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# \$15,000 fake notes seized

**The Bahamas to get swine flu vaccinations for 250,000 people**

By ALISON LOWE  
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THE Bahamas is set to receive enough swine flu vaccinations to protect up to a quarter of a million people, according to Health Minister Hubert Minnis. Dr Minnis revealed that the country is expecting its batch of vaccines against the potentially deadly H1N1 flu virus by the end of November. Country-wide immunization would then follow on a controlled basis according to world health

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## Police bust counterfeit money-making scam

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A SOPHISTICATED counterfeit money-making scam was busted and more than \$15,000 in fake notes was seized during a police raid.

The raid success comes as emails circulate warning Bahamians to be wary of con artists preying on unsuspecting members of the public as they try to trick them into handing over real money for fake bank notes.

According to Superintendent Ellsworth Moss, a 29-year-old man is expected to be charged this week in connection with the discovery of \$15,440 in Bahamian counterfeit currency, and a computer and printer used to create the money.

Police from the Central Detective Unit executed a search warrant on a home at Victoria Boulevard, South Beach, on Friday.

They are now completing their investigations into the matter.

This news comes at the end of a week which saw email warnings popping up in local inboxes advising people to be on guard for a man who asks for change for a \$100 bill that later turns out to be fake.

"Marilyn" said in her email advisory that she was hit by the conman as she attempted to leave the parking lot of the Royal Bank of Canada's Carmichael Road branch.

"A car drew up next to me and a man asked if I had any US to change \$100. At my negative response he then asked if I would change the \$100 note into two fifties which I did. After he drove off and I pulled out I began to have second thoughts and went into a nearby store to ask if they would run it through their counterfeit machine and of course it was confirmed by the sales girl that it was a counterfeit note.

"Please avoid this trap that I fell into - share this experience to keep others safe," said the woman.

Another young man said he was inside a shop off Mackey Street when he was approached by a man who

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## LOCAL ARTISTS IN THE FRAME AT WINE AND ART FESTIVAL



**A VISITOR** to the annual Wine and Arts Festival admires some of the paintings on display.

The event, held at the Retreat on Village Road on Saturday, featured the work of over 40 Bahamian artists.

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## FNM: Bradley Roberts re-election 'setback to any PLP reform'

THE FNM yesterday claimed the re-election of Bradley Roberts as Chairman of the PLP is "a setback to any reform in the PLP and a setback for political progress in general."

In the latest statement issued in an almost non-stop back and forth of bitter exchanges between Mr Roberts and the Government since he returned as PLP

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## Three to be charged over robbery of nine tourists

THREE people are to appear in court today to be charged in connection with the robbery of nine tourists at the Queen's Staircase.

A 20-year-old man, of Eneas Jumper Corner, a 29-year-old man, of Soldier Road, and a 37-year-old woman, of Lewis Street, are to be arraigned.

The tourists were held up by two armed men on Sunday, October 11, at around 11am and robbed of cash and jewellery.

They had been taken to the steps on a tour by a taxi driver who was describing the history of the attraction when the two assailants approached and threatened them.

The thieves left them with their passports after the group pleaded with them, but took numerous items of sentimental value - such as wedding rings - and around \$1,000, according to one of the victims.

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the store and accosted the store manager.

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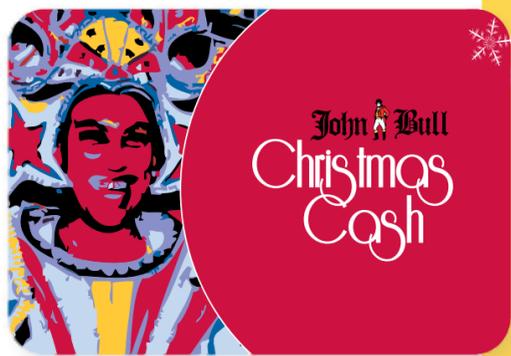
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LOCAL NEWS

# Police search for driver of white car after fatal crash

**BPSU president set to make recommendations over relocation of staff**

**PRESIDENT** of The Bahamas Public Service Union John Pinder says he intends to make some recommendations regarding the relocation of employees of two government ministries affected by mould.



JOHN PINDER

Mr Pinder told *The Tribune* yesterday he has reviewed two buildings and intends to make recommendations to the Education Permanent Secretary in a meeting sometime today.

Some 400 staff at the ministries of Education and Youth, Sports and Culture are upset over a mould problem at their Thompson Boulevard headquarters, which many believe is making them sick.

They briefly walked off the job in protest at the situation at the end of September.

"I have been trying to assist with accommodations, reviewed two places and I am waiting now just to have a meeting with the Permanent Secretary to discuss the way forward and make mention of the two places that I have looked at that may accommodate enough people to get out of the building at least to get the work started," Mr Pinder said.

While some light appeared to be on the horizon for the government and the staff in late September when it was revealed that a Wyndham hotel tower which had been marked for demolition next year could potentially house them until the mould problem at their original headquarters could be addressed, the discovery of a mould problem there too has set back those plans.

According to health experts, although the presence of mould in indoor environments is generally not harmful, it can lead to eye, nose or throat irritation, a runny nose, sinus congestion or increased asthma attacks or allergic reactions in certain people - most commonly the elderly, pregnant women, infants and young children, people with allergies, chronic respiratory illness and/or chemical sensitivities and those with weakened immune systems.



THE WRECKAGE of the police car after the accident on Carmichael Road.

POLICE are still searching for the driver of a white car which may have been involved in the horrific crash which claimed the life of a police officer and left two others injured.

Constable Othello Darville, a married father of two children, became the country's 42nd traffic fatality victim of the year when the patrol car he was riding in collided with a cement truck on Carmichael Road at about 1pm Thursday.

PC Darville and two other officers were responding to reports of a major disturbance in the Sunshine Park area when the crash happened. The unit's siren and beacon lights were on.

According to reports, the patrol car was traveling east on Carmichael Road as a small white car was pulling out of Fire Trail Road. It is

understood the patrol car had to take evasive action to avoid crashing into the car, but it collided with a cement truck traveling west in the opposite lane.

## Passengers

PC Darville, the front seat passenger, died at the scene, while two others - Corporal Jason Hutcheson and Constable Glenroy McKenzie - were taken to hospital. The driver of the cement truck escaped without injuries.

Superintendent Ellsworth Moss, head of the Central Detective Unit, said: "The white car has not been identified.

"We are looking for anyone who can give us some information as to who would have been driving it. It's important we see that person."

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# Crime and Government's inaction

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Your publication dated the August 28, 2009, reported the Minister advising the public that hangings would begin again in the Bahamas and not to mention another "Zero Tolerance" policy in relation to crime. Now, almost 30 days later we have heard nothing more on the issue and the murder count continues to rise.

"Bloody Sunday": What a headline on the September 21, 2009, so true and to take it one step further, we have experienced and continue to experience a bloody year.

In his letter to The Tribune printed on the September 23, Mr Marvin Gibson had it right, the Bahamas does need a moral facelift.

We need to stop running the red lights, stop throwing trash along the road and beaches, stop stealing time, stop lying, start having self pride, our elected leaders need to stop condemning one another, and the list goes on...

There is no doubt this country needs change from the ground up and each individual must make their own conscience decision in this regard. However, with regards to the issue of violent crime, time is not on our side.

We are here and now, faced with a problem that has spiraled out of control. A problem that does not allow us to stop and change all the small things and then tackle the escalating crime problem.

The issue today, is not for Government to prevent crime, it is for the Government to implement an effective system of Justice and enforce our laws.

I couldn't care less whether hangings are a prevention to crime or not.

Hanging is a form of punishment that matches the crime. It disgust me to hear people say that one can serve time for murder or rape, and thereafter, justice has been served.

What about the victim, after a certain period of time does that person come back to life? How about the family, do they wake up one day and like magic all the loss and pain are gone?

What about the rape victim, do they wake up one morning and all of a sudden the rape never happened?

What about the children, does an automatic replacement for mummy or daddy appear? And for those who believe in rehabilitation for someone who can so carelessly take another life, I have a proposal; you take in and assume responsibility for rehabilitating the murderer and

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if they commit another crime you accept joint responsibility for the same!

I often wonder what it will take to set fire under the government. We are seeing crime spill over into the business community at a very high level, not only with shootings, but also with armed robberies and theft. Yet, despite some talk, the government seems immune to what is taking place. Are we going to wait until the criminal element begins to make a direct attack on our tourist, on our parliamentarians, on our cabinet, on our Prime Minister?? I am no alarmist! Ten years ago nobody would have believed that we would be at 63 murders and counting for the year. The level of stress being placed on our lives, especially business owners, is beginning to spill over into other aspects of every day life.

In your paper on the September 9, in relation to the murder of an employee of Bertha's Go Go Ribs, I was surprised that the Commissioner of Police was hesitant to see a need for alarm regarding the "robbery-related murders." Do you think the manager of Burger King should have been in a state of alarm? Do you think the staff of 21st Century Welding should have been in a state of alarm?

However, I do understand his need to try and create some sense of calm and normalcy, although I don't see how anybody who must open and close a shop cannot be under a state of alarm.

We have reached a trend of only waiting on 'where and when' for the next incident to occur, while our government worries about the criminal's rights and we sit around while our rights of protection under the constitution are violated. The people are demanding that the government take action to protect the citizens of this country. Just like the country needs an effective commercial court system to sustain ourselves as a competitive financial jurisdiction, the police need an effective criminal justice system to support their tireless efforts on the streets. Is the government going to protect us or are they going to amend the laws for us to protect ourselves?

Stop sitting around and worrying about yourself interest, stand up and do something to those that are destroying the quality of life in this country.

While I strongly believe that we are to support and pray for our government, we also have a right and duty to hold them accountable. Bahamians from all walks of life are demanding a strong stance against crime. Announcing another "Zero Tolerance" strategy against crime is not the answer. "Zero Tolerance" should occur everyday. Resources need to be pumped into the justice system. Good roads and infrastructure are no good to any of us, if we

are going to have to continue to live with constant fear and frustration. The finest resorts will not be able to overshadow a country plagued with crime. The best airport in the region will not protect our image from a travel advisory or warning issued in foreign jurisdictions. While the government is making a valid effort on many fronts despite the economic challenges, failure to deal with crime will cause their work to be in vain.

The minister advised "that no effort will be spared until we get those hardened criminals off of our streets and brought to justice." These are good words, but useless unless followed up with unprecedented action. And to date, useless they are. Persons continue to walk around free on bail, we have not seen an improvement in our justice system in years, and based on the talk of the town, we are unlikely to see this government carry out capital punishment. Surprise! Surprise!

We have completely allowed a roll reversal in this country, where the criminal roams free without fear or circumstance while the innocent person bars themselves behind a fortress of security devices (sorry I forgot, 56% of murders are the result of the drug trade, retaliation, and conflict. So we can all take down our bars, unplug are alarms, and roll down the car windows and pray we miss out on the other 44%). Shame on our leaders for allowing this. The laws are protecting the criminals as opposed to the law abiding citizens, therefore, the government and opposition need to lock themselves in the House of Assembly and correct this now. This is not the time for talk and press releases.

The challenge of dealing with crime is now. It is not a challenge for tomorrow and it is not a challenge for us to stick our heads in the sand and allow it to fall on the next generation. It is a challenge that faces every hard working, honest Bahamian today. The majority of Bahamians continue to be law abiding citizens and it is the government's job to protect them.

Whether the government has heard them or not, the people of this country have spoken and it is clearly the majority's desire for a line to be drawn in the sand and no stone left unturned in having Capital Punishment carried out in this country.

History will not judge us or the government well, if we sit by and do nothing.

I have heard people say that the Minister of National Security should resign, quite frankly the whole cabinet should resign as they appear unable to ensure that justice and the rule of law is carried out in this country.

The truly sad part is neither prominent political party has been effective on this issue. Perhaps the time has come for an alternative to the status quo??

JEROME R PINDER  
Nassau,  
September, 2009.

## Electronic tracking of swine flu

(AP) - State health officials are tracking the spread of swine flu through electronic prescription records, developing what they believe is a model that could help doctors more easily identify and respond to an outbreak of the illness.

Rhode Island is believed to be the first state to use electronic pharmacy prescription data to track swine flu among its entire population, said Rob Cronin, a spokesman for Surescripts, which operates the country's largest electronic prescriptions network. The company says it believes the state is also the first to have all of its pharmacies set up to receive electronic prescriptions from doctors.

Surescripts is using information supplied by pharmacies to document how much Tamiflu and other antivirals are being dispensed to patients. The company is giving the data - categorized by zip codes of the pharmacies where the medicine is dispensed and the age group of the patient receiving it - to epidemiologists at the state health department.

"This is a harbinger of capacities and abilities to come," said Laura Adams, president and chief executive of the Rhode Island Quality Institute, which works to improve health care in the state. "This is very important for us in terms of being able to stop something sooner rather than later."

The tracking initiative is being formally announced Monday by Gov. Don Carcieri.

The data is intended to show which communities are experiencing outbreaks or are hardest hit. But it can also reveal cases in which the medicine may be inappropriately or overzealously prescribed if, for instance, large numbers of prescriptions are dispensed in places where no uptick in cases has been reported.

President Barack Obama has declared the swine flu outbreak a national emergency. Health authorities say more than 1,000 people in the United States have died from the strain known as H1N1, and 46 states have widespread flu activity.

Rhode Island health director David Gifford has reviewed electronic prescription data from recent months, and the company says it now plans to give the state weekly data.

"It's a new tool in the tool bag," Gifford said. "This isn't a larger hammer or a larger saw. This is like, 'I had a hammer and saw and now I have a screwdriver.'"

There have been some other efforts beyond pharmacy prescriptions to track

swine flu. Health agencies in places including New York City have used high-tech tools called syndromic surveillance systems - seen as especially useful after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to monitor for bioterrorism - to collect data from hospital emergency rooms.

New York City health authorities have also in recent years tracked over-the-counter pharmacy sales to detect outbreaks of flulike or gastrointestinal illnesses.

And after Hurricane Katrina in 2005, doctors were able to tap into a specially created Web site to access prescription histories for displaced Gulf Coast residents on whom they had no medical information.

But Cronin said he knew of no other statewide effort to track swine flu through electronic pharmacy prescriptions. The fact that all of Rhode Island's pharmacies are connected to an electronic prescribing network made it a natural place for Surescripts to roll out the initiative, which could be expanded to other states if successful here.

"If you have 100 percent of pharmacies, this system is going to be much, much more valuable to you than if you have 60 (percent)," Cronin said.

Surescripts currently receives swine flu data from about 80 percent of Rhode Island's pharmacy locations but expects to boost that to 100 percent as soon as possible, Cronin said.

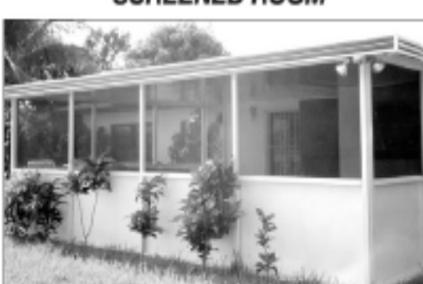
Andrew Pekosz, an associate professor of microbiology and immunology at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, said it makes sense to give states another vehicle for monitoring the illness, but cautioned that there could be inherent gaps in the data.

Assuming, for instance, that doctors are following federal guidelines and being conservative in their distribution of Tamiflu, the data could potentially underreport the actual number of people sick with flu, Pekosz said. Also, the numbers alone may not reflect how long the person took the medication or whether the patient it was prescribed for is ill or merely lives in a house with someone who has flu.

"You'll know that a physician felt strong enough that that person had influenza to give them a prescription," Pekosz said. "One doesn't know if that person then followed through in taking it appropriately and those kinds of things."

(This article is by Eric Tucker of the Associated Press)

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LOCAL NEWS

# US Ambassador seeks more use of sustainable energy

By ALISON LOWE  
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NEW United States Ambassador to the Bahamas, Nicole Avant, would like to see greater use of sustainable energy in her new host country.

In her first meeting with the media, Ms Avant revealed that alternative and sustainable forms of producing energy is a particular interest of hers.

"I believe we must lay the groundwork to protect the environment in order to ensure future economic prosperity," said the 41-year-old at her Cable Beach home, Liberty Overlook.

She charged that The Bahamas is "well situated to take advantage of its abundant renewable energy sources; sun, wind, and ocean currents to provide for its own energy needs while developing new technologies and industries to export to the Caribbean region".

Moves in this direction are particularly important for island nations such as The Bahamas which is prone to

being threatened by sea level rises associated with climate change, suggested the Ambassador.

"You've got everything here," said Ms Avant. "I think it's very important to get as much information as possible and to focus on that."

She said she would seek to facilitate greater linkages between US companies and The Bahamas to promote sustainable energy use and "intend(s) to support sustainable energy and other programs designed to raise environmental awareness and create new economic opportunities".

## Credentials

Ms Avant, who has family ties to The Bahamas, arrived in the country just over a week ago and presented her credentials to the Governor General at Government House on Thursday.

A former Vice President of two music publishing companies, Interior Music Publishing and Avant Garde Music Publishing, she also has well-established background in

education and philanthropy.

She became the first African-American female Ambassador to The Bahamas from the US after serving as the Southern California Finance Co-Chairwoman of Barack Obama's presidential campaign.

In a friendly and informal meeting with the media, she said she has been "honoured and entrusted with carrying out the President's (Barack Obama) foreign policy agenda" and her "number one priority" is ensuring the excellent relationship that has endured between the US and The Bahamas continues.

She noted that The Bahamas and the US have a long history of successful programmes that address the flow of drugs, weapons and illegal migrants into both countries.

Ms Avant plans to work closely with the Government to ensure the continued success of these programmes, whilst also enhancing joint efforts against terrorism.

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THE NEW United States Ambassador to the Bahamas, Nicole Avant (right), speaks to the media.

ideals is key to her role in The Bahamas, she suggested.

The Ambassador added that she hopes to play a part in expanding educational opportunities, development and investment in her new home.

In response to questions from the press, the mother-of-two told of how women's issues are her "top priority", while music is "in her blood", piracy of intellectual property rights is a "sore spot", and she is a strong believer in literacy programmes.

Although she does not yet know how, Ms Avant said she would love to help develop and promote Bahamian musical talent while she is here.

Ms Avant said her week in The Bahamas so far has been "wonderful", with everyone she and her husband have met having been extremely friendly and welcoming.

"My husband and I have had a great time so far. The way I look at it it's great to be back.

"I haven't been here in a while, but I used to spend a lot of time in The Bahamas," she said.

# Ten firms in running for offender tagging contract

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MORE than 10 companies are bidding for the contract to provide electronic tagging for offenders, National Security Minister Tommy Turnquest revealed yesterday.

In his address at Her Majesty's Prison's annual Prison Service Recognition Week church service, Mr Turnquest said the bids are being analysed before a recommendation can be made to the government.

"We will shortly introduce electronic monitoring of offenders, and Her Majesty's Prison will play a critical role in implementing this system," Mr Turnquest said at the service held at the Church of God of Prophecy, East Street.

"We continue to seek to broaden the option for employment for inmates on the extra-mural and intra-mural work schemes, and have improved the quality of education and training available to those inmates through the provision of security of tenure to prison instructors."

Mr Turnquest also said that to ensure prison reform is effective, "great emphasis is being



TOMMY TURNQUEST

placed on the professional and personal development of prison officers".

He said: "Training and re-training and effective human resource management has become a top priority. I assure all prison officers that merit is the sole criterion for advancement in Prison Service."

Noting the theme for the prison service recognition week - Understanding the mission, embracing the vision - Minister Turnquest told prison officers: "We have to ensure that as you reflect on your mission and embrace your vision, that the mission and vision are not just

words. They are objectives to be accomplished. They require us to treat offenders in our charge in accordance with national and international laws and practice. They require Prison Officers to demonstrate by their actions that they are true professionals who deeply care about prison service."

Minister Turnquest said understanding the mission and embracing the vision means that prison officers will at all times work to prevent trafficking of drugs, cell telephones, money or any contraband.

He called on all prison officers to "uphold the rules, polices and procedures of the prison, and to admonish or report those that do not".

"If we are to advance prison reform, we must act decisively against any and all manner of wrongdoing, no matter who is the perpetrator," he said.

Mr Turnquest also expressed his confidence in the hard-working committed prison officers and congratulated the honorees.

"Let me emphasise that we need your continuing support in rationalising and modernising our prison system. We need you to give your best in all that you do," he said.

Parliament adopted legisla-

tion to permit the electronic monitoring of offenders in November 2008.



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# Curbing racism in Britain: Censoring BBC not the answer

## insight

### WORLD VIEW



SIR RONALD SANDERS

By SIR RONALD SANDERS

(The writer is a Consultant and former Caribbean Diplomat).

RACISM and xenophobia have once again emerged in British politics, driven by the very difficult economic situation in which Britain is now mired.

The grim reality of racial unease in Britain and its possible consequences were highlighted by an invitation by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) to a convicted racist and leader of the far-right British National Party (BNP), Nick Griffin, to appear on one of its prestigious television programmes, "Question Time". Griffin



THIS IS an image taken from TV showing British National Party chief Nick Griffin during the BBC programme Question Time.

BBC Question Time/AP

appeared alongside representatives of British mainstream political parties, including the Justice Minister Jack Straw.

Straw argued that he appeared on the programme to confront Griffin and not to leave "an empty chair."

Outrage at the BBC invitation to Griffin has been widespread and the BBC's Director-General, Mark Thompson, has been heavily criticised for the decision which he defends by saying that the BBC will not cave into "censorship."

As the programme was about to be recorded on Thursday, October 22, hundreds of anti-fascist demonstrators crowded the BBC's television studios to protest Griffin's appearance.

Well, what are the facts about electoral support for the BNP?

The party is not represented in the British Parliament. In the 2005 British elections, the BNP received a meager 0.7 per cent of the popular vote.

But, in addition to already holding seats in several metropolitan borough councils, the BNP won its first county council seats and two seats in the European Parliament in June this year.

While these numbers represent a modest increase in votes for the BNP in local government and European Union elections over the last four years, they do not translate into significant support for the party at the national level in Britain. Traditionally, turn out at local government and European Union elections is small, and seldom does it reflect national consensus except in a national elections year.

The BNP is, beyond any shadow of doubt, a racist political organisation with a very strong anti-foreigner position. Its anti-foreigner and racist views are not limited to Africans and Asians, but to Jews as well.

In August this year, the BNP was forced to change its constitution after the Equality and Human Rights Commission issued County Court proceedings against it, expressing concern that its membership criteria were restricted to white people.

Prior to the change in its constitution, the BNP stated that it is "committed to stemming and reversing the tide of non-white immigration and to restoring, by legal changes, negotiation and consent the overwhelmingly white makeup of the British population that existed in Britain prior to 1948", and it restricted membership to "indigenous British ethnic groups deriving from the class of 'Indigenous Caucasian'."

The change in its constitution removing restrictions on non-white people was never real; it was done to satisfy the Court and to avoid being banned for violation of Britain's race relations laws. On October 15, a group of non-white people was barred from attending a BNP meeting and the reason was captured on video when one of its members told the group: "We don't want you. You are not white British."

So, the BNP is a fully racist, fully anti-foreigner political grouping whose main desire is a Britain of exclusively white people except for white Jews. It is repugnant, repulsive and vile without question.

But the BBC is right that the BNP and its leader should not be banned from its programmes. Banning the BNP or censoring it would serve the BNP best.

The party would point to such a ban as a policy by the authorities to suffocate its views, giving it ammunition to wage its war against them, and a cause around which to rally its sympathizers. It would be far better to bring the BNP's racist and anti-foreigner views out into the open where they can be rejected and defeated.

London's former Mayor, Ken Livingstone, argued against Griffin's appearance on the BBC TV programme by predicting that the BNP leader's appearance would spark a rash of racist attacks on blacks and Asians. I believe the opposite to be true. Racist attacks by BNP supporters are more likely to result from banning Griffin from appearing. Griffin himself thanked all those who opposed his appearing on the programme because, as he

said, they were "so stupid" that the massive publicity resulted in big financial donations to the BNP which, up to then, had been severely cash deprived.

The truth is that the BNP has miniscule support in Britain at the present time. It has begun to appeal to some of the working class people because they are under severe economic pressure. Living costs are rising and so are taxes. There is also a shortage of low income housing, and the traditional welfare state that has been built up since the Second World War is being eroded. In such conditions, it almost axiomatic for the White working class to identify people of a different race as a contributing factor to their woes.

Significantly, it is not Africans and Asians alone who are the brunt of current working class resentment. The present financial crisis has also led to job losses to European immigrant workers who are prepared to work for the minimum wage - a wage that the British worker has long rejected. But, at the end of the day, it is easier to identify people of a different colour in violent protests. So, despite the fact that European immigrants are the greatest rivals for British jobs, inevitably, Africans and Asians will be the targets of any violence that may occur.

The solution to the problem does not lie in banning the BNP from the BBC or any other media. The party and its leadership ought not to be dignified by the idea that they are feared; they should be confronted - as they ultimately were on the BBC programme "Question Time" - and their fascism exposed and repudiated as indecent, anachronistic and unacceptable.

The real solution lies in the British government and British industry pulling the economy out of the doldrums in which it now wallows and allocating resources to the improvement of the lot of the working class, who, incidentally are not only white but African and Asian as well.

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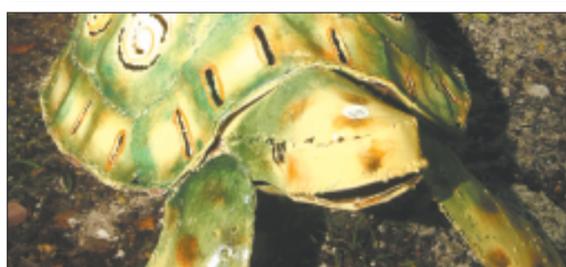
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# WINE AND ARTS FESTIVAL

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# FNM: Bradley Roberts re-election 'setback to any PLP reform'

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Chairman on Thursday, the governing party said the 65-year-old "proudly embodies and represents" the "incompetent, scandal-ridden days of the old PLP" which the country has made too much progress since 1992 to return to.

In response to allegations made in his "rambling and disjointed" speech to the convention, the party further lambasted Mr Roberts for "a triple play of amnesia, selective memory and gross distortion of the facts."

Speaking to delegates on Friday, the newly-elected Chairman of the party attacked the Government, which he said he "intends to dismantle", for refusing to accept any responsibility for the "worst recession in The Bahamas since the great depression."

He said the FNM's reluctance to admit its policies have contributed to the country's economic woes is evidence that the party is unfit for governance.

The former cabinet minister claimed the "record clearly shows that the policies of the FNM brought a halt to the economic momentum of the country and the increased



PLP CHAIRMAN Bradley Roberts with party leader Perry Christie

prosperity of the Bahamian people, resulting in an increase in unemployment, unsustainable borrowing, and the misery index, while household income, government revenue, and tourist arrivals plummeted."

Meanwhile, he hit out at the Government for heavy borrowing and alleged that

the return of Hubert Ingraham as Prime Minister has been "disastrous" for the country.

In its statement, the FNM said Roberts appears to now "propose to lecture on good governance" despite being a "man who sat in a scandal-a-month party for five years, who was himself embroiled in a shameful scandal and who operates in a PLP culture more comfortable with wheeling and dealing than accountability and transparency."

In contrast to Robert's accusations of fiscal irresponsibility on the government's part, the statement added that the FNM Government's overdraft is currently \$63.6 million.

This, it said, is "\$27 million dollars less than its maximum limit. This is in contrast to the \$97 million overdraft left by the Christie administration in what they said were unprecedentedly good economic times. This was \$3 million less than the limit."

The party added that Mr Roberts had "failed to mention various assistance programmes introduced by the FNM as well as an extraordinary public infrastructure programme" and the "electricity relief programme" initiated.

"He spoke about the new unemployment benefits programme introduced by the FNM, a programme his party failed to introduce, even though between 2003 and 2005 an average of 18,300 people were out of work in what they said was a healthy economy," said the statement.

They accused Roberts of offering no constructive ideas but only "the same destructive and outdated politics."

Meanwhile, they said that while Roberts "brags about the plans the PLP left in place" the problem is that "the PLP had all kinds of plans, but failed to get very much done."

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"The advice I wish to give to the public is to report these people immediately if they approach you and seem insistent. Call police because your hunch that it may be someone trying to slip counterfeit currency into the general flow may be correct," said ACP Hanna.

He also suggested that if someone has a "significant amount of money in small denominations" this too could be a sign that they are trying to benefit from sifting fake cash into the economy. "Another approach used by these kind of people has been to spend small currencies, and by spending it in that way they feel they'll be able to go unnoticed for a longer time," said ACP Hanna.

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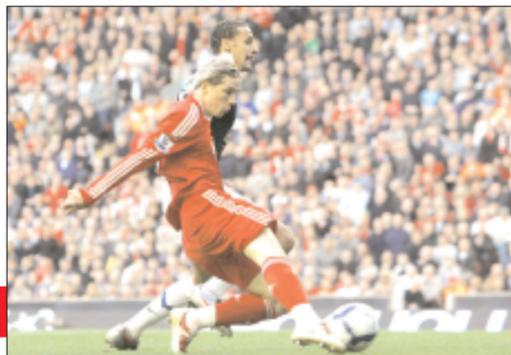
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## COMMONWEALTH AMERICAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

# Jets soar to 20-0 win over Stingrays

By RENALDO DORSETT  
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Last year's runners-up improved to 2-0 in the Commonwealth American Football League on the strength of a stifling defense which delivered its second consecutive shutout. The John Bull Jets held the V-8 Fusion Stingrays scoreless for a 20-0 win yesterday at the D.W Davis Field. The game began in its typical tough-nosed fashion between the two teams, with a scoreless first quarter. On the opening moments, both teams failed to convert on fourth down. The Stingrays defense recovered a fumble on a botched snap, however failed to capitalize, while the Jets reached the scoreboard on the next possession on a short yardage run by Valdez Bodie. John Bull failed to convert but held a 6-0 lead early in the second quarter. After another stifling possession by the offense, the

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THE JETS' running back Jason Davis.

Felipe Major/Tribune Staff

## SOCCER

### Bahamas women's U-17 team named for Haiti tournament

The technical staff of the Bahamas Women's U-17 National Soccer Team has confirmed the names of the 18 young ladies that will travel to Haiti October 31, 2009 to compete in the CFU Women's U-17 Qualifying Tournament. The team has been preparing for some time for this competition which was originally scheduled to be conducted in Trinidad and Tobago in August of this year. That tournament which contained 9 teams was then divided into two groups with Group A, containing the Bahamas, relocated to Haiti at this later date. The team, which includes a blend of players from New Providence and Grand Bahama, will be vying for the opportunity to continue on in the qualification for the FIFA Women's U-17 World Cup in 2010, but will have to advance out of the group in Haiti for a chance. Last year, the girls travelled to Trinidad and performed in tremendous fashion in the CFU Girls Youth Cup, winning two matches and losing two. The two losses were against the hosts Trinidad and Tobago and in the semi-final against Jamaica, the tournaments two finalists. The team looks to continue their performance in the upcoming tournament and based on the training to date, should fare well against their opponents. The delegation is scheduled to leave Nassau on Saturday,

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## SAILING: SUNFISH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN NASSAU

# American David Loring wins Sunfish in Bahamas again

The Bahamas has ended up being somewhat of a good luck charm for David Loring. The Charleston, South Carolina native won his third Sunfish World Championships in Nassau Friday with a net total of 28.6 points. He got his first championship title in 1995 in Abaco, the last time the event was held in The Bahamas. The gruelling championship came down to the final moments of the last regatta. "Physically it was as tough as it got. I've never been through a Worlds or any regatta at this level where it's come down to the last 200 yards," Loring said, "I was actually losing the regatta as I rounded the last mark. "As I made it into the home stretch, I was sixth and I needed to be fourth in order to win overall. I managed to pass three boats in a fight to the finish and ended up coming third in that race to win overall." His last minute rally put fellow Americans Paul-Jon Patin (30 points) in second place and David Mendelblatt (32 points) in third. Three time Sunfish World Champion Donnie Martinborough was the Bahamas' top finisher, coming in 13th overall (156 points). Charles Kelly was the second best Bahamian finisher in 23rd place (224 points) and Bahamian junior nationals champion Christopher Sands finished 27th overall (234 points). "The wind conditions were tough, it blew in excess of 20 knots all week long and it's ironic, but those kinds of wind conditions aren't what Bahamian sailors are used to," said Martinborough, "We all trained really hard in the usual con-



WIND CONDITIONS were tough for the sailors this year in the Sunfish championship.

ditions experienced here, so it was really disappointing for us to be so prepared, but end up with such different wind conditions." "These things happen, you can't predict the weather, and you have to be able to sail in all conditions in order to be the best and that proved to be more than the case this week," he said, adding, "I think another week it could have been a whole different outcome because the level of sailing was that good." Seventy-two sailors representing 14 countries competed in the event, which was hosted by the Nassau Yacht Club. "The level of the competition was really good. The top five competitors were

fighting until the very last race, which made the regatta really exciting. The hosts did a wonderful job of putting on this event," said Andres Santana, President Sunfish Class. The top 10 finishers as well as the first female overall and top finishers in the master divisions were all presented with one of a kind driftwood with bronze sea life sculpture trophies created by Pete Johnston's Foundry in Abaco. The Ministries of Tourism and Youth, Sports and Culture and a number of corporate sponsors including Pictet Bank & Trust, Atlantis and Fun Foods Wholesale (Nestle Ice Cream) lent much needed logistical and financial support.



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SPORTS

# Jets soar to 20-0 win over Stingrays



V-8 FUSION STINGRAYS' quarterback Nesley Lucien in action yesterday.



JETS' RUNNING BACK Valdez Bodie is brought down by the Stingrays defence.

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Stingrays special teams gave up its second touchdown of the season.

Backed up against their own endzone, the Jets blasted through the Stingrays' offensive line to block the punt, and recover in the endzone for their second score of the game.

Drameco Clarke connected with Ishmael Sutherland for a successful conversion to give the Jets a 14-0 lead.

**Fumble**

The Stingrays offence, which struggled for much of the game failed to mount any consistency all game turned the ball over on a fumble, late in the half.

After a series of productive screens to the tight ends and carving up the Stingrays zone defense, the Jets scored on their second rushing touchdown of the day when Jason Davis ran in from 12 yards out.

After a failed conversion, the Jets led 20-0 at the half.

The second half was all Jets, as they controlled the time of possession on the ground.

The lone score of the second half, a deep pass from Clarke to Sutherland was called back on a false start penalty.

A late flurry by the Stingrays as they drove the ball downfield late in the fourth was halted when Jets cornerback Phillip Rahming intercepted a pass down the sideline.

The Jets kept pace defensively after week one's 58-0 blowout win over the Tripoint Kingdom Warriors.

The Stingrays fell to 0-2, after opening with a loss to the Orry J. Sands Pros, 24-12.

Next week's schedule will feature the most eagerly anticipated game of the season, a rematch of last year's Boil Fish Bowl when the Jets will take on the Pros, Saturday, October 31st.

Sunday, November 1st, the Stingrays will face the Royal Bahamas Defence Force Destroyers.



THE JETS' WIDE RECEIVER Ishmael Sutherland misses a pass.

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# COMMONWEALTH AMERICAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE: JOHN BULL JETS VS V-8 FUSION STINGRAYS



Felipe Major/Tribune staff

**A JETS RUNNING BACK** is gang-tackled by the Stingrays' defence.

## BFA inaugurates new field and names in honour of past president Roscow Davies

The Bahamas Football Association launched the 2009-2010 Soccer Season with a Charity Shield Cup Match on Wednesday, October 21, 2009.

The Association also took that occasion to inaugurate the artificial turf field at the Baillou Hills Complex, and honour one of its own.

Past President Roscow A. L. Davies was the man of the hour and got the opportunity to see his name in lights as BFA President Anton Sealey commended Davies for his longstanding commitment to the growth of the game and for the many sacrifices that he, and his family, made for this.

The new field, now known as the Roscow A. L. Davies Soccer Field and confirmed by the newly erected scoreboard bearing the name, paid homage

to Davies, who has been involved in the sport from the early 1950's and was a member of the Executive Committee for an extended period, serving as both Vice President and President.

### Thanked

In accepting the honour, Davies thanked the BFA for their recognition and graciously thanked all of those who worked along with him during his tenure as President. Harcourt "Rip" Rolle, Leroy Braithwaite, Leroy Archer and Stanley Fulford were but a few of the persons Davies thanked in his acceptance speech, and gave special recognition to his wife, Mavis, and sons for their understanding and acceptance

of his passion for the game. On hand during the presentation, Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture Desmond Bannister commended Davies, mentioning also that Davies' father will be inducted into the Bahamas' Sports Hall of Fame next month.

He further commended the BFA for their recognition of Davies' effort and offered his continued support to the growth of the game in the Bahamas.

The presentation and unveiling of the new scoreboard took place at halftime of the Charity Shield match, eventually won by Insurance Management Bears FC 2-0 over Cavalier FC.

The night gave a star-studded opening to the new season that looks to be very promising.

## Bahamas women's U-17 team named for Haiti tournament

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October 31, 2009 and return on Saturday, November 7, 2009.

The team is as follows.

Courtney Treco	Goalkeeper
Sarah McClure	Goalkeeper
Karen Wert	Defender
Annisia Albury	Defender
Linnea Chisholm	Defender
Paige Armbrister	Defender
Giovanni Ferguson	Defender
Dena Ingraham	Defender
Detinee Mitchell	Midfielder
Holly Sands	Midfielder
Felicia Taylor	Midfielder
Courtney Moss	Midfielder
Kiana Baldwin	Midfielder
Kimberly Johnson	Midfielder
Shelby Carbin-Green	Forward
Lauren Haven	Forward
Shannon Hutton	Forward
Mia Whyllly	Forward

The Administrative and Technical Staff Travelling with the team includes:

Eula Rolle	Team Manager
Vandyke Bethel	National Coach
Daria Adderley	Assistant Coach
Harvey Mullings	Goalkeeping Coach

The 22 member delegation is scheduled to depart Nassau on Saturday, October 31, 2009 for a trio of matches that will include:

Cayman Islands	November 2, 2009
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Haiti	November 4, 2009
6:15 pm	Stade Sylvio Cator
British Virgin Islands	November 6, 2009
4:00 pm	Stade Sylvio Cator

## INTERNATIONALSPORTSWRAP

### Rossi clinches his 7th Moto GP title

SEPANG, Malaysia — Valentino Rossi of Italy has clinched a seventh Moto GP world title by finishing third in the Malaysian Grand Prix won by Casey Stoner of Australia.

Rossi retained his world title with one race to spare and heads the championship standings with 286 points. Stoner earned his second straight win by taking the checkered flag on his Ducati, with Honda rider Dani Pedrosa of Spain second. Yamaha rider Rossi finished third after Italian compatriot Andrea Dovizioso lost control of his Honda with seven laps to go in the 21-lap race.

### Australia hold nerve to edge four-run victory over India

Australia's bowlers held their nerve in a tight finish to edge a four-run victory over India in the first one-day international in Vadodara. Ricky Ponting (74), opener Tim Paine (50), Cameron White (51) and Michael Hussey - with a fluent 73 off just 54 deliveries - helped Australia post a commanding 292 for eight.

Gautam Gambhir responded with a fine 68 and pieced together useful partnerships with Mahendra Singh Dhoni and Virat Kohli, but India were still left with a mountain to climb.

Harbhajan Singh (49) and Praveen Kumar (40no) then put on 83 in quick time for the seventh wicket to bring India within range of what had looked a highly unlikely victory - but Australia's bowlers eventually prevailed as the hosts fell just short on 288 for eight.

### Blackmar wins first Champions Tour title

SAN ANTONIO — Phil Blackmar won his first Champions Tour title Sunday, birdieing five of his first six holes en route to a 7-under 64 and a one-stroke victory over Jay Haas,

Tom Kite and Andy Bean in the AT&T Championship. Blackmar, a three-time winner on the PGA Tour who joined the Champions Tour late in 2007, had a 10-under 203 total on the Oak Hills course. The 6-foot-7 former University of Texas player earned \$255,000 in the final full-field event of the year. He jumped 27 spots in the Charles Schwab Cup standings to 30th to take the last spot in the season-ending Schwab Cup in Sonoma, Calif.

He admitted he's been thinking about getting out of golf if he had to go through qualifying school and was unsuccessful getting his card. "I got very nervous, but I was able to hang in there," said Blackmar, who lives about 150 miles away in Corpus Christi. "This year hasn't been very much fun, so I was comfortable with getting back into broadcasting, or something else."

Haas (69) had a chance to win or force a playoff, but bogeyed the 202-yard, par-3 18th. He left his tee shot short, dumped a chip into the front bunker, then watched his third shot roll over the lip and stay out of the cup by less than an inch.

### Baghdatis wins Stockholm Open by beating Rochus 6-1, 7-5

STOCKHOLM — Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus beat Olivier Rochus of Belgium 6-1, 7-5 on Sunday, winning the Stockholm Open for his third career ATP Tour singles title just a week after learning he had gained the event's main draw. Baghdatis was playing a Challenger event in Tashkent when he got the news.

"They told me I was in, so I got on a plane right after the final (in Tashkent last week) and here I am," he said. "I can't say I was expecting this victory, but it feels great. I'm really happy."

The 66th-ranked Cypriot advanced to the final against his friend and training partner with a walkover after top-seeded Robin Soderling of Sweden withdrew because of an elbow injury.

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## SOCCER: EUROPEAN ROUNDUP

## Liverpool fans assured over new investors and Benitez



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**LIVERPOOL CO OWNER** Tom Hicks before Liverpool's match against Manchester United in the English Premier League soccer at Anfield, Liverpool, England.

**ROB HARRIS, AP Sports Writer**  
**LIVERPOOL, England**

Liverpool fans got good news on and off the field Sunday. First managing director Christian Purslow said the team will have new investors within six months and that manager Rafa Benitez's job is secure. Then the gloom that had been engulfing the club was further lifted by a 2-0 victory over Manchester United.

A run of four straight losses before the win had intensified the pressure on American co-owners Tom Hicks and George Gillett Jr. to spend money to strengthen the squad.

Before the match, around 1,000 fans chanted "Yanks out" as they protested outside Anfield against Hicks and Gillett Jr., who were on a rare joint visit.

Hicks, who wildly celebrated Sunday's first goal by Fernando Torres, and Gillett went public last month with their search for new equity after a Saudi Arabian prince said he wanted to buy a stake in the 18-time English champions.

And Purslow assured fans an injection of cash will be arriving soon.

### Interest

"There has been a huge amount of interest in the club from some extremely wealthy and expert investors, but it will take three to six months to pull that together," Purslow said. "It means there will be new investment into the football club. Mr. Hicks and Mr. Gillett have no plans to sell their shares. We will be issuing new equity to new investors, broadening our ownership."

Hicks also owns the Texas Rangers and Dallas Stars. Gillett recently sold the Montreal Canadiens but is still a majority owner of NASCAR's Richard Petty Motorsports team.

Despite the recent poor run of results in the Champions League and Premier League, Benitez is still seen as the manager to deliver the club's first English championship since 1990.

Benitez signed a new five-year contract in March despite winning only two major trophies since arriving in 2004 — the Champions League in 2005 and 2006 FA Cup.

"Liverpool Football Club is on a long-term journey and that journey is to be the most successful club, firstly in our country and secondly in the world, and you don't do that by worrying about short-term results," Purslow said. "You do that by having long-term plans centering on the people and the strategy. Rafa Benitez is absolutely central to that plan."

Purslow said neither of the team's pivotal players, Torres and Steven Gerrard, were for sale at any price.

# Torres inspires Liverpool to win against Manchester United



**LIVERPOOL'S FERNANDO TORRES**, front, scores a goal against Manchester United during their English Premier League soccer match at Anfield, Liverpool, England, Sunday Oct. 25, 2009.

## Dempsey stars for Fulham

**LONDON** — Liverpool beat Manchester United 2-0 to end its four-game losing streak and keep Chelsea at the top of the Premier League on Sunday, while Arsenal and Manchester City threw away two-goal leads and were held to draws, *writes Associated Press*.

Arsenal tied West Ham 2-2 but still moved above Tottenham into third, while Clint Dempsey's equalizer gave Fulham a 2-2 tie with Man City.

Goals by Fernando Torres and David Ngog earned Liverpool its third straight Premier League victory over Manchester United, which has become its closest rival and last season tied its record 18 league title triumphs.

"The players have answered a lot of questions and that's the most important thing," said Liverpool manager Rafa Benitez.

"We have to keep going. We can't get too excited about today."



**LIVERPOOL'S DIRK KUYT**, left, is fouled by Manchester United's Nemanja Vidic at Anfield.

United's second defeat means it is two points behind Chelsea, which outplayed Blackburn 5-0 on Saturday. Liverpool moved up three spots to fifth.

Dempsey headed home Jonathan Greening's free kick in the 68th minute to deny Man City the win at City of Manchester Stadium and prevent

the home side climbing to third.

City appeared in control after strikes by Joleon Lescott (53rd) and Martin Petrov (60th). But Damien Duff replied in the 62nd and Dempsey knotted the score.

"At 2-0 up, we should see the game off," Manchester City manager Mark Hughes said. "We acknowledged before the game that Dempsey was a good header of a ball and told the guys but we allowed him to score."

First-half goals by Robin van Persie and William Gallas gave Arsenal a comfortable lead at next-to-last West Ham, but Carlton Cole and Alessandro Diamanti forced the tie.

Arsenal still moved to third above Tottenham, which lost 1-0 at home to Stoke on Saturday. The Gunners also have a game in hand on Tottenham and Liverpool.

In Sunday's other game, Bolton edged Everton 3-2.

**FRANKFURT** — Ten-man Hamburger SV forced a 3-3 tie at Schalke to move into a tie with Bayer Leverkusen atop the Bundesliga. Unbeaten in the league, Leverkusen drew 1-1 with Borussia Dortmund on Friday and has

an edge on goal difference. Both teams have 22 points. In other games Sunday, Werder Bremen rallied for a 4-1 win in Bochum and last-place Hertha Berlin ended an eight-game skid by holding champion Wolfsburg to a 0-0 draw.

Bremen moved above Schalke into third place.

**GLASGOW, Scotland** — First-half goals by Shaun Maloney and Scott McDonald gave Celtic a 2-1 victory at Hamilton and helped the club move back on top of the Scottish Premier League.

Defending champions Rangers were held 1-1 at home by Hibernian on Saturday and the result opened the door for Celtic to regain top spot.

Celtic's sixth victory in nine games means Tony Mowbray's team has 20 points. Rangers, unbeaten with five wins and four draws, have 19.

**AMSTERDAM** — FC Twente beat FC Groningen 4-0 to stay atop the Dutch league and extend its unbeaten run to 11 games, while Ajax beat defending champion AZ Alkmaar 4-2 to move into second place in the standings.



**LIVERPOOL'S DAVID NGOG**, right, vies for the ball against Manchester United's Nemanja Vidic, left, during their English Premier League soccer match at Anfield stadium.



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LOCAL NEWS

# Harbour Island fire 'may have been deliberate

POLICE suspect a fire which completely destroyed a house on Harbour Island may have been started deliberately. According to Superintendent Ellsworth Moss, head of the Central Detective Unit,

police on the island were alerted to the blaze around 6.30pm on Saturday. The two story winter home, which is owned by a person from California, was not occupied at the time. Investigations are continuing.

# The Bahamas to get swine flu vaccinations for 250,000 people

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organisation (WHO) policies and recommendations from the local medical community, said Dr Minnis.

The vaccine, which was approved last week following human trials, has recently started to be put to use in the United States. While the initial hysteria surrounding the new strain of influenza has abated somewhat, along with evidence that in most cases the illness is mild, the number of cases continues to grow worldwide and the public is being urged to get vaccinated to protect themselves and others.

Following a "rapid increase in illness" in the US stemming from the viral outbreak, President Barack Obama declared a national state of emergency over the H1N1 pandemic on Saturday with the intention of easing legal requirements to help federal governments provide necessary medical treatment.

Yesterday, Health Minister Dr Minnis said The Bahamas has yet to see a significant increase in the number of swine flu cases in line with what is going on in our near neighbour and major tourist market of North America. It is not yet known who The Bahamian government will seek to see immunised first when vaccines become available, although it is likely that similar policies to

those being pursued in the US will be followed.

Dr Minnis said the medical profession would certainly be the first to receive the vaccine, as they are at a higher risk of being exposed to the virus and their wellbeing is important to that of society at large.

Worldwide, young people have taken the brunt of the impact of the H1N1 virus, and in the US the Centre for Disease Control recommends that those aged six months to 25 years should get vaccinated as a matter of priority.

The CDC records that out of the 5,000 people hospitalised with swine flu in the US since September 1 this year, more than 53 per cent have been under 25.

Other target groups which should get vaccinated as soon as possible, according to the CDC, include pregnant women, people who live with or care for children younger than six months of age, health-care and emergency medical services personnel, and people between the ages of 25 through 64 who are at higher risk for 2009 H1N1 because of chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems.

Dr Minnis added that The Bahamas is in a good position to ensure citizens are vaccinated efficiently as we have many community clinics which can act as distribution centres for the vaccine.



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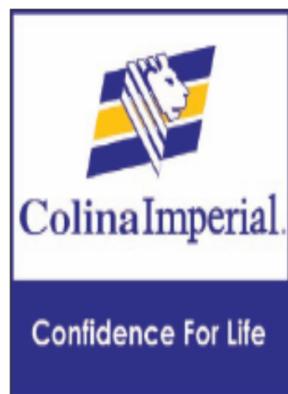
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# BEC plant faces Judicial Review

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

Judicial Review proceedings will “shortly” be launched against the Bahamas Electricity Corporation’s (BEC) proposed \$105 million Abaco power plant, an attorney for the plaintiffs branding the Government’s move to obtain all the necessary permits without further public participation/consultation as “an absolute mockery of democracy” and “a slap in the face”.

Fred Smith, the Callender’s & Co attorney and partner, who is representing numerous Abaco residents



FRED SMITH

and landowners in their opposition to the Wilson City plant, questioned how the Bahamian people could “have any faith in due process” as a result of how the approvals/permitting process for the project had been handled.

He said he and his clients had received no substantive response from any government agency to their September 16, 2009, letter seeking information about the permitting process for the Wilson City plant.

But now the Government, through Phenton Neymour, minister of state for the environment, had announced that all relevant permits/approvals required for the power plant’s construction to proceed

had been granted, despite no information on this process having been forthcoming.

“In the face of this announcement, my clients have no alternative but to launch Judicial Review proceedings, which they will be doing shortly,” Mr Smith told Tribune Business. “Regrettably, Judicial Review proceedings will be launched very shortly. It will take some time to get all the documents together, but they will be drafted.”

A Judicial Review would probably be the last thing Abaco’s power-starved economy, businesses and consumers would want, since it would almost certainly involve applying to the Supreme Court for

an injunction to halt all construction work on Wilson City while the case is before the courts.

That, in turn, would further delay the plant’s construction and the enhancement of BEC’s ability to meet the island’s electricity needs, Tribune Business having previously reported that Abaco’s peak load had risen by 64 per cent in five years.

Electricity demand on Abaco has been steadily increasing, and failure to install the generation capacity to meet it will increasingly damage the island’s economy, especially tourist-based businesses. Wilson City’s construction costs are also likely to

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## Oil facility in \$545k business licence deal

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

THE former owner of a Grand Bahama-based oil storage terminal paid \$545,000 to settle outstanding business licence fees claimed by the Government prior to the complex’s just-closed \$258 million sale, the Norwegian purchaser taking control of a business that enjoyed a 92 per cent revenue increase during the 2009 first half.

World Point Terminals, in its half-yearly report to shareholders, confirmed that the 2 per

South Riding Point revenues up 92% in 2009 first half, due to extra storage capacity

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## ‘Severe liquidity’ issues hit bank

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

“SEVERE liquidity issues” have left the Bahamas Development Bank (BDB) unable to write any “meaningful size loans”, a government minister has confirmed to Tribune Business, with “50 per cent-plus” of its \$55 million loan portfolio in the non-performing category.

Zhivargo Laing, minister of state for finance, said the Government was assessing

- \* Bahamas Development Bank unable to originate any ‘meaningful size loans’ as ‘50%-plus’ of existing portfolio non-performing
- \* Situation exacerbates ‘credit crunch’ facing many Bahamian firms
- \* Government assessing ‘many, many issues’ in moving BDB forward

“many, many issues” with regard to how it reformed the BDB and moved the institution forward, acknowledging that the liquidity crunch caused by the inability/failure of many existing borrowers to repay loans had left it “highly constrained” when it came to writing new business.

“There’s no moratorium on lending, but as I had indicated during the Budget debate, the bank does face severe liquidity issues as, in many ways, it’s highly constrained in terms of lending,” Mr Laing told Tribune Business.

While the BDB was still able to write loans for relatively small sums, Mr Laing said the liquidity crunch it was experiencing meant that in the case of “any meaningful size loans, it will be very difficult and hard pressed to do so”.

And the minister added: “At the moment, the bank really, really is having a difficult time finding the liquidity to make loans.

“The bank has any number of issues confronting it, but the primary one is the perfor-



ZHIVARGO LAING

mance of the portfolio in terms of people being able to repay their obligations. That has created huge challenges for the bank.”

The BDB’s inability to originate “meaningful loans” will further impair the ability of many Bahamian start-ups, entrepreneurs and small businesses, who would be unable to obtain debt financing elsewhere, to access capital.

And with the Government-

sponsored venture capital fund also reassessing its lending/financing policies and concentrating on its existing portfolio of start-up investments, not to mention the increased skittishness of many commercial banks to small business loans, it is clear many Bahamian entrepreneurs are experiencing this nation’s own version of the ‘credit crunch’.

The inability to access debt financing, from whatever institution and form sought, could spell doom for many Bahamian businesses, especially during this recession and the slump in consumer demand.

While conceding that the BDB’s liquidity crisis would impact those businesses in the niche that it served, Mr Laing told Tribune Business that it held a relatively small share of the commercial lending market - meaning the impact would not be systemic or widespread.

“Over the years, BDB has built a portfolio of some \$40-\$50 million-plus, and if you

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## Retailers see ‘noticeable’ shift in consumers’ spending patterns

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

BAHAMIAN retailers have seen a “noticeable” shift in consumer buying patterns, with sales dropping markedly during the Monday-Thursday midweek period and increasing at the weekend, something being interpreted as a sign more persons are “living from pay cheque to pay cheque”.

Dionisio D’Aguilar said he had seen the buying pattern shift at both his Superwash laundromat chain, of which

\* Retailers see midweek sales drops, then increases at weekend, indicating more living from pay cheque to pay cheque

he is president, and at AML Foods, the BIXX-listed food retail conglomerate that he chairs.

“There’s a shift in buying patterns now,” the former Bahamas Chamber of Commerce’s president explained.

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## 90% of entrepreneurs lack skills for survival

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

SOME 90 per cent of prospective Bahamian entrepreneurs lack the skills, knowledge and expertise to survive in business, a consultant to the sector has told Tribune Business, urging that a package of managerial, accounting and other support services be attached to any

Banks urged to tie small business loans to support packages, giving borrowers best chance to meet obligations

small business loans. Mark Turnquest, of Mark

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# ROYAL FIDELITY MARKET WRAP

**By RoyalFidelity Capital Markets**

LAST week, Bahamian investors traded in 11 out of the 24 listed securities, of which two advanced, two declined and seven remain unchanged.

**EQUITY MARKET**

A total of 28,461 shares changed hands, representing a drop of 10,889 shares compared to the previous week's trading volume of 39,350 shares.

Doctors Hospital Health Systems (DHS) was the volume leader, trading 12,000 shares, with its stock advancing by \$0.20 to close the week at \$2.25.

FamGuard Corporation (FAM) led

the advance during the week, its share price increasing by \$0.22 on a volume of 1,000 shares traded to close the week at \$6.50.

The lead decliner last week was First-Caribbean International Bank (Bahamas) (CIB), which dropped by \$0.13 on a volume of 1,500 shares, closing the week at \$9.87.

**BOND MARKET**

A total of 22 bonds traded in the Bahamian bond market last week. Some 13 FBB22 Series B Notes traded, valued at \$13,000, while five FBB13 Series C Notes traded valued at \$5,000. A further four FBB15 Series D notes traded valued at \$4,000.

**COMPANY NEWS**

**Earnings Releases:**

There were no earnings released by any of the publicly traded companies during the week.

**Dividend Notes:**

• Consolidated Water BDRs declared a dividend of \$0.015 per share, payable on November 6, 2009, to all ordinary shareholders of record date October 1, 2009.

• FOCOL Holdings has declared a dividend of \$0.060 per share, payable on November 10, 2009, to all ordinary shareholders of record date October 30, 2009.

**The Bahamian Stock Market**

BISX SYMBOL	CLOSING PRICE	CHANGE	VOLUME	YTD PRICE CHANGE
AML	\$1.17	\$-	0	-31.58%
BBL	\$0.63	\$-	0	-4.55%
BOB	\$5.90	\$-	700	-22.77%
BPF	\$10.75	\$-	0	-8.90%
BSL	\$10.06	\$-	0	-1.28%
BWL	\$3.15	\$-	0	0.00%
CAB	\$9.93	\$-	0	-29.22%
CBL	\$5.74	\$-0.09	2,500	-18.00%
CHL	\$2.72	\$-	239	-3.89%
CIB	\$9.87	\$-0.13	1,500	-5.55%
DHS	\$2.25	\$0.20	12,000	-11.76%
FAM	\$6.50	\$0.22	1,000	-16.67%
FBB	\$2.37	\$-	0	0.00%
FCC	\$0.27	\$-	0	-10.00%
FCL	\$4.11	\$-	0	-20.50%
FCLB	\$1.00	\$-	9,000	0.00%
FIN	\$9.30	\$-	0	-21.65%
ICD	\$5.59	\$-	1,500	-8.81%
JSJ	\$9.95	\$-	0	-10.36%
PRE	\$10.00	\$-	0	0.00%

## Retailers see 'noticeable' shift in consumers' spending patterns

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"We're finding it in my Superwash business and at AML Foods, in that Monday to Friday sales are significantly slower, but at the weekend they are robust. But the weekend is not enough to compensate for Monday to Friday."

"There seems to be this huge bulge at the weekend. It's straining organisations, so businesses are having to shift staffing patterns, reducing them during the week and increasing them at the weekend to accommodate this great rush."

Mr D'Aguilar added: "It shows more of the population are limping from pay cheque to pay cheque, and we are noticing it in the changing buying patterns."

"Then you're shifting your scheduling and ordering. You've got to adjust businesses to deal with that - this huge decrease during the week, and the increase at the weekend. But the increase at the weekend is not compensating for the decrease during the week."

"It indicates more people are living from pay cheque to pay cheque, holding on, meeting their needs when they get paid, and then holding on until the next pay cheque."

Gavin Watchorn, AML Foods' president and chief executive, described the shift in buying patterns as "noticeable" rather than significant, but acknowledged the company had seen a slight decrease in early week consumer purchases and an

increase at the weekend.

Mr Watchorn said the shift indicated two things - persons waiting for their pay cheque, and also for the 'Thursday special' price promotion ads carried in the newspapers.

**Adverts**

"It's the weekend adverts that come out on Thursday," the AML Foods president said. "I think people are getting accustomed to waiting for that, and customers look forward to the Thursday advertisements. Now, more and more are waiting for them and shopping around the various chains for their specials."

Still, Mr Watchorn acknowledged: "We have seen a decrease in the average transaction value over the last

six to eight weeks. We've not seen any move in customer counts - they're still anywhere from 6-12 per cent above last year."

"I think the market is getting a lot smaller now as the economy bites a little more. There's quite a concern over Christmas because of the fact that Christmas business is huge for so many retailers in the Bahamas. Food retailers are a little different - our sales peak at Christmas, but it doesn't make or break the year for us. The concern is that if there's a bad Christmas, it will not be a good first quarter next year."

Meanwhile, Mr D'Aguilar said he was "not optimistic" and "afraid" about the short and medium-term economic outlook for the Bahamas.

"I don't have a good gut feeling about the economy," he explained. "Sales are continuing to deteriorate, and in my business of sales continue to slide and deteriorate, it's an indication that people are unemployed."

"Our sales [at Superwash] are slipping, and they're continuing to slide. I just don't have any good news. I'm pessimistic about the domestic economy, and a little more optimistic about the world economy."

"I don't know if people are

**International Markets**

**FOREX Rates**

	Weekly	% Change
CAD\$	0.9499	-1.55
GBP	1.6319	-0.22
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	Weekly	% Change
Crude Oil	\$79.06	0.66
Gold	\$1,052.90	0.17

**International Stock Market Indexes:**

	Weekly	% Change
DJIA	9,995.91	-0.24
S & P 500	1,087.68	-0.74
NASDAQ	2,156.80	-0.11
Nikkei	10,257.56	+0.24

limping until they get paid and do all their purchasing at once, or are waiting until the weekend to do all their purchasing, but people are just buying the basics - just the basic foods, the basic luxury goods."

Adding that consumers were "definitely tightening" when it came to purchasing power and spending, Mr D'Aguilar added: "I see another six to eight months of this, and that is a guess. We need good news, a boost, something to happen. We need Baha Mar to close the deal with the Chinese."

The former Chamber president added that the Government appeared to have "no

grand Marshall Plan" to deal with increasing crime levels, even though businesses were "getting hit left, right and centre over that".

Policymakers were also "hoping and praying" over the problems in the Bahamian education system, which had been more than 30 years in the making.

"There's a fear of doing anything outside the norm," Mr D'Aguilar said. "There's nothing new and innovative, nothing drastic and dramatic, just same old, same old."

There was "nothing to chip away at the problem", he added, such as making Government High School a charter school.

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## BUSINESS

# Bahamians not equipped for 'New Normal'

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

THE Bahamas is not equipping its school graduates with the education and skills to compete in the 'New Normal' economic reality it faces, a leading banking executive has warned, the "many years of prosperity" having masked deep-rooted inefficiencies within this nation's economy.

Anwer Sunderji, chairman and chief executive of Fidelity Bank & Trust International, addressing the bank's Sir Gerald Cash National Distinguished Teachers' Awards ceremony at Government House on Friday, warned that the Bahamas rapidly had to "retool and reengineer" its economy to cope with the 'New Normal' - an era when economic and top-line sales growth will no longer be driven by high consumption and consumer demand levels.

Describing an uneducated workforce as the "greatest threat" to the Bahamas' "future economic security and social stability", Mr Sunderji said: "If the Bahamas is to compete, and win, in a rapidly changing economic environment - an environment that is driven and dominated by digitalisation, deregulation, diversity and globalisation - then we must develop a workforce that is more highly skilled and literate than ever before.

"The forces that shape our economy have changed dramatically in just a couple of years. The twin engines of our economy, financial services and tourism, have to quickly retool and reengineer

so the Bahamas can survive and thrive in the 'New Normal'.

"What is the 'New Normal'? It is a time when the high level of consumption in the developed world is going to be sharply curtailed. It is America, particularly, switching from a culture of consumption to a culture of savings. This switch in American priorities will slow our economic growth for the next several years. If Americans spend less and save more, we will feel it in our pocket. That's the 'New Normal'," Mr Sunderji added.

## Survive

"To survive these lean times, we will need to work longer, work harder and for less money. We will have to be more innovative, more committed and more knowledgeable."

Mr Sunderji warned that the Internet's evolution had "changed everything", with workers, such as the two billion in China and India, for example, able to do work/jobs related to the Bahamas from their home countries, with no work permits required and at a much cheaper cost than Bahamian worker.

"Our children are competing in this new world, where increasingly there are few boundaries, and which demands more from them than learning just enough to get by," Mr Sunderji added.

"We have a responsibility to equip them to compete by giving them a world-class education. The Bahamas spends millions of dollars each year on education. But it is com-

mon knowledge that the standard of our high school is not up to standard.

"We graduate students who are ill-equipped to survive in this highly competitive international economic environment. Only the educated and skilled will thrive in the 'New Normal', and we are not currently giving Bahamian children those skills, or education."

Mr Sunderji told Tribune Business that the Bahamas, and the rest of the world, had enjoyed "an amazing period" of 16-17 years of strong, consecutive economic growth aside from the 'blip' caused by the September 11, 2001, terror attacks.

"We have had many, many years of prosperity that have masked some of these inefficiencies, and now we've got to confront them and deal with them," he explained.

"The world has prospered and thrived, and we have a new reality ahead of us where economic growth is going to be slow, where future prosperity is not going to come from increased consumption, and all of us have to be saving more, spending less and dealing with the new normal."

Adding that this applied to government, businesses and consumers, Mr Sunderji said: "All of us need to reset our economic activities to deal with the new reality.

"The Americans are doing it already, and doing it rapidly, and have deep enough pockets to reduce the pain. And we don't have that.

"Intellectual capital is what we need to be developing, and we're not spending enough time on that."

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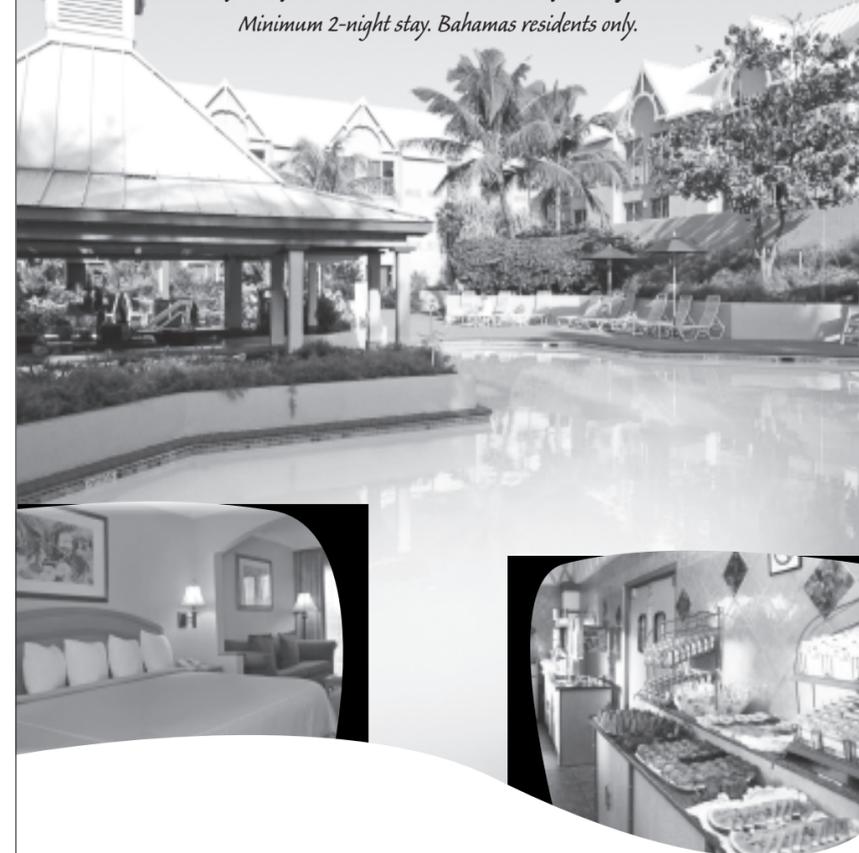


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BUSINESS

# BEC plant faces Judicial Review

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increase with any delay. Still, many observers are likely to argue that the Government and BEC had effectively 'shot themselves in the foot', much as the former did with the Baker's Bay project on Great Guana Cay, by not being transparent and consulting early enough - and widely enough - with local residents and stakeholders that would be impacted by Wilson City.

Responding to the Government's assertion that all necessary construction permits had been obtained for Wilson City, Mr Smith told Tribune Business: "With all due respect to Mr Neymour, his statements make an absolute mockery of democracy in the Bahamas.

"The fact that this FNM government would merely rubber stamp ex-parte facto

permit applications for the BEC plant, in the face of legitimate, civil requests by my clients to be informed of applications, to be consulted and to be permitted to participate in the process of considering these applications, is nothing less than a disrespectful slap in the face to the citizens of Abaco."

The Callender's & Co partner reiterated that the only response to his September 16, 2009, letter had come from Benjamin Pinder, the administrator of the south Abaco local government district. In that letter, Mr Pinder wrote: "Please be advised that the appropriate authorities will respond to all questions posed in regard to the" Wilson City power plant project.

This, Mr Smith said, raised the likelihood that he and his clients would receive the information they had requested. Yet, while waiting for these responses, he argued

that based on Mr Neymour's announcement it appeared that the Government/BEC had pressed ahead to obtain the permits they required, disregarding the pleas for consultation and due process.

Although he did not say whether he regarded the sole response to his September 16 letter as 'stonewalling', Mr Smith said: "My clients are sitting here with a legitimate expectation of receiving a response to their inquiries in the letter, and to have the Government, through Mr Neymour, proudly pronounce they have obtained the permits is just an affront to any due process; to any serious public administration of government."

"How can the people of the Bahamas have any faith in due process, or the right to envision and participate in their own future, when after the Town Meeting they obtain the permits secretly?" The Callender's & Co partner described as "shocking" the fact that the south Abaco administrator's letter had advised his clients to wait, and the main concern now was to discover what permits BEC had obtained, when these were granted and the agencies that gave them.

Mr Smith said his clients had wanted to wait for the Government's agencies

response to their letter before contemplating a Judicial Review action, as "you don't declare war" without cause, but he indicated events had left them with little choice.

"It is clear that neither the FNM nor PLP governments have learnt any lessons from the courts," Mr Smith added. "We would have thought that Guana Cay highlighted the need for consultation and participation in the planning process.

"Otherwise, why bother having authorities to consider permitting applications? They are not there to rubber stamp anything a government or developer wants."

In the Wilson City case, Mr Smith argued that BEC and the Government had been able to go back to the permitting authorities "after the fact", construction on Wilson City having already started, and obtain what they needed.

"This is a topsy-turvy world which the FNM is perpetuating," the attorney argued. "This goes against all of their manifesto promises and the foundations of democracy, which the FNM has promised to undergird in the Bahamas. We are not a little Banana Republic where the Government gets to do what it wants.

"The citizens cannot be

kept in such darkness when, after the Town Meeting, everyone's principal complaint was the lack of consultation."

Making the case for the Wilson City power plant project, its Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) said the installed capacity at its Marsh Harbour plant was "insufficient to meet current and near future demand for power in Abaco.

"Without additional capacity, the need for load shedding becomes likely in order to maintain a balance between demand and generation capacity. Therefore, the

proposed project is designed to meet the current and future needs, providing reliable additional electricity generation capacity."

The KES report warned that without the Wilson City power plant, "greater reliance would be placed upon the use of small diesel generator sets for residential, commercial and industrial purposes.

"Those typically burn premium fuels such as high-speed diesel, whilst their energy efficiency and inherent emissions means that their environmental performance may compare unfavourably with larger scale generation."

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Copies of the filed plan may be inspected at:

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# CFAL donates to teen rehabilitation

CFAL, the Bahamas-based investment and financial advisory firm, has made a financial donation to Teen Challenge Bahamas, a facility with a 75 per cent rehabilitation success rate.

Teen Challenge Bahamas has been operating in the Bahamas since 1988 to offer treatment and counselling to young men with drug and alcohol addiction and other social difficulties.

Sean Longley, CFAL's vice-president of business development and client relations, said the donation reflected the company's belief that corporate Bahamas was a direct beneficiary of the work that non-profit youth organisations carry out in society.

"We are all concerned with the high profile that crime has taken in our country in recent times, but we are also aware

that without organisations like Teen Challenge, this problem would be far worse. Our company has been fortunate to experience positive growth over the past year, so it is important to us to continue to support organisations whose missions make a positive difference in our community," Mr Longley said.

## Challenge

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## BUSINESS

# IMF warning on tourism recovery

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

THE Bahamas is among the Caribbean nations that have suffered the highest declines in tourist arrivals during 2009, a new International Monetary Fund (IMF) report has confirmed, warning that the industry's recovery and that of the wider Bahamian economy will not happen before 2011.

The IMF, in its assessment of the tourism outlook for the Caribbean, entitled *A less crowded Caribbean next year?*, said that for the year to May tourism arrivals to the Bahamas were down by 14.1 per cent, com-

pared to a 3.4 per cent increase for Jamaica and falls of just 2.4 per cent and 9.4 per cent for the Dominican Republic and St Lucia respectively.

Also faring better than the Bahamas, comparatively speaking, were Barbados and Antigua & Barbuda, whose tourist arrivals to July 2009 were down by 10.7 per cent and 12.8 per cent respectively.

The only Caribbean nations faring worse than the Bahamas were St Vincent & the Grenadines and St Kitts and Nevis, who were off by 17.4 per cent and 27 per cent respectively for the year to June 2009.

And the IMF analysis warned that tourist-dependent countries such as

the Bahamas were likely to experience a relatively long recession compared to other nations, because the consumer confidence and employment levels in developed countries, upon which they depended, typically lagged behind output recoveries.

With US unemployment rates set to enter double digits for the first time in 60 years, and forecast to remain in that territory until the 2010 fourth quarter, it seems reasonable to assume that economic recovery in the Bahamas may not commence until the 2011 mid-point - the 2011 winter season or first quarter at the earliest.

"The effects of the financial cri-

sis on the Caribbean will likely persist into 2010 because tourism depends on employment conditions in advanced economies, which typically lag output recoveries," the IMF said.

"In the 2001 recession, for example, declines in tourist arrivals to Mexico and the Caribbean followed increases in unemployment rates which did not improve until 2003, despite an output recovery in 2002."

The outlook for Bahamian tourism, the IMF suggested, could be further impacted by the increasing US openness towards Cuba and a "potentially sharp recovery in Mexico".

It pointed out that the US move to lift travel restrictions on residents with family in Cuba had boosted their arrivals to the island nation by 11 per cent, and overall arrivals by 6 per cent.

"Although the impact on the Caribbean of this change is likely to be small, further near-term opening of US travel to Cuba would increase regional competition significantly," the IMF warned.

And while the Caribbean had benefited from reduced tourist travel to Mexico amid swine flu and security concerns, "should Mexico recover quickly in 2010, this would put further pressure on the Caribbean".

## 'Severe liquidity' issues hit bank

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look at the size of commercial lending in the country it's a small percentage of the total," Mr Laing explained. "The commercial banks carry the lion's share of commercial lending.

"BDB specialises in loans to a particular set of commercial borrowers who would

otherwise not get a loan, and if there are persons who need such a loan, their opportunities will be stifled by that fact."

Mr Laing said the BDB's current woes, and those experienced by the Government-guaranteed Education Loan Programme and the Bahamas Mortgage Corporation, showed "there are no free

lunches in life".

All three government-sponsored initiatives had been impacted by the failure, or inability, of many borrowers to meet their obligations to repay their loans. This, Mr Laing said, had deprived the programmes of funding for new loans, meaning that the repayment failures of existing borrowers were denying

opportunities to new borrowers.

"This capital carried by the BDB, it has to repay it," Mr Laing said. "The only way to do it is to service it with funds received from its borrowers. The important lesson is a portfolio has to be built up and managed properly, so there is viability."

And he added: "I think there may be some fundamental issues in the size of the BDB, because it needs a certain size to carry its administrative and operational expenses. That could be part of the challenge."

Describing the BDB as facing "a very difficult situation", and an "unfortunate" one that had been building for decades, Mr Laing said: "It points to one big reality - that the only way for a programme founded on lending to others to be viable is there ought to be a realisation by the bor-

rowers that they need to repay their loans."

When this did not happen, it jeopardised the future sustainability and continuity of government-sponsored loan programmes, for if "too many people are unable to repay, that particularly facility will be hard-pressed to continue or do the kind of lending that it did before."

"That's where BDB is at the moment," Mr Laing told Tribune Business. "All of this has to be taken together, but I am hopeful that at the end of the day we will be able to find the best means for the Government to support small and medium-sized businesses without running into the kind of challenges we're now seeing, and in a way that's more appropriate to supporting them."

"We have to look at the circumstances and see what is the most appropriate thing to

do. That means looking at many, many issues."

Anthony Woodside, BDB's managing director, told Tribune Business earlier this year that its loan arrears had reached \$27 million or around 50 per cent of its \$54-\$55 million portfolio.

It missed its per annum loan target of \$8-\$9 million by almost \$5 million in 2008, processing some \$3.4 million in credit advances then. For the year to early April 2009, the BDB had funded seven projects in the farming, services and transportation sectors worth a collective \$622,764.

In 2007, the last year for which the BDB's audited financial statements were made available, its net loss quadrupled year-over-year to \$15.406 million - largely due to a more-than \$11 million increase in bad loan provisions.

## 90% of entrepreneurs lack skills for survival

Turnquest Consulting, suggested that before institutions agreed loans to small businesses and entrepreneurs, they needed to tie these to "affordable" packages that offered the borrower marketing, training and other support services for their first year in business.

By doing this, they would be assisting the borrower with its financial survival and, in doing so, giving it a greater chance to meet its loan repayment obligations.

"In doing this, an entrepreneur will be able to seek legal

and managerial consultative advice on an affordable basis," Mr Turnquest told Tribune Business. "Before they lend the money, they would actually make sure the entrepreneur had a sufficient amount of advice to run their business."

He added that this was one of the issues he hoped to address in discussions over the crafting of a Small Business Act of the Bahamas, and said: "I would recommend that every [commercial] borrower have marketing and performance support, so that money is paid and obligations are met going forward."

"There has to be a new type of lending structure. You can't stop lending, because the market will not grow. The new policy moving forward would have to feature structures that include accounting, management, marketing and support systems."

"The Small Business Act is going to protect the Govern-

ment, the banks and small businesses throughout the Bahamas under one roof, so we can make a decision on how we want to develop this economy from a small business perspective."

"There has to be a more interactive relationship between the banks and small businesses if we're going to survive the present recession and the transition coming out of that."

Mr Turnquest said this would increase the Bahamas' ability to develop the skill sets of entrepreneurs, adding: "Too many of them [new entrepreneurs] are not professional. Ninety per cent do not have the expertise and knowledge to run a business. They take money from the business to pay personal debts, and do not reinvest back in the business."

"All the players - the Government, the banks, the small business owners - are at fault."



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# Oil facility in \$545k business licence deal

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cent increase in operating

expenses that it incurred during the six months to June 30, 2009, from \$17.042 million in 2008 to \$17.365 million, was

largely due to the business licence fee increase and settlement it reached with the Bahamian government.

“As previously disclosed, in 2008, South Riding Point was contacted by representatives of the Bahamian government regarding the non-payment of a local revenue-based tax spanning previous years’ revenue,” the World Point Terminals report said. “As a result, South Riding Point incurred \$545,000 related to the business licence fees imposed by the Bahamian government.”

The World Point Terminals report indicates that Statoil-Hydro, the Norwegian-headquartered company that last week closed its \$258 million purchase of South Riding Point, is taking over an operating business in pretty good health.

For the 2009 first half, South Riding Point’s revenues grew by 92 per cent or \$8.061 million as a result of higher storage and marine fees. Storage revenues grew as a result of two new oil storage tanks, with a combined 1.5 million barrels of extra capacity, coming on line during the 2008 third and fourth quarters.

And the Freepoint tug business, which Statoil has also acquired, saw its revenues grow by 9 per cent or \$125,000 compared to the 2008 first half due to rate increases and fuel surcharges. Freepoint handles an estimated 90 per cent of the traffic at the Freeport Container Port.

terminal elected complete additional projects while contractors were mobilised.

“In June 2007, South Riding Point terminated the contractor on the jetty repair contract and hired a new contractor,” World Point Terminals said. “In 2008, the new contractor completed the hurricane repairs to the offshore jetty.

## Riding

“South Riding Point is now in an arbitration proceeding with the original contractor it hired to restore and repair the offshore jetty. The contractor has claimed damages of approximately \$2.7 million. South Riding Point is vigorously contesting this claim, and has filed a counterclaim in excess of \$9.5 million.”

Meanwhile, a Statoil spokeswoman said that now the South Riding Point acquisition had been completed, the terminal would become part of the company’s North American operations and it was “going to develop it further going forward”.

Statoil had leased storage space at South Riding Point for many years, and the spokeswoman said owning the facility would not only enable the company to expand its oil trading and production activities in the Americas, but also “to invest in new facilities, such as blending, if needed”.

Confirming that Statoil intended to invest \$100-\$150 million to upgrade and expand South Riding Point, the spokeswoman said: “It is important for our trading business. We have used it [South Riding Point] for a number of years, and it gives us the ability to add more value to Statoil production.”

“We know the terminal fairly well, having used it for several years. It’s been an important tool for our trading operations for a number of years.

“Going forward, Statoil is going to increased production from Venezuela. This acquisition gives us options, and owning it is an advantage to us as we can better develop it to suit our needs than before.”

## Deal

However, the Statoil deal does not completely end World Point Terminals’ involvement in the Bahamas, as it is still engaged in arbitration over repairs to South Riding Point’s sea jetty resulting from damage inflicted in the 2004 hurricane season. The company warned that legal fees relating to the arbitration would impact income from continuing operations throughout 2009.

Detailing the arbitration, World Point Terminals said South Riding Point executed a \$7.853 million contract for repairs to the offshore jetty, some \$3.574 million of which was not to be covered by insurance as the oil storage

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14.60	7.92	Bahamas Supermarkets	7.92	8.42	14.00		-2.246	0.000	N/M	0.00%
8.00	6.00	Caribbean Crossings (Pref)	2.00	6.25	4.00		0.000	0.480	N/M	7.80%
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3.6090	3.0941	Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	3.0941	-8.61	-13.59			31-Aug-09
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Ms Ward comes to the Sheraton Nassau Beach Resort from My Brother's Keeper Foundation in Nassau, where she provided business consulting services to small business owners in Rwanda.

She also planned and executed all of the Foundation's private fundraising events. Prior to that, she was the hospitality business consultant for the Ku Itaba Prince Hotel in Butare, Rwanda.

Ms Ward began her career as a food and beverage assistant at the Lyford Cay Club in Nassau. She holds a Bachelor

of Science in Food Service Management from Johnson & Wales University, and a Master of Science in Hospitality Management from Florida International University.

Mr Smith's background is in event production and conceptualisation. Most recently, he worked with the Cacique International Group of Companies in Nassau, where he spearheaded the events and design team, and assisted clients with design and implementation ideas for weddings and corporate and residential events.

Mr Smith was also the event coordinator for Aarons Catering of The Palm Beaches in Palm Beach, Florida. He

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# Airport unveils its screening upgrade



**SHOWN** (l-r): Frank Watson, chairman, NAD and Airport Authority; Senator Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace, minister of tourism and aviation; Craig Richmond, president and chief executive, NAD; Deepak Bhatnagar, NAD Board member; and Andrew Bonaby, assistant director of security, Airport Authority...

VINCENT Vanderpool-Wallace, minister of tourism and aviation, joined airport officials to celebrate renovations to the International Departures Pre-Board Screening area at the Lynden Pindling International Airport.

Frank Watson, Airport Authority and Nassau Airport Development Company (NAD) chairman, said the facelift to the area was part of an ongoing effort to improve the passenger experience and enhance safety and security at the airport.

Changes include a new layout to enhance overall security and passenger traffic, and the addition of a private search room for security inspections. The project also included improved lighting, new paint, restored concrete floors and the addition of a wall wrap depicting Cabbage Beach on Paradise Island.

"This refurbishment exercise is a joint venture between NAD and the Airport Authority," Mr Watson said during the recent ribbon cutting ceremony. "We

will continue to upgrade our current facilities, for example the domestic section and the taxi call-up area, even while we are working on building new, modern terminals. Our top priority is the safety and comfort of our passengers during this transitional period."

In July 2009, NAD broke ground on the \$409.5 million airport redevelopment project. Construction on stage one - a new US Departures terminal - is ongoing and scheduled for completion in Spring 2011.



**HAPPY SCHOLARS** — Shown (l-r): Graham Clarke, chairman, YVRAS Board of Directors, Janyne Hodder, COB president; and George Casey, president and chief executive, YVRAS...

## Airport manager presents four-year COB scholarship

THE Canadian company overseeing the Lynden Pindling International Airport's (LPIA) \$409.5 million redevelopment has presented the College of the Bahamas (COB) with a four-year scholarship for a Bahamian student to study business management.

Vancouver Airport Services (YVRAS), which operates the Nassau Airport Development Company (NAD) under a 10-year management agreement, presented the scholarship to COB president Janyne Hodder while holding its Board meetings in the Bahamas.

George Casey, YVRAS's president and chief executive, said of the scholarship: "As airport operators we invest in the airports we manage, and as an extension of that we invest in the communities our airports service."

"We understand the importance of LPIA to the Bahamas and we are happy to play a part in improving the major gateway to the country."

YVRAS held its board meetings in the Bahamas to celebrate the third anniversary of the October 2006 man-

agement services agreement for LPIA, and to assess progress on the redevelopment.

"Vancouver Airport Services is proud to be a partner in the Nassau Airport Development Company (NAD) and part of the future of Lynden Pindling International Airport," said George Casey, president and chief executive of YVRAS.

"The success of NAD to date is evident in the visible changes at the airport, operational and customer service improvements and the commencement of the terminal redevelopment program."

"Credit and recognition should be given to the Government of the Bahamas, the NAD Board of Directors and the employees of NAD. We look forward to celebrating additional milestones to come."

YVRAS manages 18 airports on three continents, that network generating a combined \$400 million in revenues and passenger traffic of about 27 million in 2008. The Nassau meetings were the first time the YVRAS Board had met at an airport in their network.

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# INSIGHT

The stories behind the news

# PLP convention 'was more like a senior citizens rally'

By PAUL G TURNQUEST  
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During last week's National Convention, a senior PLP stalwart was asked who she was supporting in the party's chairmanship race. With a gleam in her eye, she fixed her hat and exclaimed: "Perry Christie!"

This answer perhaps says more about what took place at the Wyndham Nassau Resort than any political observer will tell you.

With the majority of those who voted well into the 60's, 70's, even 80's the PLP's convention was more like a senior citizens rally than anything else. These persons lined up and voted for the names they have always known — "Perry Christie, Brave Davis, and Bradley Roberts."

It is hard to understand how such a vibrant organization such as the PLP can truly reconfigure and reorganize itself in view of the change that the country is demanding when "Aunt Suzzie" — who can't even remember if she took her pressure pills that morning — is the one making the decision.

Even if you pointed out to her that Perry Christie is not in the running for the chairmanship of the party it wouldn't matter. She knows the name Perry Christie and that is what she is going to vote. He's still — in her eyes — that young boy to whom Pindling handed the party and that



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PROGRESSIVE LIBERAL PARTY (PLP) supporters can be seen at last week's rally...



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# PLP convention 'was more

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above all else must be remembered.

As Laura Williams, the animated and hard to miss PLP supporter remarked, "Baby doll they comin' in wheel chair, walkin with cane, to vote for Perry Christie, Brave Davis, and Bradley Roberts. CDR!"

But in all of this one must feel a sense of overwhelming sadness; not because Dr Bernard Nottage or Paul Moss lost their bid for the leadership — but because it means that young, or younger people in this country must once again "wait their turn."

As Fox Hill MP Fred Mitchell put it, at 56 years of age he is still reminded that perhaps he is "too young" to challenge the party's top post.

But the age of the candidates in the race is not the issue. Even the money spent, which although reported to be significant, again is not the issue; it is the whole undemocratic convention that will undoubtedly be the downfall of the party in the years to come.

Not because the elections were riddled with abuses of fraud with persons telling each stalwart for whom to cast their vote, but because it was not a reflection of the will of the membership of the party as a whole, only the handful of stalwarts who are voting with the party's history in mind.

But the excuses I am sure will come fast from ever corner of the PLP — that some of these stalwarts are the best indicators; they are the holders of what is true and constant in the party, and they are the elders who must be consulted before "Sparta can go to war."

The PLP will always have to pay homage to its past and that is one thing; continuing to



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PHILIP "BRAVE" DAVIS speaks during the convention...

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live in it is another.

The PLP had a golden opportunity at this convention to show the country that it was listening to its demands and was prepared to do whatever it takes to become the government of this great country once again. Sadly, it seems, these cries fell on deaf ears.

In fact, Mr Moss highlighted the same concern when he spoke to *The Tribune* following the announcement of Mr Christie's victory.

Mr Moss: "In our party there are 2,500 stalwarts of the age of 65 years or older, who outnumber the elected delegates almost three to one. That is inconsistent with the demographic of this country and if this party is to be suc-

cessful it ought to recognize that and change it because what we saw here today is an outpouring of senior citizens who came in to vote and it is not reflective of the general make up of those voters who are elected delegates."

Recognizing this as well, the FNM issued a statement poking fun at how the "old guard" of the PLP have further entrenched itself and "turned its back" on reform and renewal by re-electing Mr Christie to leader and Bradley Roberts to the post of chairman.

Wasting little time to respond to such criticism, Mr Roberts said the FNM can hardly talk about the PLP as their equal in "failure to implement reform" as it saw the return of a retired leader "who claimed he had no interest in the job."

"The PLP further reminds the FNM of their undemocratic practices when Sir Arlington Butler, Maurice Moore, Algernon Allen, Pierre Dupuch, and Tennyson Wells were unceremoniously driven from the FNM government because they demonstrated their democratic rights. The record will show that those who question the Maximum Leader will be ostracized and politically destroyed. This is the FNM's version of party democracy," Mr Roberts exclaimed.

However, it is hard to argue with what the FNM has said.

"Not only is any reform of the PLP highly unlikely, Mr Christie and his supporters have made the party even more undemocratic by under-



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INSIGHT

# like a senior citizens rally'

cutting the power of the branches in favour of Stalwart Councillors who now make up some two-thirds of the voting power of the party at convention.

"The future of the once-mighty PLP is bleak indeed since Mr Christie knows that most of his parliamentary colleagues have no confidence in him and he has threatened that there will be "consequences" for them. Some may find their continued presence in the PLP very uncomfortable if not untenable."

the next move for Dr Nottage, Mr Moss, Obie Wilchcombe, Glenys Hanna-Martin, and Senator Jerome Fitzgerald? Dr Nottage has said that he will remain with the party but will he be re-appointed to his post as leader of Opposition Business in the House? If not, then you have to ask the question why? Would it be as a result of what Mr Christie warned would be the "consequences" of him expressing and following his desire to lead the party? What of Mr Wilchcombe and Mrs Hanna-Martin who

had the rug pulled from under them at the last minute by the party leader who unceremoniously threw his one time supporters and backers under the bus to then realign himself with Davis and Co (pun intended).

And what of the supporters of these respective candidates who would rightly feel that a great injustice has befallen their candidate? How are they to be reintroduced into the party to fight again with the same vigour and enthusiasm that is required to defeat a Hubert Ingraham who has the full machinery of the government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas behind him in 2012?

As a party insider told me during the convention on Thursday night, the PLP could have very well given the FNM the next election on a silver platter. It is no secret that the PLP's Parliamentary block is now in shambles. The majority of its members are in outright support of a new leader — any leader — other than Mr Christie. They will undoubtedly know that there hangs over them as well the threat of "consequences" for their perceived disloyalty over the past few months and years. Will their nominations be blocked in 2012 some of them are asking. Will they be given a ministerial post if by some miracle the party were to win?

Even before that, some are now even concerned about getting a nomination to run on the party's ticket.

But again, PLP's will be led to believe that all is well in the party and that everyone has come together as a whole and are more determined than ever to "fight the hard fight." Nothing could be further from the truth.

If defection and leaks were the concern before, then that problem has been magnified ten times over. If the backstabbing and undermining

complained of in late 2007 was a cause for distress, then the government clinics around town had better stock up on their pressure medication.

This battle is going to get ugly, and ugly fast. Who will be the last man standing is yet to be seen, but one thing is for sure, the PLP will survive,

but will its image be anything that will invite young, undecided voters to join its cause?

Because, as we all know, the PLP needs no help in garnering the votes of PLPs. They will vote for the party regardless of who is at its helm. Independent voters, and disenfranchised FNMs

are a whole other matter. Will those persons be more inclined today to vote for the PLP under this 51st National Convention? That is the question that the party has to ask itself, and as one delegate plainly put it: "No manner of shuffling will get around that point."



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# Andrew Lloyd Webber diagnosed with cancer



ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

LONDON (AP) — Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber has been diagnosed with prostate cancer, his spokeswoman said Sunday.

The 61-year-old Lloyd Webber's condition is in its early stages, a statement from his publicists said.

"Andrew is now undergoing treatment and expects to be fully back at work before the end of the year," the statement said.

Lloyd Webber recently announced plans for a sequel to his phenomenally successful musical "Phantom of the Opera." Called "Love Never Dies," it is scheduled to open

in London in March and follow on Broadway in November. Rehearsals begin in the new year.

## Media

At a media event earlier this month, Lloyd Webber said that while the story picks up where "Phantom" left off, he doesn't regard it as a sequel — "it's a standalone piece."

But Lloyd Webber said he was inspired to write the musical because "there's unfinished business."

In "Love Never Dies," the Phantom leaves Paris for

Coney Island at the turn of the century, which Lloyd Webber said was like Las Vegas "and then triple it."

Producers say the original "Phantom" — a fixture of the London and New York stages — has been seen by more than 100 million people around the world.

In September, it became

the longest-running show in Broadway history, brushing aside Lloyd Webber's "Cats."

Lloyd Webber's other musical hits have included "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "Jesus Christ Superstar," and "Evita." He owns several theaters in London's famous West End.

According to his Web site, Lloyd Webber has won seven Tony Awards, three Grammy Awards, a Golden Globe and an Oscar.

In 2006, he was awarded the Kennedy Center Honour.

Lloyd Webber was knighted in 1992 and named to Britain's House of Lords in 1997.

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# Global events mark magic number on climate change

NEW YORK (AP) — Activists held events around the world Saturday to mark the number they say the world needs to reach to prevent disastrous climate change: 350.

The number represents 350 parts per million of carbon dioxide emissions in the atmosphere that some scientists say is the safe upper limit. The atmosphere currently reaches about 390 parts per million, according to research by NASA climate scientist James Hansen cited by 350.org.

Hundreds of events highlighted the number in different ways.

In what 350.org founder Bill McKibben called a global game of Scrabble, groups in Australia, Ecuador, India, the United Kingdom, the U.S. and Denmark each spelled out one of the numbers in 350.

Hundreds gathered in New York City's Times Square and watched slideshows of the other events on giant screens.

McKibben, an environmentalist and author of "The End of Nature," said the day was unique because it emphasized the science behind a politically complicated topic.

"It was ordinary people rallying around a scientific data point," McKibben said. "Nothing like that has ever happened before."

In Venezuela, volunteers formed a human chain marking the number zero on the beach at Catia La Mar north of Caracas to mark the spot where they said the ocean would reach if global warming is not stopped.

McKibben said volunteers also sent in photos of separate groups forming the numbers 350 around the



SCHOOL CHILDREN make a formation that reads 5 on the International Day of Climate Action in New Delhi, India. This formation was the part of the Global 350 with 3 being formed at Sydney Opera House and 0 being formed at Copenhagen. (AP Photo: Dar Yasin)

Dead Sea, in Jordan, Israel and Palestinian territory.

Many of the events referred to the Copenhagen conference scheduled in December that will seek to

reach a new global climate change treaty to replace the 1997 Kyoto Protocol on carbon dioxide emissions. It has been billed as a last chance to avoid the impact of cata-

strophic global that could be felt for generations.

McKibben said there are lessons to be learned from the Kyoto Protocol, which the U.S. did not join.

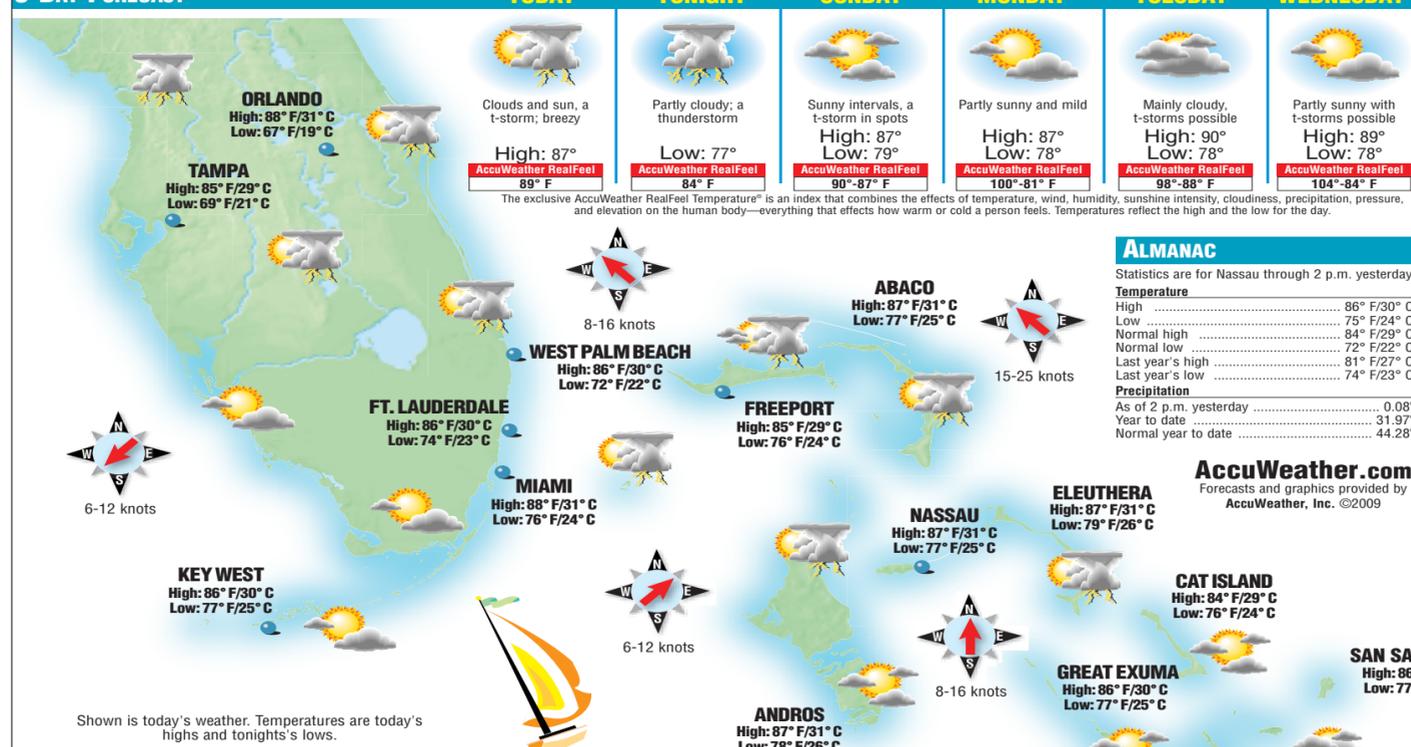
"We saw what happened," he said. "Everybody walked away once it was done, and there was no real progress. We need to pick up the pace."

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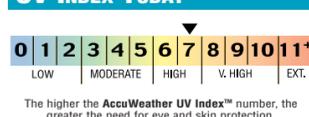


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### 5-DAY FORECAST



### UV INDEX TODAY



### TIDES FOR NASSAU

	High	HL (ft.)	Low	HL (ft.)
Today	11:54 a.m.	2.8	5:27 a.m.	0.9
Sunday	12:21 a.m.	2.3	6:22 a.m.	1.2
Monday	1:20 a.m.	2.3	7:22 a.m.	1.3
Tuesday	2:19 a.m.	2.4	8:24 a.m.	1.3
Wednesday	3:14 a.m.	2.5	9:23 a.m.	1.2
Thursday	4:03 a.m.	2.6	10:16 a.m.	1.0
Friday	4:47 a.m.	2.8	11:05 a.m.	0.7

### ALMANAC

Statistics are for Nassau through 2 p.m. yesterday

Temperature	86° F/30° C
High	86° F/30° C
Low	75° F/24° C
Normal high	84° F/29° C
Normal low	72° F/22° C
Last year's high	81° F/27° C
Last year's low	74° F/23° C
Precipitation	0.08"
As of 2 p.m. yesterday	31.97"
Year to date	44.28"
Normal year to date	44.28"

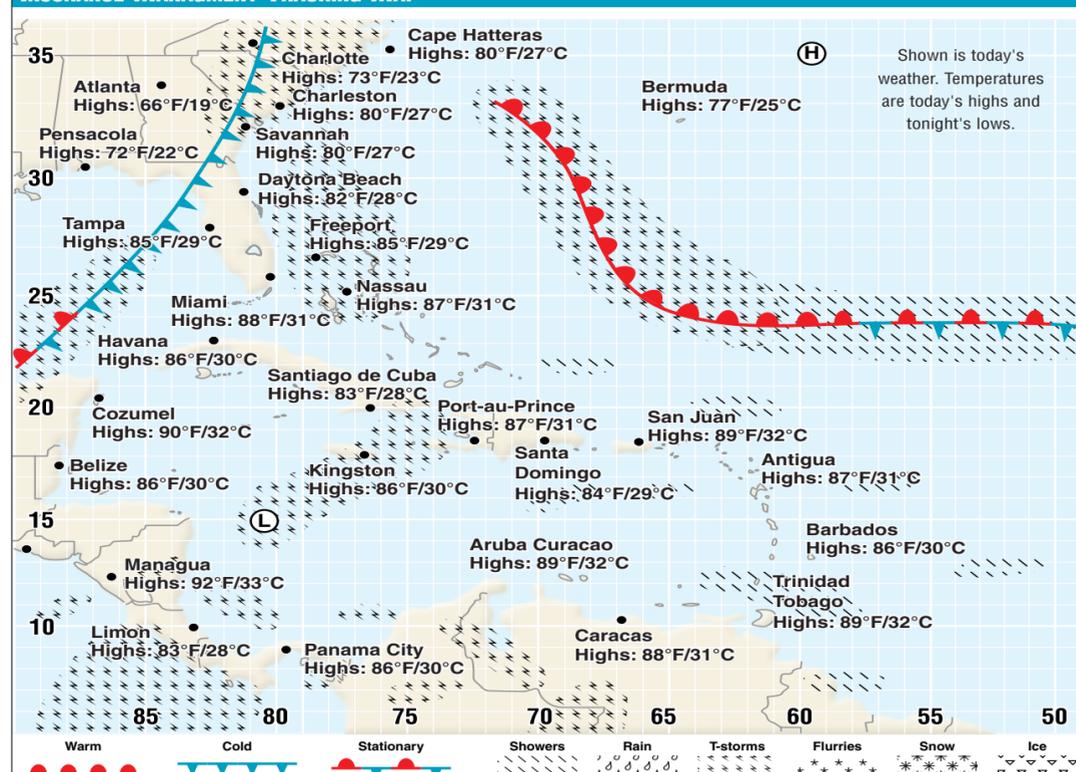
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### SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:13 a.m.	Moonrise	12:57 p.m.
Sunset	6:35 p.m.	Moonset	11:48 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Oct. 25	Nov. 2	Nov. 9	Nov. 16

### INSURANCE MANAGEMENT TRACKING MAP



### MARINE FORECAST

	WINDS	WAVES	VISIBILITY	WATER TEMPS.
ABACO	Today: SE at 15-25 Knots Sunday: S at 8-16 Knots	5-9 Feet 10 Miles	5 Miles 10 Miles	80° F 80° F
ANDROS	Today: SW at 6-12 Knots Sunday: ESE at 7-14 Knots	1-2 Feet 10 Miles	5 Miles 10 Miles	81° F 81° F
CAT ISLAND	Today: SSE at 8-16 Knots Sunday: SE at 10-20 Knots	3-6 Feet 5 Miles	5 Miles 10 Miles	83° F 83° F
CROOKED ISLAND	Today: SE at 10-20 Knots Sunday: SE at 12-25 Knots	2-4 Feet 10 Miles	10 Miles 10 Miles	83° F 83° F
ELEUTHERA	Today: SSE at 10-20 Knots Sunday: SE at 10-20 Knots	4-7 Feet 10 Miles	10 Miles 10 Miles	82° F 82° F
FREEPORT	Today: S at 6-12 Knots Sunday: SSW at 3-6 Knots	1-3 Feet 5 Miles	10 Miles 5 Miles	82° F 81° F
GREAT EXUMA	Today: S at 8-16 Knots Sunday: SE at 8-16 Knots	1-3 Feet 10 Miles	5 Miles 10 Miles	82° F 82° F
GREAT INAGUA	Today: SE at 7-14 Knots Sunday: SE at 10-20 Knots	2-4 Feet 10 Miles	10 Miles 7 Miles	84° F 84° F
LONG ISLAND	Today: SE at 7-14 Knots Sunday: SE at 10-20 Knots	1-3 Feet 10 Miles	10 Miles 10 Miles	83° F 83° F
MAYAGUANA	Today: SE at 10-20 Knots Sunday: SE at 10-20 Knots	2-4 Feet 7 Miles	7 Miles 6 Miles	84° F 84° F
NASSAU	Today: SE at 10-20 Knots Sunday: SSE at 8-16 Knots	2-4 Feet 4 Miles	5 Miles 4 Miles	82° F 82° F
SAN SALVADOR	Today: SE at 6-12 Knots Sunday: SE at 8-16 Knots	1-2 Feet 5 Miles	10 Miles 5 Miles	83° F 83° F
RAGGED ISLAND	Today: SE at 8-16 Knots Sunday: SE at 10-20 Knots	2-4 Feet 10 Miles	10 Miles 10 Miles	82° F 82° F

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