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Olympics star charged with assault on boy

Andrew Tynes pleads not guilty

FORMER Olympian and celebrated Bahamian athlete Andrew Tynes has been charged with indecently assaulting a 16-year-old boy. Tynes appeared at Magistrates Court yesterday and pled not guilty to the charge before Chief Magistrate Roger Gomez. It is alleged that Tynes assaulted the boy between August 1 and August 27, 2009, during his capacity as a physical education teacher at the C C Sweeting Senior High School. Tynes, of West Bay

Street, appeared visibly upset as he was led out of the courtroom. He was granted \$6,000 bail with one surety. He was also ordered to stay away from the complainant and witnesses in the case. The 37-year-old track star is a former national 200 metres record holder and has represented the country at the Carifta games, CAC Championships, Pan Am Games, World Cham-

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Chinese planning large scale farming in Abaco

A CHINESE concern is planning to carry out large scale farming in Abaco. Edison Key, executive chairman of the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation (BAIC), hailed the move as a "tremendous boost" for the agricultural sector. Mr Key took Yiqing Sun, director of the Shandong High-speed Quila Construction Group, National Stadium Project, and interpreter Baoquo Xing on an exploratory tour of what is being offered in Abaco. The team also included BAIC general manager Benjamin Rahming, and assistant general manager (agriculture) Arnold Dorsett. "We enjoyed our visit and we are very satisfied with the land conditions for agricultural development," said Mr Xing. "You have

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Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

ANDREW TYNES is pictured leaving court yesterday.

Fox Hill gang 'wars' prompt town meeting

WITH the people of Fox Hill caught in the middle of warring gang factions, a town meeting was held last night at St Paul's Baptist Church by MP Fred Mitchell to address this sharp rise in shootings in the community. With people having been shot, stabbed, and homes fired upon in recent weeks, the police along with other community leaders were called upon to address the audience. According to police Inspector Marlon Fulford the majority of these incidents are taking place in and around Johnson, Adderley, and Reeve's streets with the majority of the reports he said being blamed on an ongoing feud

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Rigby: Christie should demand Wilchcombe steps down as chair of PLP convention

FORMER PLP Chairman Raynard Rigby has called on Opposition leader Perry Christie to demand that Obie Wilchcombe step down as chair of the party's upcoming convention. Mr Rigby challenged Mr Christie to live up to recent statements he made about the "consequences" people would face if they operated beyond the rules of the organisation. He added that as long as Mr Christie allowed Mr Wilchcombe to retain his position, while running for the deputy leadership post, the party would remain divided. "I must assume that the rules which he refers, whether written or by custom, address the issue of transparency, accountability and fairness in the electoral process," Mr Rigby said in a statement yesterday, referencing comments Mr Christie made earlier this week on a radio talk show. "He (Mr Christie) must also assume, rightly, that those members of the Party that do not support the candidacy of Obie Wilchcombe for deputy leader

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President Obama includes Bahamas among Caribbean countries in major narcotics list



BARACK OBAMA (AP)

PRESIDENT Barack Obama has included the Bahamas and three other Caribbean countries in a major narcotics list presented to the United States Congress. Jamaica, Haiti and the Dominican Republic were also named on the 2009 list, along with 16 other countries around the world determined to be major producers of illicit drugs or key transit points for the substances.

The Bahamas is recognised as being a major drug-transit country because of its location between drug-producing nations in South America and the United States, and was also included in the major narcotics report last year. A spokesman for the US Embassy in Nassau said the Bahamas government has also been commended in the report for its efforts to crack

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Should the prime minister of the Bahamas be a married man?

LESLIE FRENCH (1)
 "In the Bahamas today, many problems start from the home with the family structure. If you want to lead a country, you should lead by example. The prime minister, in my opinion should be married because he needs to send the right message."

COLMAN DARVILLE, BROKER (2)
 "Yes, I believe that the prime minister should be married. How can he lead our country without any family experience?"

KIKI, 52 (3)
 "I think anyone running for

the top office of prime minister should be married, it makes them look more responsible and they'd be sensitive to family issues. A perfect example would be to look at all the scandals surrounding our unmarried politicians. We need someone who has a family and can respond to the needs and understand what's going on in the family."

CARSON HEPBURN, 51, SOLOMON'S MINES (4)
 "As a married man the prime minister would command more respect from society. You have people depending on you and a greater sense of responsibility. It makes you more striving and stronger, especially if you have children. This will give you a deeper love of people and society. An unmarried man might be thinking 'Who cares? Its just me'."

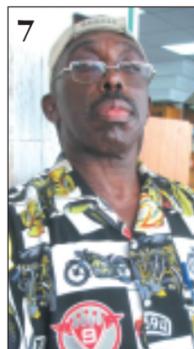
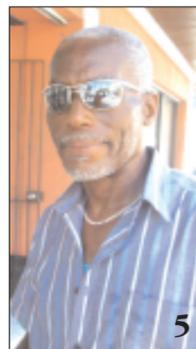
WILLIAMS, 60, TAYLOR INDUSTRIES (5)
 "I agree because the prime



minister should present the image of a stern, firm family man."

SHAWN BUCHANAN, 25 (6)
 "I wouldn't say it's necessary but it looks better for the community that he's a married man and has a family."

ISAAC LEON ROKER, 56 (7)
 "It would show me that he has a sense of responsibility, that he has a family. I think that should be one of the requirements."



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Government responds to complaints over new school

By TANEKA THOMPSON
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GOVERNMENT is working on addressing a litany of complaints from parents, teachers and staff about the less than stellar state of the newly-constructed Anatol Rodgers High School.

The school's parking lot is dotted with large muddy puddles and pot holes, and contractors are busy installing drainage wells – creating an eyesore for both students and teachers.

Minister of Education Carl Bethel said he understands why people are frustrated over the school's external appearance but added that government has faced with circumstances beyond its control.

Mr Bethel said the construction work was complicated by a discrepancy between the estimated contract price and the actual cost of building the school to fit certain necessary design changes, which led to cost overruns.

He explained that the additional funds needed to carry out the repairs had to be approved by Cabinet before they could be released.

"At the end of the day it's all been reviewed by Cabinet which has approved the extra funding. . . That was one of the reasons that caused some delay," said Mr Bethel.

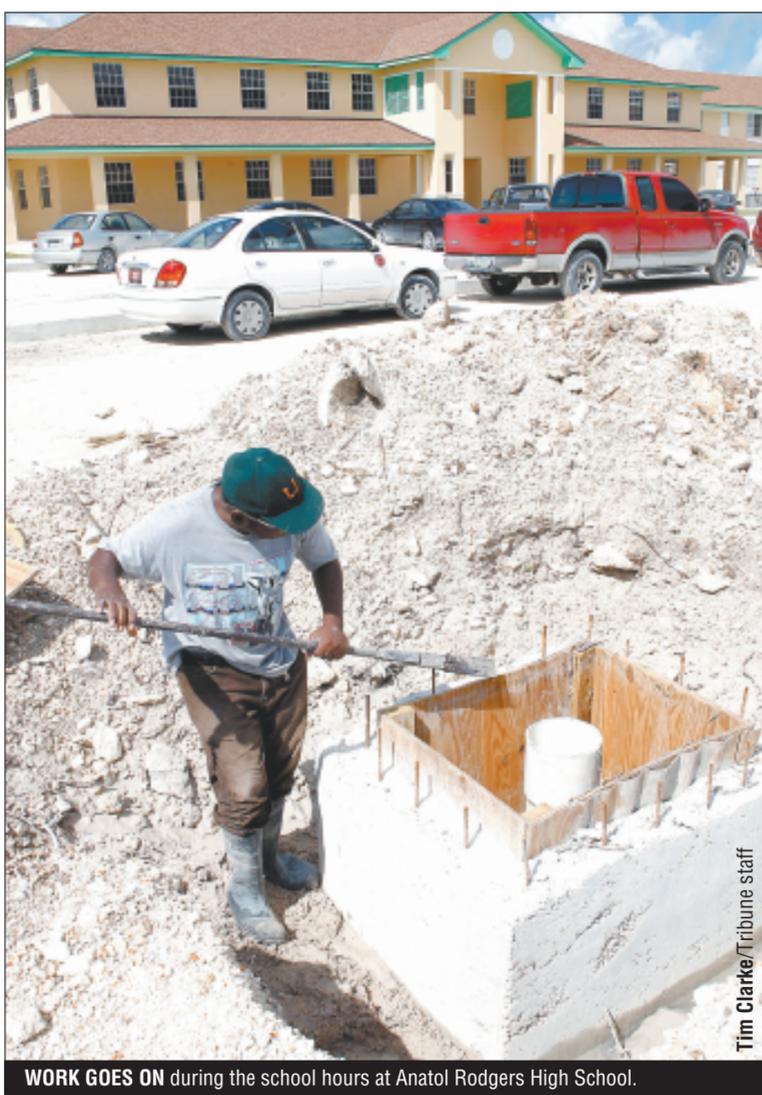
He also explained that the site of the school – which had already been chosen when he assumed office in 2007 – is a low lying plot in southwestern New Providence prone to flooding.

"Now that the final parameters have been set, there are some difficulties because the land, which we met chosen, is low lying," he told *The Tribune* yesterday.

Contractors have been drilling on the site to install new drainage wells. Their work, coupled with recent rainy weather, has created the muddy puddles lining the school's parking lot.

He added that contractors have drilled eight of the 12 wells needed at the school. He said this process has been hampered because contractors can only drill on the weekends, when students are not in school.

The other four wells will be drilled over the next several weeks and outstanding jobs – including pipe and parking lot light installation, and construc-



Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

WORK GOES ON during the school hours at Anatol Rodgers High School.

tion of the school's sports facility – are expected to be completed by January, 2010.

Mr Bethel explained that the school opened on time this fall semester, in spite of outstanding aesthetic challenges, to accommodate the influx of nearly 3,000 new students into the public school system.

He also said students of the school –

which first opened its doors in September, 2008 – have performed at above-average levels.

The cost to build the school was originally pegged at \$8.5 million but design changes and additional work has pushed the price-tag to an estimated \$14 million, Mr Bethel told the media at a press conference at the school's campus yesterday.

Bahamas promotion in Mariah Carey album features in fashion magazine

IN ADDITION to being showcased to millions of people around the world in the booklet of Mariah Carey's upcoming album, the Bahamas is also being promoted in the popular fashion magazine Elle.

In the October 2009 edition, the magazine reproduced some of the pages of the CD's booklet in the form of a special insert for its readers.

An entire page in the publication is dedicated to promoting a competition to win a trip to Eleuthera, where the superstar singer celebrated her wedding to television presenter Nick Cannon in May last year.

In the ad, Eleuthera is named Mariah Carey's favourite island in the Bahamas. It is described as an unspoiled vacation paradise with breath-taking beaches and crystal clear turquoise waters.

Elle readers are asked to go to www.Bahamas.com/Mariah to enter a com-

petition to win a five-day trip for two to the Cove hotel in Eleuthera.

The booklet for the album, titled "Memoirs of an Imperfect Angel", is a co-production with Elle Magazine that will feature advertisements for the Bahamas, Elizabeth Arden and Le Métier De Beauté cosmetics, Angel pink champagne and Carmen Steffens shoes from Brazil.

At a cost of \$35,000, this new way of promoting the Bahamas has been hailed as a "great idea" by former Minister of Tourism Obie Wilchcombe. The West End and Bimini MP said he believes the return on the investment could be significant.

Mariah Carey's last album sold over 430,000 copies in the first week, and Elle Magazine said its American edition reaches 5.1 million readers.

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Jamaican men get 30 months for drug charges

TWO Jamaican men were sentenced to 30 months in prison after pleading guilty to charges stemming from the seizure of nearly half a million dollars worth of marijuana.

Curtis Marsden, 33, and Delroy Brown, 44, both of Jamaica, pleaded guilty on Monday to charges of conspiracy to possess, conspiracy to import, possession with the intent to supply and importation of 488 pounds of marijuana.

The drugs were contained in sacks, packages and buckets found in bushes not far from the sea in Scrub Hill, Long Island, on May 5, 2008. Following investigations, Marsden and Brown were arrested in Simms, Long Island.

The two men had initially pleaded not guilty to the charges and stood trial. On Tuesday, before Magistrate Carolita Bethel delivered her ruling in the matter, both men pleaded guilty to the charges. Marsden and Brown were sentenced to 30 month imprisonment each.

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Have a nice day

Applied Materials is one of the most important U.S. companies you've probably never heard of. It makes the machines that make the microchips that go inside your computer. The chip business, though, is volatile, so in 2004 Mike Splinter, Applied Materials' CEO, decided to add a new business line to take advantage of the company's nanotechnology capabilities — making the machines that make solar panels. The other day, Splinter gave me a tour of the company's Silicon Valley facility, culminating with a visit to its "war room," where Applied maintains a real-time global interaction with all 14 solar panel factories it's built around the world in the last two years. I could only laugh because crying would have been too embarrassing.

Not a single one is in America. Let's see: Five are in Germany, four are in China, one is in Spain, one is in India, one is in Italy, one is in Taiwan and one is even in Abu Dhabi. I suggested a new company motto for Applied Materials' solar business: "Invented here, sold there."

The reason that all these other countries are building solar-panel industries today is because most of their governments have put in place the three prerequisites for growing a renewable energy industry: 1) any business or homeowner can generate solar energy; 2) if they decide to do so, the power utility has to connect them to the grid; and 3) the utility has to buy the power for a predictable period at a price that is a no-brainer good deal for the family or business putting the solar panels on their rooftop.

Regulatory, price and connectivity certainty, that is what Germany put in place, and that explains why Germany now generates almost half the solar power in the world today and, as a byproduct, is making itself the world-center for solar research, engineering, manufacturing and installation. With more than 50,000 new jobs, the renewable energy industry in Germany is now second only to its auto industry. One thing that has never existed in America — with our fragmented, stop-start solar subsidies — is certainty of price, connectivity and regulation on a national basis.

That is why, although consumer demand for solar power has incrementally increased here, it has not been enough for anyone to have Applied Materials — the world's biggest solar equipment manufacturer — build them a new factory in America yet. So, right now, our federal and state subsidies for installing solar systems are largely paying for the cost of importing solar panels made in China, by Chinese workers, using hi-tech manufacturing equipment invented in America.

Have a nice day.
"About 95 percent of our solar business is

outside the U.S.," said Splinter. "Our biggest U.S. customer is a German-owned company in Oregon. We sell them pieces of equipment."

If you read some of the anti-green commentary today, you'll often see sneering references to "green jobs." The phrase is usually in quotation marks as if it is some kind of liberal fantasy or closet welfare program (and as if coal, oil and nuclear don't get all kinds of subsidies). Nonsense. In 2008, more silicon was consumed globally making solar panels than microchips, said Splinter.

"We are seeing the industrialization of the solar business," he added. "In the last 12 months, it has brought us \$1.3 billion in revenues. It is hard to build a billion-dollar business."

Applied sells its solar-panel factories for \$200 million each. Solar panels can be made from many different semiconductors, including thin film coated onto glass with nanotechnology and from crystalline silicon. At Applied, making these complex machines requires America's best, high-paid talent — people who can work at the intersection of chemistry, physics and nanotechnology.

If we want to launch a solar industry here, big-time, we need to offer the kind of long-term certainty that Germany does or impose the national requirement on our utilities to generate solar power as China does or have the government build giant solar farms, the way it built the Hoover Dam, and sell the electricity.

OK, so you don't believe global warming is real. I do, but let's assume it's not. Here is what is indisputable: The world is on track to add another 2.5 billion people by 2050, and many will be aspiring to live American-like, high-energy lifestyles. In such a world, renewable energy — where the variable cost of your fuel, sun or wind, is zero — will be in huge demand.

China now understands that. It no longer believes it can pollute its way to prosperity because it would choke to death. That is the most important shift in the world in the last 18 months.

China has decided that clean-tech is going to be the next great global industry and is now creating a massive domestic market for solar and wind, which will give it a great export platform.

In October, Applied will be opening the world's largest solar research center — in Xian, China.

Gotta go where the customers are. So, if you like importing oil from Saudi Arabia, you're going to love importing solar panels from China.

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Jacinta Higgs is definitely 'Super Woman' in Fox Hill

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Please allow us some space in your most valuable column to share on a meaningful, enlightening and true story that took place in Fox Hill just a few days ago.

We really don't know who Karen White was singing to when she denied being someone's super woman, but we here in the Fox Hill community can truly say that Senator Dr Jacinta Higgs is our "Super Woman".

It all started before now, the president of the New Breed Sporting Club went out in search of sponsors for the Fox Hill summer youth programme. The response came quickly from the Fox Hill MP Fred Mitchell that there was no money to support any programme of this sort in Fox Hill.

At this time we did not receive any word from Senator Higgs only that she was dealing with some historical project.

The children were made to believe that this government don't care about them in Fox Hill and that if they wanted to be a part of the government summer programmes they needed to find their way down to the sports centre or some other facility, despite the other programmes being sponsored by government as satellite programmes all over the Bahamas on an annual basis.

Not being one to give up on our children and being denied a sty pin by the ministry of sports this year, using his club as a satellite programme for the people of Fox Hill to have a sporting venue, Coach Davis then targeted the private business's in the community. Feeling disappointed in both leading political party representatives and with a few minor support and his own finances, his annual six week programme started on schedule.

Just when it looked like the club would have to close early, the children from the New Breed Sports Club received a surprise visit from Mrs Claus in the person of Senator Jacinta Higgs who paid for the entire summer programme, including summer books, club team shirts

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and \$700 cash to assist with other bills that were already accumulated at this time. The children were able to have the best programme in its 12 years of existence and have yet to receive any sort of sponsorship from the MP Minister Fred Mitchell in cash or otherwise showing interest in our young boys in Fox Hill, not even with an ice cooler for the children to have cold water.

We have no one to blame but ourselves.

We voted these strangers in thinking they would understand our plight and do well for our children's future and turned our back on our own, may God help us.

Our Summer programme came to a successful end and just when we were about to part, we got a call from Senator Higgs who included us to participate in the cleaning up of three of the historical sites (the ocean/blue holes, Judge Sandilands and Pa Bey home sites) of the Fox Hill Heritage Tour that was to be launched on Fox Hill day in a joint effort with Mrs Portia Sands of the Fox Hill Urban Renewal Centre and the Ministry of Tourism. We gladly accepted the contract, wow a chance to be a part of Fox Hill's history while making some money for school supplies. Senator Higgs you are the best.

To be brief, just before school opened Senator Higgs assisted one of Nassau's top three basketball guards, a young Fox Hill boy, live out his childhood dream in sending him off to school in the United States.

This boy is the first person in his family to go off to any school in the United States and in the words of Senator Higgs she can identify with his excitement seeing that she too was the first person in her family to go off to college.

She reminded him that he will not only be an ambassador for Fox Hill, but for the Bahamas and that no matter what he was to always hold his

head up high with pride.

Sentiments that can only come from a Senator, Member of Parliament or Prime Minister that has walked this path before identifying with the pain, joy and accomplishments of a people they truly live amongst and desire to be a servant too.

We don't know if our MP Minister Mitchell has to give an account to the Prime Minister, but the New Breed Sports Club placed bleachers on Fox Hill Park and the bleachers need a proper roof over it for shelter from the elements when hosting outdoor events.

Like other communities, Fox Hill children deserve some love from the government as well. While Senator Higgs can be seen assisting us Fox Hill constituents even with little back to school supplies with seemingly little or no help from any government, our MP is said to be collecting but neglecting what is really needed in Fox Hill.

We have scrapped to make one of our dreams, the Fox Hill community Heritage Tour, a success and hope that both governments and Mr Mitchell will get on board and the Ministry of Tourism would keep its word in rendering the necessary support and assistance as promised.

In closing, on behalf of the New Breed Sports, all Fox Hillian's and proud Bahamians everywhere we say, thank you Senator Jacinta Higgs, for all the love you have given and we also thank your family, for generously loaning you to us for such a time as this, especially your husband, Mr Higgs.

We hope that the Government would see that they have a gem in you and realise that we in Fox Hill are daily learning to appreciate our own and hope we can some day see they do as well.

Continue on your steady course, because He who has begun a good work in you is faithful to complete it.

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LOCAL NEWS

Mitchell still prepared to run for PLP leader

By **PAUL G TURNQUEST**
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OPTING not to outright declare that he is throwing his hat in the ring for the party's top post at this time, Fox Hill MP Fred Mitchell maintains he is still prepared to run for the leadership of the Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) at the upcoming convention in October.

Noting that there is still "a lot of time" between now and nomination day, Mr Mitchell told *The Tribune* yesterday in an exclusive interview that he wants the delegates and the public to know that his running is still very much a "live issue."

"Obviously you can't choose yourself. You need to know what kind of support there is for it, and what direction the party will take. The leader has made some statements, so I am examining those statements to see what the forward movement of the party will be," Mr Mitchell said.

To date, only one candidate, Paul Moss, has officially launched his campaign to challenge current leader Perry Christie.

While acknowledging that he fully appreciates the enthusiasm that Mr Moss brings to the contest, Mr Mitchell said that this

bid is not a realistic one and cannot be seen as anything more than a "protest."

"My view is that someone who is not in the parliamentary group can't realistically be leader of the PLP, because he can't under the Constitution be leader of the Opposition. So what you would see there can only be a protest of candidacy. And while I appreciate the enthusiasm which he brings to it, I don't think there is a realistic possibility of anything more than a protest. So it has to be someone in the parliamentary group in my view," he said.

Mr Mitchell said there are any number of persons within the party's parliamentary group who could be leader. However, with a party which does not welcome the idea of change, Mr Mitchell said he hopes that if there is a leadership battle it will be over the different ideas and visions for the Bahamas' future.

"The other important point is that given the way the world has evolved, the country is looking at the PLP to see how it conducts these elections, because how we



FRED MITCHELL

conduct these elections will determine what our image is for the future in people's eyes.

"We have to connect with independents. We lost independents by 12 percentage points in the last campaign and that is the target group in addition to our target base that we have to win over when the next election takes place. So there is going to be a very skillful set of ideas and programmes have to be put together to be able to attract the independents and to keep the base. And it has to be a very skillful campaign and it has to be well-funded and focused," he said.

There is essentially only little over a month for a leadership candidate to launch their campaign and to speak with delegates around the country. But Mr Mitchell questioned whether or not it is even necessary to "campaign", as all of the prospective candidates are already "known quantities" within the party.

"The point is everyone knows everyone and it is just the competing visions that have to be put (forward) and there is a long public record of what has been said

over the last year, and I think that message can go forth. It is just that the internal democracy has to be organised in a way where everybody believes it is fair - and that applies to every office," he said.

When asked if there is a possi-

bility of the party losing funding or support if Mr Christie is returned as party leader during the convention, Mr Mitchell said that it is his view that whoever the leads the PLP, the party will be "well organised and well funded."

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GB YMCA basketball facility fully restored

By **DENISE MAYCOCK**
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FREETPORT - The basketball facility at the YMCA has been fully restored and will soon be used as the venue for major basketball tournaments on Grand Bahama.

The Grand Bahama Port Authority partnered with Basketball Travellers of the United States in restoring the basketball gymnasium, which was severely damaged by the hurricanes in 2004.

Ian Rolle, GBPA president, Neil Holden of Basketball Travellers and Karen Pinder-Johnson, executive director of the YMCA, brought brief remarks at a press conference yesterday.

Mr Rolle said he hopes that the facility will once again be the venue of choice for basketball tournaments as well as other community events here on the island.

"We all are aware that the storms of 2004 completely destroyed the basketball facility at the Y, and during the month of April we partnered with Basketball Travellers to bring life back into this facility,"



GINGER MOXEY, president of Port Group Limited, holds court in the YMCA

he said. "As you look around today you can see the benefits of this partnership. We thank Mr Holden and Sean McShane of Basketball Travellers because without their efforts and commitment this would have not been possible."

The gymnasium has received new basketball flooring, rims, scoreboards and bleachers. This year, Basketball Travellers will bring 12 American teams to Grand Bahama to compete in a major basketball tournament.

The company has been bringing teams to the Bahamas for many years. This is its seventh year in Grand Bahama.

Mr Holding said Basketball Travellers was founded 24 years ago and has been organising tours to the Bahamas for the past 10 years. They have brought 20 to 30 teams to New Providence.

The organisation started doing tours to Grand Bahama after a visit to the island seven years ago. Since then, the company has been partnering with the Ministry of Tourism to promote the Junkanoo Jam tournaments abroad.

"We came here and loved what we saw and we have been having the tournaments here," said Mr Holding.

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LOCAL NEWS

Two tourist swimmers drown at Florida Beach
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PERDIDO Key firefighters say two Louisiana tourists drowned at Perdido Key beach and 11 swimmers were rescued off Pensacola Beach, according to Associated Press.

Authorities say they received a call Tuesday afternoon of swimmers tangled in the beach's strong

riptides. Firefighters found a 46-year-old man on the shore, but CPR couldn't revive the man.

Meanwhile, Escambia Fire-Rescue Lt. Daniel Akerman says a 62-year-old man was found dead and floating in the Gulf.

Lifeguards rescued 11 other swimmers from the rough surf. Reports say the swimmers were not injured.

Organisation seeks support in bid to rehabilitate ex-convicts

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP, ESTEEM, ABILITY, AND DISCIPLINE INSTITUTE

A NEW organisation which seeks to rehabilitate ex-convicts and repeat offenders is asking the public's support.

Earlier this month, the National Leadership, Esteem, Ability, and Discipline (LEAD) Institute was officially launched under the patronage of National Security Minister Tommy Turnquest.

The institute aims to serve as a half-way home with programmes for post prison/correctional facility inmates.

Founder Troy Clarke, who has an Associate's degree in Law and a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, said the institute works on the premise that everyone deserves a second chance to correct past mistakes and must be assisted when the will to reform is present.

"One of the most vexing problems in Bahamian society is our inability to effectively re-integrate and re-socialise those who have paid their debt to society through the penal system. This sad reality leads to the additional suffering of men and women who in many cases have sufficiently



TOMMY TURNQUEST

suffered in the confines of an overcrowded, and under-resourced correctional facility," Mr Clarke said.

"It is also no secret that ex-convicts are ostracised because of the stigma attached to having been imprisoned. As a result of these problems, many are disillusioned, angry and embittered. The end product then is that many become repeat offenders, mistakingly believing that it may be better in prison than in a society that has no place for them. As proof of this, Her Majesty's Prison here in Nassau boasts of having one of the highest rates of repeat offenders in the Caribbean."

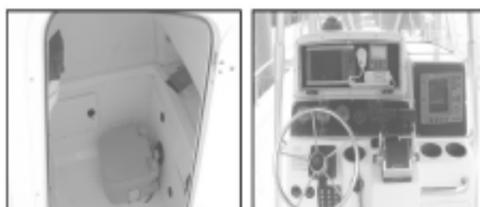
The National LEAD Institute, Mr Clarke said, is requesting prayers, financial donations, technical support and any assistance that members of the public can provide.

"It is our belief that all men fall sooner or later, but the good ones and the great ones will always get back up," he said.

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LOCAL NEWS

Claims of violence by Immigration officers spark online debate



CLAIMS of violence and intimidation on the part of Immigration officers during a detention exercise in Abaco sparked a heated debate on tribune242.com, with several foreigners expressing outrage and vowing to never return to the Bahamas.

The visitors' angry comments were posted in response to a story in Tuesday's *Tribune* in which it was claimed that officers carried cutlasses, threatened children with guns and used violence as they detained at least 165 Haitians of all ages and separated them from their families at around 4am on July 30.

Sources told how children were left behind as their parents were sent to Haiti, and Bahamians born of Haitian parents were forced to bid farewell to relatives and friends, some of whom had lived in the Bahamas for decades.

"Graham Russell" wrote: "I will not take my holiday in the Bahamas ever again! The way you treat people is disgusting and you will never see any of my tourist money again. I'm boycotting the Bahamas and encouraging my friends and family to do the same based on your treatment of Haitians. You people are terrible."

A Bahamian calling herself "Rosemerie" responded, commenting that the Immigration Department has to do "something about the Haitians".

She wrote: "These Haitians have invaded our country and are taking over. Their vast numbers will easily outnumber Bahamians in just a few years. Bahamians better stand up now for our country or we severely regret it later on."

"I am tired of seeing Haitians everywhere you turn and hearing that Creole all over the place. This is the Bahamas, for Bahamians, not Haiti!!!"

"They need to be sent a clear message: Stay away, don't come here! Good job Immigration! And there is no such thing as Bahamians born of Haitian parents. You are what your parents are, no matter where you born; check the laws. Bahamians should have Bahamian blood, not Haitian running through their veins. Haitians do not love our country and are only using it for their financial gain."

Her comments sparked a long response from a commentator who described himself as "Esai Ambo, Superior Court Ambassador".

Under the title, "Modern Civilization. We are all human beings," he wrote: "Rosemerie, whatever planet you are from, you need help. I visited the Bahamas at least four times a year; the last time I was there would be the last time you'll see my tourist dollar."

"I understand that the laws of your country need to be respected, but human rights and human dignity are at risk here. The United Nations and Geneva Convention on Human Rights need to investigate the inhuman and cruel treatment against Haitians in the Bahamas. The Bahamian government should be investigated for crimes against humanity and gross violations against human rights."

He said that all democratic nations must respect the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and quoted several Articles including:

Article 3 - Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

Article 5 - No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Article 9 - No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.

Article 14 - Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution.

Article 15 - Everyone has the right to a nationality. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his nationality nor denied the right to change his nationality.

He also noted that the Bahamas Constitution states that a person born in this country after July 9, 1973 of foreign parents is entitled to apply for citizenship after his or her 18th birthday.

Another commentator

wrote: "The Bahamas is the most cultureless country in the West Indies / Caribbean. Haitians / Jamaicans are an asset to the Bahamas. Whenever I come to the Bahamas for business, the Bahamians are crass, rude, and you get this sense that they feel they are owed something . . . for what? Haitians and Jamaicans are pleasant, approachable, WORKING, ethical and have a rich history."

"Rosemarie, without Haitians and Jamaicans the Bahamas would be an over-priced bush. God forbid that a Bahamian would have to do yard work. I mean . . . with the average student getting Ds they should all be entitled to jobs in high finance and management, right?"

In a tribune242.com poll yesterday, readers were asked if Bahamian authorities should treat people better during raids and detention exercises.

More than 100 people responded, 65 agreeing that, "Yes, all people deserve respect", while 36 said "No, they shouldn't be here in the first place".

Conchy Joe said: "No Doubt about it, everybody should be shown respect. The question is, how much respect was shown to the officers by these Haitians as they were being rounded up? I speak from experience, Haitians show great disrespect to Bahamians in Abaco. If indeed the officers were inhumane, were they reacting to the actions of the people they were trying to capture? You can't just accept as fact what Haitians say happened. They may be trying to gain sympathy by claiming abuse."

"My question to Bahamians is, do you realise what is going on in our country? There has been an invasion underway for decades. The first wave of Haitians were mild mannered, hard working people, for the most part. Those that were able to stay here have had children. Haitians believe in education, they make sure their children get as good an education as is possible. By comparison most Bahamian "parents" don't demand the best from their children's schoolwork because they themselves place little worth it a good education. So we have a situation where immigrants are quickly surpassing Bahamians in education / employability. The day is soon coming, if not already here, when Haitian-Bahamians will be rising to the top while Bahamians will be forced to do the very jobs (manual labour) their forefathers were allowed to stay here to do."

Tanya warned that Bahamians "better wake up before we turn in Haiti".

"It does not matter to me what any foreigner says about we treating Haitians inhumanely, this is my Bahamas! I live here and I see my country being invaded and taken over by Haitians. I don't even recognise this country anymore. America doesn't want Haitians over there, so why should we put up with them here? Haitians hate Bahamians and want to take over this country, they will say anything to make us look bad. Bahamians you better ignore these liberal, bleeding hearts and stand up for your country, before we become Little Haiti! How would you like a Haitian prime minister? You better watch out, its coming! It ain't long now! Think about that, and how are they going to treat Bahamians then."

Robert P. responded, saying: "I imagine they would treat us just as bad as we treat them - and we would deserve it. This is not about whether we should let all illegals stay or whether we should get rid of them, but HOW we go about getting rid of them . . . If we treat them inhumanely we are no better than animals and as such, have no right to claim a country for ourselves. Humans populate countries, not cruel beasts."

Leo also responded to Tanya, asking: "What is 'Your Bahamas'? This desperate search for national identity when your land is made up of former loyalists, former slaves, and immigrants from countries as diverse as Haiti, Jamaica, Canada, the UK, and sundry other countries. There are no

Arawaks left anymore, last time I checked, so let's be clear - nobody has a claim to "own" this land TO THE EXCLUSION OF ALL OTHERS. Tanya, for "Haitian" why don't you try a history lesson and insert 'former slave'?"

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Fox Hill gang 'wars' prompt town meeting

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shootings in and around the area. He is described as being slim built, clean cut, around 6ft tall, and in his late 20s to early 30s.

This suspect, whose name is not being released, is reportedly well known to the police and was recently released from Her Majesty's Prison.

The public is advised to not approach the suspect as he is said to be armed and dangerous.

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down on drug-trafficking by working with the US government and Haitian authorities.

Under the Foreign Relations Authorisation Act, the President is required to notify Congress of countries he determines to be major illicit drug-producing countries or major drug-transit countries on an annual basis.

Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, India, Laos, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, and Venezuela are also listed.

Of the 20 nations, President Obama said Bolivia, Burma and Venezuela, "failed demonstrably" over the last 12 months, to adhere to international counter-narcotic agreements and take counter-narcotic measures set forth in US law.

However, the Department of State also pointed out that, "a country's presence on the list does not necessarily

President Obama includes the Bahamas among Caribbean countries in major narcotics list

reflect its counternarcotics efforts nor does it reflect its cooperation with the United States."

The designation can reflect a combination of geographic, commercial, and economic factors that allow drugs to be produced and/or trafficked through a country despite its own best efforts.

When a country does not live up to its obligations under international counternarcotics agreements and conventions, the President determines that the country has, "failed demonstrably." Such a designation can lead to sanctions.

In compiling the list, the President may also execute

a waiver for listed countries if he determines that continued assistance from the United States is in the national interest of the US.

President Obama issued a national interest waiver for Bolivia and Venezuela so the United States may continue to support civil society programs and small community development programs in Venezuela, and agricultural development, exchange programs, small enterprise development and police training programs among others in Bolivia.

Even without such a waiver, humanitarian assistance and counter-narcotics assistance may continue.

Rigby: Christie should demand Wilchcombe steps down as chair of PLP convention

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will recognise the possible advantages (whether real or fanciful) that may accrue to him as long as he continues as Convention Chair and they will thereby become hard ened in their view that the electoral process was clothed in unfairness and favouritism.

"Given these perceptions and Mr Christie's sentiments, he must recognise that as leader he must be seen as the 'unifier' and therefore should not either engage in or be a party to any act which sends a perception that he favours one candidate to the disadvantage of the others. Or, that one candidate can consistently break the rules of the organisation without fear of penalty.

"The same 'rules' of the organisation that Mr Christie speaks, demand that the leader address the obvious conflict that exists with the serving convention chair also running in the election for the post of deputy leader."

Mr Rigby stressed that he was not attacking Mr Wilchcombe's integrity but added that the issue created "the appearance of a conflict of interest".

"This appearance of conflict between duty and self interest in the position of Convention Chair will undermine public confidence in the Party as a fair and democratic organisation, as well as reinforce the political propaganda that the PLP is a corrupt organisation," said Mr Rigby.

"It is always my view and belief that leaders should act at the highest level of accountability and should always demand transparency and maturity in their political organisations, and this must equally apply when it comes to the election of party offices.

"The public must be assured that the PLP is prepared to do what is right. On this occasion we have thus far failed.

"I trust that the leader would now do what he knows is the right thing and demand for Mr Wilchcombe to relinquish the post of Convention Chair.

"This is the right, honourable and decent course that must be taken," said Mr Rigby.

Olympics star charged with assault on boy

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pionships and the Olympics.

He also co-holds the Bahamian record in the 4x100 metres relay, achieved with teammates Renward Wells, Dominic Demeritte and Iram Lewis.

After the hearing, Tynes' attorney Ramona Farquharson said he intends to aggressively fight the charges against him.

"He's asked me to convey to the entire Bahamian community, in particular his family and friends, his former students and their parents that he is absolutely innocent of these charges," Ms Farquharson told the media outside the courtroom.

"He's asking for them to continue to keep him in their prayers and I have been instructed to vigorously defend this matter.

"He takes very seriously his position and standing in the community. His role as a role model, he does not take that lightly.

"He is quite moved and distressed by these charges but again he is confident that he is going to be victorious," Ms Farquharson added.

Tynes, who is on administrative leave, will return to court on September 21 to fix a trial date.

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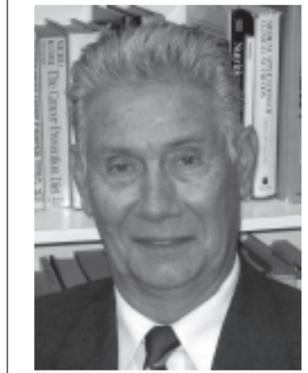
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The Bahamas set to take part in International Coastal Cleanup Day

VOLUNTEERS throughout the Bahamas are preparing to take part in the Ocean Conservancy's 24th Annual International Coastal Cleanup Day this Saturday.

International Coastal Cleanup Day is the world's largest one-day volunteer event aimed at stemming pollution of the marine environment. Last year, nearly 400,000 volunteers from 100 countries cleared 6.8 million pounds of trash from oceans and waterways and recorded every piece of trash collected. The initiative started as a local programme in Texas and gradually expanded to include every major body of water in the world. As such, it not only makes a powerful statement about global concern for the environment, it also empowers local communities to do something about pollution.

"Last year record numbers of volunteers came out to clean up shorelines and waterways in the Bahamas on International Coastal Cleanup Day," said Tanya Moss, education assistant for Dolphin Encounters on Blue Lagoon Island and national coordinator of the initiative in the Bahamas.

"Volunteers collected 14,431 debris items in New Providence alone and that is a tremendous achievement. This year we have chosen Bonefish Pond National Park as the inland waterway to be cleaned in New Providence. It is the Bahamas National Trust's 50th Anniversary year and in honour of their commitment to our environment our focus will be to removing debris from one of the National Parks entrusted to their care."

Janeen Bullard, parks planner and community officer of the BNT, said: "The Bahamas National Trust has always supported and participated in International Cleanup Day in the Bahamas."



"We are pleased that Bonefish Pond National Park has been chosen as the site for New Providence. It is an important marine nursery area for the island, providing a protective, nutrient rich habitat for juvenile stocks of fish, crawfish, and conch. This area also supports a wide variety of waterfowl and an important variety of Bahamian flora. The wetland itself provides critical protection for storm surges to communities along New Providence's southern shore."

International Coastal Cleanup Day will also take place on other islands.

In Nassau:

Dolphin Encounters - Project BEACH will host International Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 19, from 9am to 2pm at Bonefish Pond National Park - off Cowpen Road.

The public is invited to volunteer and attend. Please wear closed in shoes, sunscreen and gardening gloves.

Project BEACH will also be hosting month-long Beach Buddies and Project Green programmes with local students.

In Abaco:

Friends of the Environment, the International

Coastal Clean-up coordinators for Abaco, together with the Ministry of Tourism Office in Abaco, have organised events including beach clean-ups.

In Grand Bahama:

On Saturday, under the theme "Keep Grand Bahama Beautiful", volunteers will clean up 12 beaches and shorelines from 8am to 1pm. Ministry of Tourism, Sunny Isles Water and Juice, Caribbean Bottling Company (Bahamas) Ltd, and local government councils are sponsoring the refreshments for the volunteers. The Ministry of Tourism Office in Grand Bahama serves as the Grand Bahama coordinator for International Coastal Clean-up.

All Other Islands

Contact Tanya Moss at Dolphin Encounters for information packets on forming your own clean-ups for International Clean-up Day.

The Caribbean Bottling Company which produces Coca-Cola in the Bahamas is the major sponsor of the event providing refreshments for volunteers both in Nassau and Grand Bahama. Coke is the global sponsor for International Coastal Clean-up Day.

LAST YEAR hundreds of volunteers gathered on several islands in the Bahamas to take part in International Coastal Clean-up Day. All trash collected was sorted and filed by type. The data was sent to the Ocean Conservancy which tracks global marine debris.

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LOCAL NEWS

Chinese planning to do large scale farming in Abaco

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plenty of farmland and you have plenty of water."

A further study of the conditions in Abaco by agriculture experts is scheduled for next month after which an agreement is to be prepared,

he said.

The delegation was shown 10,000 acres of the old sugar plantation properties south of the New Spring City, and 3,000 acres of the former Key and Sawyer/Bahama Star farm in North Abaco.

Mr Key said: "They have asked for certain information

relating to the climate and rainfall which we will supply. By October they will send in a team of experts to do a study of the land and assess the possibilities."

This coincides with a BAIC food production initiative in Abaco which, he said, has attracted "a huge interest by the young people".

BAIC has already subdivided thousands of acres into five and ten-acre plots which are leased out to Bahamians for farming.

"We are moving in the right direction because the Chinese have the technology and they have the expertise," said Mr Key. "I see this as a very positive step in the right direction."

Mr Key also said he is looking forward to this project being the impetus for the construction of canneries and factories in the islands "where we can start processing food and put the product of The Bahamas on the shelves. This is the beginning".

He said Mr Sun was impressed with the available acreage and the quality of the soil.

"This would create a tremendous employment opportunities for Bahamians," he said. "We would also be able to produce a lot of the food products we import."



TOP: Chinese officials, Yiqing Sun (right) and Baoquo Xing, of the Shandong High-speed Quila Construction Group look at available acreage in Abaco for agriculture.

ABOVE: Yiqing Sun, Director, Technical Team (left) and Baoquo Xing (right), examine the soil with BAIC's Assistant General Manager Arnold Dorsett

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The Bahamas Electricity Corporation Tender

Assessment of Capital Projects Administration Process

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Bidders are required to collect bid packages from the Corporation's Administration Office, Blue Hill & Tucker Roads by contacting **Mrs. Delmeta Seymour, Telephone No. 302-1158.**

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SPORTS

Darling undergoes successful surgery

by RENALDO DORSETT
Sports Reporter
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National Football League wide receiver Devard Darling took the first step towards a long recovery yesterday.

Darling underwent successful surgery yesterday to repair a torn Anterior Cruciate Ligament which left him sidelined for the 2009-10 season.

The fifth year wideout for the Kansas City Chiefs sustained the injury, August 29th, in the second quarter of a pre-season game against the Seattle

Seahawks. With the severity of the injury the Chiefs placed Darling on injured reserve list shortly thereafter on September 1st.

"It saddens me to say my season has officially come to an end. A torn ACL is a serious injury, but not one I can't

recover from," Darling said in a press release following the injury, "I will undergo surgery to repair the damage and take the necessary steps towards a full recovery. I am confident I will be able to return next season with the same speed and explosiveness you have seen from me in the past. The fifth year vet was expected

to come into his own this year, and had the confidence of the new coaching staff behind him, evident in his three consecutive postseason starts. After playing sparingly in his rookie and sophomore seasons with the Baltimore Ravens, Darling's play in his third year sparked interest from franchises around the league.

He caught 18 passes for 326 yards, including a nationally televised breakout performance against the Cleveland Browns when he recorded a career high four receptions for 107 yards and one touchdown. Darling thanked his supporters and well wishes for their support in the roughest segment of his career thus far.

Cool 96 Cash Win



Above: Eric Ward (l), Cool 96 Morning show co-host, presents Monique Harris (r) with her cheque.

Cool 96 listener Monique Harris won \$800 in the OnePhone Ring that Pays. During the Eric 'n' Ed show on Cool 96 yesterday, September 16, Harris was the 10th caller, accurately naming the last 5 songs in the sequence of play.

Harris, who had been trying to win since the start of the promotion, was ecstatic, "trembling" as she recalled the songs from her OnePhone Ring that Pays book. The mother of three had not walked her daughter to class from the promotion started. Her 7th grade son would write the names of the songs in the book during their morning commute. She plans to celebrate with her father, Francis Bain, at his 75th birthday party in Freeport this weekend. Thanks to OnePhone and Cool 96 she will be able to attend after all.

The OnePhone Ring that Pays continues daily on Cool 96 through to October 2. Listeners win instant cash when they correctly name the last five songs played and their artists in sequence.

Golfing duo get prepared

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period, featuring "Best Ball" and "Alternate Shot" formats.

The pair emerged from a field of nine golfers who finished in the top two positions at a qualifying event hosted by Lyford Cay Golf Club last this summer. Turnquest shot a combined score of 151 to lead the group, while Gorospe shot 154.

Since the qualification more than two months ago, Turnquest and Gorospe have worked diligently towards the Nations Cup a qualifier for the Omega Mission Hills

The event, hosted September 21-25 at the Caracas Country Club, with spots for the Omega Mission Hills World Cup on the line.

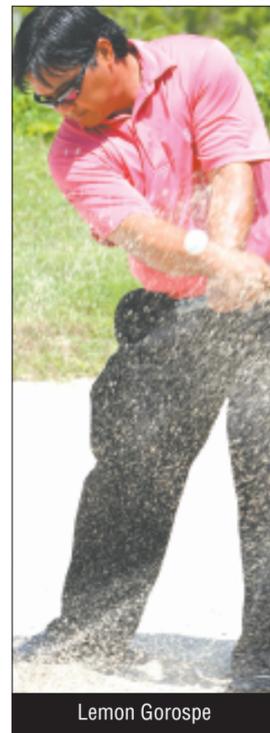
Turnquest is a former Bahamas Professional Golfers Association National Champion, and has a resume which includes being a multi junior national champion, representing The Bahamas at previous World Cup event, former member of the Hoerman Cup team and playing on the collegiate scene for five years.

Gorospe is also a former junior national champion, Hoerman Cup team member, former junior college champion in North Carolina and he has played for years on the pro circuit. Both golfers will be making their third trip to the World Cup Qualifying event, and have previously teamed up in 2007.

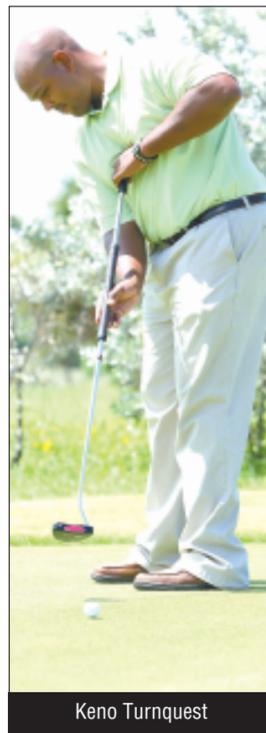
Gorospe qualified for the tournament in 2008 with BPGA President Chris Lewis.

Turnquest said his third tournament qualification looks to be the most effective thus far because of the extended preparation time the team has headed into the event.

"It was a very good feeling. I think we have a strong team this year and for one of the first times we have time and an opportunity to practice and fully prepare ourselves for competition and the preparation was vital for us," he said, "In the past we have never really had time to work together which is crucial because it is a team event. We get to work on our games together, develop a team chemistry, work on how we compliment each other. One person can not win and it obviously has to be a team effort so



Lemon Gorospe



Keno Turnquest

with this time we have to work together and work on our weaknesses I think it will make all the differences in year's past."

The "Best Ball" format will record the lowest score from either team member while the "Alternate Shot" format will feature members taking alternate shots with the same ball until the ball is holed up.

Gorospe who plays on several global tours, said the tournament's format is one that lends itself to a lengthy preparation process.

"With this format you need to get used to playing with the person you are partnered with," he said, "The format is so different we do not play this format regularly. The alternate shot is something different he has to get used to the way I play the course and I have to do the same with him so its a benefit we prepared well in advance."

Lewis, President of the Bahamas Professional Golfers' Association, said the team will field the best possible team for the event.

"These guys are well prepared for this event. Both of

them have a wealth of experience so it is not like they are going into uncharted territory, they know what to expect and I think they should perform pretty well," he said, "Should they advance to the World Cup it would be a great accomplishment, they would compete all of the top countries in the world at this event."

Both players gave special recognition to the team's sponsors for the event, J.S. Johnson, FML Group of Companies and FT Consultants/Chartered Accountants.

Volleyball tournament to open school sporting year

by RENALDO DORSETT
Sports Reporter
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With school sports set to begin in a few weeks, volleyball will be the first discipline to be featured with a highly anticipated pre-season tournament.

The 2nd Annual Tom "The Bird" Grant High School Invitational Preseason Volleyball Tournament will open the school sporting year, scheduled for September 24-26 at the Sir Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium.

With the tournament opening during active school days, play on the Thursday the 24th and Friday the 25th will begin at 3:30pm while the final day will begin at 9am.

The tournament will feature a total of 10 teams including, the C.I Gibson Rattlers, Dame Doris Johnson Mystic Marlins, R.M Bailey Pacers, Government High School Magic, C.V Bethel Stingrays, and C.C Sweeting Cobras from the public sector and Mt.Carmel Cavaliers, Teleos Cherubims, St. John's Giants and Prince William Falcons from the private sector.

Tournament organizer, Tom Grant Jr, said the tournament should feature a high level of play with teams gearing up for the regular season.

"This year we are focusing on the senior division," he said, "We are expecting a lot of progress and we expect to see a lot of exciting and spirited play. That following Monday is the start of the volleyball season in the GSSSA so this would give teams a good headstart."

Grant said the tournament looks to expand in the near future featuring a greater number of teams, including those from the family islands.

"It will have a regular season and playoff atmosphere while giving coaches an opportunity to see what they have and fine tune anything they need to for the upcoming season ahead," he said, "We would like to see more schools get involved, especially more private schools and hopefully we would like to expand to the family islands so we would have a better selection of teams to play."

The Technical meeting for the tournament will take place Tuesday, September 22nd at the Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium.



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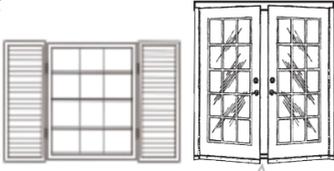
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SPORTS

Mark Knowles – he keeps going, going and going

By BRENT STUBBS

STUBBS

WHEN American author and humorist Mark Twain penned these words: "Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter," he must have had his namesake Mark Knowles in mind.

Knowles, who turned 38 on September 4, is still playing as if he's still in the prime of his illustrious 20-plus year rather than going into his twilight.

After more than two decades on the international scene, the 6-foot-3 right-hander seemed to be like the energizer bunny: He keeps going and going and going.

When the St. Andrew's graduate decided to abandon a promising collegiate career with the Bruins at the University of Los Angeles at California (UCLA), he also made one of the smartest move that has prolonged his longevity in the sport.

He decided to concentrate more on the then less publicized doubles competition rather than the vigorous singles competition, which may not have allowed him to enjoy the success for as long as he has.

Today, that move has enabled him to amass an incredible resume that stands



OPINION

out just as much as his figure. Here's a snap preview of what he has achieved:

- Five-time Olympic Games appearance from 1992 in Barcelona, Spain to 2008 in Beijing, China.
- A 14-year span in 29 ties in Davis Cup competition for the Bahamas from 1989-2008 with a total team high 41-32 win-loss record, inclusive of 23-25 in singles and 18-7 in

doubles as well as the best team record of 9-5 with Roger Smith.

- Hosted the Mark Knowles Celebrity Invitational at Atlantis on Paradise Island from 2001.

- 2002 Australian Open Grand Slam title with Daniel Nestor from Canada.

- ATP Player Council Member from 2002-2004.

- 2004 US Open Grand slam title with Daniel Nestor from Canada.

- 2007 French Open Grand Slam title with Daniel Nestor from Canada.

- 2007 Tennis Masters Cup doubles title with Daniel Nestor from Canada.

- 2009 Wimbledon Grand slam mixed doubles title with Ann-Lena Groenefeld from Germany.

- A career singles win-loss record of 42-77.

- Highest singles ranking of No.96 on June 24, 1996.

- A career doubles record of 687-328.

- Highest doubles ranking of No.1 on June 24, 2002.

- Career doubles titles – 52.

- Current career prize money – \$6,546,740.00.

- Married to the former Dawn Davison and the proud father of two sons, Graham and Brody.

The only thing missing from Knowles' list of achievement was an individual recognition from the Bahamas Government.

Add the Mark Knowles Week from September 13-19, as proclaimed by Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham on Monday night, along with a citation from Governor General Arthur D. Hanna at Government House.

All things considered, whenever Knowles decides that age does matter over mind and he calls it quits, there should be more recognition coming his way.

How about his name on a monument of national stadium or maybe even a highway like West Bay Street. If Tonique Williams-Darling can get a highway for winning back-to-back Olympic and World Championships titles, Knowles surely could get one for his achievement.

How about an honor from the Queen. Sir Mark Knowles surely sounds good.

Just some food for thought as we celebrate Mark Knowles Week.

KUDOS TO BROWN AND SANDS

I was thrilled to see how Chris 'Fireman' Brown and Leevan 'Superman' Sands stuck it out and turned things

around at the IAF/VTB Bank World Athletics Final over the weekend.

Almost a month after their dreams of winning medals in their respective events at the 12th IAAF World Championships in Athletics in Berlin, Germany in August was crashed, both Brown and Sands produced second place finishes in the year-ending meet.

In Thessaloniki, Greece, Brown trailed only world champion LaShawn Merritt from the United States in the men's 400 metres to collect a final paycheck of \$20,000.

And on the same day, Sands soared to a second behind Cuban Arnie David Girat in the men's triple jump to also pick up \$20,000.

Both Brown and Sands could have easily folded up and retreated to their training camps in the United States after missing out on a spot on the medal podium in Berlin.

But neither of them wanted it to end that way. They regrouped and regained their composure and were able to turn things around in Thessaloniki. And both have indicated that it has given them the incentive to go into training camp with renewed vigor for the 2010 season that will include the Commonwealth Games in India a year from now.

Hats off as well to veteran sprinters Chandra Sturup and Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie, who continued to prove that is age is only a number,' a quote that was coined by author Lexi Starling. At age 38 and 33 respectively, Sturup and Ferguson-McKenzie withstood the challenge from their younger foes and they performed exceptionally well again this year.

It was definitely a year for all of them to remember.



MARK KNOWLES, of the Bahamas, returns a ball to Lukas Dlouhy, of the Czech Republic, and Leander Paes, of India. Watching is his partner Mahesh Bhupathi, of India.



Tender

CATERING SERVICES - CAFETERIA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The Bahamas Electricity Corporation invites Tenders for the above named services.

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Contact: Mrs. Delmeta Seymour at telephone 302-1158

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SPORTS

Sixteen-year-old Geno Bullard Jr is Canada-bound

By BRENT STUBBS
Senior Sports Reporter
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WHEN Geno Bullard Jr. completed his successful reign with the Sparks at St. Thomas

More as multiple primary school athlete in 2005, he was projected to emerge into a high school superstar.

Four years later, Bullard Jr. has certainly lived up to those expectations and even more,

holding his own as a Giant for two years at St. John's College before he ended up as a Diplomat the past two years at Westminster College.

Today, at age 16, Bullard Jr. will be take a step further in his

career as he travels all the way to Canada to join Ripley College where he is expected to continue his athletic pursuits, particularly basketball.

"When I went from primary school to high school, I noticed that the game was quite different," Bullard Jr. pointed out. "In primary school, it was more fun. When we reached to high school, we had to step it up because everybody was coming for you."

"So you had to play hard every game because whatever competition you put out, that was the competition that was coming back at you."

Throughout his tenure in high school, Bullard Jr. has been able to excel as a forward on the junior national team and he also competed in the long jump at the BAAA's Nationals.

But what stood out the most was his achievement in basketball where he was able to secure a spot on the junior national team this past summer.

An injury, however, prevented him from making the kind of impact that he had anticipated. But Bullard Jr. said he was quite pleased with his accomplishments.

"I knew the level was going to be higher, but when I got into grade seven, the guys were able to push me further," Bullard Jr. said. "So I think that was what helped me to get better and better each year."

As he look ahead to the transition from high school to college in Canada, Bullard Jr. said he know that it's going to get even more challenging for him.

But he feels as though he's ready to "make my country proud and my country proud. It's a big prestigious school in Canada and they have high expectations for me, so I will do my best when I go there."

Although he's not ruling out a professional basketball career or even possibly a chance to represent the Bahamas at the Olympic Games in track and field, Bullard Jr. said he would really like to become a Sport-caster or a Pastry Chef.

Looking back at his career, Bullard Jr. has credited his father, Geno Bullard Sr. as the driving force.



GENO BULLARD SR AND JR



GENO BULLARD JR

"My father pushes me every day and he keep telling me never to give up in practice," Bullard Jr. said. "He keeps reminding me that if I work hard, I can be the best athlete that I can be."

Bullard Sr. said this is a day that he longed awaited and now it's finally here.

"I know this day was going to come, so I've been preparing myself," said Bullard, who had the opportunity to coach his son during the last two years.

"Sixteen years I have been preparing myself. I know this day was going to come. He now have to spread his wings and try to soar to another level."

Although he will be leaving one year ahead of graduating from high school, Bullard Sr said his son has accomplished all of the goals that he had set out as a youngster playing basketball, soccer and track and field.

After trying for three years, Bullard Jr. finally added the one missing piece to his script, a

Bahamas Association of Independent Secondary Schools' basketball title.

That came last year when he and his father made history at Westminster by winning the BAISS senior boys title.

As he get set to climb the ladder in a new horizon in college, Bullard Sr. said he's confident that his son will succeed.

"The thing is, he won't be new to the environment because he's already been to the school on our college tour, so he's familiar with the school, the administration, the coaching staff and even the players," Bullard Sr. noted.

"So he should feel right at home. This a brand new situation for him and he will have to take his time getting adjusted to it, but as far as his athletics is concerned, I'm confident that the sky is the limit for him."

Like he did here at St. Thomas More, St. John's and Westminster, Bullard Sr. said he's just looking forward to his son excelling at Ripley College.

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NATION'S CUP, VENEZUELA: September 19-26

Ready to come out swinging!

Bahamian duo Keno Turnquest, Lemon Gorospe vie for World Cup berths

by **RENALDO DORSETT**
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Just days of preparation remain before a duo of Bahamian golf pros represent the country in international competition, vie for a World Cup berth.

Keno Turnquest and Lemon Gorospe will compete in the

Nation's Cup, September 19-26 in Caracas, Venezuela.

The Nation's Cup will feature 19, two-member teams, vying for three vacant spots in the World Cup of Golf, November 27-30 in Mission Hills, China.

The tournament will feature 72 holes of golf over a four day

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Keno Turnquest

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'Love My Body'



DEPUTY Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Brent Symonette and Minister of Health Dr Hubert Minnis (far right) view local produce at one of the booths erected at the Ministry of Health, Meeting Street. Also shown is Camille Johnson (far left), permanent secretary in the Ministry of Health...

Photos by Kris Ingraham/BIS)

Bahamas marks Caribbean Wellness Day

By LINDSAY THOMPSON

THE Bahamas joined the rest of the Caribbean this past Saturday in celebrating Caribbean Wellness Day under the theme "Love My Body".

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Brent Symonette officially opened a wellness fair at the Ministry of Health, encouraging Bahamians to reduce the rate of non-communicable diseases through healthy living.

Caribbean Heads of Government, in response to the "heavy burden" of non-communicable diseases on its citizens, issued the Port of Spain Declaration in September 2007, "Uniting to Stop the Epidemic of Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases" and declared that the second Saturday in September be celebrated each year as Caribbean Wellness Day.

Illnesses such as heart disease, stroke, cancer and diabetes are said to be the leading causes of premature death amongst Caribbean people.

Health statistics show that obesity remains a challenge in the 31 to 60 year old age group, where more than 30 per cent of the population is obese.

"However, measurable achievements are being made as well. One only has to look at the number of people that are out exercising in the mornings and evenings. Walking is becoming more common as a form also by you as individuals. You must also remain committed to reversing these trends within our nation," Mr Symonette said.

The Bahamas and the region have made progress in the fight against chronic non-communicable diseases. More than 100 Healthy Dozen Clubs have been formed since the



A NUMBER of people, including Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Brent Symonette and Minister of Health Dr Hubert Minnis (far left) check out one of the booths...

inception of the Healthy Lifestyles Secretariat in 2005, he said.

Health fairs are being offered more frequently by employers and churches and other non-governmental agencies.

"We actively seek to improve the health status of the population," Mr Symonette said.

Moreover, in 2001, the South Beach Health Care Centre opened and holds a weekly nutrition clinic for at-risk obese school children.

The deputy prime minister encouraged Bahamians to incorporate some form of healthy living into their daily routines by exercising, parking a distance and walking to their office, cutting back on unhealthy foods, drinking alcohol in moderation, eating smaller portions and consuming more vegetables and fruits.

The Port of Spain Declaration reinforces the gains made by the Caribbean Commission on Health and Development and the Caribbean Cooperation in Health, the minister said.

"The Bahamas has forged

strong partnerships to assist in its fight against chronic non-communicable diseases. The Pan American Health Organisation has continued to partner with us in this battle, providing financial and technical assistance along the way," he said.

Minister of Health Dr Hubert Minnis also encouraged Bahamians to live healthy lifestyles.

"Many of these diseases share common risk factors; combined with uncontrolled blood pressure, raised blood sugar and elevated cholesterol, (they) pose a major threat to the well-being of our citizens, resulting in loss of life and disability during the most productive years of life. With changes in lifestyle, 40 to 80 per cent of these diseases can be prevented," he said.

Scores of Bahamians came in support of the event at the Ministry of Health on Meeting Street. They were given first-hand information of healthy living through the various booths and sporting drills. The Royal Bahamas Police Force Pop Band led the entertainment segment.

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\$27.5m judgment bid against marina owner is rejected

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

A FINANCIER has lost its bid to obtain a \$27.5 million summary judgment against the owner of the Port Lucaya Marina and Grand Bahama Yacht Club, plus their principal investor, the Supreme Court finding yesterday that the issues raised required a single trial before a judge.

Justice Estelle Gray-Evans, ruling on T. G. Investments' application for summary judgment against New Hope Holdings and Danish investor, Preben Olesen, said the evidence before her "lends support" to the defendants' argument "that there is more to the matter than simply the promissory notes" that the plaintiff had based its application on.

Setting out the case, Justice Gray-Evans recalled how T. G. Investments, the investment vehicle for US investor Tom Gonzalez, had demanded via its September 30, 2008, statement of claim some \$22.375 million in damages, plus \$2.544 million in interest on that sum.

Special damages of \$2.65 million and interest on that sum were also being sought by T. G. Investments, along with a Supreme Court order requiring New Hope Holdings to deliver it a first charge debenture, including a mortgage, over its properties and assets - the two marinas and Grand Bahama Yacht Club, plus associated parcels of land in the area of Freeport known as the Bell Channel.

T. G. Investments had sued, Justice Gray-Evans said, on the basis that it held two promissory notes issued to it

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Harbour Dredge 'more than one-third complete'

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

More than one-third of Nassau Harbour's dredging has been completed to date, a government minister yesterday confirmed to Tribune Business, adding that the company contracted for the project has "given no indication that they will not meet" the November 14, 2009, completion date.

Dr Earl Deveaux, minister of the environment, said of the work being performed by Dutch-based Boskalis International: "Based on what is coming to me, they are going extremely well. They have completed more than one-third of the actual dredging to date."

"They have experienced some delays in respect to the volume of debris in the harbour, and have had to send divers down to remove tyres, steel. That has led to some delays, and they have lost eight hours, but beyond that, though, they are extremely well organised."

"They can readily make up those eight hours when working 24 hours a day. They're moving at full capacity, and are very efficient."

As an example of this, Dr Deveaux said Boskalis had completed dredging an area in front of the British Colonial Hilton's beach, where it had to move much debris from the ocean floor. Having accomplished this, it then moved its pipes and excavation equipment to the area and dredged it overnight, thus ensuring the operation did not disrupt incoming cruise ships and mail boats.

The minister added that Boskalis was scheduled to "be completed on or around November 14, and they've given no indication that they will not meet that".

The Nassau Harbour dredging project was commenced to widen the turning basin, so that the port could accommodate the world's largest cruise ship class, which is just being brought into service by Royal Caribbean.

Dr Deveaux added that there was "nothing to so far indicate we won't be



EARL DEVEAUX

ready" when the Genesis class cruise ship, the Oasis of the Seas, makes its first call on Nassau on December 15, 2009.

Boskalis is having to remove some 10,000 cubic yards of fill per day to meet its completion target, with the excavated material being taken by pipeline to Arawak Cay. Some 1.4 million cubic yards will be used to extend Arawak Cay 1,000 feet to the west, where the new container shipping terminal will be located, with 600,000 cubic yards of fill stored on the cay itself.

Current arrangements for the Arawak Cay port will see it owned 40 per cent by the Government and 40 per cent by the private sector, with 20 per cent in public hands via an initial public offering (IPO). It is understood, though, that the Government and shipping companies - chiefly the 19 investors that comprise the Arawak Cay Port Development Company - have yet to finalise the details of their Memorandum of Understanding.

Dr Deveaux told Tribune Business that talks between the shipping companies and the Government were being handled by the Prime Minister's Office,

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Developer sells 60% of phase one condos

By CHESTER ROBARDS
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CAVES Heights revealed yesterday that it have sold 60 per cent of the units in the first phase one building for its condominium development atop the caves on West Bay Street.

Simon Chappell, the project's vice-president, said interest in the property had been high, with a balanced group of Bahamian and foreign investors purchasing the ocean and lake-view condos. "Agents have been coming around," said Mr Chappell. "There has been a lot of positive feedback."

Caves Height has been one of the few developments in the Bahamas to moved ahead

unfettered, despite the downturn in the economy. Mr Chappell said the poor economic conditions caused the project to slow late last year.

However, he added that since that period, the project has moved full steam ahead.

Phase one is expected to be finished by May 2010, but Mr Chappell said the developers will not begin phase two development before there is more buyer interest in the property. He suggested, however, that it could begin by year-end 2010.

Caves Heights' first building number has only three of its Capri-style condos left for sale, and five Monaco-style out of a total 20 units in that building.

The Capri is a "two bedroom, two-and-a-half bath-

room condominium offering 1,855 square feet of living space with a grand master bedroom suite, an additional bedroom and large living/dining area with a deep balcony offering superior views," according to the company's website.

And the Monaco is a "three bedroom, three-and-a-half bathroom ocean view condominium with 2,439 square feet of luxury living space, including a panoramic, 43 foot balcony overlooking the ocean".

Mr Chappell said the pool decks have already been put in, and the asphalt for the drives and parking areas will be poured in four weeks.

According to him, they are still awaiting final proposals from landscaping firms and

are preparing to surface their tennis courts.

There has been minimal protest about the property, which has been built above what some consider one of the more unique natural attractions in New Providence.

The natural caves were formed centuries ago, according to geologists, with visitors and locals alike exploring them regularly.

Resident became concerned last week when rain water run off from the development created a plume of milk water in the ocean across the road from the development.

Despite the dissent, Mr Chappell said the property has seen an upswing and increase in foot traffic.

Concern over treatment of restructured bank loans

Central Bank said to want restructured loans treated as non-performing for six months, raising concerns on bank balance sheet and earnings impact

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

THE Central Bank of the Bahamas has been pushing to standardise how Bahamian commercial banks treat restructured loans, wanting them placed into the non-performing category for six months, a development sources said has caused some concern in the industry.

Tribune Business understands that while no directive, stipulating that Bahamian commercial banks 'must' treat restructured loans as non-performing for six months, has been issued by the Central Bank, its guidelines do prod them to adopt such a treatment.

However, informed sources have told Tribune Business that the Bahamian commercial banks privately harbour several concerns regarding such a move, as it would impact both their balance sheets and income statements - potentially reducing profits and increasing losses. As a result, there are fears that it would act as a disincentive to restructure loans made to troubled borrowers.

Currently, industry sources said the banks were all using "different criteria" when it came to the accounting classification applied to restructured loans, meaning those loans and credit advances whose terms had been rewritten to enable borrowers - struggling with unemployment and reduced incomes as

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Recovery ability 'diminished' by excessive costs

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

THE high cost burden imposed upon the Bahamian economy by public sector corporations, and the failure to align wages with productivity, will prevent this nation from rebounding from the recession as rapidly as others, a senior accountant told Tribune Business yesterday, as well as harming long-term competitiveness.

Raymond Winder, managing partner at Deloitte & Touche (Bahamas), said the Bahamian economy's ability to recover rapidly from the current recession, and compete for foreign direct investment and tourism, was being "diminished" daily by a cost structure that was out of line

- * Failure to align wages with productivity, and public sector cost burden, means Bahamas' recovery and long-term competitiveness will be much reduced in comparison to others
- * But nation lacks union and political leadership to address the issue

with productivity. The Bahamian economy was going through a period similar to the early 1990s when the world was also embroiled in recession, and Mr Winder recalled how he and other members of the Government's Council of Economic Advisers prepared a report on the strategies needed to enhance this nation's competitiveness.

"We haven't done a whole lot of following through on some of the strategies that were recommended," Mr Winder told Tribune Business, "and we never really moved to align salaries and wages with productivity and efficiency. That was the key one. That is one of the hallmarks of a competitive economy....."

"To get this thing back in line, we have to hold the line on wages and salaries, and become more productive."

Pointing to the difference between the Bahamas and US inflation rates, the latter

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GlobeComm executives meet with IP Solutions International's president and chief executive, Edison Sumner. Pictured L to R: Mike Cothill, IPSI consultant; Jonathan Feldman, Globecomm; Mr Sumner; and Richard Beckley, Globecomm. Not pictured: Gary Hutchens, vice-president of IPSI.

Start-up enjoys 'successful' meet with suppliers

IP Solutions International (IPSI), the Nassau-based company aiming to deliver a 'multiple-play' bundle of services via the Internet, has described a recent round of meetings with supply-side partners in New York as "very successful and highly productive".

"We met with industry pioneers in what is rapidly becoming the new Internet platform protocol, the technology driving how we get our news and entertainment, and how we conduct our personal and our business affairs," said Edison Sumner, IPSI's president and chief executive. "Those meetings were extremely successful and highly productive."

The meetings related to the architecture and construction of IPSI's triple-play infrastructure.

"What was especially interesting was to see how enthusiastic such major players were about joining forces with IPSI, because they could see the potential immediately of our becoming a regional provider and even beyond," Mr Sumner added.

IPSI unveiled its board of directors, headed by former Governor-General Sir Orville Turnquest, earlier this month. That announcement followed the introduction of legislation that will open up the Bahamian telecoms and communications sector to competition. Days later, directors left for

meetings to solidify infrastructural design and construction.

Tomorrow, IPSI will unveil its platform to prospective investors and businesses at an exclusive invitation-only meeting at the British Colonial Hilton.

In addition to Sir Orville and Mr Sumner, directors of the Nassau-based company include Virginia Damianos, Fritz Stubbs, Gary Hutchens, Brian Quinn and Owen Bethel.

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Planning Bill set for October House debate

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

THE Government's Planning and Subdivisions Bill, which aims to reform the planning and development processes in the Bahamas, will be debated in Parliament next month, the minister responsible said yesterday, adding that the legislation's provisions would not be made retroactive.

Dr Earl Deveaux, minister of the environment, said his ministry and the Government had received "very little" feedback from professionals who might be impacted by the new legislation, such as contractors, realtors, attorneys, architects and engineers.

The Ministry of the Environment, he added, was planning a final "call around" during the last week of Septem-

ber to architect and engineering firms in a bid to obtain last-minute feedback and see whether it could be incorporated in the legislation.

"We received something from two architect and two law firms, which we have been able to address, but very little has come in in the way of comment and postings to the website," Dr Deveaux told Tribune Business.

The Government was due to meet with one major Bahamian law firm on the Bill this week, he said, adding that the concerns voiced by attorneys to date were "primarily concerned with the effect of this Bill on Justice Lyons's ruling".

That ruling, connected to the Oceania Heights subdivision in Exuma, found that under the existing 1965 law it was illegal to sell land in a

subdivision without full government approval.

The new legislation appears to be codifying this, but Dr Deveaux said the Government had reassured these law firms that the Bill's provisions applied only to new subdivisions proposed after it was passed into statute, not to existing ones. Existing subdivisions were provided for.

"The requirements laid down in the Bill ensure anything after it takes effect must be in compliance to have legal standing," Dr Deveaux said. "Those existing subdivisions will be considered non-conforming legal entities."

With the Bill having been tabled in Parliament just after the Budget debate, Dr Deveaux said: "It is scheduled for debate as soon as we complete the Prescription Drug Bill, which is to be the first

part of October.

"The Prime Minister gave notice to Parliament that the Planning and Subdivisions Bill will be done in October, and that's what I'm preparing for."

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING



ALL MEMBERS of
Bahama Islands Resorts & Casinos
Cooperative Credit Union (BIRCCCU) Limited
Are Urged To Attend The
Special Called Meeting

Date:

Saturday, September 19, 2009

Location:

Grounds Of The Credit Union

Time:

10:00 A.M.

Purpose of The Meeting:

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

BUSINESS

\$27.5m judgment bid against marina owner rejected

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by New Hope Holdings, plus a debenture charge that was assigned to it by First-Caribbean International Bank (Bahamas). The two promissory notes were designed to secure the \$22.375 million advanced by T. G. Investments to New Hope.

However, T.G. Investments alleged that New Hope had defaulted on the principal and interest payments under the two notes, and demanded payment in a letter sent to the latter and Mr Oelsen on August 29, 2008. It also claimed that it had been forced to protect its interest by paying \$2 million to First-Caribbean to cover New Hope's \$1 million overdrawn credit facility, in order to prevent the bank from seizing the

Grand Bahama-based assets. T.G. Investments further alleged that Mr Oelsen induced it to advance a further \$580,000 in working capital to fund the business operations of the Grand Bahama Yacht Club and Port Lucaya Marina, and that it was "continually pressed by creditors' demands for payments of [New Hope's] debts, which demands it has endeavoured to meet in the effort to stave off action by the said creditors".

However, arguing that the affair was more complex than T. G. Investments had let on, Mr Oelsen and New Hope countered by arguing that the notes were part of two separate agreements entered into by Ocean Resort Group, New Hope's parent company. They

argued that the notes did not fall under the Bills of Exchange Act, and were "conditional/contingent" on their face.

In addition, they alleged that Mr Gonzalez "had agreed that repayment of the loans secured by the notes would be postponed while he and his companies, including [T.G. Investments], had not procured funding in the sum of \$12 million, which Mr Gonzalez had agreed to provide" to fund New Hope's operations.

New Hope and Mr Oelsen also alleged that Mr Gonzalez had promised not to make a demand, or place Ocean Resort Group into default, for lack of payment.

"The defendants [New Hope and Mr Oelsen] contend that the notes form part of a series of transactions involving business partners," the Supreme Court judgment said. "They say that this case is not merely about the notes but that a vital part involves an oral agreement, the outline of which is embodied in a letter of understanding, between Mr Gonzalez,

[Duane] Crithfield and [Mr Oelsen], whereby Mr Gonzalez would use his balance sheet to secure financing in the sum of \$12 million to fund New Hope's operations and development."

The judgment recorded that the oral agreement was intended to bind the three parties and the companies they controlled, and "that it was the failure of Mr Gonzalez and/or his companies, including T. G. Investments, to provide the \$12 million as promised that resulted in the first defendant not being able to make the payments under the notes."

Justice Gray-Evans agreed that New Hope may have an arguable defence on the issue of the promissory note, given that since there was a dispute over whether it or Ocean Resort Group should have made the notes, there were questions of whether it could be enforced against New Hope.

This was the same conclusion that she reached on many other aspects of the case, leading her to reject the application for summary judgment.

Harbour Dredge 'more than one-third complete'

but his understanding was that the share structure and size of the port's acreage had been agreed - although he had seen nothing in writing.

A Traffic Study, Economic and Social Impact Study and Environmental Impact Study have yet to be completed, with proposals by architects Lambert Knowles giving life to what engineering consultants, Halcro, had proposed in relation to the port's size and engineering aspects.

"I don't think there is any major impediment to be overcome," Dr Deveaux said.

Granted by Order dated 19th day of November A.D., 2008 and 29th day of June A.D., 2009 pursuant to Order 6, Rule 7, Rules of The Supreme Court (1978).

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

WILLIAM THOMAS JACKSON
Plaintiff
AND
SIDNEY GEORGE OLINTON
Defendant

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, Queen of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and of her other realms and territories, Head of the Commonwealth.

SIDNEY GEORGE OLINTON
No. 56 Soldier Road
Nassau, N.P., Bahamas

WE COMAND YOU that within fourteen days after service of this writ on you, inclusive of the day of such service, you do cause an appearance to be entered for you in an action at the suit of WILLIAM THOMAS JACKSON of West 302 North 521 Maple Avenue, Nauckaha Misoronin, U.S.A. whose address for service is Messrs. Halsbury Chambers, Halsbury Commercial Center, Suite 1, Village Road, North F. O. Box N-979, Nassau, The Bahamas, Attorneys for the Plaintiff.

And take notice that in default of your so doing the Plaintiff may proceed therein, and Judgment may be given in your absence.

WITNESS, the Honourable Sir Burton Hall
Our Chief Justice of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas the 1st day of January in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Seven.

N.B. - This Writ may not be served more than 12 calendar months after the above dates unless renewed by Order of the Court.

DIRECTIONS FOR ENTERING APPEARANCE

The Defendant may enter an Appearance personally or by attorney either by handing in the appropriate forms, duly completed, at the Registry of the Supreme Court, Public Square, in the City of Nassau in the Island of New Providence, or by sending them to that office by post.

If the Defendant enters an Appearance he must also deliver a Defence to the attorney for the Plaintiff within fourteen (14) days from the last day of the time limited for entering an Appearance, unless such time is extended by the Court or a Judge, otherwise Judgment may be entered against him without notice, unless he has in the meantime been served with a Summons for Judgment.

GENERALLY ENDORSED WRIT

The Plaintiff's claim is for the following:

- (1) Damages for personal injury and loss arising out of a road traffic accident occurring on the 10th December, 2004 in the vicinity of Sbarro's Restaurant on West Bay Street; which said accident was caused by the negligence of the Defendant;
- (2) Interest pursuant to the Civil Procedure (Award of Interest) Act, 1992;
- (3) Costs; and
- (4) And such further or other relief as the Court deems just.

Dated 29th day of January, A.D., 2007

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- 1 (a) NEWSSTAND/BOOKSTORE/GIFTS in the U.S. Departures lounge
(b) NEWSSTAND KIOSK/COFFEE BAR/BAR in the U.S. Departures Concourse
- 2 NEWSSTAND/CONVENIENCE STORE/COFFEE BAR in U.S. Check-in.

Locations 1(a) and 1(b) must be bid together. NAD will consider individual proposals for 1(a)/(b) and 2 above or combined proposals for all locations.

Mandatory qualifications

- Proponents must be Bahamian and incorporated in The Bahamas.
- Proponents must have operated a similar newsstand/books/gifts facility within the last three (3) years.

NAD'S goals and objectives are to:

- achieve a high standard of excellence and customer service;
- offer a mix of concepts that will help to enhance the image of LPIA as a world class airport;
- offer retail and food & beverage choices to passengers at fair prices;
- offer a mix of local, regional and national and international brand-name companies;
- develop and design retail facilities that complement the qualities of the new terminal while recognizing the distinctive spirit, character and 'sense of place' of The Bahamas; and
- optimize revenue to NAD.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NEWSSTANDS, BOOKS, GIFTS AND CONVENIENCE SHOPS



Qualified and interested parties may pick-up the Request for Proposal package at NAD's offices at the reception desk on the second floor Domestic/International Terminal at Lynden Pindling International Airport between the hours of **9:00am and 4:00pm**, from **September 15th to September 28th, 2009**. A mandatory pre-proposal briefing for those who have picked up packages will be held in the Arawak Lounge at the Airport on **Wednesday, September 30th at 10:00am**.

BUSINESS



SHOWN (l-r): Reece Chipman, president of BICA; Gari Chrisie, BICA's student education committee member; Remelda Moxey, chair, School of Business at COB; Zelma Wilson, chairperson, BICA's student education committee; and Margaret Smith, BICA's student education committee member.

Accountants visit COB school chair

THE Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accountants (BICA) president, Reece Chipman, along with members of the organisation's student education committee, have moved to enhance the exposure and knowledge of student accountants at the College of the Bahamas (COB).

They met with Remelda Moxey, COB's School of Business chair, on Monday to discuss ways in which both organisations can work together to achieve this goal.

BICA members discussed the quality of the Accounting programme offered at the College of the Bahamas, the creation of BICA's young accountants club, and BICA assisting in the curriculum review, as well as students participating in Accountants Week this November and becoming part of the Technical Updates in the accounting and auditing profession.

BICA also encouraged the College of the Bahamas and its accounting students with regards to research and ethics, and to become think-tanks in the world of standard setting for the accounting and reporting of financial information.

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Properties

New Providence

1. Vacant lot #64 (50'x100')-Joan's Height Subdivision
2. Lots #3 & #4, Blk #47 (50'x100') w/duplex (1,532sq. ft.)-Forbes St, Nassau Village (Appraised Value \$120,000.00)
3. Vacant lot #147 (10,557sq. ft.)-Munnings Dr & Roy West Ln Southern Heights Sub (Appraised Value \$90,000.00)
4. Lot 1.171 acres w/auto repair shop & office 2,790sq. ft. & vacant building 9,200sq. ft.
5. Lot #39 (2,500sq. ft.) w/hse 1,104sq. ft. Blk #35 hse #64-Lincoln Blvd (Appraised Value \$57,780.00)
6. Lot (50'x100') w/building 1,912sq. ft.-Deveaux St (Appraised Value \$189,000.00)
7. Lots #29 & #30, (50'x100'), Blk #47 w/building 1,140sq. ft.-Matthew St, Nassau Village (Appraised Value \$145,000.00)
8. Lot 10.08 acres w/six (6) buildings-Pot Cay off Behring Point Andros
9. Vacant lot #2, parcel "C" 30,613sq. ft.-Swain's Point, Mangrove Cay Andros (Appraised Value \$125,000.00)
10. Parcel of land (1.493 acres) w/6 buildings (Helens Motel)-Pinders Mangrove Cay, Andros (Appraised Value \$275,000.00)
11. Beach front lot 9,000sq. ft. w/building 2,100sq. ft.-Pinders Mangrove Cay Andros (Appraised Value \$200,000.00)
12. Lot 4.344sq. ft. w/duplex 1,174sq. ft.-Fresh Creek Andros (Appraised Value \$94,640.00)
13. Lot #20 (17,150sq. ft.) w/hse 2,000sq. ft. Blk#8, Sec #2-Sea Gull Dr, Bahama Reef Yacht & Country Club Sub Grand Bahama (Appraised Value \$280,000.00)
14. Vacant lot #39, Blk #9 (14,397sq. ft.)-Yorkshire Dr, Bahamia West Replat Grand Bahama (Appraised Value \$25,000.00)
15. Vacant Lot #8 Blk #12 Unit #3 (11,250sq. ft.)-Henny Ave Derby Sub Grand Bahama (Appraised Value \$65,000.00)
16. Lot #43 B (100'x150') building-Nelson Rd Poinciana Gardens Grand Bahama (Appraised Value \$96,000.00)
17. Lot #37 (50'x150') w/sixplex 2-storey apartment building & Church 5,400sq. ft.-Martin Town, Kings Sub Eight Mile Rock Grand Bahama (Appraised Value \$211,200.00)
18. Lot w/10 room hotel 5,000sq. ft. on 4.99 acres of beach front-High Rock Grand Bahama (Appraised Value \$1,100,000.00)
19. Vacant lot #13, Blk #59, Unit #3 (22,752sq. ft.) 45' on canal front-Dagenham Circle & Ingrave Dr Emerald Bay Sub Grand Bahama (Appraised Value \$110,000.00)
20. Lot #15, Blk #15 Unit #3 (90'x125')-Derby Sub Grand Bahama (Appraised Value \$23,000.00)
21. Vacant lot #25, Blk #15 (17,866sq. ft.)-Cutwater Ln Shannon Country Club Sub Grand Bahama (Appraised Value \$38,000.00)
22. Lot #2 (20,000sq. ft.) w/building complex & Laundromat-Queens Highway Holmes Rock Commonage Grand Bahama (Appraised Value \$178,600.00)
23. Lot #25 (17,755sq. ft.) w/hse 800sq. ft.-#47 Queen Elizabeth Dr Marsh Harbour Abaco (Appraised Value \$212,750.00)
24. Vacant lot #6 (2 acres)-Fox Town Abaco (Appraised Value \$50,000.00)
25. Lot #51 (15,000sq. ft.) w/building-Murphy Town Abaco (Appraised Value \$102,420.00)
26. Portion of lot #69 (15,000sq. ft.)-Front St Murphy Town Abaco (Appraised Value \$29,250.00)
27. Lot #55 (6,900sq. ft.) w/building-Murphy Town Abaco (Appraised Value \$82,075.00)
28. Lot #45 (60'x160') w/14 room motel 3,900sq. ft.-Sandy Point Abaco (Appraised Value \$485,700.00)
29. Lot 87,120sq. Ft. w/4 cottages & 1 storage building totaling 4,186sq. ft.-Sand Banks Treasure Cay Abaco (Appraised Value \$880,308.00)

Eleuthera

30. Vacant portion of lot #7 (50'x110')-West James Cistern Eleuthera (Appraised Value \$18,000.00)
31. Vacant 3 acres of land situated Colebrook Street Dunmore Town (Harbour Island) Eleuthera

Cat Island

32. Vacant 6.5 acres of land-Arthur's Town, Cat Island
33. Lot w/12 room motel 1.39 acres-Arthur's Town Cat Island (Appraised Value \$630,000.00)

Exuma

34. Vacant lot #8 (65,200sq. ft.)-Moss Town Exuma (Appraised Value \$110,188.00)
35. Vacant lot #95 (80'x122') Commodore Rd Elizabeth Harbour Est. Exuma (Appraised Value \$45,000.00)
36. Lot #134 (75'x85') w/two storey building George Town, Exuma (Appraised Value \$468,000.00)

Long Island

37. Vacant lot 100'x200'-Bonacorde area west of Clarence Town Long Island (Appraised Value \$30,000.00)

ASSETS

Vehicles SUV(s), Car(s) & Van(s)



Other Vessels - Photos Not Available

- 80' Custom Steel Hull Vessel (Miss Kristy)
- 122' Single Screw Steel Hull (1960) MV Lisa J III, vessel has a new engine requiring installation. And can be view at Bradford Marine, Grand Bahama

The public is invited to submit **Sealed** bids marked "Tender" to Bahamas Development Bank, P.O. Box N-3034, Nassau, Bahamas attention **Financial Controller**, faxed bids will not be accepted or telephone 327-5780 for additional information. Please note that all bids on the aforementioned properties and assets should be received by or on September 22, 2009. The Bahamas Development Bank reserves the right to reject any or all offers. All assets are sold as is.

INSIGHT

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Banque Privee staffer passes Series 7 exam

S. A. T. PREPARATION CLASSES

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Beginning Saturday September 26 through Saturday December 5, 2009, Kingsway Academy will hold S.A.T. Preparation Classes from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon culminating in the writing of the S. A. T. Examination in January. The cost is \$250.00 per person and includes all materials.

Interested persons are asked to contact the Business Office at telephone 324-6887 / 324-6269 or the Guidance Conselor at 324-8811 or 324-3409.

A staff accountant at Banque Privee Edmond de Rothschild, Michelle E. Reckley, has passed the Series 7 exam in the US after studying with the Nassau-based Securities Training Institute (STI).

Ms Albury, STI's course administrator, said: "We are committed to the development of the Bahamian capital markets, in advancing the Securities Training Institute as a vital force in fostering the education of Bahamian financial professionals, promoting ethical standards of conduct, and in establishing programmes to encourage continuing professional development."

DHL JOB DESCRIPTION



POSITION: Commercial Supervisor
 JOB FAMILY: Accounting
 RCS CODE: L10005
 REPORTS TO: Finance Manager
 LOCATION: Country Finance Department or Cluster Office

OVERALL PURPOSE:

Position is responsible for managing the Commercial Finance activities for a country or group of countries within the Cluster. Manages Revenue leakage, establishes credit limits and reviews shipments to profile. Supervises the following staff; Billing Analyst, Duties and Vendor Analyst, Accounts Receivable Analyst.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Manage the Accounting Commercial activities for a country or group of countries within the Cluster.
- Supervise Billing, Duties, Accounts Receivable and Vendor Analysts.
- Prepare and analyze statistics and KPIs for the country/cluster.
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- Principal contact for Commercial controller.
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- Special projects and ad hoc reports as required.
- Provide customers analyses, and review customer data base in term of discount, and credit
- Performs other assignments as required.
- Ability to supervise the accounting staff at local station

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- High school diploma and/or minimal of 5 years applicable experience
- Minimum of 4 years of commercial and accounting experience is required.
- Minimum of 2 years supervisory or management experience leading an accounting department.
- A background in commercial credit and accounting required.
- Experience with a major Enterprise Reporting Package (ERP)
- Excellent analytical and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to read and interpret data reports. Ability to understand and per form data analysis.
- PC skills should include the basic suite of MS products, Excel, Access, Word, Office
- Excellent communication skills both written and verbal, this function does a lot of interfacing with internal and external customers and the Shared Service Center

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree in Accounting/Finance, a related field or equivalent education

Please email resume to;
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 Country Manager
 bahamaboiit@hotmail.com

Resumes can be dropped off to DHL Bahamas corporate office – East Bay Street, Island Traders Building, Nassau Bahamas.

Please be advised only those applicants whose resumes are taken into consideration will be contacted. **No phone calls will be accepted.**

BUSINESS

Recovery ability 'diminished' by excessive costs

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standing at virtually zero with this nation's at around 4 per cent over the last 12 months, Mr Winder said that in the Bahamian case "the entire increase in inflation has been primarily caused by wages and salaries".

to "hold the line" on wage increases, and enhanced productivity, "we're going along as if no adjustments need to be made".

With salaries and labour force productivity out of line, Mr Winder said the Bahamian private sector was "in a really weak position" when it came to not only combating the recession, but also prepar-

ing for the eventual recovery and pulling this nation out of trouble. And this was exacerbated by the excessive cost burden imposed on the business sector by the public corporations and utilities.

"We're not only suffering from the recession, but are also suffering from the fact that our productivity, the level we're getting for each dollar put out, is not putting us in good standing to attract foreign direct investment and tourists once the hotels open back up," the Deloitte & Touche managing partner said.

The gap between productivity and wages, and the

impact this had on business revenues, profits and planning, meant it would "take the Bahamas longer to catch up" with other economies in the medium and long-term, as well as in a short-term recovery.

"Our competitiveness as a nation, to compete, to attract foreign direct investment, is being diminished," Mr Winder told Tribune Business.

"On a short-term basis we really have some challenges, especially when you think that most of the public sector is going to be agitating for wage increases during this period."

The Bahamas' inability to

tackle the cost competitive-ness/productivity issue resulted, Mr Winder said, from a lack of interest and understanding among the general Bahamian population, plus a lack of political leadership and will to address the issue.

In addition, the Bahamas did not have the private and public sector trade union leaders who could "demand that kind of sacrifice" from their members, when it came to accepting reduced wages and lower labour costs in return for higher productivity.

Mr Winder contrasted the Bahamas' trade union model with that of Singapore's, where unions exercised their

influence in co-operation with that island nation's government, supporting wage restraint and selling economic policies to their members when necessary, as opposed to strikes and militancy.

And with 90 per cent of the income generated by Bahamian per annum gross domestic product (GDP) consisting of wages and salaries, it is not hard to understand why the workforce has been hit so hard by redundancies and layoffs. Labour is the major cost component for most businesses, and with productivity out of line with salaries, it was not hard for companies to go this route.

Legal Notice
NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN as follows:

(a) **HALETT LIMITED** is in dissolution under the provisions of the International Business Companies Act 2000.

(b) The Dissolution of said Company commenced on September 16, 2009 when its Articles of Dissolution were submitted and registered by the Registrar General.

(c) The Liquidator of the said company is Lakeisha Collie of 2nd Terrace West, Centreville, Nassau, Bahamas.

(d) All persons having Claims against the above-named Company are required on or before the 15th day of October 2009 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims to the Liquidator of the company or, in default thereof, they may be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

LAKEISHA COLLIE

LIQUIDATOR OF THE ABOVE-NAMED COMPANY

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(No.45 of 2000)
In Voluntary Liquidation

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 138 (4) of the International Business Companies Act, (No.45 of 2000), **THE SCEPTRE UK FUND LIMITED** (registration number 137,117 B) is in dissolution. Alrena Moxey is the Liquidator and can be contacted at The Winterbotham Trust Company limited, Winterbotham Place, Marlborough & Queen Streets, P.O. Box N-3026, Nassau Bahamas. All persons having claims against the above-named company are required to send their names addresses and particulars of their debts or claims to the Liquidator before the 17th October, 2009.



ALRENA MOXEY
LIQUIDATOR

Legal Notice
NOTICE

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NOTICE

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

NOTICE

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

NOTICE

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



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COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS 2009
IN THE SUPREME COURT CLE/qui/No.00289
Common Law and Equity Division

IN THE MATTER OF The Quieting Titles Act of 1959

AND

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

AND

IN THE MATTER OF the Petition of Trevor Andrew Cooper

NOTICE OF PETITION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DATED THIS 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D. 2009
CHARLES MACKEY & CO.
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West Bay Street
Nassau, Bahamas
Attorney for the Petitioner

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BUSINESS

Concern over treatment of restructured bank loans

FROM page 1B

a result of the recession - to meet lower repayments and lesser obligations.

One banking industry source, speaking to Tribune Business on condition of anonymity, said that while no directive had been issued by the Central Bank, the banking industry regulator had been "looking at standardising" how restructured loans were treated.

"It's something that's been brought forward," one banking industry source told Tribune Business of the six month non-performing treatment proposal.

"Some of the banks are doing exactly what the Central Bank is looking for, and even if loans are restructured they are not brought current, being treated as non-performing for six months.

"It's a more conservative approach. You'd several months of experience, that these people are meeting the new terms and conditions, and have the ability to pay."

Wendy Craigg, the Central Bank's governor, could not be contacted for comment despite numerous Tribune Business calls to her office yesterday. However, she told this newspaper in a recent interview that the banking sector regulator was keeping a close eye on restructured loans, and was in regular contact with the banks on the issue.

However, 'setting in stone' how the banks treat restruc-

tured loans could, according to one source, "have a phenomenal effect" on banking balance sheets by increasing the level of non-performing loans.

This, in turn, would require Bahamian commercial banks to keep an increased level of capital reserves set aside to cover potential loan losses, and increase loss provision levels - something that will impact earnings levels.

Such developments, some have told Tribune Business, would act as a disincentive for banks to restructure their borrowers' existing loans. These sources also argued that it was unnecessary to have a prescriptive approach to the issue, given that Bahamian commercial banks generally treated all restructured loans as non-performing for a period, until they became confident that borrowers could meet their new obligations.

Total non-performing loans made by Bahamian banks to the private sector breached the \$500 million mark in July 2009, with the increasing strain the recession is placing on businesses and households exposed by the fact that the only consumer lending category showing growth was debt consolidation - an almost-\$38 million increase since the New Year.

The Central Bank, in its monthly economic and financial developments report for July, showed a combination of slumping credit demand and defaults on existing loans, as the contracting economy

and rising unemployment continue to exact a toll, with \$902.5 million commercial bank loans in arrears.

A further \$64.7 million worth of loans fell into arrears during July 2009, marking a 7.7 per cent increase in the number that were past due. Total loans in arrears, in relation to the total number of loans outstanding, increased by 0.8 per cent to 14.5 per cent.

Non-performing loans, those which are more than 90 days past due and regarded as more critical by the commercial banks, as they have stopped accruing interest, rose by \$31.3 million or 6.7 per cent in July. Non-performing loans now account for 8.1 per cent of all loans issued by the Bahamian commercial banking system.

Meanwhile, loans in the delinquent category - that is, 31-90 days past due, also increased by \$33.4 million in July to \$401.4 million, taking those loans to 6.5 per cent of all credit issued to the private sector by commercial banks.

The Central Bank said the July arrears increase was generated by a \$30 million, or 8.2 per cent, hike in mortgage delinquencies to \$396.1 million, while commercial loans in default grew by \$28.5 million or 14.5 per cent to \$224.4 million - likely putting this over 20 per cent, meaning that more than one in every five business loans is in default.

Consumer loans in arrears increased by \$6.3 million, or 2.3 per cent, to \$282 million.

AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
STATE BANK OF INDIA

- We have examined the attached Consolidated Balance Sheet of State Bank of India (the Bank), its subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures (the Group) as at 31st March 2009, and the Consolidated Profit and Loss Account and the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement for the year then ended in which are incorporated the:
 - Audited accounts of the Bank audited by 14 Joint Auditors including us,
 - Audited accounts of 1 (one) subsidiary audited by us,
 - Audited accounts of 25 (twenty five) subsidiaries, 27 (twenty seven) Associates and 1 (one) joint venture audited by other auditors,
 - Accounts of 1 (one) subsidiary for the period 01st April 2008 to 13th August 2008 (the date of merger of this subsidiary with the Bank) audited by another auditor,
 - Unaudited accounts of 2 (two) subsidiaries, 1 (one) associate and 1 (one) Joint venture.

These Consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Bank's management and have been prepared by the management on the basis of separate financial statements and other financial information of the different entities in the Group. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

- We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in India. These Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are prepared, in all

material aspects in accordance with identified reporting framework and free of material misstatements. An audit includes, examining on a test basis, evidences supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

- We have jointly audited the financial statements of the Bank along with 13 other joint auditors, whose financial statements reflect total assets of US \$ 190148.26 million as at 31st March 2009, and

total revenue of US \$ 15078.67 million and net cash flows amounting to US \$ 6491.52 million for the year then ended.

- We have also audited the financial statements of one of the subsidiary whose financial statements reflect total assets of US \$ 143.93 million as at 31st March 2009, total revenue of US \$ 11.24 million and net cash flows amounting to US \$ 6.70 million for the year then ended.
- We did not audit the financial statements of its Subsidiaries, Associates and Joint Ventures whose financial statements reflect total assets of US \$ 66334.98 million as at 31st March 2009, and total revenue of US \$ 7175.67 million and net cash flows amounting to US \$ 455.64 million for the year then ended. These financial statements have been audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included in respect of other entities, are based solely on the report of the other auditors.
- We have also relied on the un-audited financial statements of 2 (two) subsidiaries, 1 (one) associate and 1 (one) joint venture, whose financial statements reflect total assets of US \$ 633.48 million as at 31st March 2009, total revenue of US \$ 31.94 million and net cash flows amounting to US \$ 73.54 million for the year then ended.
- We report that the consolidated financial statements have been prepared by the Bank's management in accordance with the requirement of Accounting Standard 21-Consolidated Financial Statements, Accounting Standard 23-Accounting for investment in Associates in Consolidated Financial Statements and Accounting Standard 27-Financial Reporting of Interest in Joint Ventures prescribed by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and the requirements of Reserve Bank of India.
- Based on our audit and consideration of report of other auditors on separate financial statements and on consideration of the unaudited financial statements and on the other financial information of the components, and to the best of our information and explanations given to us we are of the opinion that the attached Consolidated Financial Statements, give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India:
 - in the case of the Consolidated Balance Sheet on the state of affairs of the Group as at 31st March 2009;
 - in the case of the Consolidated Profit and Loss account of the consolidated profit of the Group for the year ended on that date; and
 - in the case of the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement of the Cash Flows of the Group for the year ended on that date.

STATE BANK OF INDIA (CONSOLIDATED) BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31st MARCH 2009

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES	Schedule No.	(000s omitted)	
		As on 31.3.2009 (Current Year)	As on 31.3.2008 (Previous Year)
		US \$	US \$
Capital	1	125,174	157,395
Reserves & Surplus	2	14,147,380	15,105,910
Minority Interest	2A	439,328	505,515
Deposits	3	199,524,512	193,523,559
Borrowings	4	12,734,946	16,456,423
Other Liabilities and Provisions	5	30,289,255	30,300,430
TOTAL		257,260,595	256,049,232

ASSETS	Schedule No.	(000s omitted)	
		As on 31.3.2009 (Current Year)	As on 31.3.2008 (Previous Year)
		US \$	US \$
Cash and Balances with Reserve Bank of India	6	14,621,661	18,648,369
Balance with banks and money at call & short notice	7	10,075,045	3,542,164
Investments	8	73,389,481	68,255,664
Advances	9	147,942,111	150,354,422
Fixed Assets	10	1,029,865	1,162,210
Other Assets	11	10,202,432	14,086,403
TOTAL		257,260,595	256,049,232
Contingent Liabilities	12	169,693,628	235,735,346
Bills for Collection		9,845,890	6,287,614

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2009

	Schedule No.	(000s omitted)	
		Year ended 31.3.2009	Year ended 31.3.2008
		US \$	US \$
I. INCOME			
Interest earned	13	18,073,150	17,820,493
Other Income	14	4,224,386	4,666,748
TOTAL		22,297,536	22,487,241
II. EXPENDITURE			
Interest expended	15	12,347,489	11,950,160
Operating expenses	16	5,238,904	5,967,904
Provisions and Contingencies	—	2,508,251	2,272,857
TOTAL		20,094,644	20,190,921
III. PROFIT			
Net profit for the year		2,202,892	2,296,320
Less: Minority Interest		42,938	62,868
Group Profit		2,159,954	2,233,452
Add: Brought forward profit attributable to the group		17,299	29,666
Add: Transfer from General Reserve		—	23
TOTAL		2,177,253	2,263,141
APPROPRIATIONS			
Transfer to Statutory Reserves		1,180,392	1,389,192
Transfer to Other Reserves		530,220	455,920
Transfer to Proposed Dividend		363,003	338,400
Corporate Tax on Dividend		61,052	57,759
Balance carried over to Balance Sheet		42,586	21,870
TOTAL		2,177,253	2,263,141
Basic earnings per share		3	4
Diluted earning per share		3	4

Interested parties may obtain a complete copy of the Consolidated Financial Statements from the local office of the Entity at State Bank Of India, Saffrey Square, Suite 201, Bay Street, Nassau, Bahamas.



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GN-916

MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
For
ELECTRONIC MONITORING (EM) SOLUTION
(REVISED)

The Government of The Bahamas is seeking proposals from Vendors/Implementers to provide an Electronic Monitoring (EM) Solution, as a service to the Ministry of National Security and its Key Stakeholders, for the purpose of monitoring and tracking offenders.

Interested Vendors/Implementers should collect a copy of the RFP, inclusive of the technical requirements, from the Ministry of National Security, 3rd Floor Churchill Building Rawson Square, Nassau, The Bahamas.

Proposals should be delivered on or before Friday 25 September, 2009 by 3 p.m. In a sealed envelope addressed to:

Chairman
Tenders Board Ministry of Finance
Cecil Wallace Whitfield Centre
West Bay Street
P.O. Box N-3017
Nassau, The Bahamas

Labelled: RFP- Her Majesty's Prisons Electronic Monitoring Solution

All submissions will be opened at 10:00 am on Tuesday 6th October, 2009 at the Tenders Board meeting, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Ministry of Finance, Cable Beach.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all tenders

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MINISTRY OF TOURISM & AVIATION DEPARTMENT
OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

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

PARTICULARS OF APPLICATION

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

5. Provisional time table:	Local Times
NASSAU/ANDROS TOWN	0630/0645 Daily
	1530/1545 "
ANDROS TOWN/NASSAU	0700/0715 "
	1600/1615 "

6. Frequency of flights: **See above time-table.**
7. Type of Aircraft: **EMBRAER-110, CESSNA 402-C & PIPER AZTECS**

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

Signed
HYACINTH PRATT
PERMANENT SECRETARY

BISX LISTED & TRADED SECURITIES AS OF:											
TUESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2009											
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX: CLOSE 1,527.81 CHG 0.06 %CHG 0.00 YTD -184.55 YTD % -10.74											
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52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Previous Close	Today's Close	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
1.81	1.15	AML Foods Limited		1.15	1.15	0.00	0.127	0.000	9.1	0.00%	
11.80	9.90	Bahamas Property Fund		9.90	9.90	0.00	0.992	0.200	10.0	2.02%	
9.30	6.25	Bank of Bahamas		6.25	6.25	0.00	0.244	0.260	25.6	4.16%	
9.89	0.63	Benchmark		0.63	0.63	0.00	-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
3.49	3.15	Bahamas Waste		3.15	3.15	0.00	0.078	0.090	40.4	2.86%	
2.37	2.14	Fidelity Bank		2.37	2.37	0.00	0.055	0.040	43.1	1.69%	
14.20	10.00	Cable Bahamas		10.00	10.00	0.00	1.406	0.250	7.1	2.50%	
2.88	2.74	Colina Holdings		2.74	2.74	0.00	0.249	0.040	11.0	1.46%	
7.50	5.26	Commonwealth Bank (S1)		5.92	5.92	0.00	0.419	0.300	14.1	5.07%	
3.85	1.27	Consolidated Water BDRs		3.69	3.74	0.05	0.111	0.052	33.7	1.39%	
2.85	1.32	Doctor's Hospital		2.05	2.05	0.00	0.382	0.080	5.4	3.90%	
8.20	6.80	Famguard		6.80	6.80	0.00	0.420	0.240	15.7	3.64%	
12.50	8.80	Finco		8.80	8.80	0.00	0.322	0.520	27.3	5.91%	
11.71	10.29	FirstCaribbean Bank		10.29	10.29	0.00	0.794	0.350	13.0	3.40%	
5.53	4.95	Focol (S)		4.99	4.99	0.00	0.332	0.150	15.0	3.01%	
1.00	1.00	Focol Class B Preference		1.00	1.00	0.00	0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
0.45	0.30	Freeport Concrete		0.30	0.30	0.00	0.035	0.000	5.6	0.00%	
9.02	5.49	ICD Utilities		5.50	5.50	0.00	206	0.407	5.00	13.5	9.09%
12.00	10.09	J. S. Johnson		10.09	10.09	0.00	0.952	0.640	10.6	6.34%	
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate		10.00	10.00	0.00	0.180	0.000	55.6	0.00%	
BISX LISTED DEBT SECURITIES - (Bonds trade on a Percentage Pricing b ases)											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Last Sale	Change	Daily Vol.	Interest	Maturity			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00		7%	19 October 2017			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00		7%	30 May 2013			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015			
Fidelity Over-The-Counter Securities											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Weekly Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
14.60	7.92	Bahamas Supermarkets	7.92	8.42	14.00		-2.246	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
8.00	6.00	Caribbean Crossings (Pref)	2.00	6.25	4.00		0.000	0.480	N/M	7.80%	
0.54	0.20	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.55		0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%	
Colina Over-The-Counter Securities											
41.00	29.00	ABDAB	30.13	31.59	29.00		4.540	0.000	9.03	0.00%	
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.45	0.55	0.55		0.002	0.000	261.90	0.00%	
BISX Listed Mutual Funds											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD%	Last 12 Months	Div \$	Yield %	NAV Date			
1.4038	1.3344	CFAL Bond Fund	1.4038	3.72	5.20			31-Aug-09			
3.0350	2.8952	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.8990	-1.39	-4.16			31-Aug-09			
1.4867	1.4105	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.4880	3.79	5.49			4-Sep-09			
3.6090	3.0941	Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	3.0941	-8.61	-13.59			31-Aug-09			
13.0484	12.3870	Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.1136	3.93	5.87			31-Aug-09			
101.6693	100.0000	CFAL Global Bond Fund	101.6693	1.10	1.67			30-Jun-09			
100.9600	93.1992	CFAL Global Equity Fund	96.7398	0.35	-4.18			30-Jun-09			
1.0000	1.0000	CFAL High Grade Bond Fund	1.0000	0.00	0.00			31-Dec-07			
9.4075	9.0775	Fidelity International Investment Fund	9.3399	2.69	-1.41			31-Jul-09			
1.0707	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.0707	3.38	5.14			31-Aug-09			
1.0364	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.0319	-0.11	2.05			31-Aug-09			
1.0673	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.0673	2.89	4.93			31-Aug-09			
MARKET TERMS											
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX - 19 Dec 02 = 1,000.00						YIELD - last 12 month dividends divided by closing price					
52wk-Hi - Highest closing price in last 52 weeks						Bid \$ - Buying price of Colina and fidelity					
52wk-Low - Lowest closing price in last 52 weeks						Ask \$ - Selling price of Colina and fidelity					
Previous Close - Previous day's weighted price for daily volume						Last Price - Last traded over-the-counter price					
Today's Close - Current day's weighted price for daily volume						Weekly Vol. - Trading volume of the prior week					
Change - Change in closing price from day to day						EPS \$ - A company's reported earnings per share for the last 12 mths					
Daily Vol. - Number of total shares traded today						NAV - Net Asset Value					
Div \$ - Dividends per share paid in the last 12 months						N/M - Not Meaningful					
P/E - Closing price divided by the last 12 month earnings						FINDEX - The Fidelity Bahamas Stock Index. January 1, 1994 = 100					
(S) - 4-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 8/6/2007											
(S1) - 3-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 7/11/2007											
TO TRADE CALL: COLINA 242-502-7010 ROYALFIDELITY 242-356-7764 FG CAPITAL MARKETS 242-396-4000 COLONIAL 242-502-7525											

PUBLIC NOTICE

INTENT TO CHANGE NAME BY DEED POLL

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

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS 2008

IN THE SUPREME COURT CLE/qui/01038

COMMON LAW AND EQUITY DIVISION

BETWEEN

IN THE MATTER OF ALL THAT piece parcel or lot of land situate in the Eastern District of the Island of New Providence containing 8,194 square feet situate on the Southern Side of Kelly Lane, 395 feet West of Johnson Road and bounded **NORTHWARDLY** by Kelly Lane and running thereon Seventy and Twenty-six (70.26) feet and **EASTWARDLY** by land now or formerly the property of Albertha Pratt and running thereon One Hundred and Twenty and Twelve hundredths (120.12) feet **SOUTHWARDLY** by land now or formerly the property of Inez Munroe and running thereon Sixty-seven and Ninety-two hundredths (67.92) feet and **WESTWARDLY** by land now or formerly the property of Ida Ferguson and running thereon One Hundred and Eighteen and Forty-seven hundredths (118.47) feet which said piece parcel or lot of land has such position shape marks boundaries and dimensions more particularly described by and delineated on the said diagram or plan and thereon coloured **YELLOW**

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE QUIETING TITLES ACT, 1959

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
GENEVIEVE STRACHAN

NOTICE

The Quieting Titles Act, 1959

The Petition of Genevieve Strachan of Johnson Estates in the Eastern District of the Island of New Providence one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas in respect of all that piece parcel or lot of land situate in the Eastern District of the Island of New Providence containing 8,194 square feet situate on the Southern Side of Kelly Lane, 395 feet West of Johnson Road and bounded **NORTHWARDLY** by Kelly Lane and running thereon Seventy and Twenty-six (70.26) feet and **EASTWARDLY** by land now or formerly the property of Albertha Pratt and running thereon One Hundred and Twenty and Twelve hundredths (120.12) feet **SOUTHWARDLY** by land now or formerly the property of Inez Munroe and running thereon Sixty-seven and Ninety-two hundredths (67.92) feet and **WESTWARDLY** by land now or formerly the property of Ida Ferguson and running thereon One Hundred and Eighteen and Forty-seven hundredths (118.47) feet which said piece parcel or lot of land has such position shape marks boundaries and dimensions more particularly described by and delineated on the said diagram or plan and thereon coloured **YELLOW**

Genevieve Strachan claims to be the owner of the fee simple estate in possession of the tract of land hereinbefore described free from encumbrances and the Petitioner has made application to the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas under section 3 of the Quieting Titles Act, 1959 to have her title to the said tract of land investigated and the nature and extent thereof determined and declared in a Certificate of Title to be granted by the Court in accordance with the provisions of the said Act.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any persons having Dower or a Right to Dower or an Adverse Claim or a claim not recognized in the Petition shall on or before the 4th November, A.D. 2009 file in the Supreme Court and serve on the Petitioner or the undersigned a statement of his claim in the prescribed form verified by an Affidavit to be filed therewith. Failure of any such person to file and serve a statement of his claim on or before the 4th November, A.D. 2009 will operate as a bar to such claim.

Copies of the filed Plan may be inspected at:

1. The Registry of the Supreme Court, Ansbacher Building, East Street North, Nassau, Bahamas;
2. The Chambers of Hope Strachan & Co., attorneys for the Petitioner, Equity House, Mount Royal Avenue North (Hawkins Hill), Nassau, Bahamas

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Pastors of Prayer call church demolition "Darkest Day"

By REUBEN SHEARER
Tribune Features Reporter

THE demolition of Canaan Baptist Church last week is being labeled as an event that marked the "darkest day" in the history of the church in the Bahamas.

Ian Brathwaite, president of the Pastors Of Prayer—a unit of 15 pastors from 6 denominations that unite via teleconferencing to pray for each other—questions why individuals "would even fathom to demolish a house of worship."

Pastors of Prayer was founded and organised in 1998 by Bishop Ian Brathwaite, Pastor of Holy Dove Baptist Church. The fellowship was inspired to bring together a group of pastors who wanted to live holy and who firmly believed in the uncompromising word of God.

"By the moral fiber of our nation, you shouldn't destroy the church under any terms," Mr Brathwaite said. "The church is known as a place of rescue, and a safe haven. Something else could've been worked out. We are not speaking as lawmakers but as the spiritual conscience of the Christian nation were are built on.

The tearing down of the church in Sir Lynden Pindling Estates came unexpectedly to his good colleague Eugene Bastian, pastor of Canaan Baptist Church, who was phoned during the ordeal by a concerned member that the church was being destroyed, he said at a recent press conference.

Mr Brathwaite told *Tribune Religion* that he has stayed in contact with Mr Bastian since the incident, and describes Mr Bastian's personal account the morning when he discovered that his church was being reduced to rubble:

"On the morning of the demolition, Pastor Bastian said he had just passed the church at 9.30 that morning. It was the first time that he had pulled on the side of the church, and really took in what God had done through his ministry.

"When he got home around 10am,

he received information through a phone call that somebody came with a bulldozer and tore down his church. He was in shock, and drove to the site. When he got there, he said he started rubbing his eyes in disbelief—he thought it was a dream."

Members of the church and community were said to be visibly confused, disturbed and angered by the move to destroy their place of worship as they gathered at the site that afternoon.

It is alleged that the pastor understood the court order but didn't expect them to tear it down so quickly.

According to Mr Brathwaite, Mr Bastian is in good spirits now, and is "leaving the situation in God's hands."

The decision to demolish the church came out of a ruling by Justice Cheryl Albury, who found Arawak Homes Limited to be the rightful owner of lots on Charles Saunders Highway on which the church was built in June 2006.

The court found that church pastor Eugene Bastian had been served with a writ in August 2006 after Arawak Homes Ltd took action. But Mr Bastian told the court he had bought the land from Jorol Limited before commencing construction of the church.

However, Justice Albury found the defence put forward by Mr Bastian and members of the church to be "without merit and unsustainable" in light of the decisions in Supreme Court actions that displaced any claim of title to the church's purported predecessor.

Justice Albury ordered the defendants to cease construction of any buildings on the lots in Sir Lynden Pindling Estates.

She further ordered for the buildings to be demolished and removed, for the defendants to be restrained from entering the lots, to pay the costs incurred to Arawak Homes Ltd, and pay damages for trespass in respect of the lots. Arawak Homes was given possession of the land with immediate effect.

For the meantime, members of Canaan Baptist Church have relocated above the Great Commission Ministry on Wulff Road, at Bishop Walter Hanchell's invitation.



BISHOP Ian Brathwaite, president/founder of the group 'Pastors of Prayer'.

MEDITATION

In the flesh

FOR the past few years we have been inundated with sexually related controversies.



REV. ANGELA C. BOSFIELD PALACIOS

First, there were issues in The Church (which still continue unabated) about the theological support for homosexual practices, ordained leaders who engage in them, and revisions to the definition and understanding of marriage and partnership.

We have had serious allegations and convictions of sexual misconduct of various kinds in the settings of church, school, after-school civic activities, as well as in the home. All of this makes the world a very unsafe place for too many little ones of all ages.

Now we have entered a period of intensely emotional debate about the concept of spousal rape, and the role that law-makers should be allowed to play in its prevention. We have yet to see the outcome of all of these discussions.

There also continues the concerns of Christ in culture and Christ against culture in the form of disagreements over the more vigorous sexually related movements by some (not all) of the Junkanoo dancers, and the place of ring play. The documentary on children engaging in ring play, captured on film some moves that left little to the imagination.

When I want to determine what my comfort level should be as a Christian when it comes to any of these discussions, I ask myself: "What do I think Our Lord and Saviour would have to say if He were present?" Then prayerfully, I seek to discern God's will for me as an individual and in my capacity as one who offers guidance to others.

In order to avoid the temptation of straying too far from our Great Commission to make disciples for the Lord, The Church has to remind her people to remain "in the Spirit" as we debate about things "of the flesh." Every encounter has the potential of being a pastoral moment. Every statement makes possible the

pronouncement of a prophetic word. Each discussion can broaden the minds of our people to engage together in prayerful theological reflection where we pause for God's guidance rather than losing our tempers with one another.

If we use this time as a time to teach our children about human rights and freedoms, about responsibilities and restrictions, about God's grace and mercy, forgiveness and healing, and about prayer and praise, then they too will see God in the midst of all the struggles. It is for us to seek to be of one accord, and in situations when we fail to do so, let us agree to disagree until God gives us clarity.

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The Real Pageant

ACCORDING to the Webster Dictionary the word pageant means: An elaborate spectacle show or procession.

I don't want to take anything away from the recent Miss Universe or Miss Bahamas pageants, but I have to wonder what the vision and monetary fulfillment of our government is as it relates to pageants.

If the vision and the monetary fulfillment of these pageants were somehow a small fraction of the vision of our government to 1) help provide gainful employment for the hurting Bahamian families, 2) Send a clarion, zero-tolerance message to the criminal mind-set; via swift justice and punishment, and 3) provide an urgent expediting of a diversified economy then the slogan "It's Better in the Bahamas" as it relates to the small Bahamians, would be true.

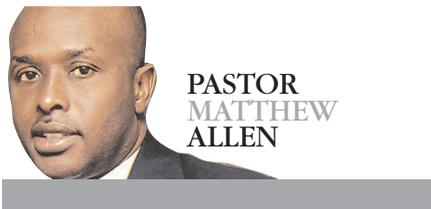
What the Bahamas is seeing today and will continue to see in the coming years, is what I call "Healthy Distractions." As good and as promotional as the Miss Universe Beauty Pageant and the other pageants that will follow will be for the country, they are all healthy distractions.

The true beauty of this nation cannot be found in an event held at the high priced Atlantis; but rather this beauty is found within the common people of whom various governments have failed miserably.

Do you want to see this government both (administration and opposition) tremble in fear and immediately put the brakes on the country's increasing murder rate and other serious crimes?

Had it been that two or three of these murders occurred on Paradise Island / Atlantis where the true leader of both the present and former government sits, I can assure you that the prime minister, the leader of the opposition and the minister of national security would have a total different outlook on capital punishment; and immediately resolve the judicial mess in the court system.

But then again; for the most part



PASTOR
MATTHEW
ALLEN

these murders and other serious crimes are being committed against the local Bahamians and not on Paradise Island.

It seems as if prioritising matters of national importance that will help in developing and advancing the grassroots is of no urgency to the powers that be. The deterioration of our once highly educational system is at an all time low, the ancient PMH and the Rand hospital in Freeport will be with us until the Lord comes; as hundreds of thousands of dollars will continue to be wasted on cosmetic repairs of these dinosaurs.

As a nation, we are proficient at hosting events that paint a beautiful external picture; meanwhile internally the masses are suffering. When it comes to investing in and developing our people to become shakers and movers in the business world both locally and internationally our leaders show very little interest.

Comparing the Bahamas today with that of the Bahamas of 1960's from a technology development perspective, we're like an un-opened gift that's left under the Christmas tree; whereby all of our present day leaders are afraid of opening and assisting in the development of the gift. On the other hand, the foreign investors sees the gifts and immediately invests time and money in developing the gifts which yields hundreds / thousands-fold return on their investment. After some ten to twenty years of exploiting these gifts; the investors often move onto other areas leaving the people crying out to their powerless governments for justice.

Here's what the Bible doesn't say: "Where there is no vision, the leaders perish" No, but rather here's what it

says in Prov 29: 18. Where there is no vision, the people perish:

Listen! The lack of vision by leadership to invest in and help to develop its people will by far and large always hurt and be detrimental first to the people. Every grassroots person in this country is not as fooled / stupid as our leaders may think. There's an old saying that says "You can fool some of the people some-time, but you can't fool all the people all the time"

As a people, we may not say much; but we do know that every foreign investor that is allowed to invest and start a new business in the Bahamas either at the beginning or somewhere down the line; one way or another had to render some kind of favour or kick-back to the powers that be. Therefore when it comes to governments standing up and blatantly defending the rights of exploited employees by foreign investors; these thugs / government have to remain silent or speak under their breath.

Then also there are some foreign investors of integrity who refused to give into the demands of our corrupt leaders and their friends in high places; many of these investors have taken their investments to other countries.

This ancient corrupt practice happens to be the foundation of which many of our existent establishments and systems throughout the length and breath of the Bahamas were built upon.

Think about this! Why is it that no PLP or FNM government is able to bring relief to the island of Grand Bahama / Freeport?

Watch this!

The BEAST of Grand Bahama (The Grand Bahama Port Authority), from the time of Sir Lynden to this present day has financially contaminated the Bahamas' political, legal and religious system; thereby gaining full authority to do as it pleases.

It's a fact that Grand Bahamians enjoy being swung by eloquent speaking, compromising politicians, lawyers and weak religious leaders concerning the true future of Grand Bahama; as their heritage is being stolen and sold right in their faces.

But then again, their heritage doesn't matter to them; for all they really want is political rhetoric and promises. (Ain't Long Now, The Storm is Over; It's a Matter of Trust) yeah right !

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Plan B



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"Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?"

MATT 6:25-33

IN an article some months ago, I shared that we as Christians do not really "trust" God totally. We put in place, "Plan B" just in case God doesn't work out or He takes too long. We have a plan. So many of us, if we are honest with ourselves will admit that when we take matters into our own hands, we mess things up.

The Bible tells us that, "It is in God that we live, move and have our being." How is it that we think that we can do anything in and of ourselves? We persuade ourselves that we can do anything all by ourselves when in actuality, we can do all things through Christ who gives us strength and nothing in of ourselves.

I went to a funeral last month and the bishop said that he had to use his handgun to scare an intruder off his property. Now there is something very wrong with this picture. How is it that a bishop, a man who is over a number of churches resorting to a hand gun? Didn't God say cast your cares upon Him because He cares for us?

The Bible also tells us that our warfare is not carnal. Why is it then that we are taking matters into our own hands with weapons such as guns? What would that bishop say if he had actually shot the young man in his yard.

As the church we have to be careful what we open doors to. Another pastor said that he travels with a cutlass under the driver's seat of his car. When he was asked why, by the person cleaning his car, he said it is because he was "a man of God."

What example is that for the world? If we who call on God don't believe He can protect us, how can we expect anyone else to believe God? Simply put we born again believers have to get rid of our "Plan B" and just trust God. I know that can be difficult (trusting God) when you need things to happen and it seems like nothing is.

Guess what? God 'gat' you He always did. He has to do what He says He will do. God's word can't return to Him void, it has to do what it was set out to do. He may not come when you want Him to but He's always on time.

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Communication is the key to passionate lovemaking

A Christian Prospective - PART 1

By **REV DR WESLEY L THOMPSON**
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The Law is for the lawless. It is the responsibility of any civil government to create and enforce laws for the protection of its citizens.

1 Timothy 1:9-10 reads, "Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for whore-mongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for men stealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;"

Governments are ordained by God. He sets up and pulls down.

Psalms 75:6-7 reads, "For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: He putteth down one, and sitteth up another."

Romans 13:1-2 reads, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained by God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they shall receive to themselves damnation."

Simply put: let every person be loyally subject to the governing civil authorities. For there is no authority except from God (by His permission, His sanction and those that exist do so by God's appointment).

Therefore, he that resists and sets himself up against the authorities resists what God has appointed and arranged in divine order. And those who resist will bring down judgment upon themselves, receiving the penalty due them.

Proverbs 8:15 reads, "By me kings reign, and princes decree justice."

I believe the Word of God sanctions the responsibility of a government to protect its citizens. Amending The Sexual Offences Act to outlaw marital rape will enlighten men who think archaically about their concept of

woman. They look at their wives as chattel or property.

This law will support Ephesians 5:21: husbands and wives be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

1 Peter 3:7-8 reads, "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered. Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous;"

We must not twist 1 Corinthians 7:1-5 which gives one the legal right to have sexual intercourse with one's spouse with their consent. The husband should give his wife her conjugal rights, goodwill, kindness and what is due her as his wife and likewise the wife to her husband.

For the wife does not have exclusive authority and control over her own body, but the husband has his rights. Likewise, also the husband does not have exclusive authority and control over his body, but the wife has her

rights.

1 Corinthians 7:5 is where the word 'communication' is referred to. "Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency."

With consent - there are other emergencies that need to be communicated to your spouse although sexual intercourse is a marital right.

Forget what you have learned about sex from locker rooms or association with friends and relatives. Every couple should know how to make love in a way that is honorable and that brings satisfaction to both the husband and the wife.

The amendment to The Sexual Offences Act to outlaw marital rape calls for communication. The God kind of love is centered around giving. It says, I want to please you more than myself. It is not concerned with its own selfish interests, motives or agendas. Love is more concerned with meeting your spouse's needs than your own.

Torah that survived Holocaust finds home in Miami

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RABBI Danny Marmorstein uses the Yiddish word "bashert" to describe how a Torah created in 19th-century Eastern Europe survived the Nazi regime in near-perfect condition and landed a world away at his tiny synagogue, according to the Associated Press.

"It means 'meant to be,'" he said, "and this was meant for us."

The 131-year-old Torah is being celebrated at Congregation Ahavat Olam for the first time on Rosh Hashanah, offering a powerful symbol on the endurance of the Jewish faith.

The sheepskin scroll was believed to have been completed in 1878, the date of the inscription on its wooden handle. The handle also bears the name of the couple who donated it to their congregation in Moravske Budejovice, in what is now the Czech Republic.

It was kept in a warehouse with other Torahs and Judaica after Hitler came to power, coming under the Nazis' control. After the Nazis fell, the cache from the Central Jewish Museum in Prague was controlled by communists who eventually sold the scroll and 1,563 others to a London synagogue in 1963.

That repository, the Memorial Scrolls



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Trust, has given the Torahs to congregations, museums and other groups as symbols of survival of the faith and a connection to all the Jews lost during the Holocaust.

"We've sent them all over the world," said Evelyn Friedlander, the London-based curator of the trust, "and they've come back to life."

The scroll came to Miami after Marmorstein placed the synagogue's name on a waiting list several years back. Like all the trust's scrolls, it remains the property of the London organization, on indefinite loan to the temple. Congregations are chosen, in part, based on their desire to incorporate the scroll into their worship.

At Ahavat Olam, the Torah was welcomed last month with a procession from Marmorstein's house to the Methodist church about a mile away where the 100-member congregation has been renting space for worship. It was to be read for the first time and be the subject of the rabbi's sermon when the congregants celebrate the Jewish new year on Friday.

IN THIS Aug. 28, 2009 photo, Steve Andrews, left center, of Congregation Ahavat Olam kisses their newly obtained Torah as he passes it to Minda Feldheim, right, during a procession to the Synagogue through the streets of Miami. Rabbi Danny Marmorstein uses the Yiddish word "bashert" to describe how a Torah created in 19th-century Eastern Europe survived the Nazi regime in near-perfect condition and landed a world away at his tiny synagogue.

RELIGION TODAY

ST. James Anglican Church is shown in Newport Beach, Calif., Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2009. St. James Anglican, in the Diocese of Los Angeles, is one of several dozen individual parishes and four dioceses nationwide that voted to split from the national church after the 2003 consecration of the first openly gay Episcopal bishop in New Hampshire.

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Christian money guru gets rich mixing faith, funds

BRENTWOOD, Tenn.

WITH the economy gasping for life last spring, about 1.3 million people gathered in 5,600 churches nationwide to behold the nation's leading prophet of personal finance.

Televised live from a church in Edmond, Okla., Dave Ramsey's infomercial-style "Town Hall for Hope" was a masterful mix of inspiration, humor, advice, marketing and the Bible from a man dressed in jeans, dark jacket and an open-collar shirt.

"Hope is a gift of the Holy Spirit," Ramsey told a nationwide audience that included the Fox Business Network, available in 50 million homes. Later: "The Bible says the diligent prosper."

At its core, the 90-minute show was a millionaire preaching to a struggling flock, and it raised anew the question of whether Ramsey's hugely profitable, tax-paying business — which he describes as a ministry — fits with Jesus' teachings.

It's a question John Hoffman began asking as he immersed himself in Ramsey's financial lessons for months. He listened on the radio, bought books, took Ramsey's financial management course at a church and paid for a \$10-a-month subscription to his Web site.

Hoffman came away from it all feeling like Ramsey's intermingling of faith and finances was some sort of unholy alliance.

"It's not a ministry. To me, it's an insult to the word," said Hoffman, who lives near Logan, Kan. "It would be nice if it got out of the churches and got into the mainstream."

Ramsey doesn't deny mixing religion and business, and he doesn't apologize for getting rich doing it, either. Business is a ministry, he says, and good ones prosper by serving people the way God wants them to.

"Worship is work-ship, so I don't separate work from ministry," Ramsey said recently at his headquarters in suburban Nashville, where he does his syndicated radio and cable TV shows. Bible verses, crosses and photos of Ramsey decorate the building.

In the beginning, as now, Ramsey's refrain was similar to the financial teachings of John Wesley, who started the Methodist movement more than 200 years ago: Earn all you can, save all you can, give away all you can.



THIS June 29, 2009 photo shows Gianni Bisoli during an interview in Verona, Italy. Bisoli has accused Verona's late bishop, Monsignor Giuseppe Carraro, who is being considered for beatification, of molesting him on five separate occasions while he was a student at Verona's Provolo Institute for the deaf, which he attended from age 9 to 15.

In the Vatican's BACKYARD

VERONA, Italy

IT HAPPENED night after night, the deaf man said, sometimes in the priest's bedroom, sometimes in the bathroom, even in the confessional, *according to the Associated Press.*

When he was a young boy at a Catholic-run institute for the deaf, Alessandro Vantini said, priests sodomized him so relentlessly he came to feel "as if I were dead." This year, he and dozens of other former students did something highly unusual for Italy: They went public with claims they were forced to perform sex acts with priests.

For decades, a culture of silence has surrounded priest abuse in Italy, where surveys show the church is considered one of the country's most respected institutions. Now, in the Vatican's backyard, a movement to air and root out abusive priests is slowly and fitfully taking hold.

A yearlong Associated Press tally has documented 73 cases with allegations of sexual abuse by priests against minors over the past decade in Italy, with more than 235 victims. The tally was compiled from local media reports, linked to by Web sites of victims groups and blogs. Almost all the cases have come out in the seven years since the scandal over Roman Catholic priest abuse broke in the United States.

The numbers in Italy are still a mere trickle compared to the hundreds of cases in the court systems of the United States and Ireland. And according to the AP tally, the Italian church has so far had to pay only a few hundred thousand euros (dollars) in civil damages to the victims, compared to \$2.6 billion in abuse-related costs for the American diocese or euro1.1 billion (\$1.5 billion) due to victims in Ireland.

However, the numbers still stand out in a country where reports of clerical

sex abuse were virtually unknown a decade ago. They point to an increasing willingness among the Italian public and — slowly — within the Vatican itself to look squarely at a tragedy where the reported cases may only just be the tip of the iceberg. The Italian church will not release the numbers of cases reported or of court settlements.

The implications of priest abuse loom large in Italy: with its 50,850 priests in a nation of 60 million, Italy counts more priests than all of South America or Africa. In the United States — where the Vatican counts 44,700 priests in a nation of 300 million — more than 4,000 Catholic clergy have been accused of molesting minors since 1950.

The Italian cases follow much the same pattern as the U.S. and Irish scandals: Italian prelates often preyed on poor, physically or mentally disabled, or drug-addicted youths entrusted to their care. The deaf students' speech

impairments, for example, made the priests' admonition "never to tell" all the more easy to enforce.

In this predominantly Roman Catholic country, the church enjoys such an exalted status that the pope's pronouncements frequently top the evening news, without any critical commentary. Even those with anti-clerical views acknowledge the important role the church plays in education, social services and caring for the poor.

As a result, few dare to criticize it, including the mainstream independent and state-run media. In addition, there's a certain prudishness in small-town Italy, where one just doesn't speak about sex, much less sex between a priest and a child.

"It's a taboo on top of a taboo," said Jacqueline Monica Magi, who prosecuted several pedophilia cases in Italy before becoming a judge. "This is the provincialism of Italy."

Breaking the conspiracy of silence, 67 former students from Verona's Antonio Provolo institute for the deaf signed a statement alleging that sexual abuse, pedophilia and corporal punishment occurred at the school from the 1950s to the 1980s at the hands of priests and brothers of the Congregation for the Company of Mary.