the pro-

gramme to local farmers in the coming weeks, said Mr Cartwright.

He also said the project, which began with 120 female sheep and goats, has spawned over 200 kids and lambs – which are all housed at the Gladstone Road Agricultural Centre.

The project's second round is expected to begin next February.

**In brief**

## Man and boy arraigned on double murder allegation

A 23-year-old man and a 16-year-old boy were arraigned in Magistrate's Court yesterday on a double murder charge.

Blake Rahming, 23, of Old Cedar Street and the juvenile were arraigned before Chief Magistrate Roger Gomez in Court One, Bank Lane.

They have been charged with the murders of Alphaeus Curtis Jr and Benjamin Vues.

## Gunshot

Both men were found dead with multiple gunshot wounds in a wooden house off St Vincent Road on April 16.

Curtis was reportedly 42 while Vues was said to be in his sixties.

Rahming and the juvenile were not required to plead to the murder charges and were remanded to Her Majesty's Prison.

The case has been transferred to Court 10, Nassau Street and adjourned to October 16.

## Weather experts keep eye on Henri

LOCAL meteorologists are still monitoring Tropical Storm Henri although the weather system is weakening over the Atlantic Ocean and expected to fizzle into a tropical wave within a day.

The National Hurricane Centre in Miami said Wednesday that Henri is about 600 kilometers east of the northern Leeward Islands.

The Bahamas' Chief Meteorologist Basil Dean said while Henri is not expected to be a dire threat to the Bahamas, parts of the country can expect some light rain from the system at the start of next week.

"(Henri's) still moving in a generally west direction at 45 miles per hour, we anticipate that it will weaken as it moves westward and encourage some hostile upper level conditions. And should that happen it could fizzle into a tropical wave," said Mr Dean.

## Rain

If the storm continues on this projected track, islands in the southeast Bahamas – including Mayaguana, Inagua, Crooked Island, Acklins – and the Turks and Caicos Islands should experience some rain on Sunday, Mr Dean said.

While islands in the northwest Bahamas, including Central Exuma, Andros, Long Island, Cat Island, the Berry Islands, Grand Bahama and New Providence should expect rain on Monday.

Mr Dean also warned locals to be prepared for a major hurricane even though this storm season has been relatively quiet.

Henri is the eighth named tropical storm of this year's Atlantic hurricane season, which began June 1 and ends November 30.

## Huge January poker tournament in Atlantis

Thousands of poker players are expected to give the local economy a boost come January when they descend on Atlantis to take part in what has been billed as the "largest poker tournament to ever take place outside of Las Vegas."

PokerStars.com, the site that hosts the biggest online poker room in the world, boasting around 230,000 players at any one time, will bring their 10-day PokerStars Caribbean Adventure to the Bahamas, starting January 4, 2010.

More than 1,300 players are already signed up to play at the event, 845 of whom won their seats at the tournament by playing on the pokerstars.com site, and this year's prize pool is expected to be around \$14.5 million. The tournament is to be aired on television in North and Latin America, Europe and Russia, as well as online, bringing major publicity to the



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## Only the beginning in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON — President Obama has no plans to pull U.S. troops out of Afghanistan. After eight years of war there, withdrawal is not among the options the administration is considering as it designs a new strategy.

Also not being considered is any exploration of possible peace talks with the Taliban, the indigenous Islamic group that once controlled large swaths of Afghanistan.

When asked whether the U.S. could withdraw from Afghanistan — a country known as the “graveyard of empires” — White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said: “That’s not something that has ever been entertained.”

“I don’t think we have the option to leave,” he added. “I think that’s quite clear.”

Both Defence Secretary Robert Gates and Gen. Stanley McChrystal — the commander of U.S. and allied troops in Afghanistan — have indicated that the Taliban has the momentum and is gaining ground.

Eight American soldiers lost their lives in fighting at an undermanned outpost in Afghanistan last weekend.

NATO said in a statement that the insurgents — that is, the Afghan fighters — lost 100 men in the same battle.

Obama is reviewing his war strategy in Afghanistan at a time when American public opinion is becoming sceptical about U.S. efforts there.

An NBC/Wall Street Journal poll last month showed that 59 per cent of those polled said they are feeling less confident that the war will come to a successful conclusion, while 51 per cent said they would oppose sending more troops to the conflict.

Obama has been conferring with Pentagon officials, commanders on the ground and congressional leaders as he takes his time to make what could be the toughest decision of his presidency.

Obama’s big dilemma now is to decide whether to approve McChrystal’s request for 40,000 more troops in addition to the 68,000 there now.

Another option — one pushed by Vice President Joe Biden — is to reduce troop numbers and instead rely on bombing and raids by Special Forces to keep any al-Qaida elements on the run.

Obama has been conducting a series of

not-so-secret meetings to decide his next move. Somehow the White House has managed to change the theme — lawmakers emerge from their White House meetings proclaiming that Obama had ruled out a large reduction in troops. Nice going. The issue is whether to increase the number of troops.

In a speech in London, McChrystal went public with his position and was later slapped down by Gates who reminded military leaders that their advice to the president should remain private.

“In this process, it is imperative that all of us taking part in these deliberations — civilians and military alike — provide our best advice to the president candidly but privately,” Gates said.

I think it’s good to have the debate out in the open and for the American people to know what the stakes are.

The president has called the war in Afghanistan a “necessary war” and it behooves him to explain why we must pay such a human cost, not to mention billions of dollars to keep it going.

Are there any lessons from the past, especially the Vietnam War?

Is there anything to learn from the experience of the Russians, who were forced to withdraw from Afghanistan in the 1980s, despite their high-tech military? (Back then, the U.S. was a big help to the Afghan fighters and other anti-communists, including Osama bin Laden, the wealthy Saudi heir who later led al-Qaida).

Where are the Pakistanis? They know the terrain. I thought it was interesting that the Pakistanis decided it was their fight, too, when Taliban forces reached striking distance of Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan, before being pushed back.

If Obama goes with the military leaders on the ground, there will be many more years dedicated to defeating the Taliban and to U.S. efforts at nation-building in Afghanistan.

I say we should pull up stakes, let United Nations peacekeepers try to stabilize the Afghan government and support it with a new, non-narcotics economy.

(This article was written by Helen Thomas

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# Educational system report: Must do better

EDITOR, The Tribune.

As we know, this year’s national grade from students sitting the Bahamas General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE) has slightly improved to a ‘D+’ average from last year’s ‘D’ average. The results from the Bahamas Junior Certificate (BJC) has risen from a ‘D+’ to a ‘C-’. Is that good enough? No it is not! Why? Because I know that Bahamians know our young children have much more potential and capability than what it seems.

Looking at the two most important subjects; 56 per cent of students from public schools who took the English language exam “fail”, and 82 per cent of public school students who take the math exam, “fail.” According to the Coalition “this is unacceptable. Everyone in business, science and engineering agrees that an understanding of basic math is critical to a range of both low-tech and high-tech jobs – from carpentry to computer system maintenance, the management of a small business and even the management of one’s personal finances.”

“The overwhelming and critical national problems are the extremely high failure rates in high school English and Mathematics,” the Coalition says. The BGCSE data support this conclusion.

Today, in order for one to be applicable for a job or to enter college, it is a requirement to have at least five BGCSE’s with grades of ‘C’

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and above, including Mathematics and English Language. If these requirements are not met, then one can lose the opportunity of getting hired and students will not be able to enter college unless they do ‘Prep classes’ in Mathematics and English or if they decide to sit the BGCSE exam once more.

This can be a challenge, because students will be placed one step behind when they could have been one step forward.

With regards, to the national ‘D+’ average, in my opinion, I know many students have the potential to do better and make improvements, because there is always room for improvement. In terms of getting low grades in a Mathematics or English exam, doesn’t mean the students are not doing their best. However, there are students today who are excellent at carpentry work, electrical work and computer work and who have the potential to be that great artist. In schools today, these subjects are not fully being focused on so that students can utilise their skills in these areas.

From the beginning of high school, teachers should know which student is good in these various areas. The educational system needs to be revamped and reformed in

terms of having such students do what they love to do in BJC and BGCSE.

The Ministry of Education needs to implement an initiative to have students that are really good at hands on work to get them involved and to also focus on the core subjects, Maths and English as well.

Furthermore initiative needs to be taken for Mathematics, English and Science subjects.

The Ministry of Education can look at focusing more on Maths, English and Science for three days out of a school week. These are the major core classes, and I do believe when a focus is brought on these three classes on a regular basis, students will be more inclined to learn them and will do much better when the BJC and BGCSE come around. I suggest that other classes can be held during the remaining two days of the week. It will enhance students’ knowledge and abilities in the main classes that will help them in the end.

If we work with the students and the ministry of education, it is possible that a change will be made that will better the educational system and will have a major turn in this country. We must not let our educational system be dysfunctional, but function for the benefit of the children of this nation who are the future.

SHAVADO GIBSON

Nassau,  
October, 2009.

## Eastern Road is ‘becoming the wild west’

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I have read this morning with great interest and am in full agreement with the letter to the Editor “\$5.8 million on Miss Universe — but how much on catching criminals?”

I happen to live on Eastern Road and it is becoming the wild west, we are all afraid to walk the dogs anytime it is not daylight. Most of us will no longer sit on our patios, or have the doors open, so that we can enjoy the lovely sea breeze and beautiful views, which is the reason to live on the water.

But until the crime is aimed at the members of parliament and their family members, we will continue to only get lip service, as for some reason their heads are in the sand. Which by the way we will not be needing much of, as the tourist will not return to what used to be a beautiful country, as the news of our crime and rundown appearance, unkempt streets and nothing for them to do except use the pools and beaches is already the talk all over the world.

So our government had better pull their heads out of the sand and be serious about the important things which will get our country back on track, before spending our tax dollars on trying to

lure the tourist, because they are already going to safer places to spend their dollars and purchase products that are from the country they are visiting and not from China and knock off designer items.

Also, has any member of parliament tried walking in what is called the straw market by themselves and not with a group of bodyguards to see how those people selling goods treat the tourist, let them just go there on their own and not announce their arrival. I did this year with house guests and I will never expose myself or anyone else to the rude behaviour displayed by most of the people at that horrible place.

It is time now for all Bahamians who do not want to see what is left of our country destroyed to start making the people responsible for what has happened to take responsibility for their non-action and if they are unable to cope get the right people in place that can get the job done.

This problem has been slowly brewing for many, many years and there are many people in high places that have much to answer for.

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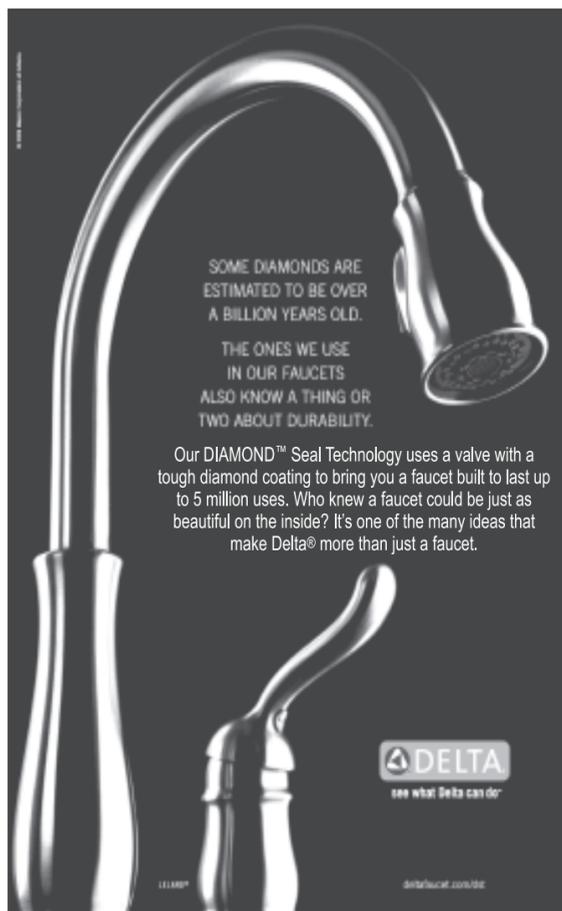


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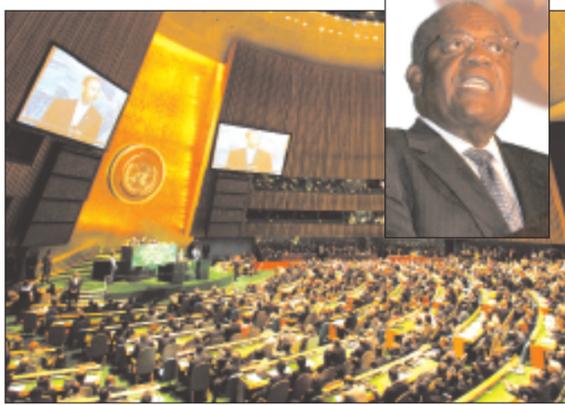
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# PM: climate change poses 'serious threat' to Bahamas

By ALISON LOWE  
 Tribune Staff Reporter  
 alowe@tribunemedia.net



PRIME MINISTER Hubert Ingraham (inset) spoke in a pre-recorded address to the UN Summit on Climate Change, pictured left. (AP)

IN his starkest warning yet about the danger that climate change poses for the Bahamas, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham has told the international community that it is a "serious threat to our economic viability, social development and our territorial integrity."

Ahead of a critical conference when countries are to get what many are calling a "last chance to save the world" by creating a new pact to reverse the negative impacts of climate change, Mr Ingraham emphasised that if current trends continue some low-lying states — of which the Bahamas is one — "are set to become entirely uninhabitable."

He was speaking to world leaders and diplomats in a pre-recorded address to the United Nations Summit on Climate Change held at the organisation's headquarters in New York City on September 21.

## Leaders

That summit drew together more than a hundred world leaders, from some of the worst polluting countries to the most vulnerable, with the aim of galvanising political will and focusing on key political issues that require resolution if negotiations on a new agreement are to conclude successfully at the Copenhagen Climate Conference in December.

The Prime Minister told the Summit of how "the serious challenges facing the world as a result of climate change...are particularly acute for small island developing states like The Bahamas which are extremely vulnerable to rising sea levels, coral bleaching and increasingly powerful tropical hurricanes."

"Hundreds of millions of dollars" that could have been spent on "critically important national development priorities" have already had to be diverted to "repeated restoration efforts" required after the passage of major hurricanes "in the last decade alone," he

added, limiting our progress towards sustainable development.

The Prime Minister, on behalf of The Bahamas, called for a global accord in Copenhagen with "ambitious legally binding targets" that will achieve the objectives of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The UNFCCC sets out an overall framework for inter-governmental efforts to tackle climate change, and has been ratified by 192 countries — but not the United States.

Speaking to the U.N. Summit, which was also personally attended by a Bahamian delegation headed by Environment Minister Earl Deveaux, Mr Ingraham said industrialised countries "have a responsibility to accept the leading role they must play in this enterprise, especially by committing to a reduction in their greenhouse gas emissions."

Disagreement between rich and poor nations over how to share the burden of slashing greenhouse gases, which are primarily a product of industrial and other economic activity, and who will pay for it, has so far hampered any significant action on climate change.

At present, another Bahamian delegation headed by Bahamas Environment Science and Technology (BEST) Commission Director Philip Weech is in Bangkok, Thailand, where marathon U.N. climate change talks are underway between 180 nations towards laying the

groundwork that will undergird the December agreement that many hope will change that.

Earlier this year, Mr Weech provided an insight into the significance of reversing climate change when he explained how a one metre sea level rise would see three of The Bahamas major land masses — Abaco, Andros and Grand Bahama — either totally or partially flooded.

## Financing

Mr Ingraham urged the international community to make it simpler for countries like the Bahamas to obtain the financing they will need to fund adaptation to the effects of climate change, as well as to take steps to reduce their own carbon footprint, and make environmental technology "more available globally."

Meanwhile, both he and Dr Deveaux asked that developed states "re-examine" initiatives undertaken in the name of environmental protection which may place additional burdens on small states, such as a hike in taxes paid by air passengers.

"Recognising climate change is a threat we all face, The Bahamas is committed to collaborating with the family of nations to ensure our own survival, and the survival of humankind in a sustainable development model for planet earth," the Prime Minister added.

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LOCAL NEWS

# 'Cable Beach property mould stops Ministry's move'



ROBERT SANDS

THE MINISTRY of Education, Youth and Sports will not be moving into the Wyndham Nassau Resort as planned after claims that a potentially dangerous mould infestation has been discovered at the Cable Beach property, *The Tribune* has been told.

With its current offices on Thompson Boulevard inun-

dated with mould as well, the government has been forced to look for new accommodation for the ministry's employees, who have complained of respiratory problems for some time.

A well placed government source told *The Tribune* of the alleged mould discovery, however vice president of external affairs at Baha Mar,

Robert Sands, said he was unaware of the claims.

He added that government and the resort were only at the "exploratory stages" in their discussions about a possible rental agreement.

President of the Bahamas Public Service Union John Pinder said that during his walkabout of the property with inspectors, he saw mould

on the sixth floor of one of the towers, which he was advised would be removed from the list of possible spaces to be rented to government.

Mr Pinder said he is waiting to see a Department of Environmental Health report on the matter, and that if it advises that the tower is not safe to be occupied, the ministry will have to stand by this

advice and find other accommodations for the employees to use.

Some kinds of mould which develop in buildings can lead to a variety of health problems. If present in large quantities, it can be extremely hazardous to humans, causing allergic reactions and respiratory problems.



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## Hundreds of ePassports are ready for collection on Grand Bahama

FREEMPORT, Grand Bahama – The dedication of additional printing time for ePassport applications has resulted in the completion of hundreds of the new passports which are now ready for collection at the Grand Bahama passport office.

More than 1,200 ePassports require collection, the government said in a statement yesterday.

All successful ePassport applicants are required to bring along their old passports for cancellation when collecting their new ePassports.

**Visas**

Those containing non-expired visas will be returned to its owner for further use once cancelled.

To address the protracted backlog of ePassport applications for Grand Bahama residents, Foreign Affairs Minister Brent Symonette directed that an entire day in the week



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be allotted solely for the printing of those passports.

A printing machine is currently dedicated to the production of ePassports for Grand Bahama residents. The total number of printing machines – all housed in New Providence – has also been increased to improve service to Bahamians throughout the country.

As part of the process of expanding service capacity on Grand Bahama, the number of passport office phone lines was increased from two to seven, and now include an appointment line, a hotline and a complaints line. The telephone number for the passport office's appointment system is 351-9976.

Staffing at the office has also been increased, the statement said.

## DISCOVER EARTH VILLAGE

By AVA TURNQUEST

AS part of its commitment to improve the quality of life of all Bahamians, the Bahamas Association for Social Health will host a mini-fair on Discovery Day.

To be held at a 210 acre compound, the mini-fair will serve as a formal introduction to BASH's sister company, Educational Alternative Resources for Total Health (EARTH) Village and all funds will be used to further its development.

Gearing towards families and children, EARTH Village will continue BASH's vision to substantially reduce crime, violence and drug abuse by providing positive educational outlets for the youth. The 'village' features activities such as a petting zoo, horseback riding, Segway rides and numerous nature trails, all of which provide educational benefits. Discreetly located on Albury Street in Chippingham, the environmental sanctuary is often overlooked by the general public said Wesley Finlayson, BASH and EARTH Village media liaison.

"We're having this fun day so we can get the entire community involved. Because most pass this place, and some people may or may not see the sign, no one knows the excitement that's inside. You can come in and horseback ride, you can ride a Segway, you can bring your kids to the petting zoo or on a field trip. We have over 150 medicinal plants and 34 different species of birds. Its very educational. If we're gonna stop the grown-ups we have to nip it at the root."

Fun Day project co-ordinator Tehranique Miller said: "Everybody's going green now. We've been green for a long time now so we're tying to promote awareness. Unfortunately, the average Bahamian doesn't really understand the concept of going green. There are limitations on just how much we can do, but we can be aware. If we can raise aware children, we will have aware adults."

The fair will open on Monday, October 12, at 7am with a forest fun walk that will begin at the EARTH Village Welcome Centre and travel through two miles of forest. The official opening ceremony begins at 11am after which activities will commence. Participants can discover historical aqueducts built in 1942 which supplied drinking water via windmills. Discontinued in 1972, the infrastructure is now an untouched ecosystem, home to tilapia, turtles and breath-taking water lilies.

In addition to the natural activities available on site, families will be able to enjoy bouncy castles, rock climbing, face painting, hoopla and bingo while listening to live music by various local artists.

Fairgoers will also be entered in a raffle and each hour a winner will be selected.

All funds will be used towards the development of EARTH Village's petting zoo and site maintenance.

"Unfortunately every aspect of this project takes money," said Ms Miller. "Everything that we're doing for the fun day we have to raise the funds for it. Its difficult but at the same time we want to make sure that we share what we have. A lot of Bahamians have no idea what we have here. There are little subtle changes that everyone can make. I think that if people see what we have – I think this is one of the last green spaces left in Nassau, everywhere else is concrete jungle – maybe they will be inspired to preserve it."

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ORDER, 2009

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To transfer all immovable assets of Bahamas Utilities Cooperative Credit Union Limited to National Workers Cooperative Credit Union Limited such as;

(a) Property, building and contents thereof;

(b) Ownership of all vehicles owned by the Society;

(c) All assets and liabilities prescribed in the August 31 st, 2009 special Audited Financial Statements; adjusted for activities up to the date of this order.

The prescribed date of transfer of the Bahamas Utilities Cooperative Credit Union Limited to National Workers Cooperative Credit Union Limited will commence pursuant to sections 98,99 and 100 of this Act.

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Nathaniel A. Adderley  
DIRECTOR OF SOCIETIES

**Beryl Hanna 'progressing'**

MRS Glenys Hanna Martin, daughter of Mrs Beryl Hanna, said that her mother has been transferred to the private ward of the Princess Margaret Hospital "where she is progressing."

Mrs Hanna had been admitted to the hospital's intensive care unit several days ago for problems associated with her throat, said her daughter. However, contrary to reports in Wednesday's *Tribune*, Mrs Hanna was not on a respirator.

Mrs Martin, on behalf of the family, thanked "all of her parents' friends and other well-wishers for their concern and prayers."

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**MAGISTRATE'S COURT: Exuma marijuana case**  
**Four in court over \$4m drug seizure**



STEPHEN STUBBS, 34, of Ridgeland Park.



SELVA RUDOLPH HUDSON, 54, of The Bluff Eleuthera.



DION MINNIS, 35, of Rupert Dean Lane.



DAVID COLEBROOKE, 48, of Jasmine Gardens.

FOUR men charged in connection with the seizure of \$4 million worth of marijuana in Exuma were back in Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon.

The men were arraigned before Chief Magistrate Roger Gomez in Court 1, Bank Lane on Monday and appeared before Magistrate Carolita Bethel in Court 8, Bank Lane yesterday.

Stephen Stubbs, 34, of Ridgeland Park, also known as "Die", Dion Minnis, 35, of Rupert Dean Lane, David Colebrooke, 48, of Jasmine Gardens, and Selva Hudson, 54, of The Bluff, Eleuthera are charged with conspiring to import and possess a 3,935 pound shipment of marijuana with intent to supply. It is

alleged that the offences were committed between September 5 and 30, at Scott's Creek, Williams Town, Exuma.

Colebrooke and Hudson are also charged with importing the drugs and drug possession with intent to supply. They are also charged with the unauthorised possession of a .45 pistol and seven bullets for the gun.

The four men pleaded not guilty to the charges again yesterday. Stubbs, who is on bail pending retrial in the murder of policeman Jimmy Ambrose 10 years ago, is represented by attorney Murrio Ducille. Attorney Dion Smith is representing the other three defendants. They will remain on remand and are expected back in court on Friday for a bail hearing.

**Bahamasair says it has improved on-time performance**



A CAR RENTAL AGENT provides details of his company to patrons at Bahamasair's annual trade show and exhibition, Friday, at SuperClubs Breezes.

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Minister Grant 'set for promotion in Cabinet shuffle'

in Cabinet, noting the financial and social commitments he has made to his family. Additionally, it is believed that when the Prime Minister appoints two additional members to the Senate, to replace Mr Barnett and former Senator Kay Forbes-Smith who is

now heads the Bahamas' Consulate in Atlanta, one of these new persons could be appointed directly into the Cabinet. If not, it is rumoured that the FNM Senator Anthony Musgrove, may be given the responsibility of the Min-

istry of Works when Mr Grant leaves for his post in Grand Bahama. With speculation circulating that the current Minister of Immigration Branville McCartney may replace Tommy Turnquest as the Minis-

ter of National Security, sources close to the FNM assure this daily that such a move could not take place as the jump for Mr McCartney, from number 17 on the list of importance in the Cabinet to number four, would not be

looked upon well by the other MPs who have served "longer" than he has. Having shuffled his cabinet once already in July 2008 it is understood that this second manoeuvre would be yet another step by Mr Ingraham to ensure that ministers who are performing will be given greater responsibilities while those who have yet to meet the mark will be relieved of their powers and sidelined in favour of those who have "proven them-

selves." When the Prime Minister regained office in May of 2007, he had a relatively inexperienced cabinet with only a few colleagues having served at a ministerial level. Now, with what is seen as the largest cabinet in the history of the Bahamas, most of the FNM's sitting MP's have either served or are currently serving in some ministerial portfolio with one exception—Kendal Wright, the MP for Clifton.

PLPs set to vote on explosive leadership challenge resolutions

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nomination of any PLP who is not a Member of Parliament, is obviously aimed at PLP newcomer Paul Moss who was the first candidate to announce his bid to challenge Mr Christie.

Secondly, the NGC will also vote on a resolution proposed to block the nomination of any PLP MP who does not declare his intentions of challenging the leadership before the National Convention opens.

This tactic, sources say is being used by the party hierarchy to discourage or block the possibility of PLP MP Dr Bernard Nottage launching a "snap challenge" against Mr Christie from the floor of the convention and avoid the possibility of the leader being caught by "surprise."

Additionally, it has also been suggested that if Dr Nottage were to announce his intentions to challenge Mr Christie before the convention, supporters of Mr Christie would have sufficient time to run a "relentless" campaign against the challenger. This campaign, sources say would bear the all too familiar trademark of painting Dr Nottage as an "ingrate" who was given an opportunity to return to the party and was now turning on the man who had given him that "second chance."

The third measure, which is expected to be voted on tonight, is the possibility of creating a co-deputy position that sources explained is designed to appease the many challengers who will ultimately one day be seeking the leadership of the party.

By appeasing these many challengers in one swoop the hope, sources said, is to ensure that Mr Christie remains as leader, and possibly two of his parliamentary colleagues would be named as co-deputies of the party.

Having already warned his parliamentary group that a "scorched earth policy" would be used against anyone who would dare challenge him, the party leader is also expected to ratify the additional 250 stalwart councillors appointed earlier this year.

However, it appears that Mr Moss is undaunted by the party's tactics and is expected to hold a press conference outside PLP headquarters tomorrow night after the NGC has cast its votes.



PERRY CHRISTIE



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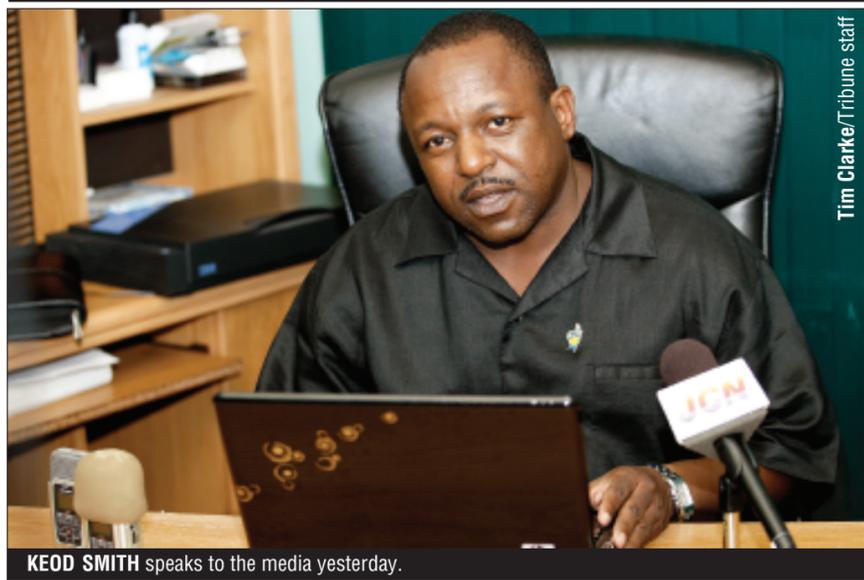
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LOCAL NEWS



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KEOD SMITH speaks to the media yesterday.

# Keod Smith confident of winning PLP chairman post

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tion so that he can fully commit himself to the chairmanship.

Mr Smith announced his ambition to run for the post held by Englerston MP Glenys Hanna-Martin just days after PLP deputy chairman Kendred Dorsett said he is also vying for the post.

Mr Dorsett released a statement yesterday, after hearing Mr Smith's announcement, to highlight the PLP's need to break away from "business as usual" and "provide a vision for progress."

However, Mr Smith is confident his chances of being chosen for the position are above average.

The Commercial Law Advocates attorney, who held a press conference in his Trinity Place office yesterday, said: "Fortunately I am not new to the party, I am not unknown to delegates, I feel I have something that's definitely peculiar only to me, that none of the other candidates will have, and I feel the party knows what these attributes are."

"I suspect I will win, but if it is that I do not, that will not change my involvement in doing what is right for the party."

"I feel I have a more than average chance of being successful."

Mr Smith said his bold and aggressive nature will drive all members of the party to face challenging issues head-on in the run-up to the 2012 election.

He would take seriously the chairman's task to minimise cheating in the next general election by devising strategies such as a door-to-

door visitation programme to ensure all voters are accounted for long before they cast their ballots.

Mr Smith said the rising crime rate and murder count, job losses for thousands of Bahamians, and the FNM's lack of strategy for economic recovery places the PLP in a good position for securing government in 2012.

He criticised the FNM for recently admitting the government has no plans to rejuvenate the economy in Grand Bahama, and intends to hold a pre-convention presentation on the island on Friday to address local delegates on the subject, "Strategies for Immediate Economic Rejuvenation of Grand Bahama in 2009."

As chairman, Mr Smith maintains he will focus on the needs of the party and not his own political ambitions, however he would keep the door open for his former constituents in Mount Moriah.

He said: "In the two and a half years leading up to the next election candidates will need to be on the ground and starting to work, so for me to do what I need to do I can't be concerned that I have to leave because I have something going on in Lightbourne Street or Yellow Elder."

"With God's help and the support of the convention delegates, I will not only be elected national chairman at the convention later this month, but shall be serving in that post when the PLP regains the government in 2012."

"At the end of the convention, whether I win or lose, I hereby commit my efforts to that of the party to ensure there is unity as we move forward in this collective quest."



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LOCAL NEWS

# Heated clash in Travolta attempted extortion trial

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JOHN TRAVOLTA'S attorney Michael McDermott pictured outside of court yesterday.

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"You leaked it to the press didn't you, didn't you?" Mr Shurland demanded.  
 "No," Mr McDermott replied.  
 "On the 19th of January did you give an interview to US

magazine? Did you not give an interview to The Tribune on the 19th?" Mr Shurland asked.  
 "No, sir," Mr McDermott said.  
 "I'm suggesting that you are lying," Mr Shurland said.  
 "No, sir," Mr McDermott

said. Mr Shurland then suggested that during the meeting between Lightbourne and Mr McDermott on January 19, Lightbourne had asked Mr McDermott if he was recording him.  
 "You are making it up," Mr McDermott said.  
 Mr Shurland responded, "I'm making it up; you think you have a monopoly on the truth?"

that he had said it as a joke, however, Mr Shurland suggested that it was not a joke.  
 "I'm suggesting that when you spoke to Ms Bridgewater and told her about the pig principles, pigs get fat, you intended to pay money."  
 "Yes," Mr McDermott said.  
 "When you said hogs get slaughtered you wanted to kill this young man," Mr Shurland said.



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"I'm suggesting to you that this tape was edited. That the part of the tape missing is the part where he (Lightbourne) entered the room and took his seat at the table, that's the part with all the good stuff on it," Mr Shurland suggested.

"No," Mr McDermott replied. Mr Shurland then asked that the tape be replayed. Officer Sean Saunders took the witness stand. The tape was played again. It was put on pause to show a still frame of Mr McDermott and Lightbourne sitting at the table in his hotel room.

"I'm suggesting that prior to Tarino sitting down there was some chit-chat between you two," Mr Shurland said.

"Yes," McDermott said. "That is not on the tape. I'm suggesting that that was edited to suit your purpose," Mr Shurland said.

"No, sir," Mr McDermott replied. Mr Shurland again suggested that when Lightbourne entered the room he had asked if he was being recorded.

"He never said that," McDermott said, "you made it up."

"On the 20th of January when you were talking to Mr Lightbourne did he say 'if John Travolta doesn't pay me I'm going to the press'?" Mr Shurland asked.

"No, sir, he didn't say those words," Mr McDermott said.

"Do you know the pig principle; pigs get fat, hogs get slaughtered?" Mr Shurland asked.

"Yes, sir, it's a tax adage," Mr McDermott replied. Mr McDermott told the court

that he had said it as a joke, however, Mr Shurland suggested that it was not a joke.  
 "I'm suggesting that when you spoke to Ms Bridgewater and told her about the pig principles, pigs get fat, you intended to pay money."  
 "Yes," Mr McDermott said.  
 "When you said hogs get slaughtered you wanted to kill this young man," Mr Shurland said.

"Absolutely not," Mr McDermott replied. Mr McDermott admitted that the day before he spoke to Lightbourne, news of an extortion threat was already in the media. Mr McDermott said that he made a complaint of an extortion attempt to Bahamian police on January 18.

Mr Shurland suggested to Mr McDermott that he had called ambulance driver Marcus Garvey looking for the original document.  
 "Absolutely not," Mr McDermott said. Mr Shurland went on to suggest that Mr McDermott was able to get Lightbourne's telephone number from Mr Garvey. Mr McDermott denied the suggestion. He said he had never spoken to Mr Garvey.

The jury yesterday questioned whether Mr McDermott at anytime during the meetings with Lightbourne and Bridgewater turned off his wire.

Mr McDermott said that he had not.

Mr McDermott also told the court that Bridgewater did not personally ask him for money. He also told jurors that he understood "making the deal" to mean that he was to enter into negotiations with Bridgewater and Lightbourne and assent to the demand.

"That's what I was instructed and that's what I did," Mr McDermott said. Mr McDermott also said that before coming to the Bahamas he had to refute allegations in the media relative to Jett's death. The trial resumes today at 10 am.

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## Roddick, Knowles advance to semis

By BRENT STUBBS  
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The first-year combo of Mark Knowles and Andy Roddick are playing like they have been together for a number of years.

The Bahamian-American tandem that came together for the first time pulled off their second-round match at the China Open to advance to the semifinal. Knowles' partner, Indian Mahesh Bhupathi, is nursing an injury.

Yesterday in Beijing, China, the unseeded team of Knowles and Roddick kicked off the team of Argentina's Jose Acasuso and Chile's Fernando Gonzalez 4-6, 7-5, 10-4 in 79 minutes in their quarterfinal match.

Acasuso and Gonzalez upset the up ranked team of Daniel Nestor and Nenad Zimonjic in the opening round in three straight sets while Knowles and Roddick needed just two sets to dispose of the Taipei team of Hsain-Han Lee and Tsung-Hua Yang.

When contacted following their victory yesterday, Knowles said it was definitely a tough match against Acasuso and Gonzalez, but they played a very good match. In fact, he noted that they were able to avenge a defeat he and Bhupathi suffered to Acasuso and Gonzalez in the third round of the French Open.

"We knew it was going to be a tough match, but we played very solid throughout the match," Knowles said. "We really played our best tennis at the end, so I

was really excited."

After losing the first set, Knowles and Roddick turned up the heat in the second set when they fell behind 5-4. They managed to hold serve and eventually took the set. In the tiebreaker, they just simply out-classed their opponents to seal the deal.

Roddick, a former No.1 player in the world, will only have the doubles to concentrate on after Lukasz Kubot ousted him in the first round of singles. And that could play right in favour for Knowles.

"Andy is one of the best players in the world," Knowles reflected. "So it's very exciting to be playing on the same court with him. It's a lot of fun because he's one of the greatest servers of all time."

"It's just a lot of fun to be playing at the net when he's serving. But he's a great doubles player. He doesn't play doubles that often, but he's definitely a good doubles player. While we have never played before, we're enjoying it. Hopefully we can get another in and get into the final."

Knowles and Roddick won 66 per cent of service points and they hit a combined seven aces.



MARK KNOWLES

When they play again in the semis, Knowles and Roddick could either face the team of Lukas Dlouhy and Philipp Kohlschreiber or Kubot and Oliver Marach. Obviously, they would prefer the latter team as Roddick seeks to avenge his singles loss to Kubot.

"We're pretty pumped up. We're pretty excited," Knowles stressed. "We're looking to win the next match for sure and put ourselves in a position to win the tournament. There's no reason why we can't win the tournament."

"Anytime you can put yourself in that position you just have to go after it. It's a real pleasure for me, so I'm enjoying it. We're just looking forward to raising the level and accepting the challenge ahead of us."

If they are successful in their semis, there's a possibility that Knowles and Roddick could advance to the final to face a familiar foe in the American identical twin brothers Bob and Mike Bryan, who are the No.2-seeded team in the tournament.

"That would be really exciting," Knowles projected. "Obviously we have our next match to worry about, but I know Andy would love to play them. They obviously are great friends and they are Davis Cup teammates."

"So I'm sure they have their own little rivalry, so I think it would be a really exciting match-up if we both can get there."

Knowles and Bhupathi, who are due to return to action next week at the Shanghai Open, lost in the final of the Australian Open in January to the Bryans.

AMERICAN ANDY RODDICK teamed up with Bahamian tennis ace Mark Knowles in the China Open yesterday. The duo won their second round match to advance to the semifinal... (AP Photo)



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## SPORTS

# Bahamian gridiron star to take up coaching

By **RENALDO DORSETT**  
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AFTER two years excelling on the field, a Bahamian collegiate gridiron star looks to make a transition to the sideline in a coaching role at a National Football League Pro Bowl Week event.

Kris Kemp, a standout wide receiver at Taylor University in Fort Wayne, Indiana, has been chosen as a graduate assistant on the coaching staff of the "Team USA vs The World" Pro Bowl.

Kemp will become a part of the "World" coaching staff headed by Jan Jenmert of Sweden.

The team will be comprised of 45 of the top players from around the world to face USA Football's junior national team on January 30, 2010 at Lockhart Stadium in Ft Lauderdale,

Florida, as a part of the NFL's Pro Bowl weekend.

The game takes place at 1pm following AFC and NFC team practices with fans granted free admission to attend the international matchup, which will feature NCAA rules and 12-minute quarters.

Players on the World team must be 19 years and under from outside the United States across five continents while team USA will feature top high school seniors in the class of 2010.

World team head coach Jenmert has selected a coaching staff representing all four IFAF continental federations and seven countries – Australia, Bahamas, Canada, France, Japan, Mexico and Sweden. And they have already begun the process of selecting the best available players from around the world.

Kemp, in two years at Taylor, has been a vital part of a rebuilding receiving core.

In three games thus far into the 2009 season, Kemp has caught seven receptions for 84 yards with an average of 12 yards per catch.

In 2007, he was awarded a half scholarship from Taylor after a brief but star-studded career with the John Bull Jets in the Commonwealth

American Football League.

In the CAFL, Kemp was awarded Rookie of the Year in 2004, and followed up with a stellar sophomore performance in 2005 when he was named CAFL Offensive player of the year.

Kemp was invited to the Taylor University combine after an impressive performance with the Bahamian national team against the semi-pro Orlando Sentinels in 2005.

The 6'0" 190 pound wide-out returns home each annually to participate in summer camps.

The junior, majoring in chemistry, said he intends to pursue coaching positions to further the development of organized football in the Bahamas. A second graduate assistant will be chosen from a developing International Federation of American Football nation in the coming weeks.

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Six of the Bahamas' leading under 18s will compete for top honours in the junior championships and four of them are among the 16 Bahamians who have earned

a spot in the Sunfish World Championships.

The Bahamas has enjoyed much success over the years in Sunfish sailing, winning the World Championships five times.

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SPORTS

# A 'fitting tribute' to two sporting legends

THIS weekend will be dedicated to the memory of the late Deacon Leviticus 'Uncle Lou' Adderley and Vincent Lloyd Ferguson.

For the fifth consecutive year, the Catholic Archdiocese has honoured the two former sporting legends that have

made invaluable contributions to the growth and development of sports in the Bahamas.

This year, however, the tournament will be a little special as it comes right on the heels of the death and burial of Ferguson, a former profes-

sional baseball player, educator and basketball executive.

Hundreds impacted by the life of the late Ferguson turned out last week at St Francis Cathedral to pay their last respects for the man who was best known as a disciplinarian.

On his return from playing pro baseball, Ferguson served as president of the Bahamas Basketball Federation and he founded the Past and Present Association of Professional Baseball Players.

Like Ferguson, Adderley was also a no-nonsense principal, who founded the Bahamas Association of Certified Officials (BACO) – the organisation that officiates track and field meets.

Both men have played a vital role in the legacy of the St Augustine's College Big Red Machine. In fact, it was Ferguson who was credited with tagging the Big Red Machine nickname on St Augustine's College.

This holiday weekend, the Catholic Archdiocese will once again honour both men when the tournament is staged at Loyola Hall. It should be another fitting tribute to two of the former sporting icons.

May their souls rest in peace.

### SOFTBALL FUTURE

Beginning at the end of the month, the Bahamas Softball Federation is scheduled to host three tournaments back-to-back at the Baillou Hills Sporting Complex starting with the annual Austin 'King Snake' Knowles National High School Tournament.

In between that tournament and the National Round Robin Tournament that will be staged over the weekend of November 5-8, the BSF will host the CAST Tournament from October 29 to Novem-

## STUBBS



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The tournament will bring a number of teams from various countries to our shores. At the same time, the BSF intends to showcase a number of their talented young players.

The BSF has released the names of two teams that will be loaded with a lot of young players who are making their impact in the league right now.

That's a good sign because at least these players are being afforded the opportunity to display their skills at a high level of play right at home in the front of their fans.

What is also interesting to point out is the fact that the BSF has selected a large crop of coaches. Is it because the tournament is at home, or is it that the BSF has decided to concentrate on further devel-

oping its programme?

Whatever the reason, it's a step in the right direction to making sure that the federation utilizes its full potential to getting the best team assembled to compete at home.

### BOXING DILEMMA

IT seems as if just when pro boxing is getting back on track here, it has taken a nosedive in the wrong direction.

Jermaine 'Choo Choo' Mackey took a gamble last month to fight in Montreal, Canada, on the eve of defending his British Commonwealth super middleweight title and now he has been stripped of the crown.

Mackey was the biggest draw left in town after the departure of Meacher 'Pain' Major, who last year signed up with X-Cel Worldwide to fight out of Buffalo, New York.

Mackey's next bout is scheduled for November in New York.

This Saturday, heavyweight Sherman 'the Tank' Williams will be in Germany where he is slated to fight for a chance to improve his world ranking.

It doesn't appear that there will be any major pro card staged here until next year because there are no big name fighters to showcase.

Maybe, this might be a good time for both Major and Williams to persuade their managers to try and negotiate a show here. The boxing public could sure see another display of skills very soon.

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LOCAL NEWS

# Vigilante mob attack alleged kidnapper

FROM page one

of some girl that will be investigation. We don't have any official complaint but we will make an effort, as a matter of fact every effort is being made to determine the veracity of this information," said Mr Gibson.

When *The Tribune* visited the scene yesterday afternoon, several residents said they had seen the man walking around the area, with bandages around his head and stomach. Residents of the area also said the man was beaten by relatives of the girl early yesterday morning.

However, they were reluctant to provide details of the attack for fear of reprisal.

The girl, who is said to be about 16 to 17-years-old, was reportedly found bound with tape inside the dilapidated structure by a relative around 3 am yesterday, according to a resident of the area. Friends and relatives of the girl accosted the man, reportedly "chapped" him in the upper body and chased him down the street where he collapsed, said another resident.

Police were later called to the scene and, according to eyewitnesses, took the man to hospital.



THE INTERIOR of the tiny home on Lewis Street.

# Canadian at Guantanamo Bay accepts two lead civilian lawyers

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico

A CANADIAN detainee charged with war crimes fired his military lawyer Wednesday and was given two new civilian attorneys during a court proceeding at Guantanamo Bay, a U.S. spokesman said, according to *Associated Press*.

Joseph DellaVedova, spokesman for the Pentagon's Office of Military Commissions, said the judge in the case at the offshore U.S. jail for terrorism suspects agreed to name two civilian as lead lawyers for Omar Khadr, who accepted the new counsel.

Appointed to lead Khadr's defense were criminal attorneys Barry Coburn and Kobie Flowers, both of Washington-based Coburn & Coffman PLLC. They did not immediately respond to e-mail messages at the isolated U.S. base in southeastern Cuba.

## Hearing

During the brief hearing, Khadr also agreed to have a military co-counsel, Army Maj. Jon Jackson, after being told he needed to keep at least one military lawyer under tribunal rules, DellaVedova said.

The Toronto-born Khadr, who was 15 when captured after allegedly killing an American soldier during a 2002 battle in Afghanistan, had been represented by Navy Lt. Cmdr. William Kuebler, whose superiors in the Office of Military Commissions sought to fire him in an internal dispute over his handling of the case.

At hearings earlier this year, Khadr — the last Western detainee held at Guantanamo — tried to fire all his military lawyers, but kept

Kuebler on when told he had to have at least one military attorney.

On Wednesday, Khadr, now 22, told a military judge he agreed to the dismissal of Kuebler.

Kuebler, who attended the hearing, said he was "sad to leave Omar's case without seeing it through to the end."

But he added that "given the level of interference in Omar's representation by the military chain of command, Omar's decision to proceed with a new team led by independent civilian lawyers is completely understandable."

An often outspoken military lawyer, Kuebler has argued that Khadr, who faces up to life in prison if convicted, should not be prosecuted because he was a child when his alleged crimes happened.

The military attorney also said Khadr should be sent back to Canada.

Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper has refused to ask for Khadr's return, saying the U.S. legal process must play itself out.

Khadr is accused of killing U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Speer of Albuquerque, New Mexico, with a grenade during a 2002 battle in Afghanistan.

His war crimes trial is on hold until Nov. 16 as President Barack Obama conducts a formal review of the system for prosecuting Guantanamo detainees in special military tribunals.

The son of a slain al-Qaida financier, Khadr faces up to life in prison if convicted on charges that include murder and conspiracy.

DellaVedova said the new defense attorneys want to travel to Afghanistan to examine the place where Khadr was captured.

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## Value for money hurts Bahamas on cruise conversion

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

WITH cruise arrivals to the Bahamas and Nassau/Paradise Island up by more than one-third over 2008 comparative figures, the Ministry of Tourism said this nation still has to work out how to maximise the sector's benefits by converting passengers to stopovers, especially given our 'value for money' weakness.

The Ministry of Tourism's Market Report for July, released yesterday, showed that cruise arrivals for the year-to-date to July 2009 were "even better" than 2007 comparatives. For July, cruise arrivals to Nassau/Paradise Island were up by 36.8 per cent against 2008 figures, and ahead by 32.4 per cent for the Bahamas as a whole.

- \* Just 27% of stopovers believe hotel vacation exceeds value for money
- \* Cruise arrivals up for Nassau/PI and Bahamas by more than one-third in July

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## Bahamas 'polarised' by a dual economy

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

THE Government's foreign direct investment (fdi) policies are "polarising society by fostering a dual economy", a paper co-produced by a College of the Bahamas (COB) professor has warned, with the failure to create "meaningful development" resulting in a separate 'Bahamian economy' that is "subordinate and sinking".

Olivia Saunders, a COB associate professor, in a paper co-produced with Professor Gordana Pesakovic, which was released in a July 2009 conference at the University of Warwick's Business School, concluded that despite attracting billions of dollars in foreign investment capital, the Bahamas had not translated this into concrete development or increased linkages between these projects and Bahamian-owned businesses/entrepreneurs.

While the Bahamas' various investment incentives, enshrined in legislation, had helped to attract foreign investment capital, Dr Saunders and her co-author concluded: "[The] effects of for-

- \* Government's investment policies failing to provide 'meaningful development'
- \* Instead, creating 'foreign economy' and 'Bahamian economy' where latter is 'subordinate and sinking'

foreign direct investment on the local economy are not necessarily positive.

"These policies have created a dual economy: 'foreign economy' and the 'Bahamian economy', where the former is dominant and rising, and the latter is subordinate and sinking.

"The 'foreign economy' is operating under advantageous conditions (none or reduced taxes, limited obligations towards social, environmental and national heritage protection). Its effect on employment is under the potential level, due to the fact that foreign investors can always rationalise the use of foreign labour and the Government's willingness to accommodate them.

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## Lights switched on 100k efficient bulbs

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

Up to 100,000 energy efficient fluorescent CFL light bulbs could be made available to low and lower middle income Bahamian households as part of a \$500,000 Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) initiative, a government minister confirmed yesterday, with pilot projects on solar water heater installation and net metering also set to be launched imminently.

Pointing out that CFL light bulbs were sometimes seven to eight times more expensive than their incandescent counterparts, Phenton Neymour, minister of state for the environment, said the IDB's initiative to promote energy efficient residential lighting had twin objectives.

These were in line with the National Energy Policy committee's recommendations, aiming to lower energy usage and costs for lower and lower middle income Bahamian families, aiding energy efficiency and conservation, and also assisting them in meeting their BEC bills.

"It is important we assist lower and middle income households to purchase CFC lightbulbs, to reduce their energy costs and assist in meeting their obligations to BEC," Mr Neymour told Tribune Business. "In terms of light bulbs, we envisage it could possible range up to 100,000 light bulbs.

- \* Pilot projects for 30 solar PV/net metering and 70 solar water heater installations approved last week
- \* \$580k IDB initiative aims to provide energy efficient bulbs for low income families, to reduce electricity consumption
- \* Some 6,243 customers now disconnected by BEC, with Corporation's revenues dropping for August and September
- \* BEC financial position 'getting weaker', with receivables still around \$100m

"The programme will be to address that cost to residential customers, those using less than 800 kilowatt hours from BEC. This is a very important programme. It is important that the Government gets out the message the energy conservation is the low-lying fruit."

Mr Neymour confirmed that the number of customers disconnected by BEC for non-payment of bills had "moved up slightly", standing at 6,243 as at September 14.

"The figure is slightly higher, and again most of these are customers in the lower

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## Family Guardian targets early 2010 for agency launch

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

FAMILY Guardian is "working diligently" to launch its general insurance agency subsidiary by early 2010, Tribune Business was told yesterday, and is "confident" it will turn around the surge in health insurance claims responsible for dropping its 2009 first half income by 71.6 per cent.

Patricia Hermanns, the life and health insurer's president/chief executive, acknowl-

edger that while its "health claims experience through new initiative, having seen claims payments 'slow a little bit' in Q3

edged that while its "health claims experience has been challenging" in 2009, the company had implemented numerous initiatives to address an area that largely increased policyholder benefits by 34.8 per cent during the first six months of the year.

Family Guardian had focused on case management,

partnering with physicians and pharmacies to ensure its clients were getting the best available health care and treatments, and on "assessing our products to ensure they're being properly utilised".

Ms Hermanns added that in cases where there had been

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## RoyalFidelity funds back to positive yields

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

RoyalFidelity Merchant Bank & Trust yesterday said its second index-linked sub-fund had generated an 8.4 per cent yield on an annualised basis during its first two months in existence, providing further evidence of the benefits from international investing as the Bahamian stock market continues to lag its counterparts.

Michael Anderson, RoyalFidelity Merchant Bank & Trust's president, told Tribune Business that its TIGRS Series 2 sub-fund now had a net asset value (NAV) of \$10.14 per share, up \$0.14 in two months from the \$10 valuation it had at launch.

Elsewhere, Mr Anderson said RoyalFidelity's international equities sub-fund, which had born the brunt of the 2008 stock market crash/credit crunch, was up 40 per cent for the calendar year to July 2009, or 23.32 per cent on an annualised basis, while the TIGRS Series 1 sub-fund - another financial collapse casualty - had risen from a \$9.123 NAV at year-end to \$9.38.

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BUSINESS

# Bowling over the recessionary blues

AMIDST all the gloom and doom of recession – hotel lay-offs, sinking sales in Palmdale, abandoned shops on East Bay Street, mortgage defaults – it's refreshing to find an oasis of exuberant growth. Driving out to Tonique Williams-Darling Highway (also known as Harrold Road), one turns into SummerWinds Plaza, better known as the home of the Robin Hood Mega Store, where soon a massive structure will open next door bearing the sign *Mario's Bowling & Family Entertainment Palace*.

Two entrepreneurs have taken the economic bull by the horns and are wrestling to stun it: Sandy Schaefer, who learned the secrets of discount selling in America

and relocated the original, tiny Robin Hood from Sol-dier Road in 2001, and Leslie Miller, Bahamian businessman, landowner and former PLP cabinet minister, who after the still-unsolved slaying of his son Mario in 2002 was inspired to create a living memorial with solid family values. The target market for both enterprises is not tourists, wealthy expatriates or up-scale locals, but ordinary Bahamians who must focus on bargain spending. After hours of "value" purchasing in Robin Hood, customers will only have to cross the spacious parking lots to relax in Mario's.

Each of these entrepreneurs has helped the other. Mr Miller had accumulated some 20 acres of raw land

off Harrold Road, on which Mr Schaefer leased a site when he needed to expand. Mr Miller then constructed the shell buildings for the new retail complex, which has grown from the original 15,000 square feet to 109,000 square feet, and is scheduled to grow by another 90,000, with rising rentals to Mr Miller as landlord. Robin Hood now attracts about 78,000 monthly customer visits and Mr Schaefer is confident about continuing profits, which he confirms require tight management oversight.

Seeing Robin Hood's success in drawing a huge customer base to the previously somnolent Plaza, Mr Miller hastened his 10-year old plans for a bowling



By Richard Coulson

alley, but one with all the bells and whistles. Ever since Sidney and Ivy French closed their Village Lanes on Village Road, local bowling enthusiasts have had to travel to Miami to roll their strikes. His market research convinced Mr Miller of a positive local demand for the sport, and he travelled widely to discover the latest in bowling marketing and technology, visiting prominent lanes in Seattle, Las Vegas, Fresno in California, and even Belgium, where he found an impressive operation in Brussels. He brought these ideas home, and his Bahamian architect Leo Ferguson pulled them all together to create the detailed drawings and specifications. Mr Miller himself supervised construction, retaining Cavalier as project manager.

The result is a rectangular edifice of 80,000 square feet, with a handsome colonnaded facade of sandstone punctuated with tall windows. The basic structure has been completed, featuring 30-foot ceilings over a central atrium housing the main dining area, to be supervised by a chef recruited from a local hotel. Thirty lanes are in place in the north wing and another 20 in the south, including a group of four that can be privately reserved. No bowling centre in the US or

Canada has more than 50 lanes. During my recent visit, the specialised planking for gutters and lanes was being laid, and the pin-setting machinery from American Bowling Company was expected shortly. Separate snack bars will serve behind each set of lanes.

Pool tables will be an additional feature, and to attract children an arcade for video games is placed near the entrance with room for 100 machines, from which Mr Miller projects \$500,000 of revenue annually. Toscano's, a new name in Nassau, will operate a pizza franchise adjacent to the arcade. In an upstairs mezzanine overlooking the atrium, a private disco-club will be open to dues-paying members. Two stand-by generators will support the central air-conditioning system – but, of course, the BEC electrical bills will be a major expense factor. Skating will be offered on an outdoor flood-lit rink (asphalt, not ice), which can be converted into basketball courts.

This article is not intended as a promotional plug for Mario's Palace. Although Mr Miller has done his homework in projecting revenues and expense, and is confident of profitability, it's possible that he may be too optimistic about families' discretionary spending in these lean times, or about the continuing appeal for repeat customers. Can demand from the New Providence population of 200,000 support so large an entertainment capacity? Only time will tell.

Bahamians will soon be able to decide for themselves whether they will flock to the Centre to satisfy their urge for bowling, good food and general conviviality.

A grand opening scheduled before the end of the

year will be open to the public. For that event, the President of the International Bowling Association will be present to open the lanes, and has assured Mr Miller of a major international tournament by the end of 2010.

As with any new-venture entrepreneur, Mr Miller faces financial risk. Of the total construction cost of \$10-\$12 million, his own funds have contributed about a third, with Bank of the Bahamas lending the rest, secured not simply on the new project but by Mr Miller's ownership of surrounding land and the stream of rental income from Robin Hood. The risk may increase when, inevitably, our government broadens its revenue base by imposing some form of income tax, or more likely a sales or value-added tax. Any such levy must be passed on to customers, or else reduce the owner's profit margin.

Mr Miller, and Mr Schaefer over at Robin Hood, are doubtless planning their financial structures to minimise this impact.

Whatever the Palace's long-term future prospects, it's clear that the project is providing an immediate boost for our economy.

For the last 16 months, Mr Miller has been employing a construction force of about 60 persons, and projects a payroll of 104 employees once the Centre opens, from general manager to bus-boys.

And purchases of comestibles and supplies will be substantial.

Certainly, Mr Miller's willingness to stake time and money on the risks surrounding a major project presents a challenge to other Bahamians, and injects a spirit of vitality much needed to lift the prevailing blues.

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By CHESTER ROBARDS  
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BAHAMAS-based airlines are counting on the travelling public to help them reverse the 24 per cent landing fee rise and other fee increases proposed by the Nassau Airport Development Company (NAD) last July, which have subsequently been approved by the Airport Authority Board, Tribune Business confirmed yesterday.

NAD is proposing the fee increases at the worst possible time, according to managers of several inter-island airlines, who said they will have to be passed on to passengers in order for their companies to stay afloat.

Director of Operations at LeAir Charters, David Moncur, said companies such as his already competed with boats and ferries on inter-island travel. He alluded to the fee increases, which will be added on to the price of air fares, dissuading travellers using their service.

"I don't know how we will manage more of these fees," he said. "We are

already competing with boats and the charter sections."

According to Mr Moncur, however, passing the increase in operational costs on to the passenger will mean the difference between receiving the fare and losing it to a competitor.

He said his company understands the need for the fee increases, but insists the midst of a recession is the wrong time to impose them.

Though the changes would not come into effect until January 2010, there is no indication of when the current economic climate will recede, and other airline managers say the winter season is often a difficult financial time following the commercial Christmas season.

Chief Operating Officer of Sky Bahamas, Kenneth Romer, suggested the Government and NAD revise the fee increase schedule and engage in a lot more consultation with the airlines.

"The timing is not right, so the travelling public will find challenges absorbing those costs. January is a rough month for finances," said Mr Romer.

He said pressure from travelling pub-

lic was needed to curtail the imposition of the new fees, and argued that the increases were as much a traveller's issue as it is the airline's.

Mr Romer said he could not say exactly how much the fees would drive up the costs of Sky Bahamas's ticket prices, but he predicted a 20 to 30 per cent increase on the modest end. He said fuel costs were always the volatile factor in working out fare increases.

Managing Director of Southern Air, Anthony Hamilton, suggested frequent inter-island travellers protest the fee increases, which will directly impact their pocketbooks when they come into effect.

"Unfortunately, the public may not be as sensitized to it," he said.

NAD's approved 23.6 per cent landing fees at the Lynden Pindling International Airport (LPIA) could translate into an added \$13 on the now \$51 landing fee for one airline.

NAD argues that the fees are necessary to maintain its "financial covenants", but said LPIA's rates after the increases will remain competitive and less than the Caribbean average.

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range of electricity consumption, and in excess of 60-90 days in arrears," the minister added.

BEC's financial position "is getting worse", with its accounts receivables still hovering in the \$100 million range, and payables around \$99 million. Those payables include \$50-\$60 million owed to BEC's fuel suppliers at any one time, Mr Neymour indicated, the electricity supplier's fuel bill having hit \$376 million for 2008 - more than \$21 million per month.

"We have had lower revenues in the months of August and September, which is impacting their operations," Mr Neymour said of BEC.

Meanwhile, in conjunction with the Bahamas' Global Environmental Facility (GEF) programme, Mr Neymour said the Government intended to initiate 30 pilot

demonstration projects featuring the installation of solar Photovoltaic cells and net metering - where any excess energy generated would be sold back to the BEC grid, and a credit given to the household/business.

"It would be with households and some small commercial installations," Mr Neymour told Tribune Business. "That has just been approved by the GEF last week. We're looking at running approximately 30 demonstration projects throughout Nassau and the Family Islands.

"There will also be a pilot programme with regard to the supply and installation of solar water heaters. We're looking at the installation of 70 solar water heaters with households and small commercial businesses, where we will be looking at the impact of these and Photovoltaic cells on reducing carbon emissions."

With water heaters estimated to account for 20-30 per cent of a Bahamian household's energy bill, Mr Neymour said the pilot projects would enable the true value of dollar savings derived from solar water heaters to be assessed. The Government would also be able to assess their impact on "the conservation and production of energy", meeting another goal of the National Energy Policy committee's draft report.

"We have always moved seriously," Mr Neymour said on the Government's approach to sustainable, renewable energies. "The challenge was that it required significant research to make what we considered reliable decisions. We recognise in the Bahamas that we lack sufficient data in certain areas to make concrete decisions, but we are seeing the work of the NEP come to fruition."

The minister added that the 13 firms who were shortlist-

ed by BEC are supposed to submit their renewable energy proposals by end-October, after which another shortlist will be drawn up and final plans sought. Seven of the existing proposals are for waste-to-energy.

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**Tender publication No.: FIR/207/15/2 (GOB) EUROPEAID/129178/M/WKS/BS (EU)**

The Government of The Bahamas intends to award a work contract for the rehabilitation of the access road between Gun Point and Duncan Town Airport (via Duncan Town). The works contracts consists in the rehabilitation of about 3.8 miles (approx. 6.1 km) of a two-lane single carriageway road. About 36,000 square yards of the road pavement will require the replacement of the base course layer and the placement of a new surface seal. In addition, about 9,000 square yards of concrete road in Duncan Town will have to be demolished and reconstructed.

The works are co-financed by the Government of The Bahamas and the 9th European Development Fund.

The tender dossier is available for inspection and purchase at the following address:

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Tenderers are invited to attend the Tender opening at 10:00am, Tuesday, 3rd November 2009 at the Tenders Board.

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BUSINESS

# Family Guardian targets early 2010 for agency launch

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a significant "change in experience" and increase in health claims year-over-year, Family Guardian was also assessing whether premium rates needed to be revised upwards to better align them with the likely risk.

She explained that this did not mean health insurance premium rates would increase across-the-board at the life and health insurer, a 100 per cent subsidiary of BISX-listed FamGuard Corporation, but assessments would be made in instances where there were

"comparatively higher utilization rates".

"It certainly is larger than what we have experienced in previous years," Ms Hermanns said of the surge in health insurance claims. "We really started to see a significant escalation in the second quarter, when claims started to be paid."

"We're still in the process of analysing some of the things that may have caused it. It takes quite a while, because thousands of claims are paid on a daily basis."

While Family Guardian would have normally expected to see an increase in health

claims as a result of growth in its BahamaHealth portfolio, Ms Hermanns said the rise experienced in the 2009 first half was greater than the client base expansion.

"Any time you have an increase in business, you have a corresponding increase in claims," Ms Hermanns told Tribune Business. "This is still more pronounced than what we would expect from an increase in new accounts."

The Family Guardian president denied suggestions from some insurance market sources that the company's recent unfavourable claims experience had partly resulted from it "buying" new business, where it reduced premium rates below a level equivalent to a client's risk in order to win the account.

Adding that such a scenario "does not jive" with the experience of the Bahamian health insurance market as a whole, with all carriers experiencing a surge in claims similar to Family Guardian's, Ms Hermanns added: "All of our

accounts are priced actuarially based on the information we receive at the time."

"Our health claims experience has been challenging for us this year, but we are confident we have taken the initiatives to bring it around," she added.

"We're still seeing a high claims volume in the third quarter. The claims paid have slowed a little bit, but we are working diligently to make sure we fully grasp the facts affecting the jump in claims paid. We'll see how these initiatives end up."

Ms Hermanns, though, warned that there would be no "quick solution" to the health claims situation due to "the nature of the business", with any initiatives likely to take several months before the effects came through.

Although Family Guardian was undertaking no new product or business line launches, Ms Hermanns said the company was working towards the launch of its Family Guardian General Insur-

ance Agency subsidiary, a project that has been on the drawing board for several years now.

"We haven't completed the launch on that," she told Tribune Business. "We're working diligently to have that in place for the beginning of 2010," the general insurance agency will sell property and casualty, plus auto, insurance policies through its existing branch network, with agents being trained up to sell general insurance.

Ms Hermanns said Family Guardian had "not seen any substantial increase in lapse rates" on its life and health

insurance policies as a result of the recession.

"We have seen growth in new business, both life and health, and the annuity business is showing strong growth," she added.

Elsewhere, Family Guardian had seen "good growth in new accounts on a monthly basis" for its FG Financial and FG Capital Markets subsidiaries, Ms Hermanns said, adding that the insurer was "happy with the progress" even though the recession had not been factored into the budget when the units were launched last year.



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BUSINESS

# Oil above \$71 on optimism over economic recovery

By EILEEN NG  
Associated Press Writer

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Oil prices rose above \$71 a barrel Wednesday in Asia as increased optimism about a global economic recovery boosted expectations that crude demand will grow.

Benchmark crude for November delivery was up 63 cents at \$71.51 by midday Kuala Lumpur time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose 47 cents to settle at \$70.88 Tuesday.

Oil rose in sync with global stock

markets. The Dow Jones industrial average gained a second straight day, advancing 1.4 per cent Tuesday, its biggest gain since August 21 as investors bet corporate profits will surge as the global economy recovers. Most Asian indexes also advanced in early trading Wednesday.

The rally in stocks came after Australia raised interest rates Tuesday, signaling that policymakers see the country's economy as strong enough to withstand higher borrowing costs. That touched off hopes other economies may also be strengthening enough to unwind stimulus mea-

sures including super low interest rates and massive government spending.

## Markets

"The optimism for economic recovery is driving equities and oil markets," said Victor Shum, an energy analyst with consultancy Purvin & Gertz in Singapore.

A report by the American Petroleum Institute showing a surprise fall in US oil inventories last week also lifted prices, he said.

Crude inventories dropped 254,000 barrels while distillate fuel

stocks fell 2.91 million barrels, he said according to the report late Tuesday.

The report however, contrasted with market expectations for higher inventories.

A survey by Platts, the energy information arm of McGraw-Hill Cos, said crude stock is likely to grow by nearly two million barrels and that supplies of gasoline and distillates used for heating oil and diesel also climbed last week.

The official weekly supply report will be released by the Energy Information Administration later Wednesday.

Shum said oil prices will rise further if crude inventories fall.

Prices will fall if crude stocks rise but likely to hold above \$70, backed by stronger financial markets, he added.

In other Nymex trading, heating oil gained 2.03 cents to \$1.8345 a gallon.

Gasoline for November delivery jumped 1.63 cents to \$1.789 a gallon. Natural gas for November delivery rose 5 cents to \$4.93 per 1,000 cubic feet.

In London, Brent crude rose 69 cents to \$69.25 on the ICE Futures exchange.

## Bahamas 'polarised by a dual economy'

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"The Government is not forceful enough in demanding more local content in the sourcing of goods and services. Further, the Government is not convincingly providing purposeful education and training of local people, nor ensuring the maximum use of local professionals."

Dr Saunders and her co-author based their conclusions on an assessment of seven unnamed Heads of Agreement, signed by the former Christie administration between 2004-2007, for Family Island-based mixed-use resort projects.

Analysing the agreements, and based on previous studies, they argued that the 'spillover' benefits from foreign direct investment in the Bahamas, in terms of creating additional employment at, and contracts for, Bahamian-owned companies "have been negligible".

Investment capital inflows into the tourism and hotel industries had "not led to parallel growth in local business development in manufacturing, agriculture, fisheries" and sectors directly related to tourism.

Dr Saunders and her co-author argued that the Bahamas' "persistent current account deficits" provided further evidence that the Bahamas had not succeeded in linking foreign direct investment to the development of other economic sectors, while the numerous concessions granted to developers "severely hampers government revenue".

"Overall, the role and effects of foreign direct investment on the Bahamas and its economy are mixed," the authors concluded.

"Foreign direct investment is not helping development of the local business [community], nor does it significantly contribute to the Government's Budget. Foreign direct investment has had a limiting effect on local ownership in

tourism and the financial sector. Partially, it does assist in training.

"The role of the Bahamian government in stimulating foreign direct investment is positive. However, its role in stimulating meaningful development is less favourable. Its policies have fostered a dual economy. This polarising society, and can in the long-run jeopardise foreign direct investment."

While the Heads of Agreement studied by the two authors encouraged all the investors to use Bahamian products and suppliers, and apply the National Investment Policy to areas reserved for Bahamian ownership, Dr Saunders and her co-author said the repeated requests by the Government for these projects to collaborate on training and education programmes "suggest inadequate local capabilities".

"The motives for investment matter as well," they added. "The projects reviewed fall under the category of asset-exploiting, particularly resource-seeking of the beauty and natural environment of the Bahamas. The

spillover benefits of these types of investments are low compared to market-seeking foreign direct investments."

Dr Saunders and her co-author added that the Heads of Agreement they scrutinised were unlikely to "cause increases in domestic absorptive capacity and business capacity building specifically. The evidence lies in the very low level of Bahamian ownership in the hotel and tourism resort sector".

## Customs

Based on a 50 per cent rate of customs and Stamp duties on imported construction materials and furnishings, the paper said the Government was giving up \$700 million in potential tax revenues between the seven projects, and \$29 million per annum in real property tax based on a 2 per cent rate.

And while, the projects, valued at a cumulative \$1.439 billion, were projected to directly employ 3,381 persons at an annual wage bill of \$59 million annually, based on an average weekly \$336 wage, it was doubtful whether

employment would be maximised due to under-utilisation of Bahamian professionals and entertainers.

The two authors also noted that many of the Heads of Agreement contained no penalties if the developers failed to perform their obligations in a timely manner.

"Clearly, there is no development plan or agenda which the Government is following," they argued. "Such imprecise 'requirements' are likely to lead to imprecise results. Further, these Heads of Agreements reveal a government that is not striving to develop its people for greater self-reliance or a sustainable economy."

"It is, in fact, fostering greater and greater dependence, as local professionals and businesses are crowded out. As the Government signs more of these foreign investment agreements in the absence of attention to local human capital development it is, in fact, under-developing the local economy."

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## BUSINESS

# Asian stocks extend gains amid faith in recovery

By JEREMIAH MARQUEZ  
AP Business Writer

HONG KONG (AP) — Asian stock markets and oil prices extended their advance Wednesday amid renewed faith a recovery in the global economy was sustainable.

Major benchmarks were about one per cent higher or more, while the dollar was little changed against the yen and euro after declining the

previous session.

Investors poured money into riskier assets like stocks and commodities throughout the region, as Tuesday's news that Australia was the first major country to raise interest rates since the onset of the financial crisis continued to bolster confidence in the world economy. It was a signal that policymakers believe the country's economy is strong enough to withstand higher borrowing costs, and fueled optimism that other economies were in better than shape than expected.

"It provided a psychological boost to the market as a seal of approval on the global recovery story," Dariusz Kowalczyk, chief investment strategist for SJS Markets in Hong Kong, wrote in a note.

At the same time, he said Australia's decision was somewhat surprising coming just weeks after the leaders of the Group of 20 major countries agreed to continue with government spending programmes and low interest rates to nurture a global rebound.

While no developed country would follow in Australia's footsteps anytime soon, South Korea, where the economy has held up relatively well and the central bank has already said it might raise rates in response to rising asset prices,

could be next, he said.

In Japan, the Nikkei 225 stock average gained 120.84 points, or 1.3 per cent, to 9,812.64 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng advanced 386.71 points, or 1.9 per cent, to 21,198.24.

Australia's index jumped 2.4 per cent, South Korea's Kospi edged higher by 0.5 per cent to 1,606.26, and Singapore's index gained 1.1 per cent. Taiwan's benchmark was up 0.4 per cent. Mainland China markets are closed for a weeklong holiday and reopen Friday.

In the US overnight, the Dow rose 131.50, or 1.4 per cent, to 9,731.25 after rising 112 points Monday.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 14.26, or 1.4 per cent, to 1,054.72, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 35.42, or 1.7 per cent, to 2,103.57.

Oil prices were higher, helped by the weak dollar and optimism about that a global economic recovery would boost demand for crude.

Benchmark crude for November delivery was changing hands at \$71.55 in Asia, up 67 cents from the prior session. The contract rose 47 cents overnight.

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### Ministry Of Public Works And Transport

### Gun Point Harbour, Ragged Island Project

**Tender publication No.: FID/13/1 (GOB)**  
**EUROPEAID/128XXX/M/WKS/BS (EU)**

The Government of The Bahamas intends to award a works contract for the construction of a new harbour including approximately 55,000 cubic yards of basin excavation and dredging, 400 lineal feet of quay walls, shore-tied rubblemound breakwaters, concrete armour units, navigation aids, dock furniture, utilities, concrete wave wall, RoRo ramp and relocation of fuel tank at Gun Point on Ragged Island, The Bahamas.

The works are co-financed by the Government of The Bahamas and the 9th European Develop Fund.

*The tender dossier is available for inspection and purchase at the following address:*

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BUSINESS

# Burger King Corp. plans to revamp 12,000 locations

By **ASHLEY M HEHER**  
AP Retail Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Burger King Corp. plans to swap its generic fast-food feel and bland tiles and tabletops for a vibe that's more sit-down than drive-through.

As part of a plan to be revealed Wednesday in Amsterdam, the company will announce a massive effort to overhaul its 12,000 locations worldwide. The sleek interior will include rotating red flame chandeliers, brilliant TV-screen menus and industrial-inspired corrugated metal and brick walls.

"I'd call it more contemporary, edgy, futuristic," Chairman and CEO John Chidsey told The Associated Press. "It feels so much more like an

upscale restaurant."

But that comes with an upscale price: The new look is expected to cost franchisees, who operate 90 percent of Burger King's locations, between \$300,000 to \$600,000 per restaurant.

The company said the new design, called "20/20" at the Miami-based chain, is already in place at about 60 locations around the world. Burger King expects about 75 more redesigned restaurants to be open by the end of next year. But it will take years before all its locations are transformed.

Burger King franchise owners are contractually required to update their restaurants after a set period of time, and executives said the redesign will be the primary option for

future upgrades. All new restaurants will be built using the plan.

So far, remodeled restaurants have seen sales climb about 12 to 15 per cent, while restaurants that are torn down and completely rebuilt at the same location have seen sales climb by as much as 30 per cent, Chidsey said.

Observers say the hip, urban and masculine elements in the redesign may be a hit with Burger King's most loyal customers — young men who frequent the chain known as much for its signature Whoppers and "steak burgers" as its sometimes-creepy "King" commercials. But some experts are skeptical about whether sales will grow as much as the company claims and how eager franchise owners will be to part with that kind of cash, particularly in a sour economy.

Chidsey said he thinks most

franchise owners, who typically own both their restaurant's building and the land, won't have trouble obtaining financing and will be swayed once they see how sales can climb.

Morningstar analyst R.J. Hottovy said the reformulated restaurant could keep diners at the table longer but may not draw in enough extra diners to justify the cost.

"I don't think they'll change their perception," he said. "They're pretty entrenched in their reality."

A group representing Burger King franchise owners didn't immediately comment.

Fast-food restaurants typically get almost two-thirds of their business from drive-through or carryout orders. More appealing interiors could help the company compete with sit-down counterparts that many customers think offer better food and

better ambiance.

Ron Paul, president of the food consultant company Technomic Inc., said he thinks the redesign shows just how determined Burger King is to compete with "fast casual" restaurant chains such as Chipotle, Starbucks and Panera, which customers think of as a cut above typical fast food.

"People in the fast-food category are recognizing they've been losing customers to the fast-casual player," he said. "What this sounds like is an attempt to get that dining-in business back by making it an attractive environment."

They might also help Burger King, the No. 2 burger food chain the U.S., stand out from larger rival McDonald's Corp. and other competitors, including regional chains, who've begun to add bigger and better burgers to their menus as they clamor for a share of the

growing burger market that's worth \$100 billion in the U.S.

"It's a competitive necessity to square up against the competition," Chidsey said.

While the most noticeable changes will be inside restaurants, Burger King executives also plan to update exteriors, too, adding metal canopies and more signs proclaiming "Home of the Whopper."

At the same time, the company is beefing up its value menu, temporarily adding a \$1 double cheeseburger to U.S. menus. And it's also in the final stages of installing new broiler ovens that cut energy use and will let the company roll out new menu items in the future.

On deck is the Steakhouse XT burger, which has a thick patty topped with mayonnaise, fried onions, lettuce, steak sauce, cheese and tomatoes. It's slated to join menus in February.

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(No.45 of 2000)

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Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 137 (4) of the International Business Companies Act (No. 45 of 2000), **SKYPER LIMITED** has been Dissolved and struck off the Register according to the Certificate of Dissolution issued by the Registrar General on the 3rd day of September, 2009.

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To consider Application For Licence Under The Boat Registration  
Act Chapter (277) & Commercial Recreational Watercraft Act 2006**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the New Providence Port Authority Board for New Providence and the Family Islands will be held at the Port Administration Building, Prince George Wharf on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 at 3:00pm for the purpose of granting Licences under The Boat Registration Act Chapter (277) & Commercial Recreational Watercraft Act 2006.

Any Person entitled to and wishing to object to any application should do so at least six (6) days before the date of the hearing by submitting his/her objections in writing to the Board and to the applicant.

Persons attending the meeting on behalf of an applicant must produce written authorization at the meeting.

Applicants for renewals are not required to attend, unless they have received written notification from the New Providence Port Authority Board.

The undermentioned persons have applied for grant the licences as specified below.

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NP: 623 ATW	Deal's Watersports Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 9ft Jet Ski	D	2	Rental
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NP: 135 ATE	Dames Okinawa Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 9ft Jet ski	D	2	Rental
NP: 627 ATW	Dames Okinawa Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 9ft Jet Ski	D	2	Rental
NP: 656 ATW	Dames Okinawa Nassau, Bahamas	"No Name" 9ft Jet Ski	D	2	Rental
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0100	McKenzie Dencil B Nassau, Bahamas	D
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BUSINESS

# Value for money hurts the Bahamas on cruise conversion

FROM page 1B

Bahama and the Family Islands were ahead of 2008 comparatives by 13 per cent and 34.9 per cent respectively for first port of entry, contrasting sharply with the 13.7 per cent drop in air or stopover arrivals for July.

Ministry of Tourism said the key question was how Bahamian hotels could "cash in" on the cruise business without entering the industry themselves, given that 80 per cent of passengers who responded to the Cruise Lines International Association's (CLIA) 2008 survey said they used voyages to assess destinations where they wanted to take a land-based vacation.

weak point, namely that 'satisfaction' and 'value for money' ratings among cruise passengers were considerably higher than those given by stopover tourists in the Bahamas.

While the CLIA's 2008 survey had shown that 95 per cent of cruise passengers were satisfied with their experience, and of those 44 per cent 'extremely satisfied', only 57 per cent of "the land-based vacationers, including boaters/yachters to the Bahamas were satisfied with their overall Bahamas experience".

said. "Sixty-nine per cent of cruisers thought that the value for money received was very high or somewhat high, and only 4 per cent thought that it was low.

"Value for money has been a weakness of the Bahamas for many years now. According to the latest Exit Statistics, 27 per cent of the stopover visitors (includes land-based vacationers) thought that the value for money in the hotels was much better or better than expected, and 23 per cent thought that it was not as good or worse than they had expected it to be.

"Thirty-nine per cent thought that the overall value for money for the Bahamas was much better or better than expected, and 18 per cent thought it was not as good or worse than they had expected it to be."

The Ministry added: "It is

well known to Bahamians and repeat visitors to the Bahamas that the destination is an expensive place. When a destination is expensive, should not the island amenities, the hotel 'perks', the hotel service, hotel rooms, hotel food, attitude of the people in general, food in restaurants, service in restaurants all be superb because, together, they all equal good value for money?"

"Could that be a reason why the Bahamas has seen a large increase in cruise tourism to the Bahamas but a decline in the demand for land-based accommodations? Have land-based vacation stays missed the 'boat' on value for money? Each hotel that caters to the tourists in the Bahamas must ponder the point: "Are we providing excellent value for money through our product offerings and service? How can we improve our value for money and thereby improve our

bottom line?"

Although the Bahamas had not matched the annualised 8 per cent growth rate the cruise industry had experienced over the last several years, between 1989 and 2008 this nation's cruise tourism business has expanded by 74 per cent. And sea arrivals now accounted for 68.3 per cent of all tourist arrivals to the Bahamas, with stopovers having just a 31.7 per cent share.

For the seven months to July 2009, air arrivals to Nassau/Paradise Island were down 8.8 per cent at 620,203, compared to 679,731 in 2008. This contrasted with a 7.3 per cent increase for sea and air arrivals combined.

The islands experiencing major declines in stopover visitors were Grand Bahama and Abaco, with 27.5 per cent and 24.8 per cent falls respectively, while Exuma and Cat Island saw air arrivals falls of 38.8 per cent and 39.4 per cent respectively.

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

2009  
CLE/qui/No.00289

IN THE MATTER OF The Quieting Titles Act of 1959

AND

IN THE MATTER OF ALL THOSE Three (3) parcels of land totalling 162.177 acres being Grant C-39 and a portion of Grant C-3 in an area known as Fort Pasture situate immediately Eastward of Forbes Hill Settlement and about 5 miles West of Williams Town on the island of Little Exuma, one of the Islands of The Commonwealth Of The Bahamas.

AND

IN THE MATTER OF the Petition of Trevor Andrew Cooper

NOTICE OF PETITION

Pursuant to an Order of The Supreme Court dated the 2nd day of September, A.D. 2009.

The Petition of Trevor Andrew Cooper, of Forbes Hill Settlement on the Island of Little Exuma, one of the Islands of The Commonwealth Of The Bahamas, showeth in respect of:

ALL THOSE Three (3) parcels of land totalling 162.177 acres being Grant C-39 and a portion of Grant C-3 in an area known as Fort Pasture situate immediately Eastward of Forbes Hill Settlement and about 5 miles West of Williams Town on the Island of Little Exuma, one of the Islands of The Commonwealth Of The Bahamas

The Petitioner, Trevor Andrew Cooper, herein claims to be the owner in fee simple in possession of the said tracts of land and has made application to The Supreme Court Of The Commonwealth Of The Bahamas under Section 3 of the Quieting Titles Act 1959 to have his title to the said tracts of land investigated and the nature and extent thereof determined and declared in a Certificate Of Title to be granted by the Court in accordance with the provisions of that Act.

Copies of the Plan showing the position boundaries shape marks and dimensions of the said tracts of land may be inspected during normal office hours at the following places:

- (a) The Registry of The Supreme Court, East Street North, Nassau, Bahamas.
- (b) The Chambers of Charles Mackey & Co., BSB House, West Bay Street, Nassau, Bahamas.
- (c) The Administrator's office at George Town, Exuma.

Notice is hereby given that any person having Dower or right to Dower or an Adverse Claim not recognized in the Petition shall on or before the expiration of Thirty (30) days after the final publication of these presents file at the Registry of The Supreme Court in the City of Nassau, Bahamas, and serve on the Petitioner or on his Attorney an Adverse Claim in the prescribed form verified by an Affidavit to be filed therewith.

Failure of any such person to file and serve an Adverse Claim on or before the expiration of Thirty (30) days after the final publication of these presents shall operate as a bar to such claim.

DATED THIS 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D. 2009  
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**NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that **WIDSON AZOR of BURIAL GROUND CORNER OFF EAST STREET, NASSAU, BAHAMAS**, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **1st day of October, 2009** to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

**NOTICE**

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52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Previous Close	Today's Close	Change	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
11.80	9.90	Bahamas Property Fund	10.75	10.75	0.00	0.127	0.000	9.1	1.88%	
9.30	5.90	Bank of Bahamas	5.90	5.90	0.00	0.992	0.200	10.8	1.88%	
0.89	0.63	Benchmark	0.63	0.63	0.00	0.244	0.260	24.2	4.41%	
3.49	3.15	Bahamas Waste	3.15	3.15	0.00	-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
2.37	2.14	Fidelity Bank	2.37	2.37	0.00	0.125	0.090	25.2	2.85%	
14.20	9.93	Cable Bahamas	9.93	9.93	0.00	0.055	0.040	43.1	1.69%	
2.88	2.72	Colina Holdings	2.72	2.72	0.00	1.406	0.250	7.1	2.52%	
7.50	5.25	Commonwealth Bank (S1)	5.54	5.54	0.00	0.249	0.040	10.9	1.47%	
3.85	1.27	Consolidated Water BDRs	5.54	5.54	0.00	0.419	0.300	13.2	5.42%	
2.85	1.32	Doctor's Hospital	3.19	3.17	-0.02	0.322	0.520	28.9	5.59%	
8.20	6.60	Farmguard	2.05	2.05	0.00	0.625	0.080	3.3	3.90%	
12.50	8.80	Finco	6.60	6.60	0.00	0.420	0.240	15.7	3.64%	
11.71	10.00	FirstCaribbean Bank	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.322	0.520	28.9	5.59%	
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1.00	1.00	Focol Class B Preference	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.332	0.150	12.4	3.65%	
0.45	0.27	Freeport Concrete	0.27	0.27	0.00	0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
9.02	5.49	ICD Utilities	5.59	5.59	0.00	0.035	0.000	7.7	0.00%	
12.00	9.95	J. S. Johnson	9.95	9.95	0.00	0.407	0.500	13.7	8.94%	
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate	10.00	10.00	0.00	136	0.952	10.5	6.43%	
							0.156	0.000	64.1	0.00%

BISX LISTED DEBT SECURITIES - (Bonds trade on a Percentage Pricing basis)										
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	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)	2.00	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										
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Weekly Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
41.00	29.00	ABDAB	30.13	31.59	29.00		4.540	0.000	9.03	0.00%
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.45	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		
1.4932	1.4146	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.4932	4.15	5.56			2-Oct-09		
3.6090	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		
100.9600	93.1992	CFAL Global Equity Fund	93.7398	0.35	-4.18			31-Aug-09		
1.0000	1.0000	CFAL High Grade Bond Fund	1.0000	0.00	0.00			31-Dec-07		
9.4075	9.0775	Fidelity International Investment Fund	9.3399	2.69	-1.41			31-Jul-09		
1.0707	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.0707	3.38	5.14			31-Aug-09		
1.0364	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										
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Today's Close - Previous day's weighted price for daily volume										
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										
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Ask \$ - Selling price of Colina and Fidelity										
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Weekly Vol. - Trading volume of the prior week										
EPS \$ - A company's reported earnings per share for the last 12 mths										
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### 5-DAY FORECAST

### TODAY

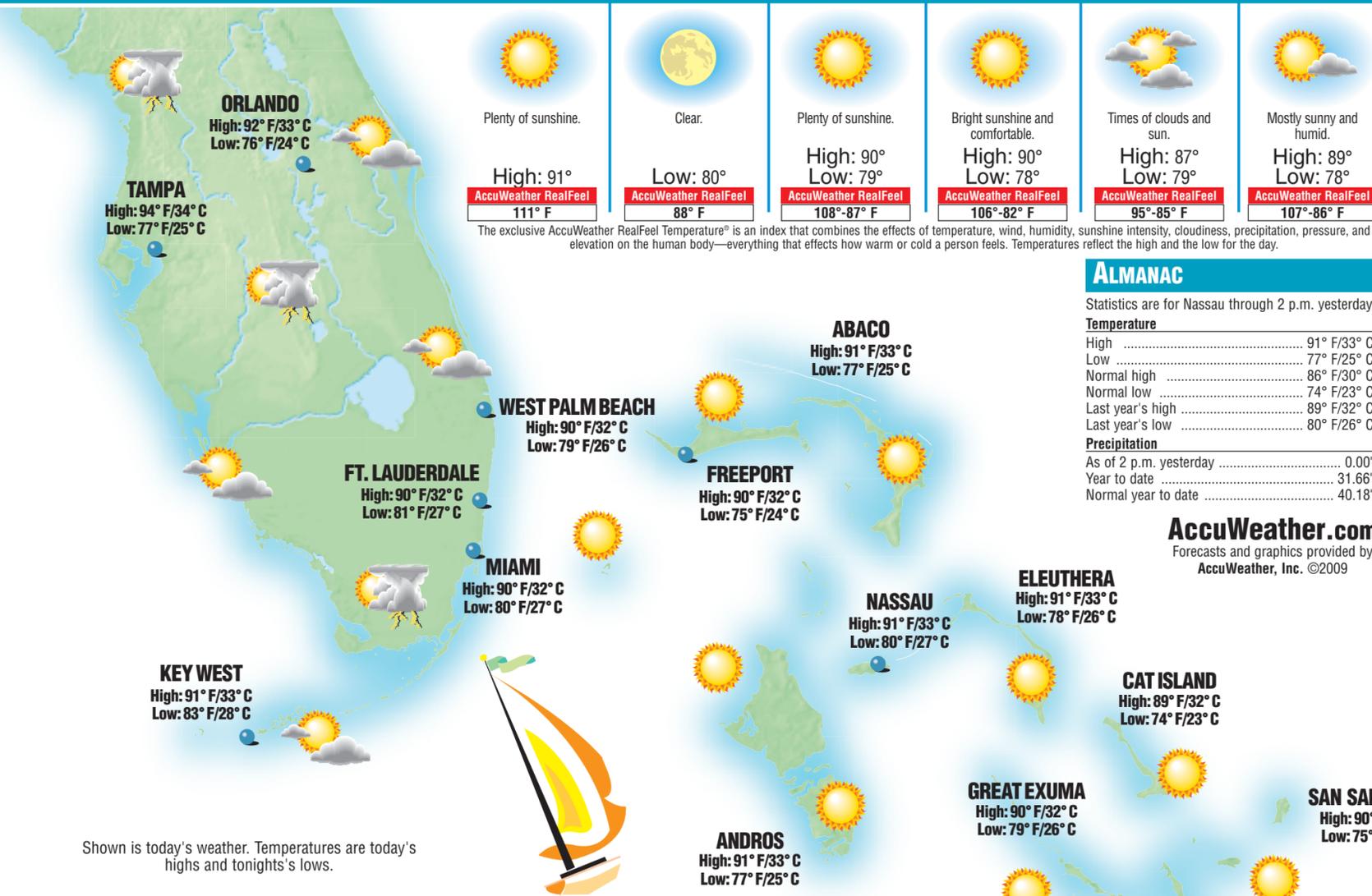
### TONIGHT

### FRIDAY

### SATURDAY

### SUNDAY

### MONDAY



Plenty of sunshine.

High: 91°  
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111° F



Clear.

Low: 80°  
AccuWeather RealFeel  
88° F



Plenty of sunshine.

High: 90°  
Low: 79°  
AccuWeather RealFeel  
108°-87° F



Bright sunshine and comfortable.

High: 90°  
Low: 78°  
AccuWeather RealFeel  
106°-82° F



Times of clouds and sun.

High: 87°  
Low: 79°  
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95°-85° F



Mostly sunny and humid.

High: 89°  
Low: 78°  
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107°-86° F

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### ALMANAC

Statistics are for Nassau through 2 p.m. yesterday

**Temperature**

High	91° F/33° C
Low	77° F/25° C
Normal high	86° F/30° C
Normal low	74° F/23° C
Last year's high	89° F/32° C
Last year's low	80° F/26° C

**Precipitation**

As of 2 p.m. yesterday	0.00"
Year to date	31.66"
Normal year to date	40.18"

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### TIDES FOR NASSAU

	High	Ht. (ft.)	Low	Ht. (ft.)
<b>Today</b>	10:12 a.m.	3.4	3:46 a.m.	0.4
	10:29 p.m.	2.6	4:42 p.m.	0.7
<b>Friday</b>	11:05 a.m.	3.3	4:35 a.m.	0.4
	11:26 p.m.	2.6	5:38 p.m.	0.9
<b>Saturday</b>	12:05 p.m.	3.3	5:33 a.m.	0.6
	-----		6:40 p.m.	0.9
<b>Sunday</b>	12:31 a.m.	2.5	6:39 a.m.	0.7
	1:10 p.m.	3.2	7:46 p.m.	0.9

### SUN AND MOON

Sunrise ..... 7:05 a.m.    Moonrise ..... 10:05 p.m.  
Sunset ..... 6:49 p.m.    Moonset ..... 11:22 a.m.



### WORLD CITIES

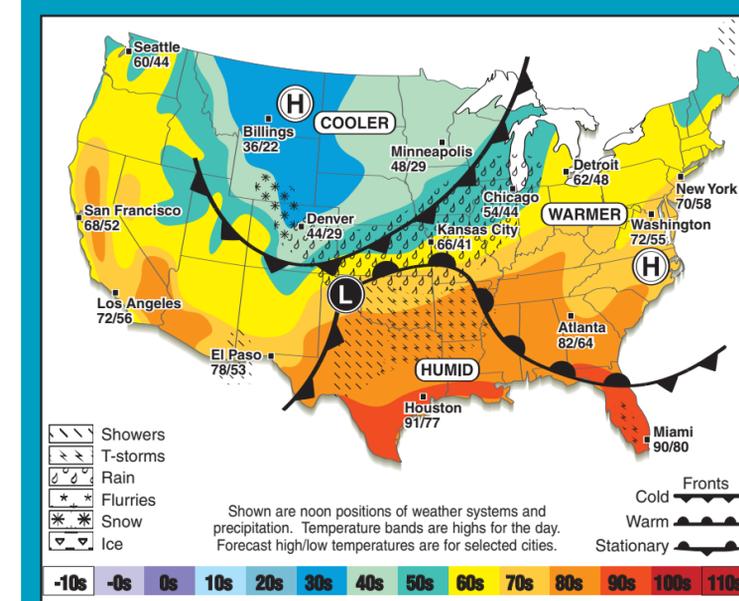
	Today		W	Friday		
	High F/C	Low F/C		High F/C	Low F/C	
Acapulco	86/30	73/22	t	88/31	75/23	t
Amsterdam	59/15	42/5	pc	55/12	44/6	s
Ankara, Turkey	72/22	37/2	s	75/23	39/3	s
Athens	76/24	65/18	s	81/27	66/18	s
Auckland	63/17	54/12	c	62/16	46/7	r
Bangkok	90/32	76/24	sh	88/31	76/24	r
Barbados	87/30	78/25	s	86/30	77/25	r
Barcelona	77/25	63/17	sh	73/22	60/15	s
Beijing	70/21	48/8	pc	72/22	52/11	s
Beirut	78/25	70/21	s	78/25	71/21	s
Belgrade	84/28	61/16	s	76/24	55/12	pc
Berlin	61/16	39/3	sh	53/11	38/3	pc
Bermuda	79/26	71/21	sh	79/26	73/22	s
Bogota	67/19	42/5	sh	69/20	45/7	pc
Brussels	61/16	39/3	pc	58/14	41/5	s
Budapest	81/27	61/16	s	68/20	54/12	c
Buenos Aires	66/18	43/6	s	72/22	54/12	s
Cairo	89/31	69/20	c	89/31	68/20	s
Calcutta	91/32	82/27	t	93/33	78/25	pc
Calgary	32/0	9/-12	sn	25/-3	9/-12	pc
Cancun	91/32	77/25	pc	90/32	75/23	s
Caracas	83/28	73/22	pc	83/28	73/22	s
Casablanca	81/27	60/15	s	78/25	59/15	s
Copenhagen	54/12	39/3	sh	50/10	40/4	r
Dublin	54/12	41/5	pc	57/13	45/7	r
Frankfurt	66/18	43/6	sh	61/16	45/7	pc
Geneva	64/17	57/13	t	67/19	55/12	t
Halifax	56/13	39/3	r	58/14	43/6	pc
Havana	93/33	73/22	s	89/31	71/21	s
Helsinki	50/10	36/2	pc	45/7	32/0	pc
Hong Kong	88/31	77/25	pc	88/31	77/25	s
Islamabad	101/38	61/16	s	99/37	58/14	s
Istanbul	72/22	61/16	s	73/22	63/17	s
Jerusalem	79/26	60/15	s	79/26	58/14	s
Johannesburg	83/28	57/13	s	82/27	57/13	s
Kingston	90/32	79/26	r	89/31	79/26	r
Lima	77/25	61/16	s	76/24	59/15	s
London	61/16	43/6	pc	63/17	50/10	r
Madrid	68/20	50/10	sh	75/23	52/11	pc
Manila	86/30	79/26	r	85/29	77/25	r
Mexico City	77/25	55/12	t	75/23	55/12	t
Monterrey	95/35	75/23	s	90/32	64/17	t
Montreal	61/16	52/11	pc	57/13	45/7	r
Moscow	57/13	48/8	sh	50/10	36/2	r
Munich	74/23	54/12	r	55/12	44/6	c
Nairobi	84/28	58/14	r	85/29	60/15	sh
New Delhi	91/32	72/22	s	93/33	73/22	s
Oslo	45/7	30/-1	pc	43/6	28/-2	pc
Paris	64/17	46/7	c	63/17	50/10	s
Prague	72/22	41/5	sh	54/12	35/1	pc
Rio de Janeiro	82/27	71/21	r	77/25	66/18	r
Riyadh	94/34	68/20	s	93/33	69/20	s
Rome	77/25	59/15	s	75/23	63/17	sh
St. Thomas	89/31	78/25	pc	88/31	79/26	s
San Juan	88/31	52/11	t	91/32	55/12	s
San Salvador	88/31	73/22	t	87/30	71/21	t
Santiago	81/27	50/10	s	77/25	48/8	pc
Santo Domingo	86/30	73/22	s	88/31	74/23	s
Sao Paulo	75/23	56/13	r	71/21	60/15	r
Seoul	72/22	48/8	s	72/22	52/11	s
Stockholm	50/10	34/-1	pc	48/8	34/-1	pc
Sydney	63/17	54/12	c	63/17	54/12	sh
Taipei	82/27	75/23	pc	83/28	77/25	c
Tokyo	77/25	61/16	r	73/22	59/15	pc
Toronto	60/15	51/10	pc	58/14	44/6	r
Trinidad	90/32	72/22	pc	95/35	70/21	s
Vancouver	58/14	43/6	pc	56/13	37/2	pc
Vienna	75/23	59/15	pc	61/16	49/9	c
Warsaw	72/22	42/5	r	55/12	36/2	c
Winnipeg	40/4	28/-2	c	38/3	27/-2	sf

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.
<b>NASSAU</b>	Today: E at 6-12 Knots	0-1 Feet	7 Miles	84° F
	Friday: ESE at 7-14 Knots	1-2 Feet	10 Miles	84° F
<b>FREEPORT</b>	Today: E at 3-6 Knots	0-1 Feet	7 Miles	85° F
	Friday: SE at 4-8 Knots	0-1 Feet	10 Miles	85° F
<b>ABACO</b>	Today: NW at 2-4 Knots	1-3 Feet	7 Miles	83° F
	Friday: ESE at 4-8 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	83° F

### TODAY'S U.S. FORECAST



### U.S. CITIES

	Today			Friday		
	High F/C	Low F/C	W	High F/C	Low F/C	W
Albuquerque	66/18	42/5	pc	72/22	47/8	s
Anchorage	50/10	43/6	sh	52/11	41/5	r
Atlanta	82/27	64/17	s	84/28	66/18	t
Atlantic City	70/21	51/10	s	75/23	59/15	pc
Baltimore	72/22	52/11	s	78/25	60/15	pc
Boston	66/18	52/11	s	67/19	55/12	c
Buffalo	65/18	51/10	pc	66/18	46/7	r
Charleston, SC	83/28	63/17	s	89/31	70/21	pc
Chicago	54/12	44/6	r	51/10	36/2	r
Cleveland	64/17	55/12	r	65/18	46/7	r
Dallas	84/28	64/17	t	69/20	52/11	r
Denver	44/6	29/-1	r	52/11	27/-2	pc
Detroit	62/16	48/8	r	59/15	43/6	r
Honolulu	87/30	77/25	pc	88/31	76/24	s
Houston	91/32	77/25	pc	83/28	63/17	t
Indianapolis	68/20	56/13	r	64/17	42/5	r
Jacksonville	89/31	71/21	s	91/32	72/22	pc
Phoenix	83/28	61/16	s	89/31	63/17	s
Pittsburgh	65/18	52/11	r	70/21	52/11	r
Portland, OR	68/20	49/9	s	67/19	45/7	s
Raleigh-Durham	78/25	57/13	s	84/28	63/17	pc
St. Louis	68/20	51/10	r	56/13	41/5	r
Salt Lake City	62/16	39/3	pc	63/17	38/3	pc
San Antonio	87/30	70/21	pc	84/28	61/16	t
San Diego	68/20	60/15	pc	69/20	61/16	pc
San Francisco	68/20	52/11	s	71/21	53/11	pc
Seattle	60/15	44/6	pc	58/14	40/4	s
Tallahassee	91/32	71/21	s	90/32	71/21	t
Tampa	94/34	77/25	pc	94/34	78/25	pc
Tucson	77/25	52/11	s	83/28	55/12	s
Washington, DC	72/22	55/12	s	86/30	63/17	pc

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BUSINESS

# Act now to save small businesses

By MARK A TURNQUEST

MY affiliated companies and I hosted a Small Business Economic Summit in May/June 2009. The main goal of the summit was to gather information about problems and potential opportunities that small business owners are experiencing in the Bahamas. The main concerns of small business owners who attended the summit, and who completed a national survey, were that the financial sector was not assisting them with the necessary working capital, and that the Government was not creating an atmosphere to foster small business development in the Bahamas during this recession.

One of the main reasons there is no master plan for

small business development among the financial institutions and the Government is that there is no Small Business Act of the Bahamas to drive national strategies. However, the future looks optimistic for small businesses because a team comprised of both public and private sector executives is being assembled to craft the initial Small Business Act draft. This team will consist of experts in all industries (professional services, medical services, technical services, financial services, general services, manufacturing, merchandising, agriculture, marine resources/fisheries, tourism, hospitality, government).

Five important reasons why there must be a Small Business Act of the Bahamas:



MARK TURNQUEST

- \* The Small Business Act will encourage Bahamians to become entrepreneurs because it will outline excellent incentives/concessions that will be awarded for:
  - The development of new, innovative products /services,
  - The hiring of a specific number of Bahamians

- Increasing government revenues due to significant payments made for National Insurance, custom duties, property taxes, license fees etc

- \* The Small Business Act will keep many existing businesses open during a recession because it will provide incentives/concessions to businesses that employ a moderate number (five and above) of staff, are up to date with NIB contributions and custom duties, and are contributing to making the Bahamas more competitive globally.

- \* The Small Business Act will encourage Family Island development by providing incentives/concessions to a Bahamian who wants to open a small business on an

island that will decrease the employment rate, improve the infrastructure of the island, encourage Bahamians to reside permanently there and entice more tourists to visit the island.

- \* The Small Business Act will increase the Bahamas' Gross Domestic Product (GDP) because it will eventually reduce the importation of foreign products and services, increase compensation to employees, increase business profits, increase government income and increase interest payments to Bahamians.

- \* The Small Business Act will reduce the national debt because it will decrease Government spending, particularly on hiring civil servants, and increase Govern-

ment licenses, fees and taxes because more businesses will be operating in the Bahamas.

Trade Association presidents (from the Hair Braiders Association to the Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accountants) are encouraged to submit reports indicating industry goals, problems, opportunities and recommendations on how to improve their industries.

To assist with the development of the Small Business Act of the Bahamas please contact Mark A. Turnquest at 326-6748 427-3640 or email: [markturnquest@gmail.com](mailto:markturnquest@gmail.com) or log on to [www.markturnquestconsulting.com](http://www.markturnquestconsulting.com)

## FIDELITY, from 1B

All three funds come under the umbrella of RoyalFidelity's International Investment Fund, and Mr Anderson said of their performance: "I think they've done reasonably well. We've done the valuations for July and August, and they're up a reasonable amount."

"The international markets are seemingly continuing to move. September was another month in which

markets were up, and we hope it continues."

Mr Anderson said the investments by the three RoyalFidelity sub-funds in the European and Asian markets, which had been less affected by the credit crunch and recession, were delivering good returns for Bahamian institutions and retail investors who had bought into them.

"I think there's a great opportunity for people to take advantage of something they're not otherwise

get," Mr Anderson said, implying that investors would derive a better return from international markets than the Bahamian market, which was "continuing to lag behind" and unlikely to recover until tourism and foreign direct investment rebound.

While the international equities sub-fund had ended 2008 down 32 per cent, having at one point been off 50-60 per cent, Mr Anderson told Tribune Business yesterday: "We've had our hits on this fund, but now

international markets are recovering, and if I was an investor today I'd take an international basket over a local basket."

"Where we are today provides great opportunities. The markets are way off from their 2007 peak. There's still a fair amount of upside, and as the world economy recovers there'll be opportunities to make money in international markets."

Mr Anderson told Tribune Business that RoyalFidelity would now

"be marketing [its funds] a bit more aggressively to make people aware of it", broadening the investment circle beyond its immediate client base.

Many Bahamians were unaware of the funds' existence, he explained, adding that RoyalFidelity had not embarked on a mass marketing effort yet due to the fact "there's been this resistance to investing in international markets" as a result of the September 2008 stock market crash.

## PRIVATE WEALTH MANAGEMENT: THE CHANGING DYNAMICS

**NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> 2009**  
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AGENDA	
7:00 A - 9:00 A	REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
9:00 A - 9:10 A	OPENING REMARKS
9:10 A - 10:00 A	THE RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD OF "OFF-SHORE CENTERS"
10:00 A - 11:00 A	THE BAHAMAS STATUS & STRATEGY TOWARDS TAX INFORMATION AGREEMENTS (PANEL DISCUSSION)
11:00 A - 11:15 A	COFFEE BREAK
11:15 A - 12:30 P	TAX AMNESTIES (PANEL DISCUSSION)
12:30 P - 1:45 P	LUNCH
1:45 P - 2:45 P	THE BENEFITS OF ECONOMIC PERMANENT RESIDENCY & INVESTMENT VISAS (PANEL DISCUSSION)
2:45 P - 3:45 P	PRIVATE WEALTH MANAGEMENT: WHAT DOES THE BAHAMAS NEED TO DO TO GET BETTER AND SMARTER? (PANEL DISCUSSION)
3:45 P - 4:00 P	COFFEE BREAK
4:00 P - 5:15 P	THE NEXT GENERATION OF BAHAMIAN ENTREPRENEURS IN FINANCIAL SERVICES (PANEL DISCUSSION)
5:15 P - 5:30 P	CLOSING REMARKS
5:30 P - 6:45 P	COCKTAIL RECEPTION

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--Psalm 91:1



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# 'SO GOES THE MALE, SO GOES THE NATION'

By REUBEN SHEARER  
Tribune Features Reporter

**"SO goes the male, so goes the nation" - this is the motto of the Real Men Ministry International of Bahamas Faith Ministries International (BFMI).**

The church, led by its senior pastor Dr Myles Munroe, is calling on all men to attend the Real Men International Power Conference being held at the Diplomat Centre on Carmichael Road starting today and ending on Sunday.

Under the theme 'Men Raising the Bar: Building a Kingdom Community through Personal and National Identity', the conference seeks to put the onus on men to curb what BFMI calls a "male crisis" that is causing some of the nation's social ills.

Dr Kendal Major, one of the speakers at the event, said: "Fatherlessness is the single most destructive force in the national development of our country and is responsible for the vast majority of destructive behaviours among our men.

"The future of our nation depends on men who have accepted the challenge and responsibility to recover, rebuild and restore their personal lives so the culture of our families and community can be transformed."

During nine sessions with speakers like Dr Munroe, Dr Major and Dr Tony Evans, BFMI promises participants that they will gain new insight into topics such as 'the role of personal identity in nation building', 'men remaining constant in

changing times', and 'how to be a godly husband in a challenging marriage'.

A donation of \$65 gives participants full access to the two-day workshop on Friday and Saturday starting at 9am.

On Saturday at noon, during what is described as a two-hour 'power luncheon', Dr Evans will speak on "Kingdom keys for overcoming personal crises."

The admission price of this special segment is \$30 per person.

Each session promises to be "a time of dynamic worship, teaching, sharing and open discussions, as we delve into the many challenges we face as men today," the BFMI said.

The conference kicks off tonight with a session at 7.30pm and continues tomorrow with a day session starting 9am.

On Friday evening at 7.30 pm, participants will continue in a workshop hosted by Dr Tony Evans of Dallas, Texas.

Both tonight's and Friday's evening sessions are free to the general public.

The weekend culminates with a special closing service on Sunday where the Her Majesty's Prison Men's choir will perform. The service will be streamed live for the inmates to view at the prison.

You may register by calling BFMI at 461-6442/5, via the website [bfmmm.com](http://bfmmm.com) or visit the Diplomat Centre, Carmichael Road.



Dr Myles Munroe

## REAL MEN WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

7.30pm - Session 1, general session "The Role of Personal Identity in Nation Building" - Dr Myles Munroe

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

9am - Session 2 "The Price and Process of Becoming a Real Man" - Dr Kendal Major  
10am - Session 3, workshop "Men Remaining Constant in Changing Times" - Dr Richard Pinder

11am - Session 4, workshop "The Responsibility for Mentorship in God's Kingdom Agenda" - Deacon Jeffrey Lloyd  
12noon - Session 5, workshop "Fulfilling Your Destiny Through Community" - special real men presentation  
7.30pm - Session 6, general session "The Role of Men in God's Kingdom Agenda" - Dr Tony Evans

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

9am - Session 7, workshop "How to be a Godly Husband in a Challenging Marriage" - Dr Wayne Thompson  
10am - Session 8, workshop "Practical Power Principles For Financial Stewardship" - Minister Gregory Bethel  
11am - Session 9, workshop "Practical Keys for Developing Healthy Relationships" - Pastor Cedric Beckles.



# The Christian journey



REV. ANGELA C. BOSFIELD PALACIOS

AS Christians, we all agree that the sacrament of baptism is the time when we die with Christ, are raised to new life, and become a member of the Body of Christ, the Church. We differ on matters such as the age of the candidate, the amount of water and where the water is located.

Once the journey has begun, the Holy Spirit works to reveal God's love to us more and more each day, and to guide us in the path of holiness. Those who are baptised as infants have designated adults whose responsibility it is to create a home environment that is Christian. Parents, godparents and other relatives are expected to teach by example and instruction.

In denominations where there is the

sacrament of Confirmation, the opportunity is arranged for a public declaration of faith by children who have been properly prepared to be able to make their own promises to God. This is a time when the laying on of hands by the Bishop reminds the candidates that prayers are being offered for the stirring up of their gifts of ministry by the Holy Spirit who has been present from baptism.

As a Christian matures, there should be a deepening of faith by means of spiritual exposure to the will of God through prayer and the study of Scripture. Fellowship in a Christian community is intended to provide nurture and support throughout the person's lifetime. The matching of spiritual

gifts to appropriate occasions for ministry and service gives everyone the chance to build up the Body of Christ.

Sometimes there are detours and delays which cause the individual to become lost for a while or to tread water spiritually. An intentional desire to grow in the love and knowledge of God needs to be a hungering and thirsting that is not quenched by anyone or anything else.

How do we make this a priority in such a time as this? How do we compete with the distractions that tantalise the senses? Who are the persons who are living in a way as to be a mentor and role model in spiritual matters?

**Deuteronomy 6: 4-9** says: **4** Hear, O

Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. [a] **5** Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. **6** These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. **7** Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. **8** Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. **9** Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Parents, you have to live and breathe your faith if you want your children to consider it a natural phenomenon to be Christian. Every day the journey is to be taken with you as the guide.

## Are we ready?

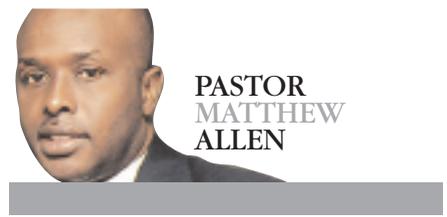
THE time is not coming, but rather is at hand for us as a people to stand up and take control of our own destiny. Gone are the days when we have looked to the politicians and political parties or the foreign investors to determine whether we live a good prosperous life or not.

As Bahamians, don't you think that we have sang the "who did me wrong" song long enough?

We're very proficient at blaming others for our refusal to be proactive. It's like as a people our get up and go has gotten up and left us a long time ago.

Therefore, we've resorted to looking to, and solely depending upon others to carry our load. This is one of the reasons why when a foreign investor closes his/her business and pulls out of the country cries can be heard throughout the length and breadth of the Bahamas of "how am I supposed to feed my family or pay my bills?" or "I've worked for this company for 22 years and this is all that they've given me."

Where did we go wrong as a nation? How is it that in this day and time Bahamians are still being trained to first, go to school, get a good education; second, get a good job and third, buy a piece of property, build a house, and...? What's next? After number three, comes four, five, six etc, etc; what's next? Who has taken the time to teach us how to make money work for us;



PASTOR MATTHEW ALLEN

rather than working all of our lives for money?

Maybe it's just me, but has anybody else noticed that we do have some smart kids coming out of our schools with degrees, yet they have to settle for the insulting low paying jobs - that's if they're lucky to find one.

What is this saying to the hundreds/thousands of other students that are following these graduates and others?

Make no mistake! Bahamians are very smart people, a seriously minded Bahamian needs only an opportunity/a hand up, and not a hand-out. If given an opportunity and a little time this person would be someone to be reckoned with nationally or internationally.

Unfortunately, as a people we've spent so much time complaining and crying that we have overlooked and failed to embrace and see the opportunities ahead of us which are often hidden in the situations / challenges we're faced with.

In spite of what you might have

heard, the original acronym for the word POOR is P for People; O for Overlooking, O for Opportunity and R for Repeatedly.

In many ways the acronym for the word poor describes a vast majority of us Bahamians; we've been constantly overlooking opportunities and staying focused on tourism as if without tourism we're dead as a nation.

This mindset, this stinking thinking is so diabolically contaminating in that I've heard prominent leaders (political and religious), make their silly statements and remarks of "if America closes its door of tourism to us; we're through."

Listen, you dumb/blind politicians and religious leaders who ascribe to this kind of foolish thinking and can't see beyond your big toes. It's obvious that America and tourism is your god; so rather than speaking from your rear ends, why don't you shut the hell up and get out of the way so that some critical thinkers can come forth and help lead this nation down the path of God's (Yahweh) Kingdom business and righteousness.

From an educational standpoint, I won't condemn or blame the Minister of Education and the Minister of Agriculture for that which they don't know as it relates to educating the generations to come from a 'feeding ourselves perspective.'

It's obvious that they're not aware of the unlimited wealth that can be generated in agriculture; for had they known this, then I can assure you that their ancient approach to agricultural education would be far, far different.

Okay, Ministers of Education and Agriculture, we're talking about thinking out of the box and preparing our children to feed the nation and becoming wealthy in the course of doing so. Rather than this small minded, waste of time backyard farming stuff you are talking about.

Why not develop a national programme whereby interested students would be given an opportunity to spend five to six months on a large scale farming operation throughout the United States? Thereby giving them a much better perspective and appreciation for agriculture and farming than that of what you're offering right now.

Watch this!

Here's what the lack of vision and ignorance would make a leader or minister say: "We can't afford that kind of investment right now. Do you know how expensive such a programme would be?"

And here's what (someone with) vision would say: "How in the hell did you get to become leader or minister over anything?"

For this is where we've gone and are going wrong in this country by putting one dimensional, visionless people in leadership. Are we ready for the next level?

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 THE HISTORY OF RELIGION IN THE BAHAMAS

PART 47

# Roman Catholic Bishop Paul Leonard Hagarty

PAUL Hagarty was born during a blizzard on March 20, 1909 to Bert and Lucy Belle (née O'Connell) Hagarty, an Irish-American Catholic farming family in Iowa. With encouragement from his widowed mother, he did well at public grade school up to grade eight, then at Greene Catholic High School taught by Franciscan Sisters. An avid reader, he was influenced by the many vocational stories in the *Sacred Heart Messenger* to become a Jesuit priest. A railroad accident in which he suffered a broken leg gave him compensation of \$300 that paid for his first year at Loras (Columbia) College and a Saturday job at JC Penney helped him work his way through college. He studied economics, science, geology and meteorology and ended up working for the Union Pacific Railway as a geologist. But deep inside he knew he wanted to become a priest, and after hitchhiking to St John's Abbey, Abbot Alcuin accepted him into the novitiate programme and he took the name Leonard. While serving with Father Hogan in Minnesota, Father Leonard received a call from Abbot Alcuin informing him he was being sent to the Bahamas.

Father Leonard arrived in Nassau in 1937 and was stationed at the Cathedral for three years and simultaneously chaplain to the leper colony, Goodwill Orphanage and the general hospital. During the war years he also worked with the Royal Air Force and other troops. Father Leonard had a very close relationship with Bishop Bernard and was a major help to him



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on collecting tours in the United States. Bishop Bernard quickly recognised the potential of Father Leonard and sent him to Oxford University, England, for post-graduate studies ostensibly to become Director of Education to correct the Catholic School system which was using American methods which didn't prepare the children for English exams. But it was obvious to the other priests that the Bishop had his eye on Father Leonard as his successor.

Bishop Bernard wished to appoint a successor to move the Bahamas beyond a Benedictine enclave to a full diocese. Abbot Alcuin disagreed, doubting that a permanent abbey with indigenous personnel could supply spiritually a widespread group of islands. The impasse was resolved when on June 25, 1950, Rome chose Father Paul Leonard Hagarty as second Bishop of the Bahamas. It was a popular choice to Bahamians, who loved the sight of young 'No-Hands Hagarty' riding without steering his little English motorcycle from Montagu Hotel to the Priory.

On the morning of October 19, 1950, Our Lady's Church was filled to overflowing and ZNS broadcast the solemn ceremonies of the consecration of Father

Leonard to His Lordship, the Most Reverend Paul Leonard Hagarty, OSB, DD, Titular Bishop of Arba and Vicar Apostolic of the Bahamas by His Grace the Most Reverend Apostolic Delegate Ameleto Cicognani DD Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

Also attending were two archbishops, three bishops, four abbots and a host of monsignori and priests. The new Bishop was to preside over 50 churches and chapels, numerous schools with 2,400 pupils and over 11,000 Catholic parishioners.

On the day of his consecration, Bishop Leonard appointed Father Bonaventure as his pro-vicar apostolate, who took charge on the times when the Bishop travelled on collection trips. He also relied heavily on Fathers Cornelius and Brendan. This type of backup assistance was necessary to cover the Catholic presence on Andros, Bimini, Long Island, Eleuthera and Harbour Island, Grand Bahama, San Salvador and Cat Island plus three visits a year to Inagua. Then a church was established on Abaco and a mission started to Turks and Caicos.

During the reign of Bishop Hagarty many significant events took place, as he was keen to expand Catholic participation in education and social development. The rapid expansion was due to several factors. The trust fund set up by Bernard Melhardo of Belize and benefactors Bacardi Company and others provided capital. The Sisters of Charity played a leading role in the development of education, especially at St Thomas More and St Cecilia's

schools. The Order of St Martin's also assisted by providing Sisters in the education system and more diocesan priests arrived from all over America. The Scarborough Foreign Mission Society of Canada sent a dozen missionaries who had previously served in China. They set up a two-storey headquarters on the grounds of St Thomas More.

Under Bishop Leonard, Bahamian men began to enter religious life, the first being Fr Charles Coakley in 1957. In 1960, Fr Boswell Davis was ordained and he was followed by Frs Leander Thompson, Bonaventure Dean, Cletus Adderley, Prosper Burrows and Preston Moss - all trained at St John's Abbey, Minnesota.

During the early 1960s, Brothers George Taylor, Ignatius Dean, Joseph Darville, and Henry Neeley were the first of 12 Bahamian Benedictine monks who took perpetual vows - several of them taught at St Augustine's College. Unfortunately, all but two Bahamian priests reverted to laymen in 1972, but in the mid-1970s a new crop of diocesan priests including Fr Alfred Culmer and Leviticus Adderley were ordained.

On February 1, 1979, His Holiness Pope John Paul II visited Nassau and was welcomed by thousands of people at the Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre.

The health of Bishop Leonard began to fail and he resigned on July 17, 1981. On September 22, he died at St John's Abbey and was brought back to be buried alongside Bishop Bernard in the crypt of St Francis Xavier Cathedral.

## Fatigue

By BISHOP V G CLARKE  
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SOMEONE once said that the world is run by tired men.

There is probably real substance in the statement, for genuine leaders must be willing to rise early and study longer than their contemporaries. Some men have tremendous stamina, but fatigue will frequently set in if they want to go somewhere with their organisation and in their responsibilities.

A wise leader will try to find a

balance and seek an avocation, a change of pace to reduce stress. He must seek some pleasurable recreation or he will eventually lose his usefulness. You have no doubt heard the cliché "I'd rather burn out for God than rust out for the devil."

The spirit of that is noble and pious-sounding and a person's dedication must come close to the tenor of the thought. But on the other hand, if a person can learn how to relax and not spread himself too thin, his effectiveness will be magnified.

If a person "burns out" completely, his influence and contribution ends. Proper health, rest and balance will help a leader maintain his ability to persist. But a leader must be prepared to recognise the toll upon him, both emotionally and physically.

Despite our busy schedules, leaders must practice what we preach in order not to suffer fatigue or burn-out.

Remember the wise leader finds time for relaxation and creative thinking.



Bishop VG Clarke



'BIRTHDAY Girl' Mary Seymour

# 'a Little' goes a long way

## Oldest Anglican in Cat Island celebrates her 99th birthday in grand style

**T**HE people of Cat Island converged on the settlement of Knowles last Friday at the homestead of Mary Seymour to celebrate her 99th birthday.

Mary, or "Little" as she is affectionately called, is a sick and shut-in communicant of St Saviour's Parish, Cat Island, and in her all years has never left the island of her birth.

Her 'navel string' is buried under the coconut tree which stands tall in the front yard of her residence. Mary is the widow of Ernest 'Old Dad' Seymour who predeceased her in 1980.

Ernest Seymour was the bread-winner of the family, and after his demise Mary became the sole provider. 'Old Dad', as he was known to Cat Islanders, was blind but could still determine the denomination of paper currency placed in his hand.

In a birthday Eucharistic celebration fit for a head of state, Mrs Seymour received her accolades as Father Edward "Rex" Seymour, assistant priest of St Saviour's, celebrated the Mass and Father Chester Burton, priest in-charge of St Saviour's, preached the sermon.

The readings were from the feast day of St Michael's and All Angels. Father Burton took his text from Genesis, chapter 28, verse 13, "I am the Lord the God of Abraham and Isaac the land on which you lie, I will give to you and your offspring. Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth."

Father Burton posited that the Seymours are somewhat like the passage of scripture applicable for the feast day of St Michaels and All Angels.

The Seymour clan and descendants of Mary Seymour are here, there and everywhere - all throughout the archipelagic chain of the Bahamas, he said.

Father Burton further admonished and reminded the well-wishers that if it weren't for Mary's yeoman service to her family, church, community and God, many would have strayed from the narrow way. But thanks to God all her children have made an indelible mark in the fabric and tapestry of our Bahamaland, he said.

Also bringing birthday wishes to Mrs Seymour on this auspicious occasion was Cat Island's senior administrator Charles King and chief councillor Valderine Seymour. In attendance were senior civil servants and government officials from the length and breadth of Cat Island. Veteran Pastors Vernis Storr and Pandora Ingraham also brought greetings from their respective churches.

Finally, Father Burton thanked the Almighty God for Mrs Seymour's many years of service and presence in the settlement of Knowles.

He said that the number of persons in attendance at her birthday celebration was indicative of how many lives she has touched in a special way.

The gathering afterwards feasted sumptuously at Bachelor's Rest Restaurant and Bar owned by one of Mrs Seymour's sons.



**MARY** Seymour celebrates her 99th birthday at her home with well-wishers from the Cat Island community.



# ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH ENDS 60TH ANNIVERSARY WITH GALA BANQUET

St George's Anglican Church has been a pillar in the historical community known as the 'Valley' for more than 60 years.

Last year, St George's began its 'Diamond in the Valley' celebrations with a special service and various activities to commemorate the contributions that the parish church has made over more than half a century. Former Prime Minister Perry Christie during the 60th anniversary thanksgiving service spoke about how members of the parish helped mold his life.

Many in the community also said they see the church as the home

base of the famed junkanoo group 'The Valley Boys' led by Gus Cooper.

This year on October 31, the church will hold a special 60th anniversary gala banquet to celebrate the growth and development that the parish has experienced within the community and the Bahamas at large. Tickets are available at St George's and the church committee is inviting all sons and daughters of the Valley to join in as thanks is given to almighty God for 60 years of dedicated service to mission and ministry in the community.



# When you know who you are

IT is my firm belief that we only ever find out who we really are when God establishes us.

I remember ten years ago at the beginning of my last job, within the first two weeks I had made a friend. We had gotten into a conversation that took him down memory lane recalling his college days. As he remembered the events from then, he mentioned that in those days he was part of a fraternity.

Me, being curious, I asked him why, and his response was, "they gave me an identity because I didn't have one."

My mind was blown because at that time I didn't think that was possible for anyone to not know who they were, let alone a Bahamian. (I guess too much faith, huh?) I really didn't know what to do with that because I had never heard anyone come out and say, "I don't know who I am." He was



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a first for me.

When we don't know who we are it is an opportunity for all kinds of identities to attach themselves to us.

Anyone or anything can come to you and tell you who you are if you don't know that yourself. You cannot tell John he is Paul when he in fact knows that he is John. You won't hear him say 'ok I'm Paul' when he knows that he is John. That is also the reason why so many of us are confused. We don't know who we are, nor do we understand our self-worth. No young lady should allow any man whether

young or old to make her feel privileged for knowing him. When that happens I believe that your self-worth is diminished. When in fact only God can put value to a life.

What is the value that God puts on our lives? Well, when you accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour you become the "righteousness of God in Christ Jesus".

I think that is the best identity that any human being could ever have. Once you have that identity, you will begin to live. What is life without purpose? Then what is purpose without fulfilling it? I believe we can only move forward when God is the centre of our purpose. Keeping in mind that the Bible tells us, "only what is done for Christ will last." There is nothing wrong with getting an education or having wealth, the problem comes when we make those things the fibre of our existence.

Then our lives are built on the wrong things. Shortly after that we find ourselves unsatisfied and lost. I believe that is one of the worst positions that we can find ourselves in.

The good thing is some of us actually have the good sense to find out what our purpose is, and we pursue it. The rest of us just float around because we won't make a decision on what to do with our lives. When you know who you are you won't accept just anything and you will not allow anyone to do anything to you. No one could deter a man or a woman who is purpose driven. He or she knows who they are and go after their purpose. That, my dear readers is a good position to be in and that will ultimately result in a good life. Instead of allowing anything and anybody to tell you who and what you are. Let us start the search, but we start knowing that the search begins with God.

## RELIGION TODAY

A Sept. 17, 2009 photo shows artist Sandow Birk posing next to his sculpture titled: "American Mihrab." Birk has created an illustrated, English-language Qu'ran that he's calling the "American Koran," at the Koplín Del Rio Gallery in Culver City, Calif.

Damian Dovarganes  
AP Photo



## RELIGIOUS NOTES

- **THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE** will officially open the new Aquinas College campus on Gladstone Road tomorrow at 10am. Catholic Archbishop Patrick Pinder will speak at the opening. The general public is invited to attend.

- **ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH** on Nassau Street will have an Golden Oldies dance on October 30. The general public is invited to come out for what promises to be a fun filled night.

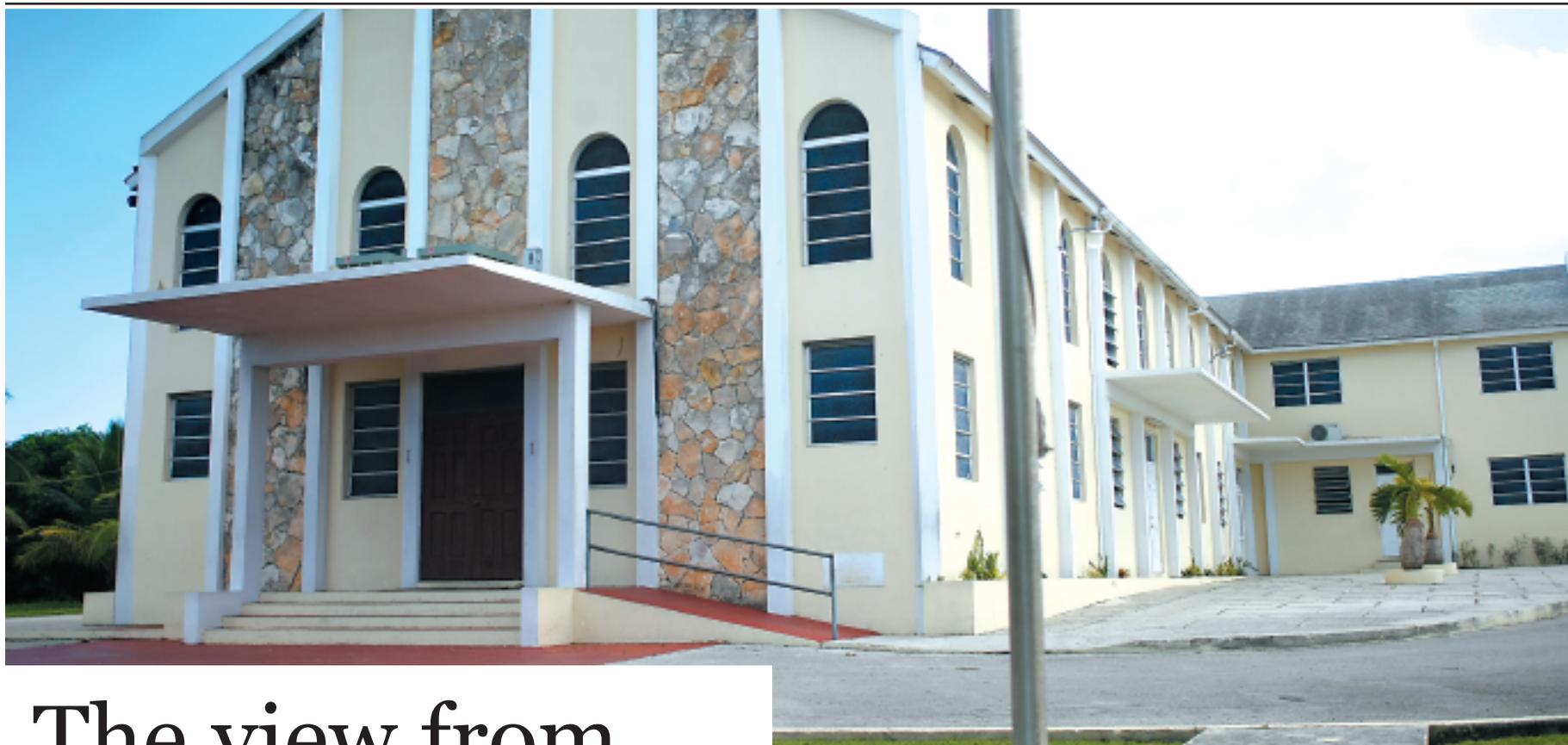
- **ST AGNES PARISH** will for the first time ever be hosting a family day this Sunday. People are invited to bring their families to the 7am and 10am services. Under the theme "Sing Praises unto the Lord", the senior choir at St Agnes will give a concert at 4pm.

### ANNOUNCEMENT:

THE House of and Prayer and Deliverance Ministry is celebrating its 9th Anniversary this Sunday at 3pm at its location on Prince Charles Drive, opposite Pepsi Cola. Members of the public are invited to attend.

## INSIGHT

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# The view from the Hill

*TRIBUNE Religion's* 'Church of the Week' is the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Tonique Williams-Darling Highway.

The church was officially dedicated in 1989, but its history goes much further back.

In 1942, Haddassah Poitier, then a member of the Grant's Town Seventh-day Adventist Church, invited the neighbourhood children to Friday evening vespers and Branch Sabbath School classes on the following day.

Ms Poitier, affectionately called

"Sister P", was then joined by Brother Jack Dean and met for worship in the old building just south of the present St Luke's Baptist Church. When this building became unsuitable, the company moved across the street into a two-storey building owned by Daniel Varence. This old lodge hall situated on the corner of East Street and Palmetto Avenue served as a sanctuary for these believers for many years.

In 1952, under the leadership of mission president Elder Mote, the company was organised into a church.

One of the very first evangelistic crusades launched by the church was conducted by Pastor Melvin Nembhard in the Old Sponge Shed on Bay Street out of which a number of new believers were added to this fledging church community. By this time, the brethren recognised the need for a more permanent building so they negotiated with Sir Roland Symonette to purchase a small plot on East Street south, opposite Cordeaux Avenue. On this site, Daniel Varence assisted by others built the old section of the present Englerston Church and dedicated it in 1955. However, the congregation continued to grow and the church soon became too small, expansion was necessary, and in the mid-sixties this was completed.

In the late 1960s and early 70s the church witnessed an explosion of evan-

gelism in the Bahamas Conference which resulted in a dramatic increase in membership. The Englerston Church again was bursting at its seams, leading to Pastor Roy Fernander starting a special fund to acquire a suitable and affordable site for a new church. However, it was not until the tenure of Pastor Royden I Hanna that the 3.8 acreage on what is now Tonique Williams-Darling Highway was purchased through the assistance of President Silas McKinney from the late Sir Roland Symonette.

Pastor Keith Albury was called to assume leadership of the Englerston Church on February 16, 1985, and it was dedicated on April 16, 1989 by the then-president of the West Indies Union Dr Silburn Reid.

The church's present pastor is Peter Joseph.

