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Ex-Ministry chief in new crown land row

Allegations over 15 acres requested by son and brother of former Lands and Surveys Permanent Secretary

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was not aware of the 30 acres of land. Mr Thompson said: "There is a lease in the name of my son and my brother down there for 15 acres of land."

Reporter: "Is that included in this 30 acres?"

Mr Thompson: "Which 30 are you talking about?"

Reporter: "Well there is one for 17.602 acres, one for 10 acres, and one for 3.095 acres. The 10 acres has a farming build on it..."

Mr Thompson: "There is a lease for 15 acres of land. My brother is living in Eleuthera. He's a farmer. It's in his name and my son's name."

"I am not aware of a grant for 30 acres. Ralph (Brennen, the former Surveyor General in the Department of Lands and Surveys) surveyed some land but the actual grant is for 15 acres of

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HUNDREDS IN 'PRO-HANGING' MARCH



HUNDREDS OF SUPPORTERS of capital punishment flooded the streets on Discovery Day yesterday in a "pro-hanging" march. Marching for two-and-a-half hours, starting at Arawak Cay, the supporters called on government to get tough with criminals and, by resuming the hanging of those on death row, send a clear message to the criminally-minded in the country.

Husband of Tribune publisher suffers heart attack

ROGER Carron, husband of Tribune publisher Eileen Carron, is recovering in Doctors Hospital after suffering a heart attack Saturday.

Under the care of Dr Conville Brown and his team, Mr Carron underwent an emergency angioplasty to open a blocked artery.

He came through the procedure with flying colours. Mr Carron is now resting

comfortably in ICU and is currently not allowed visitors.

The evening masses in all Catholic churches in North Florida yesterday evening were dedicated to Mr Carron, and prayers were said for his speedy recovery.

Mike Ossi, lead counsel in the John Travolta case, who has known Mr Carron for about 15 years, told his father, John Ossi, who was

81 yesterday, of Mr Carron's illness. In commemoration of Mr John Ossi's birthday, North Florida Catholic churches had planned to dedicate their evening masses to him. However, on learning of Mr Carron's illness, Mr Ossi requested that the masses should be dedicated to Mr Carron instead.

"Roger Carron," said Mike Ossi, "is a wonderful

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Man is rammed by car, beaten to death

A MAN was viciously murdered after being rammed by a car, pinned to a wall and then beaten to a pulp by a group of thugs.

The victim, who is believed to be in his mid-20s and whose name has not been released, was with a friend when they got into a row with a group of men in front of a take-away shop on Baillou Hill Road sometime after 3am on Saturday.

After the two friends received their food they walked along Baillou Hill Road.

But when they neared the Zanzibar nightclub, eyewitnesses said a silver coloured Hyundai Accent came barrelling down the road.

The car then rammed into the two friends, pinning one of

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Nottage set to announce PLP leadership bid

DR BERNARD Nottage is expected to formally announce his bid for the leadership of the PLP this week as the battle for the party's top post heats up.

According to well-placed sources within the PLP, Dr Nottage has been courted for some time by supporters and some of his fellow colleagues in the party's Parliamentary caucus to challenge the leader, Perry Christie, for the top post.

While former Prime Minister Christie still holds a tremendous amount of support within the hierarchy of the party, there is a growing movement within the organization to replace him as the country continues to cry out for change.

Hearing this call, Dr Nottage, and other challengers such as Paul Moss and Fox Hill MP Fred Mitchell are expected to contest the leadership of the party at the

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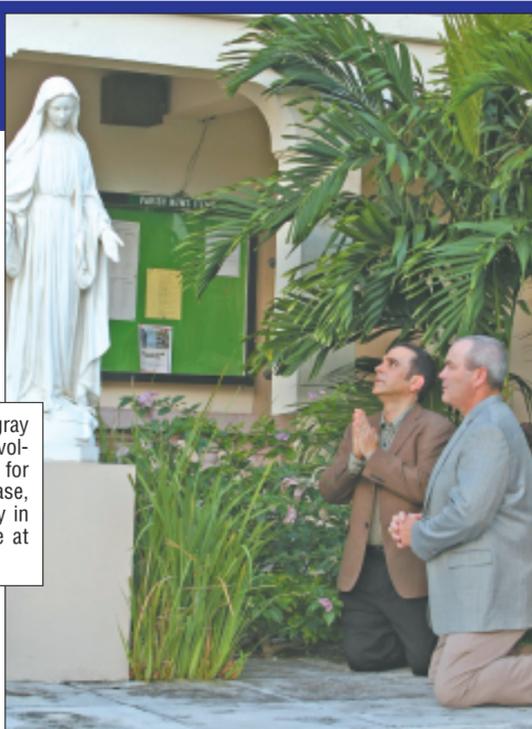
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human being and the world is a better place for his quiet help. He's a gentle giant. He always shows the utmost courtesy and class and carries himself with honour and dignity — 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

Mr Ossi also conveyed the best wishes of the Travolta family for Mr Carron's speedy recovery.

Yesterday evening Mike Ossi went to Sacred Heart Church on Shirley Street to light a candle for his friend's return to good health.



Felipe Major/Tribune staff

RONALD ZUPANCIC (wearing a gray jacket), a good friend of John Travolta, and Michael Ossi, lead counsel for the Travoltas in the extortion case, pray for Roger Carron's recovery in front of the Virgin Mary statue at Sacred Heart.

HUNDREDS TAKE PART IN 'PRO-HANGING' MARCH



SUPPORTERS of capital punishment take to the streets of Nassau yesterday in a "pro-hanging" march. Starting at Arawak Cay, the supporters called on government to get tough with criminals.

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Firearms found in police search

ACTING on a tip-off, officers of the Drug Enforcement Unit on Saturday, at 9.30pm, searched a bushy area off Pit Road.

Their search turned up a .40 pistol and a 12-gauge shotgun. Investigations into discovery of the firearms continue.

• OFFICERS of the North Eastern Division on Sunday at 5.10pm stopped a man who they thought was acting suspiciously on the corner of Shirley Street and Balls Alley.

They searched him and found a .380 calibre handgun and several rounds of ammunition in his possession. He was taken into police custody.

Woman and children rescued from suspected arson attack

FIREFIGHTERS had to rescue a woman and her children from their blazing apartment after a suspected arson attack.

Emergency services received calls of a domestic dispute at the unit on Father Calnan Road, off Baillou Hill Road, just behind the St Barnabas Anglican Church, at about 9.25pm on Saturday.

Police arrived on the scene first and apprehended a 34-year-old man.

When fire services reached the apartment, the woman and her children were still inside the building.

Neighbours said they believe there were more than three children inside.

According to eyewitnesses, the woman could not leave the apartment by herself, but needed the assistance of fire fighters to exit the building.

One witness said she was shouting for police to release the man whom they had taken into custody.

Elsworth Moss, head of the Central Detective Unit, said none of the apartment's inhabitants were injured in the fire.

It is understood the blaze was mostly contained to the apartment's interior and did not spread to surrounding buildings.

Mr Moss said a man is assisting the police with their investigations.

Former Cabinet Minister backs Davis for PLP Deputy Leader

ANOTHER former PLP Cabinet Minister, George Smith, has formally endorsed Philip 'Brave' Davis as the party's best choice for Deputy Leader.

"I have concluded that the [PLP] Leader would greatly benefit from Philip Davis as his Deputy. Davis is intelligent and trustworthy. He is strong in his conviction. He is a unifier and a hard worker.

"Importantly, he is a man who makes careful and intelligent decisions. In fact, one of his most outstanding traits is



Philip 'Brave' Davis

that he is firm and decisive once he is convinced the course is right. His word is his bond.

"I believe Brave Davis represents that important difference, change, and direction," Mr Smith said.

Former Deputy Prime Minister and former Minister of National Security in the Christie administration, Cynthia 'Mother' Pratt along with former Trade Minister Leslie Miller have also endorsed Davis for the Deputy Leadership position.

MAN LUCKY TO SURVIVE JETSKI ACCIDENT



Felipe Major/Tribune staff

THE MAN is brought ashore after the accident in Goodman's Bay

A MAN was lucky to survive after almost drowning when he fell off a jetski in Goodman's Bay.

The man was riding the machine with two young boys at around 5.43pm on Sunday when the accident occurred.

After the man and children

fell into the water, a group of people who were also riding nearby immediately came to the rescue.

They were able to pull the man and the boys onshore.

Supt Elsworth Moss, of the Central Detective Unit, said the man was in a "semi-conscious" state and had to be taken to the Princess Margaret Hospital.

His condition is non-life-threatening.

One of the boys was also taken to hospital for treatment, eyewitnesses said.

Man shot at party

A MAN was shot and injured while attending a party in Nassau Village.

The 32-year-old was standing outside a house with a group of people when shots were fired at about 2.30am on Sunday.

The man told police he did not immediately realise that he had been shot. He said he heard the shots ring out and then felt pain in his left arm.

Neither the victim or bystanders could identify the shooter.

Police are appealing to the public to assist them with their investigation.

Anyone with any information is asked to call 328-TIPS or contact the nearest police station.

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Afghan problem – lack of police

THE PROBLEM in Afghanistan isn't the number of American troops, but the lack of Afghan police to serve and protect the people.

The key to winning an insurgency is gaining the support of the population for the indigenous government. This is accepted counter-insurgency doctrine learned in Vietnam and codified by Gen. David Petraeus and Gen. James Amos, in the 2006 U.S. Army/U.S. Marine Corps Counter-insurgency Field Manual.

Foreign military forces can suppress insurgent operations, but they can't bring legitimacy to local governments. Since military force almost inevitably produces collateral damage to civilians, counterinsurgency operations may alienate populations from their government and its allies.

Local people also know that foreign troops eventually go home. If the Afghan government does not provide security and essential services in an effective, honest and even-handed way, American soldiers cannot win the war.

Following U.S. military operations to clear territory of insurgents, the Afghan government must immediately provide basic services — law, safety, justice and development. The key are Afghan police who can hold the ground and provide the level of security necessary for political reconciliation and economic development.

Although the United States has spent more than \$6 billion training the Afghan police since 2001, they remain unreliable, corrupt and thin on the ground. In opinion polls, Afghans have characterized the police as a greater threat to their security than the Taliban.

One reason is that Afghan police are trained by the U.S. military as "little soldiers" and used as cannon fodder in the fight against insurgents. Inadequately equipped, poorly led and deployed without adequate support, the police had combat losses in 2008 that were three times larger than those of the Afghan army. From January 2007 to March 2009, 3,400 Afghan police were killed, compared to nearly 600 American soldiers since 2001.

In Afghanistan, U.S. efforts have not been based on a clear division of labour between the American and Afghan military and the Afghan police. The role of troops is to protect cops; the role of cops is to win people to the government. Within territory cleared and

held by the military against insurgent attacks, police prevent crime, arrest law-breakers, mediate disputes, regulate traffic, enforce ordinances and respond to calls for assistance.

To develop a police force that is considered legitimate by the Afghan people, the United States must begin by reforming the justice infrastructure, starting with the Afghan Ministry of the Interior.

This should be done by carefully prepared American advisors drawn primarily from state and local police, rather than the current U.S. practice of using military officers or untrained commercial contractors. Providing this capacity will require shifting responsibility for police training within the U.S. government from the Defence Department to the Justice Department.

The curriculum and the number of civilian police and military advisors must be rebalanced to emphasize law enforcement, civilian police skills and establishing relationships between the police and their communities. In all countries, police are the face of government.

If the police provide protection and services, the people will reciprocate by providing information on the presence of those who threaten the community.

This basic relationship between the police and the community has historically been an essential component of all successful counter-insurgency efforts. It's critical to reversing the tide of battle of Afghanistan.

Military and civil activity should be undertaken incrementally. It shouldn't be done everywhere at once, but only where it can succeed and be sustained. This requires fewer American troops, because gains made are consolidated by civil development and defended by the Afghan army.

Carrying the fight into the sanctuary of Pakistan becomes less important than holding the Taliban at bay long enough for Afghanistan to implant effective and humane government. This will require further military action on our part, but on the firm basis of defending a population that recognises it has something tangible, in the form of security and good governance, to lose if its own government is defeated.

(This article was written by David H. Bayley, distinguished professor and former dean of the University at Albany's School of Criminal Justice — c.2009 Albany Times Union).

The Privy Council and the Bahamas

EDITOR, The Tribune.

AS ASSISTANT Professor of Law at the College of the Bahamas I have taught constitutional law for the past ten years. In 'An Introduction to the Law and Legal System of the Bahamas' one of the two books that I have authored on Bahamian law, I set out the pros and cons of the issue of the Privy Council as our final court. I discuss the arguments advanced by the several schools of thought, and I end with the following conclusion:

"The Bahamas should remain with the Privy Council until it has put in place the necessary machinery to fully repatriate its final court to its own shores. Certainly the Bahamian National Party will continue to push for extreme caution in any further regional entanglements. Caribbean countries will be happy to see the Bahamas pay a disproportionate share of the Bill for the operation of such a regional court. The Bahamas will not have even a guarantee that a single Bahamian Judge will sit on this Regional Court. It will be as foreign as the Present Privy Council, and infected with the virulent anti-Bahamian attitude pervasive in the Commonwealth Caribbean.

There are those who consider that the CCJ is an indigenous court. This is the view of Mr Justice Telford Georges and others. But the Bahamas is not a part of the Caribbean, and we share precious little with that region, aside from prior overlordship by Britain.

Independence in 1973 was never intended to lead to subjugation to some other foreign dominated, regional Caribbean state and its court! Mr Telford George's actual words regarding an "indigenous court" were these

"Starkly put, it appears to me that an independent country should assume the responsibility for providing a court of its own choosing for the final determination of legal disputes arising for decision in the country."

This is a compelling argument for a final Bahamian court, not a final Caribbean court. It is my view that no Bahamian government will

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be allowed to submit Bahamians to any regional court. Bahamians alone can determine this, since the constitution requires that Parliament in its widest sense, including the people in a referendum, is needed in order to make such a change legal and binding.

It is my view that true Bahamians will never accept the overlordship of Caribbean nationals. That is what joining the Caribbean Court of Justice will impose permanently on us. We had no choice in the imposition of the Privy Council on us, since our present constitution was a necessary condition of being granted Independence.

But today we have control of our own destiny, and if we can govern ourselves we can also judge ourselves. Certain safeguards, checks and balances are needed, however these are matters of detail and not insurmountable barriers. The next logical step is that total jurisdiction must be vested in our own Court of

Appeal. It is instructive to note that there is no question that this court is not capable of being our final court since it is already the final court of the Bahamas for all matters not under the very narrow area which the Privy Council retains final jurisdiction over. This fact disposes of those who continue to say that we cannot judge ourselves. It is time for such psychological colonialism to be totally eradicated. I will never support any view that other persons from other countries can do things that we cannot also do. We do not need the CCJ, or the Privy Council, and it is time that our so-called leaders stop being a part of the agenda of those who continue to do their utmost to keep us in, mental slavery.

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We are awaiting hangman's day

EDITOR, The Tribune.

PRIME Minister, sir, the time has come when the people of the Bahamas are now crying out to you or whoever is responsible to set aside a hangman's day.

There is absolutely too much killing in our land; we are now having murders in threes in less than 24 hours isn't that a shame. We can no longer stand by and watch innocent lives being taken away, even if it means we all march around parliament and shut Bay Street down until our cries are heard.

We no longer want to hear its inhumane, sir, we now want life for life — just the other day a young mother of two was nursing her three months old baby when a nasty gunman came by and her life was brutally taken away — is this inhumane, sir? A young mother of three working ever so hard to support her children when suddenly she was shot in the face by some nasty thugs. Sir is this inhumane? We are living behind bars just how the prisoners are kept at Her Majesty Prison, if a fire should ever break out God help us all because there is absolutely no escape. Sir, the people of this country are crying out to you for help have mercy, Mr Prime Minister, and let the country know when you are going to set aside a day only for hangman's day, don't wait until it reaches your doorstep, sir, do something right now before it is too late.

Sir, I can truly say the people of this country is waiting for that day because the laws are on the books or do we have to get consent from the Privy Council, are we fully independent or not?

Sir, we are awaiting hangman's day we are sick and tired of hearing empty voices, we need action and we need it right now.

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A tribute to Sir Clement Maynard

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is no progress. There are those who profess to favour freedom and yet deprecate agitation. They want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without thunder and light-

ning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters."

We have come to mourn the loss of Clement Trevelyan Maynard but also to celebrate his

life and service as one of the founders of our modern, stable, fully emancipated and democratic Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

He served his country for three decades in the highest echelons of our Government and contributed mightily to our economic, social, political and constitutional development.

I join with all Bahamians in expressing our gratitude for his long and excellent service to our country in the many ministerial portfolios he held with distinction over these years, including that of Minister of Tourism and Deputy Prime Minister.

But in my humble contribution to his memorialisation, I have chosen to say a few inadequate words about a friend, a brother and a comrade in the struggle for the second emancipation of the Bahamian people, the struggle that culminated in the dramatic and historic events of January 1967.

That is why I chose to begin with those wonderful words from Frederick Douglass, the brilliant American orator and abolitionist. They were among the words, ideas and example of other enlightened men and women, freedom lovers and emancipators that inspired Clement Maynard and his comrades in the Fifties and Sixties.

They were words that were acutely relevant to the unfinished struggle for complete

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equality for all Bahamians, not just white Bahamians or near-white Bahamians, but all Bahamians, black and white.

There are some things in life that lend themselves well to compromise; indeed, some things cry out for compromise. But there are some things that cannot, should not, be compromised.

Men and women of integrity cannot compromise their right to equality. Equality cannot be measured by a light meter, nor can it be administered one teaspoonful at a time.

So it was an uncompromising struggle for the full equality of all Bahamians regardless of race, colour, gender or ethnic origin. And it was an uncompromising struggle for the fundamental and unfettered right of the Bahamian people to choose their own leaders from among themselves.

It needs to be said as bluntly as that because there are always those who will attempt to misrepresent history, either out of ignorance, which is forgivable, or to suit some special agenda, which is not so easily tolerated.

The struggle was to fling wide open the doors that were then either tightly shut or barely ajar for a chosen few to pass through.

The struggle that Sir Clement and his comrades joined was against an economic system to which black Bahamians had only limited access, and they only by the sufferance of the entrenched powers of the day.

It was a system in which the law provided that Bahamian children were entitled to be educated in public schools only up to the age of 14. And only a few were able to go beyond that. That is if they could afford to go to a private school and if the colour of their skin was not so dark as to deny them admission.

Or if they were fortunate enough to qualify for the Government High School, an institution that had been grudgingly created in 1925 as the first secondary school open to black Bahamians. Fewer yet could dare to dream about tertiary education in the great institutions of Europe or North America.

The colonial approach to the education of blacks in The Bahamas had for generations constituted a grave injustice as described by Bahamian historian Gail Saunders:

"In general, Bahamian education was designed to provide minimal literacy and sound moral training rather than social mobility or even useful skills."

In other words, black Bahamians were expected to be good, to be obedient and, above all, to stay in their place.

This policy was underlined by overt discrimination against black Bahamians in public places including restaurants, theatres and hotels. That odious practice crumbled in the face of a dramatic assault by Sir Eti-

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Who's listening when the Caribbean speaks?

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WORLD VIEW

By RONALD SANDERS

(The writer is a Consultant and former Caribbean diplomat)

IN Turkey, where meetings of the IMF and the World Bank were held during the week of October 4th, Caribbean Finance Ministers raised with the First Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, John Lipsky, their concerns about "the need for better representation and participation of small, developing countries in key meetings and fora such as the G20, where decisions that can significantly impact these small economies are frequently made."

But, Caribbean representation in the already overcrowded G20 will not happen without a strong case being made and accepted by governments currently at the table.

Similarly, much needed reform of the IMF and World Bank to benefit the Caribbean appears remote.

At the Bank/Fund meetings, the President of Guyana, Bharat Jagdeo, as current Chairman of CARICOM, led a team of Prime Ministers from the Bahamas, Barbados and St Lucia to make a case to the President of the World Bank, Robert Zoellick, that special attention should be paid to relieving and restructuring the debt of the highly indebted, vulnerable, middle income countries of the region.

And, Barbados Prime Minister, David Thompson, speaking at the formal meeting was emphatic that "limited access to World Bank funding has forced many middle income Caribbean countries to borrow in the private capital markets at substantially higher rates and shorter repayment terms." Mr Thompson recommended that "further consideration be given to this issue of access by middle income countries to financing from the multilateral financial institutions."

All of this is right. The entire Caribbean region is facing a serious reversal of its economic and social progress arising from a number of factors. It is true that one of the significant factors is poor economic management and decision-making by some of their governments, and this is a concern that Caribbean countries must themselves address.

The external factors are also real. Not least among them is the point raised by both Jagdeo and Thompson that the classification of Caribbean states as middle-income countries disqualifies them from concessionary financing from the international financial institutions and forces them into the commercial market for borrowing.

But, is anyone really listening? The moment for effective reform of international institutions is fast receding. Those industrialised nations that pledged themselves to reform in the wake of last year's financial crisis are

quickly retreating from their pledges as their economies begin to pick-up. The creation of the G20 and the provision of some additional resources to the IMF appear now to be the most they will do.

The new resources for the IMF are insufficient and, in any case, are not targeted to middle income countries such as those in the Caribbean; they are focused on low income countries and on bigger countries such as those in Europe and Mexico.

A so-called Flexible Credit Line has been introduced by the IMF "for countries with very strong fundamentals, policies, and track records of policy implementation." Caribbean countries will not qualify for among the criteria are: a track record of steady sovereign access to international capital markets at favourable terms, and sound public finances, including a sustainable public debt position.

Why these criteria should be relevant instead of ones that recognise the need to stimulate stagnant economies and provide support for social welfare programmes speaks to the anachronistic role of the IMF which still operates as an agency of the victors of World War II, despite all the rhetoric.

As for the World Bank, the Turkey meeting deferred any increase in its capital until next year. Therefore, the Bank is faced with a limited lending capacity, and in this scenario, countries such as those in the Caribbean that are designated middle-income are not a priority.

Caribbean Heads of Government and Finance Ministers raising their concerns with Heads of the International Financial Institutions and in the formal sessions of the Bank/Fund meetings was absolutely right. They do not get much chance to do so,



SIR RONALD SANDERS

Caribbean countries have no seat of their own on the Boards of these bodies where they are represented by Canada. And, while Canada may be a sympathetic ally, there is no substitute for authentic argument from high representatives of Caribbean countries themselves.

In this connection, the prospect of any reform of the international financial institutions that would benefit the Caribbean in terms both of representation at the highest levels and change in IMF conditionalities and World Bank criteria for concessionary financing, does not appear to be on the cards anytime soon.

This is why Caribbean countries should adopt a collective and cohesive approach to this issue devoting resources to a joint and continuous diplomatic effort to put their case forcefully to the international community at every opportunity.

It is well within the region's capacity to establish a task force of public sector and private sector professionals, under the umbrella of a special unit of the CARICOM Secretariat, to undertake this task. The task force could be mandated to produce documentation with all the necessary rigour for presentation to the Boards of the International Financial Institutions and to influential governments. Much of this work has already been done by a group established last year under

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Caribbean Development Bank President, Compton Bourne.

In turn, high regional representatives led by one or other of available Heads of Government could be appointed to engage the international community in an intense campaign on the basis of a well-debated and agreed CARICOM strategy.

The Commonwealth Heads of Government Conference in Trinidad in November presents a unique opportunity to make the Caribbean case to five Heads of Government of G20 countries – Australia, Britain, Canada, India and South Africa. They may not get far

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with Australia and Britain, but India and South Africa with whom they have close links, and Canada with whom they share a common neighbourhood should listen.

The Commonwealth Secretariat has itself done a great deal of work on small states and reform of International Financial Institutions. The November Commonwealth Summit, therefore, is an excellent forum for the Caribbean to advance a cohesive campaign.

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A tribute to Sir Clement Maynard

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enne Dupuch in 1956.

So if a reasonably bright future was to be attained through education, then the vast majority of Bahamians could only look forward to rather bleak prospects.

We look back now so we might understand the nature of the grand enterprise to which Sir Clement Maynard and his comrades had committed themselves.

We look back so that we might understand what motivated this great Bahamian throughout his long years of public service.

And we look back not in anger over past injustices but in a spirit of joy and pride and thanksgiving that Sir Clement and his comrades were in the end victorious.

It was a difficult and demanding enterprise because, as Frederick Douglass had warned, "Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will."

Sir Clement was among those who boldly demanded equality and he was in the trenches with those who fought for the rights of the Bahamian people. He was not afraid to struggle, to plow, to agitate, to endure the thunder and lightning, and the awful roar of the ocean.

The struggle was against an unyielding and entrenched oligarchy, against a mighty colonial power, against an electoral system that had only a nodding acquaintance with the principles of democracy, and, alas, against the residual psychological effects of a dehumanizing slavery.

The scarring effects of generations of pernicious brainwashing and distorted history had to be confronted. The greater challenge was, as Sir Lynden Pindling once put it, not the shackles on our feet, but the shackles our minds.

In the face of such odds Sir Clement and his comrades had to make many sacrifices, endure years of disappointment, and spend countless days and nights of arduous toil.

At the same time they had to prepare themselves for the day when some of them would be called upon to represent their people.

They educated themselves and read everything remotely related to their quest. And they read some things they were not supposed to read.

In those days Lady Maynard was a very successful travel professional with British Overseas Airways Corporation so Sir Clement had more opportunities to travel than the rest of us. And whenever he did he took our shopping list of books that could not be found in The Bahamas but were readily available in the bookstores of London.

It had obviously been decided that it would be too dangerous to allow the natives to read certain books -- the same position taken with regard to Sidney Poitier's movie No Way Out.

Among these were books written by brilliant West Indian intellectuals and revolutionaries who were shaking the foundations of the imperial powers; among them were C. L. R. James, Frantz Fanon and George Padmore.

I believe that Lady Maynard may be a relative of George Padmore, who became an adviser of President Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana and chief architect of his Pan African Movement.

The struggle was, and again I borrow from Frederick Douglass, "exciting, agitating, all-absorbing, and for the time being, putting all other tumults to silence. It must do this or it does nothing."

Clement Trevelyan Maynard was never one to do nothing. He was a freedom fighter and a passionate crusader for the political, social and economic emancipation of the Bahamian people.

My Dear Friends: Bear with me a few more moments and forgive me for the personal references I am about to make.

Politics, that most noble of professions, can sometimes, unfortunately, descend into something approaching savagery. And it seems that there is no greater fury in the political arena as when colleagues turn on each other.

So it was when some of us who had been in the trenches together in the struggle for the second emancipation decided that we could better serve our

country in a different political organization.

It was then that Sir Clement and I found ourselves on opposite sides of the political divide. But although we were no longer political colleagues, we remained good friends throughout the years.

I believe Sir Clement was as pleased as I am to see his daughter, Allyson, and my son, Dion, face each other across the table in the Senate, but still carrying on our families' tradition of friendship.

Sir Clement did not give in to the temptation to punish and ostracize his former comrades for exercising the democratic rights for which he and they had fought so hard and sacrificed so much.

Indeed, on more than one occasion he demonstrated his concern for the welfare and professional advancement of members of my family.

Sir Clement was also capable of a gesture that is seldom seen in our political arena. I remember when he invited me to attend an event in connection with the development of Bahamasair. Having regard to the political climate in those days, just extending that invitation was notable enough.

But Sir Clement stunned the mostly civil service and partisan crowd in the room when he announced that he was following on with the dream that his friend Arthur Foulkes had earlier pursued about the development of a national airline. Such political generosity is rare indeed.

Now, as the curtain draws across the stage of our living memory and as those of us who were privileged to take part in the great drama disappear from the scene, one by one, we must leave the rest to history and, we hope, as a goodly inheritance for future generations of Bahamians.

Lady Maynard, I believe you know the depth of our sincerity when I tell you that Joan and I, and every member of my family, share in your loss and extend to you and all your family our heartfelt condolences.

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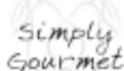
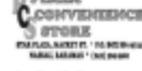
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LOCAL NEWS

Ex-Ministry chief in new crown land row

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land," he said. The property to which Mr Thompson's relatives currently occupy is bordered by two developments, namely Powell Point Properties Limited, and GAC Eleuthera Limited.

As a former PS in this department, Mr Thompson said he felt there was no issue surrounding the fact his relatives had

applied for a lease for the 15 acres and gave little reasoning why the properties were applied for in his brother and son's names.

"No there is no concern in my eyes. My brother has been farming in Deep Creek, Eleuthera, for a number of years and he applied for some land to do some farming. It is not a grant, it is a lease of land. And anybody can apply for leases of land,"

Mr Thompson said.

With the issue of crown land sparking such an uproar and debate throughout the country, the House of Assembly has appointed a Select Committee which will be meeting again on Monday, October 26, to investigate all issues relating to the disposition of crown land.

The committee has heard from the former director of Lands, Tex Turnquest, who was

forced to resign from his post after he failed to give a sufficient answer to the Prime Minister as to why his relatives were able to secure four beachfront parcels in Exuma which were later resold for hundreds of thousands of dollars in profit - each.

When the committee reconvenes it will be hearing from the relatives of Mr Turnquest who received these parcels of crown land in Exuma.



IN A survey plan obtained by *The Tribune* of the property, the area encompasses some 30.697 acres.

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LOCAL NEWS

Nottage set to announce bid for PLP leadership

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October 21 National Convention.

However, unlike Mr Moss and Mr Mitchell, there is already a growing criticism of Dr Nottage even though the MP has yet to formally announce.

According to supporters of the incumbent leader, it would be a grave injustice if Dr Nottage were to challenge Mr Christie as it was the leader of the party who recently welcomed the Bain and Grant's Town MP back into the fold of the party after "years in the wilderness" as the head of the Coalition for Democratic Reform (CDR).

However, strong supporters of the doctor counter with claims that it was in fact Dr Nottage who



Dr Bernard Nottage



Perry Christie

encouraged former PLP leader Sir Lynden Pindling into allowing Mr Christie to rejoin the party after he was dismissed from the party in 1984.

Running as an indepen-

dent in 1987, Mr Christie won his seat again and was invited back into the party three years later in 1990.

"When people criticise Dr Nottage they like to refer-

but people need to remember, so did Perry Christie.

"But what delegates need to focus on more than who has more history with the party over the next is what has Perry Christie done for them lately - I won't even ask what he did for them while he was in office.

"I spoke to a taxi driver the other day who said that for the five years the PLP were in he couldn't even get one plate. Is that we are going back to? So that is why we are begging delegates to not only vote for themselves, but to vote with their children in mind and pick the best candidate who they feel can provide a better Bahamas for them," a source said.

Attempts to reach Dr Nottage for an official comment were unsuccessful up to press time last night.

Man is rammed by car and beaten to death

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them against a wall. The Hyundai's occupants - a group of men - jumped out of car and attacked the defenceless man, beating him viciously, a witness told *The Tribune*.

It is believed the Hyundai's passengers were the same men the two friends were arguing with in front of the eatery.

Police received a report about a disturbance on Baillou Hill Road at about 3.30am. Arriving on the scene, officers found the man who had been rammed and beaten.

He was pronounced

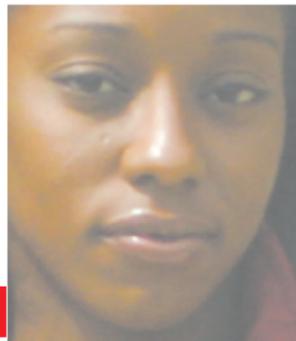
dead on the scene by medical emergency personnel.

His friend sustained a slight injury to his hand and has since been treated and discharged from hospital.

Police have a man from Hatchet Bay, Eleuthera, helping them with their inquiries.

Supt Elsworth Moss, head of the Central Detective Unit, said trying to kill someone by intentionally running them over is an usual murder method, but one that he has seen "once or twice" during his career.

Saturday's murder brings the homicide count up to 69 for the year so far.



Cross country athlete having stellar year for Park University...
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Knowles and Roddick lose to Bryan brothers

Bahamas to host the CASI awards banquet

By BRENT STUBBS
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The first-time connection of Mark Knowles and Andy Roddick played pretty good together at the China Open, but they were simply no match for the Bryan brothers in the men's doubles final.

The American identical twins easily defeated the Bahamian-American combo 6-4, 6-2 on Sunday in Beijing, China, to capture their sixth tour-level title for the year.

"It was a little bit disappointing to lose the final, but I think the Bryans played great match. I think this was probably the best match they played in a couple of years," said Knowles in an interview with The Tribune yesterday from Shanghai, China.

"We had some chances early. We had a few break points on Bob's serves, but they got up a break. We had about two break points in that set and wasn't able to get any and they got back on top and they started to play even better."

Just to show you how well they played, the Bryans saved all three break points and they converted on the three they created as they went on to post their first victory on Asian soil in just 50 minutes.

"We were ready for a dog fight. When you're got one of the best singles players of our era playing with



MARK KNOWLES



ANDY RODDICK

one of the best doubles players of our era, it's going to make a great match-up," said Bob Bryan on the tournament's website.

"Mike and I came out focussed and played one of the best matches we've played in a long time. I think we were playing the best tennis we've played in the past couple of years. We're looking forward to Shanghai."

So is Knowles, who will get to be reunited with his regular partner Mahesh Bhupathi as they compete in the Shanghai ATP Masters 1000 Tournament.

Bhupathi is back after sitting out the China Open to recover from a groin injury he sustained while playing in the Davis Cup for India last month. "Even though it was disappointing

to have lost the final last week, it was one of the more fun weeks I've had," Knowles reflected. "I had a chance to play doubles with Andy Roddick, who is one of the best players of our decade."

"He gave me a lot of confidence, so I'm really looking forward to playing very well here in Shanghai. I think Mahesh and I could do very well."

Knowles and Bhupathi are the No.3 seeds in Shanghai. They got a bye in the first round and won't play until Wednesday against the winner of the match-up between Americans James Blake and John Isner against American Travis Parrott and Filip Polasek.

"We're excited to pick up where we left off," said Knowles, who last played with Bhupathi at the US Open in Flushing Meadows, New York, where they lost in the final.

"Obviously Mahesh is healthy, which is always a concern for him. But I'm playing great tennis and so hopefully we can pull that together as a team."

The top seeds in the tournament are Knowles' former long-time partner Daniel Nestor and his new partner Nenad Zimonjic of Serbia. The Bryans are the No.2 seeds.

Going into the tournament, the winners will share \$252,250 and earn 1,000 ATP computer points. The runners-up will split \$105,100 and collect 600. For making the semifinals, the players will divide \$4,750 and receive 360 points and for the quarter-final, they will get \$8,800 and 180 points.

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A NUMBER of famous people are expected to attend the 2nd Caribbean Awards Sports Icon (CASI) Foundation awards banquet here next month.

The gala event, to honour some of the top sportsmen and women in the Caribbean, is set for November 15-20. There will also be some regional competition in a couple of sporting disciplines.

CASI regional director Fred Sturupp announced today that Jamaican Brigitte Foster-Hylton has confirmed her attendance at the banquet, scheduled for Super-Club Breezes on Friday, November 20, as she is also being nominated in the female category.

Foster-Hylton was the gold medallist in the women's 100m hurdles in August during the 12th IAAF World Championships in Athletics in Berlin, Germany. She also went on to win the same event in the IAAF/VTB Bank World Athletics Final in Thessaloniki, Greece.

"I have contacted Bruce James, who is the president of the MVP Club and he expressed thanks on behalf of Foster-Hylton over the nomination in the CASI Female Athletes Category," Sturupp said.

Sturupp, a journalist at the Nassau Guardian, said Foster-Hylton's appearance at the event will definitely make it an even more special occasion.

"I see Foster-Hylton as one of the beacons of Caribbean sports," Sturupp pointed out. "Her world championship effort at 34 stamps her as a truly special athlete. I am proud of her and would be

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'Diamond Boy' Charr wins by unanimous decision

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SHERMAN 'The Tank' Williams knew he needed a knockout to win his co-main event against Manuel 'Diamond Boy' Charr Saturday night in Rostock, Germany.

He could have used some help from the judges as well.

Charr, 25, stayed unbeaten at the Stadhalle with a ten round unanimous decision by the scores of 98-94, 99-91 and 97-93 to improve to 13-0 with six knockouts.

Williams, 37, dropped his record to 34-11-2 with 19 knockouts, but he felt that the decision should have gone the other way because he "beat him (Charr) to the pieces" in the first five rounds.

During the fight, Williams said he had Charr hanging on for his life on the ropes on three separate occasions, but he just couldn't deliver the big knockout punch that could have floored the 6-foot, 3 1/2 native of Beirut, Lebanon, who resides in Hamburg.

"The results was a lot of foolishness. Two judges gave me four rounds and one judge gave me one round," said Williams in an interview with The Tribune yesterday on his return home.

"I'm just waiting for a copy of the fight from the German television station because I know that everything that my trainer taught me, I went out there and did it."

Williams said he took the fight to Charr and "beat him to the body and threw the left over-hand hook" as he maintained the aggressiveness in every round.

"In the first five rounds, I felt overly confident because it felt so easy," he insisted. "I rocked him in the second



SHERMAN WILLIAMS

round and I had him hurt, but he was saved by the bell.

"In the third round, my corner just told me to stick to what I've been doing and midway in the third I caught him with overhand right and a left hook that buckled him. He spoke some profanity in English as I started to break him down."

By the fourth round, Williams said Charr started to fight, but he never hurt him. And by the sixth round, Williams said he kept the pressure on Charr and he was in total control, so he was really surprised at how the judges scored the fight.

"I knew within my heart that I had the fight won by the seventh round," Williams reflected. "In between rounds, I told my corner that I had the fight won."

"But they told me that I have to remember that I'm in Germany and so I had to continue to stick on the guy and do to him what I did in the first seven rounds and not let up on him."

Once they got to the final round, Williams said Charr just simply went on the "bicycle" as he ran away from him and even though he managed

to cut off the ring ropes, he was still able to get in some more shots.

At the end of the fight, Williams said he and Charr had already taken off their gloves and tape and had to wait for at least 10-12 minutes before the final announcement was made.

Once they declared Charr the winner, Williams said the German was booed by his own people because they all felt that Williams should have been declared the winner.

Williams' manager Si Stern said he was pleased with the way Williams fought, but they were not too pleased with the judges' decision.

"I hate to say it, but when you're in someone's backyard in Germany like that, you either are going to knock the guy out or you're not going to get the decision," Stern said.

"He lost the decision, but he fought very well. He really did."

As a result of his performance, Stern said he's confident that he will be getting a lot of calls for Williams to fight again within the next two months.

"I would love for him to fight in the Bahamas, but I think we should be getting him a fight in the United States," Stern said. "That way, we won't have to worry about him getting a decision."

Within 60 days, Stern said Williams could be fighting again because he wasn't hurt at all in the fight. He said if he can't get a fight by December, he should definitely be on the next show his company will be promoting in Key West, Florida, in January.

Williams, the Grand Bahamian native fighting out of Vero Beach, Florida, said he would definitely like a rematch against Charr.

Regatta champs crowned

THE North Eleuthera Regatta came to a close on Saturday in Harbour Island with champions being crowned in all three divisions. In the A Class, the Southern Cross took all three races to easily win the overall title. The Good News was second with eight points and the Red Stripe was third with six points and the New Thunderbird rounded out the field in fourth place with just four points. The Eudeva captured the B Class with 15 points. Queen Brigeta was second with 14, the same as Ants Nest, who had to settle for third. In the C Class, the Two Friends emerged as the champions with 16 points, followed by the Sweet Island Gal with 15 points and Lady Eunice was third with 14 points. All three series had three races each.

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Colts not concerned about Manning's left knee

5-0 Denver Broncos keep showing they're for real

By EDDIE PELLIS
AP National Writer

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Unlike the coach he learned from, Josh McDaniels of the Broncos doesn't shy from showing a little emotion.

His special teams assistant, Mike Priefer, surely knows about it after being on the wrong side of a protracted rant from the rookie coach.

Denver fans found out about it, too, when McDaniels ran to the corner of the stadium and started pumping his fists and hugging it out with players to celebrate Denver's latest surprise — a 20-17 overtime win over New England.

"We work too hard not to enjoy the wins," McDaniels said Monday. "We work too hard to try to minimize any success we might have on the weekend."

Success is all McDaniels has enjoyed so far this season, in leading the Broncos to the NFL's most surprising start.

The latest win, over his more stoic mentor, Bill Belichick, gave the Broncos a 5-0 record and McDaniels responded by giving the Broncos Monday off for the first time this season.

They'll be back in the film room come Wednesday, and McDaniels insisted he'll prove to the Broncos that undefeated is not the same as perfect. He'll break down all the mistakes from their latest win.

"We can coach better and play better and they'll see that on film. I don't have to create that," McDaniels said. "No coach has to create it either. They'll see it on the film, and that's just the truth."

The brunt of the criticism will come over Denver's special teams effort. A missed field goal. A decision to run a kickoff out from 6 yards deep in the end zone. Two crucial penalties — offsides and running into the punter

— both on fourth-and-short to keep a New England drive alive. Kyle Orton's tying, fourth-quarter, 98-yard touchdown drive wouldn't have been that long if not for those two penalties.

After Darrell Reid ran into the punter, the TV cameras panned — then held — on McDaniels and the extended shout-down he was laying on Priefer. Easy to laugh at the episode now, because the Broncos won.

"Sometimes on game day, it's better to listen to what you're saying, than how you're saying it," McDaniels said. "And that would be my message to the staff."

Errors and tantrums aside, Denver is in rarified air. Only three other teams have 5-0 records — and the other four times the Broncos have started this well, they've ended up in the Super Bowl.

Nearly a third of the way into the season, it is too late to attribute the Broncos success to them sneaking up on people, or a slate of games against bad opponents. Yes, there were wins over Cleveland and Oakland. But also over New England and Dallas. Even the season-opening Cincinnati win is looking a lot better: The Bengals (4-1) haven't lost since.

The Broncos have given up a grand total of 43 points, four touchdowns fewer than any team that's played five games. They are ranked second in yards allowed and have given up only seven points in the second half — none against the Pats.

"It's a lot of things," defensive coordinator Mike Nolan said. "Sometimes you go out in the second half, and the offense plays so well, you're not on the field."

The offense controlled the ball for nearly 18 minutes in the third and fourth quarters. Orton threw for 330 yards and two scores against New England. He improved to 26-12 as an NFL starter.



DENVER BRONCOS wide receiver Brandon Marshall breaks up a possible interception by New England Patriots' Shawn Springs (29) in overtime in a game Sunday in Denver. The Broncos won 20-17.

(AP Photo: Chris Schneider)

In the preseason, Orton threw a left-handed interception against Seattle that had Broncos fans on edge, wondering if they were getting another Jake Plummer, or worse. Since then, though, Orton's story has mirrored his team's — one of steady improvement. How many games does he need to win before people start recognizing him as legit?

"He tries to get better," McDaniels said. "He knows he's not where he could be if he continues to improve and he sees there are plenty of things he can fix and get better at."

Of course, five wins doesn't get anyone into the playoffs and there are plenty of roadblocks ahead. Teams now have more film to look at to

break down McDaniels' tendencies. And the schedule remains brutal. Denver still has the Giants and Indianapolis (both 5-0), Pittsburgh and Baltimore (3-2), Philadelphia (3-1) and a pair starting next week with the Chargers (2-2), who were an odds-on pick to win the AFC West.

One big difference between now and when that schedule came out: None of those teams can look at Denver as a sure 'W' anymore.

Which is something else for McDaniels to get excited about.

"I'm letting my hair down," he said of his postgame celebration. "It's more fun when you win. And when you do, it's everything any coach would want it to be."

Titans in nosedive at 0-5 with no end in sight

By TERESA M WALKER
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Titans have gone from a 10-0 start and the NFL's best record to becoming one of the league's last winless teams.

The Titans (0-5) have matched the winless start of 2006 and have the franchise-worst 0-10 start by the 1984 Houston Oilers within sight. It may only get worse with a road trip to New England (3-2) next Sunday.

This season sounds like a

broken record. Another game, another loss. The same words.

The Titans insist they need to make a few plays, win a game. Coach Jeff Fisher insisted again Monday he's sticking with Kerry Collins because the veteran quarterback isn't the problem even though he inserted backup Vince Young late in Sunday night's 31-9 loss to Indianapolis.

His advice to those waiting for a switch to Young as the starter? Wait and see.

In the meantime, the

approach that has resulted in seven straight losses since last season remains the same. Fisher told his Titans on Monday they will win a lot of games if they prepare and practice just like last week.

"As far as a quick fix is concerned, it's not there," Fisher said. "You keep doing what you're doing. You can go back, you look at the games. You correct them. You move forward. They're professionals. They expect to do the things we expect them to do. Fine-tune some areas, one in particular the run game. Get

some people back healthy on defense, and we'll be OK."

His Titans keep singing in tune with Fisher — for now.

Linebacker Keith Bulluck said after the Colts' loss that they need a win immediately. Receiver Nate Washington thinks sticking together and making plays are key.

Linebacker David Thornton couldn't have been more optimistic Monday.

"Even though this start isn't the script that we wrote out, we're not going to lose faith. This doesn't define us as a players or as an organization. We know we're winners. We've just got to continue to improve. Work hard and hope things get better for us," Thornton said.

Well, the Titans are 3-9 since that 10-0 start.

They've all taken turns contributing to losses through turnovers, a defense ranked next to last in yards passing allowed, receivers dropping passes and now Fisher said the run game needs improving. Chris Johnson went into the Colts game as the NFL's leading rusher and was held to just 34 yards on nine carries.

They have rushed for only four touchdowns this season and have only one over the past 10 quarters. That was Collins' run in the fourth quarter of a 37-17 loss at Jacksonville on Oct. 4. They had to settle for three field goals

after failing to get closer than the Colts 25.

"This is a collective effort. We need to run the football better. I would start there. We run the football better, then all those other things happen down the field," Fisher said.

Fisher's biggest roster move this season came Sunday night with defensive end Jevon Kearse a healthy scratch. Kearse left the stadium, and Fisher said he would not be fined. A move may be needed with the top three defensive backs all hurt and Nick Harper and Vincent Fuller both out with broken right arms.

During the 0-5 start in 2005, Young was made the starting quarterback over Collins for a team that rallied to finish 8-8. Fisher was asked if he will switch to Young once the team is mathematically eliminated. The coach said he did not say he would make a switch.

But a third straight playoff berth, which has never happened under Fisher, isn't likely.

Now more fans wore paper bags to this latest loss, something not seen until now with this franchise in Tennessee.

"They have every reason to be frustrated as we are. This is the National Football League. We were a 13-3 team last year. We had high expectations, and we've yet to win a game," he said. "I understand their frustrations."

Bahamas to host the CASI awards banquet

most delighted to see her in the banquet hall on November 20."

According to Sturup, James has indicated that he's meeting with Foster-Hylton about her schedule for the rest of the year and her appearance in Nassau for the CASI awards banquet.

Foster-Hylton rebounded with her best season this year after finishing sixth at the XXIX Olympic Games in Beijing, China, and fifth in the World Athletics Final in Stuttgart, Germany, last year.

During the banquet, CASI will also honour Sir Durward 'Sea Wolf' Knowles for his tremendous contribution to sailing. Knowles has participated in a record Olympic Games, having won a gold medal with Sloan Farrington in 1956 in Melbourne, Australia, and a bronze with Cecil Cook in Tokyo, Japan, in 1964.

Also as part of the week of celebrations, CASI will also stage games in softball, basketball and boxing against athletes from throughout the Caribbean.

Last year, the CASI event was staged in Kingston, Jamaica, where Sturup was the guest speaker.

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Cross country athlete having stellar year for Park University

Dorsey Park Boyz advance to the champ series

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ROMONA Nicolls is having a stellar year for the Park University Pirates Athletics.

For the second week, the senior picked up a victory in Cross Country with her latest feat coming on Saturday at the Haskell Invitational.

Nicolls, 21, clocked six minutes and five seconds to win the race in Lawrence, Kansas. The performance came a week after she took the Park University Invitational in 19:29.5 at home in Platte City, Missouri.

In the process over the weekend, Nicolls helped Park University to win the team title over Benedictine College, Peru State and Haskell.

Pirates' head coach Brian Renshaw said he has been quite impressed with the way Nicolls has been performing all season long.

"I'm really impressed with where she's at right now," he said. "She's better than where she was in the past, which was one of our goals, to improve every year."

"Again, she is well ahead of where I expected her to be."

Nicolls, the former track star for the Jordan Prince Williams Falcons, will be back in action next weekend when Park University heads to Lamoni, Iowa, to compete in the Graceland Invite.

Renshaw said the event will be a great opportunity for Nicolls to prepare herself for the AMC Championships that is slated for November 7 in St. Louis, Missouri.

"In the past, we didn't get a chance to compete in this meet that we are going into," Renshaw said. "We're in a new conference, so we're just going to have to wait and see how well she can compete here."

From the conference championships, Nicolls will close out her cross country season at the NAIA Championships that is scheduled to take place on November 21 in Vancouver, Washington.

"She's done real well with everything we've asked her to do," Renshaw said. "She's stronger than she was last year and in some of the races she's ran, she done better times that



ROMONA NICOLLS

she's ever done before." Renshaw said Park University has

been very pleased with Nicolls' performances over the years. And as she prepares to graduate next year, he said the Pirates' athletic team will certainly miss her presence.

"She's been a good girl to have on the team," he said.

Nicolls, who was unavailable for comment, is one of four Bahamians who are on athletic scholarships with the Pirates' track team at Park University.

The others gearing up for the track and field season are Kanisha Murray and Alexionette Robinson, sophomore sprinters and middle distance runners from Jordan Prince Williams and Lexi Wilson, a sophomore distance runner from Westminster College.

Park University, however, doesn't have any male athletes on scholarship as yet and Renshaw said they will definitely be looking at acquiring a few in the future.

"If they're anything like Romona or the other athletes that we have here, we will be happy to enroll them," Renshaw said. "We have been very pleased with all of the athletes we have gotten from the Bahamas."

AFTER taking a break for the Discovery Day holiday weekend, the New Providence Softball Association is scheduled to resume its best-of-five play off series tonight on the Banker's Field at the Bailou Hills Sporting Complex.

In the women's opener at 7pm, the Pineapple Air Wildcats will be out to close out their series against the Boomer G Swingers.

The Wildcats lead that series 2-0. If necessary, the fourth game will be played on Thursday.

Feature

And in the men's feature contest at 8:30pm, the defending champions Commando Security Truckers will also be out to complete their series against the Pricewaterhouse Stingrays. The Truckers are up 2-0.

Then on Wednesday, last year's runners-up Proper Care Pool Lady Sharks will play game four of their series against the defending champions Sigma Brackets.

The Lady Sharks hold a 2-1 advantage in the series.

Meanwhile, in the other half of the men's Brackets, the pennant winning Heavy Lift Dorsey Park Boyz have swept past the Robin Hood Hitmen in three straight games.

The Dorsey Park Boyz have advanced to the NPSA best-of-seven championship series and are now waiting for the winner of the match-up between the Truckers and the Stingrays.

Baptist Sports Council's 2009 Olympia Morris-Evans Softball Classic

Transfiguration stops Temple Fellowship 13-3 via 10-run rule

THE defending men's champions Transfiguration wasted very little time in winning their second game in the Baptist Sports Council's 2009 Olympia Morris-Evans Softball Classic.

Last Saturday at the Bailou Hills Sports Complex, Transfiguration stopped Temple Fellowship 13-3 via the ten-run rule.

It was a double dose of victory for Transfiguration, who out-slugged Temple Fellowship 8-3 in the 17-and-under game.

Temple Fellowship, however, came back and took their frustration out on Ebenezer as they won their co-ed game 9-4 in the final match played.

Also, Golden Gates pulled off a triple header over Macedonia, including a rematch of last year's co-ed division.

Golden Gates avenged last year's loss with an impressive 14-0 rout over defending champions Macedonia in the co-ed game.

Golden Gates men went on to secure a 7-5 win over Macedonia in the men's game and in the 17-and-under game, Golden Gates nipped Macedonia 3-2.

In other games played, Calvary Bible men's routed St Mark's 15-5, Salem Union men held off Mt Carey 8-7 and Salem also won 7-4 over St Paul's co-ed.

Here's a brief summary of the games played:

Transfiguration 13, Temple Fellowship 3
Kirk Johnson had a perfect 3-for-3 day with two RBI

and two runs scored and Ed Knowles was 3-for-4 with three runs scored for Transfiguration.

Nelson Farrington got the win over Alfred Munnings.

Golden Gates 14, Macedonia 0 (Co-ed)
Vandette Smith was a perfect 3-for-3 day with a RBI, scoring three runs and Renee Davis was 2-for-3 with four RBI, scoring twice for Golden Gates.

Cardinal Gilbert got the win over Ray Johnson.

Golden Gates 3, Macedonia 2 (17-under)
Samuel Mullings and Kayle Carey had back-to-back RBI walk and single in the bottom of the fifth as Golden Gates came back to secure the win.

Carey also got the win over Michael Ingraham. Quintin Williams had a triple, scoring a run to lead Macedonia.

Salem 8, Mt Carey 7 (Men)

Michael Armbrister had a two-run homer and Cardwell Taylor came up with a two-run double to help Salem come back from a 5-4 deficit to pull off the win in the bottom of the fourth.

Rodger Demeritte was the winning pitcher and Bacchus Rolle suffered the loss. Rolle was also 2-for-3 with three runs scored for Mt. Carey.

Salem 7, St Paul's 4 (Co-ed)
Rodger Demeritte and Loliuna Bowleg were both 2-for-2, with a RBI, scoring two runs and Denise Sears

as 2-for-3 with a RBI and a run scored for Salem.

Demeritte got the win over Alex Taylor. Anthoniko Carroll was 2-for-3 with two RBI and two runs scored for St Paul's.

Temple Fellowship 9, Ebenezer 4 (Co-ed)

Adrian Major went 2-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored and Angelo Butler had one hit, scoring two runs to lead Temple Fellowship.

Wayde Bain was the winning pitcher and Frankie White suffered the loss.

Patrick Pennerman had a solo home run and Johnathan McKenzie added a two-run shot for the losers.

Transfiguration 8, Temple Fellowship 3 (17-Under)

Kenton Bowe was 2-for-2 with two RBI and two runs scored and Lamont Bullard was 2-for-3 with a RBI and two runs scored for Transfiguration.

Aaron Cash got the win over Zach Rahming. Bradshaw White was 2-for-3 with a RBI for Temple Fellowship.

Golden Gates 7, Macedonia 5 (Men)

Ramon Johnson was 2-for-3 with two RBI; Ken Wood Jr. 3-for-3 with two runs and Eugene Pratt 2-for-3 with a RBI and two runs for Golden Gates.

Cardinal Gilbert got the win over Burlington Moss. Moss was 2-for-3 with two runs and Jatero Rahming was 2-for-2 with a run for Macedonia.

Calvary Bible 15, St. Mark's 5 (Men): Trevere Saunders had a pair of hits with as many RBI and runs scored, while Harcourt McCoy scored four times and Shawn Moree came home three times to lead Calvary Bible.

Basil Miller got the win over Robert Moss. Sean Greenslade was 2-for-3 with three RBI and a run scored for St Mark's.

• The BSC is scheduled to continue its season on Saturday at the Bailou Hills Sports Complex with the following games on tap:

- Field One - 10 am: Golden Gates vs Temple Fellowship (17); 11 am: Temple Fellowship vs St. Paul's (Co-ed); Noon: Calvary Deliverance vs Mt. Carey (M); 1 pm: Calvary Bible vs Temple Fellowship (M); 2 pm: Mt. Carey vs St. Paul's (M).

- Field Two - 10 am: Mace-

donia vs Salem (Co-ed); 11 am: Golden Gates vs St. Mark's (Co-ed); Noon: Salem vs Macedonia (M); 1 pm St. Paul's vs Golden Gates (M); 2 pm: Calvary Deliverance vs Salem (M). - Field Three - 10 am:

Transfiguration vs Faith United (17); 11 am: Faith United vs Ebenezer (Co-ed); Noon Transfiguration vs Faith United (M); 1 pm Macedonia vs Faith United (17); 2 pm St. Mark's vs Transfiguration (M)

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UNDER POURING RAIN, Argentina's Lionel Messi (left) fights for the ball with Peru's Walter Vilchez and Reiner Torres (8) during a 2010 World Cup qualifying soccer match in Buenos Aires, Saturday, October 10, 2009. Argentina won 2-1.

(AP Photo: Eduardo Di Baia)

MLS explores playing indoors to shift schedule

By **ROB HARRIS**
AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — Major League Soccer is exploring how to align itself closer to the sport's international calendar to show it is listening to FIFA president Sepp Blatter as the United States bids to host the World Cup.

Blatter has expressed concern about the inability of the MLS to rival the top European league since its inception in 1996, two years after the Americans last hosted the World Cup.

The U.S. is bidding to win the right to host either the 2018 or '22 World Cup at the vote in December 2010.

While accepting that standards are rising in the MLS, Blatter has stated regularly that it needs to switch to Europe's August-May schedule, rather than its current March-October to entice top players.

"We have to manage our league in a way so that we can continue this careful growth, but at the same time satisfy the requests and — in many cases — the requirements of the world governing body," MLS commissioner Don Garber told The Associated Press. "FIFA's goal is to work with us to turn this country into valuable soccer nation and a passionate one. In order to do that our league does need to be closer to the sport internationally."

Key to achieving that will be building more stadiums with roofs to protect against the worst of the American winter, Garber said.

"We play across a continent of 300 million people, across three time zones and weather that varies from zero to 30 degrees (celsius) at any given point," Garber said. "It's impossible to think we can be playing games in December outdoor in Toronto or Boston or New York or Denver where it can be well below freezing with a foot of snow on the ground. So we have to evolve to get closer to that calendar."

"Perhaps we have to start thinking about roofed stadiums at some point. But do we have to have a fan base that is developed enough to be immune to the weather, like they do for American football where they will come out to watch a game regardless of the climate? We are not at that point yet, but we hope to achieve that at some point."

The current schedule does help the league's top player: David Beckham. The Los Angeles midfielder was able to negotiate a loan move to AC Milan from January to May, with the return to a top European club keeping him in coach Fabio Capello's England plans.

Capello has stated that if Beckham does not secure another European loan in January ahead of the World Cup — and he is negotiating with Milan at the moment — then the former England captain would not go to South Africa in June.



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Three teams fighting for last two WCup berths

By **STEPHEN WADE**
AP Sports Writer

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Three South American teams have already earned berths in next year's World Cup in South Africa, and three more will have their shot at making the two remaining spots in the final round of qualifying Wednesday.

Brazil, Paraguay and Chile have qualified for the World Cup, leaving Argentina, Uruguay and Ecuador to decide which team finishes fourth — the last automatic

qualifying spot from the region. The fifth-place finisher earns a playoff with the No. 4 team from North and Central America and the Caribbean for another berth. The opponent will be either Costa Rica or Honduras.

Going into Wednesday, Argentina has 25 points, Uruguay 24 and Ecuador 23.

Argentina plays at Uruguay and Ecuador plays at Chile. In three other matches that have no bearing on World Cup berths, it's Peru vs. Bolivia, Brazil vs. Venezuela and Paraguay vs. Colombia.

Argentina is in the best

position, thanks to Saturday's 2-1 victory over Peru in which Martin Palermo scored in the third minute of injury time — in a driving rainstorm — to give the underperforming regional powerhouse victory at River Plate's Monumental stadium.

Worst

The worst team in South America, Peru has won only two of 17 qualifiers.

Palermo, who entered as a second-half substitute, may have saved Argentina from missing its first World Cup

since 1970.

"A Miracle Named Palermo," read the headline in Sunday's La Nacion newspaper.

Palermo celebrated the goal by pulling off his shirt and raising his arms skyward in the downpour. At the same moment, embattled Argentina coach Diego Maradona dived headfirst into the soaking wet pitch — as if he'd just scored the goal.

"This lets us go to Montevideo at bit more relaxed," said Barcelona striker Lionel Messi.

But Palermo warned against any complacency.

"I have faith. We've struggled right to the end, and we still have another step to take," Palermo said. "We can't relax. We have to give our fellow Argentines the happiness of going to the World Cup."

If Argentina beats Uruguay at Montevideo on Wednesday, the two-time champions advance to the World Cup. The same for Uruguay. A victory and it goes to South Africa.

For Argentina, a draw might be enough to finish

fourth, and it can even lose and still have a shot at the playoff spot.

For Uruguay, a draw would only be enough for a possible finish in fifth place — and a playoff in November. Uruguay might even reach the playoff with a loss.

Ecuador is the wild card.

If Ecuador beats Chile, it will finish at least fifth and earn a playoff. Ecuador could also get the automatic spot. For that to happen, Argentina and Uruguay have to draw and Ecuador has to beat Chile by at least five goals.

The playoff is set for Nov. 14 and 18. The first leg will be in Central America with the second leg in South America.

"We know it will be difficult," Ecuador captain Ivan Hurtado said. "But it's not impossible. We'll be facing a team (Chile) that's already qualified and they won't give us a thing. But it all depends on us."

Added goalkeeper Marcelo Elizaga, who was born in Argentina but is a nationalized Ecuadorian: "Everyone has to be united in the match against Chile."

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LOCAL NEWS



BAIC's Domestic Investment Officer for Exuma, former Administrator Everette Hart (right) addresses the North Andros farmers/buyers meeting. Pictured from left are North Andros Administrator Dr Huntley Christie, BAIC Executive Chairman Edison M Key, and Assistant General Manager Arnold Dorsett.

EFFORTS TO ONCE AGAIN MAKE EXUMA THE 'ONION CAPITAL OF THE BAHAMAS'

EXUMA will one day produce top quality onions in sufficient quantities, vowed Everette Hart, the island's new domestic investmet officer for the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation.

"I have taken on this position because I want to help," said retired senior administrator Mr Hart. "And the chairman (Edison Key) and his team are serious about agriculture."

Mr Hart and a delegation from the Exuma Farmers Association toured North Andros farm facilities and participated in a lively farmers meeting with leading Nassau buyers last weekend in Nicholls Town.

The team included the association's president Althea Ferguson, vice president Dorcas Shuttleworth, treasurer Levi Rolle, and member Alvin Clarke.

"I know Mr Key very well and I know of his interest in agriculture," said Mr Hart. "He is really trying to inspire the nation toward food security and I want to see him succeed. In whatever way I can contribute to this success then I will do that."

He explained that for years the assistance coming from of the Ministry of Agriculture "has not been what was expected."

"I think what it did, as opposed to encouraging people, it has been discouraging people. The only evidence of any assistance in agriculture right now looks like it is coming from BAIC, thanks to Mr Key."

Farmers on Exuma, once the onion capital of the Bahamas, have been reduced to small-scale growing of mainly household staples.

"That is so for a number of reasons," said Mr Hart. "Let's take land clearing. We need a lot of that and the amount of money that is sent down for land clearing is very small, and you cannot do very much with it."

Moreover, as the develop-

land in Exuma now is in the centre of the land," said Mr Hart. "But those who want to farm cannot get to it. We need farm roads."

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LOCAL NEWS

Ministry supports junior golf camp

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Interested persons may call 361-6841 or contact the Bahamas Golf Federation at the driving range at the Complex.



PICTURED ABOVE, Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture Desmond Bannister speaks at the press conference announcing the event. Also pictured is Bahamian woman pro golfer Georgette Rolle who hosts the event.

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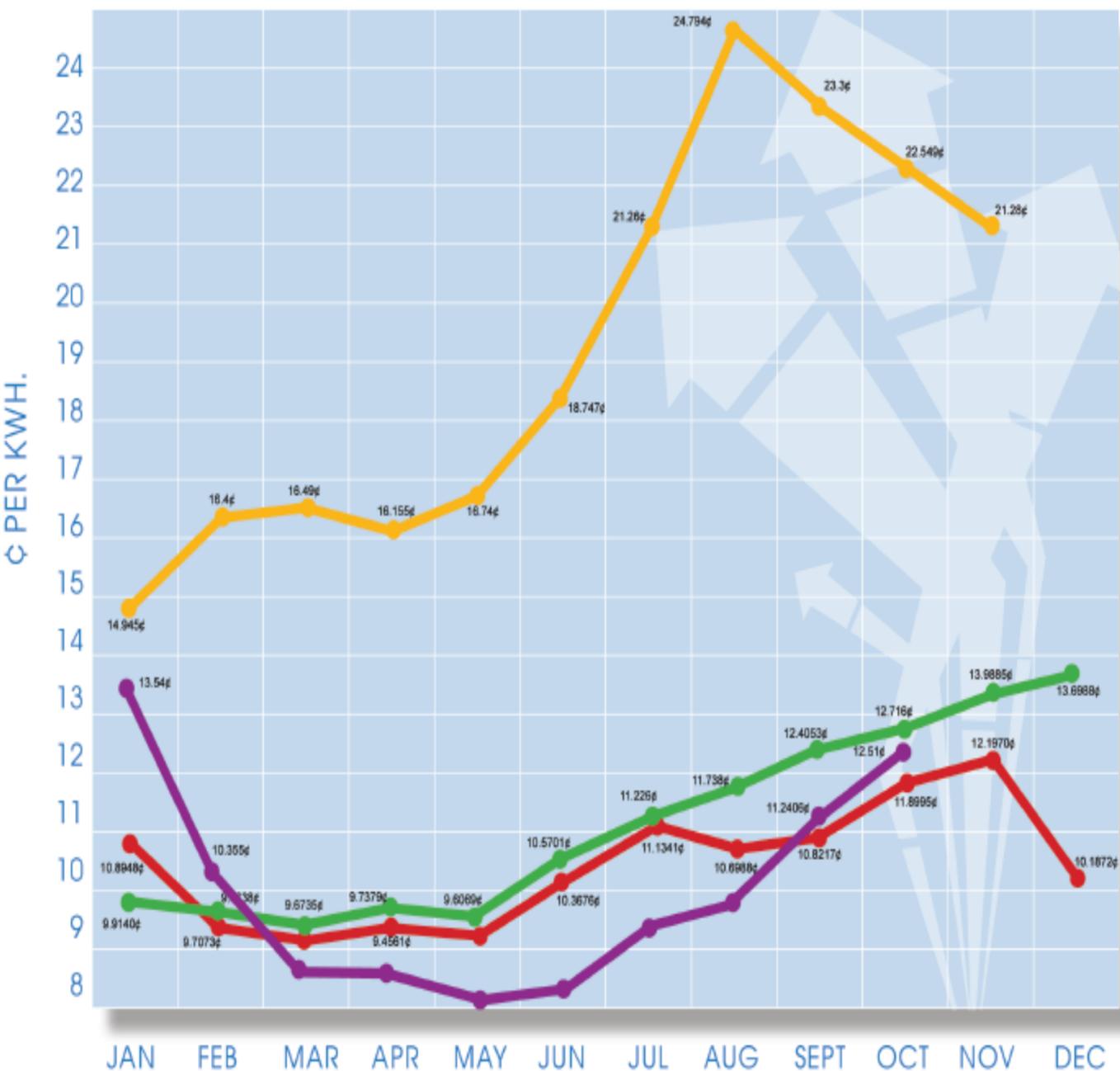
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LOCAL NEWS



DIRECTOR GENERAL of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Joshua Sears participated in a Commonwealth human rights seminar held September 29 to 30, in Lilongwe, Malawi. Mr. Sears is pictured in the middle row, fifth from left, with other participants.

Report: North Korea fires five short-range missiles

SEOUL, South Korea

NORTH KOREA test-launched five short-range missiles Monday, reports said, in what analysts said was an attempt to improve its bargaining position ahead of possible talks with the United States, according to Associated Press.

North Korea has recently reached out to the U.S. and South Korea following months of tension over its nuclear and missile tests earlier this year. Leader Kim Jong Il told visiting Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao last week that his government might return to stalled six-nation negotiations on its nuclear program depending on the outcome of direct talks it seeks with the United States.

Washington has said it is considering holding talks with North Korea as part of efforts to restart the six-party negotiations.

The missile launches off North Korea's east coast were the first by the communist nation since it test-fired seven missiles in early July, South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported.

Yonhap, citing a South Korean official it did not identify, said the KN-02 surface-to-surface missiles were fired from mobile launch pads and had a range of up to 75 miles (120 kilometers). It said North Korea launched two missiles in the morning and three more in the afternoon.

South Korea's Defense Ministry and National Intelligence Service — the country's main spy agency — said they could not confirm the reports.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said in Belfast on Monday that American efforts to resume the nuclear talks with North Korea will proceed despite the new tests.

DG Sears at Commonwealth Human Rights seminar

DIRECTOR General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Joshua Sears was invited by the Commonwealth Secretariat at Human Rights Unit, as one of the presenters at the Commonwealth Seminar on Universal Periodic Review of Human Rights, held September 29 to 30, at Lilongwe, Malawi.

The seminar was held for all Commonwealth countries reporting to the Human Rights Council in 2010 - Grenada, Malawi, Kenya, Lesotho, Gambia, Maldives and Kiribati.

The Bahamas was among the first set of Commonwealth countries to be reviewed by the Human Rights Council and the Commonwealth Secretariat thought that its experience would be useful to other countries as they pre-

pare for their review.

Ambassador Sears was invited to share The Bahamas' experience with the states schedule to report, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said.

He was a member of The Bahamas delegation to the Third Session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group in December 2008, during which The Bahamas Human Rights Record was reviewed.

Delegation

He also led The Bahamas delegation to the Tenth Session of the Human Rights Council in March this year, when the Report of The Bahamas was formally adopted.

The Universal Periodic Review is a unique process

which involves a review of the Human Rights record of all 192 United Nations Member-States, once every four years and is based on the concept of equal treatment for all countries.

The process provided an opportunity for all states to declare what actions they have taken to improve the human rights situations in their countries and to overcome challenges to the enjoyment of human rights.

The objectives of the seminar were to:

Share technical knowledge about the procedure and modalities of the Universal Periodic Review process;

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Build stakeholder participation in the process; and

Review

Learn lessons from states and stakeholders that have undergone the review in Geneva.

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Ambassador Joshua Sears

Britain's Brown to repay \$19,000 expense claims

LONDON

IN THE latest blow to Gordon Brown's beleaguered leadership, the British prime minister is being forced to repay over 12,000 pounds (\$19,000) in disputed claims following an audit into how British lawmakers spent public money, according to Associated Press.

Dozens of lawmakers received letters Monday from Thomas Legg — who Brown appointed to audit expense claims — asking them to repay the money or offer further explanations for why they claimed it.

Legg was chosen to rewrite the spending rules in an effort to quell public outrage over lawmakers' greed for taxpayer funds.

Brown's office confirmed Monday that he will pay back some money claimed for a maid and for decorating, but said Legg had told Brown he had not broken any rules.

"Mr. Brown will pay in full," his office said.

Brown has urged all lawmakers to repay the excessive claims identified by Legg.

Details of legislators' claims, which were leaked to a newspaper earlier this year and later released publicly, revealed how scores of politicians made inappropriate demands or manipulated housing allowance rules.

Some used public funds to renovate homes that were later sold for substantial profits or bought items that included pornographic movies, horse manure and an ornamental duck house.

Legg has proposed that lawmakers claim no more than 2,000 pounds (\$3,155) per year for cleaning, or 1,000 pounds (\$1,580) for gardening.

He has also suggested that lawmakers repay expenses that previously exceeded those limits — even though they had not broken any laws in making those claims.

Those new guidelines put Brown's expenses 12,415 pounds (\$19,597) over the limit.

The prime minister suggested that repaying the money was an important step.

"We have got to clean up politics, we have got to consign the old discredited system to the dustbin of history, so this is part of the process," Brown told GMTV television.

About 175 legislators have already repaid about 300,000 pounds (\$475,000) since the details of their expense claims were made public.

But some legislators have suggested they could refuse, or challenge the audit in Britain's courts.

Former Home Secretary Jacqui Smith on Monday made a personal apology to the House of Commons over her excessive claims, after a report into her conduct — the first inquiry to be completed into an individual lawmaker's claim — found she had breached rules.

Smith became the most high-profile casualty of the expenses scandal when she quit in June. Leaked documents exposed that she'd inadvertently included two pornographic movies ordered by her husband in an expenses claim.

Dozens of lawmakers have already resigned in the scandal. One study suggested that up to 300 of parliament's 646 lawmakers could lose their jobs in the next election — although some of that could be attributed to the widely expected rout of Brown's ruling Labour Party by the opposition Conservatives.



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Arawak port beats Clifton on environmental impact

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Arawak Cay was ranked next-to-bottom out of seven potential sites for New Providence's new commercial shipping port by a previously undisclosed 2005 report, yet the main factor behind the downgrade was that the location did not fit into the then-Christie government's master planning vision for the island.

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study for the pro-

- * 2005 report that ranked Ingraham administration's preferred Nassau commercial shipping facilities site next-to-bottom needs placing in context
- * Rating came due to Arawak Cay port not fitting in with Christie government's master plan vision
- * 440% 'explosive growth' projected for cruise passenger arrivals over 15 years to 2015
- * 'Ideal port facility' consists of 607,000 square metres or 150 acres, says EIA evaluators

posed new commercial shipping facilities, conducted by Coastal Systems International yet never published by the former PLP government, actually ranked Arawak Cay

ahead of the Christie administration's preferred southwestern port site when it came to minimising environmental impact.

Based on the criteria employed

by Coastal Systems' assessment team, Arawak Cay scored 12 points, compared to the southwestern port site's 10 points, on environmental impact. Where Arawak Cay rated

especially high was on the minimal impact to the terrestrial environment and water quality.

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Liquidator's 'long, drawn out fee battle'

- * Liquidator of collapsed \$25m broker/dealer took 11% cut after objections to size of bills, with attorneys getting 20.83% discount
- * Claims time would have been better spent returning 90% of client assets to them
- * Clients object to \$43,000 coming out of security account to cover attorney appearance fees

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

THE liquidator of a former Bahamas-based broker/dealer has alleged that he became involved in "a long, drawn-out battle" over his costs that resulted in him and his attorneys taking an 11 per cent and 20.83 per cent fee cut respectively, after an attorney representing several of the company's clients objected to the payments being claimed.

Anthony Kikivarakis, the Deloitte & Touche (Bahamas) partner and accountant overseeing the court-supervised liquidation of Caledonia Corporate Management, alleged in his third report to the Supreme Court that the time taken to resolve payment of his fees and expenses could have been better spent on returning assets to the broker/dealer's clients.

The report also detailed how Caledonia clients, and the committee representing their interests, objected to the

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Clearing House wait leaves firms in 'prehistoric' era

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

THE failure to implement an Automated Clearing House (ACH) to-date has made "doing business in this country so prehistoric", a former Bahamas Chamber of Commerce president has argued, the nation's payments and settlements system running exactly "like it was 100 years ago".

Criticising the Bahamian commercial banking sector for its failure to so far deliver an electronic payments system in the shape of an ACH, Dionisio D'Aguilar, who is also Superwash's president, said this was effectively holding up the rest of the business community, especially when it came to rolling out a wide-

"It's good for every single business. Putting in place an ACH is the first step to a cashless society. It's got to be cheaper than the process now of clearing cheques and handling tonnes of cash. It just makes the fact of doing business in this country so prehistoric."

— Dionisio D'Aguilar

spread e-commerce platform. "It's good for every single business," Mr D'Aguilar said of the ACH. "Putting in place an ACH is the first step to a

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Central Bank keeps loan loss treatment in IFRS line

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

THE Central Bank of the Bahamas is requiring its financial institution licensees to flow any difference between its 1 per cent loan loss provision requirement and those of International Accounting Standard (IAS) 39 through the balance sheet, not the income statement, to maintain compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

In its latest quarterly message to the heads of Bahamas-based financial institutions, the Central Bank moved to "reiterate" its provisioning policy stance, where it wanted banks to maintain general provisions of 1 per cent against their on and off-balance sheet credit and loan

portfolio.

However, the banking industry regulator acknowledged that maintaining loan loss provisions as a percentage of a bank's total outstanding credit portfolio would not be consistent with IFRS, and not necessarily in-line with IAS 39.

"Where firms are compelled to comply with a provisioning policy at variance with IFRS, firms will be required to appropriate the difference between the loan loss provisions calculated in accordance with IAS 39 and our 1 per cent general provisions requirement into a restricted reserve; any distribution from this reserve will be subject to the Central Bank's prior approval," the regulator said.

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BEC power plant opponents 'shock' at official 'silence'

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

OPPOSITIONERS of BEC's \$105 million Wilson City power plant are "shocked that this government in the sunshine is mute and silent" on the permits/approvals already issued for the project, the group's attorney has told Tribune Business, adding that they were setting up a non-governmental organisation (NGO) to formalise their protest.

Fred Smith, the Callenders & Co attorney and partner, who said the group he is representing now numbers more than the previously reported 17, told Tribune Business that the only reply received to date from the numerous government ministries and

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Bahamas urged: 'Take clear stand' over tax evasion

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

A LEADING global accounting body has urged the Bahamas and other international financial centres to "take a clear public stand" against all forms of tax evasion and adhere to the highest regulatory and transparency standards, in return for the G-20/OECD accepting their right to exist and participate in the global economy.

The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), in its policy paper entitled Reassessing Tax in a Global Environment, urged international financial centres to follow the Channel Islands' lead and, either individually or collectively, "take a clear public stand against

tax evasion in all its forms".

Pointing out that tax evasion was a crime that could not be justified, ACCA added: "Perceptions are all-important, and any suggestion that low-tax jurisdictions are indifferent to tax evasion will be a red rag to the G-20 bulls.

"Havens should avoid this charge by demonstrating transparent self-policing so that all can see that they adhere to the highest standards. A system of self-assessing their regimes, and proactively seeking to root out any institutions and individuals who are using their jurisdiction to avoid tax in another jurisdiction would be a step in the right direction."

When it came to Tax Information Exchange, ACCA said the Bahamas

and other international financial centres "need to volunteer as much information as possible to head off the threat of a prescriptive approach being taken by" the G-20/OECD in demanding information on their taxpayers they suspect may be hiding money in these countries.

Economy

"But in return for this openness and self-policing, the rest of the global economy needs fully to accept these jurisdictions and not act out of pique at efficient low-tax economies," ACCA warned.

"There is a strong suspicion that the attack by leading nations on tax havens (most of which are smaller, developing nations) is driven by dis-

like of the downward pressure on tax rates that they engender."

And ACCA said that while "some offshore centres have not helped themselves by pursuing the letter, rather than the spirit of internationally-agreed rules aiming to increase transparency", these nations could also point to the credit crisis having origins in regulatory mishaps in offshore centres.

This problem, ACCA added, had become more acute as tax yields and bases crumbles under the weight of the global recession. However, tax competition created by the likes of the Bahamas "puts an onus on governments to be disciplined and not to indulge in wasteful public spending".

The Bahamas, having signed its first TIEA with the US in January

2002, concluded its second and third with fellow international financial centres San Marino and Monaco, thus leaving it requiring nine more before year-end to meet G-20/OECD requirements.

The Government previously stated it had started negotiations on tax information exchange agreements with Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, Spain, Germany, France, Turkey and the Nordic countries (Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Iceland, Greenland the Faroe Islands).

The Bahamas added that it had also initiated discussions on tax information exchange agreements with China, and proposed to do the same with Brazil, Mexico, Japan, Ireland, South Africa and India.

Central Bank keeps loan loss treatment in IFRS line

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"An appropriate note in the firm's financial statement to the effect that the 1 per cent general provision is a requirement set by the Central Bank may also be included to explain the variance with IFRS."

Translating, Raymond Winder, managing partner at Deloitte & Touche (Bahamas), said IFRS and IAS 39 had "certain provi-

sions" that dictated the accounting treatment of loan loss provisions for a bank's credit portfolio.

In this instance, he said the Central Bank was requiring a 1 per cent loan loss provision "across-the-board", regardless of the status of a bank's credit portfolio. Some banks, he explained, because their loans were fully secured collateral, did not need a 1 per cent provision.

"The Central Bank is saying that if you do not need a 1 per cent provision based on IAS, those added provisions do not have to go through the income statement," Mr Winder explained. "To be in-line with IFRS and the Central Bank, don't take it through the income statement but the balance sheet."

"The Central Bank is trying to standardise what they require of all the financial

institutions, taking into consideration all the factors going on. Those requirements by the regulators don't always match up with international standards for accounting purposes."

In its message to Bahamas-based bank and trust companies, the Central Bank said: "We expect firms to adopt a forward-looking posture and maintain general provisions, based on their historical loss

experience and their assessment of future economic trends in the markets in which they operate, and increase specific provisions when incidences of impairment become evident."

"As such, specific provisions must reflect the expected loss on any loan facility, while the general provision account is expected to increase to reflect portfolio growth and/or evidence of

deterioration in credit quality through the economic cycle.

"Given the current difficult economic environment, the appropriate level may very well exceed the 1 per cent of a firm's on and off-balance sheet credit portfolio."

The Central Bank added that it was "mandated to issue prudential requirements to respond to risks and unexpected challenges facing the financial sector".



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Christmas 'true test' of whether economy has 'hit bottom'

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

THE upcoming Christmas shopping season will "be the best indicator" of where the Bahamian economy and consumer confidence are, the Chamber of Commerce president believes, and "whether we truly are at the bottom".

Khaalil Rolle, who is also marketing director for Bahamas Ferries, told Tribune Business that Christmas would provide the best gauge

of the position the Bahamian economy had reached during the current recessionary economic cycle, as data and indicators from the key US economy were giving off mixed signals - especially when it came to consumer confidence.

"What we're looking at now is somewhere close to hitting the bottom, and then we'll begin to see signs of recovery. The confidence level is still a bit shaky," Mr Rolle said.

"I think the actual hard

numbers are beginning to hold firm a bit, and hopefully going into Christmas will be the best indicator of where we are. We will begin to see whether we truly are at the bottom, and whether confidence is coming back.

"The true test of where we are will be the numbers coming from the Thanksgiving holiday and the Christmas shopping period."

Christmas, though, is unlikely to bring too much comfort. With tourism output contracting due to weak stopover performance, the Central Bank of the Bahamas warned in its monthly economic and financial developments report for August that "the prospects for the Bahamian economy will remain subdued for the balance of 2009 and into first half 2010", with the fiscal deficit and government debt-to-GDP ratios projected to further widen.

The Central Bank revealed that consumer credit had actually contracted by \$27.51 million for the first eight months of 2009, a sign that banks are shying away from risky consumer loans and that credit has dried up.

For the first seven months in 2009, Bahamian consumers were repaying more than they were borrowing when it came to consumer loans, a sign that they are attempting to deleverage and reduce debts.

There were \$20.7 million in credit card net repayments; \$17.9 million in net car loan repayments; \$8.7 million in travel loan repayments; and \$5.6 million in net home improvement loan repayments. The only consumer lending category showing growth was, again, debt con-



KHAALIS ROLLE

million, or 6.7 per cent, increase in loans falling into default for the month, taking the total to \$963.1 million or 15.9 per cent of all outstanding loans in the Bahamas.

The Central Bank described "a sustained drift of loans into the short-term and non-performing categories", with loans 31-90 days delinquent increasing by \$26.2 million or 6.5 per cent in August to hit \$427.6 million. The latter figure amounted to 7 per cent of all outstanding private sector loans in the Bahamas, a 0.49 per cent increase during that month.

As for non-performing loans, the more critical category, because these are 90 days past due and stop accruing interest, the Central Bank said these increased by \$34.5 million or 6.9 per cent to \$535.5 million. The latter figure accounted for 8.8 per cent of total loans, a 0.54 per cent rise in August.

The most significant growth in delinquencies was consolidation loans, which expanded by \$43.6 million - a slower pace than in 2008.

In comparison, mortgage lending for the year to August 2009 grew by \$82.96 million, a sharp drop from the \$143.19 million expansion that took place during the first eight months of 2008.

Elsewhere, the Central Bank said there was a \$60.6

noted in the mortgage category, registering an advance of \$40.3 million (10.2 per cent) to \$436.4 million, and reflecting gains in the 31-90 day and non-performing segments, of \$28.9 million and \$11.4 million respectively, the Central Bank said.

"Consumer delinquencies expanded by \$14.2 million (5 per cent), comprising accretions in the short-term arrears (\$10.5 million) and non-performing (\$3.7 million) categories.

"Commercial arrears expanded by \$6.2 million. However, as the average age of delinquencies increased, the non-performing portion moved higher by \$19.4 million, overshadowing the \$13.2 million decline in the 31-90 day component."

Meanwhile, Mr Rolle said the Chamber's own membership was "holding up" and had not been heavily impacted by the recession, with companies still seeing value in the service.

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BEC power plant opponents 'shock' at official 'silence'

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agencies he had requested permitting details from had come from the south Abaco local government district's administrator.

"The group of residents are shocked that, to date, the only response which has been received from any central or local government agency, or BEC, is a short note from the administrator of the South Abaco local government district that, in due course, our letter will be responded to," Mr Smith said.

"Again, this is a matter of critical importance to the future growth and development of Abaco, and impacts the environment dramatically, as well as having a very prejudicial effect on several property owners, especially owners around the proposed plant site."

Partner

The Callenders & Co partner added: "Having regard to the Town Meeting earlier, it is very surprising that this government in the sunshine, which has prided itself on disclosing everything to the public, remains mute and silent.

"We have asked for a lot of information, none of which has been forthcoming. We understand that activities con-

tinued at the construction site, despite statements that the project has been put on hold. Despite requests for permitting applications, none have been provided.

Silence

"The more they continue to hide behind this wall of silence, the more they are going to alienate the residents and citizens of Abaco, and the more they will be exposed to Judicial Review," he said.

"I give them warning not to proceed to hurriedly rubber stamp the approval process, because that in and of itself is subject to Judicial Review."

In his September 16, 2009, letter to Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, numerous other Cabinet ministers and other government agencies, Mr Smith requested that the Government provide copies of all permit applications made, and copies of those which may have been issued to date. He warned that a Judicial Review application may be made to quash those already given.

Mr Smith also requested copies of the Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) and Environmental Management Plan prepared for the Wilson City power plant, plus copies of Crown Grants and

related agreements.

He added that it was apparent from the September 10, 2009, Town Hall meeting on the power plant that an "omnibus 'decision'" to proceed with the development had been taken, although his clients did not know by whom or under which statutory authority.

And, in the same letter, Mr Smith concluded: "In my clients' view, this is the single greatest expenditure on public works in the history of the Abacos, which will have a great and long-lasting impact on the economy, on tourism, on the environment, on property owners, on energy bills, on health and safety issues and, generally, the future of the Abacos.

Clients

"My clients consider that before embarking on this project there ought to have been widespread consultation conducted in a transparent, accountable and democratic manner.

"Not only should there have been informative town meetings, but any and all applications should have been made with adequate and meaningful opportunities provided in the permitting processes for interested parties to make their contribu-

tion to the extent that any of their interests may have been affected.

"Although the project has been commenced, it is only at its very infancy, and my clients consider that the opportunity still remains to begin the process afresh by rescinding the 'decision'."

Meanwhile, Mr Smith told Tribune Business on Friday that the Prime Minister's speech to a United Nations summit, where he described climate change as a major threat to nations such as the Bahamas, contrasted sharply with the Government's approach to the Wilson City power plant.

"I am very surprised that in committing the Bahamas to being a green nation and to protecting the environment that, first, [the Government] keeps its citizens in the dark, and then moves with haste to create more carbon emissions from the worst of the worst, Bunker C," Mr Smith said.

He suggested that this showed the comments on environmental protection and reducing carbon emissions were nothing more than "political rhetoric", and added that the Wilson City power plant opponents were now creating their own NGO and website to continue circulating their petition against the project.



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BUSINESS

Clearing House wait leaves firms in 'prehistoric' era

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cashless society. It's got to be cheaper than the process now of clearing cheques and handling tonnes of cash. It just makes the fact of doing business in this country so prehistoric."

The former Chamber president recalled a conversation with Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, in which the politi-

cian told him that when he wanted to transfer funds between two different banks in Abaco, the quickest way was to get a cheque from one institution and then walk across the street to the other.

"This is 2009," Mr D'Aguilar said. It should be able to be done electronically. If I want to pay people electronically, I should be able to. It just continually delays the ability of business to operate in a cashless society.

"It would save companies an enormous amount of money if they did not have to hold on to such tremendous amounts of cash, and as such reduce the amount of cash they have to hoard. By not allowing an ACH, you're still operating a system where it takes too long for cheques to clear and everything is done manually, like it was 100 years ago."

Implementing an ACH would enable consumers and businesses to settle transactions in real-time, creating more certainty and confidence by cutting down on the quantity of 'bounced cheques' and buyer defaults, thus improving commercial sector cash flow. Taking cash out of the system would also lessen the attractiveness of companies as armed robbery targets.

The ACH's implementation had been promised from as far back as five years ago, yet since then several deadlines for its going on-line have been missed. Despite the creation of the Bahamas Automated Clearing House (BACH) as a formal company to own and operate the system, and system testing between different commercial banks having commenced more than a year ago, going live seems as far away as ever.

Paul McWeeney, Bank of the Bahamas International's managing director and head of the Clearing Banks Association's committee responsible for the ACH, did not return a Tribune Business voicemail seeking comment before yesterday's holiday. It is understood he may have been off the island.

However, Mr D'Aguilar told Tribune Business his understanding was that not all the Bahamian commercial banks had "bought into" the ACH, and some were dissatisfied with the choice of vendor and the system purchased.

Based on information he had received, Mr D'Aguilar said the banks wanted to "make sure everything worked perfectly and seamlessly, and right now they can't guarantee that, so they

have not signed up. They have bought a system, and not all are happy with it.

"There's a bit of dissension in the banks about the system. There's never been a full buy-in by the banks to the system, so they've not accepted the system they've paid for."

Questioning why the Central Bank had not done more to push the commercial banks to implement an ACH, Mr D'Aguilar said that despite being the most profitable industry in the Bahamas, the banks appeared to have no incentives to get on with it.

He also expressed previously-raised concerns that the commercial banks were proposing to run debit cards off the existing MasterCard/Visa platform, with charges of \$2-\$3 per transaction, rather than implement a new platform with charges in line with the developed world - of around \$0.10-\$0.20 per transaction.

The fear here is that Bahamians would be discouraged via the transaction costs from using debit cards, which would allow them to pay for goods and services via an electronic transfer of cash from their bank account to that of the vendor's.

"Anything that drives cash out of the economy, anything that reduces the amount of cash businesses hold by 10 per cent, 20 per cent, 30 per cent, that's good," Mr D'Aguilar said. "It also leads into Bahamian companies selling on-line, and we don't have that platform in place. We need an update [from the banks]; is there any hope and help on the way, is it going to happen, or are they hoping it will all go away quietly?"

The ACH was intended to replace the current manual system for settling cheque transactions, where cheques drawn on one bank but due to be deposited at another have to be taken by armoured car to a central location where they are settled by representatives of the various institutions.

Apart from allowing inter-bank cheques to be processed electronically rather than manually at a cheque clearing facility, the ACH system would allow direct debits and credits from accounts, debit cards and a shared Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) net-

work.

The latter would allow Bahamians to use their cash cards at any bank branch. It would also reduce the time persons spent in line waiting to cash and deposit pay cheques, as they could be deposited to their account.

Bahamian consumers would also be able to use direct debits from their bank accounts to pay bills such as cable television and electricity.

The ACH could ultimately lead to the creation of just one back office system for the entire Bahamas. It may also help develop SWITCH products, where Bahamians could use their cash cards at any

bank's ATM machine.

A further potential bonus from the ACH will be the opening up of a whole range of electronic banking services in the Bahamas, including its use in the online purchase of government goods and services.

Ultimately, through modernising the Bahamian payments system through electronic means, the ACH will provide buyers and sellers with more certainty and confidence, especially when it comes to settling their transactions.

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BUSINESS

Liquidator's 'long, drawn out fee battle'

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payment of some \$43,000, shared between three attorneys, to cover their appearance costs in hearings to determine Mr Kikivarakis's fees, and those of his attorneys.

The \$43,000 came out of the Caledonia Clients Security Account, into which all the Bahamian broker/dealer's clients had been required by the Supreme Court to pay a sum equivalent to 2 per cent of their assets to cover the liquidator's costs.

Mr Kikivarakis alleged in his report that his objections to the collective \$43,000 payment, authorised by the Deputy Registrar, and those of Caledonia's clients and client committee stemmed from the fact that, according to former Senior Justice Lyons's order, funds paid into the Security Account were only to be used to pay the fees claimed by the liquidator, his attorneys and agents.

Events

Recounting events, the liquidator's report noted how he sought leave from the Supreme Court to pay the fees and expenses incurred by himself, his attorney, former PLP MP Alfred Sears, and his agents between February 4-6, 2009. The fees had to be taxed and approved by the Supreme Court.

However, Emerick Knowles, attorney and partner with Alexiou, Knowles &

Co, who is representing several Caledonia clients, challenged "the notice period and the taxation process". He also allegedly challenged the "format of invoices" submitted by Mr Kikivarakis and the liquidator's Canadian attorneys, and requested time to review Mr Sears' Bill of Costs.

Mr Kikivarakis said he finally appeared before the Deputy Registrar on April 30, 2009, on the issue of his fees, costs and their taxation.

"During this hearing, three attorneys appeared and Mr Knowles once again challenged the fees and expenses of my agents and I, and my attorneys," the liquidator's report alleged.

"He requested me and my agents, Deloitte & Touche, to prepare Bill of Costs. In response to this, I explained that the invoices submitted by me and my agents were consistent with the invoices issued by Deloitte & Touche globally, and the Registrar stated that the invoices issued by me and my agents were consistent with those he had seen over the years, which he noted, included invoices from other countries, such as Switzerland and the United Kingdom."

The hearing, Mr Kikivarakis alleged, was adjourned to May 27, 2009, to give the liquidator time to meet with Mr Knowles to complete the fee issue. The meeting, which duly took place on May 5, 2009, was described as "fruitless" by Mr Kikivarakis, with a Bill of Costs review not completed.

Further appearances before the Deputy Registrar occurred on May 27, 2009, and June 9, 2009, and Mr Kikivarakis added: "On June 9, 2009, I was finally given leave to pay myself, my agents, Deloitte & Touche, and my attorneys, Sears & Company, fees after the Deputy Registrar had discounted the said fees by 11 per cent for Deloitte & Touche and myself.

Reduction

"I had previously volunteered a 10 per cent reduction to end the process, which was time consuming and did not benefit the clients. The fees of Sears & Company were discounted by 20.83 per cent."

The liquidator alleged that Mr Knowles and Brian Simms, partner and head of litigation at Lennox Paton, were the only he attorneys he knew of who objected to the payment of the fees billed by himself, Deloitte & Touche and Sears & Co.

The deputy registrar, alleged Mr Kikivarakis, also awarded appearance costs of \$18,000 each to Mr Sears and Mr Knowles, and \$7,000 to Mr Simms, to be paid from the clients' security account - something he and the clients objected to.

"The taxation was challenging to say the least and resulted in my agents and I, and attorneys, spending a significant amount of time and effort to have our fees and expenses approved for pay-

ment, when such time could have been spent complying with the Supreme Court orders to transfer 90 per cent of clients' assets to them," Mr Kikivarakis alleged.

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BUSINESS

Arawak port beats Clifton

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However, where Arawak Cay lost out to the Christie administration's preferred option, according to the EIA report, was on "compatibility with long-term master planning, scoring only five points compared to the southwestern port's 15 points.

Indeed, it was this "compatibility" issue that dropped Arawak Cay down the rankings behind four other proposed port sites, leaving it ahead of only one rival option - leaving the commercial shipping facilities where they currently are on Bay Street and upgrading those locations.

The Coastal Systems report makes clear that the main knock against Arawak Cay as

a location for New Providence's port facility was that it did not fit into the Christie administration's plans to turn the area into an upscale tourist, cultural and residential centre.

"Two alternatives in the downtown area, Arawak Cay and optimisation of the existing port facilities, were discussed," the Coastal Systems report said. "In light of the proposed plans to develop Arawak Cay into a high-end residential community, port operations were not consistent with the overall master plan. This solution does not reduce traffic congestion in the downtown area.

"Alternatively, options to optimise existing port facilities were noted to be limited given the motivation to improve the functionality and aesthetic appearance of the downtown area."

The Coastal Systems report also argued that Arawak Cay was not "a viable alternative" without improvements to its breakwater system.

The now-opposition PLP has frequently used the find-

ings of the previously unpublished report, which has been obtained by Tribune Business, to attack the Inghram administration for its decision to abandon plans for the southwestern port - almost immediately upon taking office - and instead move Bay Street's commercial shipping facilities to Arawak Cay.

Critics

While the critics, led by PLP Senator and deputy leader candidate, Jerome Fitzgerald, have been correct in their assertions that Arawak Cay was ranked next-to-last by Coastal Systems International, the report's findings appear not to have been placed in their true context.

Namely, that Arawak Cay rated higher when it came to minimising environmental impacts, and that the main reason this site was rejected by the previous administration was because it did not fit into the vision for New Providence held by the Christie administration and its

Atlanta-based master planners, EDAW.

Terms of reference are always critical for a study such as the one conducted by Coastal Systems, and the company confirmed in its report that it had been hired by EDWA to conduct the EIA. EDWA's vision for Arawak Cay, as reported by Tribune Business at the time, was for the area to become a tourism and cultural centre, attracting high-end real estate development.

The Inghram government, while buying into the need to revitalise Bay Street and downtown Nassau, has a different vision for and strategy for how to do so. Arawak Cay is seen as a relatively cheaper port option, at least in the short-term, costs for the port there having been pegged at near \$60 million compared to the \$235 million previous studies said would be required to construct the southwestern port.

The current government has argued that when all costs,

such as land acquisitions, are factored in, the southwestern port option would require \$400 million in investment. Such a sum, they believe, would be prohibitive, especially at a time when investor confidence globally is at an all-time low, due to the credit crunch and worldwide recession.

And while the Coastal Systems report said there was insufficient land space to accommodate a port at Arawak Cay, and that its presence there would still impact downtown traffic levels, the study did not account for the extra acreage being reclaimed by the material dredged from Nassau Harbour to widen the cruise ship turning basin.

In addition, the Government is planning to limit the hours during which trucks and trailers can transport cargo from the Arawak Cay port to the break-bulk and distribution terminal planned for

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NOTICE

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
No. 45 of 2000
TRANSOCEAN INVESTMENT PARTNERS LIMITED

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INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
No. 45 of 2000
AURORA INVESTMENT GMBH

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Dillon Dean
LIQUIDATOR

NOTICE

AUTODINS S.A.

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- (a) AUTODINS S.A. is in voluntary dissolution under the provisions of Section 137 (4) of the International Business Companies Act 2000.

The dissolution of the said company commenced on the 08th October, 2009 when the Articles of Dissolution were submitted to and registered by the Registrar General.

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The C-292 RFP Documents will be available for pick up after 1:00pm, Thursday October 1st, 2009. A bidders meeting will be held at 10:00 am, Friday October 9th, 2009. Please contact Traci Brisby to register at the NAD Project office.

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Gladstone Road, thereby relieving traffic congestion.

It would seem, therefore, that the arguments over the Arawak Cay site and which location is best for New Providence's commercial shipping facilities are largely rooted in politics, and differences related to policy and philosophy between the two parties.

Meanwhile, the Coastal Systems study said the southwestern New Providence port, which would have been situated between BEC's Clifton Pier plant and Commonwealth Brewery, would have disturbed "the least amount of marine acreage out of all the southwestern project alternatives", disturbing just 54,600 square metres or 13.5 acres of marine habitat to create the port entrance corridor.

The other sites assessed by Coastal Systems included South Ocean, Adelaide, Coral Harbour and Clifton Point.

To create "an ideal port structure capable of serving

all cargo needs for New Providence", Coastal Systems said the southwestern port would need a 360-metre diameter turning basin; 100 metre-wide entrance corridor; 3,000 linear feet of cargo vessel mooring space; water depth of up to 10 metres; and upland facilities for bulk, break bulk, container cargo and a petroleum cargo offloading terminal.

Cargo

"Relocating the cargo port facilities out of downtown Nassau would provide much-needed space for downtown revitalisation, which would benefit the island's tourism industry," Coastal Systems concluded.

"At the same time, consolidation of cargo port facilities would provide the Bahamas with a modern, deep-draft port capable of serving New Providence and the surrounding islands for the foreseeable future."

Arguing that the "ideal port

facility" would consist of 607,000 square metres or 150 acres of port infrastructure and harbour, Coastal Systems said that based upon previous reports, international cargo is processed at five locations on New Providence - three on Bay Street, and two at Arawak Cay.

These facilities, the EIA argued, would ultimately be unable to service an island with a growing population and expanding tourism industry. While population growth had steadied to an average 6 per cent increase every five years, New Providence was set to experience "explosive growth in cruise tourists corresponding to an increase of 440 per cent from 1990 to 2015".

The 1.854 million cruise ship arrivals in 1990, according to Coastal Systems' study, were projected to expand to 6.337 million in 2010 and 8.151 million in 2015. By the same token, stopover visitors were projected to almost dou-

ble between 1990 and 2015, growing from 1.576 million to 4.432 million. These numbers appear slightly on the high side, and it is unclear where they are coming from.

Nevertheless, Coastal Systems concluded: "Based on the growth projections for the tourism industry and the island's population, it is apparent that commercial shipping operations will likely need to increase capacity in order to accommodate increased numbers of visitors/inhabitants on New Providence.

"Increased commercial shipping operations will require more capacity from New Providence's ports in order to efficiently process both inbound and outbound cargo.

"Spread over approximately 50 acres in downtown Nassau and Arawak Cay, the existing port facilities in Nassau are at or near capacity, with only marginal room for expansion."

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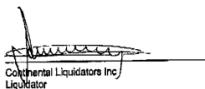
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NOTICE

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT, 2000
No. 45 of 2000

HARSTAD INVESTMENTS LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 138 (8) of the International Business Companies Act, (No. 45 of 2000), the dissolution of **HARSTAD INVESTMENTS LIMITED** has been completed, a Certificate of Dissolution has been issued and the company has therefore been struck off the Register. The date of completion of the dissolution was **18th day of September, 2009.**



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POSITION SUMMARY

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RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Operations:** Directs the daily activities of the golf department according to Company operating standards to maintain brand equity. Oversees the operation of the golf shop, the maintenance of the golf course, and all associated retail services (e.g., snack carts, beverage service).
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- **Human Resources:** Attracts, selects and retains a diverse hourly and management workforce to deliver excellent service and effective leadership in the Golf department. Creates and sustains a work environment that focuses on fair and equitable treatment and employee satisfaction to enable business success.
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- **Financial Management:** Develops and manages the Golf department's annual operating budget to achieve or exceed budget expectations. Ensures successful performance by increasing profitability and providing a return on investment for the owners and the Club.
- **Owner Relations:** Develops a trusting and respectful business partnership with property owners by meeting or exceeding expectations in operations management, asset protection, and financial performance

QUALIFICATIONS

- 4-year bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Hotel and Restaurant Management, or related major
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- Ritz-Carlton Leadership Training or similar formalized corporate exposure preferred
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Please send resume to the attention of:

Director of Human Resources
The Abaco Club on Winding Bay
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BUSINESS

Motor dealer 'raring' to go on soft opening

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

A LEADING Bahamian motor dealer will be "raring to go" with this morning's 'soft opening' of its new customer reception office, part of a \$500,000-\$600,000 designed to improve efficiency and the overall client experience.

Rick Lowe, Nassau Motor Company's (NMC) operations manager, told Tribune Business: "We've a soft opening [today], and we're ready to rolls. The customers that have come so far think it's a great improvement on where we were. I think that next week, when people come in to use it for the first time, they'll be impressed. We'll be raring to go."

In terms of the upgrades made, Mr Lowe said: "When you drive in, you've got a roof over your head, so that when there's inclement weather clients do not have to get out in the rain. "They don't have to cross where cars are being worked on, and don't have to be in contact with the work areas, unless there's something specific they need or want to look at. Customers will operate in an area that is easy to access when they drop-off and collect their vehicles."

Mr Lowe added that NMC's customer reception area would also be equipped to provide wireless Internet access, so that waiting clients could access e-mails, communicate with offices and conduct business while waiting for their vehicle to be serviced or released.

The customer reception area is the second phase in what was originally planned as a three-phase expansion. The first phase, which involved the installation of six service bays with hydraulic lifts, was completed five months ago in April 2009. The deposit for that phase's construction was paid in June 27, 2008, Mr Lowe said, with the final payment made on September 12 last year. The phase two deposit was paid in April 2009, with everything now completed in time for today's opening.

"We're fairly busy in service," Mr Lowe added. "That certainly hasn't slackened off. We're grateful for customers in that regard, and we think they'll be much more comfortable in the new environment."

NMC now plans to move its transmission room and staff lunch area into the old customer reception centre, segregating the two from each other. The company's plans had originally called for an entirely new transmission room to be built, but these have been put on hold due to the economic downturn.

"We'll knock down where we do Phase three eventually and stick with current plans until things turn around," Mr Lowe said.

Creditors having debts or claims against the above-named Company are required to send particulars thereof to the undersigned at P. O. Box N-624 on or before the 6th day of November, A.D., 2009. In default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made by the Liquidator.

Dated the 7th day of October, A.D., 2009

ROBERT LAZAR
Liquidator

NOTICE

STEINER SPA RESORTS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

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Dated the 7th day of October, A.D., 2009

ROBERT LAZAR
Liquidator

NOTICE
MELIOT ENTERPRISES LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given that the above-named Company is in dissolution, commencing on the 25th day of September, 2009. Articles of Dissolution have been duly registered by the Registrar. The Joint Liquidators are Paul Andy Gomez and Kendrick K. Christie, P.O. Box N-8285, Nassau, The Bahamas.

All persons having Claims against the above-named Company are required on or before the 24th day of October, 2009 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims to the Joint Liquidators of the Company or, in default thereof, they may be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 1st day of October, 2009

PAUL ANDY GOMEZ and KENDRICK K. CHRISTIE
Joint Liquidators

NOTICE

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Dated the 8th day of October, A.D., 2009.

Robert Lazar
Liquidator
770 South Dixie Highway
Coral Gables, FLORIDA 33146

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NOTICE

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(No.45 of 2000)

FORTVIEW LIMITED

In Voluntary liquidation

"Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 137 (4) of the International Business Companies Act (No. 45 of 2000), FORTVIEW LIMITED, is in Dissolution."

The date of commencement of dissolution is the 8th day of October, 2009.

Mr. Dirk Oppelaar
Chemin Jacques Attenville 27
1218 Grand-Saconnex
Switzerland
Liquidator

NOTICE

IN THE ESTATE OF SYLVIA ROBERTS late of Kensington Gardens, Soldier Road in the Eastern District of the Island of New Providence, one of the Islands in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claims or demands against the above-named Estate are requested to send the same duly certified to the undersigned on or before Friday the 6th day of November 2009 after which the Personal Representatives will proceed to distribute the assets of the Deceased among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which the Personal Representatives shall then have had notice.

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CASH, FOUNTAIN
Attorneys-at-Law
P.O.Box N-476
Armstrong Street
Nassau, The Bahamas

Attorneys for the Personal Representatives

NOTICE

SPA RESOURCES LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN as follows:

- (a) SPA RESOURCES LIMITED is in dissolution under the provisions of the International Business Companies Act 2000.
- (b) The dissolution of the said Company commenced on the 7th day of October, 2009 when its Articles of Dissolution were submitted to and registered by the Registrar General.
- (c) The Liquidator of the said Company is Robert Lazar of 770 South Dixie Highway, Coral Gables, Florida 33146.

Dated the 8th day of October, 2009.

HARRY B. SANDS, LOBOSKY MANAGEMENT CO. LTD.
Attorneys for the above-named Company

NOTICE
COOLANEY LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

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All persons having Claims against the above-named Company are required on or before the 26th day of October, 2009 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims to the Joint Liquidators of the Company or, in default thereof, they may be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 1st day of October, 2009

PAUL ANDY GOMEZ and KENDRICK K. CHRISTIE
Joint Liquidators

NOTICE

STEINER SPA RESORTS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

In accordance with Section 238 of The Companies Act, NOTICE is hereby given that at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on 30th September, A.D., 2009 the following were confirmed as Special Resolutions:

- 1. That STEINER SPA RESORTS LIMITED be wound up voluntarily.
- 2. That Mr. Robert Lazar be appointed the Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up.

Dated the 7th day of October, A.D., 2009.

ROBERT LAZAR
Liquidator

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14.20	9.93	Cable Bahamas	9.93	9.93	0.00	1.406	0.250	7.1	2.52%	
2.88	2.72	Colina Holdings	2.72	2.72	0.00	0.249	0.040	10.9	1.47%	
7.50	5.26	Commonwealth Bank (S1)	5.54	5.54	0.00	0.419	0.300	13.2	5.42%	
3.85	1.27	Consolidated Water BDRs	3.14	3.12	-0.02	0.111	0.052	28.1	1.67%	
2.85	1.32	Doctor's Hospital	2.05	2.05	0.00	0.625	0.080	3.3	3.90%	
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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		
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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	2.8300	-3.75	-6.75			30-Sep-09		
1.4932	1.4146	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.4932	4.15	5.56			2-Oct-09		
3.6090	3.0941	Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	3.0941	-8.61	-13.59			31-Aug-09		
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Tribune Health is observing National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October with a series of articles.

Breast Cancer and Pregnancy

By JEFFARAH GIBSON

WHEN you're pregnant the last thing you probably want to be told is that you have breast cancer - as if carrying a baby isn't overwhelming enough, the news of breast cancer just adds to the immense emotional load and health fears.

There are some questions you should ask, for instance, at what stage is the cancer? Will it affect the baby? If you continue with the pregnancy will this pose difficulties for you? Does medication or treatment harm the baby? How long do you have to wait until doctors are able to treat you?

When a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer during pregnancy the emotional and physical pressure is considerable and she is asked to make some serious decisions.

Oncologist Duvaughn Curling at the Princess Margaret Hospital told *Tribune Woman*: "Options are discussed and if her tumour is very aggressive and has spread rapidly we give her the option to terminate the pregnancy for her well-being," he said.

Although breast cancer does not affect the baby directly, doctors will wait until the third trimester of pregnancy to treat the mother.

"We do not treat the mother until the third trimester because medication can harm the baby. The thing about chemotherapy is that it kills

the cells both good and bad, but specifically those of the cancerous tumours, so a woman is in the position where she has a fetus in her womb which will be affected detrimentally by the treatment," he said.

While waiting until the third trimester to treat is a must, he noted that this is also a very nerve-wracking situation.

"We continue to monitor the cancer, but waiting until the third trimester can be a scary situation, since the cancer was at a curable stage and it could spread to the lungs or other parts of the body by the third trimester," he said.

Even surgeries can sometimes be detrimental to the well-being of both the mother and her baby. Dr Curling said that doctors are often skeptical about performing surgeries on pregnant women because this can also harm the baby.

Breast-feeding during pregnancy is also not recommended by doctors for women undergoing chemotherapy.

From the website www.breastcancer.org here are some frequently asked questions and answers about breast cancer during pregnancy.

Does pregnancy does lower survival or increase the risk of recurrence?

For women with a personal history of breast cancer, studies have shown that:

There was no apparent long-term increased risk of cancer recurrence

or death in women who became pregnant after a breast cancer diagnosis.

Pregnancy did not appear to cause new cancers to develop.

Women who were diagnosed with breast cancer during pregnancy did as well in the long term as women with the same type and stage of cancer who were not pregnant when they were diagnosed.

If breast cancer is in your body during pregnancy, can it spread to the baby?

No. A barrier between the mother's and the baby's body blocks any cancer cells from entering the baby or its blood supply.

What about mammograms?

Mammography during pregnancy may be considered for women with signs or symptoms of a possible breast problem.

Small studies have found that mammography poses little to no harm to the fetus during pregnancy if a lead shield is placed on the belly to block any possible radiation scatter.

But the accuracy of mammography is limited during pregnancy. In three different studies, the percentage of breast cancers in pregnant women that mammography detected was between 62 per cent and 78 per cent.

This is significantly lower than the average 85 per cent detection rate in non-pregnant women.



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By SARAH BEEK

Preventing acne on the body

BLACKHEADS and whiteheads can appear anywhere on the face, chest, back, or even lower. Blackheads occurring on the body are most common in those with genetically oily skin. However, a person using comedogenic or acne-genic lotions or body care products can experience blackheads on the body.

Here are six tips to help control and prevent body acne:

- Wear natural fibres, or fabrics specifically engineered to wick moisture away from the skin. This is especially important if you're working out.
- Experiencing acne where you carry a backpack or purse? Carry a bag with your hands instead.
- Shower as soon as possible after perspiring. If you can't shower, carry a travel-friendly product containing salicylic acid to help purify and clear skin of excess oils.
- Wash the affected areas with a cleanser designed for acne-prone skin.
- After allowing the skin to dry, apply a product containing benzoyl peroxide to the affected areas.
- If you often suffer from dry skin, moisturise using a non-comedogenic moisturiser. Excessively dry skin can lead to breakouts.

INSIGHT

For the stories behind the news, read Insight on Mondays

LOVING RELATIONSHIPS

Is there a silent relationship killer?

HOW many times have we met people who have lived or are living with debilitating illnesses? How often have you heard them say they did everything they were supposed to do, and they still got sick? They did not smoke, lived as stress-free as possible, exercised regularly, and even ate an organic diet. The insidious disease crept up on them without them noticing. All too often we come to the conclusion that there seems to be no rhyme or reason to what we are dished out in life. Even when we think we are making clear and decisive choices in life - things happen.

We may have been given scientific proof that we have a disease and a plan is made on how to treat the problem. We take medication, do particular exercises, change our diet, change our lifestyle and even detoxify our bodies of the offending poisons. If we follow the rules, we believe we will succeed and we will be healed. People who have gone down the same path before us emphasise the importance of 'positive thinking'. A healthy mind will heal a sick body. Believers of natural healing unequivocally believe this philosophy.

If we can apply these instructions to heal our bodies why can we not apply the same thinking to our minds?

Aren't our minds attached to our bodies? Why do we treat them separately when we are well aware that they need each other to be able to work?

Our minds can make us physically ill. Like wise, our minds and behaviour can become ill if we ingest the wrong thing.

As humans we have a delicate inner engine that needs to be well maintained and looked after to ensure that it runs smoothly.

Relationship therapy reveals the intricate work-

ings between two people. For most people their intimate relationship seems to require so much hard work.

The mere fact of just having to get the 'communication' right just proves too frustrating and people give up. A distancing and disconnect takes hold of the couple and issues seem unsolvable.

But is it as simplistic as 'active listening' and 'expressing yourself' that produces positive thoughts and a loving attitude? Isn't it really how we view ourselves and the other person that determines how the conversation is going to proceed?

All too often we bring preconceived thoughts, attitudes and perceptions to the discussion table. Before we even get started the toxins are in the air. It is these worm-like 'toxic thoughts' that are the silent killer to a relationship.

Labelling and name calling sets the stage for defensive response and soon the argument moves away from the original issues. Things are brought up from the past and the blame and guilt cycle keeps on turning. Subconsciously, people may use this tactic to completely avoid dealing with the real issues in front of them. How easy is it to keep on blaming the other person instead of acknowledging you have contributed in some way? Toxic thoughts cause toxic behaviour.

The way to recognise if you are a toxic thinker is to listen carefully to your 'self talk' over any given day. 'Self talk' are those rapid and constant little conversations you have with yourself. It is how we reason, argue and agree with ourselves. Even for those predominantly positive thinkers there will always be moments when negative thoughts slip in.

Occasional negative thoughts are one thing.

They show the grey area in our thinking where we can still rationalise things. Life is full of grey areas because we are all different, and definitely not perfect. But toxic thinking means that we have slipped down that slippery pole and thoughts become irrational and unrealistic. If we keep on letting our mind move in this direction then our thinking becomes habitual. We start generalising about someone or something. "Oh, well I don't expect him to do that for me 'cos he's a lying son of..." or "What is the point in me trying 'cos I can never do anything right in her eyes..."

Occasional toxic thinking

affects everyone, but the key is not to let it take root in your thinking. Yes, it is that baggage we carry around with us, but surely we can train ourselves to leave it somewhere. Toxic thinking is exhausting, unproductive and can definitely make us physically sick. It is the root cause of the death in a relationship. Work together and purge yourselves of the poisons with in your relationship. However, if things have become calcified, get professional help and detoxify your relationship. It is possible to heal your mind, behaviors will change and your relationships will flourish because of it.



By MAGGIE BAIN

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HELPING CHILDREN DEAL WITH THE death of a loved one

By JEFFARAH GIBSON

HOW do you tell a child that a loved one close to them, their mother, father or grandparent, is gone and is never coming back?

What words do you use to explain death to a child? Do you use euphemisms such as "went to sleep" or "went away"? What sort of atmosphere do you create to ensure that a child feels comfortable enough to talk about the situation?

Losing a loved one is probably the most painful experience we can go through at any age. It hurts even more when you and your loved one had a very close relationship. In the midst of death, the anguish and pain children feel is sometimes overlooked. Some people think because children don't understand death, they don't feel pain over the loss of a loved one in the way adults do.

When a loved one dies, parents and guardians should first discuss with the child what has happened, explain to them clearly about the loss without using euphemisms, and then take necessary measures to ensure that their child copes with grief in a healthy manner.

Angela Ward, a psychologist at the Renaissance Institute International, says it is very important to consider the age

of the child when discussing the death of a close relative.

"Parents should keep in mind the age of a child when speaking to them about the situation. Children under the age of four understand differently than a child who is over the age six," she said.

A child's capacity to understand, Dr Ward says, depends on their age. At ages six to ten a child's view of the world is very literal, the situation must be explained in concrete, vivid terms.

"Kids have a harder time understanding and they may continue to ask questions to understand what has happened. They may ask where the loved one is and when will the loved one return," she said.

When this happens, show no frustration and reiterate the information as calmly as possible, and as many times as possible until the child's curiosity is satisfied.

Dr Ward also noted that this could be a very good time to share beliefs

“Until the child is about five or six you should not say things like the loved one 'got lost' or 'went away'. Try to explain in basic terms.

These types of explanations should omit the use of euphemisms, since they are confusing and do not help with a child's understanding of death.

"Until the child is about five or six you should not say things like the loved one 'got lost' or 'went away'. Try to explain in basic terms. For instance, if the loved one was ill or elderly a parent can say something like 'the loved one's body stopped working and the doctor was not able to fix it,'" Dr Ward said.

And while you may explain to your child in clear, concise terms, this may not inhibit the probing questions that will follow.

about an afterlife or heaven with a child.

To vent or get through the loss of a loved one children may not cry, she said, but express their pain in different ways.

"A young child might not cry or they might react by acting out, getting angry, or becoming hyperactive. Teenagers may also become more angry and confide in a close friend. When this happens parents and guardians should not take this behaviour personal," she said.

Denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance are the stages of grief a child must experience to overcome the hurt, Dr Ward explained.

"Denial is the phase where the child rejects the idea that the loved one is no longer with them. Afterwards the may vent by getting angry or becoming hyperactive. The child will begin to say things like 'if I had been a better child Daddy would have been here' or 'if I did all my chores Grandma would still be alive'. After a period of bargaining the child may become depressed, thinking they were the cause of the family member's death. However, these reactions to the death of a love one can happen in any order," she said.

Eventually after a period of nine months to two years the child will begin to accept the loss. But if this does not happen and you recognise that your child is not coping with the death fittingly then professional help is needed.

"Children must grieve in a proper way in order to overcome their hurt over the loss. When children don't grieve properly then they hold on to the pain for many years. Parents should watch for any signs that their kid needs help dealing with the situation, and in the event they do, parents should seek a child psychologist or a counsellor," she said.

If a child has a hard time dealing with the death it might not be a good idea to take the child to the memorial or funeral service, Dr Ward said, emphasising that the decision to attend lies solely in the hands of the child.

"It's really up to the child, if they do not want to attend then parents should not force their child to go. If the child wants to attend then parents should explain to the child what happens at a memorial or funeral service ensuring that they are very open and honest," she said.

Do all that you can to extend love to your child in times of death. Children are very fragile, and how they cope with grief now will influence their emotional stability in the future.



By SUSAN DONALD DC

How chiropractic keeps you healthy?

HOW does chiropractic heal me and keep me healthy? I'm asked that question often.

In order to understand how chiropractic can help a certain condition it is important to get a better understanding of what chiropractic is and how the body works.

Chiropractic is a branch of the healing arts which is based on the premise that good health depends, in part, upon a normally functioning nervous system, especially the spine and the nerves extending from the spine to all parts of the body.

Chiropractic comes from the Greek word 'chiropraktikos', meaning "effective treatment by hand."

Chiropractic stresses the idea that the cause of many disease processes begins with the body's inability to adapt to its environment. It looks to address these diseases by locating and adjusting a musculoskeletal area of the body which is functioning improperly.

These musculoskeletal areas which do not function properly are what chiropractic calls a vertebral subluxation.

A subluxation interferes with normal nerve function which results in decreased ability for the brain to communicate properly with the body. This could eventually result in some sort of condition or symptom. When you suffer from a subluxation, your natural healing ability is lessened, your resistance is lowered and you can get sick.

The examination of the spine to evaluate structure and function is what makes chiropractic different from other healthcare procedures. Your spinal column is a series of movable bones which begin at the base of your skull and end in the centre of your hips. Thirty-one pairs of spinal nerves extend down the spine from the brain and exit through a series of openings. The nerves leave the spine and form a complicated network which influences every living tissue in your body.

Accidents, falls, stress, tension, overexertion, and countless other factors can result in a displacement or derangements of the spinal column, causing irritation to spinal nerve roots. These irritations (subluxations) are often what cause malfunction in the human body. It is the chiropractors' job to reduce the interference that is caused by the subluxation. This is done by adjusting the spine to return the normal function to the nervous system so your body can operate more efficiently and more comfortably. You cannot be truly healthy, reach your full potential or achieve your greatest healing ability if you have pressure on your nervous system.

• For more information contact Dr Susan Donald at Life Chiropractic Centre on Village Road, telephone number 393-2774 or e-mail her at sdonald@coralwave.com



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GREEN SCENE

By Gardener Jack



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VACANCY NOTICE

MANAGER III (HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT)

SANDILANDS REHABILITATION CENTER

Applications are invited from suitably qualified individuals for the post of Manager III, Human Resources Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre, Public Hospitals Authority.

Applicants must possess the following qualifications:

- Bachelors Degree in Business Administration, Management, Public Administration, Human Resources or equivalent and three (3) years relevant experience.
- Strong interpersonal, networking and negotiation skills; also high-level analytical, creative and problem solving skills
- Be computer literate
- Excellent communication skills both oral and written

Job Summary

The Manager III is responsible for assisting with the day to day administration of human resources transactions and services; to ensure that the Sandilands rehabilitation Centre human resources policies and procedures, transactions and services are aligned with the Authority's business objectives.

The duties will include, but not limited to the following:

1. Probationary Appointments
Confirmations in substantive posts
Promotions and reclassification
Benefits under the Authority's policies
Benefits under the law, e.g. Employment Act, Pension Act and National Insurance Act
Employee transfer and secondment
Employee grievances
Disciplinary actions and penalties
Involuntary and voluntary terminations
2. Liaising with Payrolls Unit with matters relating to salaries adjustments and financial clearances.
3. Managing the performance appraisal process for staff within assigned areas of responsibilities, ensuring that evaluations are ongoing and appraisal forms are prepared, distributed and reviewed.
4. Opportunities will also be given for involvement in human resources strategic functions such as policies, development, quality improvement initiatives.

The successful applicant will be responsible to the Department Head.

The salary for the post is in Scale HAAS8 (\$28,050 x 700 - \$34,350) per annum. Starting salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Letters of application, resume, documentary evidence of qualification and three (3) references should be submitted, no later than 30th October, 2009 to the **Human Resources Director, Public Hospitals Authority, P.O. Box N 8200, Corporate Office, Third terrace Centerville, Nassau Bahamas.**



CABBAGES are gross feeders and need uninterrupted growth to be successful.



BROCCOLI heads should be cut before any sign of yellowing appears.

The Cabbage Clan

THERE are two very important aspects of raising members of the cabbage clan: They should have vigorous, uninterrupted initial growth and they are gross feeders.

If a cabbage seedling sits still for a while and does not show daily growth then the outlook is poor. I use Miracle Gro potting soil for my cabbages even though I may use a cheaper version for other plants. Daily watering is all part of the initial growth surge.

Once the individual plants are four or five inches tall and have lost the colour from the cruciform seed leaves, they are ready to be transplanted. The soil must be amended with plenty of compost, commercial cow manure and fertiliser. I have found that cabbages do not mind rocky soil but whatever soil there is between the rocks must be rich.

When cabbages have become established they should receive monthly side dressings of fertiliser, or regular spraying with soluble fertilisers at least once a week. Any surrounding weeds should be removed so the plants have no competition.

A mature heading cabbage changes its nature and begins to disdain water. In fact, a heavy downpour may cause a cabbage to split. This is not a disaster for the home gardener but ruins a crop for a commercial farmer. It is in the nature of home gardeners to sow a good number of cabbages at the same time. This causes a glut and the cabbages must stay in the ground for several weeks before heading towards the kitchen. Splitting can be avoided by cutting away some of the roots below ground with a long knife. Leave enough roots to maintain the plant but cut enough away to avoid a large intake of water.

Broccoli

Broccoli is a very popular member of the cabbage clan because of its perceived health-giving properties and its ease of preparation (sometimes eaten raw). Broccoli, unlike heading cabbage, must be picked as soon as it approaches maturity. The head should be compact with a bluish-green colour. The slightest sign of yellowing, caused by the production of flowerers, means the broccoli is overripe and inedible.

Once a heading cabbage has been cut the stalk and roots should be pulled out of the ground and disposed of. With broccoli, however, there is usually a secondary crop of small heads called flowerets that can be more productive than the initial large head. These should be picked every two or three days before their stalks get elongated. There are some broccoli

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WOMAN

Communication Catch 22

Tips for taking a proactive position in your job

AN old friend approached me last week and told me the following story: An employee approached him to speak to an executive about a matter because the employee wasn't comfortable speaking to the executive directly. In the spirit of helping a fellow co-worker, my friend approached the executive on behalf of the employee and the executive was subsequently preoccupied with why the employee didn't approach her directly instead of focusing on resolving the employee's concern.

So my friend asked me, what do you do in a situation like this? This option was the most palatable to the employee because if the employee decided to do nothing, the issue would remain unresolved. Alternatively, the employee perceived high risk in approaching the executive directly, and lower risk in having someone represent the situation to the executive on her behalf and it still backfired.

A catch 22 situation is described as "a contradictory or self-defeating course of action or a tricky or disadvantageous condition." (Farlex)

Based on the information given to me by my friend, the employee appears to be in a catch 22 where both inaction and attempts at resolution lead to perceived undesirable results.

In environments like this, the end result is that the majority of employees collectively refrain from speaking

up because they prefer to experience a proliferation of dysfunction collectively instead of being singled out and targeted as the enemy because they spoke up.

I received a similar call this week from a fellow consultant in Canada. She said that she had an important client with whom she had a long-standing, positive relationship who wanted her to perform a certain task. The task was something she was not willing to do and when she refused, her reputation was attacked and all her contracts within the organization were terminated. She paid the price for speaking up.

In unhealthy work environments, speaking up may be viewed as harmful to career progression. In these types of environments, the status quo is maintained at all costs and people in positions of authority cover up the issues, distorting the truth through self-deception, minimization and other types of camouflage techniques. In fact, entire systems of reward like promotion and bonuses perpetuate this type of censorship and suppression.

So what do you do if you are caught in a communication catch 22? As I mentioned previously, based on anecdotal evidence, the vast majority decide to say nothing and just "kiss until they can kick." I witness this approach a whole lot, but years later I often meet the same people in the same company, sometimes in the same position

saying the same thing and praying for early retirement. So here are four tips to help you to be proactive.

Strategise

In the first example, the employee deployed a strategy to ask someone to represent his case because he felt the other person could influence a desired outcome and lower his exposure to the risk of victimisation. This is a reasonable strategy in theory, but always remember to factor in as many variables as possible. Give some thought to more of the dynamics of the situation which include:

1. The executive's desire to help versus their need to cover up and perpetuate the system of dysfunction. This is sometimes hard to uncover because some of us expect executives to be interested in the well-being of employees.
2. The executive's value system (does the executive value being liked, approachable and doing right over being challenged respectfully). In making this evaluation, the employee should take a look at what motivates the executive to further mitigate risk.
3. Is there another way to get the message across other without using a direct approach.
4. Who is the right messenger?
5. Is there a bias against you?

Work Together

At work we learn that we have to "look out for number

one" because no-one can be trusted. One way to start changing the entire system of support for dysfunction (silence is part of the support system) is to see yourself as part of a whole and not a single unit constantly in self-preservation mode. While self-preservation may be appropriate, think about what you can do to support your co-workers.

Connect More Effectively

Hone your communication skills so that you don't inadvertently put the listener on the defensive. You have no control over someone else's ego but you do have control over the verbal and non-verbal signals you transmit. Improving your communication arsenal by improving your listening skills, emotional intelligence, authenticity, negotiation skills and optimism can help you to connect at a deeper level and mitigate some of the risks of communication. Authentic connection can lead to building healthy, trust-based work relationships that can give you the leverage you need to speak up with lower threat of victimisation.

Create or Update Your Career Plan

Everything starts with you, so think about a proactive approach designed to help you develop yourself and start on a path to finding or creating the right career and right working environment. This may mean you will take the



By YVETTE BETHEL

risk and say things that may not be palatable or you may decide to seek another work environment. It is important to make a decision regarding whether you will stay or go and whatever the decision, create your plan. "Knee jerk" responses are not optimal because they don't equip you with the skills you need to successfully navigate similar situations in the future and they can create irreparable damage.

Ideally, the vision for and commitment to driving positive cultural change should start at the top of the organisation and cascade throughout. If you are not being supported by an executive vision for positive change you can only do what is within your control. Each of the tips will take time, commitment and creativity and they are centered on what you can do to improve your circumstances.

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The Cabbage Clan

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varieties that are produced solely for their flowerets and do not produce large heads.

Cauliflower

Cauliflower is botanically very close to broccoli, but cauliflower has a richer, creamier taste. It is more of a cool weather crop, but you can buy tropical varieties that are best suited for our vegetable season conditions. Some varieties claim to be self-blanching, but this should be ignored and the long leaves tied together with twine once the head begins to form. Untie your cauliflowers every day and inspect the head for worms or caterpillars. This only takes a few seconds per plant but saves you the disappointment of losing a plant that takes months to grow and then gets destroyed in the final few days.

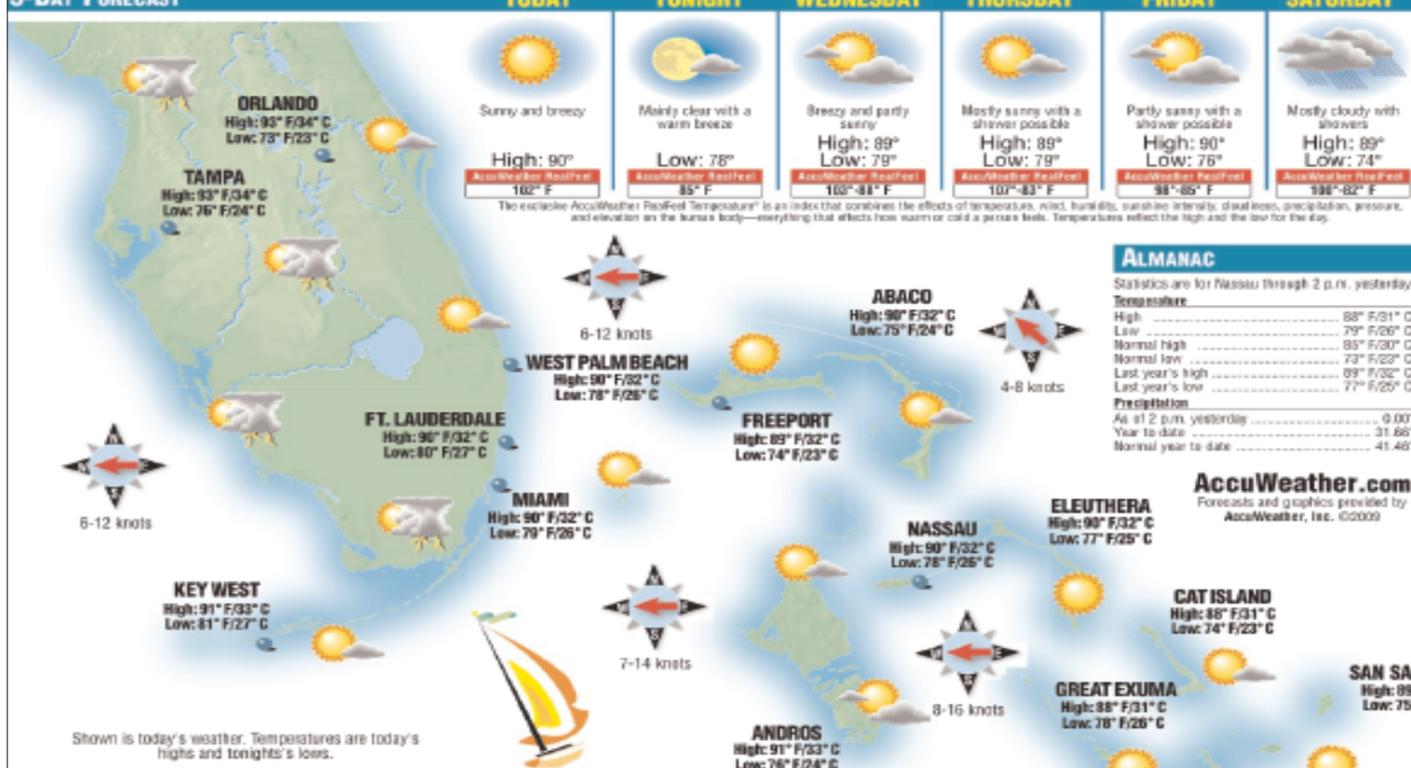
Cauliflower heads should be cut while the curds are firm and tight, and the rest of the plant should be pulled and disposed of. If you have too many heads at one time you must cut them anyway. They will last a fair time in the refrigerator but will flower and become inedible if left on the plant.

Kohlrabi

Kohlrabi is an under-utilised member of the cabbage clan. It is a cross between cabbage and turnip but is far milder than both its parents. Kohlrabi grows above ground and reaches maturity when it is the size of a baseball. When cooked in water it retains its crispness but is best employed raw. A slaw made from coarsely grated kohlrabi is far superior to a cabbage slaw.

THE WEATHER REPORT

5-DAY FORECAST



UV INDEX TODAY



TIDES FOR NASSAU

Time	High	Low	High	Low
Today	2:53 a.m.	2.8	9:04 a.m.	0.7
Wed.	3:57 a.m.	3.0	10:11 a.m.	0.6
Thursday	4:54 a.m.	3.3	11:12 a.m.	0.4
Friday	5:46 a.m.	3.5	12:05 p.m.	0.1
Saturday	6:24 a.m.	3.6	12:19 a.m.	0.0
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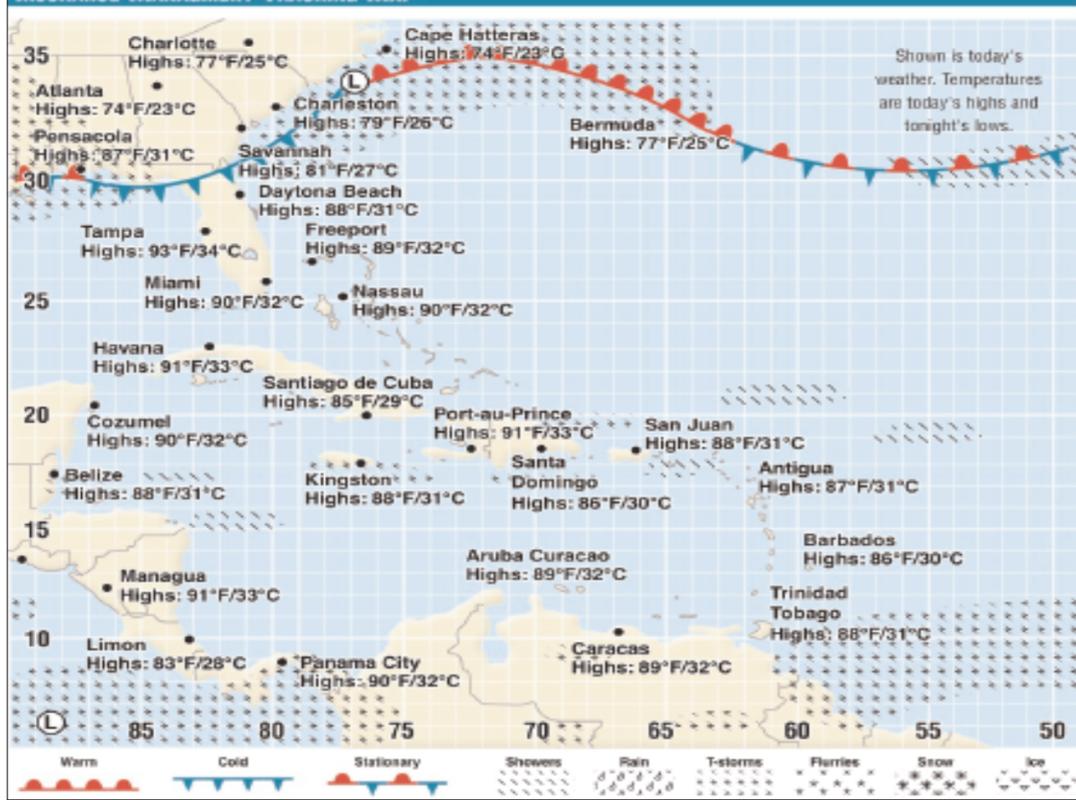
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Statistic	Value
Temperature	88° F/31° C
High	90° F/32° C
Low	79° F/26° C
Normal high	85° F/30° C
Normal low	73° F/23° C
Last year's high	89° F/32° C
Last year's low	77° F/25° C
Precipitation	0.00"
At 12 p.m. yesterday	31.66°
Year to date	41.46°

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:07 a.m.	Moonrise	2:21 a.m.
Sunset	6:45 p.m.	Moonset	3:39 p.m.
New	Oct. 13	First	Oct. 25
Full	Nov. 2	Last	Nov. 9

INSURANCE MANAGEMENT TRACKING MAP



MARINE FORECAST

Location	WINDS	WAVES	VISIBILITY	WATER TEMPS.
ABACO	Today: ESE at 4-8 Knots	3-6 Feet	10 Miles	84° F
ANDROS	Today: ESE at 4-8 Knots	3-5 Feet	10 Miles	84° F
CAT ISLAND	Today: ESE at 7-14 Knots	2-4 Feet	6 Miles	85° F
CROOKED ISLAND	Today: ESE at 7-14 Knots	2-4 Feet	6 Miles	85° F
ELEUTHERA	Today: ESE at 7-14 Knots	2-4 Feet	6 Miles	85° F
FREEPORT	Today: ESE at 7-14 Knots	2-4 Feet	6 Miles	85° F
GREAT EXUMA	Today: ESE at 7-14 Knots	2-4 Feet	6 Miles	85° F
GREAT INAGUA	Today: ESE at 7-14 Knots	2-4 Feet	6 Miles	85° F
LONG ISLAND	Today: ESE at 7-14 Knots	2-4 Feet	6 Miles	85° F
MAYAGUANA	Today: ESE at 7-14 Knots	2-4 Feet	6 Miles	85° F
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'Turning of the tide'

WOMEN TAKING ON 'TRADITIONALLY MASCULINE ROLES' LEADING TO VIOLENCE?

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WITH violence in the Bahamas on the rise, people are shocked to see more and more women in the country becoming involved in violent acts that are normally associated with men.

There is much talk about the country's young men being 'no good' and 'criminal-minded', but it seems that times, and women, they are a-changing.

Are we noticing a new trend where women are getting involved in crimes that are usually committed by men?

What would push a woman who is considered to be a 'nurturer' to violent behaviour? What factors involved could have caused this?

Tribune Woman wanted these questions answered and spoke with a behavioral expert who broke down the possibilities.

Psychiatrist Dr Nelson Clarke said that while no clear-cut conclusions can be made, by studying women's backgrounds certain inferences can be drawn.

He says that it's important to

note that "human behavior is very complex."

"What we think may be happening to cause somebody to behave in a certain way might not be the complete answer, there may be other factors that may be operating to cause a particular behaviour."

Dr Clarke listed a number of factors that could have affected women who commit violent crimes. First, he noted what he calls "a turn in the tide" of what society expects of women nowadays.

"Society has changed, the expectations of what a woman's role is to be. We have very (defined) ideas of how a woman is to be feminine and ideas of what a man should be."

"I think one of the things that's happening in the Bahamas is that traditional male behaviours are being taken on by females. It's now being accepted that women can do these things and still be looked at as being feminine," he said.

"More and more women are taking on typical male behaviours like drinking and hanging out at the bars and are entering historically male jobs, and it doesn't surprise me that we see women doing other things that we used to think were the problems of men, like being engaged in armed robbery."

Dr Clarke said he believes that society's desensitisation to these behaviours overtime has caused women to feel it's okay to act in this way.

"Years ago you would find that less women would drink publicly and curse, now it happens on a regular basis."

He suggests that the current strain on people

caused by the economic slump is also a factor.

"We have women committing crimes of acquisition to gain money, and they are doing this because they're feeling the squeeze and financial pressure with them being the head of the homes. Many of them are single mothers," he said.

Dr Clarke said there is also the possibility that many female offenders could have been influenced by men who set them up to carry out their dirty work, or who persuade them to be accomplices.

The way women are shown in the media can also have negative effects, he said.

Movies and shows on television that are tailored to appeal to women often have storylines about sex, money and murder, and may be giving women "ideas," Dr Clarke said.

Some women may revel in "seeing another woman take the plunge," he explained, and so they feel that "if she can do it, then I can do it too."

"I've spoken with women who have had the impulse to hurt other people because they were wronged or felt they were hurt. When they feel their cries have not been heeded they have thoughts of taking matters in their own hands, especially when they feel they've been wronged and there has been no redress."

Dr Clarke said that the "very strict definitions" of what makes a "good woman" don't really apply anymore, adding that he suspects that one of the factors leading women down the path of crime "may be that some of them may have had experiences where they had to be tough in order to survive."

WOMEN OF ESSENCE

A GROUP of professional women is taking off their high heels, shedding their lab coats and putting down their briefcases on a weekly basis to mentor young women and teach them to look beyond themselves.

'Women of Essence' was born out of an idea Sophia Fisher, proprietor of the Community Pharmacy, had a few years ago.

She saw too many young girls walking the streets aimlessly after school, often getting themselves into trouble, and not really spending enough time learning how to be successful in life.

She figured that they may only need someone to show them love and care. And that's exactly what she did.

In no time, Women of Essence grew to include her friends and family members who shared her vision to improve the quality of life for Bahamians by helping impressionable minds to learn the value of life and to believe in their talents.

This charitable organisation's main focus is the mentoring programme, which is designed to help

mold young ladies through etiquette lessons, personal grooming and development classes.

But Ms Fisher and the Women of Essence do a lot more.

They meet every Tuesday at the Farm Road Urban Renewal Centre and assist with homework, so that by the time the children go home in the afternoon, tired parents can peruse already completed assignments.

Activities

The group also engages in fun-filled activities, one of which was held last month to help the girls start the new school year in grand style.

The young women had lunch with their mentors, gave out deserving awards, and prayed for a safe school year.

'Women of Essence' are the ones who move through Nassau's inner-city areas, washing the hair of girls and giving them beautiful braided hairstyles to go back to school with. The girls also received school supplies and encouraging



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words for their future achievements.

Women of Essence have found themselves in the schools and in the homes of children they have come to love.

The mentoring programme first started several years ago in the Step Street area, with the help of Michael Pintard, who helped the women rally the young girls in the area.

They then moved into the Claridge Road area with the support of St Cecilia MP Cynthia "Mother" Pratt, who served as an inspiration to them.

The group has been in the Farm Road area for two years now, and the children of Farm Road don't seem to be willing to let them move on to other inner-city areas. Women of Essence may have to grow to meet the demand.

Any Christian, professional woman with a commitment to making a sacrifice for the betterment of the youth can join – and you can find Ms Fisher at her Carmichael Road pharmacy – or stop by the Farm Road Urban renewal office on a Tuesday afternoon. Ms Fisher, however, warned those interested in helping that the commitment to the organisation is a true sacrifice.

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