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# Christian Council in rape law feud

**Dr Nottage to 'launch leadership campaign during PLP convention'**

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UNLIKE his colleagues PLP MP for Bain and Grant's Town Dr Bernard Nottage is reportedly set to launch his campaign for the leadership of the party not months before the convention, but rather during the party's convention in October of this year.

With two candidates already declaring their interest in the deputy leadership...

## Former president criticises organisation

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A FEUD has broken out within the Bahamas Christian Council over the position taken by leader Rev Patrick Paul on the proposed amendment to outlaw marital rape.

Former Council president and outspoken social activist Bishop Simeon Hall released a statement yesterday criticising the organisation for its apparent failure to seek consensus on the issue.

The Christian Council, the largest religious federation in the country, expressed its rejection of government's attempt to make it illegal for a

husband to force sex on his wife on Thursday, after the Catholic Archdiocese, the Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church and the Seventh-Day Adventist Church had already expressed their support for government's proposal.

Bishop Hall, who presided over the Christian Council in 1999 and 2000, expressed his disappointment at the suspected failure of council leaders to consult others before taking a controversial stance on marital rape and creating a division both within the organisation and the Church.

In a statement released to

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## Concerns raised over recent approvals of crown land

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AS THE House of Assembly's Select Committee continues its work looking into the disposition of all crown land grants, concerns have been raised over recent approvals issued since August and whether or not a new "transparent" system has truly been implemented at the Department of Lands and Surveys.

On July 20, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham pledged his gov-

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## MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER



Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

**30-YEAR-OLD** Jamar Munnings leaving court yesterday.

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A MAN was remanded to Her Majesty's Prison yesterday after being arraigned in Magistrate's Court on a murder charge.

Police have charged 30-year-old Jamar Atiba Munnings with the murder of Mario Rahming.

Munnings, who is represented by attorney Stanley Rolle, is accused of intentionally causing Mr Rahming's death on Saturday, August 29. Appearing before Chief Magistrate Roger Gomez in Court One, Bank Lane, he was not required to enter a plea to the murder charge.

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## Claim that turtle ban will turn Bahamians into 'criminals'

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RECENTLY implemented regulations that placed a ban on the harvesting and sale of turtles will turn hard-working Bahamians into "criminals,"

according to those who oppose the ban.

Opponents argue that by removing the option for impoverished residents of the family islands to occasionally eat turtle meat government also will be

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## Minister approves strike vote for the GBPA union

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FREEPORT - Labour Minister Dion Foulkes has approved a strike vote for the Grand Bahama Port Authority Workers Union, which is calling for the reinstatement of two union shop stewards at the Grand Bahama Shipyard.

Mr Foulkes told the media in Grand

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DION FOULKES

## PM weighs in on student sex clause addition to teachers contract

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FREEPORT - Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham has weighed in on the debate over the student sex clause that government wants to attach to the contract of teachers.

Mr Ingraham noted that government has asked all teachers to acknowledge in writing that they understand his administration's zero tolerance stance on child molestation. He also acknowledged that the Bahamas Union of Teachers has asked its members not to sign the clause, but said this is of no importance.

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LOCAL NEWS

# Are unions serving their purpose?



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MINISTRY EMPLOYEE



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JACINTHA CHARLTON

## STREET TALK

**Michael Saunders, 51, Attorney**

"Not at this stage because they seem embroiled in internal disputes. When these things happen the needs and desires of the workers are not being addressed."

**M. Ferguson, 35, Dept. of the Auditor General**

"I've witnessed one incident where I really don't feel as though they represented the workers at all. I really can't speak unequivocally, but I feel that in certain scenarios the unions discourage civil meetings and encourage extremities like sick-outs, not taking everything into consideration. If greater emphasis is placed

on proactive solutions instead of just reactive, I think a lot of confusion could be avoided. Sometimes the personal aspirations of union executives conflict with their duties."

**Hillwood Smith, 29, unemployed**

"I personally believe that a union is like a double-edged sword. They are based on great ideals built to protect and support its members, securing their jobs or benefits. At times though I find their methods bordering on the extreme, too often whenever there is a problem a lot of unions immediately resort to the sick-out tactic. I think that there should be some common ground, as union leaders they should be able to orchestrate negotiations in a reserved manner."

**Mrs. Rolle, PMH employee**

"I must admit I am a little disappointed with unions at the moment. It seems as though, with the current state of economy, fees are only going up and with no real increase to the amount of benefits engendered. I would have hoped that seeing as there is no coverage increase, they would have waited until workers received their salary increases. Prices are going up everywhere, but our wages are staying the same, sometimes I just don't feel as though the unions share our common interest."

**Michael Thompson, 58**

"I think just by looking at what's going on with the Hotel Union, they're not being represented properly. I mean just look at what excuses they're

giving about the union and the bank accounts — that shouldn't be happening."

**Russ Owens, 50, Trucking Industry**

"I'm self-employed so I don't have any first-hand experience in any union, but from what I've seen basically unions suck. They make me ashamed and they should be embarrassed simply because they can't seem to get it together. They can't sit down to a table and come to any amicable agreement on anything and that's bad for the entire country, all the in-house fighting is ridiculous."

**Ministry of Works Employee (Physical Plant)**

"I am not happy with union politics at this time. My reasons being our union had told us that we will receive funds during the month of October, right now feedback from our representatives is looking as if this will be put off even further. So basically we are just being put on the back burner. We haven't received any salary increments so we're doing all the work and not getting paid for it."

**Jacintha Charlton, 49, Bus No. 286**

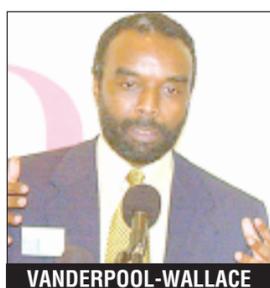
"A lot of people are losing their jobs and as representatives of the workers they should be giving some kind of response or call to action and quite frankly at this time it appears as if they're doing nothing."

"With the global economy in this state, every action is crucial and they should be doing more to represent the people and fulfil their commitment."

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## Govt 'at least a month away' from decision on change to gambling laws

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VANDERPOOL-WALLACE

TOURISM stakeholders keen for "radical change" to the nation's gambling laws and regulations will have to wait at least a month longer to find out if government is likely to implement its recommendations, according to Tourism Minister Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace.

A committee comprised of people from the tourism industry and government officials formed to review the proposals put forward by the Bahamas Hotel Association in conjunction with the Casino Association in early April this year was initially scheduled to report back by the end of August.

But yesterday Mr Vanderpool-Wallace said that the intervening distraction of the Miss Universe Pageant, along with vacations taken by some of the Committee's members, now leads him to believe it will likely not make its views known before the end of this month.

The committee was formed after the BHA made a presentation to Government earlier this year that called for a major overhaul of the regulatory framework governing the casino industry, considered significantly outdated by most tourism stakeholders, including Mr Sands, Kerzner International (Bahamas) President George Markantonis and Baha Mar CEO Sarkis Izmirlian.

Mr Sands told *The Tribune* in March 2009 that "radical change" was needed soon if The Bahamas is to maintain a competitive edge against other popular gaming destinations — in particular, Florida, which this Summer changed its laws to facilitate an all-out expansion of gaming in the nearby State as a means of raising much needed revenue in tough times.

Among the recommendations made to the Government by the BHA at that time were that a wider variety of people in The Bahamas be allowed to gamble, that different types of games be permitted and that regulations that slow the pace of business in Bahamian casinos be adjusted.

Yesterday Gaming Board Secretary Bernard K Bonamy said his department has already reported back to Government on the proposals and suggested that by and large it would not stand in the way of their implementation. He said that as far as the Gaming Board is concerned, it is now up to the Minister of Tourism whether the recommendations made by tourism stakeholders be implemented.

"There are some things which we could do but there are some things which depend on the Minister relaxing the rules," he said. Insofar as the recommendation that a wider variety of people be allowed to gamble, Mr Bonamy said "that's again with the minister." He said the Gaming Board has "no opinion on it."

Meanwhile, the Secretary said the Gaming Board is not against allowing the introduction of new types of games in casinos "so long as they are part and parcel of what's happening in similar jurisdiction and the Board can have a look at it."

He agreed that certain regulations do make it "very difficult" for casino operators to do business at a competitive pace.

Mr Vanderpool-Wallace said he expects the Committee will have to meet twice more before it can conclude its discussions on the issue.

LOCAL NEWS

● *Tourism*

# 15 per cent drop in visitor numbers

THE Bahamas had one of the sharpest declines in visitor numbers in the region during the first half of the year, the Caribbean Tourism Organisation said.

According to the CTO's statistics, tourist numbers are down by 15 per cent.

In Antigua and Barbuda visitor numbers dropped by 13 per cent and Barbados recorded a nine per cent decrease.

The Bahamas Hotel Association's Mid-Year Economic Review and Tourism Outlook Survey released in July found a significant decline in business activity during the first six months of 2009.

And more than three out of four hoteliers, 77 per cent, anticipate revenue will be down for the remaining six months of the year.

When asked their outlook for 2010, 30 per cent reported a negative outlook, 53 per cent a fair outlook and 17 per cent a positive outlook.

## Proactive

According to the survey, most hoteliers have responded to the recession's pressures and have taken a proactive stance to reduce costs and maximize revenue, as 90 per cent of hotels have made adjustments to reduce their labour costs.

In addition, 87 per cent of hoteliers have reduced their average daily room rate, with two-thirds putting in place "value-added" marketing programmes.

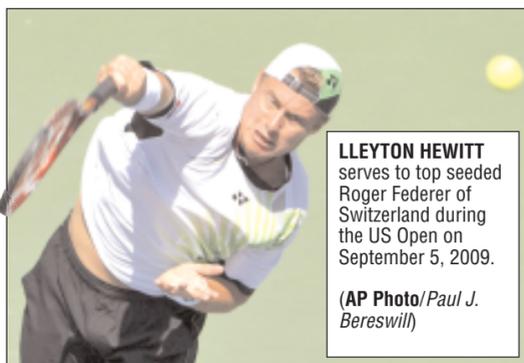
Two-thirds (67 per cent) of the hoteliers have also put in place energy efficiency measures, including timers, low wattage lighting, solar water heaters, staff-led practical energy conservation measures and a range of other initiatives.

Bahamas Hotel Association president Robert Sands said: "Our industry is packed with exceptional people with the professionalism and commitment to providing stellar service."

"All hands need to be on deck in this regard, as our reputation can help pull us out of this sooner than later. Word of mouth is the best form of marketing."

# TENNIS ACE CALLS TRIBUNE TO RUBBISH 'BAHAMAS NIGHTMARE' CLAIM

## Hewitt fires verbal volley at magazine story



LLEYTON HEWITT serves to top seeded Roger Federer of Switzerland during the US Open on September 5, 2009.

(AP Photo/Paul J. Bereswill)

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INTERNATIONAL tennis ace Lleyton Hewitt last night slammed an Australian magazine's claim that his wife is living a "Bahamas nightmare."

After Bahamians reacted angrily to the publication's claim that he and his wife are living a life of fear in a "poverty-stricken" Bahamas, Mr Hewitt assured them that his family had nothing to do with the story.

In an exclusive interview with *The Tribune*, the former world number one tennis player hit out at the Australian tabloids, saying their stories claiming to be based on insider information about him and his wife Bec are simply "fabrications."

The Old Fort Bay resident said he was just as angry as the many Bahamians who commented on the "Women's Day" website when he heard about how the article had linked him and his wife to a less than rosy portrayal of his new home.

Now the 28-year-old says he wants to set the record straight — assuring Bahamians that he and Bec, 26, have only good things to say about The Bahamas.

"Any story about us in any of those magazines is absolute rubbish and it's not coming from us whatsoever," said Mr Hewitt, who personally telephoned *The Tribune* to make his views known.

Contrary to the article's claim that his wife lives a life of loneliness and fear of

**"Any story about us in any of those magazines is absolute rubbish and it's not coming from us whatsoever."**

rampant crime, the tennis player said the young couple have had "nothing but fantastic experiences" during the eight to nine months they have lived here, having made many new friends.

## Relished

Meanwhile, Mr Hewitt said he has relished the opportunity relocating with his family to The Bahamas has provided him to play tennis with the islands' best.

"Not only have I been able to hit with and hang out with Mark Knowles, but I've been hitting with younger Davis Cup players like Marvin Rolle who plays for The Bahamas. So I've been having a lot of fun with the locals here and I'd prefer the truth to come out rather than all the fabricated stories."

# Order that registration of embattled union be revoked

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REGISTRAR of Trade Unions Harcourt Brown has ordered that the registration of the embattled Bahamas Commercial Stores, Supermarket and Warehouse Workers Union be revoked.

Mr Brown also warned union executives that he plans to forward the matter to the Attorney General's Office "for prosecution."

According to a letter dated July 13, 2009 — bearing Mr Brown's signature — as of September 30, the union's registration will be terminated.

According to the letter, addressed to union president Elgin Douglas, the decision was made because "the union has despite the notices from the Registrar of Trade Unions in correspondences dated the 18 and 24 of February ... wilfully refused to hold nominations and elections of executive officers for approximately 24 years."

The letter continues: "The

union has wilfully refused to provide the Registrar of Trade Unions with (an) audited financial statement pursuant to section 30(2) and (3) of the Industrial Relations Act for the period 2007-2008 and/or the financial statements provided by the union were not in compliance with the Act pursuant to section 30(2)."

"Further be advised that effective immediately the Registrar of Trade Unions will also be forwarding the matter to the Office of the Attorney General for prosecution pursuant to section 30(5)," the letter continued. In March, Mr Brown — who is also the director of labour — accused Mr Douglas of not having held a democratic election since the 1980s and of failing to give a proper account of the union's finances.

The director has said the department is "convinced beyond a shadow of a doubt" that there has never been a properly conducted election in the union and accused Mr Douglas of "electing himself every three years" to head the organ-

isation. The Bahamas Commercial Stores, Supermarket and Warehouse Workers Union represents employees from companies such as Furniture Plus, Coca Cola, Purity Bakery, Caribbean Bottling Company and City Meat, among others.

"Members have complained to us that they have never, ever participated or been allowed to participate in the affairs of their union. Remember, these are people who are paying dues," Mr Brown had said previously.

But Mr Douglas denied these claims, calling Mr Brown's assertions "absolute rubbish" and suggesting that he lacks supporting evidence. Mr Douglas has claimed he remained president since taking over in 1988 because he has a strong base of support among members.

He said the union had an election in August, 2008 and that the results are "good for three years."

He has also claimed Mr Brown has personal reasons for wanting him out of the union's top spot. Attempts to reach Mr

Brown — who is said to be out of office for the week — and Mr Douglas were unsuccessful up to press time.



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## Rift over Obama school speech

WASHINGTON — The furor over President Barack Obama's start-of-school speech to the nation's students — challenging them to work hard, earn good grades and stay in school — typifies the country's widening rift over politics and social issues.

It's certainly an unwelcome distraction as the president prepares to address both houses of Congress and the nation Wednesday about his embattled attempt to overhaul the health care system, which has taken a hammering from Republicans and some middle-of-the-road Democrats.

Dating back to his campaign for president, some Obama opponents have tried to paint him as a "socialist." Since winning the White House, the attacks have continued over his attempts to invigorate the tumbling economy with a \$787 billion stimulus.

Far-right critics now charge that Obama would use his back-to-school remarks Tuesday to indoctrinate youngsters into his alleged "socialist" agenda.

Fox News Channel commentators Michelle Malkin and Glenn Beck have been prominent in attacking the speech. Florida Republican party chairman Jim Greer said he was "absolutely appalled that taxpayer dollars are being used to spread President Obama's socialist ideology."

Even Republican Gov. Tim Pawlenty of Minnesota, a moderate and potential presidential contender in 2012, said Obama's speech was "uninvited" and raises questions of content and motive.

Many school districts have decided not to show Obama's speech, partly in response to concerns from parents.

Education Secretary Arne Duncan called that "just silly" during a Sunday television interview. He said the text of the speech would be on the White House Web site Monday and that watching the address was voluntary.

Opponents to the president's school message latched onto a lesson plan, since amended, the department sent out asking students to write letters "about what they can do to help the president." Duncan said that referred to Obama's "goal of having the highest percent of college graduates by 2020."

The secretary noted: "We just clarified that to say 'write a letter about your own goals and what you're going to do to achieve those goals.' So again it's really about personal responsibility and being accountable, setting real goals and having the work ethic to see them through."

While the White House dealt with that controversy, Obama's environmental adviser resigned under fire for inflammatory statements made before he joined the administration.

Van Jones "understood that he was going to get in the way" of Obama's agenda, White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said Sun-

day. Jones, who specialized in environmentally friendly "green jobs" with the White House Council on Environmental Quality, was linked to efforts suggesting a government role in the Sept. 11 attacks and to derogatory comments about Republicans. Fox's Beck was one of Jones' leading detractors.

Some Obama critics are sparing no efforts to diminish his presidency — piling on such distractions as he prepares for the critical health care address — hoping that a defeat of the overhaul, a signature campaign promise, will tarnish his administration. That, the thinking goes, could open the way for Republicans to make a comeback in next year's midterm elections after their shattering defeat by the Obama juggernaut in 2008.

Obama took office vowing to change the tenor in Washington, to seek bipartisanship as he worked through his reform agenda. So far he's had no success with that course.

Switching tactics at the eight-month mark in his four-year term would mark a turning point for a president elected by an unusually wide margin. But Obama has seen public opinion poll numbers shrink considerably among independents and those who have been turned against his legislative agenda by the relentless criticism from the conservative right.

(This article is written by Steven R Hurst of the Associated Press).

### Obama urges youth to study hard

If so-called conservative Americans — presumably Republicans — are too dumb to appreciate the principles that President Obama is trying to inculcate in American students in his speech today, we hope that Bahamian teachers will make certain that his words get to every Bahamian student so that each of them will understand the importance of education and their responsibility to themselves to put in the hard work to obtain it.

As the President told his nation's students at the end of the day they can have the most dedicated teachers, the most supportive parents, and the best schools in the world, but none of it will matter unless they fulfil their responsibilities.

"Unless you show up to those schools; pay attention to those teachers; listen to your parents, grandparents and other adults; and put in the hard work it takes to succeed" you "can't drop out of school and just drop into a good job."

"You've got to work for it and train for it and learn for it," he said.

And if this is what some Americans see as subversive, then we need more of this type of subversion to put this confused and irresponsible world back on its axis.

# The dynamics of sexual abuse

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I did not want to share my family story with the public because it involves intimate aspects of my late Mother's conjugal life and the memory of her abuse is still very painful. After hearing and reading the Bahamas Christian Council's statement on the amendment of the Sexual Offences Act, I decided to overcome my reticence and share part of this story with the public in the hope to engage, educate, sensitize, and help persons understand the dynamics of domestic violence and sexual abuse.

The Valleray family is considered the "bourgeoisie" of Martinique. My mother, Marguerite, was an educated and trained teacher who eventually became the first female to hold ministerial credential in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Local church historians recorded my mother's accomplishment as the most successful evangelist who baptized, in her time, more persons than any male minister (except for her two sons, Guy and Joel). Her engineer father was the first person to own a vehicle in French Guyana. My father, Gerard, was an articulate, intelligent brigadier police officer whose father travelled throughout Europe as a colonel in the French army. Were they alive today, they would have been 87 and 95 years, respectively.

I was about eight years old when I got sick with the measles. Wanting to protect my siblings, Mom quarantined me from them by allowing me to sleep on a cot in her bedroom. Because of the terrible physical, emotional, and sexual abuse she suffered at my father's hand, she developed angina. One night, while I was still sleeping in her bedroom, Mom got her regular chest pain and as usual placed the prescribed tablet under her tongue to relieve it. Dad came home drunk and in spite of my presence in the bedroom, demanded sex of Mom. I could hear and see everything. Because Mom did not consent, he used his fist to beat her into submission and then raped her in my presence.

The landlord's house was next to ours and one of their windows looked right into my parents' bedroom through its own window. My father, in his drunken stupor, did not care that their bedroom window was wide open when he demanded sex. Mom suffered the indignity of being raped multiple times while the landlord's daughter looked on from that window into theirs. Later on in life, she told us how terribly ashamed she was that the neighbour had witnessed this sexual abuse and that she could not hold up her head when she saw the neighbours.

After Mom's death in 2001, my then 59-year old eldest brother, Guy, recounted how as a lad, he used to come home and find my mother naked and

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pool of blood, with the lentils burning in the pot on the stove. To this day, he cannot eat lentils.

My father used his police gun to terrorize Mom and his family. Mom reported the matter to his superior. Finally, his superior, Commandant N'Guyen, took the gun away from him. He then purchased a butcher's knife to replace the gun and threatened to kill Mom with it. I vividly recall that night. All of us experienced sheer terror. The fear of Mom dying at my father's hand was real and part of our daily lives.

My 50-year-old youngest brother, Ralph, recently wrote an article for the "Union des Femmes," an association of women whose goal is to combat domestic violence in Martinique. What follows is a translation of an excerpt from his article.

"A child, I was, until my thirteenth birthday, the powerless witness of such a wave of violence! I keep a bitter and smarting memory of the suffering we endured and an eternal love for my mother who died December 2001. Imagine, a little boy for whom time stops: a gun is held to his mother's face, at a distance of less than a meter, by his father with his 7.65 loaded with all its bullets! I had to wait until I was 43 years of age when, in the office of a psychoanalyst, I could remember the positive side of my father, the calm and excellent man he could be when he did not drink like the inveterate drunkard he was! That day, I cried all the tears my body could produce! When my father died in 1974, at the age of 59 of a heart attack, I remember discovering his remains at Clarac (hospital) and saying: 'This is good!' I was 16 years old."

The most remarkable part of this story is that Mom had related the abuse she suffered to the pastor and the elders of the church. They came home to visit Mom and told her it was her duty as a Christian wife to submit to her husband and to forgive him. They never did anything to hold my father accountable for his terrible actions. Isn't that the same kind of talk we heard recently from the president of the Bahamas Christian Council? You do not appease a lion by throwing victims in its cage. "This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against the shepherds and will hold them accountable for my flock. I will remove them from tending the flock so that the shepherds can no longer feed themselves. I will rescue my flock from their mouths, and it will no longer be food for them" Ezekiel 34:10.

"I hate divorce, says the Lord God of Israel, and a man who covereth himself with vio-

lence as well as with his garment says the Lord Almighty" Malachi 2:16. What God hates, he punishes. These so-called preachers of righteousness should not pervert God's Word and picture Him as one who would condone or overlook violence against another human being in marriage. Violence against any human being is contrary to God's principle of love and equity. "Love does no harm to its neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law" Romans 13:10. Forcing another human being to have sex violates the most intimate and vulnerable aspect of personhood. It is immoral and a criminal offence. All criminal acts should be punishable by law, whether or not they occur in marriage. The Apostle Paul rightly says that only those who break the law should fear the punishment meted out by the law. "We also know that law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious; for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers" 1 Timothy 1:9.

According to the president of the Bahamas Christian Council, marriage is a contract and consent is given for sex when one enters into it, as though there is no time in marriage when consent can be legitimately and reasonably withheld. It seems that once a woman is married, she loses her right to say "no." A married woman in a wholesome marriage can legitimately say no to sexual relations with her husband when she is ill, is disabled by painful and heavy menstruation, suffers from sheer exhaustion from assuming all or most of the household responsibilities, and when her hormones play tricks on her during pregnancy and she can no longer tolerate sexual intercourse.

A menopausal married woman has the right to say no when a dry and thinning vagina caused by a drop in estrogen makes sexual intercourse extremely painful. A married woman in an abusive relationship has the right to say no to an adulterous husband who sleeps around and comes home loaded with sexually transmitted infections, when he tries to impose on her offensive sexual practices, or when he uses sex as a weapon to control and humiliate her.

A just society enacts laws that protect all its citizens regardless of marital status, especially the helpless, weak, and vulnerable. I implore the Bahamas Government to be courageous and to pass the amendment to the Sexual Offences Act.

I also urge women who have suffered sexual abuse to have the audacity to share their stories (anonymously if needs be) and thus ensure the passing of this amendment.

Annick M.Valleray Brennen  
Nassau,  
September 5, 2009

## The 'family' has been destroyed for years

EDITOR, The Tribune.

In response to the proposed marital rape amendment, the Christian Council states that "if we destroy the family, society will experience utter chaos."

Take a look around, the "family" has been destroyed for years. This is why we live in utter chaos today. This is why two young men cannot resolve a conflict without one pulling out a knife or gun and killing the other. This is why a man can murder a mother holding her infant child. This is why people live with such anger. This is why we have an alarming birth rate to single mothers. And the list goes on...

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JEROME R PINDER  
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## LOCAL NEWS

## Anti-Chavez TV faces possible 72-hour shutdown

CARACAS, Venezuela

A LEADING television channel aligned with Venezuela's opposition said Monday that it could be shut down amid a new investigation of alleged violations of broadcasting laws, according to Associated Press.

Globovision TV — the last major channel on Venezuela's regular airwaves strongly critical of President Hugo Chavez — has been formally notified of the investigation by the telecommunications commission.

Ana Cristina Nunez, Globovision's legal adviser, said the channel could soon be shutdown for 72 hours or lose its broadcasting license.

In a statement, the commission said the 24-hour news channel violated broadcasting rules by airing text messages that "allude to violent acts," including a coup attempt against Chavez. Globovision also allegedly sought "promote public protests, which could generate a climate of tension and nervousness in the population," it said.

Opponents accuse Chavez of cracking down on dissent by silencing the media, noting that his government shut down 32 radio stations and two small television stations last month. Diosdado Cabello, president of the telecommunications commission, said last week that another 29 radio stations "will soon leave" the airwaves.

"There's a clear strategy to control the flow of information and restrict criticism," said Carlos Lauria of the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists. "It's aimed at building a communication hegemony for the state."

Hundreds of radio stations still broadcast in Venezuela, and many are critical of the government.

But Globovision has been the last remaining staunchly anti-Chavez channel on regular television since 2007, when the government refused to renew the license of RCTV — another opposition-aligned TV station.

# Mathematics materials add up for minister

THE Department of Education presented Minister of Education Carl Bethel with a package containing mathematics materials which included Bahamian play money, flashcards and posters.

Dr Joan Rolle, education officer for Primary Schools, teamed up with Anna Strachan, vice-principal of Temple Christian Primary, to produce mathematics manipulatives for students. Both expressed the desire to see Bahamian materials in the schools, so that students could more readily identify with their culture and country.

Dr Rolle explained that she approached the Central Bank regarding the idea, and got their guidance and permission for the facsimile money.

She explained that the materials, which could be used to foster cooperative learning and discussions on mathematical concepts and ideas, can be integrated across the curriculum in subjects such as social studies, science, music and geography.

Dr Rolle said that the Department of Education intends to use the Bahamian materials in all public schools.

Minister Bethel expressed his thanks to all who assisted in



FROM LEFT: Dr Joan Rolle; Elma Garraway; Education Minister Carl Bethel, Lionel Sands and Leanora Archer

bringing the initiative to fruition, including the Central Bank, and the printing company.

He said that the materials would greatly enhance learning

and instruction in mathematics, and noted that the similarity of the play money to real money would invite much discussion among students, as they examined its different features.

The minister said that having the native and materials would give educators the opportunity to reinforce civic and social virtues that are important to shaping a child's character.

Mr Bethel lauded the collaboration between the public and private sector in this venture as being a most positive one for the children of the Bahamas.



FROM LEFT: Rotarians Raquel Wallace and LaPaige Gardiner.

## ROTARY CLUB OF NASSAU CELEBRATES WORLD LITERACY DAY

TODAY is World Literacy Day and the Rotary Club of Nassau is observing the event with a discussion on the importance of literacy for the future of the Bahamas' workforce.

Literacy is a major issue in the Bahamas, with a huge number of children leaving school with only rudimentary reading skills and a large body of adults in the population also at low levels, or unable to read at all.

Nassau Rotary Club members, first vice-president Raquel Wallace and director LaPaige Gardiner, have been doing their part to assist with improving reading skills, a focus of the club's for the past few years.

After initial training with the National Literacy Service, Ms Wallace and Ms Gardiner were assigned their students.

Ms Wallace said that some of the students that she has encountered through the National Literacy Services come to her not being able to complete application forms or read newspapers.

"And usually by the time we've gone

through the material they are more functional. I should note, however, that it takes a lot of courage for people to admit that they cannot read and to enroll in the programme. The programme requires you to dedicate two hours per week for tutoring and you can assign homework and spend time going over the work. Some of the students have the goal of going to get their high school diploma, take police entrance exams, etc," she said.

Ms Gardiner said she had a student whose mother and sister were also in the programme.

Both commented on the great feeling of satisfaction and achievement they had when their students made progress. Each student can take about a year or more depending on the individual, their reading level and their commitment level.

Later this month Ms Wallace and Ms Gardiner will both be part of a group who will be honoured by Governor General Arthur Hanna for their work with the National Literacy Service.

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LOCAL NEWS

# Former BCC president weighs in on debate

FORMER Christian Council president Bishop John Humes decided to weigh in on the marital rape amendment by entering the fray on [tribune242.com](http://tribune242.com).

Responding to the website's poll, which asked what readers thought of the Christian Council's rejection of the amendment, Bishop Humes said the Church of God, of which he is the Administrative Bishop, agrees with the Council's stance.

He said: "While many of the major denominations support this Bill, the Church of God feels that this Bill in its current form cannot be supported by us.

"While I feel that some wives are abused and even forced by their husbands to have sex, they are already covered by the Domestic Violence Act.

"If a man is faithful to his marriage covenant and vows and does not have extra-marital affairs, the wife should oblige him, otherwise you may cause the man to resort to adultery.

"On the other hand if a man is unfaithful, the wife has all right to protect herself from her unfaithful spouse and should he force her, then she has all right to cry foul or rape.

"Then there is the case when a man is a sex maniac and the woman may be tried - this is abuse and should be reported. These are the two cases that may support this bill, but to cry rape is foolish and could have lasting effect on a good marriage. A wife must know that she has made a commitment to her husband to HAVE or to HOLD, when he is OLD. The man deserves to go into his garden when he or she needs.

"Then the sentence is outrageous - a man could rape a child and get six years, but if he rapes his wife could get life. What next? The Church of God believes in the sanctity of marriage and if we are faithful to each other then a wife will look forward in having sex with her husband.

"I speak as one who has over 33 years under my belt with five children and three grands. This is not only Bible, book and science - I speak from experience.

"Marriage is honorable and the bed is undefiled. If you keep yourself only to your wife you will not have STDs or STIs for the bed is undefiled and you do not need to run around for your wife has everything that the other women have and it is all yours.

"Trust (that) marriage is good and is of God - if it is between a man and woman and only between them."

Some readers quickly took issue with what Bishop Humes had to say.

Responding to the bishop's complaint about the length of possible sentences the amend-



BISHOP JOHN HUMES

ment would allow in cases of marital rape, compared to child abuse, "Rik Skagnet" wrote: "Sir, this argument has nothing to do with the law on marital rape but on the sentencing policies of our courts. Life is a fitting sentence for ANYONE convicted of rape.

"You also claim that a wife who does not want to have sex could drive her man to adultery. So, what happened to love, honour and obey ... the marriage vows? To love your partner, honour your partner and obey the sanctity of marriage? Bishop, stop finding excuses for dishonourable men, and start respecting the women."

"Voltaire" said: "Bishop Humes, you seem to talk in very conditional terms - IF a husband respects the marriage covenant, IF we are faithful to each other, et cetera. We could make similar comments about IF people decided not to rob each other, and IF young men rejected violence.

"The point is that the law is not created to affect the law abiding, but rather those who break the law. The Bill targets husbands who ARE willing to force sex on their wives. These are not healthy marriages in the first place, and opposing this Bill will not make them healthy marriages.

"At the same time, if a man and a woman ARE faithful and respectful of the marriage covenant, what makes you think that all of a sudden, the woman would start to lie on their husbands? This seems like a very misogynistic stance which views women as depraved.

"You say that 'crying rape' can ruin a good marriage. Bishop Humes if a woman is crying rape - whether she is telling the truth or being spiteful - there is something very, very wrong with that marriage in the first place.

"Oh, and the law is needed because the Domestic Violence Act does not cover all instances of rape within a marriage - ie cases where explicit violence is not involved."

At the end of his statement, Bishop Humes congratulated *The Tribune* on its new website, which he described as "top class".

"It is the best I have seen in any part of the Bahamas, Caribbean and the USA. Kudos to you and the team," he wrote.

# TRIBUNE POLL RESULTS Readers disagree with the Christian Council's stance on marital rape

## 33 side with the BCC, 83 with other church groups

THE majority of readers who participated in the latest [tribune242.com](http://tribune242.com) poll said they disagree with the Christian Council's rejection of the government's efforts to make marital rape illegal.

Readers were asked if they agree with the Christian Council or with Catholics, Methodists and Seventh-Day Adventists, who have all embraced the government's efforts to amend the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act.

In all, 116 persons took part in the poll, 33 siding with the Christian Council and 83 with the other church groups.

The issue also sparked heated debate on the website over the weekend.

"Dick Funke" said: "When a woman says 'no', or for that fact a man, 'no' means 'no'. Rape is a crime in a marriage just as it is outside a union."

"E Albury" said he sometimes wonders "how someone who can call themselves Christian could think of a woman as a thing. I know that it is hard to understand this but this is not a fact of 'Honey not tonight I have a headache', but a man forcibly taking something that is not his. If the law doesn't pass maybe there will be more women baking 'sweet potato pies' for the husband who takes what is not his.

### Decision

"Rock of Ages" said: "If the subject matter weren't so serious, the Christian Council's decision would be laughable.

Those who oppose this law have the affront to think of themselves as being Christian."

"Anthony Brice" said he is not at all surprised by the stance of the Christian Council.

"They have been getting it wrong for along time. Don't expect that they will start now," he said.

"Leo Thompson" added: "Husbands are to love their wives as Christ loves the

church. Love doesn't seek to have its own way."

According to "S Burrows", the Christian Council is "a joke".

"They always seem to have it wrong when it comes to issues in our society," the reader said. "Just stick to what you do best, demanding tithes from the poor people, who in most cases will never live as extravagantly as you all do."

"A" commented: "This country is not a theocracy. Who cares what they think? All they have ever done is obstruct human progress and basic human rights. They need to come out and be passionate about child abuse, and other horrendous acts performed in this country every day, not pander to the ego of a group of immature men who think that it is their right to enslave and harass women.

"Bahamian men think relationships are big competitions and that the government is handing women the upper hand on them.

"Bottom line, if men respect and love their wives as they should, this law will not frighten them and they have nothing to worry about. Only the rogues are making the most noise because they will now be forced to treat their women with respect.

"Chandia Farrington" said: "One of the vows a person makes at the altar of their wedding ceremony is to 'have and to hold for better and for worse'. While I do agree that sex was made for marriage, I disagree with the Christian Council's opinion - and I'm a Baptist. What they are essentially saying is, if my husband is promiscuous and I know (and choose to stay with him because of the above mentioned vow) and he wants to be intimate, I must say yes. This should not be, as he is putting my life at risk to many incurable diseases, and this is not right.

"What a shame" said: "I can't even pretend to be surprised that this group of men



THE POLL appeared on The Tribune's website - [tribune242.com](http://tribune242.com)

have made this statement. Why don't they speak out on social ills that really affect people in this country? They are so irrelevant and out of touch. I can't believe any would remain a part of any of their congregations."

Those who agree with the Christian Council also had their say, and became involved in a lively back-and-forth with other readers.

### Bible

"J James" said he understands the Council's perspective. "The Bible clearly states that when a man and a woman become a married couple their bodies are no longer their own, their bodies becomes their spouses own. So if a husband wants to be intimate, the wife has no right to deny him and vice versa unless they agree on it.

"I am only 17-years-old and I understand that when I get married I will be making a vow to love, cherish and hold, in sickness and in health, for richer, poorer, better or worse, till death do us part.

"This means that if my husband cheats I can leave him but if I decide to stay then no matter what, I have to continue my wifely duties unless of course abuse is involved.

"Rape cannot happen in a marriage relationship but abuse can and abuse is pun-

ishable. People really need to read the Bible's view on the rights and wrongs of marriage before they get married. This is supposed to be a Christian Nation.

"I don't see how ignoring what the Word of God has to say about issues is being Christ-Like."

"Conchy Joe" said: "If anyone can, please tell me how an innocent man can prove the sex he had with his wife was consensual! How? If nobody can, then this law cannot work!

"If I, as an innocent man have no way to prove my innocence, then this law discriminates against me as a man.

"A woman can prove that she had sex with her husband through DNA.

"How does she prove that it was rape? . . . Every case brought to trial will be his word against hers . . . A married woman who is being raped by her husband should carry him to counselling. If he won't go then leave him! The only people who stand to gain from this bill are the lawyers."

"Anthony Taylor" asked: "If the wife forbids the marital act, isn't that a form of violence as well? Isn't that an unnatural violation against the husband? Shouldn't that be outlawed?

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## LOCAL NEWS

## Minister approves strike vote for GBPA union

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Bahama on Sunday that not much progress was made during the past weeks between management and the union at the conciliation meetings held at the Labour Department in Freeport.

"I have approved a strike vote for the GBPAU for September 17, and it will take place between 9am-5pm at the Department of Labour," he said.

"We will continue to have conciliation talks with the union and management at the shipyard. We think that as long as we can keep those parties at the table there is a possibility of bringing resolution to the problem."

The union claims that management wrongfully dismissed shop stewards Simeon Richardson and Eudencil McPhee when they refused to accept additional time-off without pay.

GBPAU has threatened to strike if management does not reinstate the men. An official request for a strike vote was made to the Minister of Labour a few weeks ago when talks with management were unsuccessful.

The union is also concerned about the large numbers of foreign workers employed at the shipyard. Of the 750 persons employed at the shipyard,

320 are Bahamians.

Minister Foulkes stated that the Bahamian workers currently account for 40 per cent of the total workforce at the shipyard.

"I understand that two new ships just came in yesterday (Saturday) and the foreign component might increase, but it is seasonal," he said.

Mr Foulkes stated that government is trying to get more Bahamians trained in the shipyard industry.

The Grand Bahama Shipyard is the largest ship care facility in the region.

In March, the shipyard experienced one of its busiest periods. During that time, the facility also acquired its third dock at a cost of \$60 million.

However, business declined significantly in May forcing management to reduce its expatriate workforce and enter into arrangements with union representatives for "rolling" or temporary lay-offs for its Bahamian workers.

According to union officials, Bahamian workers had initially taken 13 days off without pay to assist the company when business was slow.

Carl Gustaf-Rotkirch, chairman and CEO, expects that business will pick up from mid-September up until beginning of Spring.

## Claim turtle ban will turn Bahamians into 'criminals'

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taking food out of people's mouths.

"Although it's a regulation that's supposedly aimed at stopping over-fishing — that's not really the issue. Turtles are a tiny, tiny portion of what's landed in the Bahamas but it's a food resource in island communities where people basically (survive by) augmenting their diet off what they catch from the sea," said attorney Andrew Allen, a long-standing opponent of the turtle ban.

"So it is an issue for those Bahamians, criminalising traditional Bahamian behaviour, it goes way beyond the ban," he added, telling The Tribune that many persons have told him they will continue to eat turtle meat despite the regulations.

Mr Abner Pinder, administrator of the small fishing community of Spanish Wells, compared local turtle harvesting to whaling practices in Alaska.

"Whaling is outlawed in many parts of the world but



Eskimos are still allowed to eat it because it's a tradition.

"It's criminal that somebody in Acklins Island or Mayaguana — with the economy the way it is — they've been eating turtle for all of their lives and they can't eat turtle anymore? Who's going to give them food in the place of it?" asked Mr Pinder.

"All (the regulation) is going to do is make criminals of honest, hardworking people," he added.

The men are agitating government to consider imposing controls on turtle harvesting similar to current bonefishing regulations instead of a com-

plete ban.

"The measures that we have to protect bonefish are thoroughly supported in the Bahamas — Bahamians still eat bonefish on a personal scale but nobody has the audacity to say nobody can ever taste it again. At the same time we don't trade in it, it's not permitted to capture for resale or commercial purposes and all that," said Mr Allen.

Currently it is illegal to buy or sell bonefish and to fish for them using a net.

A newly formed association — comprised of fishermen from New Providence, the family islands and vendors at Potter's Cay dock — is canvassing the community in hopes of gathering support to push for a reversal of government's position.

They want to ensure that the regulations do not become law.

They are suggesting that government control of commercial harvesting and the slaughter of turtles, which is "enough to address the needs of both environmentalism and humanity."

In less than a week the group has already gathered over 200 signatures from New Providence with more expected from the family islands, Mr Allen said.

The association's interim executives are: Dwayne 'Tall Boy' Bastian, president; Keith Carroll, vice-president; Henry Bannister, treasurer; Adrian Laroda, secretary, with eight other trustees.

Those willing to sign the petition can visit Mr Henry Bannister's stall at the eastern side of Potter's Cay or call him at 434-9559.

After a lengthy campaign by animal rights activists and environmentalists, Government enacted regulations that came into effect on September 1 that outlawed catching, possessing, buying and selling sea turtles.

Prior to the September 1 ban, there was a closed season on harvesting any turtle between April 1 and July 31 each year, and rules relative to which type and size of turtle could be harvested at other times.

## PM weighs in on student sex clause addition to teachers' contract

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"From the government's point of view, it does not matter whether you sign it or not; we just want you to know that it is fact.

"If you want to sign to acknowledge that you know it, or if you don't want to sign, that is up to you — but that is the policy we are going to follow," he said.

Mr Ingraham said government is aggressively dealing with allegations of child molestation in public schools.

"We have now asked teachers in the school system to become aware that allegations of child molestation, if shown to be true, will result in their dismissal from the public service of the Bahamas, in addition to whatever criminal charges there may be," he said.

Mr Ingraham said that a teacher was removed about two weeks ago from a senior high school in New Providence over alleged child molestation allegations.

He noted that allegations made against the teacher (in Nassau) were speedily investigated and the teacher was removed.

"If you are engaged in that activity we don't want you around the children of

the Bahamas," Mr Ingraham said.

On Grand Bahama, three teachers have been removed from the Eight Mile Rock High School this year over alleged complaints of child molestation and sexual misconduct with students.

Andre Birbal, 46, is wanted by police for questioning in connection with allegations of unnatural sexual intercourse with two former male students of Eight Mile Rock High.

Birbal, a native of Trinidad, was arrested in New York on May 3 after fleeing the country in February when police investigations were launched into complaints filed by the two former students.

He is now awaiting extradition to the Bahamas.

Since then, the Ministry of Education has implemented new measures concerning its hiring of teachers.

All new teachers will now be vetted by police and safety committees have been established at all public schools.

A Select Committee in the House of Assembly was also appointed to investigate child molestation allegations.

Mr Ingraham indicated that his government would consider recommendations of the committee, which still has yet to come forward.

"I don't look forward to very much

coming from the House Select Committee, but to the extent to which they can come forward with recommendations would be wonderful and considered by the government.

"In the meantime, the government is aggressively dealing with allegations of child molestation," he said.

When asked about the establishment of a Sexual Offenders Registry in the Bahamas, Mr Ingraham said that there has been no demand by the various committees or groups associated with child sexual abuse cases.

"I don't know whether a case has been made for a registry, I have not heard from the various agencies that deal with this," he said.

"Dr Patterson and those have a committee that has made lots of recommendations to the government over the years which the government has accepted, and that is not one of the suggestions they have made so far.

"I am not sure there is a demand for it in society and we will take account of whatever recommendations come forward, but at the moment it does not appear to be a demand coming from persons who are very much involved in that kind of activity in the society," he said.

## Man charged with murder

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According to reports, Mr Rahming, a 45-year-old resident of Bamboo Town, was at home when he was shot several times in the back by a lone gunman. He died in hospital a short time later.

Munnings, of South Beach, was also arraigned yesterday on a deceit charge.

It is alleged that on Thursday, September 3, he deceived Detective Sergeant 1902 Thompson with intent to evade the requirements of the law. He pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The case was adjourned to September 15, with the accused remanded to Her Majesty's Prison.

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the press yesterday, Bishop Hall said: "It is unfortunate that the Bahamas Christian Council did not seek consensus on the proposed Marital Rape Amendment issue.

"A divided church is not helpful to a broken and divided Bahamas.

"The present administration seems intent on following small factions and the exclusion of established groups."

In an interview with *The Tribune* the senior pastor at New Covenant Baptist Church, in the East West Highway, added: "The point I wish to make is not for or against the bill, but that we should have been able to get a greater consensus before this statement was made, and it appears to me that the president may not have ordered a consensus.

## Christian Council

"I was surprised that we had different groups taking different positions on the issue. We have to pay greater attention to the established churches, whether we like it or not.

"We cannot seem to be divided on national issues, we should at least seek a majority, and I am not sure that was done.

"As past president of the council I am disappointed as I don't know that the president or administration sought consensus.

"As a result the church again is divided so it diminishes the credibility of the body of Christ and the Christian church.

"How can a divided Church speak to a divided, hurting and despairing community, if we cannot find ways to talk

together?"

If passed, the proposed amendment to the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act would make a man subject to imprisonment anywhere from seven years to life for having sex with his wife without her consent.

However, Rev Paul said the council feels a man should only be prosecuted for having sex with his wife if there is violence involved. He added that even when force is used, a husband should not be incarcerated for the first offence, but rather subjected to "rehabilitative steps."

The council also objects to the words "who is not his spouse" being deleted from the definition of rape, as the government proposes, "thereby leaving it as is and allowing

rape to only be possible between two persons who are not married to each other."

Rev Paul suggested that forcing sexual intercourse on "an estranged spouse" should be referred to as "spousal abuse" or "aggravated spousal abuse," rather than rape.

He said council members had raised a number of concerns about the proposed amendment, including whether it will be used as "a means of spite" by wives, and whether proper checks and balances be created "to ensure that unfounded claims are not made."

The official Christian Council statement also said pastors are concerned about the extent to which government should impinge upon "things that are sacred and intimate."

*The Tribune* was not able to reach Rev Paul for comment before press time yesterday.

## Crown land approvals

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ernment's support in modernizing Lands and Surveys with a view to correcting a number of deficiencies that have plagued this governmental entity.

Amongst the government's recently installed programmes was the crown land management system that is designed to create a work flow management system that will permit the tracking of applications for crown land from date of receipt to final determination.

However, since the Prime Minister's address, reports have reached *The Tribune* that questionable land approvals have been pushed forward for determination — jumping thousands of others that have yet to meet final approval by the Minister or the Permanent Secretary.

Therefore, sources within the department continue to ask for full disclosure on all crown grants being sought since July 21.

Additionally, it is being requested the names of persons seeking crown grants since this date and whether or not they are employees of the department or children of employees at Lands and Surveys.

In his address, Prime Minister Ingraham acknowledged that while it is not illegal for persons employed at the Department of Lands and Surveys or their children to apply for and be granted crown land, "the potential for conflicts of interest and preferential consideration" is great.

Therefore, he said, consideration of applications by officers and members of their families should be the subject to "far greater scrutiny" than that of applications from the general public.

"It is expected and required that public officers will not make or participate in a decision relating to the exercise of an official power, duty or function. It is expected and required that no public office will use information that is not available to the general public and is obtained in his or her position as a public servant, to promote or seek to promote his or her or another person's private interests or that of the public officer's relatives and friend's private interest.

"Similarly, no public officer, in exercising their official power, duty or function, is supposed to give preferential treatment to any persons or organization or their representatives. And no public officer may seek to influence a decision or another person in order to promote or seek to promote his or her or another person's private interests or that of the public officer's relatives and friends' private interest," he said.

In any event, Mr Ingraham said to avoid any and all doubt where there is the potential for a conflict of interest, public officers are expected, "indeed required, to declare such potential to the Department of Public Service."

Attempts to reach the Minister of Lands, Byran Woodside for comment proved fruitless, and all efforts to reach the permanent secretary at the ministry were unsuccessful up to press time last night.

## Dr Nottage

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ership of the party, sources within the PLP maintain that there likely will be as many as three persons who will challenge party leader Perry Christie for the party's top post.

These names, it is reported, will include social activist and PLP newcomer Paul Moss, Dr Nottage, and possibly former chairman Raynard Rigby.

According to sources deep within the PLP, Dr Nottage has already started to campaign in Grand Bahama and Andros, as the MP seeks to discern the level of his support amongst stalwart councillors around the islands. Reportedly utilising surrogates to relay the MP's message, Dr Nottage is allegedly gaining invaluable feedback ahead of the party's convention which could be used to bolster his campaign in the weeks and months ahead.

Unlike his other would-be challengers who have been very vocal about their wishes to one day take over the reins of the party from Mr Christie, Dr Nottage has remained quiet.

However, sources close to the MP worry that this manoeuvre could hurt their candidate's chances if he fails to openly campaign and reintroduce himself to that ever growing swing-vote.

With a history that extends decades within the PLP, Dr Nottage has distinguished himself among the party as a "no-nonsense" individual, who is seen by many of his colleagues to possess a methodical approach to governance.

"His time has come, but it is ultimately up to him whether he will push for that position at convention or not," the source added.

Slated for October 18, the PLP's convention, which is scheduled to run for three days, is being billed as the most important convention the party has had in decades.

With all positions becoming available at that time, it is expected that there will be a challenge for the chairmanship, deputy leader, and leader position.

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**MRS. ETHELYN VIRGINIA "Jean" PINDER, 75**



of Winton Meadows, Nassau, The Bahamas, will be held at St. Anne's Anglican Church, Fox Hill Road, Nassau, on Tuesday, 8th September, 2009 at 4:00p.m.

Reverend Father Crosley N. Walkine will officiate and interment will be in St. Anne's Cemetery, Fox Hill Road, Nassau.

Mrs. Pinder is predeceased by her parents, Alexander C. Knowles Sr., and Agnes L. Knowles and her brother, James F. Knowles. She is survived by her husband, Jefferson William Pinder; two sons, William Craig Pinder of Ely, England and Richard Perry Pinder of Nassau; a granddaughter, Alice Johnson; brothers, Alex, Emerick, Patrick, Geoffrey and Charlton Knowles; sisters, Ruby Collins, Doris Anderson, Yvonne Knowles, Deborah Knowles and Julianna Green; uncle, Hilbert B. Pinder; brothers-in-law, Richard Anderson Sr., James Green and David Pinder; sisters-in-law, Joan Pinder, Shirley, Amarylis, Brenda, Rosa and Linda Knowles, other relatives and friends including Ruth Moushabeck, Mike and Marsha Stewart, Robert and Linda Brown, Claire Brown, Johnny Brown and Mary Knowles, Julia and Steve Motti, Joanne and Thirey Lamare, Ray and Flora Claridge, Mary Lou and Cedric Saunders, Doreen Kemp, Lori Dawson, Joan Albury, Cora and Morton Carey, Patou Regent, many nephews and nieces and other relatives and friends too many to mention.

With special thanks to Shirley Knowles, Amarylis Knowles, Delores Rolle, Wellington King and Cynthia Taylor who assisted so much during her illness.

Also, a special thanks to Dr. John Lunn and his entire staff and to the Nurses at Doctors Hospital, Nassau.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Cancer Society of The Bahamas, P.O. Box S.S. 6539, Nassau or to St. Anne's Anglican Church, P.O. Box N. 1569, Nassau in memory of Mrs. Ethelyn Virginia "Jean" Pinder.

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# Powell clocks 9.99 despite headwind at Rieti

By ANDREW DAMPF  
 AP Sports Writer

RIETI, Italy (AP) — Asafa Powell ran the 100 meters in 9.99 seconds into a strong headwind on Sunday at the Rieti Grand Prix, on the same track where the Jamaican star set a then-world record of 9.74 two years ago.

Powell was hoping to improve on his season best of 9.84 that got him third at last month's world championships in Berlin, when fellow Jamaican Usain Bolt set the current world record of 9.58.

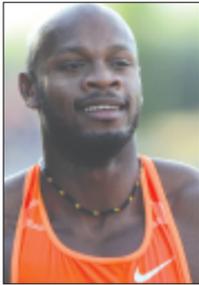
Powell's fellow Jamaican and training partner Nesta Carter was the runner-up in 10.08 and Simeon Williamson of Britain crossed third in 10.18.

The wind registered minus 1.5 meters.

"It was a very strong wind," Powell said. "When I saw the wind blowing today I was like, 'It's not going to be a fast race.'"

There was also a headwind for the semifinals, which Powell led in 10.12 despite slowing down before the finish. In 2007, Powell set his record in the semifinals.

Powell believes he can still challenge Bolt. "To be running these fast times is outstanding. He really needs some strong competition



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— he's running 9.5 — so we need to get there too to put on a good show," Powell said. "Before, I was the man to beat. Now I have someone in front of me, so I really have to push myself."

Powell now will return to his in-season training base in northern Italy to prepare for the season finals in Greece.

Another member of Powell's training group, Olympic and recently crowned world champion Shelly Ann Fraser, won the women's 100 in 11.18 — into a headwind of 2.4.

Olympic silver medallist Sherone Simpson was the runner-up in 11.37 and Gloria Asumnu of the United States was third in 11.52.

Kerron Stewart, the Olympic and world silver medallist in the 100, won the 200 in 22.62, with Berlin 400 runner-up Shericka Williams

crossing second in 22.69.

American sprinter Wallace Spearmon won the men's 200 in 20.27 after placing sixth in the 100.

In perhaps the outstanding performance of the night, David Rudisha of Kenya clocked one minute, 42.01 seconds in the 800 to break Sammy Koskei's 25-year-old African record of 1:42.28 and register the best performance of the year at the distance.

The 20-year-old Rudisha was eliminated in the semifinals at the worlds last month on a cold and rainy evening.

"I had problems with the cold, so it's good to know that I'm in form," Rudisha said.

Berlin runner-up Alfred Kirwa Yego was again second, in 1:42.67, and world champion Mbulaeni Mulaudzi crossed third in 1:42.86.

# Clijsters' comeback talk of town at US Open

By EDDIE PELLIS  
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NEW YORK (AP) — When the Grand Slams roll around, the best stories often revolve around the prospect of Williams vs. Williams, Maria Sharapova, maybe even a possible breakthrough by No. 1 Dinara Safina.

All those options have vanished from the US Open, replaced in large part by the potential of Kim Clijsters, the former No. 1 who now brings her baby to work.

Clijsters defeated No. 3 Venus Williams on Sunday, 6-0, 0-6, 6-4, leaving Venus' sister, Serena, as the only top-five player left in a draw that was turned upside down in Week 1 by upsets, comeback stories and the youth movement.

"It's still kind of hard to believe," Clijsters said. "But then again, I'm not trying to get carried away with it all."

But the door is open for the 2005 champion, on the comeback after a two-year hiatus during which she gave up tennis to have a baby.

The baby, 18-month-old Jada, is a regular up in the players' lounge and Clijsters is looking like she might be a fixture on the tour again.

She's a threat this week based on the strength of her own play, and also thanks to the other surprises that went down over a wild first week at Flushing Meadows.

—Safina went home frustrated after a third-round loss, meaning the quest for her first major title will have to wait until next year.

—Sharapova is gone, too, courtesy of 17-year-old Melanie Oudin, whose fourth-round match was scheduled for Monday.

—No. 5 Jelena Jankovic lost earlier in the week and No. 7 Vera Zvonareva blew six match points Sunday to join all the others seeded in single digits on the sidelines.

In early action Monday, Kateryna Bondarenko put a 6-0, 6-0 thumping on Gisela Dulko to advance to the quarterfinals in a section of the draw that doesn't have any seeded players left.

On the men's side, No. 12 Robin Soderling, who upset Rafael Nadal en route to the French Open final, advanced to his first US Open quarterfinal when eighth-seeded Nikolay Davydenko retired with a leg injury at the start of the fourth set.

One of the few things that has gone to form on the women's side has been the play of No. 2 Serena Williams, who advanced easily with a 6-0, 6-2 victory over No. 22 Daniela Hantuchova.

Serena, trying for her third major of the year, has not been challenged yet in this tournament.

"I just want to keep this level and just stay focused," she said.

Even if she does, the Williams-Williams semifinal that seemed all but carved into the bracket before this tournament began could now easily wind up Clijsters-Williams.

Given the way she played against Venus, who's to say Clijsters can't be a threat to Serena, as well?

"With the kind of training that she's put in, I knew this wasn't just for fun," said Clijsters' husband, Brian Lynch, an American who ended his professional basketball career in Belgium when she decided to unretire. "She was trying to make something hap-

# Grizzlies owner meets with AI



MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The owner of the Memphis Grizzlies and the team's staff are meeting with Allen Iverson as the sides move closer to a deal bringing the veteran guard to a very young team.

Iverson said on Twitter on Sunday night he was meeting with the owner and staff Monday and that he wanted to help the Grizzlies develop a winner. The meeting was in Atlanta, where Iverson has been working out this offseason.

The Grizzlies confirmed the meeting but declined to comment further.

(AP Photo)

pen here." When she was at her peak, Clijsters was one of the few

players who had the mobility and power to hang with the Williamses. The whole pack-

age was on display Sunday in Arthur Ashe Stadium.

They got off to an awkward start, trading 6-0 sets in a rarity — the first time players have exchanged bagels in a Grand Slam since the 1998 French Open — but then settled in to a back-and-forth third, in which Clijsters came out ahead.

Clijsters grabbed an early break for a 3-1 lead, then served out the match from there, though it was anything but routine.

She fell behind 0-30 on her serve at 5-4, but just kept banging away. She got it to 30-40, then hit a shot deep into the corner that Williams couldn't handle. She forced an error at deuce with another deep groundstroke, then skidded a service winner off the line on the backhand side for the win.

She became the first female wild-card entrant to reach the US Open quarterfinals and could become the first unseeded player to make the Open final since 1997, when Venus did it. She has no world ranking yet because she hasn't played enough tournaments since she came back.

When the latest match was

over, Venus Williams conceded that a knee injury she suffered in the first round, which required heavy tape, might have hindered her efforts.

"I wasn't able to play 100 per cent," she said.

Nor was Nadal, the headliner on the men's side Sunday.

He overcame a 10-minute medical break for an injury to his stomach muscles to defeat 32nd-seeded Nicolas Almagro, 7-5, 6-4, 6-4.

Nadal missed Wimbledon with sore knees, and now must deal with injured abs that first cropped up last month in Cincinnati.

"I don't want to talk about injuries," Nadal said. "Sorry. No, no, I am a little bit tired to talk about injuries. I am here to try my best every day."

No. 2 Andy Murray also advanced with a 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 victory over American Taylor Dent.

And while the women's draw has gone haywire, the men's is going to form — in an historic way: This marks the first time 14 of the top 16 seeds have advanced to the fourth round of the US Open.



KIM CLIJSTERS, of Belgium, celebrates her 6-0, 0-6, 6-4 victory over Venus Williams, of the United States, in the fourth round of the US Open tournament in New York Sunday...

(AP Photo: Amy Sancetta)

## SPORTS



MARK KNOWLES and Mahesh Bhupathi are now into the quarterfinal of the final Grand Slam Tournament of the year. They easily moved on yesterday in Flushing Meadows, New York, with an identical 6-4, 6-4 sweep over Yen-Hsun Lu of Taipei and Dudi Sela of Israel...

(AP Photo)

## Knowles playing well into Open quarters despite injured finger

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DESPITE nursing an injured right ring finger, Bahamian tennis ace Mark Knowles is playing at a very high level with his Indian doubles partner, Mahesh Bhupathi, at the US Open.

The No.3 seeded team are now into the quarterfinal of the final Grand Slam Tournament of the year. They easily moved on yesterday in Flushing Meadows, New York, with an identical 6-4, 6-4 sweep over Yen-Hsun Lu of Taipei and Dudi Sela of Israel.

"It was a good win. We played well," said Knowles in an interview with *The Tribune*. "Obviously, it was a goods winning matches with nine stitches in my right ring finger.

"I really toughed it out and we're playing very well. So it's good to be playing in the second week of the Grand Slam."

Losing the battle in aces (4-3), double faults (5-1) and unforced errors (14-9) to Lu and Sela, Knowles and Bhupathi won where it counted the most with the winning percentage on 1st serve (74-64), winning % on 2nd serve (50-38), winners (including Service) 26-24, Receiving points won (48-43), break point conversions (83-60) and total points won (65-50).

Asked if he's surprised at the level that they are playing, Knowles quickly noted: "No, I'm not surprised. We had a great summer and we are confident that we belong here.

"I know the injury has been painful, but it hasn't taken away from the way we're playing. We're in the quarterfinal. So we're right there with the rest of the teams. We just have to rise our game to another level."

Knowles and Bhupathi will now prepare for their quarters match-up against the team of Ivan Ljubicic of Croatia and Michael Llodra of France.

Their match is scheduled for today.

"It's a tricky team because Llodra is a great doubles player and Ljubicic is a former

number three singles player in the world," Knowles reflected.

"We don't know that much about them as a team, but we know about them individually. So I think it's important for us to focus on our game and just play loose and go for it."

If they are successful, Knowles and Bhupathi will get a chance to play in the semifinal against either the No.5 team of Max Mirnyi of Belarus and Andy Ram of Israel or the No.2 team of Daniel Nestor of Canada and Nenad Zimonjic of Serbia.

"All of the top teams are still in and that is what you want to see," Knowles pointed out. "Everyone is playing well and you want to beat the best team, regardless of who you are playing.

"This is the Grand Slam and so we just have to focus on our game and try to get the job done."

The final is set for Friday.

Knowles was hoping to go for another title in the mixed doubles, but he and his German partner Anna-Lena Groenefeld were knocked out in identical scores of 6-3, 6-3 by Knowles' former partner Zi Yan of China and Mariusz Fyrstenberg of Poland.

"It's unfortunate that we lost. I wasn't able to go 100 percentage," said Knowles, who felt the pain of the injured finger he sustained when it got caught in the door of the elevator at the Tennis Center last Tuesday.

"I thought we had a good draw and could have easily won the title. But having to play every day and then the mixed doubles final on Thursday and the men's doubles on Friday, it was going to be tough, but I think it's good that we lost so I can focus on the doubles."

Knowles and Groenefeld were the winners of the Wimbledon Grand Slam title in July. But he and Bhupathi are still looking for their first men's Grand Slam title this year.

They came close when they finished as runners-up to American identical twin brothers Bob and Mike Bryan in January at the Australian Open.

## Russia, Greece win openers

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Defending champion Russia pulled away late to beat Latvia 81-68 Monday on the opening day of the European basketball championship, and Greece routed Macedonia 86-54.

Russia, which only has three players from the team that upset Spain to win the title in 2007, led from the start and then held off a late challenge from Latvia behind 24 points and 9 rebounds from American-born Kelly McCarty and 22 points from point guard Sergey Bykov.

Latvia cut Russia's lead to 65-63 with 4:08 to play on a pair of free throws from Kaspars Kambala before the Russians closed with a 16-5 run.

France joined Russia atop Group B with its 70-65 win over Germany. San Antonio Spurs guard Tony Parker scored 11 of his game-high 19 points in the last 2:38 to carry the French down the stretch.

Germany sorely missed its NBA star, Dirk Nowitzki. The Dallas Mavericks forward led all scorers at the 2007 championships with 24 points per game, but Mavericks owner Mark Cuban has refused to allow him to play in the tournament.

Greece, the 2005 European champion, jumped to an 18-5 lead in the first five minutes to open the tournament with an easy win over Macedonia.

Point guard Vassilis Spanoulis led



LATVIAN fans can be seen during European Basketball Championships group B match between Russia and Latvia in northern Poland yesterday...

(AP Photo: Darko Vojinovic)

Greece with 17 points, and center Yannis Bourousis chipped in with 11 points and 8 rebounds.

"We didn't really know them and we'd heard that they could cause us trouble," Bourousis said. "But in the game, we started strong and stayed that way throughout."

Also, Croatia beat Israel 86-79 in Group A, host Poland beat Bulgaria 90-78 in Group D, Slovenia defeated Britain 72-59 in Group C.

In other group matches later Monday, Los Angeles Lakers star Pau Gasol led world champion Spain against Serbia in their Group C opener as the Spaniards look for their first European title. Also, Lithuania played Turkey.

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# Leevan springs into the final showdown with No. 2 rank



Riccardo De Luca/AP

**BAHAMIAN LEEVAN SANDS** jumps to win the triple jump at the IAAF Grand Prix in Rieti, central Italy, on Sunday, September 6, 2009. With the heartbreaking performance of the 12th IAAF World Championships in Athletics behind him, Sands came back to soar to a big victory yesterday as he prepares for the IAAF World Athletic Final this weekend. He cleared 16.77 metres or 55-feet, 01/4-inches to snatch first place. His winning leap came on the second of his four attempts...

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As the International Amateur Athletic Federation's VTB Bank World Athletics Final approaches, Leevan "Superman" Sands goes as the number two ranked competitor in the men's triple jump.

Sands, who celebrated his 28th birthday two days before he just missed out on a medal last month at the 12th IAAF World Championships in Athletics in Berlin, Germany, is hoping that he will continue the success he recently achieved.

"I feel as if my season is just starting," said Sands as the season is just about completed. "As the season is coming to an end, I'm just getting better and better. That's how I feel. So I'm really looking forward to a top two in the World Athletic Final."

On Sunday, Sands picked up a much needed victory at the Rieti 2009 IAAF Grand Prix Meet in Italy with a leap of 16.77 metres or 55-feet, 01/4-inches to boost his confidence as he prepares for the Athletics Final showdown this weekend in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Since 2002, Sands has made the top list with the exception of 2006 when he was suspended by the IAAF. But the best performance he has done at the year-ending meet was fifth.

Sands has accumulated a total of 60 points in five meets to trail leader Arnie David Girat of Cuba, who also had five meets and is just two points ahead of Sands to lead the field that includes Worlds gold and Olympic silver medallist Phillips Idowu of Great Britain, who is third with 56 points and silver and Olympic gold medallist Nelson Evora, who is sixth with 38 points.

Cuban Alexis Copello, who nipped Sands by four centimeters for the bronze in Berlin, is listed at No. 9 with 23 points, but he is also expected to be a part of the field in Thessaloniki this weekend.

"I'm in good shape right now," Sands stated. "I could tell by the way I jumped yesterday (Sunday). We had a negative 2.5 head wind, so it was a pretty decent jump because it was competing in a hurricane."

"So I think I'm right on form. I think if they jump far, I will be right up there with them. I am ready to jump far."

Sands said despite coming off a light injury during the season, his off-season preparation is what has given him the impetus to be able to maintain his competitiveness through the long, grueling season.

"Right now, I'm not doing as much work. It's just more maintenance now and that is what is paying off for me," he insisted. "So I'm pleased with where I'm at."

On Sunday, with only four jumps rather than the usual six in the major meets, Sands said he got off to a shaky start, turning in his season low of 16.08 before he stepped it up on his second jump to take the lead for good.

"From there, everybody was around 16.5 and 16.4," he pointed out. "So I think it was a good series of jumps, even though we had a good head wind."

"I think if I can get a good series of jumps this weekend, I should be in a good position to finish in the top two."

The triple jump is being billed as a rematch between Idowu and Evora, but Sands is hoping to spoil all of that.

Like the World Athletics Finals in Berlin, there will be a whole lot of money distributed to the winners. A total prize purse of \$3,020,000 will be paid out by the IAAF.

The list states \$30,000 for first, \$20,000 for second, \$12,000 for third, \$7,000 for fourth, \$5,000 for fifth, \$4,000 for sixth, \$3,000 for seventh and \$2,000 for eighth.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

# 1 killed in Haiti mudslide after few hours of rain



**A MAN WADES** through mud in Mountrouis, Haiti, Monday, Sept. 7, 2009. A mudslide set off by several hours of heavy rain swept into a beach town early Monday, killing at least one person.

**MOUNTROIIS, Haiti**

A mudslide set off by several hours of heavy rain swept into at least 32 houses and shacks made of tin, concrete and dirt walls early Monday, killing at least one person in this Haitian beach town, *according to Associated Press*. Civil protection chief Marie-Alta Jean-Bap-

tiste said two other people were missing, while residents put the number at four.

Haiti is extremely vulnerable to floods and mudslides because of widespread deforestation and erosion.

The Caribbean country, the Western Hemisphere's poorest, was pounded by four tropical storms last year, but the 2009 hurricane season has been relatively light so far.



**A ROOSTER** walks on top of mud in Mountrouis, Haiti, Monday, Sept. 7, 2009.

AP Photos/Ramon Espinosa



**MAN RESTS** in front of houses flooded with mud in Mountrouis, Haiti, Monday, Sept. 7, 2009.

## ColinaImperial's George Pinder named MDRT Country Chair



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# Point man in Mexico's war on drug cartels resigns

**OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ MEXICO CITY**

Mexico's point man in the drug war resigned Monday in a Cabinet shakeup that raised questions on whether the government's strategy to crack down on brutal gangs will change course, *according to Associated Press*.

Attorney General Eduardo Medina-Mora did not give a reason for his resignation, saying only in his farewell speech that "we have done a lot to clean the house," referring to his efforts to combat rampant police and government corruption.

His resignation was one of three announced by President Felipe Calderon. Agriculture Secretary Alberto Cardenas and the director of the oil monopoly, Petroleos Mexicanos, Jesus Reyes Heróles, also gave up their posts.

Medina-Mora's campaign against corruption led to the arrest of several mayors and high-ranking law enforcement officials in the last year. Among them was his subordinate, former drug czar Noe Ramirez, who was arrested for allegedly taking at least \$450,000 from a member of a drug cartel in exchange for passing on information about police operations.

The attorney general was highly praised by U.S. law enforcement officials. A top U.S. police source in Mexico said there was no evidence Medina-Mora was involved in corruption. The official insisted on not being quoted by name for fear of being targeted by drug cartels.

Calderon named Medina-Mora to lead his drug war after taking office in December 2006, shortly before he launched his crackdown on organized crime by sending soldiers and federal police to Mexico's drug hotspots.

"His professionalism, his commitment and loyalty to Mexico have been crucial in pushing forward the modernization and the cleaning of the justice department and in hitting hard organized crime like we have done," Calderon said Monday.

Cabinet changes at midterm are not unusual in Mexico. Calderon, whose term runs to late 2012, gave no explanation for the three resignations, although there had been rumors for some time that Medina-Mora would be leaving. He will be assigned to an unspecified foreign post.

Calderon said he will nominate lawyer Arturo Chavez to replace Medina-Mora, saying Chavez "has wide experience in law and specifically in combatting organized crime." Chavez was not present at the ceremony and his nomination must be ratified by the Senate.

The president indicated the war on drug gangs won't stop. But the fight has drawn criticism, with 13,500 people killed in drug-related violence since the government offensive began, and some experts wondered if the government might be considering new approaches.

Jose Luis Pineyro, a drug expert at Mexico's National Autonomous University, said the departure of Medina-Mora could indicate some change in the government's tactics in the drug fight, which have sparked bloody reprisal attacks by cartels.

"Perhaps this change in the AG office could be an attempt to change the anti-crime strategy and adopt a tactic that a lot of my colleagues have suggested," Pineyro said. "As long as there is a lack of attention to attacking the financial nerve center and property of organized crime, you're not going to make progress."

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## OECD: Bahamas must deliver to block bank flight

Global private banking consolidation 'a real threat' to Bahamian financial industry

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

NUMEROUS financial institutions may reconsider whether to remain in the Bahamas if this nation fails to deliver on its commitments and deadlines for escaping the G-20/OECD 'grey list', a senior attorney has warned, since this could "undermine confidence in the market".

Brian Moree, senior partner at McKinney, Bancroft & Hughes, said that while the Government's public commitment to meeting the G-20/OECD tax transparency and information standards by year-end had "weathered the worst of the storm" in the short-term, achieving that target was key - especially when it came to influencing 'head office' perceptions of the Bahamas.

For it is the global head offices of financial institutions which make many of the key decisions for their subsidiaries, including those in the Bahamas, deciding which nations to base their operations in.

Mr Moree warned that, if the Bahamas failed to deliver on its G-20/OECD commitments, head offices - especially those in leading OECD countries, such as France and Germany - might view this nation in a negative light and decide to move operations to a jurisdiction on the so-called 'white list'.

Such trends were likely to be exacerbated by impending consolidation in the global private banking industry, something the McKinney, Bancroft & Hughes senior partner described as "a real danger for us in our jurisdiction".

"I think the most important point is that the Government has foreshadowed its intent to put in place the required number of Tax Information Exchange Agreements [12] in order to satisfy the criteria for getting on the 'white list'," Mr Moree told Tribune Business.

"That being the case, I think it has mitigated the negative impact of being on the 'grey

## Bad loans to exceed \$1bn

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

Total loan delinquencies in the Bahamas will breach the \$1 billion mark "for sure", a senior banking executive told Tribune Business yesterday, warning that the more than-\$500 million non-performing loan statistic was "not the worst" and deterioration in credit quality would continue as the recession and unemployment bit deeper.

Anwer Sunderji, Fidelity Bank (Bahamas) chief executive, said the Central Bank of the Bahamas' monthly report on economic and financial developments for July, which pegged non-performing and non-accrual loans at more than \$500 million and \$900 million respectively, was worrying but not unexpected in the banking sector.

"It is very concerning, but we actually expected that to happen," Mr Sunderji told Tribune Business, "and we expect it to get worse. This is not the worst statistic. We expect the deterioration to continue to grow - certainly for the next nine-odd months - before it stabilises, and that's assuming there are no more lay-offs. If there are, the deterioration will continue."

While it was hard to forecast how bad the deterioration in private sector credit quality would get, there is some \$6.51 billion in outstanding private sector credit, meaning loans to businesses, households and individuals.

With non-accrual loans, those more than 31 days past due, having reached \$902.5 million or 14.5 per cent of the total at end-July 2009, Mr Sunderji told

- \* Delinquencies set to breach that barrier 'for sure', with credit demand down around 40%
- \* Banking sector liquidity still strong at near \$300m, with external reserves 'just shy' of \$650m at end-August



ANWER SUNDERJI

Tribune Business: "I think we will go past the \$1 billion mark, for sure. It's hard to predict, but certainly if the economy remains weak it could get there."

The Fidelity Bank (Bahamas) chief executive said credit demand in the Bahamas was down "by around 40 per cent", as Bahamians curbed and cut back on their spending, which had traditionally been fuelled by borrowing.

In addition, "not a lot of people were qualifying to borrow, and the banks are being a lot more conservative and cautious". Both these factors, Mr Sunderji, were resulting in a decline in consumer borrowing and lending.

He added that there had been "quite a dramatic increase" in debt consolidation, which had grown by almost \$38 million during the 2009 first half, as Bahamians restructured their finances to "be more in tune with the new reality", reducing debt repayments and free up cash flow.

"We will see continued demand for the consolidation of loans," Mr Sunderji told Tribune Business. "Bahamians are not borrowing any more, and are amortising existing loans. People are not deleveraging by paying down existing loans, because they do not have the cash."

Meanwhile, Wendy Craigg, the Cen-

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## Bahamas 'most dynamic' Caribbean-Canada exporter

\* Nation's exporters quadruple first quarter year-over-year trade with Canada to \$10.8m, generating positive trade balance

\* Canadian imports to Bahamas increase by 32% per annum between 1999-2008, and could overtake Trinidad as Canada's key regional market by 2014

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

CANADIAN exports to the Bahamas have expanded by 32 per cent per annum in the 10 years between 1999 and 2008, a paper by the Caribbean Regional Negotiating Machinery (CRNM) has revealed, with this nation on pace to overtake Trinidad & Tobago as Canada's main CARICOM export market by 2014.

A briefing paper prepared by the CRNM's Lincoln Price, as part of the upcoming talks between the Bahamas/CARICOM and Canada on a new trade agreement to replace the

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## Chamber chief: Avoid 'extreme impact' from NIB rate rise

Wants 'thorough dialogue' on proposed 2% increase to avoid 'something disastrous' for business community, as could mean difference between survival and death in recession

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

THE Bahamas Chamber of Commerce's president yesterday called for the National Insurance Board (NIB) to "thoroughly" discuss the proposed 2 per cent increase in contribution rates with the private sector, in order to prevent "any extreme impact" on businesses in an environment where many are already going under.

Khaalis Rolle told Tribune Business that it was possible to "make the argument that the timing is wrong" in relation to the planned NIB contribution rate increase from 8.8 per cent

## \$2.63m client asset freeze order ended

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

CLIENTS of a former Bahamas-based financial institution will likely soon recover \$2.63 million worth of assets after the Attorney General agreed to remove an order that has frozen them for three-and-a-half years, following the money laundering charges and conviction imposed on the firm's principal.

Clifford Culmer, the BDO Mann Judd accountant and partner, who is the liquidator for former Bahamas-based broker/dealer Dominion Investments (Nassau), said that following negotiations with the

- \* Liquidator says move 'exceptionally good outcome' for clients
- \* Attorney General agrees to remove restraint orders on Dominion Investments, even though former principal yet to pay \$220,000 punishment for money laundering conviction

Attorney General, the nation's chief legal officer had agreed to discharge two restraining orders that had frozen all client assets as of January 31, 2006. This agreement was approved by the Supreme Court on August 14, 2009.

Instead, the Attorney General agreed that a restraining order simply be imposed on the assets Mr Culmer was holding for Martin Tremblay, the former Dominion Investments

principal who is presently serving a four-year sentence for money laundering in a US jail.

The US authorities have levied a \$220,000 confiscation order against Mr Tremblay, which they want him to pay, and the new freezing order will also apply to "residual assets" of Dominion Investments that he may be entitled to.

In his update to Dominion

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CaribCan accord, detailed how significant securing new and existing trade preferences could be for this nation, both from an import and export perspective.

From an export perspective, the Bahamas' exports to Canada more than quadrupled in the 2009 first quarter year-over-year, rising from \$2.6 million in the same period in 2008 to \$10.8 million this year. This positioned the Bahamas as one of the few CARICOM nations to enjoy growth in its Canadian export market despite the worldwide recession.

The CRNM paper said: "The Bahamas is the most dynamic CARICOM merchandise exporter between the 2008 first quarter and 2009 first quarter, almost quadrupling its exports during this period.

"This favourable performance is largely the result of large shipments of heterocyclic compounds containing pyrimidine ring etc. Rock lobster and

grapefruit shipments also continue, even though both have declined marginally in the first quarter of 2009 compared to 2008."

This again hints at both the value and potential of achieving the correct trade terms with Canada in the upcoming negotiations, a process both the Government and the private sector need to be thinking about.

As for Canadian imports coming into the Bahamas, the CRNM paper said this nation had consistently been among Canada's top five CARICOM region markets, alongside Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, Haiti and Barbados.

The paper said: "Between 1999 and 2008, Canadian exporters have been very 'bullish' on exploring trade with the Bahamas, with exports to the Bahamas expanding by 32 per cent annually.

"This dynamism in exporting to the Bahamas has been the main driving force behind

the general trade expansion, as most other CARICOM economies experienced growth rates which were below the 12.4 per cent regional growth rate.

"Based on this current growth trend, the Bahamas could overtake Trinidad & Tobago by 2014 as Canada's main export market in CARICOM."

While Canadian exports to CARICOM declined by 35 per cent during the 2009 first quarter, falling from \$229 million to \$149 million, the Bahamas remained among the top five markets and was one of four countries to see growth in its Canadian imports.

These rose from \$10.4 million in 2008 to \$10.7 million this year, again showing the value and potential from agreeing the rules of trade between the Bahamas and Canada. Canadian companies and investors seem to see this as a key market, and this nation could do with some direct foreign investment.

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She added that the Central Bank was closely scrutinising the commercial bank asset quality situation, having instigated enhanced reporting requirements, particularly for restructured loans and the monitoring of non-performing loans.

tral Bank of the Bahamas governor, yesterday told Tribune Business that commercial banking system liquidity, meaning excess cash in the system, remained relatively robust at around \$300 million at end-August, some \$89 million ahead of the 2008 year-end position.

And foreign exchange reserves, aided by the decline in credit and import demand, were "just shy of \$650 million" at the end of August 2009. Due to the recession and rising unemployment, Mrs Craigg said the banking sector regulator did not anticipate "any strong surge in consumer demand" in the run-up to Christmas, as it had in previous years, meaning the foreign reserves were likely to end 2009 in a stronger position than 2008 due to the reduced pressure.

Mrs Craigg also backed Mr Sunderji's analysis, telling Tribune Business: "We expect the non-performing loans will increase somewhat further."

However, the Central Bank governor said the regulator had no doubts about the Bahamian commercial banking sector's ability, and those of its individual banks, to weather the storm, as their key capital ratios were "well above the prudent minimum" for the industry.

The Central Bank had advised the banks to conduct their own internal stress tests to assess capital adequacy, Mrs Craigg said, and told them to take a proactive approach on loan loss provisioning.

The latter involved "not just taking a view on the current situation, but looking ahead because conditions have deteriorated, and the provisions you have today may not suffice tomorrow".

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to 10.8 per cent, with many businesses likely to the rise - intended to finance an expansion of the social security programme's benefits package - as equivalent to an additional tax on the private sector.

Many economists argue that increasing taxes on business during a recession is the last thing a government should do, given that it will likely produce an increase in unemployment and business failures, and Mr Rolle said NIB needed to be "very conscious" of the fact that the private sector was going through "very difficult economic times".

"Many businesses are failing, and any additional costs that add to operating expenses will have an impact," Mr Rolle told Tribune Business. "That has to be thoroughly discussed with the business community to ensure they do not do something that would be extremely disastrous for the business community.

"Some discussions should be held to ensure we don't end up in a situation where there's an extreme impact on business. A 2 per cent rate rise might not be a large increase in terms of monetary value, but for some businesses that might mean the difference between break even and 'red lining' it. We need to consider the impact, and have some discussions to see what the effects might be."

Algernon Cargill, NIB's director, told Tribune Business last week that increases of 1 per cent each in NIB's contribution rate were needed to fund the unemployment benefit scheme, plus the Government's prescription drug programme for communicable diseases. This will take the current 8.8 per cent NIB contribution rate to 10.8 per cent.

Mr Rolle said he and the business community were not opposed to the NIB rate increase, which is likely to take effect in early 2010, but he added: "It may take 1 per cent to fund the unemployment benefit, but you might create

unemployment on the other side, because some businesses are operating on a shoestring Budget, for want of a better term, and that increase is coming at a very difficult period for businesses in the Bahamas. All things have to be considered."

Mr Rolle added that "wider consultations" on the proposed NIB contribution rate rise would take place in the business community, and there would then be communications with NIB - either directly to Mr Cargill, or through the Chamber's own representative on the NIB Board, Winston Rolle.

The cost of funding both new benefits is likely to be split 50/50 between employer and employee, meaning that the employee contribution split will rise from the current 3.4 per cent to 4.4 per cent, while the employer's contribution rate will increase to 6.4 per cent.

Mr Cargill told Tribune Business that the increases were "likely to come next year", although the exact timing of their implementation would be left to the Cabinet.

He said: "We have no final confirmed date. That's up to the minister. We are recommending early next year, so we are advising businesses to budget for increased rates in 2010."

However, he added: "This 10.8 per cent contribution rate is still significantly below other [social security] programmes in the region. Barbados has a 17 per cent contribution rate."

Meanwhile, NIB yesterday disclosed some of the other 25 amendments to its operations that Tribune Business detailed last week.

These include:  
\* Changing the method used to calculate Retirement/Invalidity Benefit to one that uses wages over the best five, rather than three years, thus ensuring a better relationship between

contributions made and pensions received.

\* Change the wage ceiling for pensionable civil servants to that of all other contributors.

\* Include in insurable wages gratuities and tips that are paid as part of regular wages for workers in the hospitality sector.

\* Remove the limit on earnings for someone in receipt of Retirement Benefit.

\* Introduce triennial automatic indexation of pensions and grants with adjustments linked to price increases.

\* Provide for the payment of both Retirement/Invalidity benefit and Survivors benefit where an insured may be otherwise entitled to both.

\* Introduce a Survivors

Grant equivalent to one year's pension, payable to widowed spouses who do not qualify for a Survivors pension either because of their age or lack of dependents.

\* For Sickness and Maternity benefit, require that the person must have been employed on the day of or prior to onset of illness, and reduce the waiting days for Unemployment benefit to three days.

\* Extend coverage for all benefits, except Unemployment Benefit, to all self-employed persons and adjust the contribution rate for all self-employed persons to 8.8 per cent.

\* Allow Invalidity Assistance to be payable from age one.

\* Establish stricter means test for Assurances.

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list', particularly when most of our competitors are off that list and on the 'white list', because the market will take some comfort that we will shortly get off that list.

"I think that has prevented any significant diminution of business and the possibility of certain businesses deciding to consolidate offshore and move to other jurisdictions."

Yet Mr Moree added: "Having said that, I believe it's very important to get ourselves off the 'grey list' in the timeframe announced by the Government. I understand they intend to complete the TIEAs by year's end, but if there is any significant delay in that it could undermine confidence in the market in our ability and willingness to bring [our commitments] into force."

"We have weathered the fallout from being on the 'grey list' without any discernible loss of business, but I know of many institutions doing business in this country and they, through their head offices, will not be prepared to continue doing business as normal if we do not satisfactorily get off the 'grey list' and on to the 'white list'."

"We moved just in time to mitigate the fallout, we have weathered the worst of the storm, and now must deliver on our commitments."

Influencing financial institution head office perceptions of the Bahamas was critical, Mr Moree said, not only in relation to the G-20/OECD initiative but also when it came to dealing with global consolidation in the private wealth management industry - a process that, when it began, the Bahamas would have almost

no control over.

"Consolidation is a real danger for us in our jurisdiction, and we have to be very careful when we go through this period of consolidation, which will happen regardless of what we do," Mr Moree said.

As major multinational institutions looked to potentially consolidate their operations in a particular region into just one or two offices, a process driven by the need to reduce costs, boost efficiencies and achieve economies of scale, Mr Moree said it was even more critical for the Bahamas to attain the 'white list' status attained by many competitors.

If the Bahamas was to lose out in the consolidation process, Mr Moree said "the consequences are very serious", both from a direct and indirect employment perspective, loss of government revenues, a decline in incomes and wealth levels, and a reduction in the frequency with money circulated in the Bahamian economy.

"There is a knock on effect that has the potential to adversely impact a number of Bahamians, and that is why the continued survival and growth of financial services is important at a national level, not only to those people working in the industry," Mr Moree told Tribune Business.

"We've got to understand that when it comes to business and the delivery of service, we have got to be more efficient and productive, and can't use the excuse that on an island the pace of life is slower, and things get done in their own time."

"We're going to have to embrace change, deliver a higher level of productivity and service that demonstrates an ability to adapt."

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## Request for Contractors Pre-Qualification

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Pre-qualification documents may be collected from the Security Booth at NIB's Clifford Darling Complex, Blue Hill Road, or from NIB's Freeport Local Office, on The Mall, Freeport, Grand Bahama, from September 8 to September 16, 2009.

Pre-Qualification documents should be signed, sealed and returned to the Security Booth, Clifford Darling Complex in New Providence or to the Freeport Local Office in Grand Bahama, on or before 12:00 Noon on September 23, 2009.

## BUSINESS

# IDB approves \$150,000 grant to aid NAFCO training programme

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THE INTER-AMERICAN Development Bank (IDB) has approved a \$150,000 non-refundable grant to aid the North Abaco Fisheries Co-operative (NAFCO) in an 18-month fishing and business development training programme, Tribune Business learned yesterday.

The Cooperative's chairman, Leon Pinder, said though there are still more steps to work through with the IDB before the first disbursement of the grant, the training initiative could begin as early as next week.

It is hoped that this initiative will allow north Abaco fishermen to have greater presence

on the seafood trading front, develop good business management skills and inherit environmentally friendly fishing techniques.

"The overall objective is to help the fishing operators in North Abaco to consolidate their presence in the export market," said NAFCO's programme plan.

"In pursuit of this objective, the project will involve interventions that target the enabling environment, the institutional capacity of NAFCO and the individual fishing operators."

According to NAFCO's plan, its objective is to provide technical support for planned infrastructure development programmes.

Mr Pinder told this paper recently that the co-operative

is building a fish house, fish processing plant and marine shop in order to provide the fishermen with necessary equipment "and get to the point where we can export our own fish to maximise the income".

The programme will be available to members of the co-operative as well as potential members.

The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) was recruited by NAFCO to conduct the 18-month training programme, through association with the IDB and the Bahamas Cooperative League.

NAFCO was responsible for \$65,000 of the \$215,000 cost of the initiative.

Fishermen involved in the programme will undergo entrepreneurial training to strengthen their individual business skills, while institutional strengthening seminars will "provide support for the development of producer cluster, which will help individual fishermen to improve their market penetration".

Mr Pinder said recently that fishermen in the North Abaco area have long been branded as uneducated and notoriously bad at managing their fishing revenues. He said that, generally, most fishermen do not complete high school, so the

programme is essential to the sector's future, and the future of the fishermen at large.

"Once the IDB does the training and we are already to belt course on our building, then we'll move on to the phase where we can get a local loan from the other cooperatives like the credit union," Mr Pinder said.

"We will need more funding to get where we want to get, but that won't be done until we have the technical training that is provided from the IDB."

## NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **BOSNEL BRUTUS** of **MARKET 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 September, 2009** to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

## NOTICE

is hereby given that the

## GENERAL MEETING

for the **Saffron Hill Property Owners Association Limited** will be held at **The Pavilion at Saffron Hill Subdivision on West Bay Street on Thursday the 10th day of September 2009 at 6:30pm.**

Should you need further information kindly contact **325-6666 or 325-8905.**

Dated the 1st day of September, A.D., 2009

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## LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 137 (4) of The International Business Companies Act, 2000, **Notice is hereby given that:-**

- UIE SERVICES LIMITED** is in dissolution;
- the date of commencement of the dissolution is September 1, 2009;
- the name of the Liquidator is Alison J. Treco, FT Consultants Ltd., One Montague Place, East Bay Street, P.O. Box N-3932, Nassau, Bahamas

**FURTHER NOTICE** is hereby given that the Creditors of the abovenamed Company are required on or before the 9th day of October, 2009, to send their names and addresses, with particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Attorneys (if any), to the Liquidator, Alison Treco, c/o FT Consultants Ltd., P.O. Box N-3932, Nassau, Bahamas.

Dated this 8th day of September, A. D. 2009

**Alison J. Treco**  
Liquidator

## NOTICE

In the Estate of **DARNELL AMY DEVEAUX**, late of Sea Breeze Lane in the Eastern District of the Island of New Providence, one of the Islands in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Civil Servant, Deceased.

**NOTICE** is hereby given that all persons having any claims or demands against the above-named Estate are requested to send the same duly certified in writing to the undersigned on or before Friday, the 25th day of September, A.D. 2009, after which date the Administratrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have had notice.

**AND NOTICE** is hereby given that all persons indebted to the said Estate are requested to make full settlement on or before the date hereinbefore mentioned.

**DUPUCH & TURNQUEST & CO.**  
Chambers  
308 East Bay Street  
P. O. Box N-8181  
Nassau, Bahamas  
Attorneys for the Administratrix

## BAHAMAS FIRST

*General Insurance Company Limited*  
Balance Sheet as at December 31, 2008

	2008	2007
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 3,061,929	\$ 6,813,378
Term deposits	3,671,036	3,479,529
Investments	18,342,800	21,265,010
Trade accounts receivable	22,617,378	20,742,672
Sundry receivables and prepayments	892,983	748,746
Receivable from reinsurers	-	235,213
Interest receivable	92,922	91,331
Deferred commission costs	6,995,985	7,009,654
Unpaid claims recoverable from reinsurers	11,099,148	10,670,394
Deferred reinsurance premiums	28,665,499	26,827,559
Deferred reinsurance cost	3,787,991	4,035,334
Receivables from related companies	23,582,108	23,293,948
Property and equipment	2,029,929	2,044,192
Intangible asset	2,692,559	2,692,559
	<u>\$ 127,532,266</u>	<u>\$ 129,949,519</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Payable to reinsurers	\$ 3,415,600	\$ 14,225,843
Unearned commission income	6,750,135	5,839,199
Unearned premiums	42,674,996	42,686,985
Bank overdraft	4,089,092	-
Payable to agents and brokers	8,915	466,983
Accrued liabilities	2,292,066	1,462,020
Unpaid claims	20,729,176	19,352,292
	<u>79,959,980</u>	<u>84,033,322</u>
<b>EQUITY:</b>		
Share capital	7,500,000	7,500,000
Contributed surplus	14,100,000	14,100,000
General reserve	3,500,000	3,500,000
Revaluation surplus	1,269,268	1,269,268
Retained earnings	21,203,018	19,546,929
Total equity	<u>47,572,286</u>	<u>45,916,197</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 127,532,266</u>	<u>\$ 129,949,519</u>

Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors:

Chairman

Director

A full copy of the Company's financial statements are available on the Company's website [www.bahamasfirst.com](http://www.bahamasfirst.com)



# SUPREME COURT

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS  
THE SUPREME COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
10TH SEPTEMBER, 2009

No. 2009/PRO/NPR/00510

Whereas **VIRGINIA CAPRON BAIN** of Sunshine Park, Southern District, New Providence, one of the Islands of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, has made application to the Supreme Court of The Bahamas, for letters of Administration of the Real and Personal Estate of **MERTHEREEN DEAN a.k.a. MERTHEREEN F. DEAN a.k.a. MERTHEREEN DEAN-PICKSTOCK** late of Sunshine Park, Southern District, New Providence, The Bahamas, one of the Islands of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, deceased

Notice is hereby given that such applications will be heard by the said Court at the expiration of **14** days from the date hereof.

**DESIREE ROBINSON**  
(for) Registrar

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS  
THE SUPREME COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
10TH SEPTEMBER, 2009

No. 2009/PRO/NPR/00511

Whereas **SHANNELLE SMITH** of the Western District, New Providence, one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Attorney by Deed of Power of Attorney for **GERALDINE M. HALL** has made application to the Supreme Court of The Bahamas, for Letters of Administration of the Real and Personal Estate of **JOHN LEROY HALL** late of 311 Beacon Point Lane, Grover, St Louis, Missouri, deceased

Notice is hereby given that such applications will be heard by the said Court at the expiration of **14** days from the date hereof.

**DESIREE ROBINSON**  
(for) Registrar

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS  
THE SUPREME COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
10TH SEPTEMBER, 2009

No. 2009/PRO/NPR/00512

Whereas **SIR WILLIAM CLIFFORD ALLEN** of Olde Fort Bay, Western District, New Providence, one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, has made application to the Supreme Court of The Bahamas, for Letters of Administration of the Real and Personal Estate of **DAVID LAFLEUR** late of Saint Anne's, Fox Hill, Eastern District, New Providence, one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that such applications will be heard by the said Court at the expiration of **14** days from the date hereof.

**DESIREE ROBINSON**  
(for) Registrar

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS  
THE SUPREME COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
10TH SEPTEMBER, 2009

No. 2009/PRO/NPR/00515

Whereas **JUANITA BEATRICE KNOWLES** of the City of Freeport of Grand Bahama, one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Attorney by Deed of Power of Attorney for **CHRISTOPHER TIMOTHY KNOWLES AND AMANDA CHRISTINA KNOWLES**, the lawful children has made application to the Supreme Court of The Bahamas, for Letters of Administration of the Real and Personal Estate of **RAYMOND RONALD KNOWLES a.k.a. RAYMOND "PANCHO" KNOWLES** late of the Settlement of Mangrove Bush on the Island of Long Island, one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, deceased

Notice is hereby given that such applications will be heard by the said Court at the expiration of **21** days from the date hereof.

**DESIREE ROBINSON**  
(for) Registrar

PROBATE DIVISION  
10TH SEPTEMBER, 2009

No. 2009/PRO/NPR/00514

IN THE ESTATE OF **DORIS STEWARD**, late of Flat 1 Charlton Manor Charlton Manor Drive in the Town of Knaresborough in the County of North Yorkshire in England, deceased

**NOTICE** is hereby given that after the expiration of fourteen days from the date hereof, application will be made to the Supreme Court of The Bahamas in the Probate Division by **HARRY BRACON SANDS**, of Skyline Drive in the Western District, New Providence, one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Attorney-At-Law, is the Authorized Attorney in The Bahamas for obtaining the Resealed Grant of Probate in the above estate granted to **SUSAN LINDA STEWARD**, the Executrix and Trustee, by the District Probate Registry of the High Court of Justice at Newcastle Upon Tyne in England of America, on the 25th day of June, 2009.

**DESIREE ROBINSON**  
(for) REGISTRAR

# \$2.63m client asset freeze order ended

FROM page 1B

Investments' clients, Mr Culmer said that as a result of his successful negotiations: "There is no longer any restriction on the ability of the liquidator to release the customers' assets to them, no need for any disclosure of the customers' financial information or records whatsoever, and no question of there being any settlement from the customers' assets of the \$220,000 forfeiture order made against Mr Tremblay."

Mr Culmer described the Attorney General's agreement to remove the asset freezing orders as "an exceptionally good outcome", adding that he was now working to verify which assets belonged to each client, before he applied to the Supreme Court to release them to the beneficial owners.

By negotiating the agreement with the Attorney General, Mr Culmer has also been able to avoid legal costs that would have resulted if he had to ask the Supreme Court to overturn the restraining orders. These costs would have had to be paid by Dominion Investments' clients from the assets that the company held on their behalf.

The court-imposed restraint orders, which were granted on January 31, 2006, and May 2, 2006, had been left in place following Mr Tremblay's conviction because he has yet to pay the \$220,000 confiscation order

to the US authorities. Both orders were obtained by the Attorney General's Office, upon the request of the US Justice Department.

In his previous report to the Supreme Court on Dominion Investments' liquidation, Mr Culmer said he felt "very strongly that the very least" Mr Tremblay could do for his former clients was to settle the Confiscation Order.

"The liquidator is particularly concerned to secure the release of the assets in the Bahamas from the Restraint Orders, and the return thereof to their beneficial owners without any disclosure of the identity of those beneficial owners or the source of their funds," Mr Culmer said then.

"The liquidator has, to date, been unable to release the assets held in the Bahamas to the beneficial owners thereof due to the Restraint Orders that remain in place, but as set out above he is presently taking steps to address this."

Mr Culmer added in his previous liquidator's report that he had been able to protect the confidentiality, and identities, of Dominion Investments' clients.

"Of course, a quick, simple and effective solution, which would avoid the costs of the further litigation of the liquidator's application to discharge the Restraint Orders, which would pose no risk to the confidentiality of the customers'

affairs, and which would enable the immediate release of the customer's funds from the Restraint Orders, would be for Martin Tremblay to pay the \$220,000 Confiscation Order," Mr Culmer said then.

"The liquidator feels very strongly that the very least Martin Tremblay should do is garner his resources and settle the amount of the Confiscation Order so that customers' assets can thereby be released to them without further delay."

The liquidator had already secured the removal of a Canadian Restraint Order, imposed by regulators in that country, on Dominion Investments' client assets there on April 10, 2008. The Canadian assets have since been released to their beneficial owners.

Following the \$220,000 forfeiture order made against Mr Tremblay in the US, the courts there amended it on August 11, 2008, providing that his rights, title and interest in Dominion Investments' accounts frozen in the Bahamas now vest in the US government.

Mr Tremblay had challenged that order on the grounds that the assets concerned belonged to Dominion Investments' clients, not himself, but this was rejected by the US courts.

The US court order is specifically seeking to gain control of assets held in five accounts in the name of Dominion Investments at three separate Bahamas-based banks.

They are:  
Account Numbers 400-506-2 and 500-303-3 at the Royal Bank of Canada in Nassau

Account Numbers 1376890 and 1376920 at Barclays Bank (likely First Caribbean International Bank Bahamas) in Nassau Account Number 101wa3581930 at Ferrier Lullin (now Julius Baer) in Nassau

• *There is no suggestion that any of these financial institutions have done anything wrong in relation to the Tremblay situation.*

## PUBLIC NOTICE

INTENT TO CHANGE NAME BY DEED POLL

The Public is hereby advised that I, **HORATIO LEWIS STRACHAN** of P.O. Box EE-16764, Nassau, Bahamas intends to change my name to **HORATIO RAY FLOWERS**. If there are any objections to this change of name by Deed Poll, you may write such objections to the Chief Passport Officer, P.O.Box N-742, Nassau, Bahamas no later than thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice.



Bank of The Bahamas  
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# NOTICE

Bank of The Bahamas wishes to advise our valued customers that our Card Centre numbers have changed for all Prepaid, Credit and Medline Card holders.

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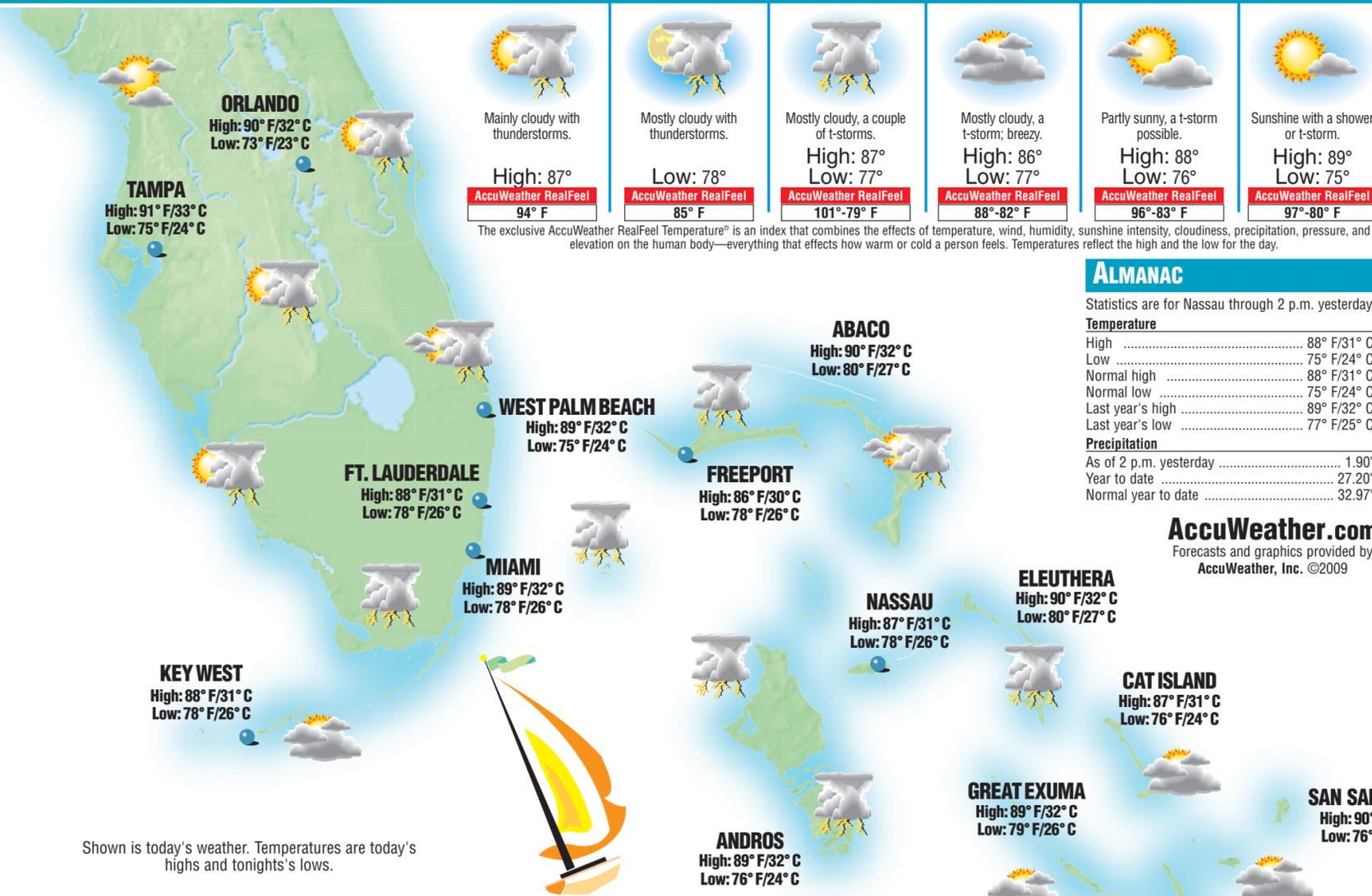
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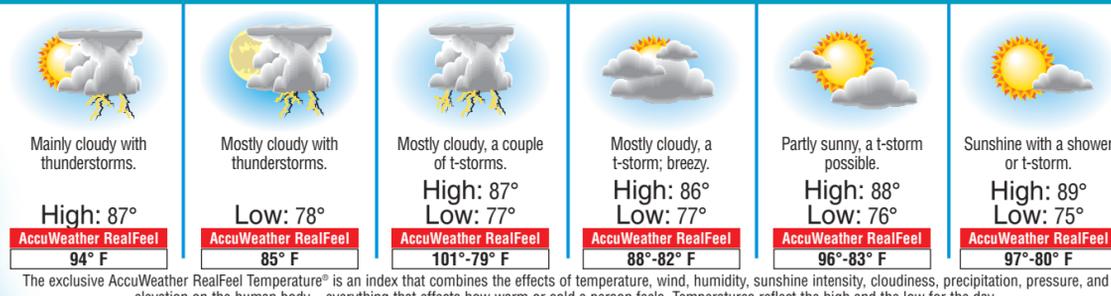
## INSURANCE MANAGEMENT

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### 5-DAY FORECAST



### TODAY TONIGHT WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



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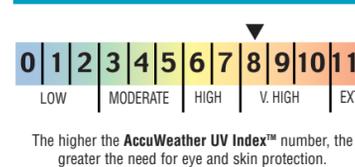
### ALMANAC

Statistics are for Nassau through 2 p.m. yesterday

Temperature	High	88° F/31° C
	Low	75° F/24° C
	Normal high	88° F/31° C
	Normal low	75° F/24° C
	Last year's high	89° F/32° C
	Last year's low	77° F/25° C
Precipitation	As of 2 p.m. yesterday	1.90"
	Year to date	27.20"
	Normal year to date	32.97"

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### UV INDEX TODAY



### TIDES FOR NASSAU

	High	Ht. (ft.)	Low	Ht. (ft.)
Today	10:42 a.m.	3.1	4:22 a.m.	0.2
	11:02 p.m.	2.6	5:03 p.m.	0.4
Wednesday	11:26 a.m.	3.1	5:02 a.m.	0.3
	11:47 p.m.	2.5	5:52 p.m.	0.5
Thursday	12:17 p.m.	3.1	5:47 a.m.	0.3
	-----	-----	6:48 p.m.	0.6
Friday	12:40 a.m.	2.4	6:41 a.m.	0.4
	1:17 p.m.	3.0	7:51 p.m.	0.6

### SUN AND MOON



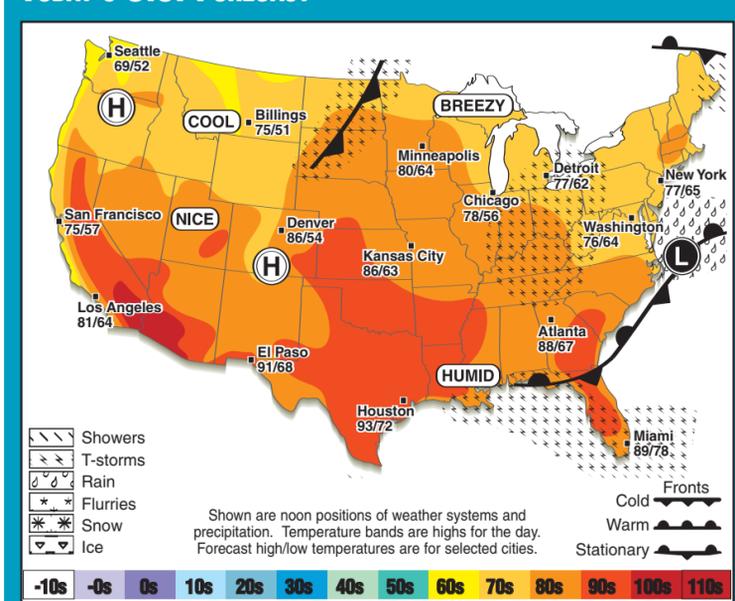
### WORLD CITIES

City	Today			Wednesday		
	High F/C	Low F/C	W	High F/C	Low F/C	W
Acapulco	90/32	77/25	t	93/33	79/26	pc
Amsterdam	73/22	63/17	pc	70/21	57/13	c
Ankara, Turkey	81/27	56/13	pc	77/25	52/11	c
Athens	77/25	64/17	pc	79/26	68/20	sh
Auckland	61/16	43/6	s	59/15	48/8	pc
Bangkok	91/32	81/27	t	91/32	79/26	t
Barbados	86/30	78/25	pc	86/30	77/25	s
Barcelona	83/28	62/16	pc	75/23	64/17	s
Beijing	79/26	61/16	pc	81/27	55/12	pc
Beirut	88/31	77/25	s	79/26	73/22	s
Belgrade	76/24	55/12	s	77/25	60/15	pc
Berlin	77/25	62/16	pc	82/27	59/15	pc
Bermuda	83/28	76/24	sh	85/29	74/23	s
Bogota	68/20	44/6	sh	68/20	41/5	c
Brussels	79/26	59/15	pc	77/25	57/13	pc
Budapest	77/25	54/12	s	79/26	57/13	s
Buenos Aires	52/11	37/2	pc	55/12	36/2	s
Cairo	97/36	72/22	s	95/35	72/22	s
Calcutta	86/30	77/25	r	86/30	79/26	t
Calgary	63/17	39/3	s	65/18	46/7	pc
Cancun	91/32	75/23	pc	90/32	72/22	pc
Caracas	84/28	72/22	t	82/27	74/23	t
Casablanca	89/31	72/22	s	86/30	70/21	pc
Copenhagen	71/21	61/16	c	76/24	52/11	pc
Dublin	64/17	52/11	r	64/17	50/10	pc
Frankfurt	82/27	55/12	pc	84/28	59/15	pc
Geneva	81/27	52/11	s	78/25	51/10	s
Halifax	73/22	50/10	pc	64/17	51/10	s
Havana	90/32	70/21	t	88/31	72/22	r
Helsinki	63/17	55/12	sh	66/18	54/12	pc
Hong Kong	93/33	84/28	s	91/32	82/27	s
Islamabad	103/39	72/22	s	102/38	71/21	s
Istanbul	77/25	67/19	sh	74/23	66/18	r
Jerusalem	84/28	62/16	s	83/28	62/16	s
Johannesburg	76/24	50/10	s	79/26	52/11	s
Kingston	88/31	79/26	t	89/31	79/26	sh
Lima	72/22	57/13	pc	70/21	57/13	pc
London	79/26	55/12	pc	73/22	52/11	pc
Madrid	88/31	63/17	pc	86/30	61/16	pc
Manila	82/27	77/25	r	84/28	77/25	r
Mexico City	73/22	55/12	t	73/22	55/12	t
Monterrey	90/32	72/22	t	89/31	70/21	t
Montreal	77/25	57/13	s	72/22	55/12	s
Moscow	68/20	50/10	pc	72/22	52/11	pc
Munich	77/25	45/7	s	77/25	48/8	s
Nairobi	85/29	55/12	pc	85/29	55/12	pc
New Delhi	91/32	77/25	t	86/30	75/23	r
Oslo	63/17	52/11	r	66/18	45/7	pc
Paris	82/27	59/15	pc	82/27	61/16	pc
Prague	76/24	51/10	s	77/25	52/11	pc
Rio de Janeiro	93/33	78/25	s	84/28	71/21	s
Riyadh	113/45	86/30	s	111/43	84/28	s
Rome	81/27	59/15	s	81/27	61/16	s
St. Thomas	89/31	78/25	pc	88/31	80/26	sh
San Juan	54/12	34/1	c	63/17	35/1	s
San Salvador	90/32	70/21	t	88/31	73/22	pc
Santiago	57/13	32/0	pc	59/15	37/2	s
Santo Domingo	90/32	75/23	pc	86/30	73/22	sh
Sao Paulo	80/26	64/17	t	74/23	62/16	t
Seoul	79/26	61/16	s	77/25	63/17	s
Stockholm	68/20	52/11	pc	72/22	50/10	pc
Sydney	70/21	50/10	s	68/20	46/7	pc
Taipei	94/34	79/26	pc	91/32	77/25	pc
Tokyo	81/27	70/21	c	79/26	70/21	pc
Toronto	74/23	57/13	t	72/22	57/13	pc
Trinidad	97/36	72/22	s	90/32	63/17	pc
Vancouver	63/17	55/12	pc	67/19	54/12	r
Vienna	77/25	55/12	s	73/22	59/15	s
Warsaw	73/22	48/8	s	72/22	52/11	pc
Winnipeg	77/25	53/11	r	74/23	50/10	s

### MARINE FORECAST

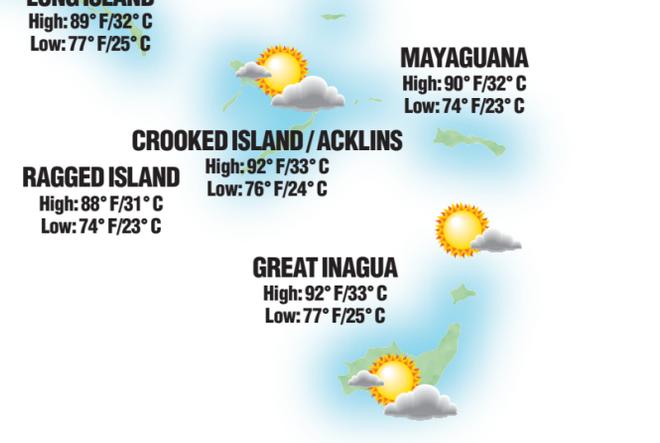
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NASSAU	Today: SE at 5-10 Knots	0-2 Feet	7-10 Miles	86° F
	Wednesday: E at 5-10 Knots	0-2 Feet	7-10 Miles	86° F
FREEPORT	Today: SE at 5-10 Knots	0-2 Feet	7-10 Miles	85° F
	Wednesday: E at 5-10 Knots	0-2 Feet	7-10 Miles	85° F
ABACO	Today: SE at 5-10 Knots	0-2 Feet	7-10 Miles	81° F
	Wednesday: E at 5-10 Knots	0-2 Feet	7-10 Miles	82° F

### TODAY'S U.S. FORECAST



### U.S. CITIES

City	Today			Wednesday		
	High F/C	Low F/C	W	High F/C	Low F/C	W
Albuquerque	86/30	64/17	t	87/30	63/17	t
Anchorage	60/15	49/9	r	61/16	49/9	sh
Atlanta	88/31	67/19	pc	85/29	67/19	pc
Atlantic City	74/23	63/17	r	75/23	62/16	r
Baltimore	75/23	64/17	r	74/23	64/17	r
Boston	79/26	62/16	pc	68/20	55/12	pc
Buffalo	72/22	59/15	t	77/25	59/15	pc
Charleston, SC	86/30	68/20	pc	87/30	67/19	pc
Chicago	78/25	56/13	pc	80/26	58/14	pc
Cleveland	74/23	60/15	t	79/26	63/17	pc
Dallas	94/34	73/22	pc	96/35	72/22	s
Denver	86/30	54/12	t	81/27	55/12	pc
Detroit	77/25	62/16	t	81/27	63/17	pc
Honolulu	88/31	76/24	s	89/31	76/24	s
Houston	93/33	72/22	pc	94/34	72/22	t
Indianapolis	82/27	62/16	t	82/27	63/17	pc
Jacksonville	89/31	68/20	pc	91/32	71/21	pc
Phoenix	100/37	81/27	pc	101/38	81/27	pc
Pittsburgh	74/23	58/14	t	78/25	60/15	pc
Portland, OR	78/25	52/11	s	78/25	58/14	pc
Raleigh-Durham	80/26	64/17	c	80/26	64/17	c
St. Louis	85/29	65/18	pc	87/30	67/19	pc
Salt Lake City	84/28	56/13	s	88/31	60/15	s
San Antonio	91/32	73/22	pc	93/33	73/22	pc
San Diego	75/23	66/18	pc	77/25	67/19	pc
San Francisco	75/23	57/13	pc	79/26	57/13	pc
Seattle	69/20	52/11	pc	68/20	56/13	c
Tallahassee	90/32	66/18	pc	93/33	69/20	t
Tampa	91/32	75/23	t	91/32	75/23	t
Tucson	95/35	72/22	t	93/33	73/22	pc
Washington, DC	76/24	64/17	r	73/22	65/18	r



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## 1000 MEN TO WALK FOR PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS

By REUBEN SHEARER  
Tribune Features Reporter

When it comes to a your car, you ensure that everything is in good order, and functioning. You know when to get a wheel alignment, when to change the oil, and go out of the way to fix your car problems no matter the cost. In the same vein, taking care of your body is just as important, and even more so than your vehicle. But for many men, priorities are out of order. One local health club is trying to change men's mentality toward their health, with a strong focus on prostate cancer awareness.

Their mission: to encourage men to have regular checkups rather than but place the more crucial

health matters are on the back-burner of their minds which can lead to life-threatening complications if neglected for so long.

In partnership with the Cancer Society of the Bahamas, US TOO (a support group for prostate cancer) is holding a 1,000-Man Walk for prostate cancer awareness on Saturday, September 12 at 6am. The main objective of the event, according to Valentine Maura, senior leader of the US TOO chapter in the Bahamas, is to put the onus on men taking care of themselves so that they can live long, healthy productive lives.

From political figures to the everyday Bahamian, the event is expected to attract men from all walks of life, followed by prostate screenings conducted by oncologists at a low cost of \$20.

This year the support group expects a significant increase in participants, hoping to have an impressive 1,000 men examined. Last year, 770 plus men were examined, and 450 were examined in 2007.

Many doctors acknowledge that prostate screenings hold the stigma of being uncomfortable describing it as "10 seconds of an awkward situation that can improve your lifetime."

Prostate screening by a private doctor can cost around \$80. With the discount in price, Mr Maura hopes men will "have no strong enough reason to cop out."

The route will start at the Cancer Caring Centre, on to Collins Avenue, down Shirley Street and Elizabeth Avenue, then Rawson Square, ending at Arawak Cay.

US TOO is making special plans to create an atmosphere of ease and relaxation in the waiting areas of the prostate screenings at the various clinics. Tapings of NFL Monday Night Football games, and movies will be shown.

Doctors agree that early detection is vital to saving lives.

Premier resorts like Sandals, Wyndham and other household companies are lending their support to the campaign. "They see the necessity in addressing the health

problems that their workers have, in keeping them alive and well to maximise their tenure in the workplace," Mr Maura said.

He added: "When you're talking about transmissions or tuning up a car, the guy will say, you can get the car tuned up for \$30 now, or you can let it run but you have to pay me \$300 or \$3,000 if you need transmission work."

"You would go the extra end to ensure that your car is in order, so why not make this investment for your health and well-being."

Prostate screenings will also be conducted the week following the walk at local clinics across the island on these dates and venues: Saturday September 12 at the Cancer Caring Centre in Centreville; Tuesday September 15 at Elizabeth Estates Clinic; Tuesday September 22 at Flamingo Gardens Clinic; Thursday, September 24 at South Beach Clinic; Tuesday September 29 at Flemming St Clinic; and finally on Saturday October 3 at South Beach Clinic.

### PROSTATE CANCER RISK FACTORS

Some of the risk factors for prostate cancer are as follows:

1. Age- prostate cancer is rarely seen in men younger than 50 years old. The chance of prostate cancer increases as men get older.
2. Race- Black males are more likely to develop prostate cancer than white males. Black males are also more likely to die of prostate cancer than white males.
3. Family History of Prostate Cancer- A man whose father, brother, or son has had prostate cancer has a higher than-average risk of developing prostate cancer.

*\*\*Other potential risk factors include alcohol consumption, vitamin or mineral interactions, and other dietary habits.*

(source: [www.healingwell.com](http://www.healingwell.com))

### GREEN SCENE

By Gardener Jack

Fennel is expensive and hard to obtain from stores, so why not grow your own?



## Start of the vegetable season

THE little darlings are back in school and that is a reminder that the vegetable season can get underway. In many ways the vegetable growing season in The Bahamas mirrors the school year. They both start in September and by December results are expected. The second term from January to Easter is the most productive time, and the third term is for consolidation and finals. Then a two month hiatus and off we go again.

Vegetables are best grown in fairly small lots no wider than a dining table but about twice the length. These dimensions allow you to plant and reap without placing a foot within your growing area, leaving the

ground nicely aerated. I like to add a bag or two of topsoil and commercial cow manure to the old soil and work it in with a little fertiliser.

There are three main types of fertiliser: granular, time-release, and soluble (or liquid). Granular fertiliser is usually bought in large containers or sacks and is the cheapest overall. That said, salt build-up over the years could harm your garden in the end. Time-release fertilisers usually resemble little spheres. These leave no

salt residue and once applied can last for weeks. The package will tell you that you only have to apply the fertiliser once every 3 or 4 months. I always cut the advertised time in half. Liquid or soluble

fertilisers are applied with the use of a hose and an applicator is needed. This is the most expensive method of fertilising your garden but is very effective if applied every week.

The vegetables we grow can be divided into 60-90-120 day crops. Read your seed package carefully. Some tomatoes are advertised to produce in 60 days but that time is calculated from transplant, so add another 30 days.

Sixty-day crops include spinach, English peas, Swiss chard, snap beans, and some summer squash. Most vegetables are 90-day crops like tomatoes, peppers, cabbages, corn, beets, cucumbers and some winter squash. 120-day crops include calabazas, pumpkin, winter squash, onions, carrots and fennel.

Most vegetables can be started in September but others are best left until the middle of October: English peas, spinach, kohlrabi, Swiss chard and bunching onions.

The classic vegetable garden lay-



Carambola is in season now and is a refreshing thirst quencher.

out consists of raised rows two or three feet apart. That is fine in Kansas but very wasteful in The Bahamas. Try to get as much out of your garden as possible by growing

your vegetables in grids or blocks rather than rows. A simple calculation involving the size of a mature plant will give you the spacing required. For carrots, it would be three inches apart; for cabbages, twelve inches.

Keep your vegetables coming. Pick them as soon as they are close to ripening as this will encourage greater production. When your veg-

etables are halfway to maturity, sow seeds for a successive crop.

Keep this going throughout the year and one small garden could give you hundreds of dollars-worth of vegetables.

Grow the most expensive of vegetables. Green peppers are cheap and readily available. Yellow, red and orange peppers are expensive and take no more effort to grow. Regular onions are inexpensive and always available while bunching onions are pricey. Fennel and kohlrabi are almost impossible to buy, so grow your own if you like them.

By the way, if you grow cherry tomatoes, keep them out of your main vegetable garden. Find a small fertile area where they can grow singly. Some cherry tomatoes produce plants that cover a vast area and would swallow up your regular garden.

And don't forget to grow herbs. The vegetables you grow will be greatly enhanced by freshly-picked herbs. Many herbs are perennials and stay around for years with little care.

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LOVING RELATIONSHIPS

# What is great sex?

When we first become sexually active, and enter the adult world of sexual emotions, we believe that this is as good as it gets. We grow up believing that we should just know how to 'do it' and that everything is meant to come to us naturally.

Our young minds are flooded with feelings of passion, love and sexual desire for our love interest, and we walk around in a euphoric state. Then things change, the sparkle loses its shine and the whole thing fades away. We question if it was that great then why could it not survive? Why was that not enough to maintain the passion? Is 'hot' or 'sizzling' sex not the same as 'great sex'? Is there more to



By MAGGIE BAIN

sex than we first thought?

Many theorise but few are bold enough to define 'great sex' as they recognise and respect the individualism of each couple. Looking in at a couple, and judging their satisfaction level, is unproductive because what is great for one would not be enough for another. Clinical research shows us that even for committed couples, who consider themselves 'normal and healthy', about 50 per cent of sex is mediocre.

When we start to think how many

factors have to be aligned for two people to be 'in sync', on any given day, it is surprising that the numbers are even as high as they are. Satisfaction levels vary because, although we may not feel sexual desire at that particular moment, we recognise the importance of maintaining a close intimate bond.

Knowing all of this, it is still interesting for us to consider, what may be important to experience 'great sex'. Without a doubt the number one factor is 'being present in the moment.' This means all senses awakened and ready to respond. It also means being emotionally and spiritually connected throughout the experience. The mind has to be focused and all outside distractions removed.

For women, in particular, deep passionate kissing elevates arousal and is an essential magical element for great sex. The importance of being true to one's self and being able to relax and

free of all inhibitions. This liberated state allows an increased level of communication and produces a desire to give more than we get. The saying 'the more you give the more you get in return' rings true. This level of emotional and sexual intimacy extends to all forms of expression, both verbal and non verbal, and allows experimentation with out fear or repercussions. It is an atmosphere of a 'safe playground' that allows the losing of inhibitions.

You may consider all of these factors as being 'good sex' but there seems to be a defining moment when everything transcends reality. Transcendence is a heightened altered state, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

It is that sense of peace, high, 'out of body experience', or 'trance like state'. Comparisons are even made between highly spiritual and religious experiences. Once we experience it we then understand the difference between 'good' and 'great sex'.

On reading this you may have flash backs to specific instances when you have felt that exceptional sexual experience and moments of ecstasy. Mem-

ories of a particular setting, person, time and deep connection give us all hope that there is more to this whole sex thing. But for those who have not had such an experience take note of the essential ingredients and add your own. Nothing is text book and we all need to explore the magic and mystery of our own sexuality.

Raising our expectations each time will often help us focus on the ultimate experience. If your sex life is a little 'ho-hum' then know that it is possible to turn things around, reduce unsatisfactory sex and increase the times of 'great sex.' Our minds ultimately control us and opening them wide to new concepts can change our lives and happiness.

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# Caribbean Wellness Day set for September 12

By REUBEN SHEARER  
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OBESITY, hypertension, heart disease, diabetes, kidney failure, cancer, asthma and arthritis all chronic non-communicable diseases, (CNCDS)-are seriously affecting the quality of life and economic status of individuals and families in The Bahamas.

In the past, CNCDS were prevalent primarily among older adults in the Bahamas. However, it now appears that they are affecting a wider range of Bahamians, including youth, and are the leading causes of illness and disability.

CARICOM health officials, since 2007, have declared the second Saturday in September as Caribbean Wellness Day and this year's event will be observed on September 12 under the theme: "Love that Body."

The Ministry of Health has planned an "All Day Mega Health Extravaganza," starting 11am prompt 'til 6pm on the grounds of the ministry's complex at the juncture of Augusta, Delancy and Meeting Streets.

Dr Yasmin Williams-Robinson, chairperson for Caribbean Wellness Day in the Bahamas said that her planning team "is hoping to engage the public to come and enjoy var-

ious aspects of wellness whether it be through physical exercise or sampling the healthy eats that will be provided."

The Mega Health Extravaganza will involve demonstrations of various physical activities, such as salsa dancing, a step show, karate, marching bands, and other activities.

For adults attending the event, there will be an array of free health screenings, including blood cholesterol, blood pressure, blood sugar, weight screening, and healthy food demonstrations. For the children there will be a fully supervised bouncing castle, and in the late afternoon everyone will be able to get their "bodies in motion" to the rhythmic beat of the One Family Junkanoo rush out.

There will also be booths organised by various gyms, spas and wholesalers featuring special give-aways throughout the day, and a "punchboard" where patrons, for a minimum donation, will be eligible to try for a variety of food prizes.

The Ministry of Health is doing their own in-house set of activities each day this week, leading up to Saturday's extravaganza. Yesterday was "Drink 8 glasses of water," yesterday is "Eat a Fruit," Wednesday is "Get into the Gym," Thursday is "Walk after Work," and Friday- "Get up and Move."

# Do your laundry habits affect your skin?



By SARAH BEEK

There's no shortage of myths when it comes to acne. Cut through the rumors and understand the facts to further your understanding of how to keep skin clear.

**Myth 1:** A blackhead is actually dirt inside the pore.  
**FALSE!** Blackheads, known as open comedones, are simply whiteheads that have reached the skin's surface, triggering oxidation upon contact with air. Oxidation makes the comedone change/darken in color (think how an apple turns brown after it's been cut).

**Myth 2:** Sugary, refined foods contribute to acne.  
 This is actually a misinterpretation - these foods don't directly cause acne, but they do feed the breeding ground

for acne by exacerbating sebum production. Speak to your professional skin therapist to find out if your oil production is being triggered by specific food intake.

**Myth 3:** Sunscreens increase oil production and feed acne bacteria.  
**FALSE.** Speak with your professional skin therapist about new, sophisticated formulations that provide sun protection with skin care benefits, including oil control and minimisation of bacteria.

**Myth 4:** Stay away from fabric softeners.  
**TRUE!** Try to stay away from use of fabric softeners on sheets and pillowcases. Beef lard and fragrance are the main ingredients, and they'll coat your skin!

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**Soul searching**  
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minutes to create a profile of what they are looking for and then select persons based on those requirements. Clients pay \$100 for a four month membership fee."

She explained that during that time clients can get to know the other person and develop a bond with them.

"The reason that we do a 4 month membership is because we want our clients to develop meaningful relationships and it may take that long to do that. If people don't find a match in that time, they can always meet someone else. We try to keep it based on compatibility and moral values and not the physical."

However she pointed out that if a match is not made, the client can come back and meet someone else.

"Some people may see two or three people a month, others don't want to go out with more with

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Omeka Darville- Moore

than one person at a time, so it really depends on the individual."

"Also we are completely discrete, when I leave work, I take my clients' files with me so it is completely confidential. When we first came up with the idea of the company, we were a little hesitant because we felt that some Bahamians would not be that liberal, but things are evolving and there has been an increase in online dating and persons willing to post their photos on line, so it works."

Inspired by the success of the business to date, Mr and Moore are hosting their company's first singles event this Saturday- something they say will be " a magical night to remember."

The event will be a singles wine tasting on 2009 at Curly's Café, Cable beach next to Sandals. The official sponsor for the event is Bristol Wines and spirits. Other sponsors are Starbucks, Logos book store and Hollis Spa. The event promises to be a fun and exciting one with free giveaways, dating games, wine and food all night long.

Tickets for the event are \$20 and are sold at Soul Mates dating service, Bay Street in the Shoppers Haven on Bay complex.

Mrs Darville Moore said the response to the event has been phenomenal with the company almost selling out of tickets already.

# Maintenance of teeth and gums of your dog



By DR BASIL SANDS

Today we will try to be a veterinary dentist and educate you the concerned pet owner on the proper ways of maintaining good oral health of your dog.

We all know that teeth are the bony growths on the jaws and are found inside of the mouth. They are used to capture, kill and prepare food for eating, and as tools of defence.

Almost without exception, puppies are born without teeth. The milk teeth or deciduous teeth begin to appear at about 3 weeks. By 6-8 weeks, a puppy will have a full set of twenty- eight teeth. Puppies do not have molars and their milk teeth will remain for only 3-7 months. Beginning at 3 months, the milk teeth are replaced by permanent teeth. By 7 months, a puppy should have all their adult teeth, 42 to be exact. By knowing eruption dates of teeth a veterinarian can approximate the exact age of your pet.

There are 4 types of teeth in a dog, incisors, canines, pre-molars and molars. The incisors are used to rip or tear meat from a bone and to groom themselves. Canine teeth are used to capture and hold objects and prey. The pre-molars and molars in the rear of the jaw are sharp, triangular teeth that include the carnassial teeth that are characteristic of meat eaters. They work like scissors to shear flesh and crush bone. The flattened molars are designed to crush vegetable foods and bone.

Normally, the roots of baby teeth are reabsorbed as the adult teeth take their place. When this fails to happen, and the baby teeth don't fall out, the dogs may appear to have a double set of teeth. Retained baby teeth should be extracted, so that permanent teeth will have room to grow. Toy breeds tend to have many retained teeth. Sometimes a crowded mouth pushes teeth out of alignment resulting in a malocclusion and poor dental hygiene.

When the mouth is closed, the lower



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canine teeth are normally situated in front of the upper canines, the upper incisors overlap the lower and the upper pre-molar points to fit into the spaces between lower pre-molars. Malocclusion refers to the abnormal bite when the mouth is closed. An incorrect bite causes breeders more concern than any other mouth problem. Most malocclusion is heredity, resulting from genetic factors that control the rate of growth of the upper and lower jaws.

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In my practice, periodontal (gum) disease, is one of the most common problems seen. It occurs in two forms - gingivitis; a reversible inflammation of the gums and periodontitis, an inflammation of the deeper structures supporting the teeth.

Gingivitis develops when bacteria builds up between the teeth and gum

leading to irritation, inflammation and bleeding. The edges of healthy gums fit tightly around the teeth. Dental calculus or tartar is composed of minerals, food particles bacteria and other organic materials. When it is soft it is called plaque, when it is hard it is called calculus.

Clinical signs of gingivitis are bad breath. The gums appear red and swollen and bleed easily when touched. Treatment is to clean the teeth by ultrasonic scaling and polishing to remove all plaque and calculus. For optimum results, the dog should be heavily sedated or anesthetised.

Periodontitis is a continuation of gingivitis. As the gum infection attacks the cementum and periodontal membrane, the roots become infected then the teeth begin to loosen and eventually they detach and fallout. This is a painful process and we advise you to seek veterinary assistance in correcting this painful problem. This can cause aggressive, moody, tendencies of your beloved dog.



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**BOB MEDLINE HEALTH EXPO ANNOUNCED** - Bank of The Bahamas today unveiled plans for a major health and wellness expo this Saturday at the Sheraton, Cable Beach, with free screenings, demonstrations, giveaways and the most current medical information presented by leading medical experts from The Bahamas and South Florida. Pictured at the press conference l-r, Dr Barry Russell, Bahamas Orthodontic Center, who is set to speak on the procedures that are revolutionising orthodontics, Vaughn Delaney, Deputy Managing Director, Bank of The Bahamas and Dr Conville Brown, founder of The Medical Pavilion, who is addressing the topic of the healthy heart. More than 40 medical or lifestyle-related facilities or businesses will be represented at the Expo that runs from 10 am to 4.30 pm. It is free to the public.

## Bank of The Bahamas announces major health & wellness expo

BANK of The Bahamas will host a day-long health and wellness expo with top medical, fitness and nutrition experts, including leading surgeons, physicians and other professionals from The Bahamas and South Florida, on September 12.

"We at Bank of The Bahamas are very excited about bringing the first ever BOB MEDLINE Health & Wellness Expo to the Bahamian public, free of charge and with the variety of experts, presentations and demonstrations designed to provide answers

to almost any question someone might have about their health or the health of a loved one," said Vaughn Delaney, deputy managing director, Information Technology and Human Resources and one of the driving forces behind the recently-launched BOB MEDLINE VISA.

"Some of the most respected and best-known surgeons and physicians from leading South Florida health care facilities along with leaders in health care from The Bahamas will discuss issues ranging from

spinal stenosis to orthodontics revolutionised. Other topics include breast cancer, da Vinci robotic surgery and solid advice on how to maintain a healthy heart.

There will also be free screenings for blood pressure and cholesterol and free makeovers.

The bank introduced the special purpose credit card dubbed "your prescription for health" last month.

Participants in the BOB Health and Wellness Expo include Baptist Health South Florida, Broward General Hospital, The Medical Pavil-

ion Bahamas, Cleveland Clinic Florida, Doctors Hospital, Miami Children's Hospital, University of Miami Health Systems, CMI South, Opera Suites and Marina, Bahamas Diabetic Association, Bahamas Family Planning, Bahamas Heart Association, Bahamas Neurological Center, Bahamas Orthodontic Centre, Bahamas Plastic Surgery and Laser Arts Center for Esthetics, Bally Total Fitness, The Cancer Society, Center for Specialized Dentistry, Foot & Ankle Institute/Walk-in Clinic, Impressions Dental,

Jemi Health and Wellness, John Bull, Mystical Fitness, Prescription Parlour Pharmacy, Providence Rehabilitation Centre, Subway, The Skin Centre & West Bay Dental.

The one day event will be held at the Sheraton Cable Beach Resort, Saturday September 12 from 10am to 4.30pm. There is no charge and partners are offering numerous giveaways, including two weekend stays at Opera Suites and Marina on Biscayne Bay. For more information contact 396-6010.



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# SoulSEARCHING

Dating Service to host their first singles event!

By CARA BRENNEN-BETHEL  
 Tribune Features Editor

Looking for that perfect soulmate, someone you can share not just a few casual dates but a lifetime with, then look no further than Soul Mates dating service, the Christian match maker company which seeks to connect their clients with potential marriage partners.

In a recent interview with *Tribune Woman* Omeka Darville- Moore, who founded the company along with her husband Philip, explained that the service is for those serious minded individuals who are looking for meaningful, long term

relationships and possible marriage.

Mr and Mrs Moore both feel that it is their calling to bring positive change in the lives of many people out there who are searching for love.

Mr and Mrs Moore say they both know the hardship of dating, because before they found each other they always knew in their hearts that they hadn't met their soul mate. Finding the right mate requires patience, an open heart and an open mind they added.

They both commented that they have been confronted with challenges in regards to very picky clients. They have found that although some clients come to them for help, they still have a warped perception of what a good mate is. Many focus on looks, material wealth or what another

can do for them. After, bringing those clients back to reality, they eventually find a suitable match and soon find that those things become insignificant.

Soul Mates is very selective in who they accept and will not match casual dates, intimate encounters or same sex couples. Their standards, the couple added are very high and they recently had to dismiss a client who did not follow the rules and guidelines of the company.

"The average age of our female clients is about 30 and the average age for males is around 40, I have found that persons that age are really serious and know exactly what they are looking for, but we have also had persons ranging in age from 21-65."

The company operates like the much advertised E-harmony- using detailed profiles of individuals to match clients based on compatibility.

"We sit down with the client for about 20-30  
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Soul Mates dating service is a Christian match maker company which seeks to connect their clients with potential marriage partners.



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