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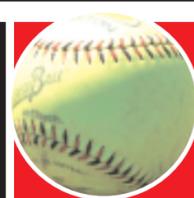
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# Health fears for Brenton family

## Industrial action edges closer at COB

By ALISON LOWE  
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INDUSTRIAL action is now closer than ever at the College of the Bahamas after 40 members of a union that represents more than 200 staff handed a letter calling for a strike vote to the Minister of Labour.

Vexed that the college has allegedly failed to negotiate in "good faith" over their working conditions, professors, librarians, counsellors and other

members of the Union of Tertiary Educators of the Bahamas showed up in force outside the Churchill Building at around 10am to greet labour minister Dion Foulkes.

Wearing orange "UTEB"-emblazoned t-shirts and singing songs of "solidarity", the educators and other key staff said they have had enough of what they for months termed a "dictatorial" approach to negotiations over their new industrial

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## Heartache and stress take toll on tragic gun victim's father

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THE stress and grief suffered by shooting victim Brenton Smith's family has become too much for his heartbroken father.

Unable to come to terms with his son's death, 42-year-old Hector Smith was admitted to hospital ... just days ahead of a coroner's inquest into the tragedy.

From his hospital bed yesterday, Mr Smith told *The Tribune* how he has been overwhelmed with constant grief and anxiety since Brenton was killed, triggering his chronic asthma and a bout of bronchitis.

Fearing his condition



BRENTON SMITH

would develop into life-threatening pneumonia, his physician ordered him to check into hospital to avoid further health complications.

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## TEENS CHARGED WITH PI SHOOTINGS



CLARENCE SMITH and the 17-year-old, who cannot be named for legal reasons, outside of court.

By NATARIO MCKENZIE  
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TWO teenagers charged with shooting two Atlantis security guards were arraigned at Magistrate's Court yesterday on attempted murder charges.

Clarence Smith, 18, of Dolphin Drive, and a 17-year-old, who cannot be named for legal reasons, both appeared before Chief Magistrate Roger Gomez in Court One, Bank Lane.

They are charged with the attempted murders of Dwayne De Costa, 46, who is also a police reservist, and 33-year-old Troy Feaste.

The accused were not required to enter a plea to the charges.

A preliminary inquiry will be held to determine whether there is sufficient evidence against the teenagers to have them stand trial in the Supreme Court.

Smith's attorney Murrio Ducille told the magistrate his client had been beaten by police who had also not sought to contact him when they put Smith on an identification

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## Man dies in hospital after being shot

By DENISE MAYCOCK  
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FREEPORT - A Freeport man died yesterday following a shooting in the South Bahama area. His death pushes the homicide count to 10 on Grand Bahama, and the country's murder count to 72.

Asst Supt Loretta Mackey, press liaison officer, said police are withholding the victim's identity pending notification of next of kin.

Police were alerted to the shooting sometime around 11.20pm on Monday. Officers and emergency medical personnel were dispatched to Braemar Drive, South Bahama, where they found a man suffering from a gun shot wound to the upper part of his body.

The victim was transported to the Rand Memorial Hospital, where he later died around 3.15am yesterday.

ASP Mackey said a motive for the shooting is not known. She is appealing to anyone with information concerning

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## Listening Devices Act arguments concluded

ARGUMENTS over the constitutionality of the country's Listening Devices Act wrapped up in the Court of Appeal yesterday.

The appellate court judges have now taken the matter under advisement. President of the Court of Appeal Dame Joan Sawyer along with Justices Hartman Longley and Christopher Blackman heard the appeal on behalf of 14 men wanted for extradition to the United States.

Alleged drug lord Melvin Maycock Sr, Melvin Maycock Jr Lynden Deal and Bryan Deal, Tory Lockhart, Laron Lockhart, Wilfred Ferguson, Carl Culmer, Derick Rigby, Trevor Roberts and Devroy Moss, Sheldon Moore, Shanto Curry and Gordon Newbold are all wanted for extradition to the

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# Remembrance Day to be observed on Sunday



Prophecy. Among those laying wreaths will be the Governor-General, the Prime Minister, the Chief Justice, Speaker of Parliament, President of the Senate, the Bahamas Branch of the Royal British Legion, the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Air Force, members of the Diplomatic Corps and international organisations, members of the Honorary Consular Corps, local organisations, lodges and service groups.



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REMEMBRANCE Day will be observed on Sunday, the Cabinet Office has announced.

Two services will be held to mark this occasion in commemoration of those who have died in wars.

Members of various organisations, including the Bahamas Red Cross Society, the Royal Bahamas Police Force Cadets, the Scouts Association of the Bahamas, the Girls' Brigade and their bands, along with uniformed branches of the Government, including the Royal Bahamas Police Force and the Royal Bahamas Defence Force are expected to attend the services.

The first service will be held at 1am at Christ Church Cathedral fol-

lowed by a service at the Cenotaph in the Garden of Remembrance, at 12:15pm.

Dignitaries expected to attend include the Governor-General Arthur D Hanna, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, Chief Justice Sir

Michael Barnett, Speaker of Parliament Alvin Smith, President of the Senate Lyn Holowesko, members of the Cabinet, members of the Judiciary and Government officials.

Following the church service, the organisations and their bands will

march to the Garden of Remembrance, Parliament Street, for a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Cenotaph.

The service will be led by Rev Patrick Paul, President of The Bahamas Christian Council. Other representatives of the religious community participating in the service are Bishop Laish Boyd, of the Anglican Diocese of the Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands; Rev Matthias Munroe, chaplain of the Bahamas Branch of the British Legion; Dr Leonard Johnson, president of the Bahamas Conference of the Seventh-Day Adventist; and Bishop Elgarnet Rahming, National Overseer of the Church of God of

## BAHAMAS ELECTED TO CHAIR WORKING GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARATION OF ANTI-TERRORISM MEETING

# Public-private partnership on counterterrorism

BY KHYLE QUINCY PARKER  
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THE Bahamas has proposed that governments in the region work with the private sector to leverage its economic and innovative power for counter-terrorism efforts.

The Bahamas, which serves as vice chair of the Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism (CICTE), has been elected to chair the working group responsible for the preparation of the 10th session of the anti-terrorism group.

The Bahamas proposed as the theme for the upcoming CICTE meeting "public-private partnerships in the fight against terrorism", a theme the country's spokesman said would "engender lively and productive discussion and further the dialogue on this potentially critical tool in our hemispheric counter terrorism arsenal".

The election occurred at the first of three scheduled preparatory meetings

designed to smooth the path to the CICTE meeting scheduled for March 17-19, 2010. The Bahamas will serve as vice chair of the CICTE until March 2010, and then take over chairmanship of the committee.

Undersecretary in the Ministry of National Security Peter Deveaux Isaacs, who is The Bahamas' point of contact for the CICTE, proposed the topic of "Public-Private Partnerships in The Fight Against Terrorism" for the committee session.

Mr Isaacs said terrorism was among the greatest threats to civilisation, destroying life, fostering conflict, weakening economies and undermining progress.



SECOND SECRETARY Charisse Rolle, CICTE Point of Contact Peter Deveaux Isaacs, Ambassador Cornelius A Smith, and Shevaun Culmer, who will be The Bahamas' representative at the CICTE Secretariat.

### Consensus

"However it is defined, there is global consensus that acts of terrorism should not be accepted under any circumstances," he said.

Mr Isaacs noted that the traditional model of combating terrorism is based fundamentally, and almost exclusively on the policies and actions of states. He said this was understandable since security is fundamentally the responsibility of the state.

"However, recent terrorist events, including the bombing of commercial centres, tourism facilities, and critical transportation and utilities infrastructures, have made it clear that in order to reduce both the threat of terrorism and our vulnerability to it, joint efforts between governments, businesses and civil society should be advanced," he urged.

Mr Isaacs told the group that a deliberate effort to involve the business community and civil actors in the formulation of policy is underway in several countries around the globe, including countries in the western hemi-



PETER DEVEAUX ISAACS – Undersecretary in the Ministry of National Security. Mr. Deveaux Isaacs is The Bahamas Point of Contact for the Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism. He proposed the theme for the upcoming CICTE meeting on behalf of The Bahamas delegation.

sphere. He explained that the idea is to encourage the private sector and civil society to assume, in partnership with the government, ownership of the fight against terrorism.

"Through mutual and effective sharing of information, knowledge and experience and through joint coordinated actions, governments and

businesses can develop, improve and implement measures to prevent and counter terrorism," he said.

"Such voluntary partnerships, made in a spirit of cooperation and based on the respective roles, responsibilities and interests of the partners, can be of great value in a broad range of sectors."

## Downtown Nassau Partnership launches website



THE Downtown Nassau Partnership – the public-private sector organisation charged with the ambitious task of revitalizing historic Nassau – has launched a website complete with a newsletter that can be downloaded, a Facebook link and an historic overview.

"Because we wanted the website to attract people to downtown Nassau as well as to disseminate information about the work the Downtown Nassau Partnership is doing, we needed the site to be broad and comprehensive, or what I called 'a site for all seasons,'" said Vaughn Roberts, DNP Managing Director.

"Before we launched, we sent the link to several people for review and the comments we have gotten back so far have been very encouraging, calling the site colourful, inviting, easy to move around in. We're excited about it because it is a way for us to connect with those

who have a stake in the future of our capital city and to inform visitors about what's happening – events, sidewalk art shows, openings. So it is both a marketing tool and an information site."

The website – [www.DowntownNassau.org](http://www.DowntownNassau.org) – will also serve as a way to attract and sign up volunteers for particular projects.

DNP recently sponsored the East of East Street art project, with volunteers and artists filling vacant store windows with vibrant works of art, posters and other colourful material. In some cases, the effort gained enough momentum to entice participants to paint building fronts.

"We live in an Internet world so what better way to demonstrate the activities we are engaged in whether it is a clean-up campaign, landscaping or long-term initiative," said Roberts.

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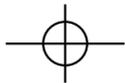
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LOCAL NEWS

# Two hurt in violent attacks

■ New Providence shooting

■ Student stabbed in Grand Bahama

POLICE are investigating a shooting in New Providence and a stabbing in Grand Bahama, each of which left a victim recovering in hospital.

The Grand Bahama stabbing occurred at St George's High School on Monday afternoon when a fight reportedly broke out on campus.

Assistant Superintendent of Police Loretta Mackey said that as a result of the incident, a male student is in serious but stable condition at Rand Memorial Hospital.

She reported that two young men, both 15 years of age, are assisting the police with their investigations.

According to reports, the incident took place some time around 1.30pm.

## School

Police went to the school to investigate, but the injured student had already been taken to hospital.

The victim reportedly told police that while he was on campus on October 30, two of his fellow students stole his Oakley eyeglasses.

He said that he confronted one of the culprits on Monday, and they started fighting.

The second culprit then became involved in the fight, the victim reportedly told police.

Later that night in New Providence, a Miami Street man was rushed to hospital after being shot a number of times in the stomach.

According to police press liaison officer Christlyn Skippings, officers responded to a call, and discovered the man suffering from multiple gunshot wounds to the abdomen.

The victim was reportedly cleaning a vehicle when the attack took place.

He was taken to hospital where he is said to be in a stable condition.

# JUNKANOO WELCOME FOR WESTJET AIRLINES



A LIVE JUNKANOO performance welcomes Westjet Airlines to Freeport, Grand Bahama on Monday. The low cost airline began its twice weekly service this week, bringing 129 passengers and a crew of six to Grand Bahama International Airport.

Photo: Derek Carroll

# Harbour Island fires spark fears of anti-expat vendetta

Massive blazes which destroyed two multi-million dollar winter residences in Harbour Island have left some foreign home owners fearing that a group of angry 'Brilanders might be on a campaign to burn their properties, it was claimed.

On Monday *The Tribune* received an e-mail from an international media organisation asking whether this newspaper had information about Harbour Island locals "burning down homes belonging to rich Americans/Canadians."

The inquiring journalist said a note had appeared on her desk last week tipping her off about the alleged trend.

Meanwhile, calls to the island yesterday revealed that some winter residents who were abroad in late October when two valuable properties were burned down over a two-day period made phone calls to friends in the area to find out if they should be worried about their 'Briland homes.

"They'd heard about the fires and they were wondering what to make of it," said a restaurant owner in Har-

## Huge blazes destroy two lavish winter properties

bour Island. Another resident said: "There were some rumours going around. "I think it was just a bit of paranoia."

### Investigations

Yesterday police said that investigations are continuing into the fires at Bougainvillea House — valued by a local realtor at between five and six million dollars — and Sea Dream house, said to be worth around one to two million dollars.

At present, arson is suspected in the case of the Bougainvillea fire, which began at around 4.45am on October 24, after witnesses reported seeing two people running from the scene.

The investigation is more complicated in the case of the Sea Dream fire, however, according to fire chief Superintendent Jeffrey Deleveaux.

He said the damage done

to the house was so extensive that police have been unable to ascertain how it was started.

Supt Deleveaux assured the public that police have no reason to suspect that locals are pursuing a vendetta against ex-patriates and their homes.

**"There were some rumours going around. I think it was just a bit of paranoia."**

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## US dilemma as peace push stalls

MARRAKESH, Morocco — For the last seven months, the Obama administration has labored in vain to bring the Israelis and Palestinians together, pushing for a loose quid-pro-quo under which Israel would freeze construction of Jewish settlements while its Arab neighbors undertook diplomatic steps to bolster Israel's confidence in its security.

With that effort going nowhere, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton has begun setting the stage for a new phase of Middle East diplomacy with a more modest goal: get the parties talking at any level to avoid a dangerous vacuum until Plan B emerges.

Clinton began sketching out this approach Tuesday in a speech and meetings with Arab foreign ministers during a conference of Arab and Western nations in this city of pink sandstone buildings. She flew to Cairo later to hold talks with the Egyptian leader, Hosni Mubarak.

Making it clear that the Israeli government will not agree to President Barack Obama's call for a complete halt to settlement construction, Clinton promoted Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's offer as a reasonable compromise that could still form the basis for progress. Netanyahu has proposed a moratorium on new housing units in the West Bank, but would allow the construction or completion of about 3,000 additional units and would exclude East Jerusalem from any building restrictions.

"It is not what we want; it is nowhere near enough," Clinton said to the Al-Jazeera television network.

"But I think when you keep your eye on what we want to achieve, it is a better place to be than the alternative.

"And therefore, I think we should be trying to keep moving the parties."

It is not clear what contacts between Israelis and Palestinians the administration has in mind, though they would be at a lower level than Netanyahu and Mahmoud Abbas, the Palestinian Authority president.

Nor has the shape of an alternative strategy to rekindle peace talks emerged,

according to senior officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the deliberations were confidential.

In a meeting with Clinton in Abu Dhabi Saturday, Abbas rejected Netanyahu's proposal as a "nonstarter," in the words of his chief negotiator, Saeb Erekat.

But the United States is not giving up. The administration's special envoy for the Middle East, George J. Mitchell, met again with bbas in Jordan on Monday, and with King Abdullah.

In Marrakesh, Clinton tried to persuade skeptical Arab foreign ministers of the value of Israel's proposal.

Administration officials are worried that paralysis in the region is a recipe for instability and violence.

"We recognized coming into the region that things have stalled," said a State Department spokesman, Philip J. Crowley. "If there's a vacuum, there are always lots of spoilers looking to take advantage."

Clinton told the Arab ministers that Netanyahu's proposal was better than what any previous Israeli government had offered.

Under the plan, she said, Israel would issue no new building permits or approvals and would not expropriate new land in the West Bank for settlements.

She took pains to say that the administration was not abandoning its push for a total freeze.

But her effusive embrace of Netanyahu's proposal in Jerusalem over the weekend stirred up a tempest in the Arab world, with diplomats asking whether the United States had buckled.

"President Obama was absolutely clear," Clinton said to Al-Jazeera.

"He wanted a halt to all settlement activity.

"And perhaps those of us who work with him and for him could have been clearer in communicating that that is his policy, that is what we're committed to doing."

(This article is by Mark Landler c.2009 New York Times News Service)

# The legacy of Christie and Ingraham

EDITOR, The Tribune.

It is now generally accepted by most Bahamians that there will be no fundamental reform to the Bahamian society until such time as both Hubert Ingraham and Perry Christie leave the political scene altogether.

These two men have governed the Bahamian polity in one way or another for the past seventeen years.

Over this period very little advance has occurred in Bahamian national development. So much so that the Bahamas has fallen far behind other Caribbean nations in national developmental goals. While each is well versed in local political intrigue, neither has exhibited any long term vision to move the Bahamian society out of its social morass.

In my opinion Hubert Ingraham's idea of development is to remove any vestige of previous PLP programmes. This mantra of his was evident in his appointment of a useless and wasteful commission of inquiry, in his repeal of the Immoveable Property Act and the Parliamentary Pensions Act early in his first term as prime minister. It was crystallised in his stop, review and cancel policy in his third non consecutive term, a policy which, according to Standard and Poors, has exacerbated the pain of the recession.

Perry Christie demonstrated while he was prime

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minister that he is severely constrained to bring about any meaningful developmental strategy.

His idea of managing the national patrimony was limited to bench marking everything he did to what Hubert Ingraham did.

He defined his administration by what Mr Ingraham did, but he believed that he could do it in a more polished and sophisticated manner. While Hubert Ingraham characterises his legacy by eradicating PLP initiatives and by constructing buildings, Perry Christie's five years at the helm were marked by comparisons to the FNM's mismanagement and by equivocation and disarray. This tit-for-tat style of administration has been going on for the past seventeen years.

Sadly, Hubert Ingraham and Perry Christie indicated recently that they both will lead their respective parties into the next general election. This will indeed be almost catastrophic for the Bahamas. Five additional years of Christie/Ingraham political tribalism, political intrigue, band aid approach to governance, tunnel vision and political hubris will send the Bahamian society spiraling further down the

socio-economic abyss. Neither can see beyond the next general election. Both men have no answer for the larger national issues such as: an increasing culture of crime; crumbling education and healthcare systems; how to broaden the base of the economy; how to reverse the Bahama's dwindling market share of regional tourism; how to strengthen the competitiveness of the Bahamian labour while addressing the degenerating work ethics of Bahamians; and finding the economic opportunities to bring and keep Bahamian professionals and graduates from tertiary institutions at home.

Christie and Ingraham have been on the political landscape in front line politics for well over thirty years. How much more do they want? Do they really believe that they are the only ones capable of running the affairs of the country? We young Bahamians have known no other Prime Minister besides these two. The presence of these two long time leaders of their party, particularly Perry Christie, discourage young, bright Bahamians of integrity from offering for political office, and this is a shame.

We are not impressed! It is time for a change.

PATTY CHISHOLM (MBA)  
Nassau,  
September, 2009.

## Postponement of the closed season for grouper harvesting is welcome

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Thank you for the valuable space in your newspaper to publish the following.

The Bahamas Commercial Fishers Alliance wishes to formally thank the Prime Minister and the Government of The Bahamas for the postponement of the closed season for the harvesting of the Nassau Grouper to January 2010.

Given the status of the fisheries industry and the drastic effects of the economic downturn, this decision is the right course of action and is welcomed and appreciated by The Bahamas Commercial Fishers Alliance

and consumers alike. The Bahamas Commercial Fishers Alliance comprises fishermen, fishing boat owners, vendors and concerned persons, who have come together to establish a formal lobby group for the fishing industry.

Thank you for your continued support in this and other matters of mutual interest.

ADRIAN LaRODA,  
Secretary,  
Bahamas Commercial Fishers Alliance,  
Nassau,  
November 2, 2009.

## I suggest Picewell Forbes be asked to fund retrial

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I could hardly believe my eyes this morning when I read about the Bridgewater/Lightbourne case.

Many people laugh at the Bahamas for inefficiency, incompetence and corruption but then we have Picewell Forbes who tops the bill — stupidity, ignorance, attention seeker — what can you say? Having endured five weeks plus of nonsense in the papers

about the trial with lawyers shouting at each other — why Anita Allen does not throw them out of court I do not know — mind boggling evidence on both sides — we now have to go through it all again and I hope the papers boycott it.

I suggest that Picewell Forbes be asked to fund the retrial along with any accomplices he might have had.

Why can't the Bahamas leave politics alone for a

short time and concentrate on actually doing something to improve the country so that people do not laugh at us.

Pleasant Bridgewater may be a very nice lady but the charge against her is very serious and certainly does not help the Bahamian image.

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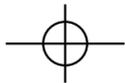
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LOCAL NEWS

# COB union 'very concerned' about security at the college

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By ALISON LOWE  
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HEAD of the 200 strong union representing staff at the College of The Bahamas yesterday said she and her members are "very concerned" about security at the college, and called on officials to maintain increased levels of vigilance implemented this week.



JANYNE HODDER

Jennifer Isaacs-Dotson said that as president of the Union of Tertiary Educators of the Bahamas (UTEBA) she wrote to college president Janyne Hodder (pictured right) "about a month ago" expressing staff concerns about certain crimes that had taken place on campus and calling for action on improving security in potential target areas.

"There have been a number of instances happening with students and faculty, where people are coming onto campus and causing chaos, robbing and causing all kinds of mischief," said the union boss yesterday, adding that these incidents appear to be on the increase.

Ms Isaacs-Dotson now hopes the college maintains the policy of identity checks at access points initiated this week in the wake of a classroom robbery

committed by a man posing as a student. The matter was highlighted in Tuesday's *Tribune*.

"We are very concerned about security and security presence and particularly ensuring if all the entrances and exits are properly manned and that persons are being held accountable to be students.

"They started something yesterday (Monday) where they were manning the gates, checking if they are students, I think that is important but it needs to be done on a sustained basis. You can't just start and stop," said Ms Isaacs-Dotson.

The UTEBA president said there are numerous individuals who hang out on campus "all day" who have no business being there.

"Those kind of things really need to be addressed," she added.

The educator wrote to Ms Hodder about a month ago noting certain areas where she and other staff felt that lighting was poor in the evening - around the T, G, and B blocks - leaving students and staff at a greater risk of falling victim to criminals.

"These isolated areas really need to be manned by security at all times, especially when classes go on until 10pm," the union head said yesterday, noting an incident around two weeks ago when a security officer had to be taken to hospital after intervening when a student was targeted by someone who came onto campus.

Yesterday, Assistant Commissioner of Police Hulan Han-

na told *The Tribune* he was surprised to see the article in Tuesday's edition revealing that a man posing as a student had robbed COB students in the classroom about two weeks ago. "We had no knowledge of that," he said.

ACP Hanna said he had contacted a "senior person" at COB after reading the news to inquire about the matter and was told that it never occurred.

However, in a statement issued to *The Tribune* in response to the allegations that were put to them on Monday, COB administrators did not deny the students' claims, admitting that a "number of incidents" have occurred on the college's campus, "which extends throughout the community."

The college noted that it has a 57-member strong "fully staffed security department of trained professionals and former police officers" who provide "24-hour coverage".

Last night, the college's office of communication issued a statement responding to *The Tribune's* article, calling it "misleading".

"To address concerns expressed by members of the general public and indeed members of our own College community regarding an article appearing on the front page of the November 3, 2009 *Tribune*, the College wishes to state that allegations that 'a classroom filled with students at The College of The Bahamas has been robbed at gunpoint...' are not true," the statement read. "And while there have been reported

incidents of thefts, the article's further claims of 'sprees of robberies all semester long' are inaccurate and misleading.

"The safety and security of College of The Bahamas students, faculty, staff and guests to our College campuses are a priority. The College has and continues to maintain a dedicated security department of trained personnel, a department that works closely with and is supported by the Royal Bahamas Police Force."

The statement added: "There have been incidents of thefts and antisocial behaviour on College of The Bahamas campuses, but fortunately nothing unexpected for a population of The College's size. Given the openness of our campus and that most incidents have involved non-College of The Bahamas students much of The College's efforts have involved containing access to College properties. College security personnel have been busy with enforcement of College policy that restricts campus access to persons holding College issued IDs, with approved exceptions.

"Incidents involving crimes and criminal activity are all duly reported to the Police Force and all such incidents are a matter of public record. The Royal Bahamas Police Force has and continues to be an important community partner of The College of The Bahamas and their timely assistance and support has ensured that wherever necessary criminal charges have been filed and brought before the courts," the statement read.

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## TEENAGERS CHARGED WITH PARADISE ISLAND SHOOTINGS

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parade and had forced him to sign a document.

Mr Ducille told the court that Smith, who suspected that one of his ribs was broken, was in excruciating pain and needed to see a doctor.

He said Smith had just turned 18 in July and was studying electrical engineering at BTVI. Mr Ducille also argued that Smith had no prior conviction and was innocent until proven guilty.

Cheryl Bazard, the attorney for the juvenile said her client who is still in high school was also beaten while in police custody. She also submitted that her client is innocent until proven guilty.

Prosecutor Inspector Clifford Daxon objected to bail applications. He told the court both victims are still in hospital and their conditions are listed in serious and critical condition.

The accused were both granted bail in the sum of \$15,000 with two sureties. They were ordered to report to the nearest police station every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday before 6pm.

Chief Magistrate Gomez also ordered that the accused be taken to hospital for treatment. The prosecution indicated to the court that it will seek to have the magistrate's decision to grant the young men bail reviewed.

The shootings took place in the exterior part of Marina Village near the Dock Master's office on Saturday night.

Mr De Costa and Mr Feaste, who were attached to the Atlantis security department, were reportedly making a routine patrol at Marina Village shortly before 10pm Saturday night when they saw two young men acting suspiciously and asked them to leave.

It was then one of the youths pulled out a gun and fired at the officers. De Costa was shot in his face, chest and arm while Feaste received a single gunshot wound to the left shoulder.

Reports state that earlier that night, the same two young men were approached by security guards at Marina Village after they received complaints that they were intimidating young girls.

The young men were reportedly escorted off the property only to return sometime later. In the aftermath of the shooting, Atlantis executives announced on Monday that unaccompanied teens are to be barred from all areas of Atlantis. The resort's bosses also condemned irresponsible parents for using Atlantis as a "teen sitting service".



THE OUTPOURING of grief by family members of the victims outside of court yesterday.

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### LOCAL NEWS

**FATHER-OF-FOUR** Hector Smith in his hospital bed surrounded with photos of his beloved son, Brenton, his wife and other children. A note which reads 'I love you Daddy' signed by his other children is also seen in the frame.



## Health fears for family of Brenton Smith

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Though he has put on a brave face for the sake of his loved ones, the rigour of trying to resume a life of normality in the wake of his oldest son's death coupled with his family's well-publicised fight for "justice" have simply worn him and his wife, Rosetta, down.

"My wife and I tend to get three to four hours of sleep a night, and after a while it takes its toll," said Mr Smith, who checked into Doctor's Hospital last Saturday.

"When I'm around people I'm normally upbeat and take charge but when you're alone you see the reality and frailty of life and how not in control you are."

Surrounded by a huge bouquet from co-workers and several family photos, the father-of-four said despite his health woes nothing will stop him from attending next Monday's inquest.

"Our son was killed July 9, the inquest is November 9 - that's four months. Those four months were spent wondering (what happened that night) and wishing that Brenton was here and that we never were involved in this. But we just want the truth," he said, hours before he was discharged.

Since the fateful July evening when Brenton was shot, the family made several public calls for a speedy and transparent inquest into Brenton's death and have started the groundwork for a foundation in the boy's memory.

But the launch of the foundation has been delayed due to Mr Smith's compromised health.

Through the foundation the family plans to offer scholarships to at-risk young men so that Brenton's death will not be in vain.

"I'm not saying my son was an angel but Brenton was a good person and if we had more people out there like him we would be a more positive nation."

"We just want Brenton's death to mean something," the bereaved father choked out, in between quiet sobs.

It is believed that Brenton, 18, was mistakenly shot by a police officer shortly before 8pm on July 9 as he and a friend walked through a popular shortcut in the Kemp Road area used by many to get to the nearby foodstore on Village Road. The youngster died at the scene.

Moments before, police had been chasing suspected armed robbers who held up a cashier at the supermarket.

Police have said they do not suspect that Brenton was in the store at the time of the robbery, while the family maintain he was an innocent pedestrian caught in the wrong place at the wrong time.

A few weeks after his death, the police released a statement admitting that the teenager was shot by a police-issued service weapon.

A coroner's inquiry is scheduled to begin on November 9.

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agreement on the part of their employer, the college. Their previous agreement expired

## Industrial action closer

in June 2008.

UTEB President and Associate Professor at COB, Jennifer Isaacs-Dotson, said the union agreed in a meeting last

Thursday that it is willing to strike if that is what it takes to get the college to engage in some "give and take" in the negotiating process, which

began in February this year.

Staff members such as Llewellyn Curling, a professor in the College's school of technology, described the conditions that COB is seeking to put into the staff's new agreement as "regressive" — removing benefits which they previously enjoyed.

"Really we have reached an impasse in negotiations, we are not getting anywhere. The union has really made every effort to move the process along, but COB seems to be very set in their ways. It's like we aren't truly negotiating, it's like this is what we are saying, take it or leave it," said Ms Isaac-Dotson.

With the two sides failing to come together, only one clause — union dues — has so far been agreed upon during the 10-month talks out of a total of around 100 expected to be hammered out, according to the educator.

Some staff suggested yesterday that if the College changes working conditions as proposed, progress towards university status would be set back as staff's professional development would be hindered, while their living standards would be placed at risk through reduced job security.

"I told them you can't expect us to give up benefits. How could a president sign a contract that did that?" said the UTEB chief.

Catharine Archer, a librarian, claimed she is concerned that under the terms proposed by the College, research leave and grants presently available to people like her will be no more.

"But yet they still expect us to do research and things like that as part of our job responsibilities and make it a criteria for promotion. Something's not adding up," she said.

Stan Smith, a counsellor, said the College is asking more of staff in his position, but trying to give less.

"We can't go backwards," he said.

Judith Blair, a chemistry teacher, said if the situation does not improve students will undoubtedly suffer.

"Definitely if the faculty is unhappy it's going to translate into the classroom. If we can't be heard then we can't empower our students and if we can't empower them then this country is in trouble."

Messages left for COB communications staff and Mr Foulkes seeking comment yesterday were not returned up to press time.

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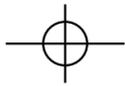
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LOCAL NEWS

PICTURES OF MONTAGU



EIGHTEEN years ago, the injection well at Malcolm's Park that disposes of the city's sewerage deep underground malfunctioned, leading to the discharge of hundreds of thousands of gallons of raw waste into the harbour just west of the Potter's Cay fish market.

# We must end the Montagu mess

As a result, more than a thousand people were hospitalized from eating conch infected with a cholera-related bacteria picked up from the polluted waters around Potters Cay. The market was closed for months while garbage and discarded conch shells were cleared away, and the vendors were temporarily moved to the Symonette Shipyard property on Bay Street.

already working on improvements to the area as part of their government-commissioned Nassau Waterfront Study, but the ideas were never implemented.



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week's town meeting. And according to Butler-Turner, "we don't want to make decisions behind closed doors in isolation, but we do want to get this done. My interest is in a family-centred green space, not permanent bars. We want to make the area usable for everyone from morning to night."

Fox Hill MP Fred Mitchell was also at the town meeting. But it remains to be seen whether a true bipartisan consensus can be achieved that will finally allow these issues to be addressed to everyone's satisfaction. Improved working conditions for vendors, recreational opportunities for residents, and access to the sea for boaters. In short, an environment where people can get home safely, swim safely, and sell fish safely.

Is that too much to ask in 2009?

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But some of them took advantage of this relocation to drift to the Montagu ramp, where a few casual fishermen had been hawking their catch since the 1970s. Although the plan was for them to return to Potters Cay when the market reopened, they never did.

Meanwhile, the ramp that had been built for recreational boaters in the early 1960s gradually became an unregulated commercial site. It was later designated as an official market and is now a source of livelihood for at least 30 families. The vendors and their freelance fish cleaners are augmented by fishermen and jet ski operators, along with vegetable and food vendors, t-shirt and phone card sellers, and others.

Christie government had secretly agreed to lease Athol Island to the Atlantis Resort for a golf course. In return, Kerzner's development team (which included Jackson Burnside) would restore the Montagu Beach area as a public park. Plans called for dredging at the eastern end of the harbour to replenish the beach, improving the fort itself, and adding picnic tables, restrooms, jogging trails and better parking, as well as some commercial facilities.

three options: allowing only recreational use with a restored beach, green space and proper facilities; allowing some commercial activity that is better organised; and recommending alternate sites for

Today, the Montagu ramp has become a huge issue for the 30-50,000 people living in the eastern district of New Providence. Unregulated commerce disrupts traffic flow and interferes with recreation in the area's only green space, while the lack of sanitation poses health risks that could be far more serious than the 1991 poisoning scare.

In 1999 the government proposed major changes for the area, including a bigger market on reclaimed land east of the Sailing Club and expanded parking. But the plan was later rescinded by Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, who famously declared that "you don't clean fish in the same place you expect me to swim."

Unfortunately, neither of these proposals gained any traction, and now a new group is looking at the issues. While the House report and the Kerzner proposal provided significant background material and valuable insight for the Montagu steering committee, neither report included on-site surveys or interviews with foreshore and ramp users, including vendors.

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The Montagu shoreline is one of the few open spaces left on this island — and the only one in the eastern district. But despite its use by inner city families, cookout vendors, sailing enthusiasts, pleasure boaters, joggers and commuters it has been allowed to degenerate into a monstrous safety hazard.

Suggestions were then made to create a new market at Malcolm's Park (west of the new bridge) with proper facilities, off-road access and safe parking. Meanwhile, studies were said to be underway to restore the beach at Montagu Bay, citing the improvements at Goodman's Bay out west as a model. But nothing ever came of these initiatives.

## Traffic

It is no longer (if it ever was) a case of Eastern Road snobs being offended by the smell and traffic delays on their drive home. Today, the ramp has become a chaotic free-for-all leading to "tension among vendors, dissatisfaction among residents and constituents and risks for recreational users", according to a recent report by yet another group formed to tackle the situation.

So there the matter rested until 2004, when the new Christie administration approved a parliamentary committee to recommend solutions to "the traffic, health, environmental and related problems" caused by the Montagu ramp, under the chairmanship of Independent MP Pierre Dupuch. It was another two years before that committee's report was published.

Over the past several weeks, the new committee has determined that despite heavy traffic and the problems caused by indiscriminate parking, congestion is "directly and indisputably" related to the amount and volume of commerce on the ramp, not merely the number of vehicles, or problems at intersections further east as some people have believed.

A vacancy exists within the Finance Department for a **Chief Financial Officer**. The Chief Financial Officer reports to the Managing Director. He/she is responsible to assist in strategic planning, the development and pricing of new products, services and determination of financial capital requirements. Analyze and interpret financial information required by the Managing Director and Executive Management in order to make sound business decisions and to bring the financial organization, processes, policies and reporting practices to a level of sophistication appropriate to a leading world-class company. The Chief Financial Officer functions as part of the senior management at the business unit level, interacting with various departments, provide financial leadership, oversight for company-wide accounting policies, control and procedures, and ensuring the consistent application of International Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards and corporate policies throughout the organization.

That group is known as the Montagu Foreshore Steering Committee, headed by public relations consultant Diane Phillips and sponsored by Montagu MP and Minister of Social Development Loretta Butler-Turner. It was formed in July and includes a dozen or more professionals and vendors who live or work in the area. It seeks to reconcile the various interests to achieve workable solutions.

"Forty years ago there was no traffic jam caused by people buying fish or trailers being backed across the street," the report said. "And the entrails from the catch of a lone fisherman's family were quickly swept away with the tides. Today, there is a different story...The commercial area has expanded and in a few years the eastern foreshore will be illegally commercial."

The steering committee has outlined four levels of commerce at the ramp, ranging from the fishermen to the fish sellers, their freelance helpers, and associated vendors selling produce or other goods, including single cigarettes, and ice. "Earnings vary greatly and while some days there is barely enough take-home to cover gas or ice or what they spent to buy the fish, other days are more profitable," the committee's preliminary report said.

- The successful candidate will be required to:**
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And according to Phillips, the government is in full support of action to address the issues, but doesn't want it to become a political football: "Sometimes things have to get very bad before they get better," she told a standing room-only crowd of sceptics at a town meeting in the Nassau Yacht Club last week. "But I can assure you that something will happen this time."

The House committee pointed to the lack of toilet and waste disposal facilities in a popular recreational area, and noted that the site was too small to justify a major investment in public facilities, and that the commercial activities conflicted with the use of the area as a park. It again recommended moving the fish market to Malcolm's Park, while allowing boaters to continue to use the ramp, with access from the traffic light intersection only.

"For most, it seemed more of a way of life than a means of significant livelihood. It may not be the best of worlds — and all had complaints — but it is all most of them know. Most expressed fear that they would someday lose a finger, hand or more to either catching or cleaning fish, and lived with the concern that they would have nowhere else to turn. That's no way for people to make a living in the modern Bahamas."

The Chief Financial Officer must have a strong technical and analytical background with an understanding of IAS or US GAAP accounting and reporting standards. He/She must have the ability to set and manage priorities, meet deadlines within compressed timeframes and handle multiple tasks simultaneously. He/She must have a successful track record in partnering with line management to develop strategic and operating business plans, effective systems of control and metrics for a dynamic global business. Some travel required. Strong communication and managerial skills are essential.

To understand the scepticism we have only to look at the record. After the Montagu Beach Hotel closed in 1973 it was derelict from 1979 until it was finally demolished in 1993. At about that time, architects Jackson Burnside and Pat Rahming were

But at the same time the

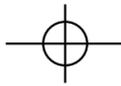
In determining how to move forward, the steering committee is considering



TRAFFIC CONGESTION is a major problem.

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  - Master's degree in business, a plus
- Licensing/Certification:**
- CA or CPA a must
- Experience:**
- 10 - 15 years of relevant accounting and reporting experience at a senior level
  - Experience with business planning and budget preparation
  - Experience in treasury function activities: bank relationships, revolver and cash management
  - Experience in reporting to lenders under credit agreements
  - Experience in developing and improving internal control systems
  - Experience in external or internal auditing
  - Supervisory experience of multiple tasked department
  - Experience in partnering with line management
  - External reporting experience
  - Experience in the energy industry, preferred

Applications should be submitted to the:  
**Managing Director**  
**Bahamas Oil Refining Company International Limited**  
**Db a Vopak Terminal Bahamas**  
**P. O. Box F-42435, Freeport, Grand Bahama**  
**On or before November 6, 2009**



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A vacancy exists within the Finance Department for a **Chief Financial Officer**. The Chief Financial Officer reports to the Managing Director. He/she is responsible to assist in strategic planning, the development and pricing of new products, services and determination of financial capital requirements. Analyze and interpret financial information required by the Managing Director and Executive Management in order to make sound business decisions and to bring the financial organization, processes, policies and reporting practices to a level of sophistication appropriate to a leading world-class company. The Chief Financial Officer functions as part of the senior management at the business unit level, interacting with various departments, provide financial leadership, oversight for company-wide accounting policies, control and procedures, and ensuring the consistent application of International Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards and corporate policies throughout the organization.

**The successful candidate will be required to:**

- Support the Managing Director in financial assessment of new business development and implementation of internal controls.
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- Ensure that the financial organization is designed and staffed with the appropriate skills in order to maintain the integrity, accuracy and the timeliness of financial reporting.
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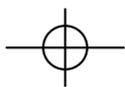
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SPORTS

# Day two 'in the rough' for golfers Rolle, Riley

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GEORGETTE ROLLE



RAQUEL RILEY

DAY two turned out to be a little rougher for Georgette Rolle and Raquel Riley at the 11th Duramed FUTURES Tour 2010 Qualifying Tournament in Winter Haven, Florida.

While Rolle dropped her score from day one as she fell from a 27-way tie for 109 to a nine-way tie for nine-over-par 143 yesterday, Riley turned in the same result to fall from a 21-way tie for 196 into a 17-way tie for a 12-over-par 185.

Both players admitted that their performances were not what they expected, but they are still confident that they can still play better over the remainder of the tournament this week.

Rolle, 24, turned in a 42 on the front nine and finished the back with 39. She said after the "rough start," she tried to pull it back together, but she just simply "ran out of hole."

After the first two days of competition, Rolle said she's hitting the ball the way she wants to, but her putting continues to be her downfall.

"I've been working on my putting and I hope it will get better because I will continue to work on it during the rest of the tournament," Rolle said.

Tiffany Joh of San Diego, California, has moved into sole possession in first place in the standings with a 69. Add to her 67 from day one and she leads the field with a 8-under-136.

Riley, meanwhile, split the 18 holes with a 49 in the front and 35 on the back for her 156. She admitted that her downfall came on the third hole when she blew up with an eight after hitting two balls in the water.

"I felt if I had someone there like a caddie to help me out, that would never have

happened," she pointed out. "I lost my composure when I hit the ball in the hole.

"But after I made that eight, I played the golf course at even par for the next 7-8 holes. But that third hole really put me in a serious hole."

Riley, who turned 28 on October 26, said she's definitely not happy with her results over the first two days, but she's not going to let it get her down either.

"I haven't played in a tournament for six months, so I know it's all mental for me right now," she insisted. "I have something to build on, so I just have to wait and see how I can pull it all together."

Danielle Mills, the co-leader from day one, fell off

the pace with a 70 to join two others in a three-way tie for second place at six-under-par 138.

Rolle, who is preparing to graduate from the University of Louisville in December with her PhD, said the important aspect for all of the players is their short game or putting and that has been one of the major factors that has hurt the Bahamian duo.

"Some of them putt very well," she said. "So we just have to step it up in that area. But definitely, we both feel we can play with these girls. We hit the ball just as good or even better. But I know I have to work on my putting."

Riley, a 2003 graduate of Tampa University, said once she can improve her game mentally, she can stand up and compete with the women on the tour.

"I just have to work on my emotions, my mental game," she said. "I can't carry over my frustration from one hole to the next. That was what I did today. After I made the big hole, I decided that I wasn't going to take it over to another hole and I just controlled my emotions."

## Queen visits Olympic Park to inspect the Games preparations

LONDON (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II visited the Olympic Park on Tuesday to inspect preparations for the 2012 London Games.

The queen toured the site in east London for the second time since the British capital was awarded the Olympics in 2005.

Elizabeth viewed the main Olympic Stadium and walked along a section of the 100-meter track area. She was accompanied by Sebastian Coe, a two-time Olympic 1,500-meter champion who heads London's organizing committee.

"We are thrilled to welcome Her Majesty back to show the progress we've made," Coe said. "The skyline in this part of London is being changed forever and the Olympic Park will become a home to world class sport in 2012 and home to a new community afterwards."

The queen got a look at where the royal box will be located in the 80,000-capacity stadium.

She also planted the first of 4,000 trees to be put on

the park site.

"Planting the tree today is the first step in the creation of a new green space that will reflect the traditions of great British parks and will create a fantastic backdrop for the games," Olympic Delivery Authority chairman John Armitage said.

Elizabeth is expected to open the Olympics in 2012 when she will be celebrating her 60th year as queen.

The visit came three days after London marked the 1,000-day countdown until London's 2012 opening ceremony.

The 1-square-mile Olympic Park also includes the velodrome, aquatics center, basketball arena and main media center. It is next to the athletes' village.

The visit comes amid debate over whether the site should be named Elizabeth Park after the queen. The British Olympic Association wants to keep Olympic in the name.

The queen first visited the park site in Oct. 2005, 100 days after London won the right to host the games.

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BISX ALL SHARE INDEX: CLOSE 1,484.92   CHG 0.02   %CHG 0.00   YTD -227.44   YTD % -13.28											
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52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Previous Close	Today's Close	Change	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
1.71	1.03	AML Foods Limited	1.17	1.17	0.00	0.127	0.000	9.2	0.00%		
11.80	9.90	Bahamas Property Fund	10.75	10.75	0.00	0.992	0.200	10.8	1.86%		
9.30	5.90	Bank of Bahamas	5.90	5.90	0.00	200	0.244	24.2	4.41%		
0.89	0.63	Benchmark	0.63	0.63	0.00	-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%		
3.49	3.15	Bahamas Waste	3.15	3.15	0.00	27,966	0.125	0.090	25.2	2.86%	
2.37	2.14	Fidelity Bank	2.37	2.37	0.00	0.055	0.040	43.1	1.69%		
14.20	9.92	Cable Bahamas	9.92	9.92	0.00	100	1.406	0.250	7.1	2.52%	
2.88	2.72	Colina Holdings	2.72	2.72	0.00	18,877	0.249	0.040	10.9	1.47%	
7.50	5.26	Commonwealth Bank (S1)	5.74	5.74	0.00	178	0.419	0.300	13.7	5.23%	
3.85	1.27	Consolidated Water BDRs	2.98	3.00	0.02	27,673	0.111	0.052	27.0	1.73%	
2.85	1.32	Doctor's Hospital	2.25	2.25	0.00	400	0.625	0.080	3.6	3.56%	
8.20	6.28	Famguard	6.50	6.50	0.00	7,693	0.420	0.240	15.5	3.69%	
12.50	8.80	Finco	9.30	9.30	0.00	0.322	0.520	28.9	5.59%		
11.71	9.87	FirstCaribbean Bank	9.87	9.87	0.00	0.631	0.350	15.6	3.55%		
5.53	4.11	Focol (S)	4.34	4.34	0.00	507	0.326	0.150	13.3	3.46%	
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12.00	9.95	J. S. Johnson	9.95	9.95	0.00	0.952	0.640	10.5	6.43%		
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.156	0.000	64.1	0.00%		
BISX LISTED DEBT SECURITIES - (Bonds trade on a Percentage Pricing basis)											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Last Sale	Change	Daily Vol.	Interest	Maturity			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00		7%	19 October 2017			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00		7%	30 May 2013			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015			
Fidelity Over-The-Counter Securities											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Weekly Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
14.60	7.92	Bahamas Supermarkets	10.06	11.06	14.00		-2.246	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
8.00	6.00	Caribbean Crossings (Pref)	2.00	6.25	4.00		0.000	0.480	N/M	7.80%	
0.54	0.20	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.35		0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%	
Colina Over-The-Counter Securities											
41.00	29.00	ABDAB	30.13	31.59	29.00		4.540	0.000	9.03	0.00%	
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.45	0.55	0.55		0.002	0.000	261.90	0.00%	
BISX Listed Mutual Funds											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD%	Last 12 Months	Div \$	Yield %	NAV Date			
1.4038	1.3344	CFAL Bond Fund	1.4038	3.72	5.20			31-Aug-09			
3.0350	2.8952	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.8300	-3.75	-6.75			30-Sep-09			
1.4957	1.4226	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.4957	4.30	5.13			23-Oct-09			
3.5399	2.9759	Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	2.9759	-12.10	-17.54			30-Sep-09			
13.1751	12.3870	Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.1751	4.42	5.86			30-Sep-09			
103.0956	100.0000	CFAL Global Bond Fund	103.0956	3.10	2.52			30-Sep-09			
100.0000	99.4177	CFAL Global Equity Fund	99.4177	3.12	2.76			30-Sep-09			
1.0000	1.0000	CFAL High Grade Bond Fund	1.0000	0.00	0.00			31-Dec-07			
10.5884	10.0000	Fidelity International Investment Fund	10.5884	5.88	5.88			30-Sep-09			
1.0757	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.0757	3.86	5.30			30-Sep-09			
1.0364	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.0305	-0.24	0.22			30-Sep-09			
1.0709	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.0709	3.24	4.54			30-Sep-09			
MARKET TERMS											
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX - 19 Dec 02 = 1,000.00											
52wk-Hi - Highest closing price in last 52 weeks											
52wk-Low - Lowest closing price in last 52 weeks											
Previous Close - Previous day's weighted price for daily volume											
Today's Close - Current day's weighted price for daily volume											
Change - Change in closing price from day to day											
Daily Vol. - Number of total shares traded today											
DIV \$ - Dividends per share paid in the last 12 months											
P/E - Closing price divided by the last 12 month earnings											
(S) - 4-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 8/8/2007											
(S1) - 3-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 7/11/2007											
YIELD - last 12 month dividends divided by closing price											
Bid \$ - Buying price of Colina and Fidelity											
Ask \$ - Selling price of Colina and Fidelity											
Last Price - Last traded over-the-counter price											
Weekly Vol. - Trading volume of the prior week											
EPS \$ - A company's reported earnings per share for the last 12 mths											
NAV - Net Asset Value											
N/M - Not Meaningful											
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SPORTS

NO.4 ranked Andy Murray (right), who had not played since the US Open, came back from a long-term wrist injury Tuesday and beat wild card Daniel Gimeno-Traver 6-3, 6-1 in the first round of the Valencia Open...

(AP Photo)



## Valencia Open: Andy Murray returns, wins in first round

VALENCIA, Spain (AP) — Andy Murray came back from a long-term wrist injury Tuesday by beating wild card Daniel Gimeno-Traver 6-3, 6-1 in the first round of the Valencia Open.

The fourth-ranked Murray, who had not played since the U.S. Open, won 22 of 26 first-serve points and broke Gimeno-Traver five times.

The top-seeded Scot next plays Leonardo Mayer, who defeated Igor Andreev 6-3, 6-3.

Defending champion David Ferrer broke Nicolas Almagro six times on the hard court in a 7-5, 6-7 (3), 6-2 win. Almagro twice won the tournament in Valencia when it was played on clay.

Gilles Simon and Gael

Monfils also advanced. The fifth-seeded Simon beat Igor Kunitsyn 6-3, 6-2, and sixth seed Monfils defeated Marcel Granollers 6-4, 6-2.

Pablo Cuevas rallied from 5-2 down in the second set to beat 2003 champion Juan Carlos Ferrero 2-6, 7-6 (4), 6-3. Also, Juan Monaco beat Martin Vassallo Arguello 6-3, 6-2.



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FULL MILITARY FUNERAL SERVICE FOR THE  
LATE POLICE CONSTABLE 2689 OTHELLO DARVILLE  
WEDNESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER, 2009**

**INFORMATION**

The Full Military Funeral Service for the late Police Constable 2689 Othello Darville will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 4 November, 2009 at Saint Agnes Anglican Church, Baillou Hill Road and Cockburn Street, New Providence.

**ROUTE**

After the funeral service at the church, the body of the deceased will be conveyed via motorcade, travelling south on Baillou Hill Road to Soldier Road and east on Soldier Road to Lowes Pharmacy where the motorcade and morning party will form a procession which will march north on Soldier Road to the Woodlawn Gardens Cemetery.

**ROAD CLOSURE**

From 12:00 noon until after the procession passes, the following streets will be closed to vehicular traffic:

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From 11:00 a.m. until after the procession passes, no vehicles will be permitted to park on the following streets:

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**TRAFFIC DIVERSION**

At the commencement of the funeral procession, vehicular traffic not connected to the funeral service will be diverted through side streets.

*R. Ferguson*  
Reginald Ferguson, QPM  
Commissioner of Police.

# Man United, Chelsea advance in Champions League

By **STUART CONDIE**  
AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — Manchester United and Chelsea scored late goals Tuesday to reach the next round of the Champions League with Bordeaux and FC Porto.

United trailed 3-1 at home to CSKA Moscow with six minutes left, but Paul Scholes and Antonio Valencia scored to make it 3-3 in the Group B game to give last season's runner-up the point needed to advance.

Didier Droghba scored in the 82nd and 88th to put Chelsea 2-1 up at Atletico Madrid in Group D. The 2008 finalist conceded an injury-time goal to Sergio Aguero and drew 2-2.

The two English clubs moved into the next round with Bordeaux, which won 2-0 win at Bayern Munich in Group A, and FC Porto. Four-time European champion Bayern is on the verge of elimination.

Porto's 1-0 win at APOEL Nicosia means it advances alongside Chelsea and eliminates the other Group D clubs. AC Milan and Real Madrid still have to play following their 1-1 draw in Italy.

In other games, Juventus won 1-0 at Maccabi Haifa in another Group A; Wolfsburg won 3-0 at Besiktas in Group B; and Marseille routed visiting FC



**DIDIER DROGBA** of the Ivory Coast takes a shot on goal before scoring on the rebound against Atletico de Madrid during their Group D Champions League match at the Vicente Calderon stadium in Madrid on Tuesday... (AP Photo: Paul White)

Zurich 6-1 in Group C.

Lyon puts the tournament's last perfect record on the line Wednesday when it hosts a Liverpool team desperate for victory. Arsenal hosts AZ Alkmaar and Inter Milan is at Dynamo Kiev in another of the day's eight games.

United manager Alex Fer-

guson rested several key players and watched his team defend poorly before inserting Wayne Rooney and Patrice Evra for the last half hour. The three-time European champions gave CSKA too much room to attack to suit Ferguson.

"We lost three goals at home and you don't like that," he said. "But I can't believe how many chances we did create."

Wolfsburg moved to seven points, three fewer than United and three more than CSKA after its win at Besiktas.

Chelsea looked to be heading to a first defeat in Group D when Atletico substitute Aguero put his team ahead with a volley in the 66th minute.

But Droghba marked his first Champions League match this season with a header in the 82nd and solo goal six minutes later. The Ivory Coast striker was back with Chelsea following a three-game suspension for his postgame tantrum in last season's semifinal loss to Barcelona.

Atletico lost 4-0 to Chelsea two weeks ago but Aguero tied it with a curling free kick beyond goalkeeper Petr Cech.

"It's really frustrating when you concede a goal like this," Droghba said.

## Biedermann's showdown with Phelps in doubt

FRANKFURT (AP) — German swimmer Paul Biedermann has a high injury that could prevent him from facing Michael Phelps this month.

The short-course World Cup competition is November 14-15 in Berlin. Biedermann beat Phelps in the 200-meter freestyle at the world championships in Rome in July.

Germany coach Dirk Lange says Biedermann is trying to get in shape for the showdown with the Olympic great in Berlin. Biedermann already has ruled himself out of next week's meet in Stockholm.

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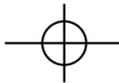
**The Central Bank of The Bahamas**

**NOTICE**

THE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES REGULATION ACT, 2000

Notice is hereby given that the Governor, pursuant to Section 18(1)(a) (ii) of the Banks and Trust Companies Regulation Act, 2000, has revoked by Order dated the 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2009, the banking and trust licence granted on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1989 to Isthmus International Bank (Bahamas) Limited, now called HSBC International (Bahamas) Limited on the grounds that the company has ceased to carry on banking and trust business.

*Monday King*  
Governor  
The Central Bank of The Bahamas



# sports

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# Double gold medal glory!

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## National softball teams beat Jamaica, Bermuda in amateur softball tournament

The Bahamas men's and women's national softball teams won their gold medal games in the English Speaking Caribbean Amateur Softball Tournament, the Bahamas Softball Federation's (BSF) first international tourney since 1992.

They took first place in their respective divisions against four other nations. In the men's gold medal game, the Bahamas got a 20-0 victory against Jamaica. And in the women's game, the Bahamas beat Bermuda 11-3.

Burket Dorsett, president of the BSF, said the organisation was pleased with the overall success of the tournament held at the Blue Bill Sporting Complex. Other executives called last weekend's tournament a success by all accounts.

"The tournament was well played all around and each of the participating teams were pleased with the overall course of action. Some of the teams coming into it were not

aware of the level of competition, but it turned out to be excellent play throughout," said Dorsett.

"As the tournament progressed we saw some of the teams that started a bit slow improve their level of play which made for outstanding softball. Based on what we saw, there is much potential for the development of softball in English-speaking countries of the region."

Dorsett said the teams performed as expected and it gives the BSF a good base in developing the national team for future international play.

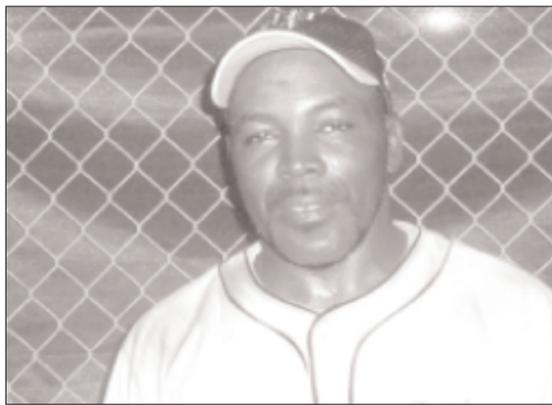
"The Bahamas played very well, and they just outclassed opponents from start to finish. The federation put together a young cohesive team which accomplished

what they set out to do. We have many international events, several tournaments coming up in the next few months, so these events give us a good base to work with going forward with our national team programme," he said.

"It gave us a good opportunity to see what we have thus far and we will revisit our evaluation of players once again in the upcoming Round Robin National Tournament."

**Men Gold Medal Game**  
Bahamas - 20  
Jamaica - 0

Powerhouse pitcher Edney "The Heat" Bethel led the Bahamas to a championship win with a dominating performance at the mound.



POWERHOUSE pitcher Edney "The Heat" Bethel (in this file photo) led the Bahamas to a championship win with a dominating performance at the mound during the English Speaking Caribbean Amateur Softball Tournament at the Blue Bill Sporting Complex over the weekend...

Bethel delivered seven strikeouts and was given heavy run support by a potent lineup en route to the win.

The Bahamas opened the top half of the opening inning with five runs and Bethel responded by retiring the top three hitters in the Jamaican lineup.

The Bahamas exploded in the second inning for an additional eight runs, plating all but one member of their lineup.

Bethel struck out the side

to preserve the shutout through two innings.

In the third, the top half of the Bahamian lineup scored another four runs, while Bethel struck out the side for the second consecutive inning.

Sherman Ferguson led the offensive charge for the Bahamas as he finished 2-4, with one home-run, two RBI and four runs scored.

Hosea Hilton was also 2-4 with two runs scored and two RBI, Lynden Richardson was 2-3 with three runs scored and

one RBI, Larry Russell was 2-4 with one run scored and three RBI, Ken Wood Jr was 1-3 with three RBI and Kieron Munroe was 1-4 with three runs scored and two RBI.

**Women Gold Medal Game**  
Bahamas - 11  
Bermuda - 3

A dominant first inning was the catalyst to propel the Bahamas to a gold medal performance, capping a dominant tournament run.

The Bahamas scored seven runs in the opening inning, creating an insurmountable advantage for the visiting Bermudans.

Mary Edgecombe-Sweeting pitched five scoreless innings for the Bahamas and left the game with her team ahead 10-0.

Bermuda flirted with a late game rally with three runs in the final inning but fell short.

Offensively for the Bahamas, Vesna Laing was 1-3 with one run and two RBI, Lakira Russell was 1-4 with two runs, and Tasheena Pinder was 1-3 with one run scored and one RBI.

For Bermuda, Tiffany Swan was 1-3 with one run, Rose Sanders was 2-3 with one run and Sophia Burch added a run.

## Relay health run to help cover Robinson's medical expenses

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AS the legendary Tommy Robinson continues to recuperate from stomach cancer, another fund-raising effort is being launched to help cover his medical expenses.

This time, the Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations (BAAA) is planning to host the Tommy Robinson 20 Mile Fight Against Cancer Relay Health Run.

It's scheduled for 7am Saturday, December 12, starting and ending at the Thomas A Robinson Track and Field Stadium after going through some of the strategic streets of New Providence.

Additionally, BAAA president Curt Hollingsworth said they intend to have a satellite torch run in Grand Bahama, but next year they will branch out to include the Family Islands.

"The whole idea is to assist Tommy Robinson, one of our icons and the greatest track athlete in the Bahamas with his medical expenses," Hollingsworth said.

He said they have agreed to partner with the Cancer Society of the Bahamas in their bid to get as many people involved as possible.

Event director coach George Cleare said the idea is to encourage at least 20 companies or businesses to donate \$50 per mile for a total of \$1,000 each to cover the 20 miles.

"It's all about having a proactive approach," Cleare said. "When we chose the title, we picked the words very carefully - Fight Against Cancer. That's going to be the war cry as we look at the coming together of everybody, the schools, the churches."

Cleare said they are also looking to raise cancer awareness as they also assist the Cancer Society of the Bahamas.

For those companies interested in participating, Cleare said they can include as many people as they want as it's not a race for the stiffest, but rather for those who can endure to the end.



LEFT to right are Curt Hollingsworth, Earle Bethel, Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie and George Cleare...

He said they can either have one person represent their company or they can have a multitude of persons to suit up, but it is hoped that they will all wear the company's uniform and or logo during the race.

"Golden girl" Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie, who sits on the organising committee, said this is an opportunity for everybody to come out and show their gratitude to Robinson.

"It's nothing to be ashamed of. Whatever the details are is not necessary. He needs our help," said Ferguson-McKenzie, who considers Robinson to be the father-figure that she didn't have growing up.

"We say sometimes that we love a person, but at the end of the day, what do we do. This is a simple task where in the process of doing, we are asking corporate sponsors to help out."

Already two companies have come forward and are expected to begin their promotional drive to assist the committee in their fund-raising starting this weekend.

Ferguson-McKenzie revealed that both McDonald's and Robin Hood will be hosting a Tommy Robinson Day this weekend at their various stores.

While McDonald's will be making a financial donation, they will also hold a raffle and provide a portion of their intake during the weekend to the committee.

And Robin Hood, according to Ferguson-McKenzie, will be allowing its patrons to come in and make donations

that will be earmarked for Robinson.

Although they don't have a particular target amount to achieve, Cleare said the more they receive the better because they also want to make a contribution to the Cancer Society of the Bahamas.

Earle Bethel, president of the Cancer Society of the Bahamas, said they are delighted that the BAAA has decided to include them in this venture.

"When we look at it, you're going to touch many Bahamians and that's what it's all about," he said. "We're also proud of your message today, one of wellness, one of caring for Bahamians."

Bethel said they will work with the BAAA in letting the public know that early detection of cancer is the key to the cure and they will do their best to continue to educate the Bahamian people.

"Tommy Robinson is a great icon," Bethel stated. "You couldn't have done this for a better person and we're glad that you have come forth and ask us to join in on this project."

Next year, Hollingsworth said they also intend to put on the first Tommy Robinson Winter Track and Field Classic at the Thomas A Robinson Track and Field Stadium.

"We don't want to take on the track meet this year because it would require further planning and time to get the invitations out to some of the elite athletes who Debbie and Chandra (Sturup) train with," Hollingsworth said.

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LOCAL NEWS

# Immigration officers get passport fraud training

SENIOR officers of the Immigration Department received special training in detecting fraudulent passports and related documents, by experts from the International Organisation for Migration (IOM).

The session, at the Immigration Department on Hawkins Hill, also focused training on passport fraud, tamper proof documents, how to scan, and bar code reading techniques.

Minister of State for Immigration Branville McCartney said he was delighted staff was undergoing such special training.

"I am always thrilled and excited by persons who seek to

upgrade themselves through education, whether higher learning, refresher courses or professional development courses," he said.

"I am a strong proponent that in order for us to realise any significant growth and development in the Immigration Department or any department for that matter, special emphasis must be placed on training and retraining."

Regarding immigration officers as the "keepers of the gate", Mr McCartney said their job is unique, as it requires a special breed of persons to carry out that responsibility.

"Yours is an awesome respon-

sibility especially given our archipelagic make up of islands and cays," Mr McCartney said.

The September 11 terrorist attack on the United States, he said, "has changed the world forever".

"In addition to having to guard against illegal persons, human smuggling, persons seeking to smuggle illegal contraband and substances," he said, "we must be on the lookout for terrorists, as our country's main industry is tourism."

"We depend on people visiting our shores and it is you we depend on to allow the right types of persons to enter our country."



DAVID GUTIERREZ of the International Organisation for Migration conducts a training seminar for senior immigration officers at the Immigration Department, November 2.

# Legacy of Bahamian pharmacist to boost science in public schools

FAMILY and supporters of the late E. Pedro Roberts II held a reception to launch a foundation in the late pharmacist's honour at the National Art Gallery of The Bahamas.

Mr Roberts was lauded for efforts to regulate the industry in The Bahamas and the Caribbean.

Mr Roberts' passion for science, and particularly pharmacology, in The Bahamas is expected to boost the science curriculum in three public schools and assist students whose desire is to become pharmacists achieve their dream through scholarships and support to their schools' science programmes.

At a ceremony, on what would have been Mr Roberts' 73rd birthday, family, friends and former colleagues from around the world assembled in a reception at the National Art Gallery of The Bahamas, to honour the great Bahamian and establish a foundation in his name.



PICTURED L-R ARE: E. Pedro Roberts III, son; Minister of Education, The Honourable Carl W. Bethel; Ann Marie Roberts, daughter; Jacqueline Roberts III; wife; Rosamund Williams; sister and Dr. Patrick Roberts, brother. Pictured at back is Rev. Philip Stubbs, Pastor, St. Michael's Methodist Church and Foundation member.

Mr Bethel also expressed gratitude to Mr Roberts' wife Jacqueline, son E. Pedro Roberts III and daughter, Ann Marie for the idea of honouring their loved-one by aiding the science programmes in public schools.

He pledged the Ministry of Education's support and encouraged more Bahamians to follow the example that the Roberts' family has set by creating a "living legacy" to keep the memory of their outstanding relatives alive rather than building a statue or naming a structure in his honour.

The three schools that will benefit significantly from the Foundation's generosity are the E. Roberts Primary School, which was named in

honour of the patron's father Enoch Pedro Roberts I, a prominent figure in education in a pre and post independent Bahamas located in the Englerston Community. C. H Reeves Junior and R. M Bailey Senior High Schools, the feeder schools for E. P. Roberts Primary will also be served by the foundation to ensure that students who demonstrate promise in the sciences at those schools receive assistance throughout their formative education.

The Foundation will also ensure that the science programmes furnish textbooks and other materials required to teach the subject, and that science instructors also benefit from training workshops.

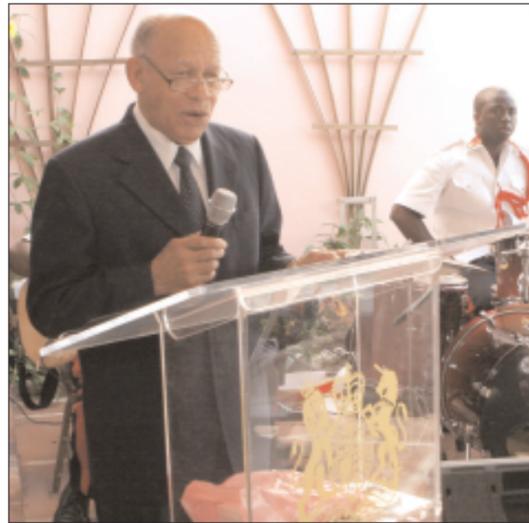
## Contribution

Minister of Education, Carl Bethel lauded Mr Roberts for his contributions to The Bahamas, specifically those in the fields of education, meteorology and pharmacology.

He stated that Mr Roberts would have been proud to know that the bill to regulate the Pharmaceutical industry in The Bahamas was passed into law by Parliament earlier this year.

It was a cause the trailblazing pharmacist lobbied for during his more than 40-year career.

# Ministry of Tourism hosts tea party



GOVERNOR-GENERAL Arthur D Hanna hosted the Ministry of Tourism's monthly tea party at Government House.



MISS BAHAMAS WORLD Joanna Brown is pictured performing on the steel pan during the Ministry of Tourism's tea party at Government House.



CORALEE ADDERLEY, Chief Hospital Administrator at the Princess Margaret Hospital (right) points to the site on which the new operating suite and support services building will be constructed on the grounds of the Princess Margaret Hospital. Also pictured from left are Herbert Brown, Managing Director of the Public Hospitals Authority, and Minister of Health, Hubert Minnis.

# New operating theatres to be constructed at PMH

CONSTRUCTION of three new operating theatres at the Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) will address some of the "significant deficiencies" in the surgical department there, Minister of Health Hubert Minnis said.

Dr Minnis said the deficiencies are a result of undersized theatres and failing infrastructure which were brought upon by the "significant growth" in the number of cases seen at the PMH that require surgery, in addition to growth in the demand for general, specialty and sub-specialty surgeries.

Construction of the new operating theatres will signal the largest capital investment project at the PMH in the past decade. Work is expected to start in mid 2010, with completion scheduled for 12 to 15 months later.

The contract signing at the PMH between the Public Hospitals Authority (PHA) and the Integrated Architect Lead Design Team, a Bahamian consortium, comes days after a similar project was launched at the Rand Memorial Hospital in Freeport, Grand Bahama.

"These initiatives underscore the Government's tangible commitment to the Bahamian people to improve, expand and upgrade our ageing and undersized health facilities," Dr Minnis said.

"Obviously the need to replace the Princess Margaret Hospital is pressing and is driven by current and projected issues such as population growth, changes in the levels and patterns of diseases, and changing methods and techniques in patient care."

"Recognizing that a new hospital will take, at a minimum, about six years to plan and construct, we have determined that key areas for improvements and development in the existing facility must be addressed in the interim."

"This includes urgent developments in areas such as the emergency room, eye wing, dialysis unit and the operating theatres," Dr Minnis said.

As a result, the decision was taken to construct the new suite and support services which will comprise the three operating theatres, day surgery clinics, post surgery clinics, and a com-

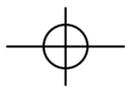
bined central surgical supplies department (CSSD) and medical surgical supplies department (MSSD)

"This new OR suite and CSSD/MSSD upgrade project is of the highest priority and addresses urgent medical, nursing and administrative concerns," Dr Minnis said.

The new theatre building will be designed and constructed so as to either serve as a day surgery facility after the new hospital is commissioned, or incorporated into the new hospital design, depending on the directional master-planning option selected, he explained.

"Aligned with this construction project is a parallel project for ensuring that the business processes, clinical and support services throughout the theatre department are of the highest possible quality, while maximizing resources," Dr Minnis said.

"The overall objective is to improve satisfaction amongst patients and providers while enhancing the overall performance and effectiveness of the Surgical Department at the Princess Margaret Hospital."



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**\$16m start-up extends fund raising until end-November**

By NEIL HARTNELL  
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A \$16 million Bahamian telecoms start-up yesterday confirmed that it extended the deadline for its private placement to end-November, having "not quite reached our goals" for capital raising by the initial end-October close.

Edison Sumner, IP Solutions International's president and chief executive, said the 'multiple play' communications services start-up was "confident" the deadline extension would enable it to complete raising the necessary \$16 million in capital.

Telling Tribune Business that the private placement had gone "pretty well", Mr Sumner said: "We haven't quite reached our goals, our projections, yet, but the Board has made a decision to extend the closing date for investors still coming in...."

"We decided to extend the closing date to accommodate those investors until the end of November. We're confident that will allow us to be able to complete the funding requirements we're looking for, and entertain proposals from new investors who were not part of the original grouping, yet have come in and expressed an interest in the company as well."

Mr Sumner said that investors among the 100-plus group initially targeted by IP Solutions International for financing had also requested more time to get their investment capital together.

IP Solutions International, which hopes to attract 5,000 subscribers to its 'multiple-play' product during its first operational year, is aiming to raise \$16 million through a combination of \$8 million in common stock/equity capital, \$4 million in preference shares and \$4 million in bank debt financing.

"We have had investors coming in so far to take both common and preferred stock," Mr Sumner told Tribune Business.

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**BTC says 1.472 per cent of turnover fee too 'excessive'**

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THE Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) has branded the various fees to be levied on communications sector operators, especially the 1.472 per cent of annual turnover it will have to pay in regulatory fees, as "excessive", warning that they will increase business costs, "distort" competition and act as barriers to market entry.

Felicity Johnson, BTC's vice-president of legal, regulatory and interconnection services, in an October 1, 2009, letter to the Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA), said that under the initial regulatory fee to be levied by URCA, the state-owned incumbent would pay "more than double the amount" it did under the previous legislation and regulatory

# 15% energy cost drop aids Cable's profit rise

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

Cable Bahamas has reduced its electricity costs by "about 15 per cent" year-to-date through a combination of energy-saving measures and lower fuel surcharges, Tribune Business was told yesterday, while revenues for its Internet and data services businesses were up 6.5 per cent and almost 10 per cent against 2008 comparatives.

Speaking after the BISX-listed company unveiled a 22.2 per cent increase in net income to \$22.946 million for the nine months to September 30, compared to \$18.777 million last year, Barry Williams, Cable Bahamas' vice-president of finance, said the decision to hold staff levels current had "paid off for us with the gains in operating expenses".

He added that the reduction in electricity costs had "helped quite a bit" in reducing Cable Bahamas' operating expenses for the first three quarters by just over 3 per cent, from \$29.895 million to \$28.989 million, a more dramatic improvement coming through in the third quarter with a 9.5 per cent decline - from \$10.602 million to \$9.595 million.

Mr Williams explained that Cable Bahamas had been able to generate "a lot of efficiencies" when it came to energy consumption by closing one of the three main buildings at its Robinson Road headquarters during the weekend and after-hours.

- \* Internet and Caribbean Crossings/Maxil revenues increase 6.5% and 10% respectively for first nine months in 2009, with web subscribers rising 4.6%
- \* Cable TV revenues 'flat', although basic package up by less than 1%
- \* Energy efficiency gains help Cable increase net income 22.2% to \$22.946m

"That has saved us a lot of money," he explained of the decision to completely shut down one building during those periods.

"We've been able to reduce our electricity costs by about 15 per cent for the year-to-date period this year compared to last year. That's a bit of fuel, because the rates have come down a bit, and a bit of efficiency gains by us - how we've utilised the administration buildings and the energy efficiencies we've put in."

Meanwhile, despite the recession, Cable Bahamas has continued to grow its top-line revenues, which increased by \$2.4 million or 4 per cent for the nine months to September 30, rising from \$60.903 million to \$63.342 million. For the third quarter, the three months to September 30, revenues rose by 3.6 per cent to \$21.261 million, compared to \$20.515 million in 2008.

"The main driver has continued to be on the Internet side of the business," Mr Williams said of Cable Bahamas' revenues. "The Internet really has become quite an important service for many, many consumers. It's a service that is not considered in the same light as

our discretionary premium services, which have been relatively flat, but we have gained in Internet this year. You can almost call it recession-proof. It's been really good for us."

Mr Williams said Cable Bahamas' Internet subscriber base had continued to expand beyond the 40,000 mark, increasing by 4.6 per cent year-to-date in 2009 compared to last year. For the same period, Internet revenues had risen year-over-year by 6.5 per cent.

As for the data services side, represented by Caribbean Crossings and Maxil Communications, Mr Williams said revenues had grown year-over-year by "just under 10 per cent" for 2009 to date.

Maxil, the BISX-listed company's web hosting and disaster recovery services provider, had seen "additional pick-up" and "more traction" for the latter product among its corporate and commercial clients.

"We picked up a bit of momentum on Caribbean Crossings last year that carried through to 2009," Mr Williams told Tribune Business. "That's some of the revenue growth we experienced in

the latter half of 2008 that we're experiencing now for the full nine months of 2009.

"We've helped and maintained most of that subscriber base and revenues, and that's helped to sustain that growth in 2009."

As for Cable Bahamas' core cable TV business, Mr Williams said it was "pretty much holding" and was on budgeted forecast for 2009, given that the company had anticipated some fall-off in premium services - Oceans digital TV and pay-per-view - as a result of the recession.

"Overall, compared to 2008 for the same period, basic cable is slightly up, although be less than 1 per cent," Mr Williams said. "It's up over the same period, but not significantly. On the premium side, we're basically flat and holding compared to the same period last year."

"Pay-per-view is, as you'd imagine, along with Ocean's Digital, where we have had the most challenges as they are discretionary products. But the

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## Solomon's Mines pays off many employees made redundant

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SOLOMON'S Mines has brought most staff payrolls up to date and paid-off many employees made redundant, *Tribune Business* has learned, although a minority are claiming not to have been paid.

Sources close to the struggling luxury goods retailer yesterday confirmed that some employees received the four to five months of salaries they were owed last week.

A telephone call made by

*Tribune Business* to the company's president and chief executive, Mark Finlayson, was not returned before press time last night, and Solomon's Mines' chief operating officer, Christine Turnquest, declined to comment.

However, some employees confirmed they had received their salaries and severance pay. A former employee, Cedric Smith, said that after more than one year of waiting, he received his severance pay yesterday after having being laid-off in May 2008.

"They finally sorted things

out with me today," said Mr Smith. "A lot of staff were thankful that I actually submitted something to *The Tribune*, but a lot of them are still afraid to speak up."

Some Solomon's Mines employees had been made to work for months without pay as executives sought to find a way to fulfill payroll obligations amid a decline in business. The former retail giant has been forced in recent years to shut down numerous store locations as it downsized to survive.

Solomon's Mines sources, and others close to the com-

pany, yesterday suggested Mr Finlayson has decided to step back from running the day-to-day operations and leave that to Ms Turnquest once staff payment arrears have been taken care of. However, that could not be independently verified.

It was also suggested that Mr Finlayson and his father, Sir Gareth 'Tiger' Finlayson, had financed payment of the sums owed to staff through selling part of their stake in Associated Bahamian Distillers and Brewers (ABDAB), the over-the-counter listed company that holds their equity interests in

Burns House and Commonwealth Brewery.

Several employees had previously taken Solomon's Mines to the Labour Board in search of their late payments.

The director of labour, Harcourt Brown, told this paper recently that his Department had been aware of the unpaid staff's claims since early this year, and his team had revisited the allegations.

"We have a number of meetings already underway with

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# Royal Caribbean profit falls 44 per cent in third quarter

**15% energy cost drop aids Cable's profit rise**

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By **ASHLEY M HEHER**  
AP Retail Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Travelers are still vacationing, but they're spending less when they do, Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. said in reporting that its third-quarter profit and revenue tumbled because it deeply discounted fares.

The cruise line said its traditionally slow fourth quarter will be even worse than usual, as last-minute travelers — particularly those from Florida who account for one-fifth of the vacationers on winter Caribbean cruises — stay home to wait out the economy.

"Like many other travel companies, we saw more strength than we expected during our peak season but have been experiencing more pricing pressure on some of our traditionally softer fall season sailings," Chairman and CEO Richard D Fain said in a statement when the results were released Tuesday.

The operator of Royal Caribbean International and Celebrity Cruises said its profit fell 44 per cent for the quarter to \$230.4 million, or \$1.07 per share, as its revenue skidded 17 per cent to \$1.76 billion.

Executives tried to quell concern that reservations for tours on the company's newest flagship — the world's largest cruise ship called Oasis of the Seas, which set sail to its home port last week — have been sluggish.

Fares on the Oasis, which is five times the size of the Titanic and can accommodate nearly 6,300 passengers, are high at \$1,299 to \$4,829. But Royal Caribbean, which has been cutting ticket prices on other cruises like others in the industry, has not discounted voyages on the Oasis — even if that means



ROYAL Caribbean's Majesty Of The Seas is shown docked in Key West, Florida...

(AP Photo)

sailing with empty berths.

"We're not prepared to engage in some of the discounting tactics that we see in the cruise space these days," Royal Caribbean International President & CEO Adam Goldstein told investors during a conference call. "So it is possible that we will have a slightly lower load factor in the end than we might otherwise have had if we were more aggressive."

Royal Caribbean trumped Wall Street expectations for its third-quarter profit and said

reservations began picking up in mid-September — at least in comparison with the low levels of last year as the recession began.

Analysts polled by Thomson Reuters on average forecast that Royal Caribbean, based in Miami, would earn \$1 per share on revenue of \$1.77 billion for the quarter.

Much of the stronger-than-expected third-quarter results came from an increase in reservations for trips with week-away departure dates.

For the rest of the year, Roy-

al Caribbean expects to earn 70 cents per share but it said it will lose five cents per share in the fourth quarter.

Analysts had expected the company to forecast a profit of four cents per share in the fourth quarter and 74 cents per share for the year.

Bernstein Research analyst Janet Brashear said in a note to investors that the company's fourth-quarter guidance was "surprisingly bad."

Royal Caribbean shares fell \$1.19, or 5.8 per cent, to \$19.43 in midday trading Tuesday.

## BTC says 1.472 per cent of turnover fee too 'excessive'

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Johnson said.

She pointed out that apart from the URCA annual licence fee, other fees would also be levied upon BTC and rival telecommunications/communications operators, in particular the Communications Licence fee payable to the Government.

This, Ms Johnson said, was equal to 3 per cent of a licensee's relevant annual turnover, meaning that in 2008 BTC, based on \$353.369 million in per annum revenue,

would have potentially paid \$10.601 million in Communications licence fees. Thus BTC could have possibly paid more than \$15 million in licence fees during 2008.

And this, according to BTC, did not include the spectrum licence fee which, along with the Communications licence fee, is to be collected by URCA from operators and passed on to the Treasury. Operators who paid the annual URCA licence fee were also expected to pay a Utilities Appeal Tribunal fee.

"BTC is of the opinion that the fees that are based on the licensee's relevant turnover (being both the Communications licence fee and the URCA fee) represent a significant cost and an implicit risk to BTC," Ms Johnson said.

Urging the sector regulator to determine how annual licence fees were to be calculated "as soon as possible", she added: "BTC is of the opinion that the multiple fees and their percentages being levied are a cause for concern."

"Given the full gamut of the fees required to be paid by an individual licensed operator, BTC is concerned that a cap on fees ought to have been considered and adopted, as the levy of multiple fees may be prohibitive to the investment in new services."

"Furthermore, BTC is also concerned that URCA's fees, added to the fees associated with doing business in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, such as business licence fees and real property taxes, as well as the communications fee and spectrum fee under the Communications Act and the Utilities Appeal Tribunal fees, could create barriers to entry into the market. Arguably, these levies could also, in BTC's view, distort competition."

Responding to BTC's concerns, URCA said the 1.472 per cent of annual turnover licence fee to be levied on the state-

owned incumbent was a 16-month fee, not one for a single year. It explained that it was initially levying a 16-month fee to take account of the fact that it will have been in existence for four months in 2009, from September to December.

"If pro-rated, this would be equivalent to an annual URCA fee of 1.1 per cent," the regulator said. "An annual URCA fee of 1.1 per cent is not excessive by international standards, and is reasonable when benchmarked to other like-jurisdictions."

### Regulatory

URCA said that within the Caribbean, regulatory licence fees ranged from 0.3 per cent of annual turnover in Jamaica to 7 per cent in the Turks & Caicos Islands. For ECTEL member states such as Dominica, Grenada and St Vincent and the Grenadines, regulatory licence fees were set at 3 per cent of turnover.

The Bahamian regulatory authority said fees in Jamaica were relatively low due to the size of the market and number of operators, which helped to share the burden of regulatory costs, plus the fact that the Jamaican supervisory body was also funded by other utility sectors.

Further strengthening its argument on the fees issue, URCA said other low-tax jurisdictions, such as Guernsey and Jersey, which also had international financial centres, levied fees at 1.4 per cent and 0.75 per cent of turnover respectively.

Pledging the Bahamian licensee may experience a reduction in licence fees from 2010 onwards, URCA said the increased fees "reflects the increase in workload for URCA", as it moved to carry out its functions under the new Act, ensure competition and "implement a more robust regulatory regime to overcome

many legacy issues".

Implicitly criticising its regulatory predecessor, URCA said it had increased its training budget to enhance staff skills, while the budget for advisors, consultants and professional services had been bolstered.

"The level of external advice by consultants and the implementation of that advice were significantly under-utilised by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC)," URCA said.

It added that spectrum fees would now be transferred by URCA to the Treasury, replacing the previous arrangement where the PUC received revenues from spectrum fees and radiocommunications equipment licences from activities carried out by the Bahamas Maritime Authority.

Activities previously licensed by the BMA were now either licence exempt or not considered communications services under the new legislation, URCA said, while many licences issued by the PUC had also become exempt or non-licensable, thus avoiding fees.

"Overall, the impact of these changes on the inflow of funds to URCA will be negative, resulting in a projected funds inflow loss of approximately \$1.7 million," the regulator said.

Responding to BTC's concerns that the licence fees, together with business licence fees and real property taxes, would be cost prohibitive, URCA said the 3 per cent Communications Licence fee was not a 'new tax' but a "transparent fee" to replace the "myriad" fees paid under the previous supervisory regime.

"In URCA's view, the combined 'tax' burden on licensees is still likely to be relatively lower than in jurisdictions that have a corporate tax regime, with rates typically ranging between 20-35 per cent, and licensees also pay the equivalent licence or URCA fees," the regulator said.

## \$16m start-up extends fund raising until end-November

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"We've been able to track capital coming in for both common and preferred stock."

IP Solutions International, he explained, would only seek out bank debt financing once the private placement was completed, implying that the company was hoping the private placement would be oversubscribed - thus reducing the amount of debt needed.

Declining to state how much IP Solutions International had raised by its initial October 30 deadline, Mr Sumner told Tribune Business: "We have been successful in raising some capital. We are not quite at the stage we want to be, but we have some capital in hand and are working through the next several weeks to shore up the balance outstanding."

Despite the need to extend the capital raising deadline, Mr Sumner said IP Solutions International's plans to start deploying its services to Bahamas-based clients by the 2010 first quarter "have not changed".

"We still have the same projections in mind for the roll-out," he explained. "We are still on target for that, on target to have the equipment commissioned by year-end, and on target to have services offered to the public by the first quarter of next year."

IP Solutions International is targeting Bahamian consumers with a 'multiple play' proposition of services delivered via a wireless Internet infra-

structure. Among the product offering will be news, entertainment, movies, TV and video-type games of a non-casino variety.

Apart from Bahamian businesses and households, the key markets for IP Solutions International will also be the nation's hotel industry and private gated communities.

IP Solutions was looking at between \$8 million and \$10-\$12 million to finance its capital expenditure needs, which would go towards construction of its regional head-end and wireless infrastructure.

The company had "got traction" in the wider Caribbean, Mr Sumner previously told Tribune Business, and "pretty much the entire region is going to be our playground".

"We've been talking to people around the region," he added, "and people are encouraged that the Bahamas is finally catching up on its communications legislation and liberalisation, and we're glad to be the first ones out of the gate to provide a triple-play package."

"We're thinking that once we get the Bahamas deployed, we'll probably look at the Caribbean in two years. It could be sooner, depending on how quickly we get the Bahamas done."

IP Solutions International, Mr Sumner said, was also set to appoint an ambassador/ envoy to develop its relationships around the Caribbean while it was focused on deploying services in the Bahamas.

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**BUSINESS**

# 'Too little' Bahamian ownership in resorts

By **CHESTER ROBARDS**  
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A RESORT industry association will this month hold its largest-ever conference in the Bahamas, in a bid to reverse the lack of Bahamian participation and ownership in large, branded hotel properties.

HILTON and Marriot hotels are set to sponsor the summit at the British Colonial Hilton that is being organised by the National Association of Black Hotel Owners, Operators and Developers (NABHOOD).

Andy Ingraham, the Association's president and chief executive, said this will be the largest conference his association has organised in the Bahamas. The first annual Bahamas hotel ownership, investment and hospitality summit and trade show is slated to run for three days, beginning on November 19.

Mr Ingraham said the Bahamas has too little Bahamian interest in large branded resort properties, and even less ownership. He said the summit was designed to give Bahamians the opportunity to explore their options through a resort ownership association steered by globally prominent brands.

"This event will bring together local and international investors, along with manufacturers, suppliers and industry representatives who are looking to do business in the lodging and hospitality sector in the Bahamas," said a NABHOOD statement.

"The summit is designed to educate attendees on how to become a hotel owner or investor, how to provide goods and services, share travel trends and about opportunities available in the hospitality industry."

The summit is sponsored by Hilton Worldwide, Marriott International, Uptown Magazine, Hotel Business and Lodging Hospitality Magazine.

"It will open with private meetings between local business people and industry representatives, followed by the opening reception," NABHOOD said.

Managing Director of the HVS Global Hospitality Services (Caribbean), Parris Jordan, said his company is a contributing partner to the hotel summit. HVS recently brought its first Caribbean office to Nassau, Bahamas.

Mr Jordan said his firm will give an overview of the market at the summit and speak to interested Bahamian developers and government about investment opportunities and key indicators in those markets.

"We plan to have conferences, along with the Bahamas Hotel Association and NABHOOD," he said.

Speakers from Hilton Worldwide, Marriott International, NABHOOD and the US department of energy are expected to make presentations to summit participants.

"This is a great opportunity to learn about the industry and meet potential partners," said Mike Roberts, chairman of NABHOOD and owner of 14 hotels in the US.

NABHOOD added: "Industry professionals will lead workshops that will spark discussion on hotel ownership, public/private partnerships, financing, franchising, investment opportunities, creating new tourism attractions, joint-venture partnerships, developing new restaurant concepts including design & operations and employment & supplier opportunities."

Mr Ingraham said NABHOOD will award Bahamian hotelier Nettie Symonette, of Casaurinas Resort, Cable Beach, with its trialblazer award.

# US ambassador pledges to build on Chamber linkage

THE newly-appointed US Ambassador to the Bahamas, Nicole Avant, pledged to build on the existing relationship with the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce during a courtesy call on the organisation.

The Chamber and US Embassy have a long-established working relationship, and have partnered on several key initiatives and events, including the upcoming Annual Energy Show and the Business Development Seminar and Franchise Show.

Chamber president, Khaalis Rolle, led discussions with Ambassador Avant on key areas of cooperation between the business community and

the Embassy. Both parties reinforced their commitment to the creation of opportunities for alliances with US businesses and the Bahamian private sector.

## Education

The Chamber also emphasised its commitment to education, and discussed the creation of its Labour and Education Committee. Having worked closely with the University of Southern California's high school mentorship programme, Ambassador Avant promised to assist the Chamber in its efforts to improve the standard of education in The Bahamas.



IN FRONT ROW (l-r) are Yvette Sands, Chamber honorary secretary, US Ambassador Nicole Avant, Khaalis Rolle, Chamber president, Philip Simon, Chamber executive director. BACK ROW (l-r) are Odley Aritis, director, Pedro Roberts, director, Merritt Storr, director, Felix Stubbs, director, Creswell Gardiner, director and Tim Covington, director...

Photo by Tim Ayles

## Solomon's Mines pays off many employees made redundant

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lawyers and management at Solomon's Mines," Mr Brown said. "The ones that come in - attention is firstly directed toward those employees, and as far as any other employees are concerned... inspectors have gone down to speak to management."

Mr Brown said his department has done a good job at addressing the cases, as "a good percentage of them" have been looked at.

He said many of those cases centre around the luxury goods retailer's alleged failure to meet payroll obligations, and insisted the company has been extremely cooperative with the Department of Labour.

Mr Finalyson had admitted earlier this year that the company was facing financial difficulties due to the bleak economic conditions, and said staff would be paid as soon as the capital could be raised.

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Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 137 (8) of the International Business Companies Act, 2000, **LITTMAN INVESTMENTS HOLDINGS LIMITED**, has been dissolved and struck off the Register according to the Certificate of Dissolution issued by the Registrar General on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October, A.D., 2009.

Dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October A.D., 2009

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IN THE SUPREME COURT COM/GEN/00182  
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**GODFREY COLLIE**  
d/k/a 'Common Cause' *Plaintiff*

vs.

**REUBEN W. FOX II**  
(d/b/a 'Wine Bar Imports') *1st Defendant*

AND

**THE NEW PROVIDENCE LICENSING AUTHORITY** *2nd Defendant*

## NOTICE

**To: The Plaintiff, Godfrey Collie**

Pursuant to an Order of the Supreme Court in this matter dated the 19th day of October, A.D., 2009 **TAKE NOTICE** that:

- Applications have been made against you by way of Summonses filed on the 27th day of April and the 11th day of June, A.D., 2009 by the 1st and 2nd Defendants respectively and claiming the following relief:
  - An Order pursuant to Order 18 Rule 19(1)(a)(b) and/or (c) of R.S.C. 1978 and under the inherent jurisdiction of the Court that the Indorsement on the Writ of Summons filed herein on the 13th day of February A.D. 2009 be struck out as against the Defendants on the grounds that:
    - It discloses no reasonable cause of action;
    - It is frivolous or vexatious; and
    - It is otherwise an abuse of the process of the Court.
  - An Order that this action be dismissed as against the Defendants.
  - An Order that the Plaintiff do pay the Defendants' costs of and occasioned by this action.
- Publication of this Notice hereby constitutes service of the said Summonses upon you.

The Plaintiff may obtain the said Summonses and supporting documents from the Chambers of Cedric L. Parker & Co. and/or the Office of the Attorney General during normal office hours.

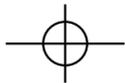
**AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the **Adjourned Hearing** upon the said Summonses shall take place before His Lordship Mr. Justice Stephen Isaacs in Chambers at the Senate Building, Parliament Street, Nassau, Bahamas on the **16th day of November A.D. 2009 at the hour of 12 o'clock in the afternoon.**

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# Taste



HOME-MADE grouper fingers and golden fries with tartar sauce.

Café Willie

# Café Willie

First class cuisine in a casual setting

By REUBEN SHEARER  
Tribune Features Reporter

A CASUAL dining experience awaits you at Café Willie, an establishment where you can come as you are and enjoy first class food.

The restaurant is a subsidiary of Chez Willie, which offers some of the finest in Bahamian and French cuisine.

Walk into the Chezplex on West Bay Street and you find two restaurants under one roof.

Café Willie offers casual fine dining; you get the same upscale Chez Willie dining experience, only at more reasonable prices.

As you walk into the café, you immediately get a sense of elegance and intimacy.

Owner Willie Armstrong told *Tribune Taste*: "People think we're very expensive, but the quality of service is right on par with menus from other high class restaurants."

"My background has been of an upscale level, taking care of celebri-

ties from around the world and locally. We're exceptional in what we do and we offer a very expensive type of quality food and service with very affordable prices. That's the reason why they came up with the Café Willie brand for Bahamians to have options - an affordable lunch special and huge menu, which includes the same types of food for the dinner."

"We modified the prices to the degree where people can afford it now. We know people are trying to rebound from the economy. We're giving the same quality service," he said.

There is a standard menu, but if there's something you want that isn't on it, the café's cooks will whip up the meal you desire.

Head Chef Troy Culmer said customers have been raving about the menu choices, which range from roast beef and fish sandwiches to a variety of veggie and chicken fettuccine pastas.

"They can't believe that we've responded so well in recession year and offer such great value," Mr Armstrong said.

Dishes on the menu include seafood fettuccine - a dish made with fresh shrimp and huge chunks of tenderised conch.

You will fall in love with its sump-

tuous flavour and it's a wonderful alternative to the usual chicken fettuccine. There is also the chicken salad which has a touch of lime and the chef conch chowder made with fresh vegetables.

Home-made grouper fingers served with golden brown French fries are also a hit at the café.

And when it comes to peas n' rice, Chef Culmer said he came up with his own special seasoning which gives the side dish a unique and natural flavour.

The menu also boasts lobster and puff pastries, chateaubriand steaks, pastas, salads, and vegetarian dishes are also available.

The wine selection is unlimited.

"The menu will expand at the end of the year, so we're trying to limit what we put out there right now. Customers are excited about the new menu options," Chef Culmer said.

And don't be surprised if you spot the who's who of local and international celebrities. A host of celebrities including Sharon Stone, Sidney Poitier, Pierce Brosnan, Danny Devito, Montel Williams and Sean Connery have dined at the restaurant over the years.

Lunch is served from 11.45am until 4.30 pm. Dinner is served from 6pm to 11pm during the week.



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• **Guy Fawkes Celebration at the Maillis Farm**  
August Moon Café invites the public to celebrate Guy Fawkes night this Friday at the Maillis Farm's beach pavilion in Adelaide. Attendees will be treated to a bonfire, fireworks, traditional British cuisine, including \$3 beers, wine and mulled drinks. Tickets are \$50 for adults, \$15 for children. All tickets must be purchased in advance with reservations. Contact Catherine at 362-6631 for more information.

• **The Nassau Music Society presents 'Duo Albek' in concert.**  
This Saturday and Sunday, the internationally recognised duo of Fiona Albek (piano) and Ambra Albek (violin) will perform two concerts:  
On Saturday at 7.30pm (attendees asked to be seated by 7pm) at the Government House Ballroom.  
On Sunday at 5.30pm (attendees asked to be seated by 5pm) at St Paul's Church Hall, Lyford Cay.  
The duo presents their music in a most entertaining way, explaining the pieces in lovely accents that come from translating the European tongues into English.  
Their programme will include music by Grieg, Luchetti, Kreisler, Dvorak and Albeniz.  
Tickets are \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members and \$10 for students and can be purchased from The Nassau Music Society in the SG Private Banking Building on West Bay St (302-5146); from AD Hanna & Co (322-8306) or, in Lyford Cay, from Moir & Co (362-4895), or at the door (if available). For more information visit [www.nassaumusicsociety.org](http://www.nassaumusicsociety.org).

• **Film Series continues at the National Art Gallery**  
This Thursday at 7pm, the National Art Gallery of the Bahamas presents 'Antonia's Line' - a 1995 Dutch movie that follows the lives of quirky small town residents through the generations.  
To this town, Antonia returns with her daughter after being away for 20 years. Covering the next 40 years, 'Antonia's Line' looks at the matriarch and her offspring. A whimsical story with fairy tale conventions, this movie deals with the cyclical nature of time and the strength of women.  
Call 328-5800/1 or visit [www.nagb.org.bs](http://www.nagb.org.bs) for more information.

• **Alliance Française des Bahamas presents its movie night**  
This Friday, at 6.30pm, the Alliance Française hosts Cine Club: "Un Long Dimanche de Fiançailles" - a war time romance starring Oscar winner Marion Cotillard, Audrey Tautou, Gaspard Ulliel and Jodie Foster.  
The movie, French language with English subtitles, will be shown at the Private Banking Building, West Bay Street. Donation: \$5.  
Reserve tickets at 302-5141, from 9am and 12.30pm. Visit [www.afbahamas.org](http://www.afbahamas.org) for information.  
The Alliance Française des Bahamas is a non-profit organisation dedicated to the promotion of the French Language and Culture.

## Countdown on for the MILLENNIUM COUNTDOWN CONCERT

**P**REPARATIONS are in the final stages for this year's Millennium Countdown Concert, which organisers promise will set new standards for entertainment in the Bahamas.

This Saturday at the Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre, under the theme "The Recession Session", DownSound Records and Sigma Management present the Millennium Countdown Concert IX.

Event organisers said they can guarantee an experience of a lifetime.

"This is not a concert, but an event to keep negativity at bay and to uplift the senses," organisers said.

Iyvlyn Cassar, director at Experta Trust Company, said that the lineup for this year will "blow you away."

Performers will include Beeniemann; Vybes Kartel and the Portmore Empire (Black Ryno, Jah Vinchi, Sean Storm and Lisa Hype); Queen Ifrika; I-Octane; Harry Toddler; Tempricher; G Warren; El Padrino; Rebirth; Bahama Boys; Billy Steels; Sammy Star, Boboken and Smurf.

Frank Forbes of Sigma Management said: "The most challenging group in our society are young Bahamians. The youth do all the work, all the workers will be in the challenged grassroot areas. Count-

down is here to help our society, youth, bring some economic prosperity."

Over the years, the Millennium Countdown has consistently brought top Jamaican artists to the Bahamas, many for the first time. Artists who performed at past concerts include Buju Banton, Capleton, Luciano, Yellow Man, Anthony B, Jah Cure, Lady Saw, Tanya Stephenson, Morgan Heritage, and many more.

Additionally, the Millennium Countdown has sponsored various community projects such as donating computers to various high schools over the years and conducting school seminars where performing artists spoke to the students. This year, Queen Ifrika visited two high schools to speak to students about the absolute necessity of eradicating violence.

Organisers have also introduced the Millennium Countdown Award for Excellence. Athletes are the group to be honoured for 2009.

The winner of this award will receive a \$5,000 cheque payable to the recipient's favourite charity.

Organisers said this year the production will introduce a new concept to patrons who attend the platinum section of the concert which will set new entertainment standards.

For those who can't quite wait for Saturday, the concert organisers are hosting a special pre-party at Cocktails and Dreams on Friday.

Call (242) 322-2474 for ticket reservations and more information, or visit [millenniumcountdown.com](http://millenniumcountdown.com).



## This is it! - Final curtain call for the King of Pop

By JEFFARAH GIBSON

THE King of Pop's reign has come to an end, but he has left us with one last gift - a final and rare behind-the-scenes look at Michael Jackson the artist, the perfectionist.

The documentary "This is it" lets us see for the first time in a very long while 'MJ' as we knew before all the child abuse allegations, court cases and the weird tabloid tales about "wacko jacko".

The film takes the audience on a journey of the singing sensation's final days as he rehearsed for the 50 sold-out concerts that were set to begin in London in July of this year.

Jackson did not intend for the documentary to be seen by the general public, as it was for his 'personal library' only.

Unfortunately, the entertainer died before he was able to return the stage and to his millions of adoring fans.

But Kenny Ortega, director of the film, never allows the audience to dwell on the

fact the Jackson is no longer alive - there was no text that appeared on the screen saying 'in loving memory', and no footage from the media circus that surrounded the performer's death on June 29, 2009.

The documentary rather aims to celebrate the life of this legendary artist and give the audience a very rare glimpse of the man behind the star.

And indeed it was a celebration at Galleria Cinemas last weekend. The moment MJ appeared on the screen and begun singing, "You wanna be startin' something, gat to be startin' something", the audience screamed "go Michael, go!". It almost felt as if we were watching an actual live performance.

Not to mention, at age 50, Jackson looked and sounded better than ever, his signature vocals were still as strong as during his Motown years, and he moved and grooved as if he had all the energy in the

world.  
We also see Jackson the director, as he directed the musical melodies of "The Way You Make Me Feel".

At this point in the film there was an interesting exchange between Jackson and the pianist Michael Bearden. The exchange became heated because of Bearden's misinterpretation of what MJ wanted. It wasn't that he didn't play the song well, but Jackson simply wanted a little more.

"I want you to play it like you are dragging yourself out of bed," Jackson said. Then Bearden replied, "I can't predict how you want songs to sound." Jackson then snapped back, "I want it played the way I wrote it."

During practices Jackson continued to reinvent himself, incorporating new hip moves, and adding them to the old ones.

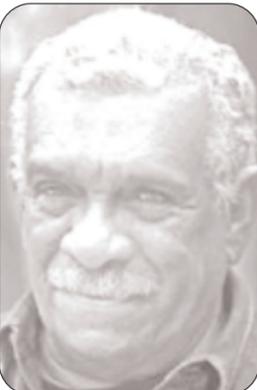
And not wanting to strain his million-dollar vocal chords, he would say at times,

"I am saving my voice."

His goal was to put on an explosive concert that would go down in history as a never-before-seen musical extravaganza. And viewing the documentary it is safe to say that he was headed in the right direction.

His legendary hit 'Thriller' was remade into a 3D video which was supposed to be used as a backdrop for the actual performance. And at the end of "They don't care about us" the backdrop showed a large group of men wearing futuristic costumes marching in unison.

Although the film is rather short at 112 minutes, overall it was well put together and I can recommend it to anyone, fans and critics alike. No matter what they might have called him - weird, crazy, child molester - everyone would probably agree after watching this film that he was one of the greatest performers of all time. From me "This Is It" gets five stars.



Derek Walcott

## COB hosts Caribbean's first Nobel Prize winner

By JEFFARAH GIBSON

A 'once-in-a-lifetime' experience - this is what two exciting events featuring renowned Caribbean Nobel Prize winner Derek Walcott promise to be.

When the 79-year-old literary giant addresses the Fourth Annual Anatol Rodgers Memorial Lecture Series and the Construction Seminar next week, the development of the Caribbean region will

be on top of the agenda.

The College of the Bahamas, in conjunction with the Construction Seminar Group, will host the Caribbean's first Nobel Prize winner. This is also the first time the Bahamas has ever welcomed a Nobel Laureate.

During his lecture series, Mr Walcott - a playwright, poet, writer, visual artist and theater critic - will speak on the topics of art, politics, and Caribbean culture.

He will further address the critical issue of 'The Impact of Foreign Direct Investment' at the Construction Seminar 2009, also to be held at COB.

Mr Walcott will explore whether or not foreign investment is a viable and sustainable strategy for the development of the Caribbean.

President of the Engineering Group and member of the Construction Seminar Lelawatte Manoo-Rahming told *Tribune Entertainment* she anticipates Mr Walcott's

address will be both enlightening and thought-provoking. "Nobel Prize winner Derek Walcott is not only a literary giant but also an advocate for sustainable development. Mr Walcott has strong views on the development of the Caribbean. I am sure his keynote address will be informative, provocative and unforgettable," she said.

The Bahamas hosting a Noble Laureate is an honour and 'a highly celebrated experience', said Dr Majorie Brooks-Jones, chair of the School of English Studies at COB.

"It is truly an honour for the College to have Noble Laureate Derek Walcott as our special guest for this year's Anatol Rodgers Memorial Lecture Series. One of the most prolific writers of our time, Walcott represents the very best of the Caribbean artistry, intellectual achievement and culture. His visit to the College of the

Bahamas is a once in a lifetime opportunity not to be missed," she said.

Over the years as a literary scholar, Mr Walcott has recorded many achievements. He was the winner of the 1992 Noble Prize in Literature, and has also produced a number of prize winning plays, poems and essays, including his Nobel Prize winning speech 'The Antilles: Fragments of Epic Memory, Omeros, Tiepolo's Hound, The Prodigal, Dream on Monkey Mountain, and Ti-Jean.' He has had a significant influence on literature in the Caribbean.

Born in St Lucia in 1930, he went on to establish the Trinidad Theatre Workshop in 1959, which gave birth to some of his earliest plays, and the Boston Playwright's Theatre at the Boston University in 1981.

He retired from the Creative Writing Department at Boston University in 2007, and this year, will start in a three-year distinguished scholar-in-residence position at the University of Alberta.

Mr Walcott has also been honoured by the MacArthur Foundation, the Royal Society of Literature and by Her Majesty the Queen.

The general public is invited to attend the Anatol Rodgers Lecture Series and the Construction Seminar which will be held at COB on Thursday, November 12 and Friday, November 13, respectively.

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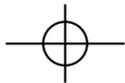
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ARTS

# Artist 'Big Mo' to open 15th Annual Festival Noel

**A**LTHOUGH we may not be feeling the turning of the season just yet, the organisers of Festival Noel 2009 are gearing up to make the event's 15-year anniversary a success.

The event will be held on December 4 at the Rand Nature Centre from 7pm to 10 pm and will mark a milestone in the festival's existence.

Festival Noel is the event that officially marks the beginning of the Christmas season and is an event that many Grand Bahamians look forward to every year. Serving as the annual fundraiser for the Grand Bahama branch of the Bahamas National Trust (BNT), this year's contributions will go towards the redevelopment of the watchable wildlife pond at the Rand Nature Centre.

Holding true to its cultural backbone, the event serves as a wine tasting and art exhibition. Many excellent artists have joined the event in the past and this year, Anthony Morley, also known as "Big Mo", will be the honorary guest artist.

Mr Morley discovered his passion for art at the ripe age of nine while attending primary school in Grand Bahama.

As he continued through secondary school and high school, his artistic talents progressed.

During his teenage age years, Mr Morley also developed an admiration for photography and became his school's yearbook photographer and lab technician at what was then known as Freeport High



Clean linen



Anthony Morley

School. During Big Mo's senior year, he won several distinct honours including top honours in the Ministry of Education National Arts and Crafts Festival in Painting, Drawing and Photography.

Mr Morley, whose painting techniques include fine art photo realism, brush stroke impressionism and knife painting, recently opened his "Islands In Da' Sun" exhibition in Nassau, where he currently resides.

He set out with his passion for photography and painting on a journey to visit as many historic and common places throughout Nassau as he could and took various pictures, which he then compiled into paintings to make up the 25 pieces of his exhibit.

Now, with over 35 years of creative experience, he is getting ready to open Festival Noel 2009 with his work, which depicts the culture and natural, simplistic beauty of the Bahamas.

A true artist of his people, he said: "I would love to see 'we Bahami-

ans' continue to support local artists and hope that one day soon the world will beat a path to our shores for our art."

The festival's committee said it is excited to have such a talented artist participating in the event, and is currently contacting and seeking other artists who would like to join the festival to present their work.

The committee is also searching for restaurants who want to lay their cooks' talents on the line to battle it out to win the title of 'Chef Noel 2009'.

During last year's event, Agave won the Chef Noel title and walked away with several prizes including a year's worth of advertising in the Bahama Buy and Sell.

Organisers have kicked it up a notch and plan many surprises including a twist in the recipe of the Chef Noel competition.

The culinary competition in which restaurants whip up some of their best and most exquisite dishes has always drawn a crowd. In an effort to connect with local up and coming

chefs, the restaurants this year will be asked to sponsor a student from the College of the Bahamas to compete on their behalf with the assistance of the restaurant's staff. The guests, also known as the "official tasters" of the event will then sample and vote for the top chef in Grand Bahama.

Several musicians have already signed up and will entertain the crowds with their smooth jazz sounds and help bring the holiday cheer. The musicians to date include the Joe Fox Trio, soloist Erik Russell and classical guitar musician Steve Persaud. Door prizes and raffles will replace the silent auction from past years and assist the Bahamas National Trust in obtaining further contributions for this great cause.

As the date of the events draws near, more information will be disclosed, including where to purchase tickets and other surprises. Tickets for Festival Noel will go on sale in November but for more information interested persons can contact the Rand Nature Centre at 352-5438.



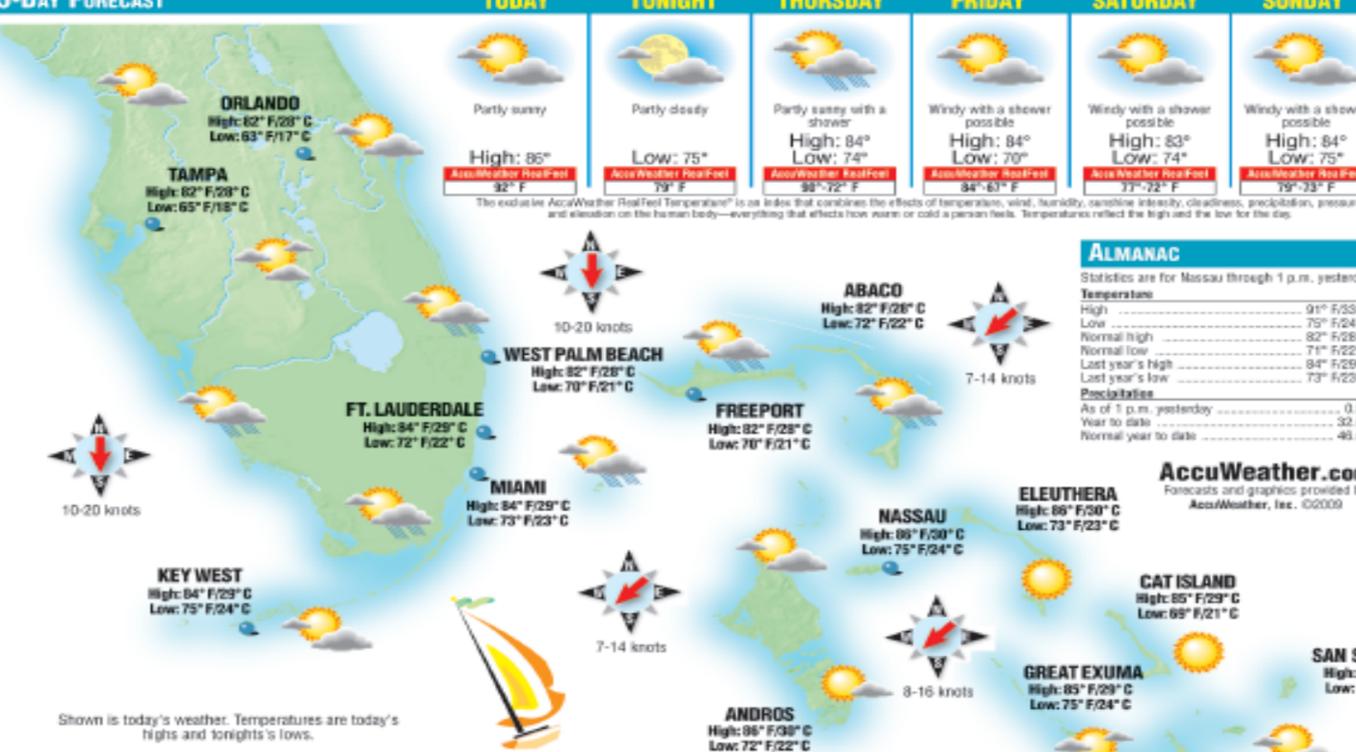
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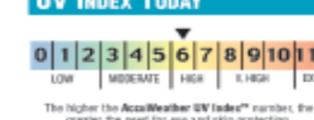


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### 5-DAY FORECAST



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### TIDES FOR NASSAU

Time	High	HL (ft.)	Low	HL (ft.)
Today	8:20 a.m.	3.5	1:55 a.m.	-0.1
	8:38 p.m.	2.7	2:49 p.m.	0.1
Thursday	9:07 a.m.	3.5	2:41 a.m.	-0.1
	9:26 p.m.	2.6	3:38 p.m.	0.1
Friday	9:58 a.m.	3.4	3:30 a.m.	0.0
	10:20 p.m.	2.6	4:31 p.m.	0.3
Saturday	10:52 a.m.	3.3	4:24 a.m.	0.1
	11:20 p.m.	2.5	5:27 p.m.	0.3
Sunday	11:51 a.m.	3.2	5:25 a.m.	0.3
	12:25 a.m.	2.6	6:33 a.m.	0.4
Monday	12:54 p.m.	3.1	7:25 p.m.	0.4
Tuesday	1:34 a.m.	2.6	7:44 a.m.	0.6
	1:58 p.m.	2.9	8:26 p.m.	0.3

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Statistics are for Nassau through 1 p.m. yesterday

High	91° F/33° C
Low	75° F/24° C
Normal High	82° F/28° C
Normal Low	71° F/22° C
Last year's high	84° F/29° C
Last year's low	73° F/23° C

Precipitation  
As of 1 p.m. yesterday: 0.00"  
Year to date: 32.02"  
Normal year to date: 49.64"

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### INSURANCE MANAGEMENT TRACKING MAP



### SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:19 a.m.	Nearset	6:57 p.m.
Sunset	6:27 p.m.	Nearset	8:11 a.m.

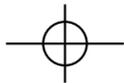
Phase	Date
Last	Nov. 9
Now	Nov. 16
First	Nov. 24
Fall	Dec. 2

### MARINE FORECAST

Location	Today	WINDS	WAVES	VISIBILITY	WATER TEMPS.
ABACO	Today: NE at 7-14 Knots	4-7 Feet	10 Miles	82° F	
ANDROS	Today: NE at 8-16 Knots	4-8 Feet	6 Miles	82° F	
CAT ISLAND	Today: NE at 7-14 Knots	1-2 Feet	10 Miles	83° F	
CROOKED ISLAND	Today: NE at 8-16 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	83° F	
ELEUTHERA	Today: NE at 8-16 Knots	3-5 Feet	10 Miles	83° F	
FREEPORT	Today: NE at 7-14 Knots	3-5 Feet	10 Miles	83° F	
GREAT EXUMA	Today: NE at 10-20 Knots	1-2 Feet	10 Miles	82° F	
GREAT INAGUA	Today: ENE at 8-16 Knots	3-5 Feet	7 Miles	84° F	
LONG ISLAND	Today: NE at 8-16 Knots	1-2 Feet	10 Miles	83° F	
MAYAGUANA	Today: ENE at 8-16 Knots	3-5 Feet	10 Miles	83° F	
NASSAU	Today: NE at 6-12 Knots	3-5 Feet	10 Miles	82° F	
SAN SALVADOR	Today: ENE at 10-20 Knots	2-4 Feet	10 Miles	84° F	
RAGGED ISLAND	Today: NE at 7-14 Knots	2-4 Feet	10 Miles	83° F	



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# The Arts

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2009

## Master of the digital arts

Digital artist wins Central Bank competition for third time

By REUBEN SHEARER  
Tribune Features Reporter

**T**HE art work as been taken down, the heat of the competition is over and one top-notch artist has emerged victorious in the Central Bank of the Bahamas (CBOB) Art Exhibition and Competition's open category.

Lavar Munroe, a 26-year-old Bahamian freelance illustrator who resides in North Carolina and has been entering the competition since high school, beat out more than 50 other artists to capture the 'The Central Bank Award'. He has won the competition three times, and also placed second and third over the years.

The winning piece, a digital collage which was submitted for the theme 'Redefining the Portrait', is far from the ordinary.

But many of the contending pieces this year were unusual, making the judges' job of choosing the winner quite a difficult task.

"It was a long deliberating process," CBOB exhibit curator Heino Schmid said.

He told *Tribune Art* that the three pieces which intrigued the judges the most were done by Dylan Rappillard, Kendall Hannah, and the winner Lavar Munroe.

Lavar is believed to currently be the only artist practicing this unique form of digital art, and for the most part, critics have responded favourably to his work.

Some have described it as "bright, fun, eerie (art) that really makes you think."

Lavar's piece features animals being trampled on in the background, and a frail unclothed man riding a horse wearing a coat of many colours.

Although Lavar was unable to make it to the awards ceremony, his father was excited to accept the \$7,000 award on his behalf.

Speaking with *Tribune Art* last week, Lavar said he is grateful for the award.

He said that his piece is a self-portrait (there is a vivid

depiction of his face in the piece) that reflects "humans bridging their past to a better future."

It speaks to "moving forward in life and not stagnating," he said.

Addressing the issues of life, death, family and culture, Lavar explained that he "wanted to tell a story and force a controversial conversation."

"Seeing that it's dominated by animals, I put myself in that same category. It's a question to the audience, as to what type of creature am I.

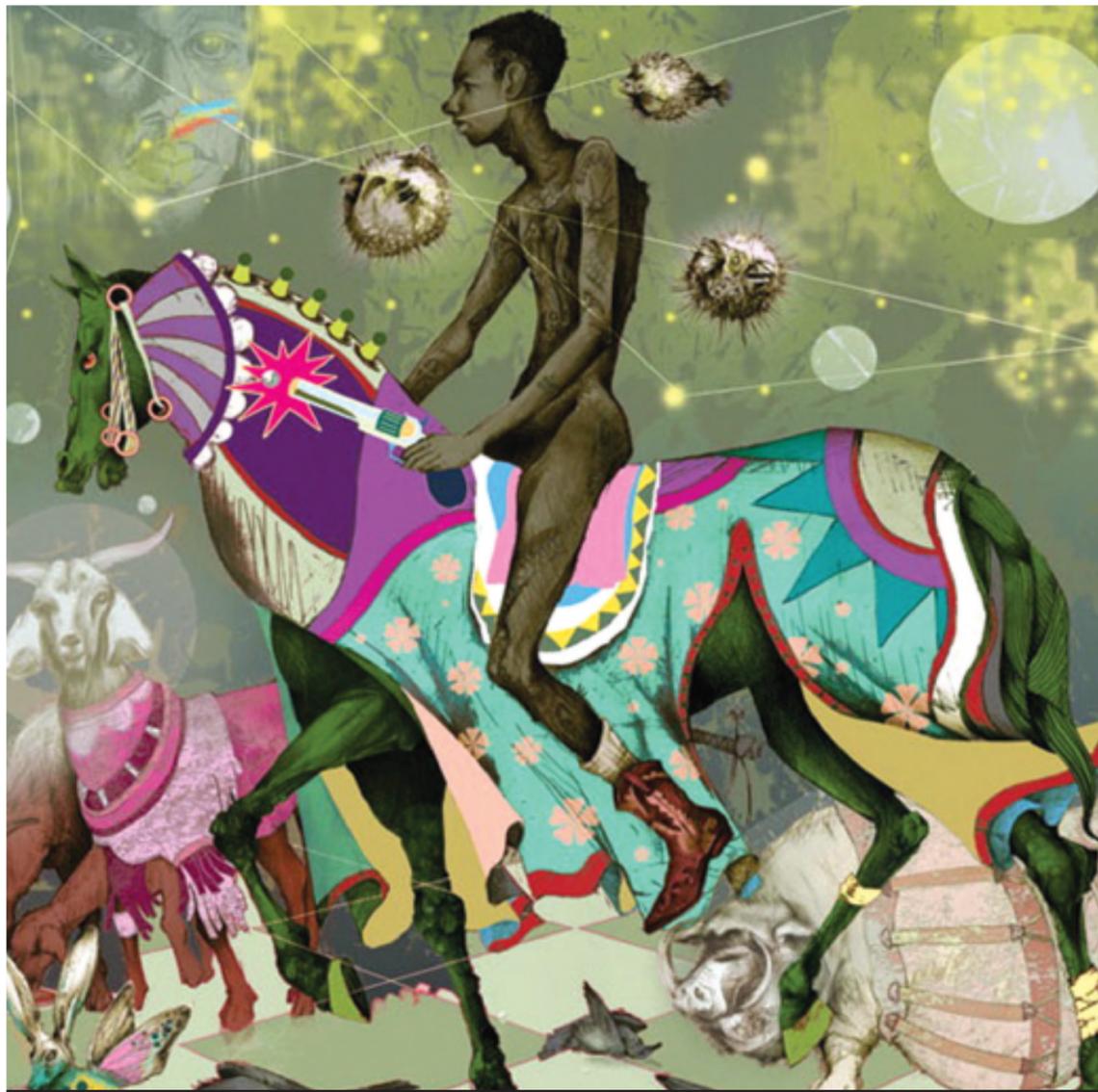
"It shows how humans and animals interact in the same space. The animals take on the role of humans, and the humans became more dependent on the animals," he said.

Lavar's method of creating the winning piece included sketching an image and then scanning it into the computer programme Photoshop CS. Using the photo editing software, he made shapes and patterns, and touched up the pictures with several Photoshop tools.

Curator Mr Schmid had this to say of the winning artist: "Lavar has been really prolific in the last few years. He always makes a clean presentation and makes sure that all of the 'Ts' are crossed in his work."

Jay Kohmet, who spoke for the judging panel, charged all of the contenders to remember the legacies of the late Amos Ferguson and Max Taylor, who both had a "solid work ethic."

The winning piece is now property of the Central Bank of the Bahamas, but you can see 'You Must Be Wondering What Type of Creature Am I' for yourself at [www.lavar-munroe.com](http://www.lavar-munroe.com).



The winning piece: 'You Must Be Wondering What Type of Creature Am I' by Lavar Munroe.

## BahamArts Festival promotes indigenous arts

By REUBEN SHEARER  
Tribune Features Reporter

PROMOTING the indigenous arts while providing persons with an enjoyable event, that was the goal of the 12th Annual BahamArts Festival held last weekend at Arawak Cay.

Friday kicked off the weekend festival with the opening of 80 individual booths featuring all Bahamian-made products and souvenirs by big-name artisans such as Helen Adderley, Celestine Albury, Johnny Martin and Ann Collier.

Acklins; North Abaco; North Andros; Black Point, Exuma; Cat Island; Crooked Island; Eleuthera, Grand Bahama and Inagua were all

represented at the 15 Family Island booths.

A contest for the best booth, a plaiting demonstration, a coconut barking demo, and a live performance by the Falcon Band were only some of the activities during the festival's first day. Interested persons were taught how to plait for free under the instruction of Eloise Smith, owner of Eloise Smith Crafts.

Students of CC Sweeting's eXpressions of eXcellence Club entertained the crowds with a wonderful dramatisation.

On Saturday, a similar lineup of activities followed, including a workshop hosted by Gertrude Gibson who instructed participants on weaving baskets from silver top palms using the sail needle.

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Pulsating beats were then heard during the 'Victory of the Bands' high school competition, organised by ASP Campbell of the Royal Bahamas Police Force Band.

Anita, Ancient Man, The Falcons Band, and other artists entertained the festival-goers for two hours, this was followed by a junkanoo rush-out.

On the final day of festival, the 6th Annual Gala Tea Party took place in honour of Kathy Key. The event promotes Bahamian food, and was followed by a Gospel Explosion, featuring top Bahamian gospel groups.

The theme of the 12th annual BahamArts festival, "Tradition Made Modern" is consistent with those of the



past 11 years. This year's theme underscores the objectives of this festival - highlighting authentically Bahamian-made items while emphasising the importance of the preservation of indigenous arts and crafts.

Stalls selling authentically Bahamian-made arts and crafts at the BahamArts Festival.

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