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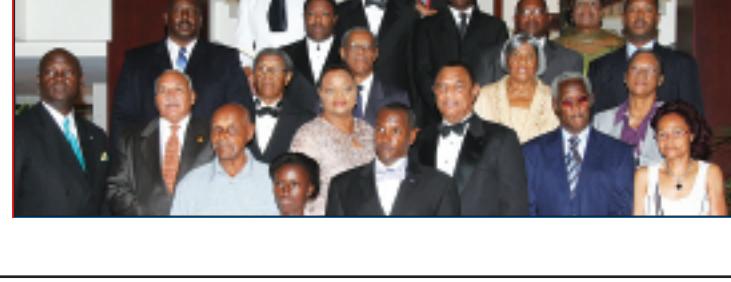
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# Teens gun down PI security men

Man in hospital after being shot by the police

A MAN is in a "stable but serious" condition at Princess Margaret Hospital after being shot by the police.

Officers from the Drug Enforcement Unit were conducting a special operation at about 11am on Friday near Carmichael Road where they saw a man who had a handgun selling what appeared to be drugs to an individual.

As the officers approached the suspect,

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POLICE AND AMBULANCE WORKERS were on the scene after the shooting last night.

PI security men



**TRIBUNE DIRECTOR ROGER CARRON IS LAID TO REST**



Felipe Major/Tribune staff

ROGER CARRON'S son Robert (right) carries the urn containing the ashes, accompanied by John Conlin, who represented the Gurkha Rifles Regimental Association at the service.

ROGER CARRON, director and former managing editor of *The Tribune*, was laid to rest in the Eastern Cemetery, on Saturday, following

a moving ceremony at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, West Street.

The service was conducted by Archbishop Patrick Pinder with

Monsignor Preston Moss giving the homily. Before the service Mr Peter

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Man expected to appear in court over shooting of two men

A MAN is expected to appear in court sometime this week in connection with the shooting of two men on Friday evening.

According to police, the incident occurred when three men allegedly got into an altercation in the area of Hospital Lane and South Street.

As a result, one man was shot in the face, and the other in both his legs. Both are said to be in "stable" condition in hospital.

A 42-year-old man was taken into custody.

**FNM pleased with judge's decision on Picewell Forbes**

THE Free National Movement has expressed the party's pleasure with Senior Justice Anita Allen for not punishing South Andros MP Picewell Forbes any further for his unwarranted outburst at the PLP convention.

The remarks made by Forbes, indicating that former PLP Senator Pleasant Bridgewater had been acquitted of attempted extortion charges in the John Travolta case, were proven to be false as the jury in the case had yet to return a verdict.

Presiding judge, Senior Justice Allen, declared a mistrial and dismissed the jury. The case will be heard again.

The FNM statement said: "Senior Justice

Allen decided that in light of an unconditional apology by Mr Forbes and the fact that he has suffered ridicule and vilification, she would dispose of the matter with a reprimand rather than a fine or incarceration for contempt.

"The FNM is pleased with the decision of the judge not to punish Mr Forbes further and agrees with her that he has suffered and will continue to suffer for his ill-considered action.

"Mr Forbes' colleagues in the PLP seemed to have grasped the seriousness of the matter and also issued an unconditional apology.

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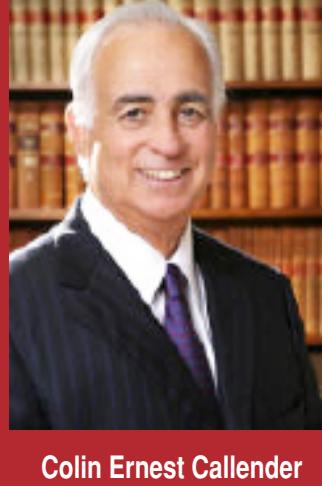
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THE SCENE of the shooting on Paradise Island.

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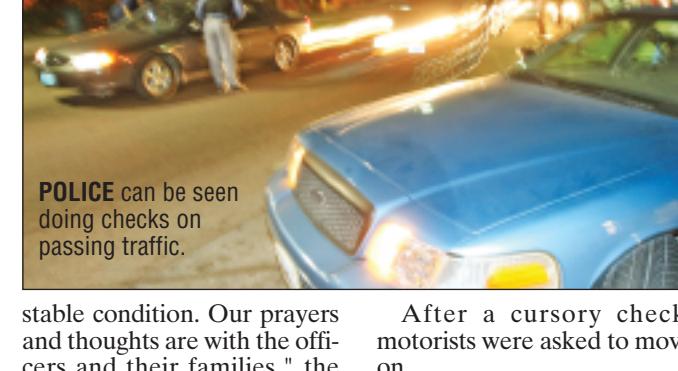
His partner, 33-year-old Troy Feaste, was shot in the left shoulder.

Both men are in hospital and are listed by medics as being in a "serious, but stable" condition.

According to Superintendent Elsworth Moss, security officers apprehended a youth. Another turned himself into police early yesterday morning.

Describing the event as an "isolated incident", a statement from the Atlantis Resort said no hotel guests or staff were exposed to any harm.

"The incident is currently being investigated by the authorities. The two Paradise Island security officers involved are in the care of medical professionals and are presently in



stable condition. Our prayers and thoughts are with the officers and their families," the statement said.

Almost immediately after the incident, police restricted departure from Paradise Island to conduct a manhunt.

A major traffic jam built up after police, standing in the streets and on the sidewalk next to the entrance of Paradise Island to Nassau bridge, slowed down vehicles to check on passengers and conduct searches.

Two ambulances struggled to make their way through the congested bridge traffic and could barely fit through the middle of the long line of vehicles.

Vehicles making the decent from the bridge were met by three officers in plain clothes waving pistols. They marched towards the queuing cars and shouted for drivers to open up their trunks.

After a cursory check, motorists were asked to move on.

Cars were stopped once again by a group of three or four officers, holding automatic weapons, wearing camouflage uniforms and berets, who asked to check the trunks.

"I've never seen so many officers focused on one bit of traffic before.

"Obviously they were determined not to let these guys escape," one motorist told *The Tribune* on Saturday night.

With crime, being such an unusual occurrence on Paradise Island, residents of New Providence were inundated by calls and texts from people stuck in the gridlock.

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## LOCAL NEWS

# FNM's voice concern ahead of the party's convention

**By PAUL TURNQUEST**  
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IT APPEARS all is not well within the FNM just three days from the party's national convention as "old tactics" employed by the PLP have reportedly begun to rub off on the governing party.

According to sources within the party, the list of delegates set to attend the FNM's convention has yet to be released to the candidates who are seeking to challenge those in power throughout the organisation.

It is now being suggested the FNM's candidate for chairman Ivoine Ingraham has even had his job at the Bahamas technical and vocational Institution threatened if he does not drop out of the race for the chairmanship of the party.

According to sources at a recent FNM council meeting, Mr Ingraham is reported to



**FNM CHAIRMAN CANDIDATE** Ivoine Ingraham (left) and Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham were reportedly at the FNM council meeting.

have complained to the body — in which it was noted that even the Prime Minister was in attendance — to complain of a "list" of abuses that were being meted out upon him.

In a telephone interview with *The Tribune* yesterday a council member cried shame on what was, she said, taking place within the party.

"It is disgusting the way this

process is being meted out. The same things you saw in the PLP's convention now appears will take place in this convention unless someone gets up and says something about it.

"We are not like that other party. Here, you are supposed to have an even playing field and let the best man win. I heard Mr (Ivoine) Ingraham was running, and maybe (Senator) Anthony (Musgrave), and I would presume that (Senator) Johnley (Ferguson) would challenge as well. I haven't made up my mind who I would support, but I believe all three men should be given a fair chance," she said.

This complaint is one that was seen just a few weeks ago when challengers for the PLP's leadership, deputy, and chairmanship races all cried foul of the electoral process — claiming that some were given priority or special access to the voters list over the rest. As a result, some candidates

were poised to take the elections to court if in fact the need arose.

The FNM will hold its convention from Wednesday to Saturday at the Wyndham Crystal Palace Resort.

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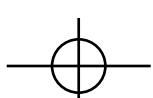
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**Europe likes Obama, but doubts creep in**

MARRAKESH, Morocco — The election of Barack Obama as president seemed to most Europeans to be unadulterated good news, marking an end to the perceived unilateralism and indifference to allied views of former President George W. Bush.

But nine months into Obama's presidency, trans-Atlantic relations are again clouded by doubts. Europe and the United States remain at least partly out of sync on Afghanistan, the Middle East, Iran and climate change.

Many Europeans argue that Obama has not broken clearly enough with Bush administration policies that they dislike, while some Americans argue that the Europeans are too passive, watching Obama struggle with difficult issues, like Afghanistan and the detention center at Guantanamo Bay, without providing much substantive help.

Many of these concerns will be central to the U.S.-European Union meeting in Washington beginning Tuesday that Obama will lead, and they were the subject of debate at a World Policy Conference run by the French Institute of International Relations in Marrakesh over the weekend.

Obama remains popular with the European public, but a senior European official said he was worried about an underlying disaffection.

"It's dangerous, because we must not get into a spiral of dissatisfaction on both sides," he said. These generalizations lack real substance, he said, but the criticism runs that "the U.S. thinks that Europeans don't want to do anything to help and the Europeans feel that the U.S. is naive and not delivering enough."

Another senior European official said that for "all the talk of multilateralism" and the European contribution of aid and NATO troops to the fight against the Taliban, which has brought more than 500 European deaths, Afghanistan remained an American show. "Europeans are sitting around waiting for Washington to decide what the Afghanistan policy is going to be," he said.

On Iran, Europeans, and especially the French, are concerned that Obama could sacrifice the principle of preventing Tehran from enriching uranium — as demanded by

the U.N. Security Council — to get what seems like an agreement for broad talks with Iran on regional and bilateral issues.

President Nicolas Sarkozy of France went so far as to chide Obama in public at the U.N. General Assembly in September, saying: "I support America's outstretched hand. But what has the international community gained from these offers of dialogue? Nothing but more enriched uranium and centrifuges."

A lot of the problem is the fault of the Europeans themselves, said Hubert Vedrine, a former French foreign minister. "Europe for Obama is not a priority, not a problem and not a solution for his problems," he said in an interview here. "Obama keeps a distance and has a kind of hauteur" with European leaders, Vedrine said. "But that's not a sufficient reason for Europeans to act like spectators" as Obama tries to cope with all the many problems on his agenda. "I think it's necessary to help him."

European nations have been slow to help Obama with the major problems he inherited.

They have so far agreed to take only a handful of detainees from the Guantanamo detention center, which Obama vowed to close within a year. And European countries that belong to NATO have also been slow to provide Obama much extra help in Afghanistan, in part because many Europeans strongly oppose the war and Washington has not yet agreed upon a compelling new strategy to succeed in Afghanistan.

Jean-David Levitte, Sarkozy's diplomatic counselor and former ambassador to the United States, said that Europe nonetheless remained Washington's best ally. Obama's election was enthralling to Europeans, he said, "transforming the image of the United States in just several months." He said, "We all feel a stake in the U.S."

Is Europe ready to respond? "Of course it is," he said, citing more than 35,000 European troops now in Afghanistan. "If not the Europeans, who would there be? No one else."

(This article is by Steven Erlanger  
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## LOCAL NEWS

# Roger Carron is laid to rest

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Young, former British High Commissioner, paid a tribute.

With many persons in attendance, including Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, Deputy Prime Minister Brent Symonette, leader of the Opposition Perry Christie, a number of cabinet ministers and members of the House and Senate, Chief Justice Michael Barnett, and other government officials, including members of the foreign service, Mr Carron was entombed in the Dupuch family's mausoleum.

His son, who carried his urn, was escorted by Mr. John Conlin, who served with the 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles — the regiment to which Mr Carron belonged when he served in Malaya during the Malayan emergency as a 2nd Lieutenant. Mr Conlin represented the Gurkha Rifles Regimental Association at the service.

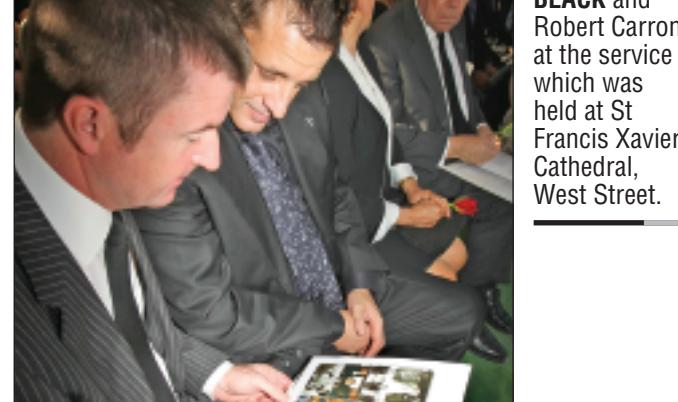
Mr Felipe Iturralde concluded the church service with the singing of Ave Maria.

Born in Eastbourne, Sussex on June 13, 1932, Roger Peter Carron was the only child of the late Penry and Muriel Carron. Mr Carron met Eileen Dupuch, the publisher of The Tribune, while they were law students in London in 1961. They were married in Nassau on January 13, 1963, and have one son, Robert.

Mr Carron suffered a heart attack on Saturday, October 10, and died in the Cleveland Clinic, Fort Lauderdale, on Sunday, October 18.

He is survived by his wife, Eileen, and son, Robert, sisters-in-law, Mrs Bette

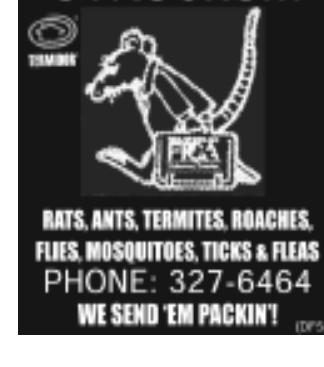
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ABOVE: Tribune Publisher Eileen Carron speaks to Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham.

ABOVE RIGHT: The urn containing the ashes of Roger Carron.

LEFT: Tribune staff look at photographs celebrating the life of Roger Carron.



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## LOCAL NEWS

# NDP slams PLP national convention

THE Progressive Liberal Party's 51st national convention was again criticised for continuing to display "all that is wrong with politics" in the Bahamas as the National Development Party described

the event as an exercise in how to "undermine democracy".

In a scathing statement, the NDP said the founding fathers of the PLP fought for the enfranchisement of the masses that were previously disenfran-

chised by those in the United Bahamian Party (UBP) who wished to maintain control of the political and economic affairs of the Bahamas.

"Despite its noble beginnings, to the frustration and

chagrin of many who once identified with the PLP, the party has become everything that it fought so hard to destroy.

"The PLP lost the election of 1962 because the governing UBP denied many Bahamians the right to vote, gave privileged persons multiple votes and used their economic clout to buy votes in an effort to guarantee a desired election result. Bahamians revolted against these social and political injustices in what historians call the 'Quiet Revolution' that brought about 'Majority Rule' in 1967.

"Yet this same PLP today is led by persons who are no different from the leaders of the UBP, because they see nothing wrong with denying most members of the PLP from being able to have a say in who should lead the party that they support. They are led by persons who are not interested in reform, because reform would cause the power brokers of that party - the 'Old Guard' - to be toppled just like the UBP was toppled in 1967," the statement read.

Highlighting that there is no difference between the privileges that the PLP affords Stalwart Councilors in 2009 and the privileges the UBP afforded merchants, white Bahamians and land owners in the general elections of 1962 - the NDP said these same "privileges" are all designed to keep those with

power "in power".

"The party that fought for the right of all Bahamians to be able to elect their politicians is now limiting that right to a selected few who do not reflect the wishes of the majority of those in their party. The party that prides itself on having ushered in 'Majority Rule' in 1967, has demonstrated that it has abandoned the beliefs of its forefathers in favor of a return to 'Minority Rule' in 2009.

"Had the PLP and its prime convention organiser, Obie Wilchcombe, been sincerely interested in fostering the continued development of our democracy, they would have treated the convention's electoral process with far greater respect.

"They would have ensured that all registered members of the PLP in good standing were eligible to vote, not just a minority of its membership. They would have provided all candidates with a list of the convention delegates well in advance of the election in order to create an even playing field. They would have created opportunities in advance of the convention for public debates on national issues between the candidates vying for the posts of Leader, Deputy Leader and Chairman. They would have forced all candidates to publicly disclose the amount spent in their election campaigns and the sources of their funding;



**PHILIP DAVIS** and  
Bradley Roberts at the  
PLP convention.

and they would have denied all voters the ability to take photographic devices into the voting booth as a means of receiving payment for votes by proving the way in which delegates voted," the statement said.

While none of these things were done, the NDP said that Mr Wilchcombe had the gall to criticise the party's own convention on JCN stating there was "unfairness" in the electoral process.

Ironically, Party Leader, Perry Christie, permitted Deputy Leader candidate Wilchcombe to serve as Convention Chairman, leaving him

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## LOCAL NEWS

# Reduced meat consumption ‘can stave off global warming’

**Climate change expert says vegetarian diet is better for the environment**

By TANEKA THOMPSON  
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REDUCING meat consumption may be one way to stave off the devastating effects of global warming, a leading British expert on climate change has proposed.

Lord Nicholas Stern - a former adviser to the British government on the effects of climate change - believes that we may have to soon adopt a meat-free diet to help limit global carbon emissions.

"Meat is a wasteful use of water and creates a lot of greenhouse gases. It puts enormous pressure on the world's resources. A vegetarian diet is better," Lord Stern told the London Times recently.

"I think it's important that people think about what they are doing and that includes what they are eating. They will increasingly ask about the carbon content of their food."

Lord Stern later backtracked from his earlier statements, telling the London Times that he was not advocating a vegetarian diet but encouraging people to be aware of the carbon footprint their dietary choices have on the environment.

Environmentalists have long argued that factory farming - the practice of rearing animals on a large scale in confined spaces for meat production -

can have negative effects on the environment. A 2006 UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) report stated that worldwide livestock farming generates 18 per cent of the planet's greenhouse gas emissions.

However, because the Bahamas does not produce meat on a scale comparable to developed countries, local environmental consultant Yvette Sands does think Bahamians should go vegetarian as panacea for climate change.

Ms Sands, chair of the Chamber of Commerce's Energy and Environment Committee, advocates the reduction of energy use and reusing materials that could end up in a landfill to protect the environment.

"It's the simple things - reducing your consumption, looking to purchase energy efficient appliances.

"It doesn't have to be very expensive to do. It's the small changes that you make on a daily basis that translate into very big changes for the country," she told *The Tribune* in a recent interview.

She suggests turning off lights when you leave home or

putting them on a timer, using energy efficient light bulbs, washing clothes in large loads and limiting the use of hot water.

Lord Stern caused a flurry of controversy when he told the British press that people may soon have to adopt a vegetarian diet to fight off global warming.

Ms Sands believes industrial countries should focus on

eliminating pollutants and energy use in the manufacturing industries rather than focusing on their diets.

"I think there are larger concerns that should be looked at in industrial countries - like manufacturing - where you are putting out a lot of pollutants. I think that's most likely a better place to target rather than down at the dietary level," she said.



LORD STERN told the London Times 'Meat is a wasteful use of water and creates a lot of greenhouse gases'.

## Almost \$4m to be spent on Rand redevelopment

ALMOST \$4million will be spent over the next 12 months redeveloping the Rand Memorial Hospital on Grand Bahama Island.

During a contract signing at the Rand Hospital, Health Minister Hubert Minnis revealed the majority of the spending will go towards redeveloping the Accident and Emergency Department and the operating theatre suite.

The renovations will help alleviate congestion, patient waiting times, reduce patient and staff journeys, and enhance overall patient experience, Dr Minnis said.

He added: "These investments will ensure vast improvement in the quality of healthcare for all of our valued clients in Grand Bahama and the Northern Bahamas."

The first phase of the redevelopment got under way with the signing of a \$1,751,847 contract between Reef Construction Company Limited of Grand Bahama and the Public Hospitals Authority to extend and renovate the existing A&E department.

The project will result in reduced over crowding and waiting times, increase privacy and dignity of patients, minimize patient one-and-staff journeys, create a dedicated trauma centre and establish dedicated ambulance access and enhance security and controlled access, Dr Minnis noted.

It will house several new services, including waiting areas, triage facilities, three asthma by stations, three examination rooms, treatment room, nurses and doctors offices, registration/medical records, five emergency beds, three trauma beds, one orthopedic room, patient bathrooms, meeting and counseling rooms, staff lounge/kitchenette/bathroom, decontamination shower, and dedicated ambulance entrance, drive and covered patio.

The project will begin the last week in November and will be completed no later than October next year.

To accommodate the renovations, the A&E department will be temporarily relocated to the east Atlantic side of the hospital.

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## LOCAL NEWS

### ZHIVARGO LAING HOLDS COURT



STATE MINISTER for Finance Zhivargo Laing (left) heats it up at the 'Reach Out Ministry Crime Does Not Pay' basketball jam held on Saturday at S. George's High School gymnasium, Freeport. The event, featuring local pastors and politicians in competition, was sponsored by Freeport local government council.

## Immigration Department makes charity donation

By DENISE MAYCOCK  
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FREEPORT – The Immigration Department in the northern region presented boxes of charitable items to the Freeport Seventh-Day Adventist outreach ministry.

Jack Thompson, Director of Immigration, Faustine Major-Smith, Assistant Director of Immigration for the northern region, and the staff made the presentation at its offices in the Churchill Building, downtown.

In celebration of the Department of Immigration's 70th anniversary, Mrs Major said the staff decided to reach out and give something back to the community during these tough economic times on Grand Bahama.

Ms Major said the staff from

Grand Bahama and Abaco brought in items of clothing, cases of bottled water, and other grocery items during the month of October.

"In Grand Bahama, a lot of families are in need because of the economic recession and we went into our closets and grocery cabinets to make this donation to the Freeport Seventh-Day Adventist Church. This is a reaching out to the community. People in the community usually see us carrying out apprehensions or stationed at the port of entries, and we wanted to give something back to the community," she said.

Mr Thompson commended the staff in the northern region for making such a generous donation to the needy on Grand Bahama.

"Most people think that immigration is only about apprehen-

sions, but we are also about giving back to the community."

"This is the least we can do for the community and this is also an opportune time...when we have a downturn in the economy. This could not have come at a better time. I think it is a wonderful gesture and we think a lot of people will benefit from it," he said.

Alicia Garland, community service director Freeport Seventh-Day Church, thanked the immigration department for its donation.

"We are most pleased that the immigration department saw fit to select us as the recipient of this charitable donation."

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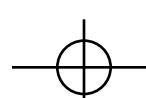
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# Today's world: an ugly place for CARICOM states

By SIR RONALD SANDERS

(The writer is a Consultant and former Caribbean diplomat)

**REGRETTABLY**, the standing of the Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM), both regionally and internationally, is now at one of its lowest points when the people of CARICOM need it to be at its strongest.

The deep concern about CARICOM's failure to fulfil the promise it has made to the people of its member countries for thirty-six years has been voiced recently by many commentators on the regional scene. And, they have not been alone. Leaders of the private sector and the regional trade union movement have also expressed their unease with the failures of the integration process.

Recently, Peter Laurie, a former Barbados diplomat, writing in his column in the Barbados Nation newspaper stated: "World events have simply overtaken CARICOM. It's dead."

"The question is whether anyone will have the decency to bury the corpse."

Many persons, who like Laurie, have worked diligently for the strengthening of CARICOM as a vital tool for Caribbean survival sympathise with his frustration. We have heard declarations of intent to attain many objectives, only to see the dates for their attainment come and go with little being done.

Barbados' Prime Minister, David Thompson, would have had good reason for disappointment when the convocation he organised on the Caribbean Single Market and Economy (CSME) in October was attended by only three other heads of government. The convocation achieved nothing and would have left Mr Thompson with little direction on how to take forward the CSME agenda for which he has responsibility in the CARICOM quasi cabinet.

If this were the only recent meeting that failed to address the issues that confront CARICOM, it might have been forgivable. But, it is one of a series of meetings that have been inconclusive on the important steps that need to be taken if CARICOM is to better serve the interests of its member states and their people.

I need not rehearse those steps here, but it is as well to recall that the question of governance of CARICOM remains unresolved as leaders shy away from the creation of machinery authorised by law to implement decisions; many vital elements of the Single Market are still to be established in several countries; a regional stock exchange is still a consummation devoutly to be wished; and regional

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transportation is nowhere near being rationalised.

What the region is witnessing instead is a despairing attempt by some countries to go it alone, and an effort by others to seek alliances with countries outside of CARICOM in the hope of being rewarded with help.

The picture is not pretty.

Peter Laurie made the judgment that "CARICOM leaders have absolutely no interest in regional integration other than what petty benefits each can gouge out of it. Most of them, except for the cheapskates and freeloaders, are slowly realising that they get out less than they put in. CARICOM is no longer a win-win situation, but a zero-sum game. In a globalised world economy, we're all better off funding for ourselves."

Whether this opinion of CARICOM leaders is true or not, if CARICOM leaders come to the conclusion that their countries are better off fending for themselves, the facts tell a different tale. Small states, such as those in the Caribbean, cannot go it alone.

They simply do not have the capacity to do so, as coping with the global financial crisis has clearly demonstrated. And, those that seek convenient alliances for short-term benefits will find that, as history has shown time and again, there will be a price to be paid usually in the loss of autonomy over crucial matters.

A recent article by Gideon Rachman, the Financial Times Chief Foreign Affairs commentator, is worth considering.

Two years ago, Rachman had praised small states. He

thought that their time had come. Now he says, "In the aftermath of the Great Recession, the economic and political tide has turned against small nations. Look around Europe and it is the smaller that have fared worst – Iceland, Ireland, the three Baltic states. Iceland has not only suffered a catastrophic economic and banking collapse. It is also being bullied by Britain and the Netherlands into paying back billions lost by their citizens when Icelandic banks collapsed. Membership of the European Union has provided the Irish and the "Balts" with some protection from pressure by larger nations, but it cannot solve all problems. Latvia has had to go to the International Monetary Fund for a loan. Lithuania and Ireland may be forced to tread the same route."

And if we needed to be reminded, the "small states" to which he refers are all considerably larger with greater capacity than the largest of CARICOM's states.

Rachman also supports the point that the creation of the G20 to manage the world's economic affairs does not help small countries even with the inclusion of developing states such as Brazil, India, China and South Africa.

He argues, "International politics has also turned against small countries. The biggest geopolitical development to come out of the economic crisis is the formation of the Group of 20 – a club for large nations that now aims to set the regulatory climate for the world. The kind of regulatory and tax arbitrage



SIR RONALD SANDERS

that small countries once profited from is now subject to an international crackdown. In the age of global deregulation, large countries found it hard to stamp on small neighbours that were undercutting them with lower taxes or looser regulations. But the mood has changed. Regulation is fashionable again and taxes are going up. At the recent G20 summit, Nicolas Sarkozy, French president, crowed: "Tax havens, banking secrecy – all that is finished."

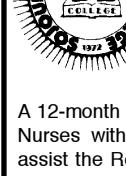
The lesson that should have been learned from the experience of the global financial crisis and the creation of the G20 is that CARICOM should become more not less relevant, and instead of being buried should be invigorated. The longer CARICOM states delay creating a single market and doing substantial work on a single economy, the more exposed each of them will become to direction and prescriptions from external forces.

The world may now be an ugly place for CARICOM, but it would be uglier for each CARICOM state on its own.

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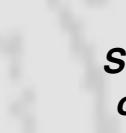
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**Essay and speech contest winners**

MINISTER of State for Finance and Public Service Zhivargo Laing presents winners of the 10th Annual Public Service Week & Recognition of Retirees Essay & Speech Competitions with awards at a ceremony held at the Centre for the Performing Arts, Friday, October 30. The first place winners receive Dell computer systems with scanner and printer, second place winners receive \$500.00 and third place winners receive \$300.00.



**PICTURED FROM LEFT:** Rose Gibson, Chairperson, Public Service Week; Donella Bodie, Permanent Secretary; Dante Wilkinson, Queens College, first place essay winner in Junior Category; Shacantalla Mather, Temple Christian High School, second place; Nicole Cartwright, Kingsway Academy, third place in the Senior High School; Annjayel Darling, Temple Christian High School, first place essay competition; Mr Laing; Ryan Thompson, Crooked Island High School, first place winner in the speech competition; R. Octavia Dean-McIntosh, St. Francis de Sales, Abaco third place; Quitel Charlton, St. Francis de Sales, Abaco, second place; Stephanie Stubbs, St. Augustine's College, second place finish in the senior high school essay competitions; Antoinette Thompson, Deputy Permanent Secretary and Georgio Williams, Coach, St. Francis de Sales, Abaco.

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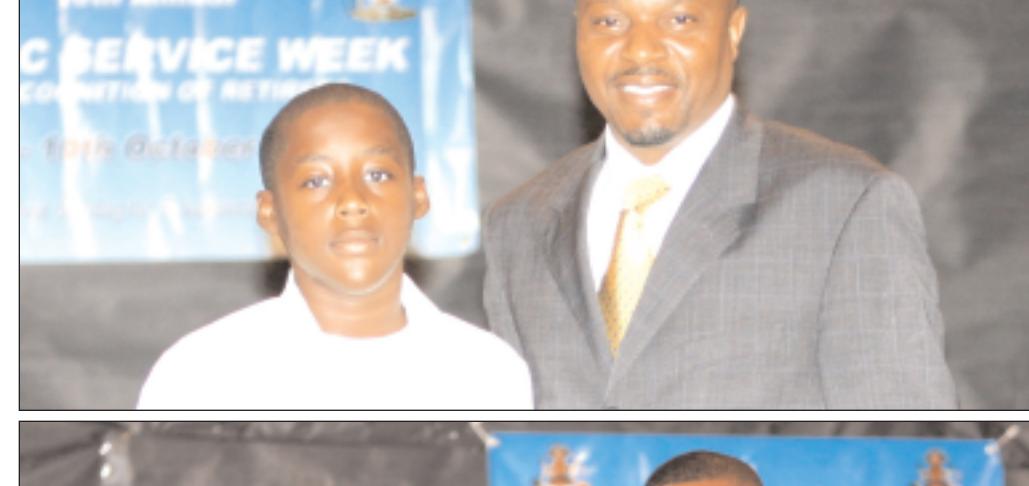
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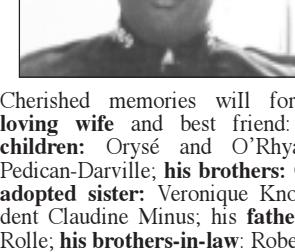
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**ANNJAYEL DARLING** of Temple Christian High School receives a computer system with scanner and printer after she won the essay competition.

**RYAN THOMPSON** of Crooked Island High School wins the speech competition.



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# Former PM honoured to be '09 Hall of Famer

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**F**ormer prime minister Perry Christie says he is honoured to be among the Class of 2009 in the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture's National Hall of Fame.

Speaking on behalf of the 15 inductees at the British Colonial Hilton, he said induction ceremonies provide an opportunity for young people to aspire to be like those who are being honoured.

Across from the banquet, another important event took place as family and friends honoured veteran softball pitcher Alice "Snowball" Wells for her induction into the Bahamas Softball Federation's Hall of Fame.

In his address, Christie said the fascinating thing about induction banquets is that it provides an opportunity to recognise people who are "no longer with us and in some instances, people who have been outside of the realm for many years."

Christie, honoured for his athletic feat in track and field, was joined by Bradley Cooper and Dr Timothy Barrett for track and field and volleyball, Florence 'Flo' Rolle for basketball, volleyball, softball and netball, Cliff Wilson, Glen Wells and the late Anthony Carroll for bodybuilding, Doyle Burrows for track and field and administration, Richard 'the Lion-Heart' Johnson and the late Leon 'Apache' Knowles for



PERRY CHRISTIE (right) receives his plaque from Minister Desmond Bannister...

Photo by Felipé Major

softball, Ed Smith for football, Errol Bodie for track and field and squash, Robert 'Bob' Isaacs for track and field, cricket, basketball, baseball, soccer, rugby, lawn tennis and swimming, the late Samuel 'Sir Day' Davies for track and field and rugby and the late Wenty Ford for baseball.

One by one, the recipients expressed their gratitude for their honour as their class was the biggest. The initial induction was held in 1989 when Thomas Robinson, the late Cecil Cooke, Sir Durward 'Sea Wolf' Knowles, the late Andre Rodgers and Elisha Obed were all honoured.

Obed, the first Bahamian to win a world boxing title,

was on hand for Saturday's induction, along with some of the representatives of the Class of 2003.

Honoured then were Michael 'Sweet Bells' Thompson, the late Vince Ferguson, the late Tony Curry, John Sands, Betty Cole, Leonard 'Boston Blackie' Miller, the late Robert 'Bobby' Symonette, the late Sloane Farrington, the late Roderick Simms, the late Deacon Leviticus 'Uncle Lou' Adderley, Kingsley Poitier and the late Charlie Major Sr.

Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture Desmond Bannister said they have already approved the list of honourees for the Class of 2010, but the names were not

released.

And he told the packed room of family members, friends and sporting personalities that when the new national stadium is completed by the Chinese Government, provisions will be made to have a permanent home for the Hall of Fame.

As the only female in the Class of 2009, Flo Rolle said she was glad that she was able to get to enjoy her flowers while she was still alive.

"I feel very proud to be among this list of distinguished group of men," said Rolle, who noted that when she was playing, this would have been one of her wildest dreams to be thinking about being inducted into the Hall

of Fame.

Perhaps the most colourful of all the recipients, Glen Wells, was walking on air as he went up to receive his honour all decked out in his white outfit.

During his response, Wells said if he had known some of the things that he knew about the sport today, he could have been much further ahead of where he was when he competed.

Ed Smith, the first Bahamian to play professional football, came from Denver, Colorado, with his wife, his pastor and his wife and a few other well-wishers just before three feet of snow came.

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Women are singled out for medal-winning IAAF feats

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ALTHOUGH they didn't have the usual nation-wide celebrations as they've done in the past, sprinter Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie said Team Bahamas was appreciative of the tremendous support they received for the 12th IAAF World Championships in Athletics.

On Saturday, Ferguson-McKenzie, Chandra Sturrup and Christine Amertil (shown top right) were singled out for their medal-winning performances at the championships.

While Ferguson-McKenzie took the bronze in the women's 200m, she ran the anchor leg on the women's 4 x 100 relay team of Sheniqua 'Q' Ferguson (lead off), Sturrup (second) and Amertil (third) that finished with the silver behind Jamaica.

Missing from the recognition that came at the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture's National Hall of Fame induction ceremony, was Ferguson, who was attending school at Auburn University.

Some of the other members of the team, including sprinters Adrian Griffith and Timicka Clarke and quarter-milers Nathaniel McKinney and Shakeitha Henfield, along with manager Ralph McKinney and coaches Frank 'Pancho' Rahming and George Cleare were in attendance.

After she, Sturrup and Amertil were presented with a certificate and their financial contributions from the ministry, Ferguson-McKenzie said

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## Stingrays crush Destroyers for first win of the season

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DESPITE a series of blown opportunities in the red zone, the V8 Fusion Stingrays – backed by a stellar defensive effort – held on for their first win of the season.

The Stingrays scored a 12-6 win over the Defence Force Destroyers yesterday at the D W Davis field.

Shorthanded from the game's outset, the Stingrays were without key members of the linebacking core and quarterback Nesley Lucien for the opening quarter.

With wide receiver Lawrence Hepburn Jr under center, the Stingrays drove the ball down the field, establishing the running game early.

Hepburn connected with Carl Rolle on a 30-yard play action pass for a touchdown.

The Stingrays failed to convert on the ground and led 6-0.

After the defense forced a three and out, the Stingrays drove the ball down into the red zone, but were halted by a goal line stand from the Destroyers.

The Defence Force failed to turn the defensive effort into points as they struggled to advance the ball on the Stingrays defense.

Led by reigning defensive player of the year Anwar Godet, the Stingrays frustrated Destroyers quarterback Brian Anderson with hurries forcing him out of the pocket. V8 Fusion led 6-0 after the

first quarter.

The second produced much of the same with the teams going back and forth, trading key field positions.

With the 1:10 left to play in the half, Lucien returned under center and led the Stingrays down the field for their second score of the game.

After a late pass interference penalty placed the Stingrays in the red zone for the fourth time in the half, this time they would convert.

Lucien handled a bobbled snap and scrambled down the right sideline for a 12-0 lead on the final play of the half.

The lone score of the second half came when the Destroyers defense came through on a blitz and hit Lucien in the backfield to force a fumble.

The Destroyers recovered and returned the fumble for a touchdown midway through the fourth quarter.

After a turnover on downs,

the Defence Force had one final drive opportunity to tie or possibly go ahead, however the Stingrays defense would again rise to the occasion.

The front seven forced Anderson out of the pocket, forced bad snaps and fumbles and dominated the Destroyers offensive line to force a turnover on downs.

The Stingrays advanced to 1-2, after opening with the league's most difficult schedule opening against the reigning champion Orry J Sands Pros and the runners-up John Bull Jets.

The Destroyers fell to 1-1 after they opened their season with a bye week and a 38-0 dismantling of the Tripoint Kingdom Warriors.

Next week, the Jets will have a bye while the Destroyers are set to face the Pros (Saturday, November 7) and the Stingrays take on the Warriors (Sunday, November 8).

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Olympian Mathieu ties the knot

OLYMPIAN Michael Mathieu, of Grand Bahama, tied the knot at the Atlantis resort Saturday morning.

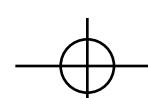
Quarter miler Mathieu, who in August competed for the Bahamas at the 12th IAAF World Championships in Athletics in Berlin, Germany, got married to former sprinter/hurdler Kenisha Joseph of Grenada.

At the Atlantis Coral Towers' Flying Fish Knoll, two of his team-mates, Andre Bain and Andrae Williams stood as groomsmen.

Businessman Basil Neymour and his wife, along with his former coach Joe Simons, flew in from Grand Bahama along with his family and friends.

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## Jets' Rhodes, Dolphins players in pregame skirmish

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — New York Jets safety Kerry Rhodes and a few Miami Dolphins players got into a shoving match on the field about a half-hour before the teams' game.

With both teams warming up on the field Sunday, Dolphins linebacker Joey Porter appeared to say something that Rhodes took exception to. Rhodes, near the Jets' sideline on the Dolphins' end of the field, went over to Porter and shoved him. Porter shoved back as other players got involved, including Jason Taylor, and Rhodes then took a swipe at Dolphins linebacker Cameron Wake before the players were separated.

The incident is the latest in a heated rivalry that was reignited in the offseason when Jets coach Rex Ryan and Dolphins linebacker Channing Crowder had a playful war of words.

## Cutler, Bears pull away from Browns, 30-6

CHICAGO (AP) — Pounded the previous week and losers of two straight, the Chicago Bears couldn't afford to go down again. Good thing for them that Derek Anderson and the Cleveland Browns were in town.

Jay Cutler threw for 225 yards, Matt Forte ran for two touchdowns and the Bears (4-3) beat the bumbling Browns 30-6 Sunday.

Anderson had another miserable day for the Browns (1-7) and was lifted for Brady Quinn, the man he replaced in Week 3, with about three minutes left in the game. Anderson completed just 6 of 17 passes for 76 yards and got intercepted twice.

That certainly didn't help a rating that was already a league-low 40.6 entering this game. And now, the Browns appear to be back in a familiar spot: Deciding on a starting quarterback.



**EAGLES** quarterback Donovan McNabb (5) scrambles out of the pocket in front of New York Giants' Osi Umenyiora in during the first quarter yesterday...

(AP Photo: Gene J Puskar)

# McNabb throws 3 TDs in Eagles' 40-17 win

By DAN GELSTON  
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starting the season 5-0 for the first time since 1990.

Manning continuously threw high over his receivers or was the victim of bad route running and threw two interceptions.

Philly continued its victorious run over NFC East teams a week after beating Washington. The Eagles dominated without running back Brian Westbrook, who sat out after he suffered a concussion in the win over the Redskins.

His absence caused coach Andy Reid to add a new wrinkle to the offense: a fullback. Rarely asked to carry the ball under Reid, Leonard Weaver was an integral part early and helped catch the scuffling Giants by surprise.

The Eagles needed only three plays to score when Weaver ran 41 yards up the middle for a touchdown. It only got better from there for the Eagles — and their fans in the home green jerseys.

seys dotted with red Phillies caps.

The next drive — launched when Asante Samuel picked off Manning — saw a McNabb to tight end Brent Celek TD called back on a penalty. No worries. The two connected on a 17-yard score two plays later and a 13-0 lead.

It's point totals such as this that make it all the more puzzling that the Eagles could go without a touchdown in a loss at lowly Oakland two weeks ago.

LeSean McCoy, Westbrook's backup, joined in the fun on a 66-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter that made it 40-17.

By then, fans from both teams could hit the parking lots and resume their tailgating. Giants fans grilled and drank with Yankees jerseys hanging on their car windows. Eagles fans waved

their Phillies flags as they pulled into the complex.

Philly fans ended the game chanting "Let's go Phillies!" in the waning minutes.

The Giants, eliminated by the Eagles in the NFC divisional game last season, were still in this one late in the second quarter after Manning's 18-yard touchdown pass to Kevin Boss made it 16-7.

Five minutes were left in the half. Enough time to get to the break and regroup.

Wrong.

McNabb went deep to a wide open Jackson for a 54-yard touchdown on the first play after the kickoff. Jackson has become the top target McNabb's lacked since Terrell Owens was in town dancing after scores and stirring the locker room.

Jackson, also a threat on punt returns, tied a team record with his sixth TD of the season of 50-plus yards.

Another overthrown Manning pass was intercepted by Quintin Demps, and McNabb needed two plays to find Jeremy Maclin on a 23-yard touchdown and a 30-7 halftime lead.

Quick strikes, long strikes. McNabb threw for 240 yards and was not intercepted.

Manning brought the Giants back from a 17-point deficit in the fourth quarter to win in overtime here in 2006.

Any thoughts of a similar comeback were squashed when Domenik Hixon fumbled the second-half kickoff.

The turnover set up David Akers' 35-yard field goal, he also kicked a 30-yarder in the second quarter, and the Eagles continued their streak of having all their wins be by double-digit margins.

# Ravens drop the Broncos from unbeaten ranks, 30-7

By DAVID GINSBURG  
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BALTIMORE (AP) — The Baltimore Ravens handed Denver its first loss by using the same blueprint the Broncos employed to win their first six games.

Rookie Lardarius Webb returned the second-half kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown, and the Ravens ended a three-game losing streak with a surprisingly easy 30-7 victory Sunday.

It was Denver's first loss under rookie head coach Josh McDaniels. The Broncos (6-1) came in with the NFL's top-ranked defense, a plus-seven turnover differential and one of the league's best kick returners in Eddie Royal. Denver had also outscored the opposition 76-10 after halftime.

The Ravens, however, dominated all those facets of the game. Baltimore (4-3) limited Denver to 200 yards, scored off the game's lone turnover, won the special teams fight and pulled away after leading by only 6-0 at halftime.

Denver started the day as one of three unbeaten teams

in the NFL and was trying to go 7-0 for the first time since 1998. Baltimore needed a win to avoid falling under .500 and dropping two games behind Pittsburgh and Cincinnati in the AFC North.

In a duel between an undefeated team and a desperate one, the Ravens prevailed. Baltimore held Royal in check, bottled up quarterback Kyle Orton and became the first team this season to rush for more than 100 yards against Denver.

Baltimore went up 13-0 when Webb turned the second-half kickoff into his first NFL touchdown. After breaking free around his own 30, Webb cut right and outran his pursuers into the corner of the end zone.

The Broncos responded with an 86-yard march fueled by three Baltimore penalties totaling 44 yards. A 39-yard pass interference call on Domonique Foxworth and offsides infraction by Ed Reed on a fourth-and-1 led to a 1-yard touchdown run by Knowshon Moreno.

The Ravens responded with a field goal for a 16-7 lead, then went up 23-7 on a 20-yard pass from Joe Flacco

to Derrick Mason with 13:07 left.

Ray Rice capped the rout with a 7-yard touchdown run with 1:59 to go. Rice ran for 84 yards, the most by one player against Denver this season.

Flacco went 20 for 25 for 175 yards. He completed his last 14 passes.

Orton completed 23 of 37 for 152 yards.

The Broncos managed only 79 yards in being held scoreless in the first half for the first time this season.

The tone was set on first play from scrimmage, when Ravens linebacker Jarret Johnson blitzed untouched from the left side and sacked Orton for an 8-yard loss. Denver made only one first down in the first quarter, and Moreno's fumble on a screen pass led to a Baltimore field goal for a 3-0 lead.

The Ravens added a field goal in the second quarter, concluding an 11-play drive that featured an 18-yard pass from Flacco to Mark Clayton. A 15-yard personal foul against Baltimore rookie tackle Michael Oher wiped out a first down at the Denver 8.

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"When I think about the humble beginning being born in Bain Town and growing up in Grants Town, just playing on the streets of Nassau with all the guys like Allan Ingraham, I receive this award for those guys," said Smith about his childhood friends like Jessie 'Buckus' Ferguson and Bernard 'Porky' Dorsett.

"We all supported each other, but I was very fortunate and blessed that I was able to go all the way. But the encouragement like I received on an annual basis, I'm very appreciative of this honour and I would just like to encourage all of you who have children to get them active and doing something."

One of the most touching responses came from Bradley Cooper, the long-time national record holder in the discus and shot put. Cooper, who attended the banquet with his father, his wife and his pastor, former sportscaster Rick Dean, said he came a very long way.

"Since competing, I came up with diabetes and hypertension, but it hasn't stopped me from working with young people," said Cooper, who is now employed as the assistant athletic director at the College of the Bahamas.

The night was also shared by members of the Bahamas' team that competed at the 12th IAAF World Championships in Athletics in Berlin, Germany, in August.

## Women are singled out for medal-winning IAAF feats

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the success of the team could not have been possible without the support they received from the Bahamas Government.

"A special thanks goes out to the Bahamian people for all of their prayers, e-mails and support throughout the year and especially for your support in Berlin," she lamented.

"We would also like to thank our coaches, the BAAA and all of our fans and sponsors for helping us to accomplish another successful year."

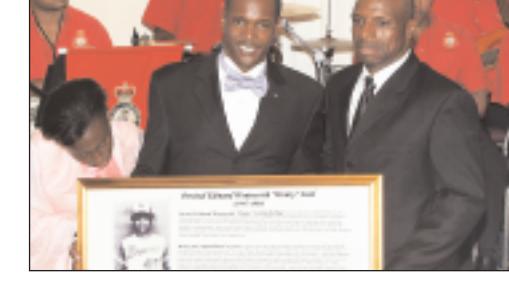
Speaking on behalf of her team-mates, Ferguson-McKenzie said they will vow to be excellent ambassadors in all of their future endeavours.

Among those in attendance were retired 'golden girls' Pauline Davis-Thompson, now an IAAF council member and Eldece Clarke, who is employed as the sports director at the Ministry of Tourism.

Some of the athletes, who competed in Berlin and were not able to attend the event, were represented by family members. Of note were the parents of fourth place triple jumper Leevan 'Superman' Sands, Leevan Sr and Inspector Elaine Sands.



**MEMBERS** of the Class of 2009 pose with Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture Desmond Bannister at their induction on Saturday night at the British Colonial Hilton...



MARIO FORD is presented with the plaque for his deceased brother **Wenty Ford**...



FAMILY member representing **Samuel 'Sir Day' Davies**, receives his plaque...



**FLORENCE 'Flo' Rolle** (right) receives her award...



BODYBUILDER **Cliff Wilson** is honoured...



STRONGMAN **Bradley Cooper** (right) receives his award...



GRAND Bahamian **Errol Bodie** (right) receives his award...



**LEON 'Apache' Knowles'** wife, Delano, receives his plaque...



**ED Smith**, the first Bahamian to play in the NFL, receives his plaque...



BODYBUILDER **Glen Wells** is honoured by Minister of Sports Desmond Bannister...



**ROBERT 'Bob' Isaacs** (right) is presented with his plaque...



PITCHER **Richard 'the Lion-Heart' Johnson** accepts his plaque...



**DOYLE Burrows** (right) receives his plaque...



**Dr Timothy Barrett** receives his plaque...



THE family of the late **Anthony Carroll** accepts his plaque...

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# Inter beats Livorno in the Italian League



**MEB KEFLEZIGHI** of the United States holds a flag high after coming in first place in the men's division in the New York City Marathon. Jaouad Gharib (right), of Morocco, who finished third, looks on...

(AP Photo: Kathy Willens)

## American Meb Keflezighi wins NYC Marathon

By RACHEL COHEN  
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Meb Keflezighi became the first U.S. man to win the New York City Marathon since 1982 on Sunday, a victory that capped an outstanding day for American distance running.

Derartu Tulu of Ethiopia captured the women's race, with two-time defending champ Paula Radcliffe falling back to fourth then grabbing her left leg in pain after finishing.

Keflezighi, the 2004 Olympic silver medalist, learned after a disappointing performance in the U.S. Olympic trials in New York two years ago he had a stress fracture in his hip. He capped the long and painful comeback with a landmark victory against a deep field for his first major marathon title.

That day in 2007 he also lost close friend Ryan Shay, who collapsed and died during the race. Keflezighi said the tears he shed after winning were for Shay.

Born in Eritrea, the 34-year-old runner became a U.S. citizen in 1998. He was second in New York in 2004 and third in 2005. Wearing "USA" on the front of his jersey, Keflezighi won in 2 hours, 9 minutes, 15 seconds.

"The USA gave me all the opportunities there is in education, sports and lifestyle," he said. "To be able to represent the USA is a big thing for me."

A field of nearly 44,000 started the 40th edition of the

race. The 53-degree weather was about perfect for the runners, although they were slowed by 14 mph winds.

Keflezighi pulled away from Robert Cheruiyot of Kenya in the 23rd mile to beat the four-time Boston Marathon champ by 41 seconds. Alberto Salazar had been the last American men's champion, taking three straight titles from 1980-82.

Morocco's Jaouad Gharib finished third and Ryan Hall of the U.S. was fourth on a day when six Americans were in the top 10 for the first time since 1979. The race doubled at the national men's marathon championship.

Ludmila Petrova, a 41-year-old Russian, was the runner-up for the second straight year in the women's race, while Christelle Daunay of France was third.

Radcliffe said she had tendinitis behind her knee. The world record-holder from Britain failed to win a marathon for just the third time in 11 starts.

The 37-year-old Tulu won Olympic gold medals on the track in the 10,000 meters in 1992 and 2000. Her only marathon title came in London in 2001.

She had struggled with her weight and endurance after the birth of her second daughter three years ago. But when she ran well at a half-marathon in Philadelphia on Sept. 20, she decided to enter New York.

"I did not come here necessarily expecting to win," she said, "but I did expect to be a strong competitor."

ROME (AP) — Diego Milito and Maicon each scored to give Inter Milan a 2-0 victory over Livorno in the Italian League on Sunday.

Since Serie A started awarding three points for wins in 1994-95, Inter Milan's seven-point lead is the largest established after 11 rounds.

"This is the result of all the great work that the guys have done every day, although there is still a long way to go," said Inter coach Jose Mourinho.

Sampdoria drew 0-0 with promoted Bari, which missed a penalty shot in the 90th minute, and joined second-place Juventus in second with 21 points each.

Napoli beat Juventus 3-2 on Saturday and Milan defeated Parma 2-0.

### Man City goalkeeper saves penalty in scoreless draw

LONDON (AP) — Manchester City goalkeeper Shay Given saved James McFadden's penalty shot in a scoreless draw at Birmingham, allowing his team to climb into fourth in the Premier League.

Man City's fourth draw in a row — but first 0-0 score in 55 games — gave Mark Hughes' team 19 points with only one loss, the fewest defeats of any team.

The club is still eight points behind leader Chelsea and six back from defending champion Manchester United. Chelsea won 4-0 at Bolton on Saturday, when Man United beat Blackburn 2-0.

Arsenal outplayed north London neighbor Tottenham 3-0, but Liverpool had two players sent off and lost 3-1 at Fulham, its sixth defeat in seven league and cup games.

### Rain forces ref to call off Rangers' game at D United

GLASGOW, Scotland (AP) — Heavy rain forced the referee to call off Rangers' Scottish Premier League game at Dundee United at half time.

Rangers led 1-0 at Tannadice Park after Steven Davis' 29th-minute goal. But



**INTER MILAN** Argentine striker Diego Milito (left) celebrates with Brazilian teammate Douglas Maicon after Maicon scored during a Serie A soccer match between Livorno and Inter Sunday at the Armando Picchi stadium in Leghorn, Italy. Inter Milan won 2-0...

(AP Photo: Lorenzo Galassi)

referee Mike Tumilty tested the conditions and stopped

the game, which will be replayed at a future date.

Defending champion Rangers remains in third place with 19 points. Celtic beat Kilmarnock 3-0 on Saturday and leads the league with 23 points. Hibernian is second with 20 after beating Aberdeen 2-0.

### Hoffenheim's 1-0 victory over Freiburg

FRANKFURT (AP) — A goal by Brazilian striker Maicosuel earned Hoffenheim a 1-0 victory over Freiburg that moved the club into fifth place in the Bundesliga.

In Sunday's other game, Eintracht Frankfurt beat Bochum 2-1.

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"However, the FNM would like to suggest to the leaders of the PLP that they reconsider their practice of visiting the court during the trial."

"Although it is their right as citizens to do so, they should consider whether such visits by their Leader and former Prime Minister Perry Christie, former Deputy Prime Minister Cynthia Pratt and other MPs might give a wrong impression."

"This case revolves around allegations of criminal con-

duct and has nothing to do with politics or political issues."

A date for the retrial of Bridgewater and former ambulance driver Torino Lightbourne has yet to be set.

Bridgewater and Lightbourne are accused of attempting to extort, and conspiring to extort \$25 million from American actor Travolta by means of a threat. They deny the charges.

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PLEASANT BRIDGEWATER

## LOCAL NEWS

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he picked up his handgun and ran.

A police spokesman said: "The officers pursued him and it was at that time he pointed the gun at the officers who then opened

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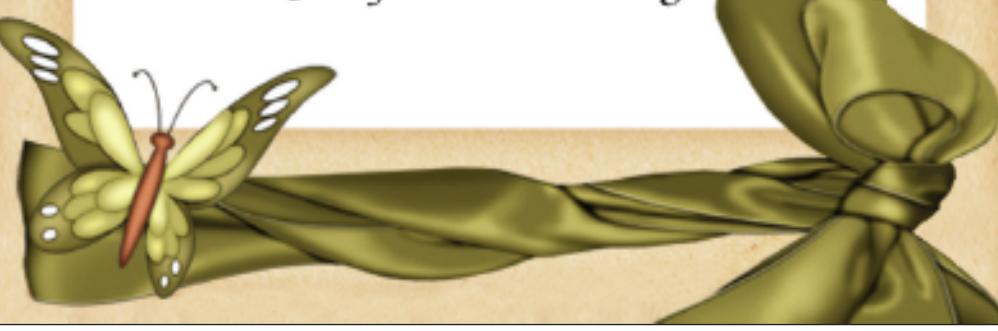
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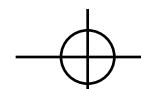
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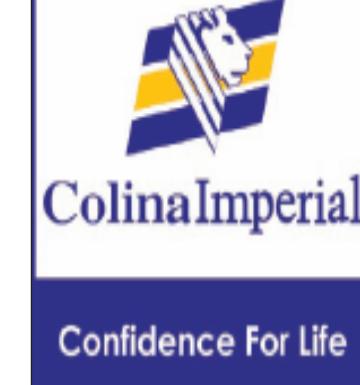
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## UK billionaire, US group sounded out on Port deal

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

**S**ir Jack Hayward and his family trust have sounded out a UK billionaire with Central American interests and a US group, whose representative is a Grand Bahama-based former American security agent, about becoming alternatives to Hutchison Whampoa as purchasers of their Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA) stake.

Multiple sources have confirmed to Tribune Business that Sir Jack and the Hayward Family Trust have approached Lord Ashcroft, the British billionaire who is vice-chairman and a major donor to the UK's conservative party, and a US group whose 'point man' is Ben Bell, a former top security official in the US Transportation Security Administration who founded a Freeport office for his Global Information Group, an information processing and compilation centre, as possible buyers of their

\* Sir Jack and Family Trust seeking alternative purchasers to Hutchison Whampoa for Grand Bahama Port Authority, including Lord Ashcroft of Belize and group represented by Freeport-based high-level ex-US security official

GBPA stake.

Despite increasing pressure to sell to Li Ka-Shing's Hong Kong-based conglomerate, Sir Jack is doing his best to resist by seeking out alternative buyers, publicly stated that there were "other people from other countries than communist China" interesting in acquiring the GBPA - a thinly-veiled reference to Hutchison Whampoa.

Some observers have told Tribune Business that they were startled to see Sir Jack make such a public criticism of the company that is effectively Port Group Ltd's joint venture partner in Freeport and Grand Bahama, but the British businessman - well-known for being bullish and

forthright in his opinions - is very much his own man.

He is likely to have reacted angrily against attempts to push him and the Hayward Family Trust into selling their stake to Hutchison Whampoa, something both Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham's government and the late Edward St George's estate appear to desire.

Hence Sir Jack's move to sound out other potential purchasers, including Lord Ashcroft, whose estimated personal fortune of £1.1 billion dwarfs the annual £875 million gross domestic product (GDP) of his adopted homeland, the central American state of Belize, where he has numerous business inter-

ests.

However, Lord Ashcroft has become embroiled in an increasingly acrimonious row and public war of words with the Belizean government of Dean Barrow, which has accused of him of being "predatory" and attempting "to subjugate an entire nation to his will".

The Belizean authorities have accused Lord Ashcroft of negotiating a deal with the previous administration that saw the taxpayer effectively underwrite his telecoms interests, something the UK lord and peer has angrily denied, his spokesman insisting he has no equity interests in the

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## BEC plant opponents run into 'brick wall'

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

OPPONENTS of BEC's \$105 million Wilson City power plant have hit "a brick wall" in their attempts to discover what permits have been issued to approve the facility's construction, an attorney representing several telling Tribune Business that his clients want to be involved "positively" rather than through "adversarial conflict" involving litigation and demonstrations.

Fred Smith QC, the Calenders & Co attorney and partner, said his clients had been encouraged by Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham's comments in the House of Assembly about the Government's mistake in not informing/consulting Abaconians on the project before construction on Wilson City began, and his insistence that BEC must show why the plant needs to use Bunker C fuel.

However, contrasting the way the Wilson City power plant process had been handled with the promised transparency and accountability in the Government's proposed Planning and Subdivisions Bill, Mr Smith said he and his clients had still been unable to unearth any information about the project's permitting/approvals process.

Referring to the Prime Minister's comments, Mr Smith told Tribune Business:

"This still does not explain the hasty rush to get permits after the fact, and have them rubber-stamped by BEC and the authorities."

"We have been making efforts to get copies of the permits from the administrator in south Abaco. We've come up against a brick wall, as they're not giving us copies of approvals made or outstanding, or permits given."

"The reports we've got from people who have gone to the local government office is that no permits were issued by local government; it's all been done through central government agencies. This is derisory to local government, and completely against the Subdivision Bill being promoted by the Government."

"It goes contrary to what Minister Earl Deveaux said about consultation, Land Use Planning, getting input from interested parties, and allowing communities to envision their own future rather than have it imposed on them by the central government."

Mr Smith added that while the Government was promoting "such modern, democratic and polished legislation" in the form of the Planning and Subdivisions Bill, "they did, and continue to do, the exact opposite at Wilson City".

While the Government's handling of the BEC project

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BANK of the Bahamas International suffered a 5 per cent net income drop to \$5.8 million for its fiscal 2009 financial year, its managing director telling Tribune Business that being able to sustain profitability during a recession, as well as invest for the long-term and strengthen its balance sheet "says a lot about the bank".

Speaking after the bank's results for the year to June 30, 2009, showed a net income drop of just \$300,000 from the previous year's \$6.1 million,

Paul McWeeney said it was "significant" that Bank of the Bahamas International had "continued to move forward

on all fronts" in the midst of the most severe recession

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## Fashion show encouraged despite attendance decline

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

WHILE the recession is likely to induce drops in designer and foreign attendees for this week's Islands of the World fashion week of 40 per cent and 60 per cent respectively, its main organiser said he was taking encouragement from the increased media interest in the event.

Owen Bethel, president and chief executive of the Nassau-based Montague Group, whose Modes Illes subsidiary is currently organising the second annual Islands of the World showing, said organisers were "looking very positive" despite the fact they were down from a

hoped-for 20-25 designers to about 12 confirmed.

While the recession, and the difficulty in obtaining financing, had "continued to impact the turnout or the attendance of the designers", Mr Bethel said two new designers had confirmed their appearance within the past week.

"We're moving ahead," he told Tribune Business. "We have 12 designers showcasing, and then the three international guest designers."

Mr Bethel acknowledged that "we were hoping for" 20-25 designers to attend Islands of the World. "We did have

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## Development's \$20-25 million infrastructure investment

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

THE lead developer of Lyford Hills has told Tribune Business that some \$20-\$25 million will have been invested in the subdivision's infrastructure once it is completed, with some four to five lots being sold per month despite the recession.

Tennyson Wells, the former FNM and independent MP and Cabinet minister, said all the sewerage lines had been put in for the 126-lot Phase I at Lyford Hills, with 70 per cent of the trenching for electrical, water and communications lines, and "40-50 per cent of the water, telecommunications and electricity" piping installed throughout the three-phase project.

"The infrastructure is going in," Mr Wells told Tribune Business. "We opened it [Lyford Hills] in May of this year, and we have all the sewerage lines for Phase I in. The roads are in throughout the entire

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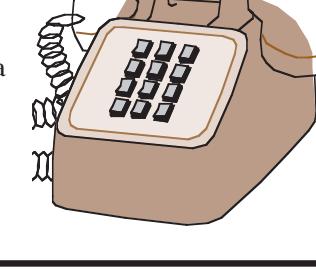
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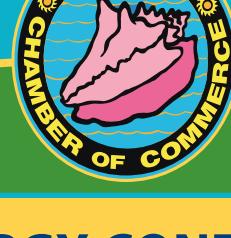
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## BUSINESS

# Developer raises concerns on Bill

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

A LEADING Bahamian real estate developer has told Tribune Business that provisions in the Government's Planning and Subdivision Bill would result in "tremendous added costs" for developers, explaining that while he applauded the reformist ideas contained in the legislation "the balance is not right".

Tennyson Wells, the former FNM and independent MP and Cabinet minister, said that while reforms to the planning and approvals processes were long overdue to protect the Bahamian public from unscrupulous developers, some provisions in the Bill would unnecessarily add to developers' costs and, in turn, real estate prices for both property owners and purchasers.

Acknowledging that the Bill was needed to place "stumbling blocks" in the way of those who, for example, sold undeveloped lots to buy-



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ers without putting the necessary infrastructure in or before they had full government approval, Mr Wells nevertheless said: "They're certainly going to add to the costs of development. It will be a tremendous cost if every project has to have an Environmental Impact Assessment done."

He explained that the prescriptive nature of the Bill seemed to mandate that any developer, even those buying

a two-three acre tract of land, needed to conduct an EIA. This, Mr Wells said, would cost at least \$20,000-\$30,000, and often such studies were priced at a minimum \$50,000.

"The people who developed that legislation together appear to have never developed a piece of land in their life," the developer said, agreeing with Bahamas Real Estate Association (BREA) president William Wong that the Bill seemed to have been

written more from an environmental standpoint.

"Those who drafted it clearly do not know what is involved, the cost of investment, so they will increase the cost of land dramatically. I don't think the Bill was well thought-out. It may also increase the price of land to the landlord, for if there are no buyers for it, he has got to keep the land. If you're doing a big development now, this will retard development, in my opinion."

Mr Wells added that the Bill also set out at least four different approvals processes developers had to go through, whereas currently these were all packaged into one bundle. This, he added, raised the prospect of time and delays costing investors money, something that might discourage them from contemplating the development in the first place.

"First, you've got to deal with zoning," Mr Wells said. "All these things are good, as we should have zoning. That's

something this country needs badly, proper zoning regulations."

"You then need a proper site plan, then an EIA, and then you apply for subdivision approval. Before, all these approvals were part and parcel of one, but now you have to make applications for each of them, and each has time attached to them."

Referring to his 160-acre Lyford Hills project, which has already been approved, Mr Wells said any developer - before even signing a contract to purchase land - would want to know their likelihood of getting approved, given that it could take 12 to 18 months to get the necessary permits.

The former MP said he had not been consulted on the Bill, although after reading it within the past several weeks he said he placed a call to Dr Earl Deveaux, minister of the environment, that was not returned. The Bill had, though, been published on the BEST website since June 2009.

Mr Wells also told Tribune Business that provisions in the Bill that prevented a person from dividing, in his Will, a parcel of land into more than two pieces, could "deny the testator his dying wish".

"I don't think the public should accept that," Mr Wells told Tribune Business. "There ought to be another way to deal with that. People do not think about the consequences of what they're doing."

He added that Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham's comments, in wrapping up House of Assembly debate on the Planning and Subdivisions Bill, appeared to indicate that if government departments failed to deal with planning applications in the proper timeframe, they would automatically be treated as approved.

Arguing that "you can't run a system like that", Mr Wells said this could create "an even worse disaster" if the planning application contained something that was "unacceptable to the public".

## 'Minimal impact' from the new US anti-haven move

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

THE latest anti-international financial centre legislation to appear in the US Congress should not have "much of an impact on the Bahamas", industry professionals have told Tribune Business, even though it proposes a 30 per cent withholding tax on foreign financial institutions unless they reveal the identities of American beneficial account holders to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Both a former Bahamas Financial Services Board (BFSB) chairman and ex-finance minister said the relatively small number of US clients held by Bahamian-based financial institutions meant the impact of the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, the latest salvo in the psychological warfare being waged against international financial services centres and their clients, was likely to be minimal.

Questioning how this legislation differed from the existing Qualified Intermediary (QI) relationship many Bahamian institutions had with the IRS, Michael Paton, attorney and partner with Lennox Paton,

told Tribune Business: "You speak to most banks today, and they say there's not much US business in the Bahamas."

"The practical impact [if the Act was passed] is hard to say, but from what I've been told anecdotally, there should not be not be much of an impact at all. I've been told there's minimal US business here, and that it's compliant. The general impact should not be that significant."

Questioning how the US could enforce such legislation, Mr Paton suggested that the Obama administration could effectively 'cut off its nose to spite its face', as it might discourage foreign investors from investing in the US via foreign banks - the traditional route they took.

Mr Paton was backed by James Smith, CFAL's chairman, who said the legislation's impact would not be great on existing US clients, although "it may stop any new business".

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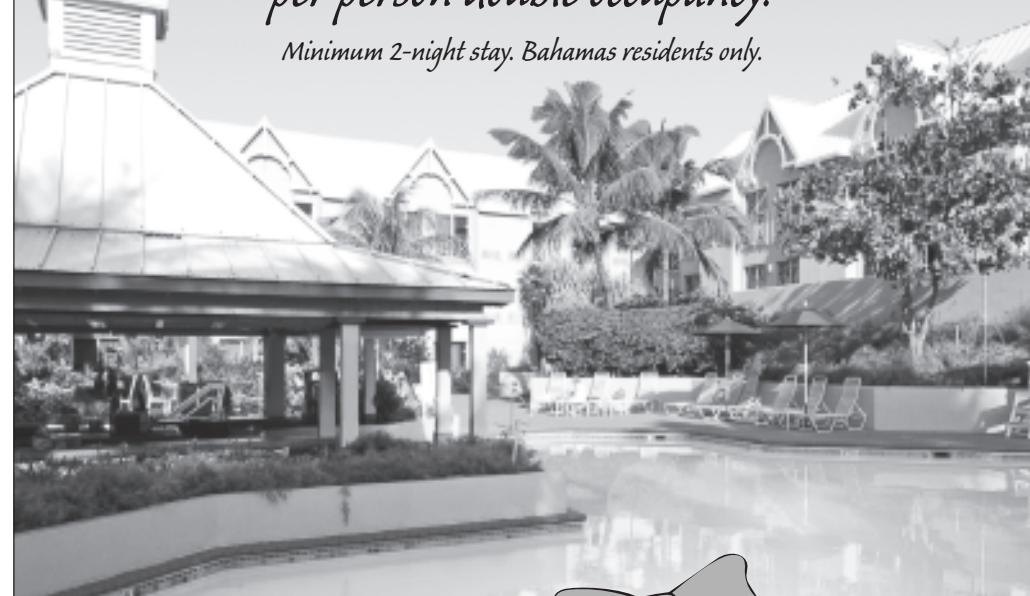
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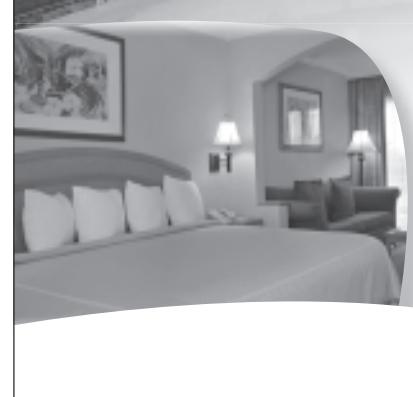
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## BUSINESS

# Bank suffers just five per cent fall in net profit

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since the 1930s Great Depression.

Adding that the bank's 2009 net income was "almost right on target" with Budget forecasts, Mr McWeeney said

it had accomplished its main priority of "fortifying the balance sheet" to ensure Bank of the Bahamas International could withstand the recession's impact through last year's \$20 million preference share issue.

As a result, Bank of the Bahamas International's managing director said it now had "three times the required regulatory" capital ratios, its Tier I capital ratio - as measured by the Basel Accord - standing at 25 per cent compared to the minimum 8 per cent requirement.

In addition, Mr McWeeney said one-third of the bank's deposits were "in liquid format", and it had increased its Government Registered Stock holdings by 100 per cent in its 2009 financial year.

"Any bank that continues to make a profit now is doing an outstanding job," Mr McWeeney said, pointing to the travails of the major US retail and investment banking giants, and the numerous bank failures in the US since the 'credit crunch' started.

"We were fortunate to be able to increase capital based on public confidence in the

bank. For a bank to increase its capital and to continue to make these kind of investments for long-term value, and to make a decent profit in this day and age, is significant.

"For us to continue to move forward on all fronts in a positive direction says a lot about the bank. Even though the economy is still contracting, we are still growing. We have a significant amount of liquidity, and have put a lot of cash into acquiring government stock."

Bank of the Bahamas International invested more than \$1.5 million in technology that allowed it to bring debit and credit card processing in-house, enabling it to enjoy cost savings on what it was paying to an overseas third party, and allowing it to handle payment processing.

Mr McWeeney said it was "pivotal" for Bank of the Bahamas International to continue with its long-term investment and value creation strategies, adding that the bank had now completed implementation of the debit/credit card in-house processing's first phase.

"The second phase is to do

with bringing on-line merchant accounts, e-commerce," Mr McWeeney told Tribune Business. "All the equipment for that is here, it's just getting certification from Visa, to certify parts attached to that."

It would be another six months "before we offer that on a full scale to the public", Mr McWeeney added. This, he explained, would enable Bank of the Bahamas International to "process any credit card platform from this country", ultimately allowing the bank to market the technology abroad and diversify it long-term.

Mr McWeeney said it had been important to strengthen Bank of the Bahamas International's balance sheet, with equity up more than 10 per cent to end the 2009 financial year at \$114 million, given that "suggestions are that the rest of 2009 and the early part of next year will be weaker than what we have already experienced".

He acknowledged that the bank's non-accrual or non-performing loans, 90 days or more past due, had increased beyond the 2009 fiscal year

end's 4.48 per cent to now stand at more than 5 per cent of the total portfolio, although this was below the 7-8 per cent industry average.

As at June 30, 2009, some \$25.162 million worth of loans, out of a total \$561.038 million portfolio, were non-performing, with more than half the former figure - some \$13.091 million - being commercial loans and reflecting the recession's impact on the business community.

Bank of the Bahamas International's managing director was "optimistic we will see a bottoming out in" loan book portfolio deterioration "in the next three to six-month period". During the 2009 fiscal year, total assets rose by nearly \$25 million to top \$758 million.

Meanwhile, Mr McWeeney said Bank of the Bahamas International had adopted a "very aggressive" provisioning policy towards consumer loans, which accounted for "no more than 10 per cent of our book of business".

"We make provisions based on ageing, so in a 12-month period, non-performing con-

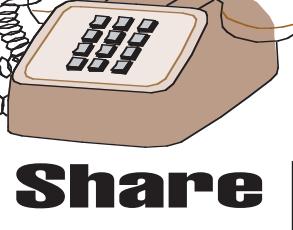
sumer loans are fully provided for and written-off," he explained.

Elsewhere, Mr McWeeney told Tribune Business that the bank was "actively considering the relocation" of its Thompson Boulevard branch from the Ministry of Education building, due to that facility's mold problem. No decision had yet been taken, but a relocation was likely "right away".

As for the bank's new proposed headquarters building on West Bay Street, Mr McWeeney said the plans were "moving forward" and Bank of the Bahamas International was "considering doing it in three different phases".

Architects were now putting together such a plan, and Mr McWeeney said one it was received a decision would be made. The first phase would incorporate the headquarters and retail branch.

Mr McWeeney said Bank of the Bahamas International had "a lot on our plate", but having headquarters functions split across four different sites was "highly inefficient".



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## BUSINESS

# UK billionaire, US group sounded out on Port deal

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Belizean telecoms sector. Lord Ashcroft and his team have also reacted angrily to the other accusations, denying them and accusing the Belizean government of 'playing politics' in their decision to target him.

Given the pressure he is under in Belize, Lord Ashcroft and his business empire have already begun to seek out new business opportunities in the Caribbean, his Belize Bank and parent group, BB Holdings, having moved into both the Turks & Caicos and Trinidad & Tobago.

It would therefore be no surprise to see Lord Ashcroft take an interest in the Bahamas and the Grand Bahama Port Authority, especially with both himself and Sir Jack likely to move in the same social/business circles and hold similar views.

Indeed, Belize Bank has already demonstrated an interest in the Bahamas, having attempted within the past year to acquire Ansbacher (Bahamas) when it was up for sale. However, it was knocked out of the running by the Central Bank of the Bahamas, which did not want Belize to become Ansbacher (Bahamas) home and primary jurisdiction supervisor.

But apart from Lord Ashcroft, multiple sources confirmed to Tribune Business that Sir Jack and the trust had also been talking to a US group represented on Grand Bahama by Mr Bell, a Fortune Cay resident who is a former director of the Office of National Risk Assessment (ONRA) in the US Transportation Security Administration.

Mr Bell set up the Freeport office of Global Information Group five years ago as an entity designed to help "fight terrorism and major international financial crimes" through collecting and analysing huge amounts of

data.

"There is a real need for solid international data that can help spot disturbing patterns, predict threats and protect citizens and borders," Mr Bell said, describing Global Information Group as an information processing and aggregation firm.

The company had a partnership with the LexisNexis Group, which delivers legal, business, government and tax information to legal, corporate, government and academic clients in 100 countries on six continents.

However, Mr Bell and Global Information Group have not been controversy-free, with some media reports describing him as a former "high-ranking intelligence agent". There have also been concerns about what exactly Global Information Group does with all the data it collects, and whether personal privacy could be endangered.

**Sources**

Some sources have speculated that given Mr Bell's background, he could be acting for right-wing US interests determined to prevent what they may perceive as a 'Chinese takeover' of Grand Bahama, an island situated just off the eastern US seaboard.

It is unclear how the Obama administration views the deepening of Chinese economic interests in the Bahamas, not just potentially with the GBPA and Hutchison Whampoa, but with the likelihood of investment by two Chinese state-owned entities in the \$2.6 billion Baha Mar project at Cable Beach.

However, former US ambassador to the Bahamas, John Rood, twice hinted heavily that the former Bush administration would be less then pleased if Freeport effectively became a 'company town' under Hutchison Whampoa.

This raises the spectre of competition for

domination between the US and China over major parts of the Bahamian economy.

The Government has moved to create the conditions for a settlement of the three-year GBPA ownership dispute between the Hayward Family Trust and St George estate by only renewing the work permit of Port chairman Hannes Babak until year-end. It is understood that no further extensions will be forthcoming.

This, at least the theory goes, will sever the links between Sir Jack and Mr Babak, and put pressure on the former to settle with the St George estate. Once a settlement is achieved, the Government's preferred option - something they would never have previously contemplated - is for both sides to sell their 50 per cent stakes to Hutchison Whampoa, with the company then handing responsibility for Freeport's governance, regulatory and quasi-governmental functions back to the Government.

The Prime Minister is now focusing on righting Grand Bahama and Freeport's ills, feeling he has done as much as he can for Nassau in the circumstances, and sees the GBPA ownership dispute as the key obstacle to these plans - which include the \$100 million cruise ship terminal and a possible revitalisation of LNG on Grand Bahama. He wants a settlement of the dispute to be achieved by year-end, hence reports of his plans to appoint a minister for Grand Bahama.

While Sir Jack searches for alternatives, some observers have questioned whether any other buyers would gain government approval, given the preference - currently - for Hutchison Whampoa.

The Prime Minister has said he is likely to visit the company's Hong Kong headquarters before year-end, and has much to talk about, including the potential Foxwoods management deal for Our Lucaya.

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## 2009 Summit Schedule

**Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**  
9:30 am - 12:00 pm... **Special Session**—"The Great Models of Mentoring and Succession" .....Dr. Jerry Horner

**Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am - 5:00 pm... **Registration**

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm... **Delegates Orientation and Leadership Reception**

7:15 pm - 9:45 pm... **Session #1** .... **Opening Plenary Session**

"The Purpose and Principle of Mentoring and Succession" .....Dr. Myles Munroe

**Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am - 9:00 am... **Session #2** .... "Succession -The Greatest Leadership Failure" .....Dr. Myles Munroe

9:00 am - 10:00 am... **Session #3** .... "Succession-How Leaders Prepare for Succession" .....Pas. Raphael Massiah

10:00 am - 11:00 am... **Session #4** .... "Succession- The Measure of Leadership Success" .....Dr. Myles Munroe

11:00 am - 11:30 am... **Break**

11:30 am - 12:30 pm... **Session #5** .... "10 Secrets of Leadership Succession" .....Dr. Myles Munroe

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm... **Session #6** .... "The Leadership Key to Empowering Others" .....Pas. Sylvia Jordan

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm... **Lunch Break**

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm... **Session #7** .... **Advanced Leadership Seminars** .....Pas. Bertril Baird, Dr. Josephine Bakhus & Pas. Dave Burrows

3:30 pm - 7:00 pm... **FREE TIME Business Networking, Leaders Fellowship, Exhibitions & Resource Open**

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm... **Session #8** .... "Leading In Times of Crisis" .....Pas. Raphael Massiah

**Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am - 9:00 am... **Session #9** .... "How to Choose a Successor" .....Dr. Myles Munroe

9:00 am - 10:00 am... **Session #10** .... "How to Build a Leadership Legacy" .....Dr. Richard Pinder

10:00 am - 11:00 am... **Session #11** .... "What is the Role of the Successor?" .....Dr. Myles Munroe

11:00 am - 11:30 am... **Break**

11:30 am - 12:30 pm... **Session #12** .... "Understanding the Principle of Mentoring" .....Dr. Myles Munroe

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm... **Session #13** .... "How to Choose and Learn from a Mentor" .....Mr. Jerome Edmondson

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm... **Lunch Break**

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm... **Session #14** .... **Advanced Leadership Seminars** .....Cris Enriquez MD, Dr. Myles Munroe, Dr. Jerry Horner & Pas. Martin Williams

3:30 pm - 7:30 pm... **FREE TIME Business Networking, Leaders Fellowship, Exhibitions & Resource Open**

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm... **Session #15** .... "Secrets to Success and Succession" .....Bob Harrison

**Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am - 9:00 am... **Session #16** .... "Why Leaders Don't But Must Mentor a Successor" .....Dr. Myles Munroe

9:00 am - 10:00 am... **Session #17** .... "How to Respond to a Mentor" .....Pas. Martin Williams

10:00 am - 11:00 am... **Session #18** .... "How to Mentor your Successor" .....Dr. Myles Munroe

11:00 am - 11:30 am... **Break**

11:30 am - 12:30 pm... **Session #19** .... "The Challenge and Process of Leadership Succession" .....Dr. Phil Derstine

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm... **FREE TIME Business Networking, Leaders Fellowship, Exhibitions & Resource Open**

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm... **Annual Awards & Graduation Luncheon**

**Session #20** .... "The Future of Leadership" .....Dr. Myles Munroe

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**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Seminar #1** - 10 Steps to Starting Your Own Business, Pas. Larry Jordan

**Seminar #2** How to Mentor a Successor in Ministry Pas. Bertril Baird

**Seminar #3** How to Mentor a Successor in Politics Dr. Josephine Bakhus

**Seminar #4** 10 Ways to Mentor Youth for Leadership Pas. Dave Burrows

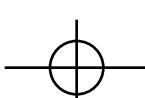
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Seminar #5** 10 Health Keys to Longevity in Leadership Cris Enriquez MD

**Seminar #6** Keys to Financial Security for Your Successor Pas. Martin Williams

**Seminar #7** 10 Biblical Principles for Effective Mentoring Dr. Jerry Horner

**Seminar #8** How to Write and Publish Your Book Dr. Myles Munroe



## BUSINESS

# Geithner: Economy rebounding, but job growth lags

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner acknowledges the federal budget deficit is too high, but that the priorities now are economic growth and job creation.

Asked repeatedly on NBC television's "Meet the Press" whether this means taxes will rise, Geithner avoided giving specifics. He did say President Barack Obama is committed to dealing with the deficit in a way that will not add to the tax burden of people making less than \$250,000 a year.

The White House has not decided how to reduce the red ink, Geithner said in an interview broadcast Sunday.

"Right now we're focused on getting growth back on track," he said. "And we're not at the point yet where we have to decide exactly what it's going to take."

He acknowledged that the economic recovery, while showing positive movement, has been shaky and uneven.

"A lot of damage was caused by this crisis. It's going to take some time for us to grow out of this. It could be a little choppy," he said. "It could be uneven. And it's going to take awhile."

A bright spot in the recovery identified by Geithner is the banking system, which he said is "dramatically more sta-

ble" because of the government bailout.

Geithner said that just one year ago economic activity came to a standstill as major financial institutions shut down due to lack of liquidity.

Even though 115 banks have failed so far this year, Geithner said there has been a "dramatic improvement in confidence," with private capital back in the system. He said large businesses are now able to borrow again.

"The banking system is dramatically more stable than it was three months ago, six months ago, nine months ago, a year ago," he said.

But Geithner said more

needs to be done to assist small businesses, adding that the administration is working to help open up credit to them. These businesses, he said, "face a really tough environment on the financing side."

After financial institutions were widely blamed for assuming too much risk and bringing the economy to the brink of collapse, Geithner said a concern now is that they might end up being too timid.

"The big risk we face now is that banks are going to over-correct and not take enough risk," he said. "We need them to take a chance again on the

American economy. That's going to be important to recovery."

House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio, citing the growing unemployment rate, said Sunday the president's economic stimulus programme has done nothing but increase the size of government. He said businesses are "sitting on their hands" because of government spending and proposals for health care and other initiatives he contended would increase taxes.

"Business people are afraid to invest in their business, afraid to grow their business, because they don't know what's going to happen next," Boehner said on CNN's "State of the Union."

Geithner acknowledged the economy remains tough for many workers who have lost jobs and it's going to be some time before the employment outlook starts to brighten for many of them.

"Unemployment is worse than almost everybody expected. But growth is back a little more quickly, a little stronger than people thought," he said.

Unemployment hit a 26-year high of 9.8 per cent in September, and the October report due in the coming week could show it topping 10 per cent.

"It's likely still rising. And it's probably going to rise further before it starts to come down again."

Geithner said it's too early to decide if a second government stimulus package should be offered, though he acknowledged unemployment probably will rise even more before it starts to turn around. Economists expect to see job growth after the first of the year, probably in the first quarter, he said.

"You're not going to see real recovery until it's led by

the private sector, by businesses," he said.

The treasury chief added that with about half of the stimulus money left, along with tax cuts and investments ahead, "there's a lot of force still moving its way through the system now" and that will keep providing economic support. "It's working. It's delivering what it should result."

Last week, Christina Romer, who heads the president's Council of Economic Advisers, said the government's economic stimulus spending already had its biggest impact and probably wouldn't contribute to significant growth next year.

Geithner also said the administration supports steps being considered by Congress like extending unemployment insurance benefits and the tax credit for first-time homebuyers.

In addition, he complimented Obama's pay czar, Kenneth Feinberg, for his work in reining in pay for senior executives at the top seven recipients of government bailout money. Geithner played down concerns about government interference in executive compensation and the potential for the most talented and productive executives to leave their companies.

"We were very concerned about that from the beginning. And he had to balance some very difficult kind of choices. I think he's found a very good balance among them," Geithner said.

Asked if he saw an exodus at those companies, he said he didn't, but added, "I worry about this a lot."

Boehner disputed Vice President Joe Biden's recent assertion that the economic downturn has bottomed out.

"I don't think anybody knows whether we've hit bottom," Boehner said.

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## BUSINESS

# Development's \$20-25 million infrastructure investment

subdivision - the base roads for phases I, II and III.

"I was hoping to have Phase I completed by the end of November, but hopefully by the end of January we should have completed it. We are about a month-and-a-half to a month behind the schedule of where we thought we would be now. The main reason [for the delay] was equipment problems."

Still, Mr Wells said he and the development team expected to "roll into Phase II within the month", that stage featuring 95 lots available for sale, with the third and final phase including "150-something" lots.

Lot prices, the former MP said, range from the \$120,000s to around \$300,000, with some four to five lots sold per month in Lyford Hills since the development started in May.

"We have sold about 20, and for quite of number of others, people are in the banks dealing with funding," Mr Wells added. "The interest in it has been very high. A lot of people want it, and we have sold four times as many as in previous developments."

As for his other real estate projects, Mr Wells said sales at the 115-lot Yuma Estates had "been very slow this year" as the economic contraction bit, prompting himself and the other investors to "take the bank out of it".

"We have purchased some of the lots ourselves, and will hopefully take the bank out of it in the next month or so," Mr Wells explained.

"We still have 20-odd lots left. We think that's a very good subdivision, and are not going to reduce the prices on that." Lots at Yuma Estates, he added, are priced from \$90,000 up to \$105,000.

As for the 181-lot South Seas, Mr Wells said some "30-odd" of those had already been sold, and he now had approval from both the Bahamas Environmental, Science and Technology (BEST) Commission and the Bahamas National Trust (BNT) to cut the channel for the planned marina, something that had already started.

At South Seas, lot prices range from \$90,000 to \$205,000, the latter being for the likes of commercial lots, fourplexes and triplexes.

As for his latest acquisition, the former Bacardi plant adjacent to the South Seas development, Mr Wells said he and his fellow investors were "still working on" their plans for the site and would be able to say more in a month's time.

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## HOUSES/APARTMENTS/COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

(401) Lots # 17 & #18 Crown Allotments, Love Hill Settlement, Andros. Containing a two-storey res. Appraised value: \$100,000	(569) Lot of land being lot number 11 in Block number 10 on a plan of allotments laid out by Village Estates Limited and filed in the Dept of Land & Surveys as number 142 N.P. and situated in the Eastern District of New Providence. Property contains three bed, two bath residence. Appraised value: \$277,000	(800) All that parcel or lot of land being Lots #10 and 11 in Block 29 of Coconut Grove Subdivision, containing a shopping plaza. The lot is trapezium in shape, 8,383 sq ft. Appraised value \$500,000	(103) Parcel of land and improvements thereon known as No.3 block 31 Bahama Marina & Section IX located in south-western city of Freeport Grand Bahama. Approx. 13,070 sq.ft. or 0.30 acres property contains duplex dwelling. Appraised value \$300,000	value \$325,000.
(406) Lots #1 & #2, Block 3 with a parcel situated between Lot #1, Block 3, containing a 4 bedroom condominium – Sunset View Villas, West Bay Street. Appraised value: \$750,000	(571) Lot #27 of Village Allotment #14 in the Eastern District, containing residence situated on Denver Street off Parkgate Road in the Ann's Town Constituency, New Providence. Property size 2,500 sqft Building size 990 sqft. Appraised value: \$50,000	(560) Lot of land #2 Sea View Subdivision, Russell Island, Spanish Wells. Property size 11,323 sqft, building size 2236 sq ft containing 3 bed, 2 bath, living room, an eat-in kitchen, dining room, laundry room, covered porch, a one car garage, and a covered water tank. Appraised value: \$299,000	(804) Six condominium units and five parcels of vacant land situated at Regattas of Abaco, Marsh Harbour, Bahamas. The single/multi family residential condominium/timeshare development is situated on 9.426 acres of land. The condominiums consist of 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and the amenities on the property includes a manned security gate, swimming pool, 2 tennis courts, landscaped gardens and an administration building. Appraised value \$2,450,000	(569) All that piece parcel or lot of land situate on the East Side of Miller's Road and 2763.58 ft South of Carmichael Rd. being Lot #B containing a Triplex Property size 80' x 100' (8,000 sq.ft) Appraised Value TBA
(400) Property situated in Calabash Bay on the Island of Andros, 75' x 150' and containing thereon a small grocery store 480 sqft. and an incomplete 3 bed 2 bath house 900 sqft. Appraised value: \$65,000	(572) Lot #28 of Village Allotment #14 in the Eastern District, containing residence situated on Denver Street off Parkgate Road in the Ann's Town Constituency, New Providence. Property size 2,500 sqft Building size 990 sqft. Appraised value: \$50,000	(565) Lot # 1018 in Golden Gates Estates #2 Subdivision situated in the South Western District of the island of New Providence Containing a single storey private residence 3 bedroom 2 bath. Property approx. size 6,000 sqft Building approx size 2,400 sqft Appraised value: \$173,176	(805) Six condominium units and five parcels of vacant land situated at Regattas of Abaco, Marsh Harbour, Bahamas. The single/multi family residential condominium/timeshare development is situated on 9.426 acres of land. The condominiums consist of 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and the amenities on the property includes a manned security gate, swimming pool, 2 tennis courts, landscaped gardens and an administration building. Appraised value \$2,450,000	(801) Lot No. 1, Block 5, located in the Baillou Dale Subdivision, Nassau, Bahamas. The property contains a split level building comprising of 5 retail shops/offices. The land size is approx. 5,000 sq.ft. with the building area approx. 3,735 sq.ft. Appraised value \$370,260.00
(569) Lot #2 in block #8, Steward Road, Coral Heights East Subdivision situated in Western District of New Providence, approx. size 8,800 sq. ft. with a split level containing two bed, two bath, living, dining & family rooms, kitchen, utility room – approx. size of building 2,658 sqft Appraised value: \$322,752	(573) Lot #29 of Village Allotment #14 in the Eastern District, containing residence situated on Denver Street off Parkgate Road in the Ann's Town Constituency, New Providence. Property size 2,500 sqft Building size 990 sqft. Appraised value: \$50,000	(569) Lot # 2 - 50 ft x 115.73 ft situated on the north side of Shell Fish Road, being the third lot west of Fire Trail Road and east of Hamster Road with a one half duplex residential premises. Appraised value: TBA	(806) Six condominium units and five parcels of vacant land situated at Regattas of Abaco, Marsh Harbour, Bahamas. The single/multi family residential condominium/timeshare development is situated on 9.426 acres of land. The condominiums consist of 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and the amenities on the property includes a manned security gate, swimming pool, 2 tennis courts, landscaped gardens and an administration building. Appraised value \$2,450,000	(569) All that piece parcel or lot of land situate on the East Side of Miller's Road and 2763.58 ft South of Carmichael Rd. being Lot #B containing a Triplex Property size 80' x 100' (8,000 sq.ft) Appraised Value TBA
(569) Lot #20 with residential property located Skyline Heights. Appraised value \$280,000	(574) Lot #30 of Village Allotment #14 in the Eastern District, containing residence situated on Denver Street off Parkgate Road in the Ann's Town Constituency, New Providence. Property size 2,500 sqft Building size 990 sqft. Appraised value: \$50,000	(570) Lot #32 containing 4 bedroom 2bath concrete structure located Triana Shores Harbour Island, Eleuthera. Property size 80' x 120' x 80' 120' feet. Appraised value: \$332,735	(807) Six condominium units and five parcels of vacant land situated at Regattas of Abaco, Marsh Harbour, Bahamas. The single/multi family residential condominium/timeshare development is situated on 9.426 acres of land. The condominiums consist of 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and the amenities on the property includes a manned security gate, swimming pool, 2 tennis courts, landscaped gardens and an administration building. Appraised value \$2,450,000	(101-F) Residential Canal Lots 30, 31 & 32, Block 1, Pine Bay Subdivision Freeport, Grand Bahama, containing two storey house, 4 bed, 3 baths Situated on 1.62 acres of land. Appraised value \$1,372,200
(902) Lot of land 94 x 94 x 150 x 150 on Queens Highway just south of Palmetto Point with a two storey stone building containing two apartments. Each unit has 3 bed/2 1/2 bath, kitchen, living room and 3 linen closets. Appraised value: \$287,209	(575) Lot #31 of Village Allotment #14 in the Eastern District, containing residence situated on Denver Street off Parkgate Road in the Ann's Town Constituency, New Providence. Property size 2,500 sqft Building size 990 sqft. Appraised value: \$50,000	(571) Lot #34 containing 4 bedroom 2bath concrete structure located Triana Shores Harbour Island, Eleuthera. Property size 80' x 120' x 80' 120' feet. Appraised value: \$332,735	(808) Six condominium units and five parcels of vacant land situated at Regattas of Abaco, Marsh Harbour, Bahamas. The single/multi family residential condominium/timeshare development is situated on 9.426 acres of land. The condominiums consist of 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and the amenities on the property includes a manned security gate, swimming pool, 2 tennis courts, landscaped gardens and an administration building. Appraised value \$2,450,000	(101-F) Residential Canal Lots 30, 31 & 32, Block 1, Pine Bay Subdivision Freeport, Grand Bahama, containing two storey house, 4 bed, 3 baths Situated on 1.62 acres of land. Appraised value \$1,372,200
(400) Lot #14 situated in the settlement of Love Hill on the Island of Andros totalling 20,000 sqft Property contains a two storey 5 bedroom, 3 bathroom residence. Appraised value: \$185,000	(576) Lot #35 of Village Allotment #14 in the Eastern District, containing residence situated on Denver Street off Parkgate Road in the Ann's Town Constituency, New Providence. Property size 2,500 sqft Building size 990 sqft. Appraised value: \$50,000	(572) Lot #36 containing 4 bedroom 2bath concrete structure located Triana Shores Harbour Island, Eleuthera. Property size 80' x 120' x 80' 120' feet. Appraised value: \$332,735	(809) Six condominium units and five parcels of vacant land situated at Regattas of Abaco, Marsh Harbour, Bahamas. The single/multi family residential condominium/timeshare development is situated on 9.426 acres of land. The condominiums consist of 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and the amenities on the property includes a manned security gate, swimming pool, 2 tennis courts, landscaped gardens and an administration building. Appraised value \$2,450,000	(101-F) Residential Canal Lots 30, 31 & 32, Block 1, Pine Bay Subdivision Freeport, Grand Bahama, containing two storey house, 4 bed, 3 baths Situated on 1.62 acres of land. Appraised value \$1,372,200
(105) Lot containing 2 storey bldg. with three bed, two and a half bath residence, and 30' x 86' situated Bailey Town, North Bimini. Appraised value: \$235,000	(577) Lot #37 of Village Allotment #14 in the Eastern District, containing residence situated on Denver Street off Parkgate Road in the Ann's Town Constituency, New Providence. Property size 2,500 sqft Building size 990 sqft. Appraised value: \$50,000	(573) Lot #38 containing 4 bedroom 2bath concrete structure located Triana Shores Harbour Island, Eleuthera. Property size 80' x 120' x 80' 120' feet. Appraised value: \$332,735	(810) Six condominium units and five parcels of vacant land situated at Regattas of Abaco, Marsh Harbour, Bahamas. The single/multi family residential condominium/timeshare development is situated on 9.426 acres of land. The condominiums consist of 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and the amenities on the property includes a manned security gate, swimming pool, 2 tennis courts, landscaped gardens and an administration building. Appraised value \$2,450,000	(101-F) Residential Canal Lots 30, 31 & 32, Block 1, Pine Bay Subdivision Freeport, Grand Bahama, containing two storey house, 4 bed, 3 baths Situated on 1.62 acres of land. Appraised value \$1,372,200
(801) Lot #18 in Sandilands Allotment on the western side of Crosswind Road between Seabreeze Lane and Pineyard Road, Eastern District New Providence. The Bahamas, containing single storey private residence comprising the following: covered entry porch, living room, dining room, kitchen, laundry room, family room, sitting area, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathroom and patio. The total area of land is approximately 7,641 square feet. Appraised value: \$289,426	(578) Lot #39 of Village Allotment #14 in the Eastern District, containing residence situated on Denver Street off Parkgate Road in the Ann's Town Constituency, New Providence. Property size 2,500 sqft Building size 990 sqft. Appraised value: \$50,000	(574) Lot #39 containing 4 bedroom 2bath concrete structure located Triana Shores Harbour Island, Eleuthera. Property size 80' x 120' x 80' 120' feet. Appraised value: \$332,735	(811) Six condominium units and five parcels of vacant land situated at Regattas of Abaco, Marsh Harbour, Bahamas. The single/multi family residential condominium/timeshare development is situated on 9.426 acres of land. The condominiums consist of 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and the amenities on the property includes a manned security gate, swimming pool, 2 tennis courts, landscaped gardens and an administration building. Appraised value \$2,450,000	(101-F) Residential Canal Lots 30, 31 & 32, Block 1, Pine Bay Subdivision Freeport, Grand Bahama, containing two storey house, 4 bed, 3 baths Situated on 1.62 acres of land. Appraised value \$1,372,200
(569) Vacant lot #5 located Eleuthera Island Shores, Seaside Drive Section B, Block #15, Eleuthera, Bahamas. 9,691 sqft, Appraised value: \$27,620	(579) Vacant lot of land containing 41,164 sqft, Lot #8, Love Estate, Phase 1, 2,300 ft. south of West Bay Street, Western District, New Providence. Property approx. 6950 sq ft. Appraised value: \$165,000	(575) Vacant lot #6 located Eleuthera Island Shores, Seaside Drive Section B, Block #15, Eleuthera, Bahamas. 9,691 sqft, Appraised value: \$27,620	(812) Six condominium units and five parcels of vacant land situated at Regattas of Abaco, Marsh Harbour, Bahamas. The single/multi family residential condominium/timeshare development is situated on 9.426 acres of land. The condominiums consist of 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and the amenities on the property includes a manned security gate, swimming pool, 2 tennis courts, landscaped gardens and an administration building. Appraised value \$2,450,000	(101-F) Residential Canal Lots 30, 31 & 32, Block 1, Pine Bay Subdivision Freeport, Grand Bahama, containing two storey house, 4 bed, 3 baths Situated on 1.62 acres of land. Appraised value \$1,372,200
(402) Lot 89, Block 7 Aberdeen Drive, Bahamia West Replat Subdivision, Freeport, Grand Bahama, consisting of 12,100 sqft. Appraised value: \$51,000	(580) Vacant lot #7 located Eleuthera Island Shores, Seaside Drive Section B, Block #15, Eleuthera, Bahamas. 9,691 sqft, Appraised value: \$27,620	(576) Vacant lot #7 located Eleuthera Island Shores, Seaside Drive Section B, Block #15, Eleuthera, Bahamas. 9,691 sqft, Appraised value: \$27,620	(813) Six condominium units and five parcels of vacant land situated at Regattas of Abaco, Marsh Harbour, Bahamas. The single/multi family residential condominium/timeshare development is situated on 9.426 acres of land. The condominiums consist of 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and the amenities on the property includes a manned security gate, swimming pool, 2 tennis courts, landscaped gardens and an administration building. Appraised value \$2,450,000	(101-F) Residential Canal Lots 30, 31 & 32, Block 1, Pine Bay Subdivision Freeport, Grand Bahama, containing two storey house, 4 bed, 3 baths Situated on 1.62 acres of land. Appraised value \$1,372,200
(569) Vacant lot #9 (11,406.65 sqft) situated in Mango Lane Section "B" Block #15, Eleuthera Island Shores, Eleuthera. Appraised value: \$50,189	(581) Vacant lot #8 located Eleuthera Island Shores, Seaside Drive Section B, Block #15, Eleuthera, Bahamas. 9,691 sqft, Appraised value: \$27,620	(577) Vacant lot #8 located Eleuthera Island Shores, Seaside Drive Section B, Block #15, Eleuthera, Bahamas. 9,691 sqft, Appraised value: \$27,620	(814) Six condominium units and five parcels of vacant land situated at Regattas of Abaco, Marsh Harbour, Bahamas. The single/multi family residential condominium/timeshare development is situated on 9.426 acres of land. The condominiums consist of 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and the amenities on the property includes a manned security gate, swimming pool, 2 tennis courts, landscaped gardens and an administration building. Appraised value \$2,450,000	(101-F) Residential Canal Lots 30, 31 & 32, Block 1, Pine Bay Subdivision Freeport, Grand Bahama, containing two storey house, 4 bed, 3 baths Situated on 1.62 acres of land. Appraised value \$1,372,200
(909) Vacant residential Lot #63 (7800 sqft) Crown Allotments located Murphy Town, Abaco. Appraised value: \$18,000	(582) Vacant lot #9 located Eleuthera Island Shores, Seaside Drive Section B, Block #15, Eleuthera, Bahamas. 9,691 sqft, Appraised value: \$27,620	(578) Vacant lot #9 located Eleuthera Island Shores, Seaside Drive Section B, Block #15, Eleuthera, Bahamas. 9,691 sqft, Appraised value: \$27,620	(815) Six condominium units and five parcels of vacant land situated at Regattas of Abaco, Marsh Harbour, Bahamas. The single/multi family residential condominium/timeshare development is situated on 9.426 acres of land. The condominiums consist of 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and the amenities on the property includes a manned security gate, swimming pool, 2 tennis courts, landscaped gardens and an administration building. Appraised value \$2,450,000	(101-F) Residential Canal Lots 30, 31 & 32, Block 1, Pine Bay Subdivision Freeport, Grand Bahama, containing two storey house, 4 bed, 3 baths Situated on 1.62 acres of land. Appraised value \$1,372,200
(802) Vacant Commercial Lot No: 3A, Block 60 Bahamia Subdivision VI containing 3 acres located Freeport, Grand Bahama. Appraised value: \$74,820	(583) Vacant lot #10 located Eleuthera Island Shores, Seaside Drive Section B, Block #15, Eleuthera, Bahamas. 9,691 sqft, Appraised value: \$27,620	(579) Vacant lot #10 located Eleuthera Island Shores, Seaside Drive Section B, Block #15, Eleuthera, Bahamas. 9,691 sqft, Appraised value: \$27,620	(816) Six condominium units and five parcels of vacant land situated at Regattas of Abaco, Marsh Harbour, Bahamas. The single/multi family residential condominium/timeshare development is situated on 9.426 acres of land. The condominiums consist of 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and the amenities on the property includes a manned security gate, swimming pool, 2 tennis courts, landscaped gardens and an administration building. Appraised value \$2,450,000	(101-F) Residential Canal Lots 30, 31 & 32, Block 1, Pine Bay Subdivision Freeport, Grand Bahama, containing two storey house, 4 bed, 3 baths Situated on 1.62 acres of land. Appraised value \$1,372,200
(108) Vacant Single Family Lot #5 Block F Bahamia South Subdivision Freeport, Grand Bahama. Appraised value: \$35,700	(584) Vacant lot #11 located Eleuthera Island Shores, Seaside Drive Section B, Block #15, Eleuthera, Bahamas. 9,691 sqft, Appraised value: \$27,620	(580) Vacant lot #11 located Eleuthera Island Shores, Se		

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS 2008  
IN THE SUPREME COURT CLE/qui/01845

IN THE MATTER of all that piece parcel or lot of land containing approximately 2 acres situate in the vicinity of Murphy Town-approximately three (3) miles westward of Marsh Harbour on the Island of Abaco one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas

AND

IN THE MATTER of the Quieting Titles Act, 1959  
AND

IN THE MATTER of the Petition of Colin Baltron Archer and Marjorie Louise Archer

#### NOTICE OF PETITION

TAKE NOTICE that Colin Baltron Archer and Marjorie Louise Archer both of the Island of New Providence one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas (hereinafter collectively called "the Petitioners") claim to be the owners in long, exclusive and undisturbed possession of the said piece, parcel or lot of land containing approximately two acres situate approximately three miles westward of Marsh Harbour on the Island Abaco, one of the Bahama Islands and have made application to the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas under Section 3 of the Quieting Tides Act, 1959 to have their tide to the said piece, parcel or lot of land investigated and the nature and extent thereof determined and declared in a Certificate of Title to be granted by the Court in accordance with the provisions of the said Act. Copies of the filed Plan may be inspected during normal working hours at :-

- a. The Registry of the Supreme Court, Ansbacher House, East Street North, Nassau, The Bahamas.
- b. The Office of the Administrator, Don Mackey Boulevard, Marsh Harbour, Abaco, The Bahamas.
- c. Hall & Hall, Chambers, 2nd Terrace West, Collins Avenue, Nassau, The Bahamas.

NOTICE is hereby given that if you have any dower or rights to dower or an adverse claim or claim not recognized in the Petition shall on or before the 30th day of November, A. D., 2009 file in the Supreme Court in the City of Nassau in the Island of New Providence aforesaid and serve on the Petitioner or the undersigned a statement of your claim in the prescribed form verified by an Affidavit to be filed therewith together with a plan of the area claimed and an abstract of title to the said area claimed by you.

Failure by you to file and serve a statement of your claim on or before the 30th day of November A. D., 2009 will operate as a bar to such claim.

Dated this 19th day of October, 2009

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Hall & Hall  
Chambers  
2nd Terrace West, Collins Avenue  
Nassau, The Bahamas  
Attorney for the Petitioners

#### BUSINESS

# BEC plant opponents run into 'brick wall'

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to-date "certainly leaves an awful lot to be desired", Mr Smith said the Prime Minister's comments in the House of Assembly last week were "a tremendous demonstration of Mr Ingraham's commitment to transparency and environmental issues", especially on his requirement for BEC to show cause as to why Bunker C fuel was required.

The newly-named QC said his clients hoped the Prime Minister's comments "will infiltrate and filter through to" BEC, government ministries and local government, and he again called for a new Environmental Impact

Assessment (EIA) - in which his clients were consulted and provided feedback - to be conducted.

"There's still time for the Prime Minister to rein in BEC's horse," Mr Smith told Tribune Business, explaining, that the main issue was "lack of due process" and the fact his clients had been "blindsided by the central government" on Wilson City.

His clients had suggested Norman's Castle on the north-west Abaco coast as an alternative location for the BEC plant, and their main concerns were location, the source of energy to be used by the plant, environmental issues, property rights, and the impact on the Abaco

economy, tourism industry and employment.

"We do not wish to engage

in adversarial conflict, litigation and demonstrations," Mr Smith told Tribune Business.

"We want the positive energy, positive ideas to come from my clients and citizens in Abaco, and an open mind by the relevant persons in authority, so the people in Abaco, central government, local government and BEC can forge something that, although not everyone will be

#### NOTICE

#### INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

(No.46 of 2000)

#### SILVERTONE GLOBAL INVESTMENTS LIMITED

No. 83,502 B  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Section 138 of the International Business Companies Act, (No. 46 of 2000), SILVERTONE GLOBAL INVESTMENTS LIMITED is in Dissolution

Any person having a Claim against the SILVERTONE GLOBAL INVESTMENTS LIMITED is required on or before 22nd October 2009 to send their name, address and particulars of the debt or claim to the Liquidator of the Company, or in default thereof they may be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such claim is approved

The date of Commencement of dissolution was 22nd day of October 2009.

We, Sovereign Managers Limited c/o Suites 1601-1603 Floor, Kinwick Centre, 32 Hollywood Road, Central, Hong Kong is the Liquidator of SILVERTONE GLOBAL INVESTMENTS LIMITED.

SIGNED  
For & On Behalf Of



#### LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

(No.45 of 2000)

#### WILLIAM HILL ADVISERS LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 138 (8) of the International Business Companies Act, No. 45 of 2000, the Dissolution of WILLIAM HILL ADVISERS LIMITED has been completed, a Certificate of Dissolution has been issued and the Company has therefore been struck off the Register. The date of completion of the dissolution was the 25th day of September, 2009.

Alrena Moxey  
Liquidator

#### LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT

(No.45 of 2000)

#### CAMARGAN INVESTMENTS LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 138 (8) of the International Business Companies Act, No. 45 of 2000, the Dissolution of CAMARGAN INVESTMENTS LIMITED has been completed, a Certificate of Dissolution has been issued and the Company has therefore been struck off the Register. The date of completion of the dissolution was the 25th day of September, 2009.

Alrena Moxey  
Liquidator

# NOTICE

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

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

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

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Attorneys-at-Law  
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Armstrong Street  
Nassau, The Bahamas

Attorneys for the Personal Representatives

BISX LISTED & TRADED SECURITIES AS OF: FRIDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2009											
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX: CLOSE 1,476.21   CHG 3.48   %CHG 0.24   YTD -236.15   YTD % -13.79 FINDEX: CLOSE 789.77   YTD -5.40%   2008 -12.31%											
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52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Previous Close	Today's Close	Change	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
1.71	1.03	AML Foods Limited	FBB17	1.16	1.16	0.00	0.127	0.000	9.1	0.00%	
11.80	9.90	Bahamas Property Fund	FBB22	10.75	10.75	0.00	0.992	0.200	10.8	1.86%	
9.30	5.90	Bank of Bahamas	FBB22	5.90	5.90	0.00	0.244	0.260	24.2	4.41%	
0.89	0.63	Benchmark	FBB13	0.63	0.63	0.00	0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
3.49	3.18	Bahamas Waste	FBB13	3.15	3.15	0.00	0.125	0.000	25.2	2.86%	
2.37	2.14	Bank of Abaco	FBB15	2.37	2.37	0.00	0.055	0.049	4.1	1.63%	
14.20	9.92	Cable Bahamas	FBB12	9.92	9.92	0.00	10,600	1.406	0.250	7.1	2.52%
2.88	2.72	Colins Holdings	FBB15	2.72	2.72	0.00	0.249	0.040	10.9	1.47%	
7.50	5.26	Commonwealth Bank (S1)	FBB15	5.50	5.57	0.07	4,000	0.419	0.300	13.3	5.39%
3.85	1.27	Consolidated Water BDRs	FBB15	2.95	2.95	-0.05	0.111	0.052	26.6	1.76%	
2.85	1.32	Doctors Hospital	FBB15	2.25	2.25	0.00	0.625	0.000	3.6	3.53%	
8.20	6.20	FirstGuard	FBB15	6.50	6.50	0.00	0.400	0.249	15.5	3.65%	
12.50	8.80	Fico	FBB15	9.30	9.30	0.00	0.322	0.520	28.9	5.59%	
11.71	9.87	FirstCaribbean Bank	FBB15	9.87	9.87	0.00	0.631	0.350	15.6	3.55%	
5.53	4.11	Foco (S)	FBB15	4.34	4.34	0.00	0.326	0.150	13.3	3.46%	
1.00	1.00	Foco Class B Preference	FBB15	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
0.45	0.27	Freeport Concrete	FBB15	0.27	0.27	0.00	0.035	0.000	7.7	0.00%	
9.02	5.49	ICD Utilities	FBB15	5.59	5.59	0.00	0.407	0.500	13.7	8.94%	
12.00	9.95	J. S. Johnson	FBB15	9.95	9.95	0.00	0.952	0.640	10.5	6.43%	
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate	FBB15	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.156	0.000	64.1	0.00%	

BISX LISTED DEBT SECURITIES - (Bonds trade on a Percentage Pricing bases)											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Last Sale	Change	Daily Vol.	Interest	Maturity			
14.60	7.92	Bahamas Supermarkets	FBB17	10.06	11.06	14.00	7%	19 October 2017			
8.00	6.00	Caribbean Crossings (Pref)	FBB22	6.25	4.00	0.00	Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022			
0.54	0.20	RND Holdings	FBB13	0.05	0.05	0.001	7%	30 May 2013			
41.00	29.00	ABDAB	FBB15	30.13							

# In boost for economy, companies spend on equipment

By JEANNINE AVERSA  
AP Economics Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Businesses are finally willing to spend more money on equipment, a healthy sign for the economic recovery.

For the first time in nearly two years, companies ponied up more money for a category called "equipment and software" in the third quarter of the year.

It isn't a huge growth rate — just 1.1 per cent, according to the government's report last week on US economic growth. Still, equipment and software are a broad and important category of items made by such companies as Deere & Co., EMC Corp. and General Electric Co. It includes computers, software, medical equipment, industrial engines, autos, planes, furniture and farm machinery.

Business spending is especially crucial now because consumers, who normally drive a recovery, aren't doing so this time. Many shoppers are too squeezed by job losses, flat wages, tight credit and high debt.

The higher spending doesn't necessarily mean companies are swimming in cash.

But in a twist on the Ant and the Grasshopper fable, some businesses managed to save enough during the recession to spend more now, analysts said. Others can't get loans to expand their plants and instead must upgrade the equipment they have, analysts said.

When businesses spend more on equipment, jobs can eventually be created at companies that make the machines and the parts that go into them.

Some makers of technology-related equipment see better business conditions. At EMC, which sells data storage machines and software, CEO Joe Tucci said he was starting to see customers become more comfortable with ramping up spending on information technology.

EMC said it expected a "slow but steady recovery."

For now, though, most businesses are reluctant to hire.

To meet any pickup in demand, they're relying instead on workers they already have.

The economy isn't likely to create many jobs until a broad-based recovery has taken hold.

Edward Yardeni, president and chief investment strate-

gist at Yardeni Research, predicts businesses will boost their spending on capital equipment at around a 10 per cent annualized rate in the current October-to-December quarter.

And he thinks it will continue rising after that as businesses' revenue and profits improve.

For now, companies will probably focus spending on computers, software and other technology that can boost the productivity of their existing workers, he said.

The need to frequently upgrade their technology gives many businesses another reason to spend, Yardeni said.

The government report Thursday on GDP — the value of all goods and services produced in the United States — showed the economy grew again in the third quarter for the first time in more than a year. It was the most convincing sign yet that a recovery has begun and that the worst and longest recession since the 1930s is over.

Herb Goetschius, president of McNichols Co., a Florida maker of metal gratings and other products, said his revenue is starting to rise after customer demand "fell off a cliff" late last year and earlier this year.

Some companies he sells to are spending more to replace outdated equipment and also to maintain and repair existing plants and machines. All that is boosting his revenue.

"To maximize storage at existing plants, companies are building mezzanines instead of wasting the square footage," Goetschius said.

"We see our products used for that."

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## National Education Census Day

**Tuesday, November 3rd, 2009**

**Forms may be collected from the Planning and Research Section of the Ministry of Education, District Education Offices or downloaded from [www.bahamaseducation.com](http://www.bahamaseducation.com).**

**If you have any questions regarding this exercise call 502-2721, 502-2722, 502-2774 or 502-8346.**

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## VACANCY NOTICE

### Assistant Manager (Pharmacist) - Chronic Disease Prescription Drug Plan (CDPDP)



Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the above position of Assistant Manager (Pharmacist), Chronic Disease Prescription Drug Plan (CDPDP).

#### JOB SUMMARY

The applicant will be responsible for researching, preparing and managing the Plan's Formulary through ongoing reviews of pharmaceutical databases, consultations with pharmaceutical companies and health professionals and audits of pharmacies to ensure quality drugs and cost control in the Plan.

#### QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- ❖ Bachelor's Degree in Pharmacy and certificate of registration with Pharmacy Council.
- ❖ At least 7 to 10 years experience as dispensing or clinical pharmacist at a senior level.
- ❖ Working knowledge of formulary development, pharmacy audits and local health legislation.
- ❖ Proficient in Microsoft Office Applications including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.
- ❖ Excellent written and oral communication skills.

#### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Conduct targeted research through database analyses (print and electronic) and discussions with health professionals for specifying and updating the Formulary in line with Plan's priorities, objectives and targets;
2. Prepare technical briefs, articles, website material and other documents for timely communication of specific aspects of the Plan's Formulary to internal and external stakeholders;
3. Prepare quarterly and annual data on dispensing and utilization of Formulary items to facilitate timely negotiations and procurement of supplies by the Bahamas National Drug Agency (BNDA) for participating pharmacies;
4. Lead team involving officers from the Drug Plan and the BNDA in reviewing requisitions, conducting annual and other special audits of dispensing activities of pharmacies to ensure compliance with Plan's rules and to deter likely fraud and abuse;
5. Lead and/or vet responses to queries, complaints and comments from health professionals, pharmacists, Plan members and the public in a prompt and satisfactory manner given the Plan's response time guidelines;
6. Compile annual and other reports as requested for servicing meetings of the Benefits Review Committee and take charge of follow-up actions within defined time-frames as recommended by the Committee;
7. Collate and classify Plan data on drug prescribing, dispensing and utilization to assist public health officials in defining or intensifying national policies and programs aimed at controlling chronic diseases.

#### APPLICATION

Interested persons may apply by submitting a completed application form, along with the necessary proof of qualifications on or before Friday, November 13, 2009, to:

Vice President  
Human Resources and Training  
The National Insurance Board  
Clifford Darling Complex  
Nassau, Bahamas

## BAHAMAS ELECTRICITY CORPORATION VACANCY NOTICE



### MANAGER - REVENUE ACCOUNTING CUSTOMER SERVICES DIVISION

A vacancy exists in the Corporation for the position of Manager, Revenue Accounting.

The job manages the billing of all customer accounts in New Providence and the Family Islands and the reconciliation of all revenue accounts other than miscellaneous receivables.

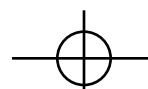
**Responsibilities of the position include, but are not limited to, the following:**

- Manages the meter reading and billing processes both in New Providence and the Family Islands
- Assists with the disconnection process through the use of meter readers
- Prepares the Sales Budget
- Prepares the Revenue Accounting Department Budget
- Oversees the preparation of the Accounts Receivable Reconciliation
- Oversees the training of all Customer Services staff in the new billing software
- Prepares monthly Board Reports
- Prepares monthly sales analysis and unbilled revenue reports
- Prepares quarterly reports for the Central Bank & Department of Statistics
- Provides statistical billing information for Family Island Managers
- Oversees the disconnection of services for non-payment of electricity in the Family Islands
- Attends yearly community meetings as well as ad hoc meetings required during acquisition of new locations
- Develops and implements rules, guidelines and procedures for the efficient operation of the department

**Job requirements include:**

- A minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in Accounts or equivalent
- A minimum of 8+ years of experience in accounting practice and theory
- Certified Accountant (CPA) or equivalent qualifications
- Knowledge of the Electricity Act of the Bahamas
- Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing
- Sound reasoning and good judgment skills
- Ability to interpret financial reports
- Good time management skills
- Project Management skills

Interested persons should apply by completing and returning an Application Form to: The Manager-Human Resources & Training Department, Bahamas Electricity Corporation, Blue Hill & Tucker, P. O. Box N-7509 Nassau Bahamas on or before: **Tuesday, November 3, 2009.**



## BUSINESS

# Fashion show encouraged despite attendance decline

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Mr Bethel told Tribune Business that the recession had had impacted the likely buyer and global fashion industry attendance.

"I'm down on the numbers from last year," he conceded. "Over the period, if we had 200-300 from abroad, I'd be pleased. Online sales have hit about 100 from abroad."

"We had about 500 coming in over the period last year. We have to build small, and hopefully next year the economy will be better, if not in the Bahamas elsewhere, and people will take the opportunity to come and see it."

Yet, on a more positive note, Mr Bethel said: "What's interesting is that we've had an increase in attendance from the media. I've just finished with a German media

group coming down to cover it.

"They have not been deterred by the smaller number of designers coming, and they've focused on things such as eco-fashion and cultural fashion as components of an event that will be different."

Among those covering the event will be Tempo and the Canadian media.

about roughly 20 who applied. We weeded out probably six of those who we didn't think were ready for it, and some of those that were ready did not attend because they were in financial straits," he added.

"We're down to 12 who we have approved. It's too late to anticipate that there will be any last minute arrivals."

The only Bahamas-based established designer exhibiting will be Harl Taylor Bags, although international designers will be coming from nations such as Madagascar, Barbados, Jamaica and Grenada.

Islands of the World will be held from Thursday to Saturday this week at the Sheraton Nassau Beach Resort, and

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- (c) The Liquidator of the said company is Verduro Associated Ltd., Pasea Estate, Road Town, Tortola, BVI

Dated this 2nd day of November, A. D. 2009

Verduro Associated Ltd.  
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## NOTICE

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT  
No. 45 OF 2000**KAZAN INVEST S.A.**

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 137 of The International Business Companies Act No. 45 of 2000, **KAZAN INVEST S.A.** is in dissolution. The Date of commencement of dissolution was 29th day of October 2009. **Dillion Dean** of Nassau, Bahamas is the Liquidator of **GEMINIS MANAGEMENT HOLDINGS S.A.**

**Dillion Dean**  
LIQUIDATOR

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Dated this 2nd day of November, A. D. 2009

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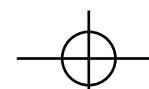
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# The Tribune

# INSIGHT

**The stories behind the news**

# Justice delayed



PRESTON FERGUSON

By PACO NUNEZ  
Tribune News Editor

**E**veryone has been waiting with bated breath to learn the truth about the fate of Preston Ferguson. Following a second investigation into the circumstances surrounding his death, it seems we must continue to wait.

The police say they can find no conclusive evidence of homicide, and so are sticking to their initial "accident" theory and turning the matter over to the Coroner's Court.

Preston's body was found in a stationary vehicle on a stretch of road in Great Exuma, a large wound to the head the only sign of trauma.

After nearly three months of struggling to pry answers from the force and the Ministry of National Security, his family can take some comfort in the fact that the matter is finally to go before a court empowered to determine the cause of death.

But Preston's file will first have to fight its way to the surface amid a growing quagmire of cases yet to be heard. Last year, Prime Minister Ingraham revealed that there are 157 matters pending before the court. He said 59 of these were, like Preston's case, deemed by police to be "traffic fatalities" – by far the largest category.

Mr Ingraham said the number continues to grow as "nothing is happening on them." He blamed the former government, noting that the permanent Coroner's Court was abolished "while we were in opposition and the numbers have piled up."

Thus, there is still no end in sight for Preston's courageous, agonised relatives – who in the process of losing a loved one, were also stripped of many consoling illusions about the society in which they live, its checks and balances and those who enforce them.

Before we allow the police to wash their hands of the matter entirely, it is crucial that they be made to answer the many questions raised about their initial investigation – which was criticised as a betraying a casual and even indifferent attitude to the rules of evidence collection and proper procedure.

It was these criticisms which forced the police to send the second team of officers to Exuma to re-examine the evidence – after wasting time and resources, and exhausting the public's patience in the process.

The decision to send a follow-up team led by an experienced senior officer is, some would say, a tacit admission that the first try left a great deal to be desired.

But if that is the case, what about the officers who conducted that inquiry?

Have they been reprimanded or suspended? Are they up for retrai-

A SECOND police investigation into the death of Preston Ferguson has come up empty, and his family now face a potentially long wait before the matter is heard in the Coroner's Court. But how long will the public have to wait for an explanation of why the matter had to be revisited in the first place? And when will we finally have a police force that is accountable for its methods and actions? *INSIGHT* reports...



**JUSTICE DELAYED** — A second police investigation into the death of Preston Ferguson has come up empty, and his family (shown) now face a potentially long wait before the matter is heard in the Coroner's Court...

ing? Or have they simply been allowed to go about their business without a word of censure?

Even supposing the police believe their first investigation to have been flawless, and merely launched a second to diffuse public outrage over perceived shortcomings, they have

a responsibility to clarify the matter for the record.

The Preston Ferguson saga has unfolded at a time of unparalleled crime, violence and fear. The police have said they cannot win the fight alone, and desperately need the co-operation of the public. A less

opportune moment for widespread loss of faith in law enforcement could not be imagined.

This, unfortunately, is exactly what is happening and the police force must take a long look in the mirror if it is to have any hope of reversing this trend.

It is not merely with regard to high-profile cases like Preston's that a wholesale re-evaluation must take place, but also in officers' every day interaction with the public.

For example, I was told last week that it has become routine for officers to deny suspects their right to legal counsel while in custody.

A lawyer, after the third attempt to see his client at the Central Police Station in East Street told me, "That is always the case when I try to see clients at Central. It is always a struggle. Sometimes you never get to see the client before he's charged."

The desk officers reportedly give all manner of excuses – claiming the station is too busy, or that the relevant officer is not available but will be back later. The fact of the matter is that officers do not have the authority to deny a suspect the right to counsel even for a moment, under any circumstances.

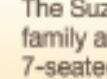
Chapter III of the constitution reads: "Any person who is arrested or detained . . . shall be permitted, at his own expense, to retain and instruct without delay a legal representative of his own choice and to hold private communication with him."

But there seems to have developed among certain officers a presumption that because they are agents of the law, the manner of its application is at their discretion.

Despite the best efforts of senior officers to convince us that "The police are your friends," many of the rank-and-file also seem to be quite unconcerned with inspiring confidence in members of the public.

The suspect detained at the Central Police Station last week was released without charge after video footage made it quite clear that he was not the person police were after. But this was only determined 36 hours after his detention. Had he been questioned immediately or

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*Signed*Commander Patrick McNeil  
Port Controller

OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

## NOTICE

**THE INDUSTRIES ENCOURAGEMENT ACT  
(CHAPTER 326)**

It is hereby notified pursuant to Section 7 of the Industries Encouragement Act that the Minister is about to consider whether the following products should be declared "APPROVED PRODUCTS" for the purposes of that Act.

PRODUCTS	RAW MATERIALS TO BE USED IN MANUFACTURE
Structural Steel	Steel Beams, Plates, Angles, Channels, Tubing

Any interested person having any objection to such a declaration should give notice in writing of his objection and of the grounds thereof to the Office of the Prime Minister, before the 9th day of November, 2009, by letter addressed to :-

It is hereby notified pursuant to Section 5 of the Industries Encouragement Act, Chapter 301, that the Minister is about to consider whether the manufacturer specified in the first column of the table below should be declared an "APPROVED MANUFACTURER" in relation to the products specified in the third column.

MANUFACTURER	LOCATION OF FACTORY PREMISES	PRODUCTS
Torway Construction Co. Ltd.	Airport Industrial Park, Nassau, Bahamas	Structural Steel

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THE PERMANENT SECRETARY  
OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER  
P.O. Box CB-10980  
NASSAU, N.P.,  
THE BAHAMAS

DAVID R. DAVIS  
Permanent Secretary

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## INSIGHT

# Justice delayed

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soon after his arrest, this man would have been spared a great deal of stress and trouble. Instead, he was put "on ice" for a night and a day by officers who should already have had in their possession the evidence to prove him innocent.

It is easy to see how this cavalier attitude – like the condescension implicit in the silence over the first Preston Ferguson investigation – breeds resentment. But instead of rectifying the situation, the reaction is all too often to blame the messenger.

It is said that by virtue of articles such as this, many officers have come to believe The Tribune "has it out" for the

police. Nothing could be further from the truth. We regard the Royal Bahamas Police Force as the first and, therefore, most important line of defence against the tide of criminality and anti-social behaviour threatening to envelop this country. We support the efforts of every officer who performs his job with bravery and integrity, and appreciate how frustrating and thankless a burden it can often seem.

**Blame**

Nor do we lay the blame for deteriorating relations exclusively at the feet of the police; there are many reasons for the spirit of antagonism between figures of authority and some

sections of society – broken homes, a lack of role models, a culture of deviance.

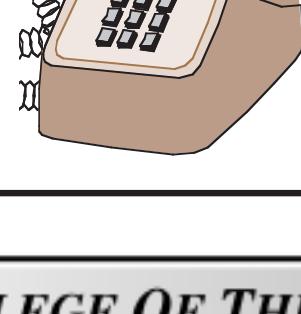
However, we also agree that policing cannot be effective without the co-operation of the public. Officers need informers, witnesses, citizens willing to partner with them in crime prevention initiatives.

It is time for the police to realise that the situation will not improve until they are willing to publicly accept that the manner in which some officers conduct themselves is a major contributing factor. Offering a detailed explanation of what happened with the first Preston Ferguson investigation would be a good start.

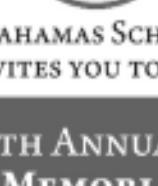
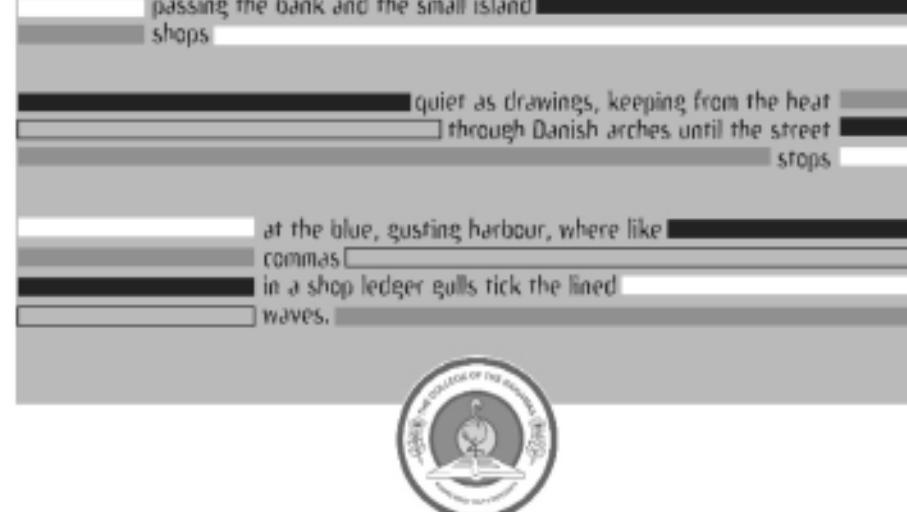
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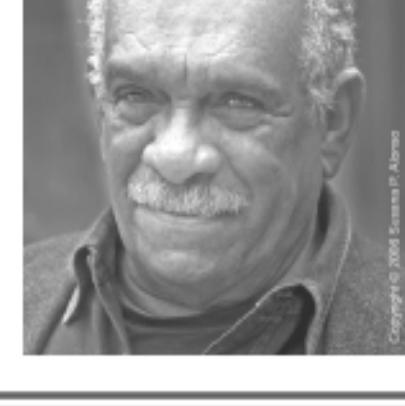
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