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# 11 tourists in robbery terror

## Policewoman attacked trying to stop looters after crash

By MEGAN REYNOLDS  
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A WOMAN police officer was attacked as she tried to stop scavenging thieves stealing shopping goods strewn across a road after a three-car crash.

Police Constable Alexis Bain is one of seven people recovering in hospital following the smash in Charles Saunders Highway.

According to eye-witnesses PC Bain was trying to prevent the looters from stealing various items when she was beaten in the street.

Groceries, clothes and other new merchandise were

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## Gunmen stage daylight attack at landmark

By MEGAN REYNOLDS  
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POLICE are hunting two vicious robbers who held a group of terrified tourists at gunpoint and made off with their cash and possessions.

The victims, understood to be Americans from a cruise ship, feared for their lives as they were held up.

And it is thought the attack may have major repercussions on Nassau's tourist trade, with would-be visitors fearing for their personal safety.

The 11-strong group of men and women were attacked at

the top of the Queen's Staircase on Sunday morning.

They had arrived in Nassau on a cruise ship and were on a taxi cab tour of the capital's historic sites when their pleasant visit turned to terror as they viewed the 66 steps.

Two masked men approached on foot. One threatened the group with a handgun while the other stole cash and personal items from the visitors at around 11am.

It was the first robbery in the area this year according to Superintendent Elsworth Moss, and taxi drivers say it

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## PM denies Privy Council seeking to withdraw services from the Bahamas

By PAUL G TURNQUEST  
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PRIME Minister Hubert Ingraham refuted suggestions that the Privy Council was seeking to withdraw its services from the Bahamas as previously reported.

"I find it difficult often times to comprehend how information gets translated in the Bahamas. There has been no suggestion whatsoever from the British government of its intent or desire to

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## SIR CLEMENT'S WIFE VISITS HOUSE FOR VIEWING



WIFE OF the late Sir Clement Maynard Lady Zoe Maynard, accompanied by her grandson Justin, leaves the House of Assembly after viewing her husband lying in State. Sir Clement was a former Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Tourism, Public Service, Labour, Works and Government Leader in Parliament. He died on Friday, October 2 at the age of 81.

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## Turnquest: I have exercised legal right by moving to hang killer

By ALISON LOWE  
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TOMMY TURNQUEST

MINISTER of National Security Tommy Turnquest was not "swayed by emotionalism or the noise in the market" but has exercised his constitutional responsibility and legal right by moving to send a killer

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## Catholic Church stands firm against death penalty

THE Catholic Church remains resolute in its opposition to the death penalty as the Government prepares to read a death warrant - which could lead to the country's first hanging in almost ten years.

In the wake of reports that preparations are being made to read a death warrant for an inmate at Her Majesty's Prison, Head of the Catholic Archdiocese Archbishop Patrick Pinder reaffirmed the Church's stance on the controversial issue.

"Whether they read the death warrant or not, it will not change our point of view," said the archbishop, when

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## PMH nurses receive crucial ventilator equipment training

By AVA TURNQUEST

THE Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Princess Margaret Hospital moved one step closer to breathing easier as NICU nurses received crucial ventilator equipment training that will allow them to care for struggling newborns.

Upon the arrival of the unit's first two ventilators, which were purchased with funds raised by the 'Breathe Easy' Campaign, two industry professionals from manufacturer Covidien began a two-day training seminar with nurses yesterday.

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THE NURSES OF PMH get training from Pedro Torres Covidien.

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# M Junkanoo in Miami

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**RONNIE CASH**, a dancer with the Junkanoo group "Saxon Superstars," performs.



**GAYELLE FELIX**, a dancer with the group "Fun Generation," dances.



**JUNKANOO** dancer Katie Horton (right) dances with Bailey Barrett, 2, of Miami.



**ESTHER PANZA**, a dancer with the Bahamas Junkanoo Revue, smiles as she dances during the Miami-Broward One Carnival, celebrating Caribbean culture, on Sunday in Miami.

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## Stranded duo rescued from sinking boat

By **MEGAN REYNOLDS**  
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### US Coast Guard in midnight operation off Andros coast

A MIDNIGHT rescue by the United States Coast Guard saved two men as their boat was sinking off the coast of Andros early Monday morning.

The American citizen and another man, whose nationality has not yet been confirmed by the US Embassy, were stranded for several hours before they were found standing on the overturned hull of their boat wearing life-jackets.

They had left Miami, Florida on Sunday and were shipwrecked when their boat started to sink on the Hurricane Flats west of the southern tip of Andros during the night.

Using a cell phone, the pair were able to contact someone in Miami and the US Coast Guard was immediately alerted.

But as total darkness covered the area and there were no lights on the sinking vessel, Coast Guard helicopter pilots struggled to locate the men.

As the helicopter circled the area the stranded boaters used the cell phone to direct the pilots in.

Commander Lieutenant John Berry, press liaison officer for the US Coast Guard, said: "It was lucky they had communication because it was difficult to find them out there."

"We had a position that we flew out to and when they saw the helicopter they were able to direct them in."

Rescuers found the two men standing on top of the overturned vessel, dehydrated and suffering from hypothermia.

### Hospital

They were taken directly to Nassau and transported by ambulance to the Princess Margaret Hospital where they remained yesterday.

Lieutenant Berry said the men have been identified but their identities have not yet been made public.

He added: "The US Embassy will try to assist in contacting their family members and assist them with obtaining their documents for at least one of the men who is a US citizen."

"The other man has some US status but we are still trying to confirm that with him."

The officer said he does not know why the men were boating in the area.

## Waiting period for a new passport 'cut to four weeks'

THE Ministry of Foreign Affairs has announced that after diligently working to reduce the backlog of passport applications which has plagued the system for years, it can now reduce the waiting period for a new passport from six weeks to four.

With the addition of four new passport machines that were recently purchased and installed, Minister of Foreign Affairs Brent Symonette told *The Tribune* that the Passport Office has gone from being able to produce 759 passports in the first week of September to more than 2,000 a week now.

"So we have almost two and a half times the amount of passports being produced. In Nassau alone for the month of September we enrolled 2,142 people and we produced 6,042 passports."

"We are now in Nassau and in Grand Bahama entering on the data side people who have applied for passports in October and we have been able to reduce the waiting time to four working weeks. And in short order we are hoping to have that down to two weeks," the minister said.

In addition to this, Mr Symonette said that the ministry has brought Atlanta and Miami online, allowing Bahamians to apply for their e-passports in these US locations.

"We hope that by the end of the month to bring New York and Washington online. We have also tested our mobile unit - where we can go various places and do enrollment on a mobile basis and we hope to introduce that in the Family Islands in early January (2010), if not before. And we hope also to bring Canada online before the end of the year," he said.

Mr Symonette also encouraged those persons in New Providence who have applied for passports and whose due dates have passed to go down to the office on Thompson Boulevard and collect the documents as there are "hundreds" waiting to be picked up.



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LOCAL NEWS

**Mario Miller murder retrial adjourned**

THE retrial of two brothers accused of the murder of Mario Miller, son of former MP and Trade Minister Leslie Miller, has been adjourned for a week.

The retrial of brothers Ricardo Miller alias Tamar Lee and Ryan Miller, had been scheduled to begin yesterday before Senior Justice Jon Isaacs however the prosecution asked for an adjournment. The retrial is expected to begin next Tuesday.

Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions Cheryl Grant-Bethel is prosecuting the case. Both brothers are on \$30,000 bail. Mario Miller, 28, was found stabbed to death in the area of Super Value in Winton on June 22, 2002.

The first trial into his death ended four weeks after it began in January, 2006, when the court learned that a juror sitting in the case was closely connected to a family member of the accused.

The second trial was declared a mistrial on October 7, 2008, when the jury failed to reach a unanimous decision.

**CORRECTION**

The date of the upcoming ACCA meeting advertised in Tuesday's *Tribune* was incorrect. The meeting is actually taking place on Tuesday, October 13. *The Tribune* apologises for any inconvenience this error may have caused.

**Attorneys for alleged drug trafficker back in court**

ATTORNEYS for alleged drug trafficker Melvin Maycock Sr were back in court yesterday, claiming prison officials have failed to comply with a court order regarding the conditions of their client's detention.

Back in August, Senior Justice Jon Isaacs refused a bail application by attorneys for Maycock Sr, but agreed to an application for an order to improve the conditions of his detention at Her Majesty's Prison. Senior Justice Isaacs suggested at the time that he could free Maycock Sr on bail if the conditions of his detention were not improved.

Maycock had asked to be placed in a cell with proper ventilation, to be allowed to have visits, and to be allowed to meet with his family and friends in the visitation room or another appropriate area, rather than in his cell.

He had also requested that his meals be brought in a timely manner.

Maycock's attorney Craig Butler filed a new constitutional motion on behalf of Maycock Sr on October 2 after prison officials failed to comply with the August 4 order. That hearing has now been adjourned to October 26. Maycock, 43, is accused of escaping from a holding cell at the Elizabeth Estates Police Station in February 2008 by switching places with his son Melvin Maycock Jr.

Maycock Sr was captured four months later following a high speed chase. US prosecutors requested Maycock's extradition in June 2004 on allegations that he is the mastermind of the Caribbean arm of a multi-national drug gang.

Thirteen other men, including Melvin Maycock Jr, are charged in the same indictment as Maycock Sr. They were freed on bail in 2006.

**Prime Minister among the 'hottest' world leaders**

FEELING the heat over the economy and rising crime, perhaps it follows that Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham can smile at his performance in one regard – he has beaten 80 other men and women in a ranking of the "hottest" world leaders.

The allegedly "scientific and unbiased ranking of world leaders in order of hotness", attracted amused commentary on cable TV news channels and news sites like TIME.com yesterday – primarily because US President Barack Obama came in at number 15.

Bahamians, however, might be pleased to hear that their own leader's winning smile won him a slot ahead of political heavy-weights Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez (97), Hu Jintao of China (111), as well as regional contemporaries Dean Barrow of Belize (96), David Thompson of Barbados (124), Ralph Gonsalves of St

Vincent and the Grenadines and Raul Castro of Cuba (169).

Coming in at 92 out of 172, the 62 year-old Mr Ingraham punches well above his political weight in the global "sexiness" list.

No news yet if this will boost the country's sovereign credit rating.

Meanwhile, Mr Ingraham was beaten out of the top half of the "Hottest Heads of State" listing by glamorous leaders like Ukraine's blonde bombshell Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko (1), pensive Prime Minister of Norway, Jens Stoltenberg (2), as well as more surprising contenders such as controversial Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (48).

Online fanatics and disillusioned dissenters squabbled busily online yesterday over the ranking of the leaders.

See <http://hottestheadsofstate.wordpress.com/list> to join in the debate.



**PRIME MINISTER** Hubert Ingraham addresses members of the media outside of the House of Assembly yesterday. Mr Ingraham came in at 92 out of 172 in the ranking of the 'hottest' world leaders.

**Travolta trial jurors released early as attorneys begin legal submissions**

JURORS in the attempted extortion trial of former PLP Senator Pleasant Bridgewater and former ambulance driver Tarino Lightbourne were released early yesterday morning as attorneys continued legal arguments in their absence.

Bridgewater and Lightbourne are accused of attempting to extort \$25 million from American actor John Travolta, 55, after his 16-year-old son Jett died from a seizure in Grand Bahama in January.

A 'refusal to transport' document signed by Mr Travolta is at the centre of the attempted extortion plot.



PLEASANT BRIDGEWATER

The prosecution closed its case on Thursday and attorneys began their legal submissions in the absence of the jury on Friday.

Senior Justice Anita Allen told the jury that the legal submissions would continue yesterday.

The case is expected to resume today at 10am.

Director of Public Prosecutions Bernard Turner, Garvin Gaskin and Neil Brathwaite are representing the Crown. Bridgewater is being represented by attorneys Murrio Ducille and Krysta Smith.

Lightbourne is being represented by attorneys Carlson Shurland and Mary Bain. The trial is now in its fourth week.

**Chief Justice Michael Barnett is knighted**

GOVERNMENT House announced yesterday that Chief Justice Michael Barnett has been knighted for his contributions of the judicial system.

The award was also granted in recognition of his contribution as president of the Bahamas Bar Association, chairman of the Bar Council, acting stipendiary and circuit magistrate, acting justice of the Supreme Court, and attorney general and minister of legal affairs.

Mr Barnett was sworn in as chief justice on August 24, 2009, in a ceremony at Government House.

Michael Lancelot Barnett was born in Nassau on August 21, 1954 to Mr and Mrs Arthur Barnett. He was educated at Georgetown University in Washington DC, where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics, and at Lincoln's Inn

Law School in London. He was called to the English and Bahamas Bars in 1978, and served as a partner in the law firm of Graham, Thompson and Co, before working with Deltec Banking Corporation in Nassau.

Mr Barnett has served in many professional and public service capacities including as an acting magistrate, acting judge of the Supreme Court, president of the Bahamas Bar Association, chairman of the Industrial Relations Board, and member of the Financial Services Advisory Committee.

He also served as chairman of the Water and Sewerage Corporation and chairman of the Catholic Board of Education.

A Roman Catholic, he is married to the former Camille Liverpool and the couple has two daughters, Michela and Viola.



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## Nobel jury defends Obama prize

OSLO (AP) — One judge noted with surprise that President Barack Obama “didn’t look particularly happy” at being named the Nobel Peace Prize laureate. Another marveled at how critics could be so patronizing.

In a rare public defense of a process normally shrouded in secrecy, four of the Nobel jury’s five judges spoke out Tuesday about a selection they said was both merited and unanimous.

To those who say a Nobel is too much too soon in Obama’s young presidency, “We simply disagree ... He got the prize for what he has done,” committee chairman Thorbjorn Jagland told The Associated Press by telephone from Strasbourg, France, where he was attending meetings of the Council of Europe.

Jagland singled out Obama’s efforts to heal the divide between the West and the Muslim world and scale down a Bush-era proposal for an anti-missile shield in Europe. “All these things have contributed to — I wouldn’t say a safer world — but a world with less tension,” he said.

For nine-year Nobel committee veteran Inger-Marie Ytterhorn, Obama’s demeanor spoke volumes when he first acknowledged the award during a news conference Friday on the lawn of the White House Rose Garden.

“I looked at his face when he was on TV and confirmed that he would receive the prize and would come to Norway, and he didn’t look particularly happy,” she told the AP by telephone.

“Obama has a lot of problems internally in the United States and they seem to be increasing. Unemployment, health care reform: They are a problem for him,” she said.

She acknowledged there was a risk the prize might backfire on Obama by raising expectations even higher and giving ammunition to his critics. “It might hamper him,” Ytterhorn said, because it could distract from domestic issues.

Still, she added: “Whenever we award the peace prize, there is normally a big debate about it” so the Obama controversy was not unexpected.

It was unusual, however, for the Nobel jury to speak out so candidly about their selection.

Even the most seasoned Nobel watchers were surprised by Obama’s Nobel — they hadn’t expected the U.S. president, who took office barely two weeks before the Feb. 1 nomination deadline, to be seriously considered until at least next year.

Jagland said that was never an issue for the Nobel committee, which followed the guidelines set forth by Alfred Nobel, the Swedish industrialist and inventor of dynamite who established the prize in his 1895 will.

“Alfred Nobel wrote that the prize should

go to the person who has contributed most to the development of peace in the previous year,” Jagland said.

“Who has done more for that than Barack Obama?”

Aagot Valle, a left-wing Norwegian politician who joined the Nobel panel this year, also dismissed suggestions that Obama was undeserving of the honor.

“Don’t you think that comments like that patronize Obama? Where do these people come from?” Valle said from the coastal city of Bergen. “Well, of course, all arguments have to be considered seriously, I’m not afraid of a debate on the Peace Prize decision. That’s fine.”

World leaders have reacted positively to Obama’s Nobel in most cases, the committee said, with much of the criticism coming from the media and Obama’s political rivals.

“I take note of it. My response is only the judgment of the committee, which was unanimous,” Jagland said.

In announcing the award Friday, the committee, whose members are appointed by the Norwegian Parliament, applauded the change in global mood brought by Obama’s calls for peace and cooperation. They also praised his pledges to reduce the world stock of nuclear arms, ease U.S. conflicts with Muslim nations and strengthen the U.S. role in combating climate change.

The White House declined comment on the Nobel judge’s latest statements.

However, Obama expressed surprise and humility at Friday’s news conference, saying the prize should be considered not a “recognition of my own accomplishments, but rather as an affirmation of American leadership on behalf of aspirations held by people in all nations.”

Nobel Peace Prize selections have often been surrounded by fierce debate. Controversial awards include the 1994 prize shared by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli leaders Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin for Mideast peace efforts, as well as the joint prize to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and North Vietnamese negotiator Le Duc Tho for a 1973 cease-fire agreement. The Vietnam War continued for two more years. So the Nobel jury “expected that there would be a discussion” about Obama’s award, said Kaci Kullman Five, a former Conservative Party parliamentarian and longtime Nobel committee member.

Valle said the criticism shouldn’t overshadow important issues raised by Obama’s Nobel.

“Of course I expected disagreement and debate on ... giving him the prize,” she said. “But what I want now is that we seriously raise a discussion regarding nuclear disarmament.”

(This article is by Ian MacDougall and Karl Ritter of the Associated Press)

# Marital rape law could increase infidelity and promiscuity

EDITOR, The Tribune.

As it pertains to the new marital rape law I am highly against the decision in passing the law.

The proposed law is in place and personally I feel as if no changes are needed to be made to it.

In my point of view correction of this law will not be balanced and can cause a huge amount of problems to arrive.

The passing of this law can increase infidelity, promiscuity and also to an extent it will enhance homosexuality.

As we know the majority of Bahamian women in society tend to be very spiteful. So here it is her husband comes home after a hard day of work, and feels the need to perform sexual intercourse, but due to an argument they might have had the night before she decides she will not engage in such activity.

Bear in mind she is only doing this to get back at him, now if the law was to pass and he insists on performing sex on her he can be

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imprisoned. Therefore to save himself from going to jail he decides to go elsewhere to another female who is willing to satisfy him.

However, he is now committing adultery and the wife wants a divorce, which can be morally wrong because the reason for him cheating is because of her displaying her spiteful characteristics.

Also before this law is passed I would suggest that a statistic of the number of married couples in the Bahamas be taken, then investigation as to how many of those couples complain about marital rape be recorded and if the majority of the couples have cases where they have been violated then I see fit for the law to be passed.

But if it’s the minority of them, I don’t see why the whole country should suffer the law due to just a small percentage of married couples not knowing how to

compromise within their relationships.

Homosexuality can derive from this law too because being realistic about what’s going on in the Bahamian society many men out there are what we call “closet workers.”

As we pray as a nation to reduce the number of homosexuals out here this law will add to them because if a man is denied sex from his wife he can be weak minded and be persuaded by other men out there depending on the type of man he is because there are some weak-minded men in society.

However, I do agree with the law in a sense where it can protect women who have filed for legal separation and not yet divorced and are in fear that their husband can be bearing diseases that they do not want to catch.

**DEANGELO DUNCOMBE**  
Nassau,

September 16, 2009.

## Let’s stop the talking – and start progressive effective governance

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Again we as a sovereign country seem to be talking the Queen or Sir Lynden off the currency in unsubstantive proposals a totally ludicrous conclusion.

A Talk Show host actually suggested we have to write an Economic Platform that will be accepted ‘unanimously’!

After this current crisis has receded believe me only very essential re-employment will occur as employers have all found cost-savings approaches to run their businesses in a more efficient way, so please politicians and all those so verbal commentators and cronic Talk Show callers don’t presume the lost jobs will be available in the future as they will not be.

Why is the process with government so difficult and why does government kill

on sight any private initiative to cause development?

This has to change and change essentially in the basic governance approach of government not only by policy but by practice. What is wrong with a private proposer being able to seek an unqualified intent or a position where at the least they, the proposer, will know whether government would support proposal ‘A’ or ‘B’ subject all the known conditions and requirement of application? It certainly will support the private initiatives and might put a proposal that will actually happen and employ people.

The global economy except for the US is coming quicker out of the crisis than expected, however, I do not see that will have too much effect on us as our economy is dominated by our requirement to attract visitors from the US. If Obama cannot

reverse the mess we are into having to prepare for a long haul which will be extremely serious and we will see 20+ per cent and more unemployment.

I hope we will understand that talk does not put grits on anyone’s table so let’s stop the talking and start the progressive effective governance of The Bahamas. Diversification is not going to be easy as we seem to oppose everything. Yes we have to safeguard the God-given assets but we should not object when in the balance the benefits will out measure the negatives — environmentalists be warned.

**ABRAHAM MOSS**  
Nassau,

September 18, 2009.

## An open letter to Dion Foulkes

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Please publish this open letter to Labour Minister Dion Foulkes:

Dear Sir,

In regards to the current number of Bahamians unemployed at this time, in particular Casino employees, it is interesting that there are still expatriates with work permits employed at the Atlantis Casino as Table Games Pit Managers (2) and Supervisors (4), positions that have been held by Bahamians for many years.

During Atlantis’ downsizing exercise in 2008, Bahamian Pit Manager and Supervisors were terminated while the expatriates remained. Contrary to what you may be told by our management team, these expatriates bring no expertise to the position and are no more reliable than the Bahamian workers. In fact in my opinion they have poor attitudes, use all of their sick days and more every year and do not have favourable views of The Bahamas or Bahamians.

Bahamian Casinos workers are shocked that this is happening in this country while Bahamian Casino workers are either unemployed or working reduced days, and are relying on you to rectify this situation.

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LOCAL NEWS

# Those calling for hangings 'should say prayer for the condemned man'

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THOSE who have been calling for hangings to resume must not "celebrate in the streets" but should "say a silent prayer for the condemned man," said pro-hanging campaigner Rodney Moncur.

While welcoming news that the Advisory Committee of the Prerogative of Mercy met last week and recommended that a convicted killer be sent to the gallows, Mr Moncur, who on Sunday led a two-and-a-half hour march with relatives of murder victims and other concerned citizens calling for hangings, said the decision is "nothing to celebrate or boast".

However, the Worker's Party leader admitted he feels the move appears to be a "victory for those who have been calling on the government to carry out the law." Meanwhile, he condemned the fact that the convict can still appeal the Committee's advice that he hang, calling for the government to "remove all obstacles" to "a condemned man being justly executed."

Yesterday Minister of National Security Tommy Turnquest confirmed that the Advisory Committee of the Prerogative of Mercy met last week and decided, based on various considerations, that a particular inmate who is now legally eligible to go to the gallows should not be spared that fate.

## Steps

He outlined several legal steps which now have to take place before a hanging can proceed, and revealed that an opportunity still exists for the convict to appeal the sentence, despite having had his initial death sentence reaffirmed by the Supreme Court following the Privy Council's 2006 ruling that the mandatory death penalty is unconstitutional.

Meanwhile, he denied that the decision was in any way influenced by a desire on the government's part to capitalise on public sentiment in favour of executions as crime rates rise.

Mr Moncur said: "The execution of a condemned person is never anything to celebrate but I'm certain that for thousands of Bahamians throughout the Commonwealth of the Bahamas it is a day in which they hope the law would be carried out."

"The reality of the matter is this: there are just too many murders taking place in the Bahamas, and life has become meaningless.

"It's good that the government now intends to carry out the law. We have to send a message, to every citizen: If you take life, yours will be taken. The value of human life has to have priority. The only way you get some people to respect law is if they are in fear of the law.

"This must be warning to all in the Bahamas. If you commit murder and are convicted you will suffer death in manner prescribed by law."

However, Mr Moncur added: "I don't want persons who've been advocating it to dance in



THE NOTICE of execution is posted before Thomas Reckley is brought to the gallows in front of a large crowd in 1996.

the street. It is my personal desire that every citizen would say a prayer for peace in our nation, a prayer for the enforcement of the law, and a prayer that the condemned prisoner will make peace with his creator."

Sandra Seymour and Chantelle Dummitt, the sister and niece of Sherry Seymour, who was murdered in 1992 by Trevor Nixon, yesterday welcomed the news that hangings could soon resume.

Mr Nixon was recently released after 18 years in prison, having had his death sentence reviewed by the

Supreme Court. In mid-September 2009, Justice Jon Isaacs ruled that he should now face only a further two years of probation and a period of community counselling.

Ms Seymour, 54, said she and her family marched with Mr Moncur on Monday as they are in favour of hanging for murderers and were shocked that Sherry's killer has now been freed rather than facing the gallows or at the very least serving out the remainder of his life in prison.

"I would (support the resumption of hanging) and I'm sure my family would also. I

really feel they should hang those who do these crimes.

"If you're wrong you should pay.

"Their life should be taken away, they should be put out of society," said Ms Seymour.

Ms Dummitt, 38, said that so long as "hanging is on the books, they should carry it out, or else they should take it off the books."

She said that in the case of her aunt's killer, his death sentence "was like closure for us", but his subsequent release was a "kick in the face", particularly as the family only found out through media reports.

## Privy Council ruling on the mandatory death sentence

IN JANUARY of 2006 the Privy Council determined that the mandatory death sentence for those convicted of murder in the Bahamas was a violation of the Constitution.

The ruling came following an appeal brought by the prisoners Forrest Bowe Jr and Tron Davis who at the time had been on death row for six and eight years respectively following convictions for murder.

Previously, anyone found guilty of murder in the Bahamas was automatically sentenced to death.

The mandatory death penalty denies the accused the opportunity of having the court consider mitigating circumstances in his or her case. At least 28 prisoners who were on death row at the time had to be resentenced.

In its judgment, the Privy Council stated that the mandatory death penalty should have been regarded as an inhuman and degrading punishment as early as 1973 when the Bahamian Constitution was redrafted following the country's independence.

The ruling brought the Bahamas into conformity with evolving international standards pertaining to the use of the death penalty.

The United Nations Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions has stated that the death penalty should under no circumstances be mandatory by law, regardless of the charges involved and that "the mandatory death penalty which precludes the possibility of a lesser sentence being imposed regardless of the circumstances, is inconsistent with the prohibition of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment."

## Top lawyer calls for reform of capital punishment laws

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GOVERNMENT must reform its capital punishment laws and clearly define the mitigating circumstances which would warrant the death penalty if it is serious about executing death row inmates, argued a top attorney.

Wayne Munroe said government should rewrite its capital punishment laws to outline the aggravating circumstances which would earn a convicted murderer the death penalty in order to limit the extensive litigation and lengthy appeal process a death row inmate can exhaust before he is hanged.

Mr Munroe, the former president of the Bahamas Bar Association, said unless this is done an inmate sentenced to death can successfully appeal this sentence on the basis that it is an "arbitrary" or irrational punishment.

"They need to legislate - like they've done in other jurisdictions. You pass an act, you say in this murder you're liable to the death penalty if these aggravating factors are present. And you list them stating (a convict) will not be liable to be sentenced to death if these mitigating factors are not present," Mr Munroe told *The Tribune* yesterday.

"Our Parliament doesn't want to do that because they don't have the balls to say 'This is who will die'. It's a simple thing for Parliament to sit down and say someone who kills (during) a sadistic rape should be sentenced to death," he added.

Last Friday the Advisory Committee of the Prerogative of Mercy recommended that one of four convicts who have had their death sentences reaffirmed by the Supreme Court should be hanged.

## Inmate

National Security Minister Tommy Turnquest said that the individual in question was the only one of the four re-sentenced convicts whose case was eligible for consideration by the committee, as the inmate was the only member of the group who had not appealed his sentence.

Still Mr Turnquest noted that even at this stage, the convict in question can appeal the death sentence, preventing the hanging from taking place if that appeal is successful.

According to Mr Munroe, most persons sentenced to death do not appeal their sentence until a death warrant is read.

He said at this point an inmate can file a notice with the Court of Appeal with the intent to appeal the case at the UK Privy

Council and bring the matter before the country's final appellate court within 21 days of the notice of appeal.

If the death sentence is upheld at this stage, a convict can apply to the Organisation of American States' Inter-American Court of Human Rights, said Mr Munroe.

"They (government) know it... There's a lot of litigation involved before they can execute," said Mr Munroe.

When asked if he thought government's announcement that it was preparing to read a death warrant was simply pandering to voters who have been calling for hangings to resume in the face of a rising murder count, Mr Munroe said: "It is insulting the public - pandering is a nice word, calling you an idiot isn't nice."

The country's last execution - the hanging of David Mitchell - happened in 2000 under the former FNM administration in 2000.

After six years without any executions, a 2006 judgment by the Privy Council ruled that the mandatory death sentence for the crime of murder was unconstitutional. As a result, the remaining persons serving death sentences at Her Majesty's Prison had to be re-sentenced, delaying future executions.

An earlier Privy Council ruling, by Pratt and Morgan, found that it was inhumane to execute a person who had been serving a sentence for more than five years.

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## LOCAL NEWS

## Davis says the PLP must do more than celebrate the past

PLP deputy leadership hopeful Philip 'Brave' Davis said the party must do more than just celebrate the past if it wants to be considered a viable alternative to the FNM.

Speaking at the Foster B Pestina Auditorium in Freeport, Grand Bahama on Friday night, Mr Davis said the PLP must continue to adapt to the challenges facing the Bahamas today.

"We must ensure that our conversation with the Bahamian people is not simply a celebration of our history. We must use our history to develop and communicate a road map of policies and programmes that assists them in realising their hopes and dreams; we must realise that we are a party of the people and as such we must adapt and change and reconnect to ensure that our policies and our decisions as the dominant political force throughout the modern history of the Bahamas, reflect the diversity, feelings, beliefs, dreams, and aspirations of our people."

The Cat Island, Rum Cay and San Salvador MP told the crowd he came to Freeport to encourage Grand Bahamians to "Be Brave" and join him in his quest to change the Bahamas and to restore the party to its original philosophy.

He said the PLP was born "out of the need for change in this country, and as we look at the state of our country - 17 per cent unemployment and rising here on Grand Bahama - there is a dire need for change here, and in the PLP. "Since 2007 pundits and naysayers thought the PLP would die and go quietly into the night, relegated to a dustbin of history," said Mr Davis as he told the audience that PLPs must be the sober, thoughtful alternative to the FNM and promote ideas that solve the problems of day.

According to Mr Davis, the original philosophy of the PLP - which he described as "wiping every tear away, providing comfort for those in need and recognising it is the needs of the people that is most important" - is an old dream which seems to have gone



awry.

"The time I speak of was when it really took a community to raise a child; when we were our brothers' and sisters' keepers; when a child was educated, disciplined, fed and loved by the people in the community; when neighbours knew each other by name and looked out for each other; a time when a 'D' average was not the national grade average; a time when some people held down two jobs; a time when one could sleep at night without having to worry about being robbed or hurt; a time when it didn't matter what time we were on the road and where we were going; a time when people dared not raise a hand and definitely not a gun to a man for \$10; a time when young people joined Scouts, Brownies, Pathfinders, Boys Brigade and other clubs and not gangs; a time when it was not cool to be a 'gangsta,'" said the MP.

Also at the meeting was Fox Hill MP Fred Mitchell, who spoke about the internal democracy of the PLP, describing it as good and healthy.

"The principle of internal party democracy; the principle of the fight for new ideas and for what I call an agenda for change, those like Philip Davis who support that agenda for change, have my support," Mr Mitchell said.

# 'Progress made' on loan conditions to countries with financial difficulties

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FRESH from his trip to the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund meeting in Istanbul, Turkey, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham said progress has been made on the conditions being placed on loans to countries which have financial difficulties.

Speaking to the media on the steps of the House of Assembly after viewing the body of Sir Clement Maynard, Mr Ingraham said it was too early to say if any of the IMF reforms that were being pushed for will have any effect on the Bahamas.

However he did add that the conditions placed on loans from the IMF "seem to be less severe nowadays than they use to be in the past".

"That is particularly important for some of us in the region, like Jamaica, which has had to go to the IMF for support in these times and normally in earlier times the IMF would attach certain conditions about reduction in public sector employees and all other policies, which raised political questions and social questions that impacted upon the political climate and in some cases the stability of a country.

"So the extent to which the IMF is now going to be less concerned about imposing its own standards upon countries from a point of view of their policies is a wonderful thing for us in the region. Also the World Bank is going to, together with ourselves in the region, have some discussions with the OECD in relation to their evolving standards about information exchange and other matters to do with



PRIME MINISTER Hubert Ingraham (AP)

financial services. And we have selected David Thompson, the Prime Minister of Barbados to be our lead spokesman in that regard," Mr Ingraham said.

The Prime Minister also added that he had planned to meet with executives from Hutchinson Whampoa, the company which is reportedly

seeking to purchase the Grand Bahama Port Authority while he was in Europe but refuted the suggestion that the intent of their talks was to focus on the Port.

"I did intend to meet with Hutchinson but we could not get our schedule together. In fact originally I had intended to come back (to the

Bahamas) on the 11th and changed my date to the 13th hoping that Hutchinson would be able to make it on the 12th and then they couldn't make it to the 15th. So then I chose to come back home and will meet with Hutchinson in Hong Kong at some point in time hopefully before the end of this year," he said.

## Policewoman attacked trying to stop looters after crash

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sprawled across the road when a Honda Accord, Honda Domani and GMC Envoy collided near the junction with Seabreeze Road at around 10.40pm on Monday.

Traffic police say a car heading east crossed into the lane of traffic travelling in the opposite direction and collided with two vehicles.

According to reports, the jaws of life had to be used to remove a seriously injured woman and two children from the wreckage.

The three drivers and three occupants of the vehicles were treated by Emergency Medical Services at the scene and rushed to hospital by ambulance.

One person injured in the crash is receiving treatment at the Intensive Care Unit of Princess Margaret Hospital and remains in

serious condition.

The other five are said to be in stable condition and recovering in hospital from various injuries.

PC Bain was taken to Doctors Hospital where she remained last night in stable condition.

Chief Superintendent Hulan Hanna said: "The six people taken to hospital are suffering from various injuries as a result of the accident.

"The police officer received injuries about the body when she was apparently attacked by people at the scene.

"Investigators are not clear about how the accident happened."

Anyone with any information about the incident should call police urgently on 911, 919 or call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 328-TIPS (8477).

## Turnquest: I have exercised legal right by moving to hang killer

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to the gallows, he said yesterday.

Last Friday, the Advisory Committee of the Prerogative of Mercy met and recommended that in the case of one of four convicts who have had their death sentences reaffirmed by the Supreme Court, leniency should not be shown and a hanging should ensue.

Mr Turnquest is Chairman of that body. Joining him are the Attorney General, Brent Symonette, and five other people, Bishop Elgarnet Rahming, Dr Nelson Clarke, Jeanette Davis, Dr Mildred Hall-Watson and Joanna Newton.

"The Advisory Committee on the Prerogative of Mercy and advised that this particular case was not one where the prerogative of mercy ought to be exercised and that the law should take its course," said the Minister.

While he is not bound by law to accept the Committee's recommendation, Mr Turnquest indicated that he "accepted their advice and am so advising the Governor General."

He described the committee's meeting as having gone "well."

The next step would be for the Attorney General's office to do certain preparatory paperwork, and for the Governor General to sign the convict's death warrant, which would then be read to him/her.

Mr Turnquest revealed that the individual in question was the only one of the four re-sentenced convicts whose case was eligible for consideration by the committee, as he was the only one to have not so far lodged an appeal against their sentence. The other three, he noted, all took steps to appeal their sentences following his own public com-

ments in August reiterating that he is a proponent of capital punishment and would like to see that the "law takes its course" in relation to the four convicts.

Even at this stage, and after the warrant has been read, the convict in question can still appeal his/her death sentence, thus potentially preventing the hanging from taking place if that appeal is successful.

"There's always something that can happen in terms of the legal process. I don't want to preempt or prejudice that from happening," Mr Turnquest told the media when asked whether any legal options remain open to the condemned person at this time.

The meeting of the committee comes after the Government and the Minister became a target for criticism for what some perceive to be inadequate efforts to abate rising crime levels, in particular, a murder rate which is up more than 25 per cent on last year's figures.

In a Tribune242.com poll asking readers which Cabinet Minister they would "most like to see shuffled", the National Security minister came in top.

Meanwhile, more than 100 people took to the streets on Monday's Discovery Day holiday for over two hours to call for government to resume hangings, an option seen by many in the Bahamian public as a potential deterrent to crime and reasonable reaction to the brutality displayed by the country's killers.

The last hanging - the execution of David Mitchell - took place under the former FNM administration in 2000. After six years without any executions, a 2006 ruling by the Privy Council stemming from an appeal by convicts Forrester Bowe Junior and Trono Davis meant all 28

people on death row at Her Majesty's Prison had to go through a re-sentencing process, further delaying any opportunity to execute convicts.

Yesterday Mr Turnquest suggested that in considering the case of the convict last week rather than at any other time, Government was simply "following the process" after the rulings by the the top appeal court threw legal obstacles in the way of capital punishment.

He denied that boosting his ratings formed any part of his consideration as Chairman of the Advisory Committee, saying that his "constitutional responsibility" as Chairman of the grouping was first and foremost in his mind.

The Minister remained tight-lipped yesterday on the potential implications of conducting the first hanging in almost ten years.

When asked whether he expected or hoped that a hanging would act as a deterrent to crime, Mr Turnquest said he does not "deal in conjecture, but follows the law."

Meanwhile, as for how he would respond to those who might oppose the resumption of hanging in The Bahamas - Mr Turnquest said simply that it's "fine" that they do.

He added that, as a politician, he would "always expect there to be people who are in opposition to the position that I am in."

"The one point that I really want the Bahamian people to understand and appreciate is that the law of The Bahamas is very clear. The procedures in which capital punishment takes place in The Bahamas is very clear. We are following the law and we will do nothing that contravenes the law.

"I am a sworn public officer and I take my constitutional responsibility very seriously," he said.

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## LOCAL NEWS

● *In brief***Art exhibition to raise awareness of terrorism is inaugurated**

THE Cuban Embassy in Nassau yesterday inaugurated an exhibition of art intended to raise awareness of the terrorist acts committed against the communist republic.

The exhibition, called "Two Histories: Impunity and Injustice", features paintings on linen depicting the faces of victims of a Cuban passenger plane which exploded over Barbados on October 6, 1976, as a result of a bomb placed aboard by anti-Castro operatives out of South Florida.

**Imprisoned**

An embassy spokesperson said the art is also dedicated to the "Cuban Five" – a group of men imprisoned in the US since 1998 who had been working to stop "the Cuban American mafia established in Miami and protected by the government of the USA" from committing any more terrorist acts against Cuba.

The spokesperson said the artist responsible for the works, Bahamas resident Silvia Irene Blanco Hidalgo, wanted to express her repudiation of the terrorism which has cost Cuba more than 3,000 lives since 1959.

**Port Authority supports Mental Health Day**

World Mental Health Day was celebrated on October 10 and the Grand Bahama Port Authority showed its support by purchasing commemorative mental health bracelets for all its employees.

Recognising that mental health is a field that is still largely misunderstood and neglected in the Bahamas, the Mental Health Team of the Grand Bahama Health Services sought to raise public awareness through the distribution of office-green hand bracelets.

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Presenting a cheque for the bracelets, Ginger Moxey, vice president of the GBPA, said: "Our 'Making It Happen' initiative centres on bettering the lives of the Grand Bahama community which includes all aspects of the lives of our residents including their mental welfare.

"So, we are more than happy to participate in this annual observance, we wish you much success and look forward to next year."

Mycola Quant, co-chairperson of the World Mental Health Committee, said: "We cannot underestimate the magnitude of so many GBPA employees wearing our bracelets.

"It serves as a reminder of the importance of the event to all in the community and raises public awareness by drawing attention to our cause.

"We're extremely grateful for the continued support of the Port Authority not only for this commitment but for many others."

**LECTURE: US Embassy, College of Bahamas****Renowned National Geographic director to talk about sustainable development**

JONATHAN B. TOURTELLOT

THE United States Embassy and the College of the Bahamas have organised a lecture on sustainable development planning by National Geographic Society director Jonathan B. Tourtellot.

The talk will take place today at 6pm at the Performing Arts Centre at the College of the Bahamas.

Mr Tourtellot has served as a National Geographic Society senior editor since 1980 and became the society's first director of Sustainable Destinations in 2001. He is also the geotourism editor for National Geographic Traveler magazine. He is a writer, tourism consultant, self-taught geographer, and sometimes photographer. Before his talk, entitled "Sustainable Development Planning", Mr Tourtellot will address the same topic at a 'green bag' lunch with COB students.

During his two-day visit to

the Bahamas, he will also meet with officials from the Bahamas National Trust.

Mr Tourtellot is the originator of the concept of geotourism, defined as "tourism that sustains or enhances the geographical character of a place—its environment, culture, aesthetics, heritage, and the well-being of its residents."

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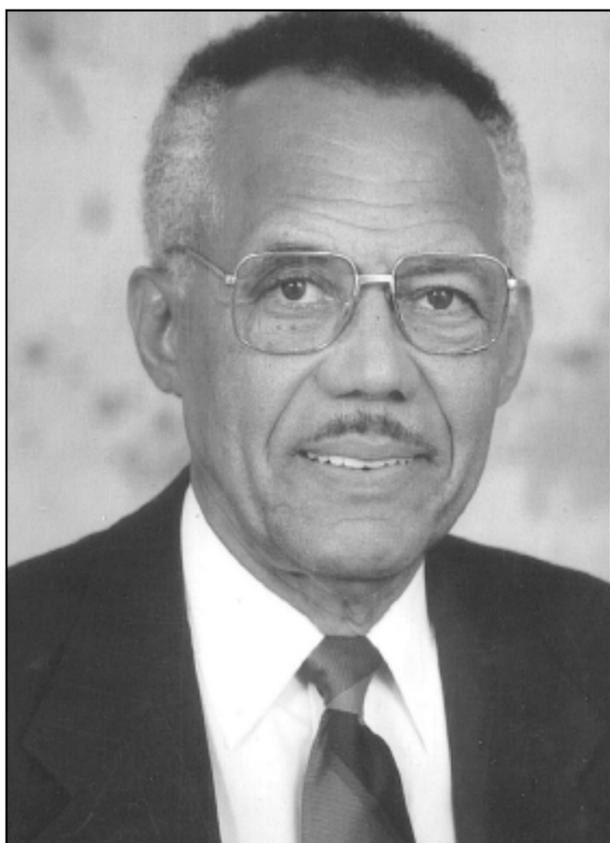
He is primary author of the Geotourism Charter, a set of principles now being adopted by various countries and regions around the world. He also helped develop the study 'Geotourism: The New Trend in Travel', the first major survey of US travel behavior and attitudes about sustainability and destination stewardship. He initiated, supervises, and reports on the Destination Stewardship Surveys published annually in National

Geographic Traveler magazine.

In helping to expand Traveler's coverage of tourism and destination management, he wrote the magazine's first two feature stories on the topic, "The Two Faces of Tourism" and "The Tourism Wars", both of which won awards. He launched the column "Destination Watch" for Traveler, as well as writing other articles on tourism impacts and destination management.

Mr Tourtellot instituted National Geographic's new Geotourism MapGuide pro-

gramme, unique in its requirement for participation by the communities involved. He speaks at international and national venues and continues to develop National Geographic's Sustainable Destinations programme. He also initiated the annual global online "Geotourism Challenge" conducted by Ashok Changelmakers. He represents National Geographic in the UN World Tourism Organisation and the associated Centre of Excellence for Destinations. Today's lecture is open to the public.

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Left to mourn her passing, but more importantly to cherish her life, are her devoted children, daughters, Jewel Bain, Joan Thurston, Betty Roberts, Nurse Lillian McNeil and Nurse Stephanie Small; sons, Franklyn and Arthur Johnson; grandchildren, Keith Thurston, Edris Lundy, Andrea Beharie, Cpl. 1867 Kim Rolle, Aubynette Rolle, Allison Bain, Edison Bain Jr., Phillip Roberts Jr., Sean, Beneby, Inger Johnson, Sheena Rolle, Lisa Karageorgiou, Dr. Candice McNeil, Philece Roberts, Dr. Robert McNeil, Brea Roberts, Kristina McNeil, Jermaine Johnson, Krystle Bamberski, Tisah Small, Christine Johnson, Shogi Jr. and Kristeff Small and Alayna Johnson; great grandchildren, Wesley Munroe, Emerald Lundy, Clayton Beharie Jr., Gabrielle Johnson, Charity Bain, Antonia Bain, Janae Rolle, Janiece Rolle, Keithra Gibson, Johnathan Johnson, Lashae Rolle, Lloyd Rolle Jr., Jafar Rolle, Jayden Rolle, Yorgos and Yannis Karageorgiou, Edissa Bain and Elwood Lundy Jr.; sons-in-law, Retired Inspector Edison Bain, Phillip Roberts Sr., St. Aubyn Hall, Dr. Percival McNeil, Shogi Small; grandsons-in-law, Cpl. E. Stephen Lundy, Clayton Beharie., Leading Mechanic Jeffrey Rolle, Inspector Lloyd Rolle, John Johnson, Renaldo Karageorgiou and Stephen Bamberski; grand daughters-in-law, Kaara Martinez-McNeil and Tawana Bain; cousins, Sonny, Kendal, Martin and Kirkland Lightbourne, Altamese Austin, Tonya and Rosetta Lightbourne, Mizpah and Livingston Pratt; caregivers, Ms. Colleen Allan of Jamaica, Dr. Agreta Eneas Carey and staff, especially Nurse Phillipa, the doctors and nurses of Female Medical I, Princess Margaret Hospital; other relatives and friends, George Wegmann, Dr. Dwight and Nancy Bowe, Paula Sands and family, Patricia Lightbourne, Desmond Pyfrom, Barbara Darrell, Mr. Urban Bostwick and family, Mrs. Turner and family, Mrs. Beverley Smith and family, Mrs. Cooper and family, Mrs. Mildred McNeil and family, Mrs. Albertha Roberts and family, Mr. Noel Thompson and family, Cynthia Johnson and family, Terry and Randy Rodgers, Jeanette Broadus, Mr. Bobby Ginton and family, Ms. Elizabeth Williams, Ms. Jacinta Smith, Ms. Yvette Robinson, Henry Thurston and family, Lydia Gordon and Leah Thurston, Ms. Constance Gibson and family, Mr. Andrew Curry and family, Mr. Albert Thomas, Brigitte Johnson, Cecile Emmanuel, Uncle "Buck" Johnson of Gregory Town, Eleuthera, Archbishop Patrick Pinder, Monsignor Preston Moss, Monsignor Simeon Roberts, Fr. Michael Kelly, Fr. Martin Gomes, Deacon George Taylor, Mr. Alfred Sears, MP, Fort Charlotte, Mrs. Coralie Adderley, Ms. Katrina Burrows, Ms. Sonia Williamson, St. Joseph's Parish Church family, Bahama Paed staff, St. Francis Senior Choir, the Diocesan Choral, St. Agnes Lions softball team, Mr. Basil "Barr" Davis, Masters Softball Association, New Providence Softball Association, Pro's Football team, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Friends may pay their last respects from Wednesday 1-6pm, and on Thursday from 10am to service time at the church.

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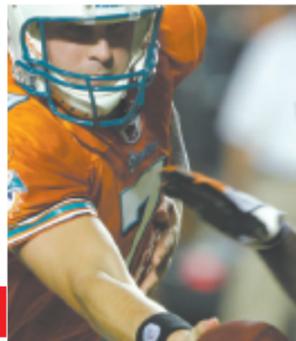
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## 'Lion-Heart' among 15 Hall of Famers

By BRENT STUBBS  
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In his heyday, Richard 'The Lion-Heart' Johnson achieved quite a number of accomplishments, but none has been as significant as his induction into the Class of 2009 National Hall of Fame.

Johnson, the former mainstay for the perennial kingpins Budweiser Eagles, will be one of 15 persons who are scheduled to be inducted by the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture's Hall of Fame during Sports Heritage Week.

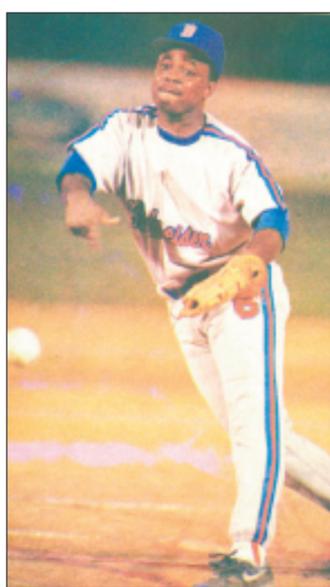
While the week of activities is slated to begin on October 25, the Hall of Fame induction is set for 7pm October 31 at the British Colonial Hilton under the patronage of Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham.

"This is something that you don't really play for. When you start playing, you really don't think about this," Johnson said.

"But this is great. This is one of the greatest things that has happened to me in my career. To be honoured this way by the people who you played with and played for, it's no greater honour."

The other members of the Class of 2009 are:

- Former prime minister Perry Christie for track and field, softball and baseball
- Bradley Cooper for track and field and volleyball
- Florence 'Flo' Rolle for softball, volleyball, basketball, track and field and netball
- Cliff Wilson for bodybuilding and baseball
- Doyle Burrows for track and field, rugby and sports administration
- Dr Timothy Barrett for track and field, volleyball and soccer
- Glen Wells for bodybuilding
- Ed Smith for American football
- Errol Bodie for track and field, squash/rugby and sports administration



RICHARD JOHNSON

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- Bobby Isaacs for soccer, lawn tennis, cricket and rugby

• Edwin 'Sir D' Davies (deceased) for soccer and track and field

• Wentworth 'Wenty' Ford (deceased) for baseball, basketball, cricket, track and field and softball

• Leon 'Apache' Knowles (deceased) for baseball, softball and sports administration

• Anthony Carroll (deceased) for bodybuilding

"This is a serious class. I never thought my name would have been mentioned with a lot of those guys," Johnson pointed out.

"The people who have gone on before me like Douggie Smith, Churchill Tener Knowles and Arthur Thompson, it would seem like a joke to be mentioned with these guys. But it's not something that I take lightly."

Although he was by far the most dominant pitcher in his era, Johnson said if he knew that eventually he would be inducted, he probably would have stepped his game up a little more.

"It is what it is," he said. "When you look at people like Perry Christie or Bradley Cooper, I am still in awe," Johnson said. "I didn't know much about Perry Christie, but Bradley, I thought Bradley was the strongest man in the world."

"I didn't think that anyone in the Caribbean or even in the world could beat Bradley throwing the shot put and discus. And Doyle Burrows, I didn't think there was anybody who knows more about sports administration than him. I really didn't."

Just the other day, Johnson said he stood on the side of Ed Armbrister, who was best remembered for his controversial bunt for the Cincinnati Reds in the 1975 World Series with the Boston Red Sox, and they had a chance to have an informal talk about sports.

"I also remember Andre Rodgers. He used to quiz me after every game to see if I knew what I was doing," Johnson said. "He would ask me if I knew why I would throw a riser on a 3-2 pitch in the fourth inning on such and such a batter."

"I had to remember who the batter was and why I threw the riser. I couldn't tell him no foolishness. That too caused me to step up my game. It told me that you had to think through every single pitch and every single inning. Other than that, you're joking."

Also during the National Sports Heritage Week, there are plans for a Hall of Fame game that is to be organised by the New Providence Softball Association.

There has been some talk since last year that the fans could see the rematch of Johnson's Budweiser Eagles and Hastings 'the Hurler' Campbell's T-Bird Flyers.

But nothing has been confirmed. As for Johnson, he could only chuckle about the idea.

"I don't know if I would be prepared to put my body through that kind of thing anymore," he said. "I don't know if it will ever be the same."

One thing is for certain, Johnson will be one of the newest inductees into the National Hall of Fame.



DONNIE MARTINBOROUGH

## Major sailing events begin on weekend

TWO major sailing competitions, organised by the Nassau Yacht Club, are scheduled to kick off this weekend in Montagu Bay.

The junior national sailing championships start 10am Friday and continue Saturday with the awards presentation at 7pm.

Then at 5:30pm Sunday, the official opening ceremony for the World Sunfish Sailing Championships is slated to get underway at the yacht club.

"This will be the first time that the Bahamas has hosted the event since 1988. More than 150 sailors from 15 different countries will be in town to participate in the event," according to a written statement.

Donnie Martinborough, the Bahamas' top finisher this year in the Bahamas Nationals, heads the list of participants. He is a three-time Sunfish World champion, having secured the titles in 1983, 1985 and 1988.

Sailing competition is expected to follow Monday to Friday, starting at 10am each day. An awards/dinner ceremony is set for 6pm Saturday at the club.

## 'Pain' off to training camp

### Meacher Major to defend NABA lightweight title

By BRENT STUBBS  
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ONE month after being awarded the NABA lightweight title, Meacher 'Pain' Major is heading back to New York for his first title defense.

Major, who turns 28 on October 28, will defend the title he won although his fight with Michael Clark on June 19 ended in a "no contest."

His opponent will be 35-year-old American veteran Dorin Spivey, whom he will meet on Friday, November 11, at the Convention Center in Buffalo.

Today, Major is scheduled to head to Hollywood, Florida, for a training camp with his American trainer Anthony 'Chills' Wilson. He will work out there leading up to his departure for New York.

Before he left, Major told The Tribune that he was eagerly looking forward to the match with Spivey, who will have a lot of history in his corner.

"He's a slick fighter who is being trained by a great former world champion Pernell Whitaker," said Major of Whitaker, who at one time was the undisputed WBC, WBA and IBF lightweight champion.

"I got a copy of his fight and so I'm not worried about him. He's a kind of slick fighter, so I just have to go out there and be physically and mentally ready to fight. You can't just box a fighter.



MEACHER MAJOR

You have to fight a fighter. So that's what I'm going to be prepared to do."

Just five pounds over his weight limit, Major said when he goes to training camp, he's confident that he will be able to shed the pounds and be able to step into the ring as the aggressor.

"I want to first of all give the almighty God the thanks and praise for this opportunity," Major stressed. "I had no injuries and I was able to stay in tip-top physical and mental shape for any and all fights that come along."

"But as far as me being ready, I think I have been able to do that even when I came home. I was able to train non stop, even though I was able to open up an

amateur boxing club. I have been able to train and run every morning with Gregory Storr, so I've been able to stay in great physical shape."

Taking a 16-3-1 win-loss-draw record into the fight, Major knows that he will have his work cut out for him when he takes on Spivey, who is 35-6 with 28 knockouts.

If there's any consolation for Major, Spivey has not fought since January 30 when he lost a 12-round decision to Antonin Decarie at the Bell Centre in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

But Major also knows that in boxing, you can't take anything for granted.

"If the fight comes out on the bad end of the stick, I'm going to be satisfied because I know I would have done my best," he said. "I go into all of my fights and give it my all. I just look forward to a positive outcome."

With the title on the line, Major said he's also hoping to continue to climb up the ladder in the WBA. He is currently ranked No.14.

"This is a big fight for me. This is a great opponent," Major reflected. "He's only had six losses in 40 fights. He's beaten a lot of great names. But I'm going to be prepared. I will start sparring on Thursday so that I can be ready to fight him. I have to be more aggressive, so I know that I will be in good condition when I step in the ring so I can push hard every round."

## Wildcats, Truckers and Lady Sharks hold commanding leads in playoffs

By RENALDO DORSETT  
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THE New Providence Softball Association's best of seven championship series could begin this Friday with a trio of teams on the brink of closing out their semifinal rounds.

The PineappleAir Wildcats, Commando Security Truckers and Proper Care Pool Lady Sharks each hold commanding leads in their playoff series. Both the Wildcats and Truckers had opportunities to clinch championship berths last night. However, the results of each game were unavailable up to press time.

**HEAVYLIFT DORSEY PARK BOYZ - 8**  
**ROBINHOOD HITMEN - 1**  
(Dorsey Park Boyz won series 3-0)

The Heavy Lift Dorsey Park Boyz were the first team to advance to the NPSA championships with a complete dominating performance over the division's fourth seed.

Edney "The J C Heat" Bethell had another masterful performance from the circle as he tossed a three hitter in just five innings to clinch the series sweeping game.

Bethell struckout 10, continuing the blistering pace he had established early in the season, leading his team to the pennant.

Robinhood led off the game with a double by shortstop Garfield Bethell but he was not able to advance as "The J C Heat" struck out the remainder of the side.

In the home half of the first, Dorsey Park pitched four runs led by second baseman Andy Ford's lead

off double. He eventually scored on a throwing error by the pitcher.

Mario Ford walked and Dwayne Pratt reached on a fielder's choice, Ford scored on a Kevin Hinsey RBI single, while a double by Dumont Charlow scored Pratt and Hinsey reached home on a wild pitch.

The Hitmen's only run of the game came in the top of the second inning as centerfielder Alcot Forbes singled, stole second and eventually scored on an error.

The pennant winners added a pair of insurance runs in the second when Bethell and Andy Ford added to their run total.

Bethell retired the Robinhood side in the third with a trio of strikeouts, and retired the order, three up and three down in the fourth and fifth innings.

Dorsey Park scored the final two runs of the game in the final inning for the game's final margin.

Both Andy and Mario Ford reached base after a single and a walk and were driven home by a two-RBI double from Dwayne Pratt.

**PROPER CARE POOL LADY SHARKS - 6**  
**SIGMA BRACKETTES - 4**  
(Sharks lead series 2-1)

The defending NPSA champions now face elimination after dropping game three of the semifinal series.

Leftfielder Dawn Forbes swung the potent bat for the Lady Sharks as she went 3-3, scored one run and drove in one RBI.

Third baseman Thela Johnson chipped in with a 2-3 night with one RBI and right fielder Shornell

Symonette was 2-3 with one run scored and one RBI.

The Brackettes scored the game's opening run in the second inning.

Theota Williams singled, went to second after Antonia Simmons was hit by a pitch and eventually scored on a fielder's choice.

Proper Care came up with all the runs they needed to win the game in the bottom of the third with a dominant five-run inning.

Keisa Pratt led off and reached on a second baseman error, Vornetta Nairn followed with a base hit, Cleo Symonette advanced the runners on a sac fly and Shornell Symonette drove home Pratt for the first score of the inning.

Alex Taylor went the distance for the win while Ernestine Butler was tagged with the loss.

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## Wildcat helps Dolphins beat Jets 31-27

By **STEVEN WINE**  
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI (AP) — When the wildcat delivered a big play for the Miami Dolphins, coach Tony Sparano skipped along the sideline with glee, reached back and threw a roundhouse punch.

That was just in the first quarter. The knockout came much later, again with the wildcat.

Running back Ronnie Brown took the snap with 10 seconds left and scored on a 2-yard keeper for the fifth lead change of the final period, giving Miami a wild 31-27 victory over the New York Jets on Monday night.

Newcomer Braylon Edwards provided a big boost for the Jets, and two fake punts fooled the Dolphins. But Miami gained 110 yards with the wildcat, which was instrumental in three touchdown drives, including the last one.

"Like anything else, if you execute, good things will happen," Brown said.

Jets coach Rex Ryan was annoyed the wildcat kept working.

"I used to see all those gimmicks when I was coaching back in college," Ryan said. "I've been a part of some bad performances before on defense, just not this bad."

The Dolphins started from their own 30-yard line with 5:05 left, trailing 27-24, and mounted a 13-play drive for the winning score. The march



**CHAD HENNE** hands off to running back Ronnie Brown in the third quarter of Monday's game against the New York Jets in Miami...

(AP Photo: Lynne Sladky)

included four wildcat plays for 25 yards, the last on third down at the 2.

"We were in the huddle and said, 'We've got to score a touchdown. No settling for field goals. We've got to finish the game,'" Brown said.

He ran up the middle, found a seam and crossed the goal line with 6 seconds to go. Even Brown's teammates on the sideline were surprised by the call.

"That's why we are players and not coaches," Miami defensive tackle Jason Ferguson said. "All of us were talking about, 'Why won't you pass it?' Because we got a

touchdown, that's why."

The resilient Dolphins (2-3) came from behind three times in the fourth quarter, and they're back in the AFC East race after losing their first three games. The Jets (3-2) have lost two straight and fell into a tie with New England for first place.

The game became a shootout reminiscent of the Dolphins' Dan Marino days, and filling that role just fine was Chad Henne.

In only his second NFL start, Henne completed 20 of 26 for 241 yards and two touchdowns. He threw deep to Ted Ginn Jr. for a 53-yard score to give Miami a 24-20 lead with 10:10 left.

"We made him look like Dan Marino," Jets linebacker Calvin Pace said. "They did what they want, and they did it at will."

The Jets kept answering with Edwards, acquired in a trade with Cleveland a week ago. He caught one scoring pass and set up New York's other two touchdowns. The Jets' fake punts set up a TD and a field goal.

The Dolphins' trickery came via the wildcat, which they ran 16 times. On the game's opening drive, Miami threw out of the formation for the first time this season, and Brown connected with tight end Anthony Fasano for a 21-yard gain. Ricky Williams then ran for 18 yards from the wildcat, and Brown scored on a 1-yard plunge on third down to cap a 7 1/2-minute drive.

## Ghana, Brazil to face off in U20 WCup final

By **JEROME PUGMIRE**  
AP Sports Writer

CAIRO (AP) — Brazil and Ghana will play in the final of the Under-20 world cup.

Brazil beat Costa Rica 1-0 on Tuesday in the late semifinal after Ghana beat Hungary 3-2.

"Zooming to the finals is a big thing and we've done that beautifully," Ghana coach Sellas Tetteh said. "We are 90 minutes away from lifting a trophy."

Ghana will try to become the tournament's first African champion, against four-time winner Brazil in Friday's final. The Black Satellites

lost to Brazil in 1993 and to Argentina in 2001.

Dominic Adiyiah scored two first-half goals for Ghana before Marko Futacs scored for Hungary in the 73rd minute. Abeiku Quansah put Ghana ahead 3-1 in 81st before Adam Balajti pulled Hungary within a goal in the 84th. "The first half we were really, really poor and I don't know what the reason was," Hungary goalkeeper Peter Gulacsi said.

"When you concede three goals, of course you're disappointed, but I think we had our chances to equalize."

Adiyiah is the tournament's leading scorer with eight goals, three behind Javier Savio's record of 11 goals in 2001.

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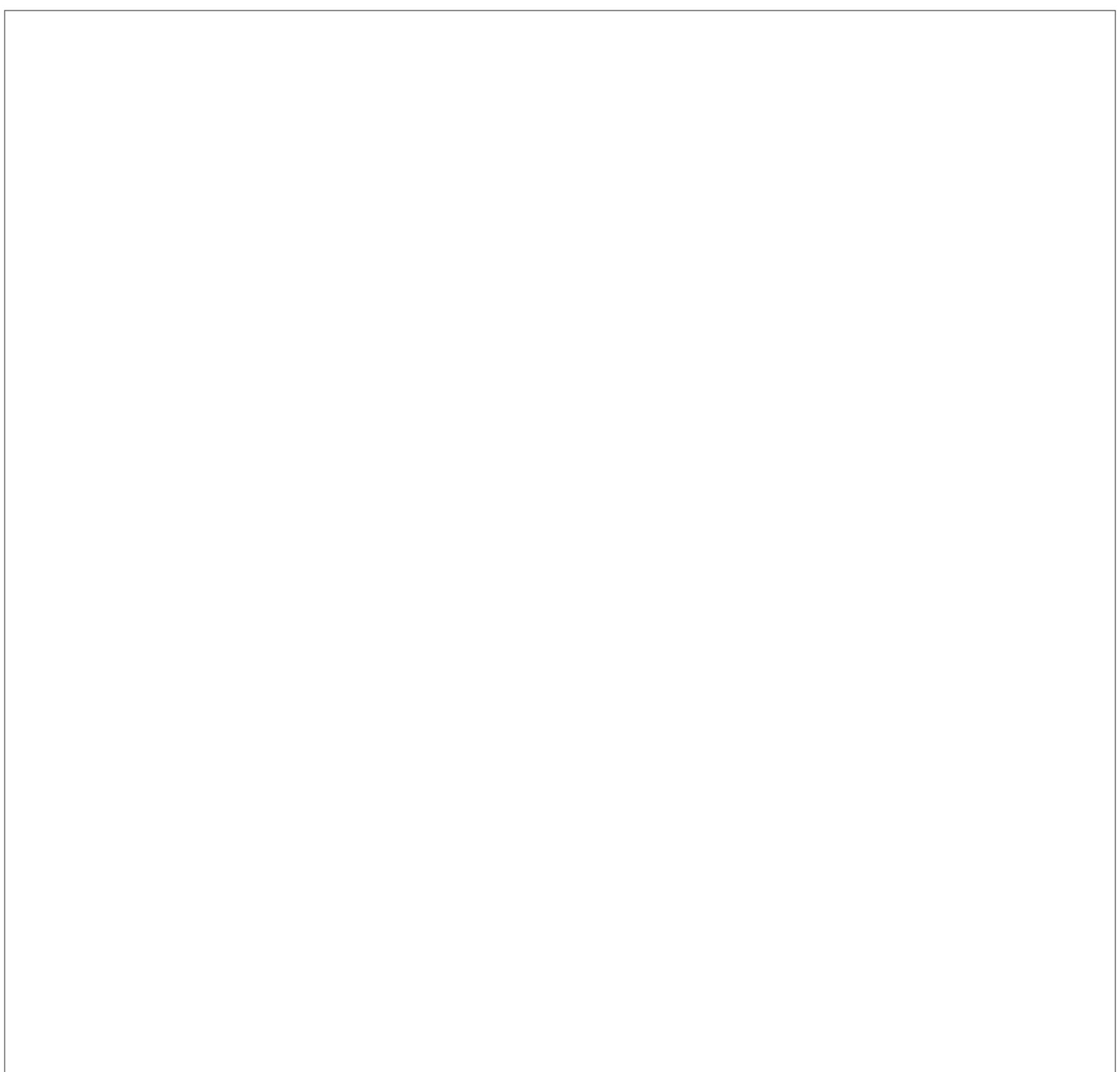
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# Lying in state: SIR CLEMENT MAYNARD



**THE BODY** of Sir Clement Maynard lies in state yesterday at the House of Assembly.



**SIR CLEMENT MAYNARD'S** daughter and son, Allyson Maynard Gibson and David Maynard, view his body yesterday.



**PRIME MINISTER** Hubert Ingraham views the body of the late Sir Clement Maynard at the House of Assembly yesterday.



**SENATOR** Allyson Maynard Gibson introduces Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham to members of the Maynard family at the House of Assembly yesterday.

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## Retailers fear for 2010 Q1 spending

- \* Recovery lag between Christmas shopping and renewed spending, already becoming 'more severe' and lasting until April-May, set to be prolonged further by recession
- \* Concerns of further New Year lay-offs if Bahamian retailers do not have good Christmas
- \* Government, business groups urged to conduct campaign encouraging Bahamians to shop at home

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

MAJOR Bahamian retailers yesterday expressed concern about a likely significant fall-off in trading conditions in the 2010 first quarter once the Christmas shopping season closed, one telling Tribune Business that the consumer spending 'recovery lag' would be made "more severe" by the recession.

Christopher Lowe, operations manager at Kelly's (Freeport), told this newspaper that while Bahamian consumer spending traditionally "dried up" after the holiday shopping season to give disposable incomes time to recover, he had noticed an emerging trend where, for the last two years, purchasing power had taken a month longer to rebound.

Now, Mr Lowe said, the recession was likely to prolong the consumer spending recovery period even further into 2010, a potentially fatal development for any Bahamian retailer whose Christmas season - which can account for up to 40-50 per cent of a retailer's annual sales and profits - failed to meet requirements.

Mr Lowe was backed by Gavin Watchorn, president and chief executive of AML Foods, the BISX-listed owner of the Solomon's SuperCentre and Cost Right formats, who told Tribune Business: "My concern is for the first quarter next year, rather than Christmas.

"If retailers don't have a good Christmas, there's a fear of job losses next year, although not for us. A lot of businesses rely on Christmas for sales and profits, and if they don't have a food Christmas there could be real repercussions next year.

"Our concern is for the first quarter next year. One reason is in consumers maxing themselves out for Christmas, and the other is the potential for more job losses in the economy if Christmas is not a success."

Mr Lowe, at Kelly's Freeport, added: "What is going to be more severe is after Christmas, which is when the funds really dry up. Let's face it, Bahamians spend without thought, and go and blow out all their money."

However, as a result of the recession and rising unemployment, Mr Lowe told Tribune Business: "There'll be a more severe cash shortage now at the

## Top group in hunt for key CLICO investment

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

CLICO (Bahamas) liquidator has received "multiple offers", including one from a major international property developer, for the real estate project that represents about 63 per cent of the insolvent insurer's assets, appraisal estimates showing the right sales price could possibly cover the company's \$29.707 million solvency deficiency.



GOMEZ

Craig A. 'Tony' Gomez, in his first report to the Supreme Court as CLICO (Bahamas) official liquidator, said his "primary focus" had been negotiations with the Hines Group over the possible sale of Wellington Preserve, the Florida-based real estate project that is the Bahamian insurer's main investment asset.

The Hines Group, which controls assets valued at \$25.8 billion, has 17 offices around the globe and is present in more than 100 cities, overseeing a portfolio of more than 1,100 properties. It is described as an international real estate firm over 50 years-old.

In his report for the period from March 19, 2009, to July 7, 2009, Mr Gomez said he planned to apply to the Supreme Court for permission to "realise this asset" - meaning to sell Wellington Preserve - so that he could attempt to meet CLICO (Bahamas) obligations to its creditors and policyholders.

While details of talks with prospective buyers were described in his report as confidential, Mr Gomez said his US-based attorneys and real

- \* Insolvent insurer's liquidator receives 'multiple offers', including from major global property developer, for project accounting for 63% of company's assets

- \* Told \$120m sales price could be realised after one year, and up to \$69m in six-12 months timeframe

- \* 'Concerns' over 'enforceability' of parent company's \$58m guarantee to CLICO (Bahamas)

- \* Liquidator alleged 'key components omitted' in loan agreement between insurer and affiliate

estate agent had sent him "multiple offers from bidders for the Wellington property. I have made counter-offers".

While a successful deal with the Hines Group or any other bidder cannot be guaranteed, Mr Gomez said he had been presented with three different sales price estimates for Wellington Preserve, based on various timelines and scenarios.

A sale within three to nine months could realise an estimated sales price of around \$40 million, the liquidator had been told, with a sale in six months to one year generating possible proceeds of \$69 million. And a sale of Wellington Preserve one year from now could generate up to \$120 million, Mr Gomez said he had been advised.

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## Retailer eyes 30 per cent Christmas sales increase

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

A major Bahamian retailer is "very optimistic" that its December/Christmas sales will finish 30-40 per cent higher than 2008 comparatives, telling Tribune Business yesterday that it was anticipating a customer count in the 90,000 range for that month, after its first month of like-for-like comparisons showed 45 per cent sales growth.

Sandy Schaefer, Robin Hood's owner and president, explained that the Tonique Williams-Darling Highway based retailer had just enjoyed its first month of true like-for-like comparisons year-over-year, having completed and opened its 104,000 square foot expansion in September 2008.

"We just finished the first month where we had true comparatives, last September compared to this September, and we were up 45 per cent," Mr Schaefer told Tribune Business. "Customer count was also up by almost 50 per cent."

While Robin Hood was "preparing for it to be a little more difficult" in the run-up to Christmas this year as a result of the recession, Mr Schaefer said the company was "very optimistic" about its prospects for the holiday shopping season.

"We would expect sales this December to be up in the mid to high 30 per cents, possibly the 40 per cents," he added. "This year, we had over 80,000 customers in August alone. We're already hitting the 80,000 range, so it's realistic for us to look at being in the 90,000 range, possibly even in the 100,000s."

With October sales trending around 40 per cent ahead of 2008 levels, Mr Schaefer said: "For whatever reason, we've got some momentum."

He attributed a large part of this to Robin Hood's decision to move into food and grocery retailing, an area where

- \* Robin Hood 'very optimistic' for holiday season after September like-for-likes up 45%
- \* Anticipating 90,000-100,000 customers for December
- \* Food making up for 15% hardware sales declines
- \* Company working on 90,000 square foot expansion and new eastern New Providence store for next year, moves aiming to create 200 jobs

there is a relatively inelastic demand for goods among consumers, making it a relatively recession-proof form of retailing.

Mr Schaefer said the trade being done by Robin Hood's produce and meat departments had increased "two-fold", while the dairy department was ahead "three-fold".

The benefits of this move, he added, were shown by the fact that sales of some of Robin Hood's traditional products - hard goods, electronics, appliances and furniture - were "down a good 15 per cent" year-over-year due to the declining economy.

"It's less than for other people, but we've never been used to being in the negative on anything," Mr Schaefer joked.

To keep consumers coming in, the Robin Hood president said the retailer had started a layaway programme, and was set to launch a store credit card this month in partnership with Fidelity Bank (Bahamas).

The card, Mr Schaefer explained, could only be used to make purchases at

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## CLICO policies decline 15-20% after liquidation

1,807 policies, and \$20m-plus worth of insurance, cancelled up to July 7

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

CLICO (Bahamas) policy portfolio may have shrunk by 15-20 per cent since the insolvent insurer was placed under Supreme Court supervision on February 24, 2009, its liquidator has revealed, with some 1,807 policies and \$20.995 million worth of insurance cancelled up to July 7 this year.

Craig A. 'Tony' Gomez, in his first report to the Supreme Court on the CLICO (Bahamas) liquidation, said many health and medical policies had been cancelled because the policyholders continued to be rejected by Bahamian medical practitioners and service providers despite the fact claims were still being settled.

He added that while a June 17, 2009, Supreme Court order had allowed the liquidator to pay claims up to \$5,000 per claim for emergency medical expenses, and \$10,000 per claim for death benefits, "this limitation was not well received by medical policyholders with serious medical conditions" whose policies were not covered by CLICO (Bahamas) reinsurance agreement with Bupa.

"There are approximately four major medical policyholders terminally ill, whose policies are not covered under the reinsurance agreement, with pending claims for medical services totalling approximately \$500,000," Mr Gomez disclosed, adding that he was discussing with attorneys the best way to assist them.

"Medical policyholders continue to experience rejections from medical service providers, particularly local service providers," the liquidator added. "This has resulted in the cancellation of many policies. However, claims submitted to the company's business offices are being processed as received."

Mr Gomez said it appeared as if the Government's \$30 million guarantee "has had little to no impact" on those rejecting

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## PM to meet Hutchison Whampoa by year-end

By CHESTER ROBARDS  
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THE GOVERNMENT is ready to meet with Hutchison Whampoa on issues regarding Freeport, including the possible sale of the Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA) and the construction of a new cruise port, the Prime Minister said yesterday.

Hubert Ingraham said scheduling issues had kept Hutchison Whampoa and the Government from discussing matters per-

## Woodes Rodgers Wharf extension pegged at \$24m

taining to Grand Bahama recently, but he hopes to fly to Hong Kong for a meeting before year-end.

Mr Ingraham spoke to reporters outside the House of Assembly yesterday, where he also revealed that the sale of the Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) was moving forward. The privatisation committee was vetting short-listed companies interested in purchasing a 51 per cent stake in the company.

"Government approved a list of entities permitted to bid, and I would expect the privatization committee will be making announcements in due course, which means those persons will now put forward their economic proposals and financial package and the Government will then be in a position to make a decision on which entity, if any, the Government will sell 51 per cent of

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## BUSINESS

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Robin Hood, and employed salary deductions for card payments. Yet he added that it also provided benefits such as Money-Back, and "we also worked with Fidelity to make the interest rate a lot lower" than rival cards.

Mr Schaefer said Robin Hood was also "working on planning right now" for its 90,000 square foot expansion at the Summerwinds Plaza, which is set to start next year and involve the construction of a building adjacent to its existing property.

In addition, Robin Hood was in "very

serious negotiations now for opening up" a second store in eastern New Providence next year, as previously revealed by Tribune Business, although Mr Schaefer declined to provide further details.

## Expansion

He added, though, that the expansion initiatives would likely each create employment for 100 extra full-time staff, promising an additional 200 jobs.

Mr Schaefer said Robin Hood's existing store was "not ideal" in shape, and did not

provide "an easy traffic flow" due to the ramp between the food and hardware sections.

"We've had so much interest from vendors in non-competing businesses wanting to be a part of the location, that out of the 90,000 square feet we will take 30,000 square feet and sub-lease it to other vendors, restaurants," he added.

Robin Hood's existing 18 check-outs were also "not enough", so Mr Schaefer said he planned to create a new entrance with 28 check-outs to increase the sales per hour rate and get the store "buzzing".

## CLICO policies decline 15-20%

CLICO (Bahamas) policies.

He added that the policy portfolio was also being impacted by "misinformation" given to policyholders, while former CLICO (Bahamas) agents now employed at other insurance carriers were moving to entice their former clients to follow them.

"We estimate that there may be a decrease in the portfolio of approximately 15-20 per cent," Mr Gomez warned. "However, this cannot be confirmed until the accounting has been brought up to date."

As at July 7, there were still some 28,215 CLICO (Bahamas) policies in force, covering a \$4.09 billion sum assured. There were some 10,297 medical and 15,892 life policies in force, accounting for \$2.088 billion and \$1.992 billion in sums assured respectively.

But during the four-plus months since the insurer was petitioned into liquidation, some 1,807 policies - 182 annuities, 843 pensions, 676 life and 106 medical - had been cancelled.

Some \$15.086 million of the \$20.995 million sum cancelled related to annuities, with pensions accounting for \$5.466 million worth.

Mr Gomez said 31 death policy payments, totalling \$150,249, were made since CLICO (Bahamas) went into liquidation. Some 170 medical claims were awaiting adjudication, along with \$588,121 worth of claims made through the insurer's overseas medical claims clearing house, Olympus. Some four death claims, worth \$40,000, also awaited adjudication.

Elsewhere, Mr Gomez alleged that he was, as of the date of his report, awaiting a report from SG Hambros Bank & Trust, the administrator of CLICO (Bahamas) bonds, on the status of the insurer's \$4.5 million investment in government and BEC bonds.

The liquidator also said he had brought CLICO (Bahamas) account with reinsurer Bupa current, having inherited a past due premium balance of \$930,750. Some \$203,914 in past due payments to reinsurer Swiss Re had also been made, Mr Gomez adding that while monthly billings from Bupa were settled when received, the company had developed "an aggressive collection campaign" against CLICO (Bahamas).

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BTC to," he said.

"We determined that in the Government before I left town, and I assume the privatisation committee has taken that further."

Mr Ingraham returned yesterday from a trip to Istanbul, Turkey, where he attended the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank meeting.

He said the regular meeting focused on the world economy at large, where it was decided that the Prime Minister of Barbados, David Thompson, would act as the lead spokesman for these islands and others in the region on issues related to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Mr Ingraham said the IMF had lost its foothold on economic issues emerging from myriad countries and "will be less imposing on policies in the region."

As work continues on the extension of Arawak Cay, Mr Ingraham contends that nothing has changed with regard to

the deal between shipping companies and the government.

And while road works are being completed to accommodate what is thought to be a thoroughfare for trucks moving to and from the proposed container port at Arawak Cay, Mr Ingraham insists deals have been made in principal on the port move.

Continuing with the evasive question and answer session on the deal, he said: "We have a proposal from some private sector people."

The Prime Minister said the deal will permit the Government to own 40 per cent of the relocated port, while the shipping companies share 40 per cent and the general public 20 per cent.

Mr Ingraham also said the proposed extension of Woodes Rodgers Wharf has been pegged at \$24 million, but will have to be put out to bid before a final cost can be pinned down.

"The extension of Woodes Rodgers to Armstrong Street will cause our City of Nassau to be what we will all would be proud of," he said.



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## BUSINESS

# Commerce chief: Florida economy must diversify

ORLANDO, Florida (AP) — Floridians must accept that the state's economy is evolving from one centered on tourism, construction and agriculture to one driven by science and engineering, global competition and a stronger sense of place, the head of the state's Chamber of Commerce said yesterday.

Mark Wilson, the chamber's president and CEO, told 400 people attending the chamber's annual meeting that with unemployment at 10.7 per cent, 600,000 jobs lost since October 2007 and one in five homes facing foreclosure that "the Florida that we've known is in fact over."

"Don't get caught up in that being a bad thing. (The question is) how quickly can we get to the next economy?" he said.

Today the state no longer can bank on a growing population lured by sunshine and a low cost of living. The state now is the 19th most expensive nationwide. Its population still will to grow but more slowly — seven million new Floridians are expected by 2030 — and while tourism, construction and agriculture will remain the economy's foundation it will need to diversify. Education

must be up to the challenge, he said.

"Companies and jobs are going to go wherever in the world the talent is," Wilson said after the presentation. "So Florida needs to make talent our No. 1 priority."

For two years chamber leaders have braced for this change, and they have developed what they call is the Florida Scorecard, which combines six new drivers of the state economy and measures of how well the state is doing in each sector. The drivers are education, innovation, growth, business, government and quality of life.

## Attendees

For instance attendees learned Tuesday that state performance in measures of education such as the number of bachelor degrees earned or Ph.D.s in science and engineering earned lags behind national rates. In quality of life indicators Florida ranks 48th in its number home foreclosures, 41st in its number of working families in poverty and 47th in its number of people lacking health insurance.

The chamber's foundation

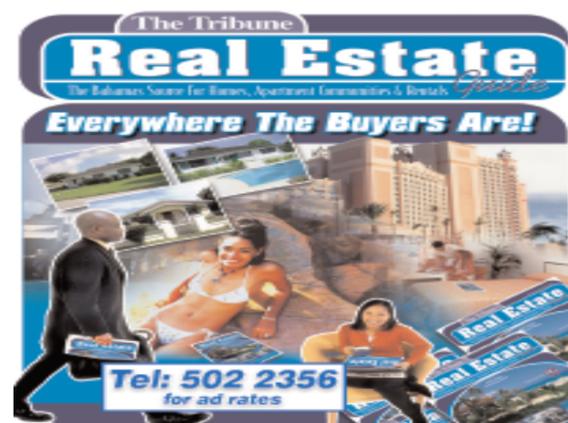
developed the scorecard with help from other business organizations statewide as a way to create a long-term plan for Florida, which sometimes is lacking when government terms are limited to two or four years, Wilson said. The scorecard also is meant to be a plan that diverse organizations can get behind and pool diminishing resources rather than compete against one another's own policy interests.

Wilson also told attendees that no longer do today's young adults dream of jobs after college with certain companies. Instead they dream of living in particular places such as Denver. They have a stronger sense of place. Florida leaders need to make sure the state is included on lists of desirable places to live by developing vibrant and sustainable communities, he said.

Today that competition is global. Florida no longer competes against other states for college educated workers but other countries, too.

The presentation was part of three days of sessions at Disney's Yacht and Beach Club Resort. The gathering was an annual meeting and the first

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**BUSINESS**

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consumer level.”  
 Pointing to the downturn in consumer spending in the months immediately after Christmas, as Bahamians paid down debts incurred in the holiday shopping season and waited for disposable incomes to recover, Mr Lowe said that from 2005 to 2007, this rebound had taken place in February-March.  
 However, for “the last couple of years”, this recovery period had increased by an extra “month each year”, taking it into the April-May period for 2009.  
 “The recovery lag is becoming very severe,” Mr Lowe told

Tribune Business, “and this economy is going to throw it out even further. It has gradually declined over the last five years. I think next year is going to be a very tough year across the board.”  
 While January and February represented “the slow months” for AML Foods, as consumers recovered from their Christmas spending, Mr Watchorn expressed hope that the likes of Christmas Savings Clubs, such as the one at this company, would prove successful in helping to underpin consumer spending power.  
 Both Mr Lowe and Mr

Watchorn told Tribune Business their respective companies had not decreased stock and inventory orders for the Christmas season as a result of the recession, keeping purchases on par with last year.  
 “We’ve ordered in good faith,” Mr Lowe explained. “We do our buying 11 months prior. We go to the Christmas buying shows in February, and our orders are basically consistent with last year.”  
 Pointing out that the likes of Kelly’s Freeport needed to buy a year in advance to be consistent with other retailers, and ensure availability of the required product, Mr Lowe added: “We can’t leave that stock until August, let’s put it that way. Anyone not in that sort of arena is in a secondary market. You order at the

Christmas shows, the buyers’ market, going up to New York in February.”  
 Acknowledging that AML Foods had been ordering Christmas stock since the first quarter of its 2010 financial year, Mr Watchorn said the retail group was “still feeling optimistic” that it could match its 2008 Christmas numbers, although there was little prospect of “tremendous growth”.  
 AML Foods had been “very sensible” in avoiding mass purchases of new items, Mr Watchorn said, conceding that the eventual Christmas trading performance was uncertain. AML Foods had already witnessed a “tightening up” in consumer spending over the past six weeks to two months.  
 “I think it’s going to be very

challenging between now and Christmas,” Mr Watchorn said. “I think a lot of businesses are waiting and seeing, and praying Christmas will be good. Christmas represents such a large percentage of sales and profits for businesses.”  
 “It may not be as bad as we fear, but if it is the first quarter will be tough for a lot of businesses.”  
 AML Foods’ sales “peak by probably 30-40 per cent” during December in comparison to other months, although it now accounted for a lesser percentage of the firm’s annual sales and profits than it once did.  
 Both Mr Watchorn and Mr Lowe also touched on the impact the Florida shopping rush had on Bahamian businesses at Christmas.  
 Fears about the impact a poor Christmas season would have on Bahamian firms and, in turn, employment was “why

Bahamians really need to support local business,” Mr Watchorn urged.  
 “The annual mass exodus to Florida to support their salaries and jobs needs to go towards making sure Bahamians have jobs. The Government needs to get out and do a campaign on it, and business groups need to get out and do it. We need to equate jobs with shopping at home.”  
 Mr Lowe, for his part, added: “If anything, we may get a slight boost that offsets a drop by fewer people going away, as they have less money to spend on rental cars and accommodation, increasing the amount of money spent in the Bahamas.”  
 He warned, though, that economic recovery may not be felt even in 2011, predicting that inflation would increase and that government revenues would dry up.

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 Alvaro Barria  
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**BUSINESS**

**CLICO, from 1B**

The purchase price and ultimate sale of Wellington Preserve is key to how successful the outcome of CLICO (Bahamas) liquidation will be, and how much of their investments the company's life and health insurance policyholders, annuity depositors and pension holders will recover.

CLICO (Bahamas) had advanced about \$73 million in loans to its affiliate, CLICO Enterprises, over a four-year period beginning at end-2003. In turn, the latter entity advanced these funds to various entities, but the lion's share went into Wellington Preserve.

The likelihood that CLICO (Bahamas) would recover that loan at full value, given that CLICO Enterprises' 2008 unaudited financial statements showed it had a solvency deficiency of \$21 million, with assets of \$108 million and liabilities of \$129 million, was a key factor behind why the insurer was petitioned into court-supervised liquidation.

Some \$70 million had been loaned by CLICO Enterprises to Wellington Preserve, in addition to a \$13 million direct investment, taking its total exposure to the Florida-based real estate project to \$83 million. While valued at \$127 million in January 2009, Wellington Preserve was said by Mr

Gomez's report to now have an 'as is' value of \$62 million.

This illustrates why the project's sale, and Mr Gomez's ability to maximise its value - especially if he can achieve prices nearer to the two longer-term valuations - are key to CLICO (Bahamas) liquidation.

Currently, CLICO (Bahamas) has some \$124.484 million in assets and \$154.191 million in liabilities, rendering it insolvent to the tune of an \$29.707 million solvency deficiency. The greatest percentage of those assets are the loans to CLICO Enterprises, so achieving a purchase price for Wellington Preserve above what was invested in it will help to close the solvency gap.

In his Supreme Court, Mr Gomez said the 523-acre Wellington Preserve site, designed to incorporate 80 residential lots and an equestrian centre, had been acquired for \$55 million, a deal part-financed by a \$35 million mortgage. Only \$1 million was outstanding on the mortgage, which was due to be paid off in July.

While a \$42 million investment was supposedly required to bring Wellington Preserve into a condition suitable for sale, Mr Gomez said the project owed \$150,000 to its suppliers. It also owed some \$1.3 million in county and local taxes, and \$500,000 in taxes were past due

on lot sales.

Wellington Preserve had also settled litigation via a settlement under which it was due to pay \$200,000 per year for eight years, one-and-a-half years remaining on the agreement.

Meanwhile, Mr Gomez said he had instructed attorneys to proceed with a statutory demand in Trinidad, in a bid to force Lawrence Duprey, chairman of CL Financial, CLICO (Bahamas) parent, to honour a \$58 million guarantee he had given to cover any shortfall in the Bahamian insurer's assets.

Mr Gomez said he had "expressed my concerns..... on the enforceability" of the \$58 million guarantee given by Mr Duprey/CL Financial, another potential source of recovery for CLICO (Bahamas) policyholders and creditors. The statutory demand is the first step to enforcing a debt recovery action.

And the liquidator added that he had also reviewed the loan agreement between CLICO (Bahamas) and CLICO Enterprises, which had been executed at the office of the former's registered agent, Bahamian law firm Serville & Company.

"Based on my review of the loan agreement, I can conclude that key components were omitted," Mr Gomez alleged.

"Particularly, the agreement

does not state the initial amount of the loan. Instead, it purports to cover cash advances and other credit facilities extended by the company to CLICO Enterprises, commencing in 2005. My review of the company's general ledger gave more enlightening loan details, as well as revealed that the advances commenced in December 2003."

CLICO Enterprises' other assets include Freeport-based Grand Bahama Millwork and Building Supplies, the eight-unit Golf View Apartments at Rum Cay Drive in Freeport, and Centreville Medical Centre, a facility at the corner of Collins Avenue and Gibbs Corner which is currently being leased by five medical service providers.

Another asset is some 12.472 acres of real estate, divided into 12 lots, at Lake Point, Westridge Estates, with a \$3.43 million appraisal value. This property was alleged by Mr Gomez to be "a peninsula situated on the northwestern side of Lake Cunningham protruding towards the centre".

The final CLICO Enterprises asset listed by the liquidator was Shabisco, a Haiti-based bakery that has been closed and inoperable for the past two years". It had an appraised value of \$1.45 million as at January 31, 2008, but is currently mortgaged to a Haitian bank.

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**AMENDED NOTICE**

The Petition of Juanita Butler in respect of: ALL THOSE pieces parcels or lots of land designated on the plan laid out by Garden Hill Estates No. 3 being Lot Numbers 842 and 843 situate in the Southern District of the Island of New Providence one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas bounded NORTHWARDLY by land now or formerly the property of Garden Hill Estates and running thereon EASTWARDLY by a Thirty (30) feet Road Reservation called and known as Lily Lane and running thereon One Hundredths and Ninety-three and Thirty-seven Hundredths and Ninety-three and Thirty-seven Hundredths (193.37) feet and SOUTHWARDLY BY Lot Number 841 and running thereon and WESTWARDLY by a portion of Numbers 818, 817, 816, 815, 814 and running thereon.

Juanita Butler claims to be the owner of the fee simple estate in possession of the said land and has applied to the Supreme Court of The Bahamas under S.3 of the Quieting Titles Act, 1969 in the above action to have its title to the said land investigated the nature and extent thereof determined and declared in a Certificate of Title to be granted by the court in accordance with provisions of the said Act. Copies of the said plan may be inspected during normal office hours at the Registry of the Supreme Court, East Street, N.P., and at the Chambers of C.F. Butler & Associates, Charles E. Carey Building, Dowdeswell Street, Nassau, Bahamas.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person having dower or a right to dower or any adverse claim not recognized in the Petition shall before the 24th day of October A.D. 2009 3rd day of December A.D. 2009 file in the said Registry of The Supreme Court and serve the Petitioner or the above C.F. Butler & Associates a statement of such claim in the prescribed form verified by an Affidavit to be filed herewith. Failure of any such person to file and serve a statement of such claim by the above time will operate as a bar to such claim.

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Four inline stores have been identified in the new terminal for these uniquely Bahamian products; the categories are as follows:

1. Jewelry, Arts and Crafts
2. Soaps, Candles, Oils, Etc.
3. Straw and related articles
4. Other Bahamian made products

There will be additional Requests for Proposals issued over the next few months covering additional inline stores for general retail plus kiosks and carts.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- i. Proponents must be Bahamian and incorporated in The Bahamas.
- ii. Proponents must have operated a retail facility within the last three (3) years.

**NAD'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES ARE TO:**

- (a) achieve a high standard of excellence and customer service;
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- (c) offer retail choices to passengers at reasonable prices;
- (d) offer a mix of local, regional and national and international brands
- (e) develop and design retail facilities that complement the qualities of the new terminal while recognizing the distinctive spirit, character and 'sense of place' of The Bahamas; and
- (f) optimize revenue to NAD.

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**BAHAMIAN SPECIALTY RETAIL SHOPS  
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Qualified and interested parties may pick-up the Request for Proposal package at NAD's offices at the reception desk on the second floor Domestic/International Terminal at Lynden Pindling International Airport between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, from **October 13th to October 26th, 2009**. A mandatory pre-proposal briefing for those who have picked up packages will be held at the **New Providence Community Centre, Blake Road on Wednesday, October 28th at 10:00am.**

# The Tribune Taste



**BEING** overweight is a major issue that often contributes to developing cancer.

## Cancer fighting foods

By JEFFARAH GIBSON

**WHILE** medical researchers have not yet found a cure for cancer, there is something simple that people can do to decrease their chances of contracting the disease - eating healthy.

According to Julia Lee, a dietitian at Doctors Hospital, being overweight is a major issue that often contributes to developing cancer.

"Being overweight is one of the most common risk factors of cancer. Foods that are high in fats contribute to weight gain, so a person must cut back on those foods," she told *Tribune Health*.

Monitoring your daily calorie intake is very important in decreasing your chances of getting the disease, she added.

And while keeping an eye on calories is important, she also emphasises the importance of a diet that is rich in plant foods.

**Get out the salad bowl**

Just because you are cutting back and "going green" doesn't mean that you will have to force down unappetising food. There are countless unique salad recipes that are tasty and healthy at the same time. For a start, you can probably try the scrumptious 'curly parsley, parmesan cheese and walnut salad'.

Here is an easy recipe for a quick fix:

**Ingredients**

- 1. 2 to 3 bunches of parsley, curly
- 2. 1/3 cup parmesan cheese, freshly grated
- 3. 1/2 cup California walnuts, finely chopped

**Preparation**

- 1. Using a medium bowl, separate parsley leaves into sprigs, set aside.
- 2. In food processor or blender, blend, oil

and garlic cloves until combined. Add vinegar, salt and pepper, and blend.  
3. Pour dressing over parsley sprigs and sprinkle grated parmesan cheese and walnuts, toss well to coat and serve.

**Fish**

While you should cut back on red meat, fish is a healthy alternative to consider.

Fish, Ms Lee said, can play a vital role in preventing cancer and decreasing the risk of contracting the disease.

"Fish is a very good source of lean proteins and people should also make this a primary part of their diet," she said.

However, the usual preparation methods must be slightly altered for fish to maintain its healthy attributes.

"If people want to fry fish, they should not use much fat. If they choose to use fats then they should use either olive oil, or canola oil as substitutes.

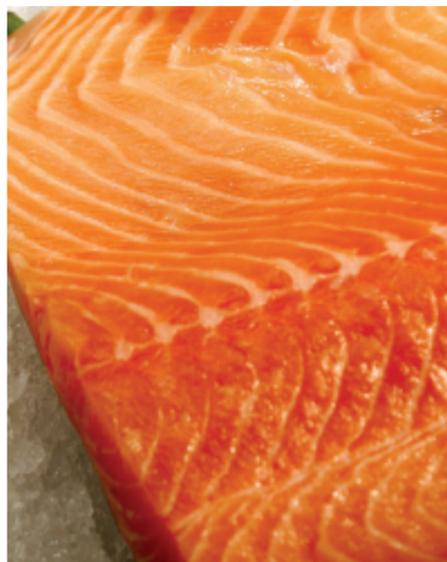
To satisfy the palette here is a heavenly baked salmon and herbs recipe:

**Ingredients**

- 1. 600g of salmon fish
- 2. 2 tbsp of olive oil
- 3. 2 tbsp of dried oregano
- 4. salt to taste
- 5. ground pepper to taste

**Preparation**

- 1. Pre-heat oven to 215/245 degrees Celsius
- 2. Cut the salmon into pieces of comparable size, as per the number of servings required. Put them on the oil baking sheet and brush them with oil. Add salt and pepper, then cover with oregano.
- 3. Place in the middle of the oven and bake for about 10 min for a 2 to 2.5 cm thick fillet. Since the cooking time depends on the fillet thickness and the actual temperature of the oven, it is important to check with the fork to see if the fish is cooked through.



**Tofu and other whole soy foods**

These foods are good especially for women, Ms Lee said, and while research is still taking place on its effects on cancer, doctors are recommending a daily intake.

"There is an ongoing research about how soybean foods may affect cancer risk. There is no evidence that soy foods increase the risk for developing breast cancer or worsen the prognosis of breast cancer patients. The American Institute for Cancer Research confirms that consuming one to two servings of soy foods per day is probably safe for most women, unless they are receiving anti-estrogen treatment", she said.

You can incorporate tofu into your diet with this explosive recipe:

**Ingredients**

- 1. 1 package firm or extra firm tofu, well pressed
- 2. 2 tbsp olive oil
- 3. 1 onion, sliced
- 4. 2 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 5. 1 tbsp steak sauce
- 6. 1/3 cup of water
- 7. 1 tbsp of flour

**Preparation**

- 1. Slice tofu into 5 or 6 strips about 1 inch thick.
- 2. Sauté onions in olive oil until they turn brown and begin to caramelize, then add tofu and allow to cook until lightly golden brown.
- 3. Add balsamic vinegar and steak sauce, and stir to combine. Next add the water and flour and whisk to combine. Allow to cook until the sauce thickens.

**Stay away from the liquor or drink in moderation**

Alcohol is a big "no no" when it comes to cancer prevention. This popular happy hour liquid can make you more susceptible to the disease, so either cut it out of your diet completely or drink moderately.

"Drinking too much alcohol is not good for the body when it comes to decreasing your risk of preventing cancer. For those who drink, they should only have five ounces of wine, 12 ounces of beer, or 1.5 ounces (of another alcoholic beverage) per day," Ms Lee said.

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• Recipes from [www.cookrecipies.com](http://www.cookrecipies.com), [www.soscuisine.com](http://www.soscuisine.com) and [www.vegetarian.about.com](http://www.vegetarian.about.com).

## Celebrating the culinary prowess of Bahamian Chefs at the 14th Annual International Festival

IF we compare world class competitive feats achieved by teams of Bahamians, there are none who have received more accolades than our local celebrity chefs who have for decades been quietly competing in their starched whites on the world's

stage in the Culinary Olympics in Germany, medalling every time. They too, are golden guys and girls.

Well-known and respected in culinary circles abroad, they have done the Bahamas proud on countless occasions. They are the

unsung Bahamian heroes, toiling in the trenches every day on the tourism front.

However, through the generosity of the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation, these culinary masters have the opportunity to present their considerable talent and skills

at the cooking range this weekend at the 14th Annual International Festival.

Members of the public are asked to come out and show these Bahamian ambassadors their appreciation when they stage a special demonstration on how to

prepare sumptuous conch dishes at the Tourism and CBS Culinary Pavilion.

Interact with them, ask questions, coax them into sharing secret techniques, taste the fine Bahamian cuisine that they prepare and take a recipe card away with you.

Culinary demonstrations are scheduled throughout the day at 10am, 11.30am, 1.30pm, 3.30pm and 5pm on Saturday and Sunday on the north lawn of the Botanical Gardens.

Admission to the culinary presentation only is \$3 per person.

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## Nassau Music Society plans exciting 2009/2010 season

**T**HE Nassau Music Society is "ready, willing, able and dying" to start its new season so that all Bahamians can enjoy special musical events.

Society president Patrick Thomson, along with the committee and Italia Watkins-Jan, the new administrator, have organised a number of events for the months from November to March.

The programme is varied and there is something for everyone.

The committee have kept the ticket prices at the same level as the last few years - \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members and \$10 for students (ages 12-18).

Some of the venues have been changed this year and a number of the performances

will be held once again at the beautiful ballroom at Government House as the renovations have been completed.

Concerts have also been scheduled at the recently renovated College of the Bahamas Performing Arts Centre, which is state-of-the-art and very comfortable. And, of course the Nassau Music Society will not desert St Paul's Church Hall.

Most concerts will start at 7.30pm this season instead of the usual 8pm.

The Nassau Music Society is looking forward to welcoming new and familiar faces to the exciting perfor-

mances.

The Society has grown over the years thanks to the generosity of its sponsors and the interest of the Bahamian public.

"We are very fortunate that you recognise that we are doing something good for the community, and have confidence in our ability to provide an interesting, varied and worth-while programme season after season" said Mr Thomson, the Society's president, in a recent interview.

He went on to say that "none of this would not have been possible without our special sponsors whom we would like to thank and in particular our lead sponsor, Mr Dominique Lefevre, managing director of SG Private Banking (Bahamas) Limited; our major corporate sponsors, Mr Yves Lourdin, Pictet Bank & Trust Ltd; Mr Steve

Watson, RoyalStar Assurance Ltd and our newcomer, Mr Emmanuel Alexiou, Colonial Imperial Assurance Ltd. We would also like to thank our other corporate sponsors, Santander Bank and Trust Ltd, Arner Bank and Trust (BAH) Ltd and Commonwealth Bank; our individual Sponsors, Baroness Uschi Von Diergardt, Mr and Mrs Peter Graham, Ms Barbara Thompson, Mrs Elodie Sandford, Mr and Mrs William Hunter, Mr and Mrs Alexander Maillid and the many others who also contributed as sponsoring and supporting members."

Over the summer, the Nassau Music Society has not been idle. They have engaged the services of a part-time administrator, Italia Watkins-Jan, to improve organisation of concerts, have a permanent office for people to

relate to, improve their ability to reach the public, increase membership, and do more in the educational field.

The Nassau Music Society has also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the College of the Bahamas to finance an entry level scholarship into the Music Department and will reveal details of this partnership shortly.

If you would like to become a member or have information on concerts, please visit the Society. Their office is located on West Bay Street in the SG Private Banking Building - ask the concierge to show you where to go - any weekday between 1.30pm and 5pm or call 302-5146 for information.

The website [www.nassaumusicsociety.org](http://www.nassaumusicsociety.org) is always available and provides detailed information.

THE following concerts have been planned for the 2009/2010 season and persons may now reserve their tickets online at [www.nassaumusicsociety.org](http://www.nassaumusicsociety.org).



### Duo Albek - Piano and Violin

Saturday - November 7, 2009 - Government House Ballroom - 7.30pm

Sunday - November 8, 2009 - St Paul's Church Hall, Lyford Cay - 5.30pm

Fiona Albek (piano) and Ambra Albek (violin) are recognised internationally as a first class duo playing mainly in Europe. They are twins and have played for the Nassau Music Society on two occasions in the past. Their concerts have been very well received and they always give beautiful performances. They also present their music in a most entertaining way, explaining the pieces in lovely accents that come from translating the European tongues into English.

Their programme will include music by Grieg, Luchetti, Kreisler, Dvorak and Albeniz.

### Colleen Lee - Piano

Friday - January 15, 2010 - Government House, Ballroom - 7.30pm

Saturday - January 16, 2010 - St Paul's Church Hall, Lyford Cay - 7.30pm

Colleen Lee is from Hong Kong and lives



in Germany. The Society's president Patrick Thomson and his wife met her in Santander, Spain, when she was competing in the Santander International Piano Competition last summer - she came fifth and was named the top female. The Thomsons were impressed by her skill and asked if she would like to come and play for the Nassau Music Society. She agreed and we look forward to welcoming her in January.

Her programme will include a selection of Scarlatti Sonatas and music by Albeniz and Chopin.



### Project

• Eric Stephenson - violin; Greg Patillo - flute; Peter Seymour - cello;

Friday - February 12, 2010 - Performing Arts Centre, College of the Bahamas - 7.30pm

Saturday - February 13, 2010 - St Paul's Church Hall, Lyford Cay - 7.30pm

Project was introduced to the Nassau Music Society by Christine Gangelhoff. They are from Brooklyn, New York, and have been playing together for four years. As their website says - Greg plays the flute "like a mad man"; Eric started on the violin at two years old with a crackerjack box and a ruler, and Peter was advised by his mother in the sixth grade "if you play the bass, you can always gig."

They will play a fabulous programme of light classical music such as Peter and the Wolf by Prokofiev, Nutcracker by Tchaikovsky, Trifecta by Bach and also lighter music such as French Gypsy Jazz by Reinhardt, the Random Road Suite, Brooklyn and others.

### Howard Fishman Quartet

• Howard Fishman - vocals and guitar; Mazz Swift - violin and vocals; Etienne Charles - trumpet and percussion; Nathan Swift - bass.

Friday - March 5, 2010 - Performing Arts Centre, College of the Bahamas - 7.30pm

Saturday - March 6, 2010 - St Paul's Church Hall, Lyford Cay - 7.30pm

Although primarily known as a songwriter, Fishman began his career immersed in early jazz, folk, blues, and country music, creating a bedrock of knowledge of American roots forms that, when applied to his pop, classical and experimental leanings, helped forge his distinctive style.

The programme will feature a mixture of Fishman's original music with some of the more rustic, raw American roots music that has inspired it.

### Scottish Chamber Soloists

• Alison Mitchell - flute; Maximiliano Martin - clarinet; Peter Whelan - bassoon; Scott Mitchell - piano

Friday - March 26, 2010 - Government House, - 7.30pm

Saturday - March 27, 2010 - St Paul's Church Hall, Lyford Cay - 7.30pm

The Scottish Chamber Soloists will present a programme entitled "Island Airs". They will be performing music from across Europe including Beethoven's beautiful Trio for flute, bassoon and piano, Glinka's Trio Pathetique for clarinet, bassoon and piano, and a new commission for the SCS from Scottish composer Rory Boyle\*, an exciting quartet which will draw on Scottish dance elements and the virtuosity of the group. A woodwind concert with a difference!

\*Rory Boyle's new work is made possible with the support of the Scottish Arts Council and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra.



CONCERT SCHEDULE

• THE 14th Annual International Cultural Festival will be held at the Botanical Gardens this coming weekend, October 17 and 18, from 10am to 6pm.

Entry fee is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. The \$10 entry fee includes access to the fashion show and the wine tasting.

There will be booths from 27 nations from Europe, Africa, South and Central America, North America, Asia and the Caribbean, and of course, the Bahamas, featuring delicious national food dishes, beers and drinks.

Entertainment will be provided for the children with rides. Also on the schedule are a fashion show featuring Bahamian designs created for the 2009 Miss Universe contestants; culinary demonstrations; an international art show, music and cultural presentations.

There will be a grand raffle where trips, hotel stays and more can be won. (See Pages B8 and B10 for details on attractions)

• THIS Friday, October 16, is World Food Day.

With an estimated increase of 105 million hungry people in 2009, there are now 1.02 billion malnourished people in the world, meaning that almost one sixth of all humanity is suffering from hunger.

To observe the day and do your part to help those in need here in the Bahamas the public is asked to support local soup kitchens and charities such as the Salvation Army. Money or tin can donations are welcome. For information contact telephone number 393-2745 or the Red Cross at 323-7370. Also on Friday, the public is invited to join Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources Larry Cartwright for a candlelight vigil at 6.30pm at the Arawak Cay heritage site.

This year the focus will be on highlighting world hunger and the promotion of food security.

• The Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) will hold its 'Starmaker Model Casting Call' this Saturday, October 17.

The casting call is for all interested persons between the ages of 12 and 35. Models of all shapes and sizes are welcome. The event takes place at the Mall at Marathon from 12pm to 6pm. For more information call 393-4043.

## 'Ugly Betty' comes to the Bahamas

By CHESTER ROBARDS

VIEWERS tuning into the highly anticipated fourth season of the hit CBS show 'Ugly Betty' this week will get an eyeful of the beautiful beaches and waters of the Bahamas.

The show's stars, including America Ferrera and Vanessa Williams, left their usual hectic Manhattan set behind to enjoy shooting an episode in Nassau and at Atlantis, Paradise Island.

Last week, *Tribune Entertainment* spoke with the cast of 'Ugly Betty' at a special viewing of the season's opener at the Atlantis Theatre.

The cast insisted they could not reveal any plot details of the

Bahamas-shot episode, however, after having viewed the season's opening episode one can venture a guess as to how the story arc which brings the characters to the islands will play out.

In the season opener, Vanessa Williams' character, the forbidding Wilhelmina Slater, meets with her daughter, played by Ya Ya Dacosta, who mysteriously shows up at her New York apartment telling a tale of murder on a sailboat - a possible Bahamas foreshadowing?

As Grant Bowler, who plays Wilhelmina's former boyfriend Connor Owens, is also in the Bahamas shooting, it is fair to assume that his mysterious disappearance with a trunk-

load of money from his girlfriend's place of employment last season may have taken him to the islands of the Bahamas.

However, these two clues to the new season could also turn out to be red herrings.

While the 'Ugly Betty' cast was hard at work in the Bahamas, some of the actors still found time to enjoy what the country has to offer.

Dacosta and Ana Ortiz, who plays Ferrera's sister on the show, were both looking forward to their visit to Atlantis' Dolphin Cay. And Grant, an Australian native, was looking forward to spending his down-time riding the waves behind the Atlantis hotel on a jetski.

"I would love to swim with the dolphins, that's one of the things they do in the Atlantis, but I would like to see where people hang out in the Bahamas - you know like real hang-out spots," said Dacosta. "Just when it is getting freezing cold in (New York) we get to come down to the Bahamas," she said.

For one of the cast, however, coming to the Bahamas was a bit like returning home. Singer/actress Vanessa Williams, who married NBA basketball player Rick Fox whose father is a renowned Bahamian businessman, has visited the country many times.

The popular US show utilised the talent of some locals after holding

two open casting calls. It is not known what other locations outside of Atlantis are being used, but Nassau has been written into the script.

"For us it's sort of a way to expand our show," said Ortiz. "We have never gone anywhere and it is so nice to get out and be in the sun and have a whole new experience with the show."

"It's a chance to break the setting of the interior of Mode and it gives a great juxtaposition between downtown Manhattan and the Bahamas - it's beautiful," said Bowler.

The hit show premieres this Friday with a two-hour special from 8pm to 10pm. After that, it moves to its regular Friday slot at 9pm.

## ARTS

# Joe Jackson hosts singing competition

By REUBEN SHEARER  
Tribune Features Reporter

LOCAL artists gave their all at an international singing competition hosted by Joe Jackson, father of the deceased King of Pop Michael Jackson.

Mr Jackson visited Nassau last Thursday with partners of his record label in search of a new singing sensation for his company Mar-Ance Records.

The talent search was part of the festivities celebrating the Wyndham Nassau Beach Resort and Crystal Palace Casino's reopening last weekend.

Summing up the local performances, Mr Jackson told *Tribune Entertainment*: "Tonight's talent was pretty good. It's been a while since I've been down here. I needed to get away from all the stress I was under with my son. All of the performances were pretty good."

The event was held at the Rainforest Theatre last Friday evening,

and ten performers sang an array of reggae, R&B, hip hop, and even Bahamian hits for Mr Jackson and his crew in hopes of capturing the winning spot, which would secure them a contract with Mar-Ance Records.

The winning act also opened the Blue Star Talent and Beauty Showcase on Saturday night in the Rainforest Theatre.

Awards were given by Mr Jackson in the following categories: Island or freestyle music, country, and pop.

But it was Latin sensation Yulee B of Cuba, whose real name is Julie Fernandez, who emerged as the winner of the competition, beating out top Bahamian performers like Sammi Starr, Sketch, Puzzle, and emerging artists like Tessah Munroe, Savage Bowe, and Bahamian Idol winner Travis Clarke.

She was one of the first acts to perform on Friday night, and wowed the crowd with her distinctive tone and flamenco dance moves in an entertaining performance of "I will

always love you," a classic hit made famous by both Dolly Parton and Whitney Houston.

Later on in the competition, Savage Bowe, a R&B and culture singer, performed 'It's a jungle out there,' which is number one on 'Bahama Hot Ones.' He gave an energetic performance of the song that talks about making it in the country's rat race.

Travis Clarke, who is no stranger to singing competitions, belted out Toni Braxton's popular ballad 'Unbreak my heart,' and wowed the crowd with his vocal range.

Young Tessah Munroe, 18, brought all she had to the competition in a sultry rendition of 'Summertime' by Fantasia Barrino, winner of American Idol 3.

Tessah, who messed up the song in a first attempt, graciously asked for a second chance, and came back even stronger.

Sammi Starr and Christopher 'Sketch' Carey performed together in a pulsating collaboration. The

artists serenaded the ladies in the auditorium, who swayed side to side as the duo performed 'Pick Me,' a song infused with Junkanoo and R&B flavours. Both artists then performed separately, singing their hits 'I'll Never Leave' and 'My Candidate', respectively.

Starr and Carey looked to be favourites early on in the competition and hoped they would be signed together as artists on Mr Jackson's label.

Sketch, who worried about "passing out" on-stage, morphed into character for a commanding performance.

Alas, the win was just out of the duo's reach.

Along with a record deal, a host of other opportunities will be afforded winner Yulee B.

She will be live on the red carpet at the advance screening and premiere of Michael Jackson's film "This Is It" later this month at the Palms Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.



Joe Jackson

## The Batik Experience - Indonesia gets spotlight at the 14th Annual International Festival

WITH a relatively small presence here in the Bahamas - limited to six sushi chefs at the Nobu Restaurant, Atlantis - Indonesia's spotlight will shine bright at the 14th Annual International Cultural Festival this weekend.

This year, patrons will be treated to an authentic experience, coordinated through the Indonesian Embassy in Cuba and former Honourary Consul Dr Davidson Hepburn.

The Batik House Indonesia, a South Sea company that hails from the capital city of Jakarta, will hold a Batik exhibition featuring skilled artisans who will be on hand to teach the intricate traditions of the world-famous Indonesian design throughout the two-day festival.

Tradition bearer dancers are being flown in from Jakarta as part of the Money Centre/Western Union Entertainment line-up on the Builders Mall Stage over the weekend.

Indonesian cuisine will be available for the public to enjoy with favourites like spring rolls and satay from their food booth alongside the exhibition.

The batik fashion collection by a special guest, noted designer Ms Carminata, will also be shown by local models on the catwalk at the UNESCO Designer's Fashion Show.

Coordinated by Mode Îlse Ltd, organisers of Islands of the World Fashion Week, this parade - including Androsia



batik and Bahama Hand Print designs from the Miss Universe Pageant Fashion Show, together with national costumes donated to the festival by the contestants - promises to be one of the highlights of the event.

The show will take place at the UNESCO Fashion Pavilion at 4pm on Saturday and Sunday on the north lawn

of the Botanical Gardens. So reserve your front row seats early.

Admission to the Batik exhibition is \$3 per person. A 'Cultural Package' consisting of four tickets for \$8 includes entry to all UNESCO Pavilions showcasing the Batik exhibit, culinary presentation, fashion show, and the international art show.



## Local singer and French band team up to bring a new 'roots reggae' sound to the Bahamas

RICARDO Clarke, known for hit songs such as 'Not Settling', 'Road to Zion' and 'No Minutes', has teamed up with the band No More Babylon (NMB) from France for a compilation entitled 'Uprising Special Edition'.

All six tracks on the album are written by Mr Clarke and produced by NMB. The release date is October 20 and the singles 'Rocky Road'

as well as 'Why Did You Go' are already enjoying international airplay.

'Uprising Special Edition' will be distributed by Uprising Soundz and will be available worldwide on iTunes, Amazon, Irribean Tunes, Rhapsody as well as on Gospelreggae.com and in stores throughout the United States in conjunction with Avan Entertainment.

The album is strictly 'roots

reggae' and features the skillful eight-piece band NMB. NMB are a premier reggae band from France whose 14-year history has seen them collaborating and backing reggae's elite.

They also produced the track 'Street Life' on Mr Clarke's debut album 'Not Settling'.

Because they enjoyed such great chemistry, the Bahamian singer and the French

band decided to team up again for this latest project.

Mr Clarke says that they initially met through the social networking site Myspace.

"It was quite random, as I was just surfing as I normally do. We linked up and worked on 'Street Life', a track from the debut album," Mr Clarke told *Tribune Entertainment*.

"Instantly I was drawn to

their sound - the horns, the depth of the roots band flow. Their passion came through the music and I absolutely loved it. It sounded like rebel music to me, which matches perfectly the Uprising brand that I am pushing."

Speaking about his new project 'Uprising Special Edition', Mr Clarke said: "What makes this special for me is that the project is an all-live band. It's special

because it's a first for me, possibly the first for a Bahamian artist in my genre. The project is a compilation of all the songs we worked on, it was only supposed to be one collaboration, however, it turned into multiple songs. It was only natural to put the project out."

'Rocky Road', 'Uprising' and 'Why Did You Go' are available for media and DJs for promotional use.

ARTS

# 'Destination Truth' comes back to the Bahamas

THE Syfy Channel's "Destination Truth" is back again. The first of the Bahamas segments was filmed in Andros and aired last month. The second and final Bahamas segment, investigating the myth of the Bermuda Triangle, airs tonight at 10pm on Syfy Channel.

"Destination Truth" is an unscripted Syfy series in which Josh Gates and his brave team of investigators travel to remote destinations around the world, exploring the many myths and legends of creatures and phenomenon of both land and sea. Assisted by Bahamian production coordinator Heather Carey, Josh and his team spent a week in Bimini talking to local experts in various fields, to discover whether the myth of the Bermuda Triangle has any validity.

A wide range of experts were interviewed including well-known historian and school teacher Ashley Saunders; Grant Johnson (scientist and shark researcher now based at Bimini Sands Resort and Marina); Bill Keefe (dive shop owner and expert diver), and Renee Robins (Bahamas Tourist Office).

The crew also sampled Bimini conch salad at Fabian Stuart's conch stall, and enjoyed the renowned singing voice of local Ebbie David at his waterfront bar and restaurant 'Ebbie's Bonefish Bar'. According to Ms Carey, "it would not have been as fun or easy making this episode without the support of all the local Biminities who jumped in feet first to ensure our filming went smoothly."

"Ms Robins of the Tourist Office, along with her husband Elsworth, were invaluable in their resources, and the support of Bimini Sands Resort went above and beyond expectation. Grant Johnson showed great sportsmanship not only by braving some rough seas with our crew, but also by spending the entire night isolated in the bush and



The crew of 'Destination Crew'

on a beach while our team did their night investigations," she said.

"As media attention tends to focus on the big feature films that come to our islands, I don't think most Bahamians realise the number of smaller yet

equally important projects that highlight our wonderful island communities. It's important that the people and businesses who support these efforts are recognised as it would be difficult to make these projects efficiently without them."

Does the Bermuda Triangle really exist? Watch tonight and see. Syfy Channel (21 for cable subscribers) at 10pm ET.



CREW prepares for the show with Elsworth.

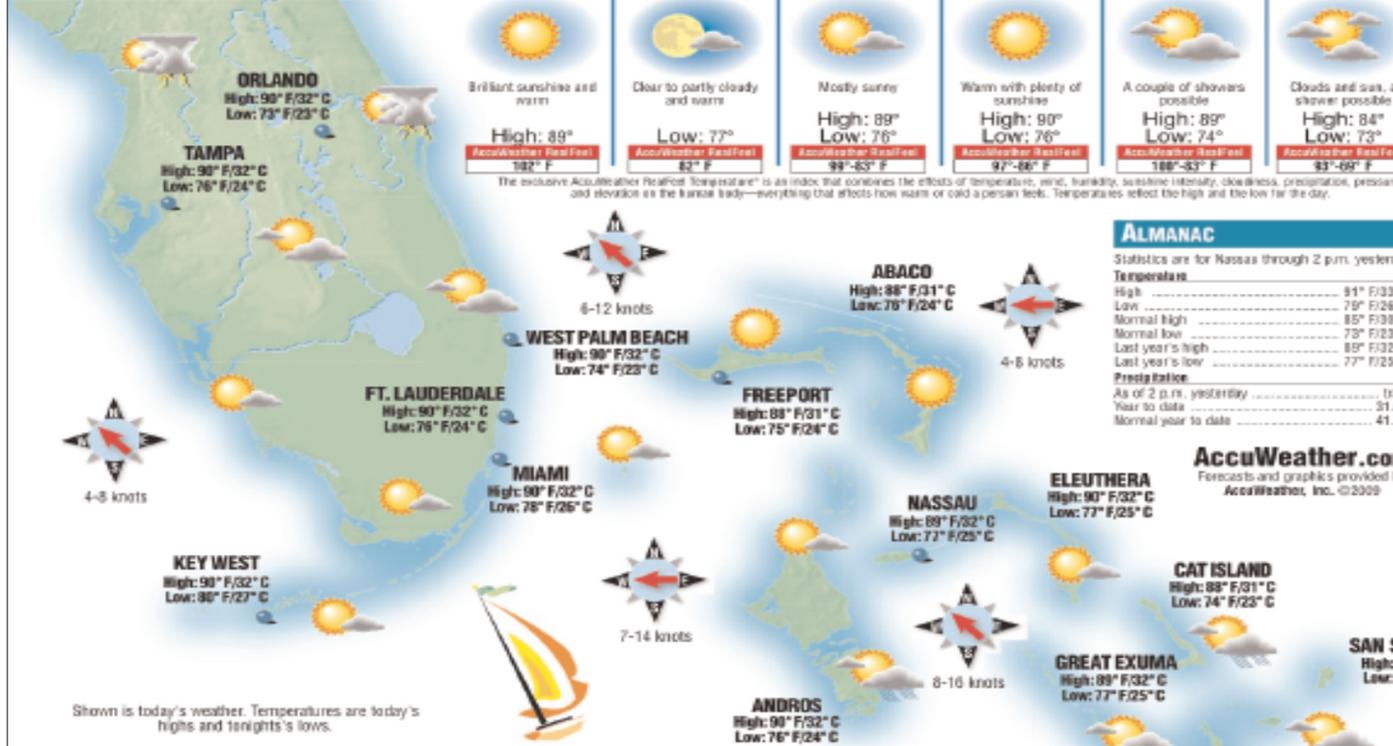
## THE WEATHER REPORT



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5-DAY FORECAST

TODAY TONIGHT THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY



UV INDEX TODAY



TIDES FOR NASSAU

	HIGH	M.I.M.	LOW	M.I.M.
Today	3:57 a.m.	3.0	10:11 a.m.	0.6
	4:21 p.m.	3.2	10:44 p.m.	0.3
Thursday	4:54 a.m.	3.3	11:12 a.m.	0.4
	5:15 p.m.	3.2	11:33 p.m.	0.1
Friday	5:06 a.m.	3.5	12:00 p.m.	0.1
	6:05 p.m.	3.2	---	---
Saturday	6:34 a.m.	3.6	12:19 p.m.	0.0
	6:52 p.m.	3.1	12:57 p.m.	0.1
Sunday	7:20 a.m.	3.6	1:03 a.m.	-0.1
	7:38 p.m.	3.0	1:45 p.m.	0.1
Monday	8:05 a.m.	3.6	1:45 a.m.	0.0
	8:22 p.m.	2.9	2:31 p.m.	0.1
Tuesday	8:49 a.m.	3.5	2:28 a.m.	0.0
	9:05 p.m.	2.7	3:16 p.m.	0.3

ALMANAC

Statistics are for Nassau through 2 p.m. yesterday

Temperature	81° F/33° C
High	79° F/26° C
Low	75° F/23° C
Normal high	85° F/30° C
Normal low	73° F/23° C
Last year's high	85° F/32° C
Last year's low	77° F/25° C

Precipitation: As of 2 p.m. yesterday: 0.00  
Year to date: 31.88  
Normal year to date: 41.72

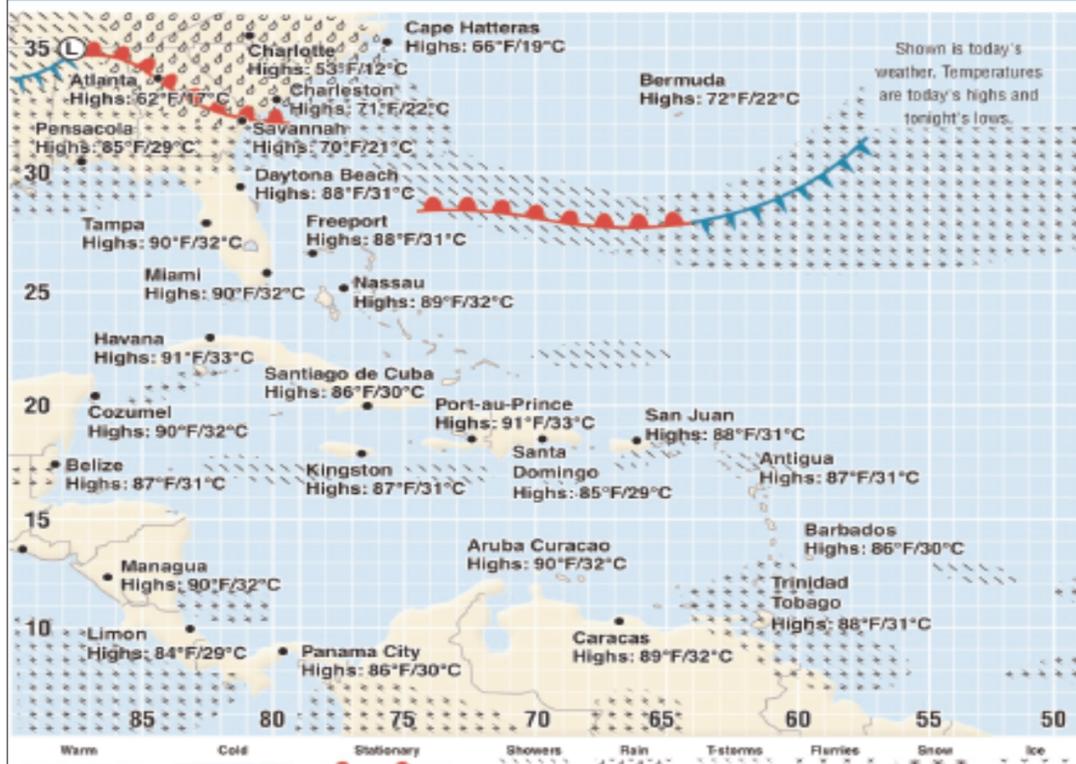
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SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:38 a.m.	Moonrise	3:24 a.m.
Sunset	6:44 p.m.	Moonset	4:17 p.m.

New Moon: Oct. 18  
First Quarter: Oct. 25  
Full Moon: Nov. 2  
Last Quarter: Nov. 9

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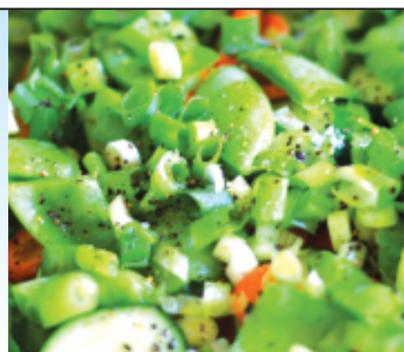


MARINE FORECAST

	WINDS	WVFS	VISIBILITY	WATER TEMPS.
ABACO	Today: E at 4-8 Knots	3-5 Feet	7 Miles	84° F
ANDROS	Thursday: S at 10-20 Knots	3-5 Feet	10 Miles	84° F
	Today: E at 7-14 Knots	2-4 Feet	10 Miles	85° F
CAT ISLAND	Today: ESE at 7-14 Knots	2-4 Feet	10 Miles	84° F
	Thursday: SSW at 6-12 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	84° F
CROOKED ISLAND	Today: E at 8-16 Knots	2-4 Feet	10 Miles	84° F
	Thursday: S at 6-12 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	84° F
ELEUTHERA	Today: ESE at 6-12 Knots	2-4 Feet	10 Miles	84° F
	Thursday: S at 7-14 Knots	1-2 Feet	10 Miles	85° F
FREEPORT	Today: ESE at 4-8 Knots	1-2 Feet	10 Miles	85° F
	Thursday: S at 8-16 Knots	2-4 Feet	10 Miles	84° F
GREAT EXUMA	Today: SE at 8-16 Knots	1-2 Feet	10 Miles	84° F
	Thursday: SSW at 6-8 Knots	1-2 Feet	10 Miles	84° F
GREAT INAGUA	Today: E at 6-16 Knots	2-4 Feet	5 Miles	84° F
	Thursday: S at 5-12 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	84° F
LONG ISLAND	Today: E at 8-16 Knots	1-3 Feet	6 Miles	84° F
	Thursday: S at 4-8 Knots	1-2 Feet	10 Miles	84° F
MAYAGUANA	Today: E at 8-16 Knots	3-6 Feet	10 Miles	83° F
	Thursday: S at 6-12 Knots	3-5 Feet	10 Miles	83° F
NASSAU	Today: E at 7-14 Knots	1-2 Feet	10 Miles	84° F
	Thursday: S at 7-14 Knots	1-2 Feet	10 Miles	84° F
SAN SALVADOR	Today: E at 8-16 Knots	2-4 Feet	6 Miles	85° F
	Thursday: S at 4-8 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	85° F
RAGGED ISLAND	Today: S at 7-14 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	84° F
	Thursday: SSW at 6-12 Knots	1-2 Feet	10 Miles	84° F

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# The Arts

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## First All Ceramics EXHIBITION



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By JEFFARAH GIBSON

**L**OCAL ceramicists and potters will get the opportunity to show off their artistry in the 'First All Ceramics Exhibition' which pays homage to Denis Knight, who is considered by many to be the grandfather of Bahamian pottery.

The exhibition will run from October 23 to November 13 at Popopstudios located on Dunmore Avenue in Chippingham.

Jessica Colebrooke, ceramicist and host of the exhibition, told *Tribune Arts* that one of goals of the exhibition is to enlighten the public about the existence of this art medium and the creative genius' behind the work.

"One goal was to bring together all potters and ceramicists in the Bahamas, to forge an alliance of sorts, bodily stating the importance of our mediums - that three dimensional work is just as important as canvas work, and the beauty of this medium can be used in a variety of expressive and dynamic ways that existed way before canvas", she said.

Through the exhibition, it is hoped the public will become more familiar with the work of local ceramicists and potters.

"I want to bring attention to fine art ceramics in this country so that future artists can see that there is more to art in the Bahamas than paper and canvas work," she said.

After visiting the exhibition, Ms Colebrooke said she hopes that people will con-

sider how far the art form has developed from its inception to today.

But above all, the exhibition is an opportunity to honour Denis Knight who has made very meaningful and extensive contributions to the art form, she said.

"With the exhibition we will also honour Denis Knight, the grandfather of Bahamian pottery, for his contribution to the growth of ceramics in the Bahamas. He has been a pioneer in bringing light to the appreciation of ceramics and fine arts in the Bahamas."

Ms Colebrooke said that in addition to encouraging the growth and importance of ceramics in the Bahamas, she will also be establishing the "Denis Knight Choice Award" through the College of the Bahamas, to be awarded annually starting in 2010 "to a deserving COB student who exhibits a strong talent in the area of ceramics."

The artists participating in the upcoming exhibition will produce work in traditional and contemporary ceramics.

"Expect these artists to bring the best of how they work and manipulate this medium. Some may do traditional pottery, some may do more contemporary, but as a view, I encourage everyone to look at the medium as an art form," Ms Colebrooke said.

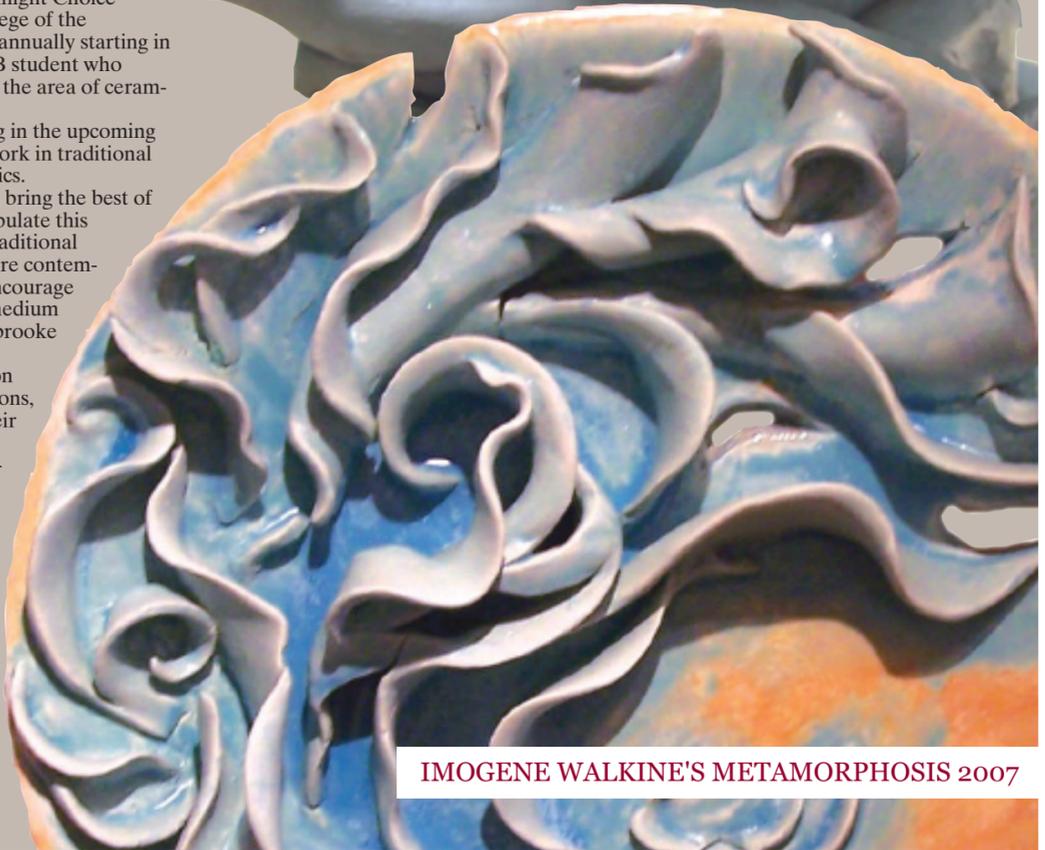
She hopes the exhibition will encourage more persons, young and old, to "try their hand at glass or sculpture or textile, and not to marginalise themselves or their gifts that God has blessed them with."

The artists taking part in the show include Jessica Colebrooke; Mary Deveaux; Jansu Pottery; Andret John; Max Taylor; Imogene Walkine; Kelly Knowles; Neko Meicholas; Sue Bennett-Williams; Katrina Cartwright; Tamara Russell, and Nicole Sweeting.



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