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Two stabbed in school fight

Jamaican man claims 'horrible ordeal' with immigration officials

By ALISON LOWE
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A JAMAICAN man has called on authorities in his country and The Bahamas to follow up on a "horrible ordeal" he claims to have suffered at the hands of Immigration officials when he was denied entry to the country in October.

In a letter sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Jamaica, forwarded to *The Tribune* in the hope that local Bahamian officials would take steps to improve the situation for future visitors, Andrew Dillion claims he was coming to The Bahamas to see friends last month when his hol-

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Youth quizzed after 'argument over cell phone'

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AN 11th grade student of CV Bethel High School is being held by police for questioning in the stabbing of two other students from that school reportedly after an argument broke out over the alleged theft of his girlfriend's cell phone earlier that morning.

According to police sometime around 1pm they received the report from the school that a stabbing had taken place at the East Street South school. The information that the police relayed is that two males, ages 15 and 16 years were stabbed shortly after 11am. Both students are listed in serious but stable condition at the Princess Margaret Hospital.

While the stabbing took place nearly two hours before it was reported to the police, there has been no explanation from the school as to why the police were not informed of the matter earlier.

The police report contin-

ued: "One student was stabbed in the left upper chest, while the other in the upper back. Circumstances are unknown as to exactly what took place, however police officers are presently conducting inquiries."

However, *The Tribune* has been able to confirm through the Director of Education Lionel Sands that the alleged perpetrator is another 11th grade student who is reportedly currently in police custody.

"There was indeed two students who were injured at the school. The case surrounded these two students and another student who did the stabbing. It was related to some student and a cell phone that was supposedly stolen from the girlfriend of one of the students," Mr Sands said.

Speaking to the security of the campus, Mr Sands said that the ministry employs certain restrictions and measures to limit the number of weapons that can be smuggled onto the campus. Noting

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PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHARLISE



Felipe Major/Tribune Staff

FAMILY AND FRIENDS of 15-year-old Charlise Bain (inset) have paid tribute to her with this shrine. Charlise was killed when the bus taking her and seven other students home from school collided with a white 1995 Dodge van in Spruce Street, Nassau Village on Friday.

Friend of Brenton Smith told police: you just shot an innocent man

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CRADLING the dying boy in his arms, a friend of Brenton Smith who was at his side before he was shot screamed, "You just shot an innocent man!"

Police Staff Association President Bradley Sands was at the scene with Detective Corporal 1476 Kelsie Munroe — the officer who is alleged to have fired the fateful bullet — the night Brenton was shot, it was revealed yesterday.

Moments before he died, Brenton and his friend laughed and talked in a "relaxed" manner as they walked through a popular shortcut in the Kemp Road area which leads to the near-

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Man found guilty of two murders

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IT TOOK a jury just under two hours yesterday to find Frank Alphonso Pinder guilty of the October 2006 murders of two men in South Andros.

The jury of 10 women and two men unanimously found Pinder, 33, of the Bluff, South Andros, guilty of the murders of Glenwood Neely Jr and James Mitchell Smith Jr. The two men were reported missing almost two weeks before their bodies were discovered in a remote area of The Bluff, South Andros, in an advanced

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John Travolta appoints top attorney for retrial

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JOHN TRAVOLTA

JOHN Travolta has appointed top attorney Michael Perkins to represent him in the retrial of Pleasant Bridgewater and Tarino Lightbourne over attempted extortion of \$25 million. Lawyers Michael Ossi and Michael

McDermott who represented the Travolta family at the trial in Nassau over five weeks from September 22 are now witnesses in the case.

Former PLP Senator Bridgewater, 49, and former ambulance driver Lightbourne, 47, are accused of attempting to extort money from Mr

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LOCAL NEWS

Man injured in work accident settles out of court

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Father of three accepts substantially smaller payoff

A DISABLED father of three awarded more than \$300,000 in damages for injuries sustained at work has accepted a substantially smaller pay-off from his former employer after over two years of waiting for justice.

Wayne Anthony John, 45, was rendered disabled when he sustained serious injuries to his foot, hip and wrist when he fell off a flatbed tractor-trailer at the February Point Resort in Exuma in November 2003.

Senior Justice Anita Allen found February Point Resort Estates Limited guilty of negligence in July 2007, but it was not until December last year that the registrar determined \$310,504 in damages should be paid to Mr John.

February Point appealed the amount in January, and after more than 10 months of waiting for the appeal to be heard, Mr John accepted a smaller payment from his former

employers to settle the matter out of court.

During the six years he has been unable to work, Mr John has been struggling to meet his family's basic needs and buy medication for his 15-year-old son Javon John, who suffers from seizures.

With just \$700 in monthly payments from the National Insurance Board, Mr John was forced to borrow from friends and acquaintances to cover his costs.

He has been threatened into repaying his debts, and was forced out of his home in Canaan Lane, off Shirley Street, when unable to pay his rent and bills.

And his suffering has been exacerbated since the accident by the death

of his wife Joyetta, and that of his stepson Clifton Smith, 23, who was killed in a cruise boat tragedy.

Mr John's plight has been the subject of a series of *Tribune* articles, but telling his sad story has failed to change his situation.

He said he had no choice but to accept the out of court settlement.

"I can't bear it anymore, I've had enough," Mr John told *The Tribune*.

"They came to me with the offer and I finally said, that's it."

"It's only because of my present condition that I had to accept."

"If I could find food every day I would have waited it out, but I had to do it for the sake of the children."

"When I get this money I will seek the best for my kids. Their mummy

ain't here and I have got to make it right."

Despite winning his case, Mr John feels he has fallen victim to a justice system that fails to serve the common man.

He said: "I sought justice and my name was quoted that I received justice, but I did not receive justice."

"It's a shame and a disgrace on society to know the courts order that you get a certain amount, and yet lawyers make offers with total disregard for the system."

"I don't understand this justice. I don't like the way these people operate with their so-called law."

"They have no care for their own people."

"I went to the authorities and went through all the right procedures, and you can see the way they treated me."

"You wouldn't treat a foreigner like that, but to treat a person who is born here, who is raising their family here, and paying taxes, like this is wrong."

As he begins to rebuild his life, Mr

John hopes to help others who find themselves losing out in a system dominated by the wealthy and educated by setting up an office providing assistance to those in need.

Without assistance himself, Mr John reached such deep despair he contemplated suicide.

He said his doctor, orthopaedic and hand surgeon Dr May Hestmo, who testified about his life-changing injuries in court, was one person who gave him faith in humanity.

Mr John said: "She did what any human being, and any good doctor would do."

"She is the one person I have something nice to say about after this whole experience."



Wayne Anthony John

INMATES from Her Majesty's Prison perform a skit for students of Government High School.



Letisha Henderson/BIS photos

HMP inmates encourage students to end violence

INMATES of Her Majesty's Prison performed a skit at Government High School on Tuesday to encourage students to settle conflicts without resorting to violence.

The inmates are visiting various high schools as part of the activities planned for the Department of Rehabilitation Welfare Services' "Rehabilitation Week".

The skit emphasised the responsibility of parents, teachers, the government and the community to help end the violence plaguing the nation.

Following the skit, the inmates spoke to students and answered questions about life in prison.

Inmate Miller, who has served 10 years of a 20-year sentence, told students that "prison is no joke."

"Somebody has to tell you where to go. You cannot just jump up and say 'I'm going by my boys'," he explained, adding that some people just can't handle it.

"Some guys come to jail and right in front of my face, they tripped out," he said. "They went right out of their heads. Yesterday they were cool; today they can't take the pressure."

He encouraged the students to withstand peer pressure.



INMATE Miller answers the question from students.

"Hang out with more positive people. Those who are getting you in trouble, they are not the dudes to hang around. Brush them off," he said.

The mother of one of the inmates received a resounding ovation from the students after making a heartfelt address.

"After school," she said, "go straight home and stop standing on the corner because that is how trouble starts."

She also advised them to listen to their parents and teachers and stay away from drugs.

"Do not mind what your friends tell you, do not take drugs," she said. "Marijuana is not good to take. It destroys your mind."

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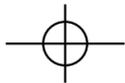
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LOCAL NEWS

Minister: only one person lost job in Royal Palm closure

MINISTER of Labour Dion Foulkes yesterday said that only one person – not around a hundred as had been claimed – lost their jobs as a result of the closure of the Royal Palm Resort in Grand Bahama.

On Sunday, West End and Bimini MP Obie Wilchcombe said he had been informed that “somewhere under 100” people had been put out of work by the resort’s decision to shut its doors last week.

Mr Foulkes said: “The facts are the Royal Palm closed and it affected eight employees. Seven of those employees will be redeployed in other properties owned by the Penthouse group and I think there’s one employee, I think a janitress, who offered to take a settlement package and she was made redundant.”

More armed robberies bring Monday's total to six

By AVA TURNQUEST

THE crime spree in the capital continued on Monday night with three more armed robberies – bringing the total to six for that day.

In yesterday's *Tribune*, three armed robberies which occurred in the early hours of Monday were reported. Yesterday, police issued a statement saying three more took place that night.

Shortly after 7pm, a female employee at Fashion Trap on Wulff Road was held up at gunpoint. The perpetrator escaped on foot with an undetermined amount of cash.

Less than three hours later, police responded to an anonymous call stating that EJ Kitchen on Carmichael Road had been robbed.

It was reported that an employee was accosted by two armed men while taking out the garbage near the rear door of the restaurant.

The men forced their way inside the building and stole the entire cash register.

Then, just before 11pm, police received information about an armed robbery on Yamacraw Drive.

A woman reported that while she was pulling into her driveway, an armed man appeared from behind a wall and demanded cash.

The gunman took her handbag and then escaped by jumping back over the wall and driving away in a dark vehicle.

Police are currently investigating all these incidents.

SHOOTING

A MAN was shot in the left thigh on St George's Park early yesterday morning.

It was alleged that around 4am, the victim got into an argument with another man and was wounded shortly thereafter.

Government tightens housing, service lots selection process

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KENNETH RUSSELL

TOO many people were being chosen to get access to government housing or service lots on the basis of their “friendship” or other affiliation with civil servants who control the selection process, Minister of Housing Kenneth Russell said yesterday.

In response to its concern over these findings, the government has now tightened its criteria for selecting those who are awarded access to government housing and service lots.

According to Mr Russell, for several months now the ministry has reverted to using the “original screening process, where persons are categorised by salary, by condition and by need” in order to determine who gets priority in receiving government housing, explained Mr Russell.

He made this disclosure as he indicated that demand for government housing and service lots – 3,000 of which the Ingraham administration promised to make available by the end of its current term in office – has skyrocketed.

“It has increased. Demand for government housing is so high, no matter how many you build it's not enough,” he said.

According to the minister, government

housing is currently under construction in New Providence, Abaco and Grand Bahama, and plans are in place to commence construction of housing or preparation of other lots in New Providence, Grand Bahama and Bimini.

Mr Russell said the government is currently on track to meet its manifesto promise.

“If we get to January and don't build another subdivision we will be behind, but as it stands we are ahead,” he said.

The minister said the more stringent screening process for housing applicants was implemented upon the return to the ministry of Permanent Secretary Lorraine Armbrister, a former chief housing officer who had been seconded to the Ministry of Tourism.

“It's already started but it's difficult to catch up or make changes to any subdivision that exists now but we're looking at these things, putting weight on these conditions so that the decision is not being made by personalities, it's being made by application and the need of a person rather than friendship.

“The Bahamas is a very small place so you do get a lot of friendship creeping in where people are getting chosen because of their friendship with others, you have persons creeping in because of their affiliation with certain groups,” he said.

Plans to reduce ambulance emergency response times being ‘fast tracked’

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THE government is “fast tracking” plans to place ambulances at health clinics throughout New Providence to cut down on emergency response times, health minister Dr Hubert Minnis said.

Discussions are underway about decentralising ambulance services so that emergency teams can be dispatched from locations in eastern, western and southern New Providence, rather than only from the Princess Margaret Hospital.

Dr Minnis said the move, which has no definitive implementation date but has been put on a “fast track” by his office, comes in response to complaints about the length of time it takes for ambulances to reach emergencies in certain parts of the island.

The health minister said it is hard for ambulances to get to certain destinations in a timely manner in the face of traffic and added that unfor-

tunately “a lot of Bahamians do not pay attention to sirens.”

He noted that the public health system has the necessary staff to be able to accommodate the move and at present would not need to procure extra ambulances.

“At this particular time we're OK with the numbers but as population grows, we would weigh all the pros and cons and make sure there's a balance,” added Dr Minnis.

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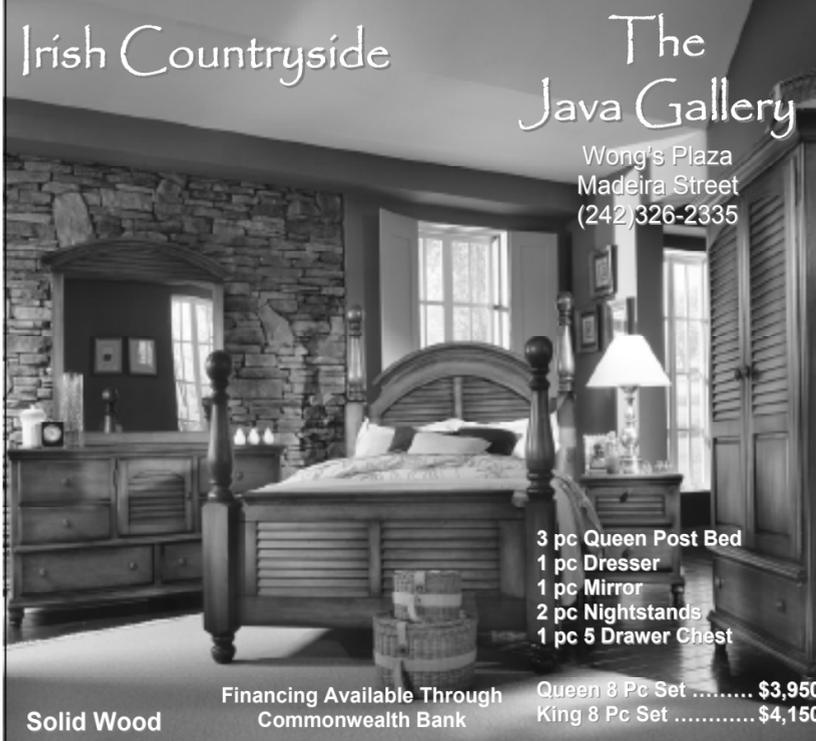
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Bahamians have to make decisions

PLP Fox Hill MP Fred Mitchell — in supporting BPSU's president John Pinder's claim that the Prime Minister had forgotten the BPSU in his promise to pay monies owed to other unions — wanted to know "what has materially changed with respect to the financial circumstances of the country that would allow him to do today what he said he could not do six months ago."

The answer was simple. "We gat the money!" Mr Ingraham told his party's convention last week. He said the Treasury had been made \$66.6 million richer when South Riding Point Holdings' oil storage facility in Grand Bahama was purchased by Statoil Hydro.

Earlier this year government told the nurses union that it had to defer payment of their health insurance at that time because of the projected revenue shortfall, which was expected to exceed \$200 million. In other words government, facing uncertainty in this financial global crisis, could not safely meet their demands without threatening the country's economy. The prime minister promised the nurses that as soon as the pressure on the Treasury eased, his government would meet its obligations to them.

At first the nurses seemed to understand the precarious situation the country was in — at least they had their salaries while many of their fellow Bahamians were losing theirs. They were also guaranteed treatment at the public hospital for any illness that might arise during this period, despite not having health insurance. It seemed that they understood and were prepared to be reasonable.

However, said Prime Minister Ingraham, "something happened subsequent to that to cause them to change their mind. They changed their mind and decided they would go on a sick-out." No one has to live in this country any length of time to know what that special "something" is that tends to change the minds of even the most intelligent among us. That "something" is politics. And behind that "something" are likely to be politicians who would ask the same question that Mr Mitchell asked on Monday about why government could pay the nurses now when it couldn't meet its obligations to them six months ago. Mr Mitchell should have known the answer before he asked the question.

And so we must put to him the very same question that he put to Mr Ingraham: "Is he now engaged in pure politics seeking to fool people that he cares for them when all that he is doing is playing cynical political games with the lives of the Bahamian workers?"

If Bahamians never understood before, they should now understand the importance

of our tourist industry, and the need to attract investors to our shores.

Many complain that investors are taking over our country, others find tourists a nuisance and don't see the need to accommodate them.

However, what the loss of tourists meant to the jobs of Bahamians during the Gulf War in 1991, the 9/11 terrorist attack on New York's Twin Towers in 2002 and the collapse of the world's finances earlier this year should help them fully understand how our very existence depends upon these two revenue streams.

When tourists don't arrive, hotels put their staff on short work weeks. If the industry does not improve, the hotels close, leaving thousands without jobs. Merchants, who also depend on the trade, start reducing staff. Tourism is so much a part of our economic fabric that every business and every Bahamian in this country is affected when it does not perform. And, therefore, if and when tourism improves it is in everyone's best interest to raise standards to make our island a desirable destination. This means that the criminal element also has to change its ways. If not, the community must come together to assist the police in doing it for them.

This is a small island and changes are being made to improve the tourism product and to attract investors. The container port is being relocated, roads are being re-routed, certain beaches are off limits — all in the name of security for our visitors and enhancement of the product. There are many who are unhappy about the changes. They are unhappy that the island is not like it was in their youth. They do not like the adjustments. This was the complaint of every generation in this island. But change came and with it Bahamians' living standards improved.

It is now up to Bahamians. If they want to maintain the high standard of living to which they have become accustomed and if those now out of work want their jobs back, then we all have to make adjustments in our way of life to attract a revenue stream from the outside. This means tourism, banking and investors. If we want to step back to a Bahamas as it was in days gone by, then we have to reduce our expectations of having the modern world's material luxuries and be satisfied with a simple island life.

What Bahamians want and how they go about getting it is up to them as long as they fully understand that they "cannot have their cake and eat it too."

No government can give them that, no matter what politicians "playing cynical political games" say.

Are any pastors listening to the voice of God?

EDITOR, The Tribune.

"IF I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people, If my people, which are called by my name, should humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and forgive their sins and will heal their land."

It sounds as though the pestilence is among the people and the heaven is shut up.

Are any pastors listening to the voice of God?

Where are the leaders of these people, the leaders that stand before the people every Saturday and Sunday morning? Is their only concern what they should eat and how many tithes and offerings and how many anniversary gifts they can receive or how many politicians can come to church on anniversary day or how much Crown land they can get?

As I sat and watched the news on TV recently I saw where the prophet or the man of God met with some of the leaders of the land. According to what I heard on the TV, it was not what it should have been. The men of God should have been saying thus said the Lord, but instead they were singing a different note.

This is why our country is going the way it's going in a tailspin.

Everyday there is a killing. Where are the leaders of the churches?

The question is found in

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Haggai 2:3 "who is left among you that saw this country in her first glory? And how do you see it now? Is it not in our eyes in comparison of it as nothing?"

I am confident that the glory of this latter times shall be greater than the former thus said the Lord of Host and in this place will I give peace.

Peace will come if the leaders of the various denominations will come together and call a massive prayer and fasting.

If they really care, should not the Christian Council call an open-air prayer meeting at least ten nights that is, each night on a different park in the different areas.

Do we really want to pull down strongholds?

Let's look at what's destroying our country.

We have the sicknesses of cancer, AIDS, sugar, high blood pressure, bad stress and now crime.

These are things that are affecting every man, woman, boy and girl.

Can't the leaders of these churches see what's going on or are you waiting for the politician to call the prayer meeting?

How do you think we got this far?

It's because of the prayer warriors and intercessors in our land and the great prophets such as R E Cooper Sr, Rev H W Brown, Rev Dr John E Cleare, Rev Dr

A S Colebrooke, just to name a few. These men stood in the rain and in the draft from park to park helping to pull down the strongholds of the devil. It's time for us to get out of our air condition churches and call a solemn fast and massive prayer meeting just as Esther did in Chapter 4:15-17.

I call on Baptist, Church Of God, Anglicans, Catholics, Adventists and every other church denomination that represents and believes in the name of Christ to rise up and join hands. Powerful things happen when we are all of one accord. Unity brings strength.

I am for capital punishment, but why cry and call for that when we have a greater weapon, which is not carnal? 2 Corinthian 10:4 states, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds." There are many good men and women willing to help step up to the plate and pray. Too many families are getting hurt.

Pastors, let us stop the Town Meetings and have some Prayer Meetings on the parks where everyone can come as they are.

The politicians call the most rallies when they want to. Why can't we, as children of the Most High God, call our nights of prayer? Let's take the church to where the people live.

BERNAL BULLARD
Nassau,
August 24, 2009.

The legal profession under siege

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Why does it appear as of late that every time we turn around an attorney in this country is under suspicion for, or officially charged with, some form of misconduct? What I find even more perplexing is the wall of silence emanating from the leaders of this profession.

What is the purpose of the Bahamas Bar? It seems to be almost non-existent, or just unable to police this

profession. Does anybody trust and respect attorneys any longer?

Twenty-plus years ago an attorney being charged before the courts with theft was almost unheard of.

Yes, I believe that everyone is innocent until proven guilty, but as far as I am concerned, where there is smoke there could be fire; and for an attorney to be charged with 96 counts before the court is very telling to me.

Not to mention the other one who is charged with receiving stolen items from a housebreaking ring.

There are constant rum-

blings of attorneys behaving badly. "Wow!" is all I can say. Are they teaching ethics in law school?

The noble ladies and gentlemen in this field need to be heard because a cloud hangs over the entire profession.

Not all attorneys are dishonest, but we all know the saying about that one bad apple. I would love to hear from those Bahamian attorneys who always seem to have an opinion on everything else — because the silence is deafening.

GODFREY SMITH
Nassau,
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LOCAL NEWS

Two stabbed in school fight

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cealed by a student as they went about the school.

"We continue to do what we were doing. One of the things we do is ensure everyday that the children coming into the school are checked to ensure they are not bringing any weapons into the campus. Obviously every now and again something would slip through. But the

process is to avoid that from happening but we try the best that we can, and not only that, in our teaching we try to teach our children to be kind and humane and deal with conflicts," he said.

While this lesson would obviously be lost to some, Mr Sands said that the ministry has to continue to "fight the good fight."

John Travolta appoints top attorney for retrial

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Travolta following the death of his son Jett, 16, in Grand Bahama, on January 2.

The lengthy trial was thrown out when PLP MP Picewell Forbes announced that Bridgewater had been acquitted of all charges at the PLP national convention while the jury was still in deliberations on October 21.

His inaccurate statement was broadcast live on national television and radio, forcing Senior Justice Anita Allen to declare a mistrial in the interest of justice.

Hollywood actor John Travolta, 54, and his wife Kelly Preston, 46, intend to press on with the case, according to his legal team.

And it has been suggested by Mr Ossi that because one of the alleged extortion phone calls was made from the Bahamas to the United States, Florida could have jurisdiction over the matter.

He understands there is a good basis for the trial to take place in the US.

If the trial were to take place in Florida and Bridgewater and Lightbourne did not attend voluntarily they would have to be extradited to the US.

Bridgewater's defence lawyer Murrio Ducille dismissed the proposal of a retrial in the US as nonsense.

It has also been reported by an American newspaper that a retrial has been ordered, but this has yet to be confirmed by the Travoltas' new attorney and Mr Ducille said he is unaware of it if a retrial has been set.

Mr Perkins, a Florida-based attorney with 27 years experience as a lawyer for the United States Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), is out of office this week but is expected to issue a public statement regarding the trial following his return on Monday.

Mr Ossi said: "He was handpicked by John and I don't know what the plan is but I expect we are still witnesses whenever the trial may be."

After declaring a mistrial Senior Justice Allen called South Andros MP Mr Forbes before her court to explain why he should not be held in Contempt of Court following his outburst as it had seriously interfered with the course of justice.

Mr Forbes, represented by three attorneys, submitted that his own unqualified apology, in addition to an apology issued by the Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) immediately after his announcement, mitigated the damage caused.

He was discharged from the court without a fine or prison sentence as Senior Justice Allen said she was satisfied he had purged his contempt by means of his public apology and the ridicule he endured in the national and international press as a result of his blunder.



PLEASANT BRIDGEWATER

Friend of Brenton Smith told police: you just shot an innocent man

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by City Market food store on Village Road.

This was disclosed by Detective Constable 437 Obinna Okpuno, a key witness who testified in the Coroner's Inquest into Brenton's death yesterday.

Mr Okpuno told the court he and another officer — who were patrolling the Kemp Road area for armed robbery suspects — passed Brenton and a male companion walking south towards the food-store as they drove north on Barbara Street shortly after 8 pm on July, 9.

Mr Okpuno said he slowed his car down to inspect them, adding that he and his partner ruled the pair out as the suspects because they did not match the description he heard from the police control room. According to the witness, he was on the lookout for a suspect in a white shirt and red sweater, armed with a handgun.

Although one of the men

was wearing a white shirt, Mr Okpuno ruled them out due to their "relaxed" demeanour and because he did not see a handgun in their possession nor a red sweater.

He said about a minute after he drove past the two men he heard a single gunshot. He then looked in his car's rear view mirror and saw Brenton and his friend heading towards his car followed by two men clad in suits with handguns drawn, he testified. He said that he could not see if the two officers had their police badges visible.

Mr Okpuno told the court that he left his car, removed his gun, approached the four men slowly and indicated that he was a police officer. As he approached, he recognised the two men in suits, who he later identified as Mr Munroe and Mr Sands.

He said he saw one of the civilians who he had just passed — later identified as Brenton Smith — lying on the ground. Mr Okpuno testified that Brenton's friend rushed to the boy's side and held him while shouting: "You just shot an innocent man!"

The officer said the area was then swarmed with officers, mostly from the north-eastern division. He testified that a Sergeant Bowleg arrived on the scene, approached the officer and motioned towards them as if to ask: "Who's responsible?"

Mr Okpuno said Officer Munroe nodded his head and was taken away from the scene by Sgt Bowleg.

Several City Market employees, who were on duty on July 9, testified that a dark skinned masked gunman — wearing a white shirt with what appeared to be a green sweater around his face — held up the store around 7.30 pm. Barry Wilson, the store's part time security guard said that only the gunman's hands — which he described as dark-skinned — were visible. City Market Cashier Lisa Major testified that the gunman's accomplice — who was wearing a hooded shirt — was dark skinned.

Brenton's parents choked back audible sobs as they looked at images of their dead son in crime scene photos. Grandmother Shirley Smith also cried during portions of Mr Okpuno's testimony.

The inquest resumes Thursday morning in the Coroner's Court in Royal Victoria Gardens.

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Friends may pay their last respects at Government House, Blue Hill Road and Duke Street, on Wednesday November 11, from 11:00am until 3:00pm and on Thursday November 12, 2009 from 10:00 a. m. until 3:00 p.m. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Butlers' Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Ernest and York Streets.

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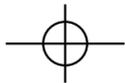
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LOCAL NEWS

The Bahamas Democratic Movement merges with Bahamian National Party

By AVA TURNQUEST

THE Bahamas Democratic Movement announced at a press conference yesterday that it has merged with the Bahamian National Party.

The BNP, a relatively young party consisting largely of university academics, said the decision reaffirms the core ideal of both parties – to provide a true alternative to the PLP and FNM for the Bahamian electorate.

Leader of the BDM Cassius Stuart remarked that the move was not just a merger

of two political entities, but also of two generations.

He described the new party as "bridging the generation divide that has segmented our country for so long."

As both parties started in the College of the Bahamas, it was asserted that they embody the "best aspirations of the Bahamian thinkers".

Speaking on behalf of the BNP steering committee was surgeon, law professor and political activist Dr Dexter Johnson.

Dr Johnson spoke at length on the similarities and compatibility of the two parties and was enthusiastic about the "cross-fertilisation of ideas" the merger will produce.

Dr Johnson said: "We both consider that there is an urgent need to create a more balanced economy in order to produce a more sustainable Bahamas than merely relying on service industries, tourism and 'tax shelter' services."

He also pledged that the party would not be compro-

mised by "ego" and urged other small parties to consider joining forces.

"We are together in our resolve to provide a better Bahamas for all," said Dr Johnson, "not for any tribal groups."

"By supporting our third force you will be lifting Bahamians out of the dangerous polarisation into two

warring tribes who have sought to entrench partisan politics as a way of life, and hostility of brother towards brother.

"Today you are seeing the creation of history, the joining of two committed parties to create the viable third force that so many Bahamians have been hoping for."



CASSIUS STUART

Man is found found guilty of two murders

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state of decomposition. The prosecution presented DNA evidence at the trial to prove that the remains found in the bushes were those of the deceased men. Pinder, who was represented by attorney Ian Cargill, stood calmly in the prisoner's dock as the verdicts were announced by the jury forewoman.

The prosecution now has seven days to give the court notice, along with its submissions and grounds, if it intends to seek the death penalty. Senior Justice Anita Allen who presided over the two-week long trial also requested a psychiatric and probation report on Pinder. His sentencing hearing is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, December 16.

Outside the courtroom, Cargill said he will definitely file an appeal against the conviction.

Lorna Longley-Rolle who, with Yoland Rolle, prosecuted the case said, "There are no winners in this situation. Every case is a sad case."

The prosecution had contended that Pinder was one of the three men last seen with Neely and Smith, noting that evidence suggested that five men had gone into bushes in The Bluff, South Andros, but only three had emerged.

In his unsworn statement, Pinder said that he did not know how his friend Glenwood Neely and James Smith, who was his cousin, met their deaths and had no involvement in their deaths. Mr Cargill told the jury that there were too many holes in the prosecution's case. He questioned why the prosecution had not called the lead investigator to the witness stand and why no gun was ever found. He also pointed out that no fired bullets were found at the scene and also questioned the reliability of the DNA evidence on which the prosecution had relied.

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Jamaican man claims 'horrible ordeal' with immigration officials

iday turned into a "nightmare." The businessman, who owns a hair salon in Jamaica, claims he was stopped at Lynden Pindling International Airport and subjected to a degrading search experience, held at the Carmichael Road Detention Centre for close to two days without adequate food or water and then sent back to Jamaica without knowing why. "We are not refugees but decent law-abiding citizens who just wanted to have a vacation in Nassau, Bahamas," said the Jamaican of himself and the group of friends he travelled with on Sunday, October 12, 2009. "We do not know under what circumstances we were denied entry and no explanation was given. However, the real problem is how we were

treated by (the officer at the airport) and other guards at the Detention camp." Echoing sentiments expressed by numerous other detainees over the years, Mr Dillion said his time inside the holding centre — which was extended because Monday, October 13, was a public holiday — left him wondering if "anyone has any rights inside these facilities." "It seems to me this so-called detention camp is more of a prison; it is not suitable for the temporary holding of innocent people who are denied entry to The Bahamas. "It was inhumane, it was over-crowded, we had to sleep outside on the cold concrete, including a young baby for whom no special provision was

made. There were outbreaks of fights among the inmates, the stench was unbearable and the food and water was not fit for human consumption." "I am so sorry for some of the inmates I encountered there," he added. In his two-page letter, Mr Dillion went on to call on authorities to "correct the embarrassing circumstances at the airport and the Detention camp before it causes great damage to The Bahamas." Messages left for Director of Immigration Jack Thompson seeking comment on Mr Dillion's allegations were not returned yesterday. Minister of Immigration Brent Symonette requested that Mr Dillion's letter be faxed to him at around 5.45pm, but was unable to provide a response up to press time. However, a senior immigration official who spoke with *The Tribune* on condition of anonymity yesterday said records show Mr Dillion was denied access to The Bahamas because he was deemed by the processing officer to "not be bona fide." "He did not meet the pre-screening requirements," said the officer, who said that when an immigration officer suspects a particular individual may want to enter the country for the wrong reasons and are left unsatisfied by the information they provide, they are doing their lawful duty by refusing entry. "I don't know the details of his specific case but what must be remembered is that the onus is not on the officer to prove what they're saying as on the person to prove what they're saying to us." The officer added that given

that Air Jamaica has a "quick turnaround" it is normal and unavoidable for those individuals who have been denied entry to the country to be sent to the Detention Centre until they can get on the next flight out. He claimed that those who are refused entry are always given a reason why. In his letter, Mr Dillion suggested that the officer who dealt with him and his fellow Jamaicans at the airport "should be removed from frontline duties as he is depicting the wrong image for the people of The Bahamas." He alleged the man "cursed, ridiculed and threatened" the group. "You could smell the alcohol on his breath from a distance. We were treated like common criminals," he alleged. Meanwhile, the man told of how on his second morning at the Detention Centre he witnessed "cash handed over to one of the guards by a man for the release of two females...in clear view of others who were waiting at the time to be processed." "Upon arrival at the camp our phones and other personal belongings were confiscated and photos of us were taken by the authorities. It was about 1am while at the camp that we were granted one phone call each to our relatives and friends who by then were very worried, not to mention that those back home were waiting to hear if we got to our destination safely. "To make matters worse we did not have anything to eat for all those long hours," he added, noting that the group was fed sometime after 1 o'clock Monday morning. Later, when they left the

facility, all of their personal belongings were returned except an LG Shine cellular phone, valued at around \$350 (US), he alleged. While Mr Dillion noted in his letter that he hopes his group was not refused entry

"Not all Jamaican nationals arriving in The Bahamas intend to overstay their allotted time. Not all Jamaican nationals arriving in The Bahamas have police records, nor are they engaged in illegal activity," he said, adding that "far too many Bahamian immigration officers greet Jamaican nationals arriving in The Bahamas as if they were known criminals." Mr Dillion's call for action comes even as Immigration authorities such as Minister of State Branville McCartney and Director Jack Thompson say conditions at the Detention Centre are in fact much improved. They consistently deny finding any evidence of abuse at the centre and assure the public that living conditions have been enhanced in recent times. Although failing to live up to promises to release to the public reports on the state of the centre composed earlier this year in the wake of allegations of mistreatment and poor conditions, Mr McCartney said in October that a new and final report compiled subsequent to more recent trips to the camp by officials presents a picture of a holding facility that is "extremely humane" and will "satisfy the highest standards." "Today's Detention Centre is not yesterday's Detention Centre. Today's detention centre is a holding facility for international persons without status, who have entered the country illegally, where they can benefit from excellent meals, cable TV, plenty of recreation, hot water, clean beds, laundry facilities, access to medical treatment on site and available telephones."



PRIME MINISTER Hubert Ingraham urged Bahamian officers to put an end to their 'unacceptable' mistreatment of some Jamaican visitors.

solely "because we are Jamaicans" it was Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham himself who made front page headlines in Jamaica earlier this year when he gave Bahamian immigration officials a tongue-lashing for what he called their "offensive behaviour" towards many Jamaicans entering the country. Bahamian officers gathered for the opening ceremony of the Immigration Department's "First Annual Public Service Conference" in May were urged by Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham to put an end to their "unacceptable" mistreatment of some Jamaican visitors.

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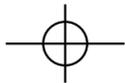
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INTERNATIONAL SPORTS



MICHAEL PHELPS trains at Eriksdalsbadet arena in Stockholm, Sweden, ahead of the Swimming World Cup which started yesterday...

(AP Photo)

Phelps doesn't qualify for 100m free final in old-style swimsuit

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Michael Phelps has failed to qualify for the 100-meter freestyle final at a World Cup short-course meet in an old-style swimsuit. Phelps finished 16th in the qualifying round with a time of 47.77 seconds. Eight swimmers advanced to the final later Tuesday, with Stefan Nystrand of Sweden recording the fastest qualifying time of

45.93. Phelps was competing in the old-style swimsuit that will become the standard next year, while most other swimmers used faster high-tech suits. Phelps said before the meet that he was not "in the best shape" but wanted to use the competition in Stockholm to test his form and the old-style swimsuit.

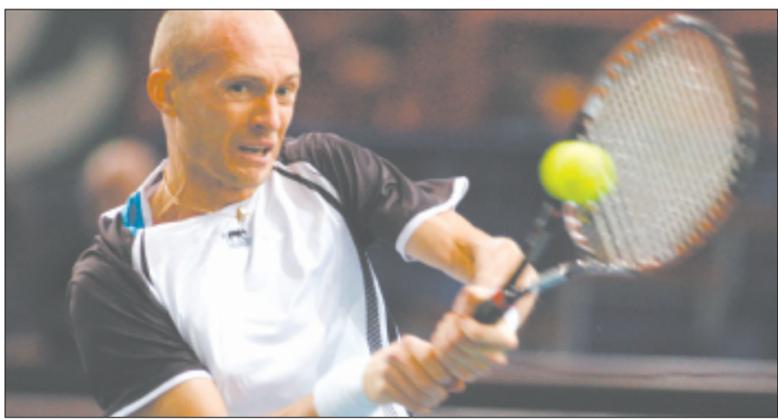
Galvez breaks world record

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Felicity Galvez of Australia has set a world record in the women's 100-meter butterfly at a short-course World Cup meet.

Galvez clocked 55.46 seconds in Tuesday's final, beating the previous mark of 55.68 set by Jessica Schipper of Australia on Aug. 12.

It was the second world record at the Stockholm meet. Earlier Tuesday, Jing Zhao of China set a world mark in a qualifying heat for the women's 50-meter backstroke.

She finished in 26.08 seconds to eclipse the time of 26.17 set by Marieke Guehrer of Australia four days ago in Moscow.



NIKOLAY DAVYDENKO returns the ball to Benjamin Becker during BNP Masters indoor tourney in Paris yesterday...

(AP Photo)

Davydenko still in running to make ATP Tour Finals

PARIS (AP) — Nikolay Davydenko of Russia moved closer to qualifying for the ATP World Tour Finals by beating Benjamin Becker 6-2, 6-1 Tuesday in the second round of the Paris Masters.

Davydenko, who broke his opponent five times and saved four break points, is one of five players who can still qualify for the season-ending event in London next month. Fernando Verdasco, Robin Soderling, Fernando Gonzalez and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga are also in the running.

The 28-year-old Davydenko, who won the Paris Masters in 2006, needs to reach the semifinals to secure one of the two remaining spots. Davydenko will face either Soderling or Ivo Karlovic of Croatia.

The seventh-seeded Verdasco rallied to beat Andreas Seppi of Italy 6-7 (3), 6-4, 6-4. The 25-year-old Spaniard closed out the match on his first match point with a service winner and eliminated two contenders from the race to the season-ending finals —

Radek Stepanek and Marin Cilic.

Nicolas Almagro of Spain defeated Marco Chiudinelli of Switzerland 6-2, 6-4 to advance to a second-round match against second-seeded Rafael Nadal.

French qualifier David Guez, 179th in the rankings, defeated Stanislas Wawrinka 6-3, 6-4 to reach the second round.

Juan Monaco of Argentina broke Jeremy Chardy of France three times for a 7-6 (6), 7-5 victory.

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Appeals court agrees Vick can keep \$16m in bonuses

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A federal appeals court is backing the judge who ruled against the NFL and let quarterback Michael Vick keep more than \$16 million in roster bonuses from the Atlanta Falcons.

The 8th US Circuit Court of Appeals on Tuesday affirmed Judge David Doty's order saying Vick had already earned the bonuses before his dogfighting conviction, so the money wasn't subject to forfeiture.

Vick served 18 months in prison and is now with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Doty has long handled matters arising from the NFL's collective bargaining agreement.

After Doty ruled in the Vick bonus case, the NFL accused him of bias and sought to end his oversight of its contract with the players union.

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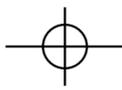
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NPWBA to kick off season with tribute to legends



COACH DIANNA WHYLLY Coach (background) with gymnasts who took part in Fright Night invitational. Not pictured is coach Lavette Saunders.

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youngest member of the team, beat out nearly 20 other participants to capture fifth place in her favourite event – the floor routine – with a score of 9.050. She placed 11th on vault with 9.225 and 15th in both bars and beam. Overall, she placed 11th in her category with 34.175 points.

Also scoring an individual fifth place title was Kristy Daniels with a 9.275 on the

vault. Placing 16th overall with 33.525 points, Daniels scored 7.9 on the bars, 7.7 on beam and 8.650 on the floor.

Both Angel and Peyton Willie placed 18th in their levels. Angel scored 8.8 on vault, 7.725 on bars, 6.150 on beam and 7.650 on floor for an overall score of 30.325.

Meanwhile, Peyton scores were 8.650 on vault, 7.450 on bars, 6.950 on beam and 8.125 on the floor to a total of 31.175 points.

Angelique Strachan placed 12th overall in her division with total score of 32.175. She scored an 8.550 on vault, 8.4 on bars, 7.625 on beam and 7.6 on her floor routine.

Rounding on the team with a score of 31.700 overall was Athalia Swann who placed 16th after scoring a 9.0 on vault, 7.150 on bars, 7.800 on beam and 7.750 on floor. "This is only the first meet for some of the team members so it gave them a chance to see what they are competing against," noted head coach of Nassau 'Nastics Trevor Ramsey. "What is good about the team is that they are eager and willing to learn new things and they all understand that they have to put their best forward. "The main reason we seek to provide them with opportunities to compete abroad is for exposure. There are so many doors that can be opened with successful gymnastics when you think about scholarships and more. So, now that they are back and we have seen their potential, we are going to work and take them to the next level."

Knowles, Bhupathi masters tourney

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World doubles title.

With a new partner, Knowles would love nothing better than to be able to win another one this year.

Although they only secured one title for the year, Knowles and Bhupathi reached the final of the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia, in January, Barcelona in April and the US Open in October.

In February, Knowles also teamed up with American Mardy Fish to win in Memphis, Tennessee, and he and American Andy Roddick got into the final of the Shanghai Open in Beijing, China, in October.

Going into the year-ending tournament, Knowles and Bhupathi trail Nestor and his new partner Nenad Zimonjic as the top seeds, followed by American identical twin brothers Bob and Mike Bryan.

Hurricanes defeat Falcons, advance to finals

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HURRICANES pitcher Ashton Butler in action...

WITHOUT the second sudden death semifinal in the books, the BAISS Junior Boys Softball Championship series is all set, with little surprise as the league's top teams all season long will face off to decide the title.

The St Andrew's Hurricanes got out to a quick start and outlasted the Jordan Prince William Falcons, 13-2, to advance to the finals yesterday at Freedom Farm Field.

The Hurricanes will face the St Augustine's College Big Red Machine in the final.

The Falcons struck first when they plated two runs in the top half of the first inning, but their brief advantage turned out to be their only lead of the game.

The Hurricanes would get all the run support they needed to win in the bottom of the first inning when they erupted for five runs.

Joe Lockhart highlighted the scoring flurry with a grand slam which easily cleared the centerfield fence to give his team an early 4-0 lead.

Michael Treco drove in another run before the Falcons were able to stop the bleeding at five.

Hurricanes pitcher Ashton Butler delivered a dominant performance from the mound as the Falcons had trouble catching up with the speed of his delivery.

Butler recovered from a slow start to pitch four scoreless innings which included a game high six strikeouts.

In the second inning, Butler struck out two of the three batters he faced, and retired the third with a routine groundout to first.

The Hurricanes continued the following inning with Luke Schaefer and Richie Munroe leading off with singles.

After a third single by Michael Robinson loaded the bases, the Hurricanes were faced with another bases loaded scoring opportunity



FALCONS pitcher Marvin Josey

with Lockhart at the plate. With runners in scoring position and no outs, the Fal-

cons infield made their most noteworthy defensive stand of the game.

Lockhart hit a single down the third baseline, however Falcons' pitcher Marvin Josey threw out Schaefer at the plate.

With the bases still loaded, Josey struck out the next batter, and seemed poised to get the Falcons out of a tough position.

Robinson then singled to score Treco, giving the Hurricanes at least one run in the inning before the Falcons' infield recorded the third out.

Despite an improved defensive effort, the Falcons remained hapless at the plate against Butler and failed to advance runners in scoring position.

In the fourth, the Hurricanes forced yet another bases loaded opportunity, which Munroe made the best of with a two-RBI double.

Schaefer scored his third run of the game on the next play on the result of a wild pitch.

Butler fittingly ended any comeback hopes by the Falcons in the final inning with a pair of strikeouts to seal his team's championship berth.

Lockhart finished 4-4 with one run and four RBI, Schaefer went 3-3 with three runs while Munroe went 3-4 with three runs and two RBI.

Championship series in all divisions is slated to begin 4pm today.

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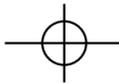
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SAVANNAH BRADY does a split leap during her floor routine. Brady, the youngest member of the team, placed 5th in her level out of about 20 other competitors in this event...

Gymnasts bring home trophy

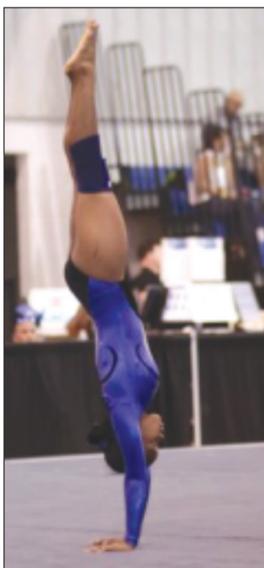
SIX Bahamian gymnasts brought home a trophy after making their mark at the recent Fright Night invitational meet in Coral Springs, Florida.

Members of the all female team are all trained at Nassau 'Nastics', the nation's oldest gymnastics club. While the team did not win the overall title, as the smallest contingent at the meet, they still fared well with two team members landing in the top five for their categories.

"They all tried their best and they did fairly well," said coach Diana Whyllly who, along with Coach Lavette Saunders, prepared the team. "We don't have the facilities that they have in the US to practice with nor do we have multiple clubs to compete against."

"So when you consider those factors, the team did well. However, we got to see areas on which we can improve and we plan to work on those areas so that our next meet is more successful."

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KRISTY DANIELS delivers a handstand in her floor routine. Daniels placed 5th on her vault at the Fright Night invitational...

NPWBA to kick off season with tribute to the legends

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THE New Providence Women's Basketball Association (NPWBA) is slated to kick off its 2009/10 season Saturday night at the Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium with a tribute to the legends of the sport.

First vice president Jeannie 'Bubbles' Minus said the NPWBA, now headed by Simone Beneby, has decided to bring back some of the stars who pioneered the way for the present day players.

In between the two games set for the opening night, Minus said the NPWBA will take the time out to honour the following players:

Andrea 'Gorgeous' Knowles, Andrea Burton (Grand Bahama), Angela Green-Sawyer, Barbara Delaney, Beryl Brown, Beryl Eve (Fox Hill/USA), Betty Cole, Bonnie Turnquest-Culmer, Celestine Wilson-Albury, Charlene 'Swish' Smith, Denise 'Macosa' Moss-Beard, Cordell Thompson, Cynthia 'Mother' Pratt, Cynthia Dummit, Daisy Walker, Dawn Knowles, Debbie Campbell, Denise McKay-Gordon, Diane Sands, Dr. Linda Davis, Ernestine Butler-Stubbs, Fianza Rolle, Flo Rolle, Harrie Moxey, Helen Archer, Jackie Barnett-Bethel, Judy Hamilton, Karen Turnquest, Lady Edith Turnquest, Laura Lundy, Lenora Conyers, Laurie Demeritte, Margaret Albury, Marie 'Star' Duncanson, Marilyn Toote, Marsha Demeritte, Naomi Ellis, Pam Carroll, Patsy Taylor, Paul Mitchell, Phillipa 'Smokey' Moss-Coleby, Sis-

ter Annie Thompson, Stella Symonette-Knowles, Thelma Symonette, Vivian Haynes and Winnifred Russell.

Also, the NPWBA is expected top honour posthumously the following:

Aniska Butler, Barbara Cumberbatch-Albury, Jann Mortimer, Rozina Nesbitt and Sherry Thompson.

Minus, now retired as one of the more productive players, said as they have decided to start their season, they have included the ceremony to honour the women mentioned above who made tremendous contributions to the growth of the sport.

"This is the first time that the NPWBA has decided to honour those women," Minus said. "I know that Tappy Davis and the late Vince Ferguson were working on something of this nature along with Betty Cole."

"So we just thought it was fitting when we open up our season to bring those women out and pay them their just due."

Women's basketball over the years has grown tremendously since the days when they played at the Priory Ground under the guidance of the late sporting priest Father Marcan Peters, according to Minus.

"I didn't know so many of these women above played basketball," Minus said. "We heard about the Betty Cole and the Mother Pratt. But I didn't know about Lady Edith and the Dummit sisters, who were about 6-3. I want to meet them."

"So women's basketball has grown by leaps and bounds to

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Knowles and Bhupathi getting ready for masters tourney

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After taking a break last week, Mark Knowles and Mahesh Bhupathi have reunited on their way to playing in the year-ending BNP Paribas Masters Tournament.

The Bahamian-Indian combo are back together at the BNP Paribas Masters in Paris, France, where they are the No.3 seeded team. They got a bye in the first round and are scheduled to play their second round match today against the team of Simon Aspelin of Sweden and Paul Hanley of Australia.

"We've been training and preparing for this tournament," said Knowles in an interview with The Tribune yesterday from Paris. "We're looking forward to winning a couple of matches and getting ready for the year-end masters."

Knowles and Bhupathi, who also clinched the No.3 spot in the Masters Tournament in London, England, starting on November 22, have never played Aspelin and Hanley as a team, although they did separately.

"So we know their game and we've had quite a lot of success against them," Knowles pointed out. "So we look and hope to continue that success tomorrow (today)."

Last week as Bhupathi took a much needed break, Knowles teamed up with Michael Llodra of France where they reached the quarter-final at the Valencia Open 500 in Valencia, Spain.

"But it's good to have Mahesh back. It's important for us to win a couple of matches and get a little bit of momentum going for London, which starts in about 10 days," he said.



MARK KNOWLES & MAHESH BHUPATHI

Having had a rather long season in which he and Bhupathi have only won one title together, Knowles said they know that there's only two weeks left, so they want to make the best of it.

"They're two big events and so we're hoping that we can play well here and get some momentum going for the big event in London," he said. "So I think it's very important for us to bear down and try to play well enough."

As the third best team in the world, Knowles said they are sitting in a good position, but they have to just try to take it one match at a time and try to qualify for the semifinal.

"There's no better way to finish your season by winning the world's best and biggest tournament for the year," Knowles stressed. In 2007 before he and his former partner Daniel Nestor of Canada split up, Knowles and Nestor teamed up to win their only

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Caribbean Cup tees off today

STARTING today and running through Friday at the Ocean Club on Paradise Island, the Bahamas Golf Federation is scheduled to host the 2nd Caribbean Golf Association's Caribbean Cup.

The tournament is a rather unique one as it pits 12 players from five countries making up the Eastern Caribbean countries against 12 players from five countries from the Western Caribbean countries.

Making up the Eastern team are the following:

Captain - Sidney Wolf
Barbados - James Johnson and Marcus Clarke

Organization of Eastern Caribbean States - O'morry James and Charles Blake

Puerto Rico - Eric Morales and Rafa Campos

Captain's Pick: Robert Calvesbert

Trinidad & Tobago - Christian De Meillac and Joel McEachrane. Captain's Pick: Talin Rajendranath

US Virgin Islands - CJ O'Connell and Donald Baugh

Making up the Western team are the following:

Captain - Bob Slatter

Bahamas - Devaughn Robinson and Ben Davis, Jr. Captain's Pick: Oren Butler

Cayman Islands - Robert Chilman and Robert Woods

Dominican Republic - Radhames Peña and Lino Guerrero. Captain's Pick: John Paul Garrido

Jamaica - Radcliff Knibbs and Jonathan Newnham

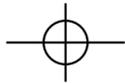
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Yacht mortgage registry urged

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

A FORMER PLP leadership contender and financial services executive said yesterday that the Bahamas needed to create a yacht mortgage registry to complement its plans for a yacht registry, arguing that the latter could not succeed without it.

Paul Moss, who runs his own financial services business, Dominion Management Services, said creating a Bahamian yacht mortgage registry would "allow international lenders to recognise the Bahamas as a player on the world stage", enticing major financial institutions to use this jurisdiction as a base for yacht financing operations due to its low-tax platform.

Stating that he had been calling for the Bahamas to establish a mega yacht registry for years, Mr Moss told Tribune Business: "When one visits the marina on Paradise Island and sees so many yachts registered in Cayman Islands, one should understand the potential."

"Unfortunately, it has not resonated in the Bahamas by those that have charge over our industry. To make this effective, a yacht mortgage registry must accompany the yacht registration, as these vessels are often financed. If it is done offshore, the tax saving will be great."

"Why, then, would anyone want to simply register in the Bahamas when there is no mortgage registry something the mortgagee will insist on?"

He added: "It doesn't make sense to have it just to simply register yachts, because that means we are not optimising our opportunities. Lenders are going to require you to have a mortgage registry, so that anyone looking at boats will know whether they are mortgaged to some lenders."

"We need to ensure lenders can take advantage of your registry being recognised internationally, and having the teeth and force of the law to enforce any charges over the boats."

While some high net worth individuals had enough liquid assets to afford mega yacht purchases outright, Mr Moss said they typically reduced their exposure by at least part-financing with bank loans and

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\$2.1m investment aids power firm reliability

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Grand Bahama Power Company's customers will "see much better reliability going forward" following a \$2.1 million investment in upgrading its transmission and distribution systems, the firm's chief executive said yesterday, despite a 5 per cent fall in year-to-date electricity sales.

E. O. Ferrell, who is also Grand Bahama Power Company's president, told Tribune Business that despite encountering "a difficult year" in 2009, the company "did not lose money" during the first half, as had been implied in the financial results of one of its major shareholders.

Tribune Business had previously reported that Emera, the Canadian power giant that holds a 25 per cent stake in Grand Bahama Power Company through its 50 per cent holding in BISX-listed ICD Utilities, produced accounts that, on an equity earnings basis, showed the Freeport-based company made a \$2.2 million net profit in the 2009 third quarter.

Yet the 2009 year-to-date results for the nine months to September 30, 2009, had shown Grand Bahama Power Company as only posting a \$1.8 million profit, implying a \$400,000 loss for the first half.

Grand Bahama Power Company sees 5% drop in year-to-date sales, but chief executive says no loss incurred in 2009 first half

Yet Mr Ferrell said yesterday that this was not the case, pointing out that Emera's figures included accounting adjustments and one-time charges.

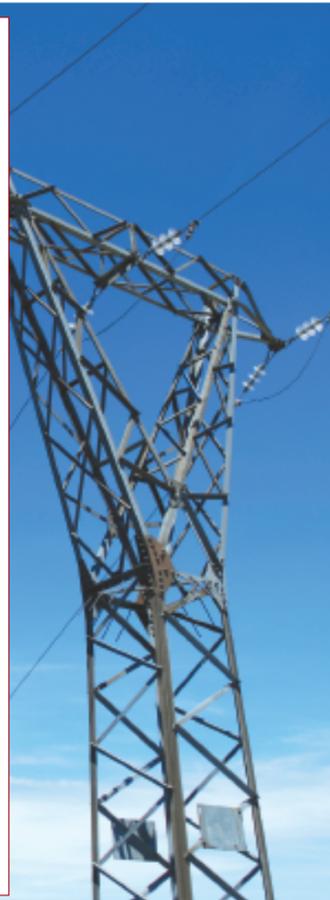
"This has been a difficult year, but we did not lose money in the first half of the year. We did make a profit in the first half," he explained. "The summer is always the best for us because of the A/C load."

Mr Ferrell said the recession and its negative impact on Grand Bahama, with businesses closing, downsizing and, along with some households, unable to pay their power bills had all impacted Grand Bahama Power Company's sales on a kilowatt per hour (KwH) basis.

"It looks like our sales are down about 5 per cent," Mr Ferrell told Tribune Business, of the company's performance for the year-to-date.

Grand Bahama Power Company has come under intense criticism from both its cus-

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Ex-bank manager loses appeal over share trade plan

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

A FORMER Commonwealth Bank manager has lost his appeal against his summary dismissal, after the BISX-listed company determined that he had breached the Securities Industry Act by receiving an \$0.80 per share commission through selling shares originating from the bank's employee Stock Option programme.

The Court of Appeal ruling, which found that Commonwealth Bank was justified in dismissing Wayne Bethel for "gross misconduct" in breaching the Securities Industry Act, detailed how the former manager of the bank's East Bay Street branch had obtained a commission through selling shares, legally obtained by other managers through exercising their stock options, to former Colina Financial Advisors (now CFAL) broker Hiram Cox. There is nothing to suggest CFAL the company has done anything wrong.

The judgment detailed how the shares, purchased under the stock option plan at \$6 per share - the price Commonwealth Bank floated at in its initial public offering (IPO) - were then sold on to Mr Bethel and Colina Financial Advisors for \$8 per share - netting the managers a profit of \$2 per share.

The judgment alleged that Mr Bethel, in selling those shares on to Mr Cox at Colina Financial Advisors, was paid \$8.80 per share by the broker, enabling him to pocket the \$0.80 per share difference. All

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Time limits 'really hamper' regulator's sanctioning ability

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

THE Central Bank of the Bahamas' ability to prosecute licensees/banking executives suspected of breaching the Banks and Trust Companies Regulation Act has been "really hampered" by the existing statutory time limits on when action can be initiated, something proposed reforms will "fix".

Rochelle Deleveaux, the Central Bank's in-house legal counsel, told a Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accountants (BICA) seminar yesterday that the Act's current time limits, which require the Attorney General's Office to initiate prosecutions a maximum of six months after the commission of the offence, had left too little time for evidence gathering.

As a result, the proposed amendments to the Banks and Trust Companies Regulation

Act include amending this six-month limit to either 12 months after the commission of the suspected offence, or initiate prosecutions a maximum of three months after the date when the Attorney General's Office has decided there is sufficient evidence to move the case forward.

Ms Deleveaux said the current maximum six-month limit "has really hampered our ability to prosecute people", and: "We believe this will fix that."

Adding that the proposed reforms would "strengthen the enforcement powers of the [Central] Bank" and "strengthen the system, the regulatory framework", as well as bringing clarity to the situation, Ms Deleveaux said the revised legislation was now being assessed by the Attorney General's Office.

"They [the amendments] have been approved by the Ministry of Finance," she said.

"We're trying to iron out all the kinks, so when we're able to enforce it" the Central Bank would not have to undertake further revisions.

Ms Deleveaux said that among the amendments "seeking to expand the Central Bank's enforcement and sanctions powers" was one giving the banking industry regulator "the right to appoint a receiver/manager of a licensee" to continue operating the institution as a "going concern".

"We can appoint a receiver/manager of a licensee, but they cannot operate that licensee as a going concern," she said. "The Central Bank currently has to go to court to get an order to operate a licensee, but now we will have the direct powers to appoint a receiver/manager to operate a licensee as a going concern."

Ms Deleveaux said further amendments would allow the Central Bank's licensees to

"surrender" their bank and trust company licences, as opposed to the current system whereby all were placed under the 'revoked' definition.

"That has been an issue for some licensees, which they have whenever they leave, but we're not forcing them out," she added. "Currently, there is no distinction - a revocation is a revocation."

The revised Act also places the Central Bank's enforcement and sanctioning powers in the hands of the institution itself, as opposed to the current legislation, in which these powers are vested in the Governor.

If Bahamian bank and trust company liquidity ratios fall below statutory and regulatory prudential requirements, a penalty will be levied, Ms Deleveaux said, explaining that amendments were being made to bring the sanctioning process

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Capital markets enforcement 'held back'

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

THE reformed Securities Industry Act and its accompanying regulations will improve enforcement efficiency in the Bahamian capital markets, a senior Securities Commission executive said yesterday, eliminating the current "convoluted process" that has caused the regulator "some challenges" in disciplining wayward firms and individuals.

Mechelle Martinborough, the Securities Commission's in-house legal counsel and secretary, told a Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accountants (BICA) seminar that the current Act's multi-layered disciplinary process "holds production on disciplinary matters too far back".

The present process first requires the product of an

- * Act reforms to eliminate 'convoluted process and lack of authority' that has prevented regulator from effectively disciplining offenders
- * Takeover Bid rules being worked on at Caribbean level
- * Solvency requirements for BISX

investigative report into allegations of improper practices by any Securities Commission registrant.

This report, which takes an unspecified time to complete, then has to be submitted to the Commission's disciplinary committee, which decides whether there is sufficient evidence to forward the matter to the regulator's Hearing Panel or the Attorney General's Office. The latter becomes involved if there is sufficient prima facie evidence of a criminal case.

"What we intend to do is establish a process that allows us to go straight to the disciplinary committee, as opposed to the convoluted process we have now," Ms Martinborough explained, "going straight to the Hearing Panel or the Attorney General's Office."

"We found the process holds production on disciplinary matters too far back."

She admitted that the "convoluted process and lack of authority" had hampered the Securities Commission's ability to enforce the law and regulations, and sanction errant firms/individuals, in the Bahamian capital markets and investment funds industries.

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BUSINESS

My 22-strong list for bliss and prosperity

Promotional Marketing

by Scott Farrington

WELCOME to your daily recipe for bliss and prosperity.

I did borrow some of these suggestions in my travels. However, as one of my articles was entitled *To choose or not choose? That is the question*, you can take what you want and leave the rest.

1. Be sure to get eight hours sleep every night.
2. Eat five servings of vegetables and two servings of fruit.
3. Drink three litres of water every day.
4. Dress for success. Make yourself presentable before starting work.
5. Make your own lunch every day rather than buying it.
6. Take a nap in the afternoon to re-energise.
7. Do at least half an hour of exercise every day.
8. Don't skip lunch. Ideally, get out of the office to eat your sandwich. At least move from your desk.
9. Have dinner as a family. It's important bonding time.
10. Spend 20 minutes planning tomorrow with a detailed to-do list.
11. Do one thing every day that scares you.
12. Make some quality time for your partner.
13. Make sure you get some 'me' time.
14. Read industry magazines

to stay on top of trends.

15. Slow down. Take time out to smell the roses.

Plus, there were a couple of things you added that were not in the books.

16. Those of us with bills to pay will be required to spend some of the day doing actual work.

17. Some of us have dirty plates, carpets, kids, desks, bills and/or family members to clean up.

18. Read the sport and gossip section of the newspaper in-depth. zzzzzzzzz

19. Go and buy a coffee and whine for a while about how busy work is.

20. Discuss what you did last weekend with whoever will listen.

21. Make arrangements for next weekend.

22. Check Facebook in case old friends that you never liked have 'poked' you.

There, you have it. You'll need to allocate 34 hours every day to getting all this stuff done, and you'll also need to shut down your business because

customers just take up way too much time.

But you'll be so self-helped and revolutionised that you'll never look back.

Anyway, gotta rush and get my 20-minute power nap in before my steam fish and serving of vegetables, and prepare my bulging 'to do' list for tomorrow.

Is there a 'must-do' task I've forgotten?

Did I mention call an existing or new client? hmmmmmmmmmm

All of these marketing strategies are certain to keep your business on top during these challenging economic times. Have a productive and profitable week.

Remember: "THOSE WHO MARKET WILL MAKE IT"

NB: Scott Farrington is president of SunTee EmbroidMe, a promotional and marketing company specialising in uniforms, embroidery, silk screen printing and promotional products. Established over 27 years ago, SunTee EmbroidMe has assisted Bahamas-based businesses from various industries in marketing themselves.

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Bahamas boosts \$300m per year dive business

THE Bahamas has moved to boost its \$300 million per annum dive business by recruiting 50 dive retailers from around the world to become advocates for this country's waters.

The Ministry of Tourism and

Aviation and the Bahamas Diving Association partnered to bring the retailers, who included a 12-member Brazilian contingent and two retailers from Hong Kong, to the Bahamas for a three-day diving experience. The guests were split into teams that visited various dive sites, including spots around New Providence, Andros and Bimini.

David Johnson, deputy director-general of tourism, told the group their visit should prepare them to speak more intimately about the Bahamas' dive product, in the hope it will also result in increased sales of the product.

"I know that you will get to explore the great diversity of dive sites," said Mr Johnson. "You will find that they are as diversified as Neil Watson [BDA president] and his colleagues have told you."

Members of the Brazilian contingent were certain that the Bahamas could attract many Brazilian divers. In many cases, Brazilians can travel to Florida and the Bahamas for dive experiences that cost them less than if they had stayed in Brazil for diving, said Ana Paula Gatti, corporate accounts executive for American Airlines in Brazil.

"We give them such a good fare [to Florida and the Bahamas] that it is much cheaper," Ms Gatti said. "And it is much better. They get to know a new country, a new culture, and the people love shopping."

Ms Gatti said American Airlines has done much to make it easy to travel between Brazil and the Bahamas. The airline has four flights per day from Brazil to its main hub of Mia-

mi, where there are convenient connections to Bahamian islands. When the high season rolls in, American Airlines will add another three flights per day out of Brazil to Miami.

The combination of good airlift, a dive business that grows at about 14 per cent per year in Brazil, and American Airline's new ScubaAA Club in Brazil should contribute in a healthy way to diving in the Bahamas, Ms Gatti added.

Alcides Falanghe, a director of Brazil's top dive magazine, *Mergulho (Diving)*, was in Nassau for the dive trip and to write an article on the experience. He believed the article and the right economic conditions in Brazil would benefit the Bahamas dive tourism.

"Diving is growing so much in Brazil," he said. "The economy is good, and people are travelling so much abroad."

Mr Falanghe pointed out that the Bahamas is known for having a great variety of dive experiences, including wreck dives, shark dives and wall dives. "You have everything just a few minutes from the shore," he said.

The BDA's Neil Watson promised the dive retailers that they would discover the Bahamas to be a unique diving product.

"All of you are seasoned travelers," he told the group. "You know there are great destinations with great dive products, both topside and on the bottom."

"But a lot of them, they have that one product. The Bahamas is unique simply because of the geography. You have over 100,000 square miles reaching over 500 miles north and south, 700 islands."

Time limits 'really hamper' regulator's sanctioning ability

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in line with the Central Bank of the Bahamas Act.

In addition, Ms Deleveaux said the amendments would also allow its licensees, who were incorporated as International Business Companies (IBCs), to "set off" the fees they had to pay under this legislation with those licence fees payable under the Banks and Trust Companies Regulation Act.

This, she explained, would bring licensees incorporated under the IBC Act into line with those formed under the Companies Act, who were already allowed to set-off their fees under this legislation with those payable under the Banks and Trust Companies Regulation Act.

Meanwhile, Ms Deleveaux said amendments were also planned to legislate and regulate money transmission businesses, with companies in this industry set to be required to

pay an annual fee of \$250 per location.

And the Central Bank of the Bahamas Act itself will be amended to give the regulator "expanded powers to oversee and regulate payments systems" in this nation.

"There will be a regulatory framework in place for the Automated Clearing House, the Real Time Gross Settlement system, and anyone wanting to establish payment systems here and provide the public/businesses with electronic money or stored money," Ms Deleveaux said.

She added that there were "money laundering risks" in payment systems that used value stored on a card to make purchases.

And Ms Deleveaux said that while she was only expressing her personal opinion, she saw no reason why BICA members should not be allowed access to previous Central Bank inspection reports before they audited one of its licensees.

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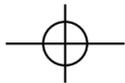
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BUSINESS

British banks raise hope of recovery

By JANE WARDELL
AP Business Writer

LONDON (AP) — Britain's two biggest banks, HSBC Holdings PLC and Barclays PLC, reported strong investment banking profits on Tuesday and signalled that bad debts may be nearing their peak, raising hopes the worst of the financial crisis is over for them.

The success of HSBC and Barclays in weathering the storm — both rebuffed a government bailout of the banking system — contrasts with their beleaguered taxpayer-supported counterparts including Lloyds Banking Group PLC, which on Tuesday announced plans to shed 5,000 more jobs.

HSBC provided the most upbeat trading update, with Chief Executive Michael Geoghan declaring that "the biggest jolt has now passed through the global economy."

While HSBC's statement lacked details figures, it said that pretax profit for the third quarter was "significantly ahead" of the same period last year and that losses on US consumer loans had shrunk for the first time in three years.

Its global banking and markets division was having a "record year" and commercial banking was "solidly profitable in all regions" over the first nine months, it added.

Barclays, meanwhile, resumed dividend payments for the first time in more than a year as it reported that income

in its investment banking business Barclays Capital, which took over the US business of bankrupted Lehman Brothers just over a year ago, surged 32 per cent over the first nine months.

Barclays' underlying pretax profit — stripping out bad debt provisions and other one-off factors — more than doubled over the same period to 4.4 billion pounds.

HSBC shares were up four per cent at 719.1 pence in afternoon trade, while Barclays shares fell 4.7 per cent amid disappointment of the one penny price on the half-year dividend it announced on Tuesday and its struggling British retail banking division.

Barclays shares have already more than doubled since the start of the year, while HSBC's shares have risen 8.3 per cent.

Crucially, both banks cautiously suggested that provisions for bad debts appeared to be nearing a ceiling.

At Barclays, Britain's biggest bank, a 29 per cent fall in net profit for the first nine months was largely due to a 65 per cent surge in impairment charges — write-offs on the value of assets — to 6.21 billion pounds as economies remained fragile and unemployment rose.

But impairments slowed in the third quarter to 1.4 billion pounds, down from 1.8 billion pounds in the previous three months and Finance Director Chris Lucas said they may peak in the final quarter of the year,

rather than the first quarter of next year.

Barclays now expects charges for the full year to be at the lower end of its previously forecast range of 9-9.6 billion pounds. At HSBC, US loan impairment charges fell for the first time since the start of 2006 and the lowest level in more than a year.

Finance Director Douglas Flint was cautious about the outlook for US consumer impairments, which he said hit around \$3 billion in the third quarter, but said that there were recent positive trends in US unemployment and house prices.

He noted that consensus forecasts on both — key factors in bad loans going forward — were moving away from some of the more pessimistic figures.

"If these things all play out, those would be reflective of turning points," he told reporters. "But I don't think anyone is confident to call those yet."

HSBC's Geoghan said that it is too early to claim victory over the recession, particularly while unemployment is rising in the West. But he said that emerging markets would drive the global recovery.

"The world will likely experience a two-speed recovery and emerging markets currently offer the brightest prospects for growth," he said.

The relative success of Barclays and HSBC contrasts with Royal Bank of Scotland PLC and Lloyds Banking Group PLC, which are both expected to post major losses this year. RBS and Lloyds were forced to accept a state-funded bailout after being hit hard by the credit squeeze.

Lloyds on Tuesday said that it plans to cut about 4,300 jobs and transfer 680 more in a series of reorganizational moves in its group operations, insurance and retail division.

The bank, which was bailed out by the government, had already announced a total reduction of 6,400 jobs in the first half of the year. It employed about 118,000 people at the end of June.

"The results serve to under-

line the continuing polarisation of the UK banking sector," said Richard Hunter, head of UK equities at Hargreaves Lansdown Stockbrokers. "The continuing specter of government interference looms over the likes of Lloyds and RBS, whilst Barclays and HSBC remain

free of such shackles," he added.

Both banks declined to reveal how much they would pay out in bonuses this year, a controversial issue following the crisis, but attempted dampen down fears of a return of the excessive bonus culture in the

banking industry.

Both banks are free from the government imposed restrictions on payouts by RBS and Lloyds, but Lucas said that Barclays intends to honor a recent agreement among the Group of 20 rich and developing countries to limit bonuses.

THE INSURANCE COMMISSION OF THE BAHAMAS Request for Proposals External Audit Services

The newly formed Insurance Commission of The Bahamas (a statutory corporation) is seeking proposals for the provision of external audit services in respect of its financial statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards for the period ended December 31, 2009.

For further information and to request the supplemental information, please contact:

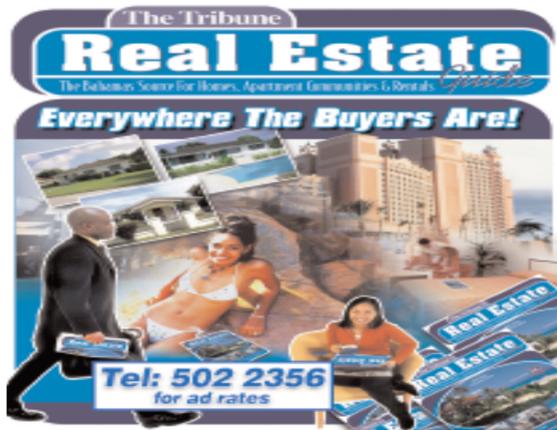
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The Commission reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders
(Issue Date – 11 November 2009)



VACANCY NOTICE



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

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

JOB SUMMARY

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

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

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

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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

APPLICATION

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

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The Four-WAY Test



From the earliest days of the organization, Rotarians were concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is The Four-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor. This 24-word Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways. It asks the following four questions:

- The Four-Way Test**
"Of the things we think, say or do
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Rules:

1. Children ages 10-16 may enter. Judging will be in two age categories: 10 - 13 years and 14-16 years for a first and second place winner in each category.
2. Write an essay answering the following subject: "What does the Four-Way Test mean to me." Explain your understanding of the 4-Way Test as it relates to your life, experiences, and/or society in general." Your essay must include the four principles.
3. The body of the essay must not exceed 1,000 words. Adults may assist the child in filling out the entry form, but not in writing the letter.
4. Limit one essay per child. All entries must be received by the Rotary Club of East Nassau before Nov 30, 2009.
5. Only essays accompanied by original entry forms clipped from the newspaper will be accepted. Photocopy, fax, carbon or other copies will not be accepted.
6. One winner will be chosen from each age category. The decision of the judges is final.
7. Winner must agree to a photo presentation which will be published in the newspaper.
8. Mail essay and completed newspaper clipping to The Four-Way Test Essay Competition, Attn: Michele Rassin, The Rotary Club of East Nassau, P.O. Box SS-6320, Nassau, Bahamas

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

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BUSINESS

Ex-bank manager loses appeal over share trade plan

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these prices were well below the \$9.50-plus range that Commonwealth Bank stock was trading in on the Bahamas International Securities Exchange (BISX) at the time in March 2006, when Tribune Business broke the story. In its judgment, the Court of Appeal recorded how under the terms of Commonwealth Bank's stock option plan, dated March 1, 2000, Mr Bethel had the ability to purchase 20,000 shares in the bank at the IPO price of \$6 per share. This option had to be exercised by April 30, 2006, otherwise it would lapse.

Mr Bethel, the court found, contacted Mr Cox to help him purchase his share options in November 2005, and the transaction was completed according to the plan's terms. However, Mr Bethel then "made a similar arrangement with Colina Financial on behalf of several [Commonwealth Bank] employees who had approached him to act on their behalf under a Power of Attorney", the Court of Appeal found.

"The transactions were completed with all funds from the purchase being deposited to the account of [Mr Bethel] at FINCO. Payments for the purchase of the option shares were paid

to [Commonwealth Bank] in accordance with the terms set out in the option plan, and all of the transactions were handled by and through" Commonwealth Bank's registered broker, Colina Financial Advisors.

While Commonwealth Bank received the \$6 per share purchase price under the option plan, the bank's managers profited from the subsequent sale of their shares to Mr Bethel and Colina, with Mr Bethel profiting from the fee he received to execute the transactions. Commonwealth Bank, though, subsequently reported the transactions to Hillary Deveaux, the Securities Commission's executive director, on March 7, 2006. It told the regulator that Mr Bethel's employment contract had been terminated, because it was "satisfied he had been dealing in shares" in breach of the Securities Industry Act.

The letter stated that Mr Cox had sold the shares he acquired through Mr Bethel either on BISX or privately, for prices that were undetermined.

The letter added: "Mr Cox would then issue a cheque to Mr Bethel for the purchase of the shares at \$8.80 per share. The monies were deposited at FINCO, and the managers were then paid \$8.00 per share for the shares acquired by them and sold.

"In short, Mr Bethel kept the difference between the \$8.80 received by him for the sale of the shares and the amount of \$8 per share given to the bank managers. In other words, Mr Bethel received a commission of \$0.80 per share."

Commonwealth Bank said its attorneys, Graham, Thompson & Co, had advised it that Mr Bethel's actions could have breached the Securities Industry Act.

Letter

And, in the March 6, 2006, letter to Mr Bethel dismissing him, the bank said that in receiving the commission he had effectively acted as a broker/dealer, describing this as "a criminal offence and in breach of your fiduciary obligations to the bank. This is gross misconduct....."

The Industrial Tribunal had ruled against Mr Bethel's claim that he had been wrongfully dismissed, finding that he had "committed a fundamental breach of his contract of employment".

However, Mr Bethel appealed this ruling, largely on the grounds that the Tribunal had erred when it felt Commonwealth Bank had no reason to first investigate the allegations against him, given that the Employment Act placed the burden of proof on the company to show its actions were justified.

The Court of Appeal found, though, that the Act's intentions would be defeated if 'rea-

sonable belief' that the employee had committed the offence had to always be established.

"What then, is the situation with an employee who admits to stealing from the cashier's till?" the court asked. "I would have thought that the employee's admission was sufficient to satisfy the ingredients [of the Act] that the employer honestly and reasonably believed that the employee stole from the cashier's till."

The judgment also recalled three meetings held between Mr Bethel and senior Commonwealth Bank executives to discuss the matter, during which he was questioned and gave answers. The Court of Appeal said this defeated the arguments of Mr Bethel and his attorneys that no proper investigation took place.

The more important question, the court said, was whether Commonwealth Bank "honestly believed on a balance of probability that the appellant had committed the misconduct in question at the time of the dismissal". It found that it had.

As for breaching the Securities Industry Act, the Court of Appeal found he "clearly fitted the definition" of someone who dealt in securities, as he acquired his fellow managers' shares and disposed of them, securing a profit for all.

It was sufficient, they added, for Commonwealth Bank to regard this conduct as incompatible with his duty as a bank manager, dismissing Mr Bethel's appeal.

NOTICE

To: All Members of The Public Workers' Co-operative Credit Union Limited

Dividend/Christmas Savings Distributions

Dividend Distribution

Surnames	Dates
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A-F	November 30th - December 4th, 2009

Thereafter, dividend cheques will be distributed until January 29th, 2010.

Distribution of Christmas Savings cheques begins Monday, December 7th, 2009.

REQUEST FOR TENDER



LPIA Expansion Project Stage I
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NOTICE

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- The Dissolution of said Company commenced on November 10, 2009 when its Articles of Dissolution were submitted and registered by the Registrar General.
- The Liquidator of the said company is Lakeisha Collie of 2nd Terrace West, Centreville, Nassau, Bahamas.
- All persons having Claims against the above-named Company are required on or before the 22nd day of December, 2009 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims to the Liquidator of the company or, in default thereof, they may be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

November 11, 2009

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9.30	5.90	Bank of Bahamas		5.90	5.90	0.00		0.244	0.260	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		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		10.00	10.00	0.00		1.406	0.250	7.1	2.50%
2.88	2.72	Colina Holdings		2.72	2.72	0.00		0.249	0.040	10.9	1.47%
7.50	5.26	Commonwealth Bank (S1)		5.65	5.65	0.00		0.419	0.300	13.5	5.31%
3.85	1.27	Consolidated Water BDRs		2.90	2.69	-0.21		0.111	0.052	24.2	1.93%
2.85	1.32	Doctor's Hospital		2.55	2.55	0.00		0.625	0.080	4.1	3.14%
8.20	6.28	Famguard		6.50	6.50	0.00		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%
5.63	4.11	Focol (S)		4.34	4.34	0.00	17.429	0.326	0.150	13.3	3.46%
1.00	1.00	Focol Class B Preference		1.00	1.00	0.00		0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%
0.45	0.27	Freeport Concrete		0.27	0.27	0.00		0.035	0.000	7.7	0.00%
9.02	5.49	ICD Utilities		5.59	5.59	0.00		0.407	0.500	13.7	8.94%
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	2.8266	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.8266	-3.86	-4.88			31-Oct-09			
8.00	1.4226	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.4957	4.30	5.13			23-Oct-09			
3.5399	2.9343	Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	2.9343	-13.33	-17.11			31-Oct-09			
13.2400	12.3870	Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.2400	4.93	5.90			31-Oct-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	9.4740	Fidelity International Investment Fund	9.4740	4.17	4.18			31-Oct-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					YIELD - last 12 month dividends divided by closing price						
52wk-Hi - Highest closing price in last 52 weeks					Bid \$ - Buying price of Colina and Fidelity						
52wk-Low - Lowest closing price in last 52 weeks					Ask \$ - Selling price of Colina and Fidelity						
Previous Close - Previous day's weighted price for daily volume					Last Price - Last traded over-the-counter price						
Today's Close - Current day's weighted price for daily volume					Weekly Vol. - Trading volume of the prior week						
Change - Change in closing price from day to day					EPS \$ - A company's reported earnings per share for the last 12 mths						
Daily Vol. - Number of total shares traded today					NAV - Net Asset Value						
DIV \$ - Dividends per share paid in the last 12 months					N/M - Not Meaningful						
P/E - Closing price divided by the last 12 month earnings					FINDEX - The Fidelity Bahamas Stock Index. January 1, 1994 = 100						
(S) - 4-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 8/8/2007											
(S1) - 3-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 7/11/2007											
TO TRADE CALL: COLINA 242-502-7010 ROYALFIDELITY 242-356-7764 FG CAPITAL MARKETS 242-396-4000 COLONIAL 242-502-7525											



BUSINESS

\$2.1m investment aids power firm reliability

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tomers and the Government, due to a combination of relatively high power bills, moves to cut-off customers unable to pay, and the firm's consistency/reliability problems that have resulted in numerous blackouts and power shortages.

However, Mr Ferrell told Tribune Business that the company's reliability was now "improved" due to the work carried out this year on upgrading its infrastructure, mainly its distribution and transmission systems, plus its plant.

One project, he explained, had involved grounding all Grand Bahama Power Company's transmission lines and poles, "which greatly improved the performance during lightning storms. Lightning caused us very few problems this year".

In addition, Mr Ferrell said the firm had completed its "automated transmission loop" connecting all its substations around Freeport, building in redundancy so that if transmissions lines were interrupted from one direction, electricity could still be flowed to these facilities via the other route.

The Grand Bahama Power Company chief executive said the automated loop had required a \$1.6 million investment, and the grounding a further \$0.5 million, for a total \$2.1 million.

From a generation plant perspective, Mr Ferrell said Grand Bahama Power Company had "made sure all maintenance was done in a timely manner" and completed, moving to enhance reliability.

"It will certainly make a tremendous difference," he said of all the work. "We have to stay on top of it, but our cus-

tomers will see much better reliability going forward because of the work done this year.

"We're trying to see if there are opportunities for us to be part of the economic development of this island, and are working with the Grand Bahama Port Authority. We want to make sure we do our part to ensure the island's economy improves."

Mr Ferrell said Grand Bahama Power Company had also "seen some improvement in efficiency" in its generation units in the 2009 second half, and was focusing on ensuring all plant units were running, so the "most efficient can be running at any given time".

The chief executive said Grand Bahama Power Company was also looking at "next generation units, and the upgrades, fuel and technology that would be most appropriate to the island's environment.

Data was still being collected on Grand Bahama Power Company's wind power experiment, Mr Ferrell saying that although the project - which started in April - had been going for seven months, a year's worth of data was required to enable a decision to be made. Talks were also being held with Sanitation Services over the prospects for landfill gas.

Meanwhile, Mr Ferrell said Grand Bahama Power Company expected construction work on its new headquarters building to be completed by year-end, with the company likely to move in shortly after the New Year. This, he added, would allow Grand Bahama Power Company to consolidate most of its employees in one building.

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Yacht mortgage registry urged

other forms of debt.

"I also say that simply adding this yacht registry will not 'round off' the nation's private wealth management service/product. There is a similar need for a jet/mortgage registry, and I have been calling for this for over 10 years. This is a very necessary tool that is required to attract high end individuals and families to transfer their wealth here," the former PLP leadership candidate said.

Recalling previous experiences, Mr Moss told Tribune Business: "Years ago I registered a jet here in the Bahamas and it was done through pulling teeth. We had to jump through hoops in convincing the lender they could enforce their rights here."

He added that he was "99 per cent" confident that the Bahamas' planned mega yacht registry would not be established before year-end, as Bahamas Maritime Authority chair Ian Fair had said yesterday,

due to the number of technical obstacles that had to be overcome.

Speaking to this newspaper from London, Mr Fair had said: "The mega yacht registry is very actively under way, and there are a lot of moving parts to it. It's a very high priority, and we're hopeful of having it before the end of the year.

"We want to do it; the Government wants to do it; and all are very supportive of the idea. It's just a matter of putting it all together. There's great progress being made, and we're hopeful of being able to launch it by the end of the year."

The mega yacht registry is also being viewed as a natural extension to the Bahamas' existing 1700-strong bulk shipping registry, the world's third largest, and a tool to attract mega yacht owners, managers and charterers to register their vessels in this nation.

In addition, a mega yacht registry has obvious links to the Bahamas' high-end

second home market, given that these property owners are also likely to own this class of vessel.

The links to the Bahamas' financial services industry, with its private wealth management specialisation, are even more obvious, as the owners of mega yachts are its target client market. A mega yacht registry in the Bahamas could also encourage themselves to domicile in this nation, and follow their assets here.

"The key reason behind it is that it rounds off the Bahamas' offering from a wealth management point of view," Mr Fair told Tribune Business. "It's one area of the market that we do not have a big slice of, because they've been going elsewhere. We need to be able to offer that service as well."

In addition, a Bahamas registry could also generate increased business for marinas and service suppliers to mega yachts, in addition to boosting government revenues.

NOTICE

LUPIDAS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN as follows:

- (a) LUPIDAS LIMITED is in voluntary dissolution under the provisions of Section 137 (4) of the International Business Companies Act 2000.
- (b) The dissolution of the said company commenced on the 6th November, 2009 when the Articles of Dissolution were submitted to and registered by the Registrar General.
- (c) The Liquidator of the said company is Credit Suisse Trust Limited, Rue de Lausanne 17 bis, Geneva.

Dated this 11th day of November, A. D. 2009

Credit Suisse Trust Limited
Liquidator

NOTICE

DELAPERL LIMITED

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Dated this 11th day of November, A. D. 2009

Credit Suisse Trust Limited
Liquidator

NOTICE

ESSO EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION PERU LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN as follows:

- (a) ESSO EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION PERU LIMITED is in dissolution under the provisions of the International Business Companies Act 2000.
- (b) The dissolution of the said Company commenced on the 9th day of November, 2009 when its Articles of Dissolution were submitted to and registered by the Registrar General.
- (c) The Liquidator of the said Company is Carol G. Gray of 16825 Northchase Drive, Houston, Texas 77060

Dated the 9th day of November, 2009.

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

Legal Notice

NOTICE

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(No.45 of 2000)

DUBAI PROPERTIES LIMITED

In Voluntary liquidation

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

The date of commencement of dissolution is the 9th day of November, 2009.

Patricia Ann SALEM
52, Piers Road
Borrowdale, Harare
Zimbabwe
Liquidator

NOTICE

CALUGI LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN as follows:

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- (c) The Liquidator of the said company is Credit Suisse Trust Limited, Rue de Lausanne 17 bis, Geneva.

Dated this 11th day of November, A. D. 2009

Credit Suisse Trust Limited
Liquidator

NOTICE

ESSO EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION PERU LIMITED

Creditors having debts or claims against the above-named Company are required to send particulars thereof to the undersigned c/o P.O. Box N-624, Nassau, Bahamas on or before 4th day of December, A.D., 2009. In default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made by the Liquidator.

Dated the 9th day of November, A.D., 2009.

Carol G. Gray
Liquidator
16825 Northchase Drive
Houston, Texas 77060

Legal Notice

NOTICE

SOLEIL INT'L INC.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given that the above-named Company is in dissolution, which commenced on the 10th day of November 2009. The Liquidator is Argosa Corp. Inc., P. O. Box N-7757 Nassau, Bahamas.

ARGOSA CORP. INC.
(Liquidator)

NOTICE

IFINGER LIMITED

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- (c) The Liquidator of the said company is Credit Suisse Trust Limited, Rue de Lausanne 17 bis, Geneva.

Dated this 11th day of November, A. D. 2009

Credit Suisse Trust Limited
Liquidator

Legal Notice

NOTICE

BLUE OCEAN COMPANY LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

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ARGOSA CORP. INC.
(Liquidator)

Legal Notice

NOTICE

MIAN TAN CO. LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

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ARGOSA CORP. INC.
(Liquidator)

NOTICE

CHILLEWICH INTERNATIONAL CO. LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN as follows:

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

Dated this 11th day of November, A. D. 2009

Verduro Associated Ltd.
Liquidator



BUSINESS

Capital markets enforcement is 'held back'

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However, Ms Martinborough said that, under the proposed new legislation, "the enforcement provisions of the Commission have been expanded, and its powers extended quite extensively. We have also addressed the issue of process, which has given the Commission some challenges over the years."

"The main issue addressed in the extension of powers provided to the Commission is our

ability to act immediately - issuing temporary orders, orders on the spot - so we can act without having to go through the disciplinary process first. The right of appeal exists."

Among the key changes to the reformed Securities Industry Act and its proposed regulations, which are now being reviewed by the Attorney General's Office and Ministry of Finance, is that the Securities Commission will base its regulation and supervision of registrants on 'function' - the business lines they are actively involved in - as opposed to 'title'.

Ms Martinborough said this was the way most other countries regulated their securities industries, and explained that it would better enable the Securities Commission to supervise

companies engaged in carrying on multiple business lines.

Before, the Bahamian regulator had been unable to decide whether some firms fell under the definition of a broker/dealer or a securities investment adviser, the revised Act having been designed to tidy this area up and bring clarity.

"This is one of the core changes to the regulations, and it's going to present the Commission with one of its biggest operational challenges, because it's going to require the reconfiguration of the whole structure and operations with regard to licensing," Ms Martinborough said.

Elsewhere, the new legislation and regulations would require the Bahamas International Securities Exchange (BISX) to "establish its solvency on an ongoing basis" due to exchange solvency requirements.

As for general standards for business conduct, Ms Martinborough said: "The biggest change is that we have included the requirement for parties registered by the Commission to maintain general standards of honesty, fairness and acting in the best interests of their clients."

"Significant changes" had

also been made to the issuance of prospectuses, the revised Act requiring that such a document be presented to the Securities Commission if any form of shares are being offered/distributed to the Bahamian public.

This had been stipulated in the current legislation, but Ms Martinborough explained: "That standard has given the Commission immense problems, because wherever you look you can't find a definition of 'public'. That's been one of the most difficult challenges we've had in administering the present legislation."

Now, while the requirement for the issuance of prospectuses, and their submission to the Securities Commission, would apply to any public issuance of shares in the Bahamas, the revised legislation included a number of 'carve-outs' or exemptions, such as the issuance of shares to family members only. Private placements, though, would require a "limited prospectus".

Ms Martinborough said another "new requirement" was for publicly-listed companies to submit their 'management discussion and analysis' to the Securities Commission, along with their quarterly and

annual results filings.

However, proxy material - usually included with company annual reports and mailed to Bahamian shareholders prior to annual general meetings (AGMs) - does not have to be submitted to the regulator first.

This, Ms Martinborough said, could be sent "to shareholders and the Commission at the same time. The Commission will have the authority to step in after the fact."

"We believe most of our public companies have come up to the standard of information required to be disclosed in proxy materials."

Front running and insider trading would remain offences under the new Securities Industry Act, while all purchases/disposals of public company shares by 'insiders', such as company directors, had to be disclosed to the Securities Commission as before.

"I am pleased to report that the Commission has drafted corporate governance rules that will be issued for consultation [soon]," Ms Martinborough said.

"We are in the process of working with a regional group in developing Takeover Bid

rules, which we believe will be used as a basis for takeovers throughout the region. That project seems to be moving quite efficiently, and we hope we have Takeover Rules sooner rather than later."

When asked by BICA's members about the Securities Commission's ability to enforce the new regulations, Ms Martinborough said she was "not going to pretend it's going to be simple", acknowledging that "the Commission is going to be challenged with the implementation of the legislation".

"There are going to be many changes to the Commission's own operations and structure," Ms Martinborough said. "There are quite a number of core changes being made to the regulatory structure for the securities industry under this legislation, so that's going to be a challenge, one which we are prepared to meet."

She added that the Securities Commission was "well on the way" to drafting the rules and guidelines necessary to start implementing the Securities Industry Act and its regulations, once they were passed by Parliament and signed into statute.

For the stories behind the news, read *Insight on Mondays*

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **RHOANNA KELLIE SHERICE BUTLER of SOLDIER ROAD, P.O. BOX N-9267, NASSAU, BAHAMAS**, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **11th day of November, 2009** to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS 2009
IN THE SUPREME COURT No. CLE/QUI/01509
Equity Side

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE QUIETING TITLES ACT 1959

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF LENNARD MAURICE ASHWORTH GULSON

TO

ALL THAT piece parcel or tract of land situate at Split Rocks about Four (4) miles Southeast of the Treasure Cay Airport and about Two (2) miles Northwest of Treasure Cay on Great Abaco Island in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas containing Fifteen and Thirty-four thousandths (15.034) acres or thereabouts

ALL that piece parcel or tract of land comprising of Fifteen and Thirtyfour thousandths (15.034) acres or thereabouts situate in the vicinity of Split Rocks on Great Abaco Island in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and which is bounded on the North by the high water mark of the Sea and running thereon Six hundred and Thirty-one and Eighty-two hundredths (631.82) feet more or less on the East by land the property of Sugar Plantation Limited and running thereon One thousand and Fifty-nine and Forty-three hundredths (1,059.43) feet more or less on the South by the road known as the Great Abaco Highway and running thereon Six hundred and Fifty-one and Eighty-eight hundredths (651.88) feet and on the West by land formerly the property of Home and Auto Supplies Limited but now the property of John Wayne Darville and running thereon One thousand One hundred and Thirty-four and Fifty-one hundredths (1,134.51) feet more or less

Lennard Maurice Ashworth Gulson claims to be the owner in fee simple in possession of the parcel of land hereinbefore described and the Petitioner has made application to the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas under Section 3 of The Quieting Titles Act, 1959 to have his title to the said land investigated.

Copies of the filed plan may be inspected during normal business hours at:-

- (a) The Registry of the Supreme Court
- (b) The Commissioner's Office at Coopers Town, Abaco
- (c) The Chambers of the undersigned.

NOTICE is hereby given that any person having dower or right to dower or an adverse claim or a claim not recognized in the Petition shall before the 11 day of January, A.D. 2010 file in the Supreme Court and serve the Petitioner or the undersigned a statement of his claim in the prescribed form verified by an Affidavit to be filed therewith. Failure of any such person to file and serve a statement of his claim on or before the 11th day of January, A.D. 2010 will operate as a bar to such claim.

E. DAWSON ROBERTS & COMPANY
Attorneys for the Petitioner,
Magna Carta Court,
Parliament & Shirley Streets,
Nassau, Bahamas.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **Jason Jeremie Reid of Marathon Estates, P.O. Box SS 5807, Nassau, The Bahamas**, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **11th day of November, 2009** to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **CHANIA MAZARD OF HAMPTON STREET OFF MT. ROYAL AVENUE, P.O. BOX N-536, NASSAU, NEW PROVIDENCE, THE BAHAMAS**, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **4TH day of NOVEMBER, 2009** to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, P.O.Box N-7147, Nassau, New Providence, The Bahamas.

THE INSURANCE COMMISSION OF THE BAHAMAS

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Analyst

The newly formed Insurance Commission (a statutory corporation) is seeking analysts to assist with the on-site and off-site examination of insurance companies and intermediaries.

Responsibilities

- Reports to the Chief Analyst/Superintendent
- Responsible for the supervision of other analysts /directly responsible for the examination of licensees to ensure that licensees are compliant with prudential requirements through on-site and off-site examinations
- Prepare/vet the preparation of examination reports
- Prepare/vet/approve on-site/off-site financial analysis, letters and other correspondence as necessary
- Ensure that licensees databases are maintained
- Supervision of other analysts/directly responsible for the assessment of new applications for licensees
- Contributes to the refining of supervisory methodology, policy development and the formulation of new/revised legislation and the related guidelines
- Provide advice and information to licensees and the wider public regarding complaints and questions about licensees' performance

Qualifications/Skills

- Professional Accountant / MBA in accounting / Certification in Insurance/ experience in the insurance industry
- Financial analysis skills
- Excellent leadership, communications, teamwork and organization skills
- Proficient in Microsoft office products to intermediate level
- Ability to work independently and multi-task
- Excellent written and oral communications skills
- Knowledge of insurance industry an asset

Compensation

- A competitive compensation package commensurate with relevant experience and qualifications.

Deadline

- 13 November 2009
- Application including comprehensive resume to be submitted by e-mail addresses to:
oric@bahamas.gov.bs

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **Timelie Philippe of FAITH AVE./CARMICHEAL ROAD, NASSAU, BAHAMAS**, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **11th day of November, 2009** to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **WADNER DESTINE of HEARN LANE, FREEPORT, GRAND BAHAMA, BAHAMAS** is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **11th day of November, 2009** to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, P.O.Box N-7147, Freeport, Bahamas.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **FRANCOISE FENELON OF ST. MICHAEL ROAD, GLENISTON GARDENS, NASSAU, NEW PROVIDENCE, THE BAHAMAS**, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **4TH day of NOVEMBER, 2009** to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, P.O.Box N-7147, Nassau, New Providence, The Bahamas.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **JOHN PIERRE of Karl Rd., Claridge Dale, NASSAU, THE BAHAMAS**, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **4th day of November, 2009** to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

NOTICE

IN THE ESTATE OF DAVID ARTHUR BROWN also known as DAVID A. BROWN late of 4644 Isleta Avenue in the City of San Diego in the State of California one of States of the United States of America, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claim or demand against or interest in the above Estate should send same duly certified in writing to the undersigned on or before 27th November, 2009 after which date the Administratrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the Estate having regard only to the claims, demands or interests of which she shall then have had notice **AND** all persons indebted to the above Estate are asked to settle such debts on or before 27th November, 2009.

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TASTE

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TRADITIONAL DINNER

THE traditional American-style Thanksgiving dinner.



THANKSGIVING RECIPES

PUMPKIN CHEESE PIE

Ingredients

- (8 ounce) of package cream cheese
- 2 cups of pumpkin puree
- 14 ounces sweetened condensed milk
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1 recipe pastry for a 9-inch single crust pie

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Mix cream cheese and condensed milk together until smooth. Stir in the pureed pumpkin, pumpkin pie spice and eggs. Mix until well combined. Pour batter into the pie shell.
3. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 45 minutes or until a knife inserted 1-inch from the edge comes out clean. Serve warm.

(www.allrecipes.com)

VEGETARIAN TURKEY STUFFING

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 3 stalks celery, finely chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, finely chopped
- 1 (4.5 ounce) can mushrooms, drained
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- salt to taste
- ground black pepper to taste
- 1 1/2 cups corn flake crumbs
- 1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease a medium casserole dish.
2. Heat the oil in a skillet over medium heat, and sauté the onion, celery, pepper, mushrooms, and garlic until tender. Season with salt and pepper. Mix in the corn flake crumbs and soup. Transfer to the prepared casserole dish.
3. Bake 30 minutes in the preheated oven, until lightly browned.

(www.allrecipes.com)

EASY HERB ROASTED TURKEY

Ingredients

- 1 (12 pound) whole turkey
- 3/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons dried basil
- 1 teaspoon ground sage
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 cups water

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Clean turkey (discard giblets and organs), and place in a roasting pan with a lid.
2. In a small bowl, combine olive oil, garlic powder, dried basil, ground sage, salt, and black pepper. Using a basting brush, apply the mixture to the outside of the uncooked turkey. Pour water into the bottom of the roasting pan, and cover.
3. Bake for 3 to 3 1/2 hours, or until the internal temperature of the thickest part of the thigh measures 180 degrees F (82 degrees C). Remove bird from oven, and allow to stand for about 30 minutes before carving.

(www.allrecipes.com)

Thanksgiving with a Bahamian twist

By JEFFARAH GIBSON

ATABLE set for the traditional Thanksgiving dinner would probably look something like this: A crispy golden-brown roasted turkey as the centerpiece, mashed potatoes, stuffing and corn on the cob as side dishes, and for dessert, a delicious pumpkin pie.

And while Thanksgiving Day is really an American holiday, many Bahamians observe it, at least when it comes to cooking up the traditional goodies.

But this year it might just be satisfying to put a spin on the 'same ole' Thanksgiving meal.

After all, who doesn't get tired of eating the same thing every year?

To help you out with your Thanksgiving dinner plans, *Tribune Taste* has explored alternative dishes that can be prepared instead of

the usual fare.

At the heart of almost every Thanksgiving meal is the turkey. Some might even say there is no Thanksgiving dinner without turkey.

But this year we're putting a spin on it, 'doing it Bahamian style' with a variety of seafood and non-traditional side dishes.

Owner of the Bahamian Kitchen Restaurant and Lounge Michael Brice says every year they try to "switch up" their Thanksgiving menu.

"What we try to do is give a variety of dishes to our patrons to select from. We still cook the traditional or American-style Thanksgiving dinner because the majority of our guests are tourists, but we also give them a little taste of the Bahamian-style Thanksgiving dinner, too," he said.

According to Mr Brice, this Bahamian-style dinner usually consists of an assortment of local seafood as an alternative to turkey.

"For our Bahamian-style Thanksgiving dinner we often prepare a lot of fish, steamed and boiled," he said.

This is a good option not only for

seafood lovers but for vegetarians as well. Instead of poultry, you can serve up fried grouper or boiled snapper, preparing it with your selection of seasoning.

What about strict vegetarians or vegans? Well they can try out the 'tofurkey', which is a casserole made with tofu and artificial turkey flavours.

Stuffing is another Thanksgiving staple, and while you don't have to exclude this delightful item from your dinner menu, you can add a little something extra to it.

"When it comes to stuffing it depends on the cook. Some people choose to make stuffing from the box and then others make stuffing from scratch. What people can do to change things up a bit is add a little lobster meat to the stuffing. This is a good idea especially if they want to try something different," Mr Brice said.

Other delicacies like conch, crawfish, shrimp or crab meat can be added to the dish, giving your stuffing a unique flavour.

Mr Brice says that every dinner should include a little starch, whether it is in the form of rice or mashed potatoes. He suggests that if

you are going for the Bahamian-style Thanksgiving dinner you should choose rice, as it goes wonderfully with seafood.

Desserts like pumpkin pie or sweet potato pie usually satisfy the sweet tooth after a delicious meal. But instead of pumpkin, apple or sweet potato pie, there are a few choices that complement the Bahamian Thanksgiving dinner better.

"Cheesecake can be an alternative for sweet potato pie or pumpkin pie. When we prepare a Thanksgiving dinner for our diners we would usually give them a coconut tart, pineapple tart or a Bahamian-made guava duff," he said.

"It's also all about creativity when it comes to preparing food. People can use a variety of foods as alternatives for their dinner, as well as a variety of pastries, it all depends on what you are going for."

While you don't have to change the entire menu of your dinner, substituting one item for another, adding that little something extra to your pot can be very satisfying for you and your Thanksgiving guests.



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• BOOK LAUNCH OF 'ISLANDS OF THE SUN: A TRIBUTE TO THE NORTHERN EXUMA CAYS, BAHAMAS'

This Friday, at the Doongalik Studios Art Gallery in Marina Village, Paradise Island, the Danguillecourt Project presents 'Islands of the Sun: A tribute to the Northern Exuma Cays, Bahamas' - a unique window into Bahamian natural history.

Put together by two young Bahamians, John A Thompson and Nikita Shiel-Rolle, the book offers spectacular images and an intriguing text tour which takes the reader through the ecosystems of the central Bahamas, from the hilltops to the depths of the ocean. The book is an unprecedented fusion of science and art, which is guaranteed to fascinate and educate young and old alike.

All proceeds from 'Islands of the Sun' will directly support the environmental and educational programmes of the non-profit Danguillecourt Project, such as Young Bahamian Marine Scientists' after-school clubs, workshops, and summer camps.

A book signing and art show to accompany the launch will be held from 5pm to 9pm at Doongalik Studios.

• SWIMSUIT MODEL CASTING CALL

This Friday and Saturday, Fab Factor Studio International and Brazilian Bezel Swimwear are hosting a casting call for female models to launch their 2010 Swimwear Calendar.

The casting call will be held at The Parlor on Boyd Road, next to the Shell Gas Station.

Models must be 5'5" or taller and must bring a two-piece bathing suit and heels, a comp card and/or portfolio. Must be 18 or over. Weaves are not permitted and hair has to be washed and dried. The event is from 12noon to 4 pm and models will have the chance to win free photoshoots, an inclusive portfolio package and more.

• ACTING WORKSHOP WITH WAYNE LEGETTE

For the fourth time, veteran American actor Wayne LeGette will instruct students on how to approach acting as a practical craft.

The workshops began on October 3 and will continue until December 12, taking place every other Saturday at The Hub on Bay Street and Colebrook Lane.

The programme offers voice and diction work, monologue and audition coaching, film and television commercial and scene coaching.

You can contact Ordain Moss at 324-2336 or 425-5266 to reserve your spot for this week's session. Also visit www.waynelegette.com for more information.

At the end of the workshop, participants will be awarded a certificate of completion.

Interested persons aged 17 and up are invited to sign up.

• 'THE BEAUTY OF BLACK AND WHITE' ART EXHIBITION

This Saturday, Morely's Art Studio and Gallery presents 'The Beauty of Black and White' at its Harrold Road location from 6pm to 10pm.

• ANGLICAN ANNUAL HYMN FESTIVAL

This Sunday at 4pm, the Anglican Chorale hosts its Fourth Annual Hymn Festival at Christ Church Cathedral under the patronage of Bishop Rev Laish Boyd and his wife. Directed by Rosemary C Hanna, organists include Edward Cox, Allison Dean and Preston Ferguson. The brass ensemble is led by Inspector Dennis Sturupp.

Admission is free, but an offering will be taken.

Exclusive 'New India' fashion show to support cancer patients in the Bahamas

EXCLUSIVE UK fashion designer Surinder Panesar of Sim Sui, based in Leicester, has created a special collection especially for the Bahamas that will be featured for viewing and sale this weekend at the Cancer Association of Grand Bahama's 'Passage to India' event.

Additionally, flying in for the event is JetC Patel, one of the evening's three DJs, who has recently played Brighton Festival and frequently works the hottest European and London nightclubs.

The Passage to India Fashion Show and Party has been organised by a group of Grand Bahama women who wanted something different, cool and exciting to wear, something fabulous to enjoy, and at the same time raise money to buy beds to extend the hospice care provided by the Cancer Association.

The event will take place this Saturday at the Grand Bahama Sailing Club, formerly the Sir Charles Hayward Yacht Club, on Main Royal Close, east on Midshipman Road.

Alison Anglade, event producer, said: "We have had the privilege of seeing some of the fabrics and designs and they are perfect for our climate and desires. The Sim Sui collection includes ladies', men's and children's wear and has everything from beach to evening

wear. It is all excellent quality and reasonably priced."

"The evening itself promises much. We have a fashion show featuring professional models, some of whom are world-class, as well as featuring (cancer) survivors, all of whom are beautiful women who are excited to step out on the runway and show off their strength and these fabulous clothes," Ms Anglade said.

As for what else guests can expect from the night, Ms Anglade said there will be Indian hors d'oeuvres, special drinks, fun giveaways and demonstrations. The event will be hosted by Grand Bahama's youngest and hottest MC, Rico Thompson.

"It will be a great way for us all to experience a taste of the 'new' India," Ms Anglade said.

"The planning for this event has seen green lights all the way. A great group of people have come together and asked what they can do to help and we have built up a large number of volunteers to help work on the night to ensure it is suc-

cessful. Runway coach, Glenn Charles, director of Face International Modelling School, has some superb ideas for the show. We have two great local DJs, namely, Kristen Culmer and Maceo J J Jones who are excited about working with JetC Patel," she said.

Shirlyn Gray, a volunteer of the Cancer Association of Grand Bahama, said: "We really hope people will turn out to support this wonderful event and we are very happy that other nationalities have come together to help raise awareness of what we do. It will be a fun, fashion-forward evening and we are hoping that the profits from the event will buy the beds we need. We do hope everyone will come along and enjoy themselves all in support of such a great cause. The tickets are \$20 and clothing will be for sale afterwards. It would be a great place to buy something fabulous for the Christmas season."

Each year the Cancer Association of Grand Bahama hosts a seminar on the latest advances in cancer prevention and early detection. Last year, in conjunction with Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, they undertook a genetic testing study to unearth why Bahamians are getting cancer at a younger age than other nationalities. The building on West Atlantic Drive, Freeport, cur-



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rently has three beds and they need to increase that number to six to provide more hospice care to the people of the island.

"We offer a confidential service and 'comfort place' to local patients. We hold support group meetings on the first Tuesday of each month

for our membership of 80 and provide people with information about the disease," Ms Gray said.

Tickets are available from Island Java, Personal Touch Pharmacy, Island Timekeepers and the Cancer Association of the Grand Bahama, call 352-2873 or 727-0085.

Charismatic Pam Wood's Entertaining Secrets

A WELL-known teacher turned professional performer will return to Grand Bahama for one night only, for an event that promises to be magical.

Pam Woods, who inspired students from Hugh Campbell Primary, Sunland Baptist, Freeport High, St Vincent de Paul, and the former Hawksbill High in the 1990s, will be the star of a night of song, music and dance with a jazz and gospel flavour at Freeport's Regency Theatre this Friday.

Looking forward to a night to remember, Ms Woods said: "I taught for almost 30 years in all and was a weekend entertainer. I thought I would never make a living as an entertainer, so teaching provided income while I did what my heart desired on stage."

"I'm still a teacher, but I'm also a professional performer. I use all the skills of a teacher to pull and draw out audiences. Sometimes there is no response - like a class - and you wonder if you are getting through. I still use the tricks of the classroom."

Ms Woods was one of seven children and originally moved from Nassau to Grand Bahama because she wanted to be independent and "make a fresh start".

Music was a big part of her life - her late father Sidney Woods was a musician and his style can still be heard in Pam's piano-playing.

In addition to teaching music and performing professionally in front of audiences, she played the organ on Sunday mornings in many of Freeport's churches.

This Friday, she will be appearing with a large supporting cast in 'Home Again - An Evening with Pam Woods and Friends'.

Also featured are: Ossie Hall and Ralph Munnings,



PAM Woods bewitching an audience.

both playing the saxophone; Michael Wilchcombe, Donald Glass and Leslie McDonald (guitars).

The night will include a selection from "Ain't Misbehavin'" performed by Methice Rigby, Dora Brown, Kenton Pinder and Alessandro Major - a preview for the full show which will be presented by Freeport Players' Guild next February.

Dancers Sheena and A J Forbes will show off their talents to Ms Woods' version of "I Got Rhythm".

The Lois Seiler Dancers and Grand Bahama Players will complete the bill along with Ms Woods' daughter Wandrea, a teacher at St Paul's College and music tutor at Woods' Music Academy on the island.

Friday's show is the latest to be staged by the Grand Bahama Performing Arts Society which was launched in January in support of performers throughout the island.

All proceeds from the show are to their benefit.

Tickets can be obtained from the Seventeen Shop, Italian Specialty Imports and Island Java on Grand Bahama.



AIRPORT ARTWORK PROGRAM

INFORMATION WORKSHOP



Are you a Bahamian visual media artist looking to make your mark in the new terminal buildings at the Lynden Pindling International Airport? Nassau Airport Development Company is seeking local artists to create permanent art displays for the new airport facilities. There will be a total of seven permanent locations for artwork once the redevelopment project is completed.

Our goal is to create a 'local sense of place' at our country's major gateway and we need your help. We want artists to capture the essence and culture of the Bahamian way of life.

All interested artists are invited to attend an information workshop to learn about the LPIA Expansion Project, meet members of the terminal art selection committee and to review the process for art submission and the final selection process.

Date: Monday November 16, 2009

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Place: The College of The Bahamas, Performing Arts Centre

Attendance at the workshop is not mandatory but highly recommended. There will be a question and answer session following the workshop.

Interested persons may pick-up the **Expressions of Interest package** at NAD's offices at the reception desk on the second floor Domestic/International Terminal LPIA from **November 9th, 2009** between the hours of **9:00am and 5:00pm**.

Please visit the "Airport Artwork Program" section of our website at www.nas.bs for more details.

Please RSVP with Mrs. Billy Dorsett
Executive Assistant
Ph: (242) 702-1003 or billy.dorsett@nas.bs
Nassau Airport Development Company
P.O. Box AP 59229, Nassau, Bahamas

ARTS

Coin of the Realm hosts annual Christmas showing

By REUBEN SHEARER
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Hershey's 'Kiss' collection makes debut at the event, 'Smooth Sailing' pin steals show

FLOWERS die, chocolates you eat, but jewellery lasts forever.

With this in mind, people came out in droves last week to attend Coin of the Realm's annual Christmas showing. It was a high-class event as jewellery lovers attended the fancy courtyard reception before entering the store to view the "Smooth Sailing" collection.

With food and drink in-hand, persons filed into the store's showroom to view pieces from big-name designers such as Jörg Heinz, Denny Wong and Marta Howell.

Making its debut at the event was the Hershey's 'Kiss' collection featuring pendants shaped like a silver chocolate Kiss. It comes in four-18 karat diamonds, said Karen Alliata, manager of Coin of the Realm.

But the hottest piece of the three-day showcase was the 'Smooth Sailing' pin, which was designed in Switzerland exclusively for Coin of the Realm. The pin features a sterling silver diamond encrusted sailboat with conch pearls in the shades of pink and orange.

This was the 32nd annual Christmas showing of fine jewellery at Coin of the Realm, Mrs Alliata said.

"We invite all of our existing customers to come and take a look at the new collection and get a start on the Christmas season."

And it wasn't just Bahamians who attended the event. The Smiths, from Houston, Texas, have been coming to the Christmas collection showing for the last eight years.

And this time, they brought along their friends, the Thackers.

Sipping on red wine, the Smiths and their friends spoke to *Tribune Art*.

"I love the Jörg Heinz jewellery and had come back to add to my collection," said Babs Smith, who was celebrating her birthday. "We've always enjoyed coming here."

Mrs Smith said she made her first purchase from Coin of the Realm about eight years ago. "We found out that the party was close to my birthday, and in the last four years we've been coming back for the event," she said.

Pat Thacker, of Wichita, Texas, said: "We've been hearing about this place for as long as we knew the Smiths. We're here to celebrate Babs' birthday and to see this party."

"Today we're having fun and looking, and tomorrow we're giving them our money," Mrs Thacker said.

To which Mr Thacker, speaking on behalf of himself and Mr Smith, said: "Tomorrow they (the wives) have their fun and we're in trouble."

But the Texans weren't the only eager shoppers. Over 200 local customers of Coin of the Realm showed up to see the new designs.

For the customer with a budget, just "seeing the sights" and enjoying the party was enough.

Part of the proceeds of all the sales from Coin of the Realm's Christmas showing will go towards the Junior Sailing Programme of the Bahamas.



THE Thackers and the Smiths, guests from Texas, at Coin of the Realm's cocktail event.



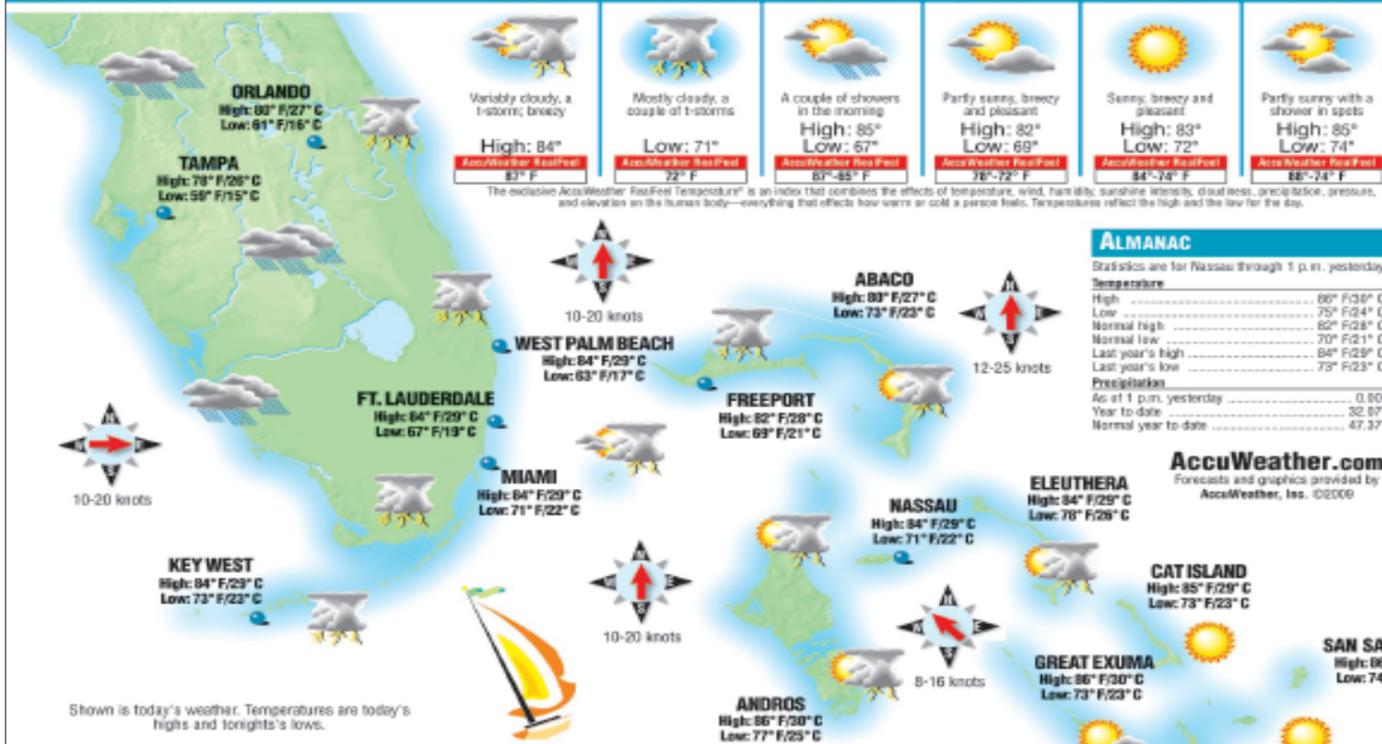
THE Coin of the Realm family at the cocktail party for the annual Christmas showing.

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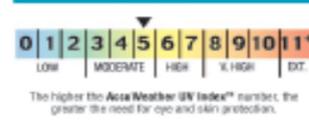


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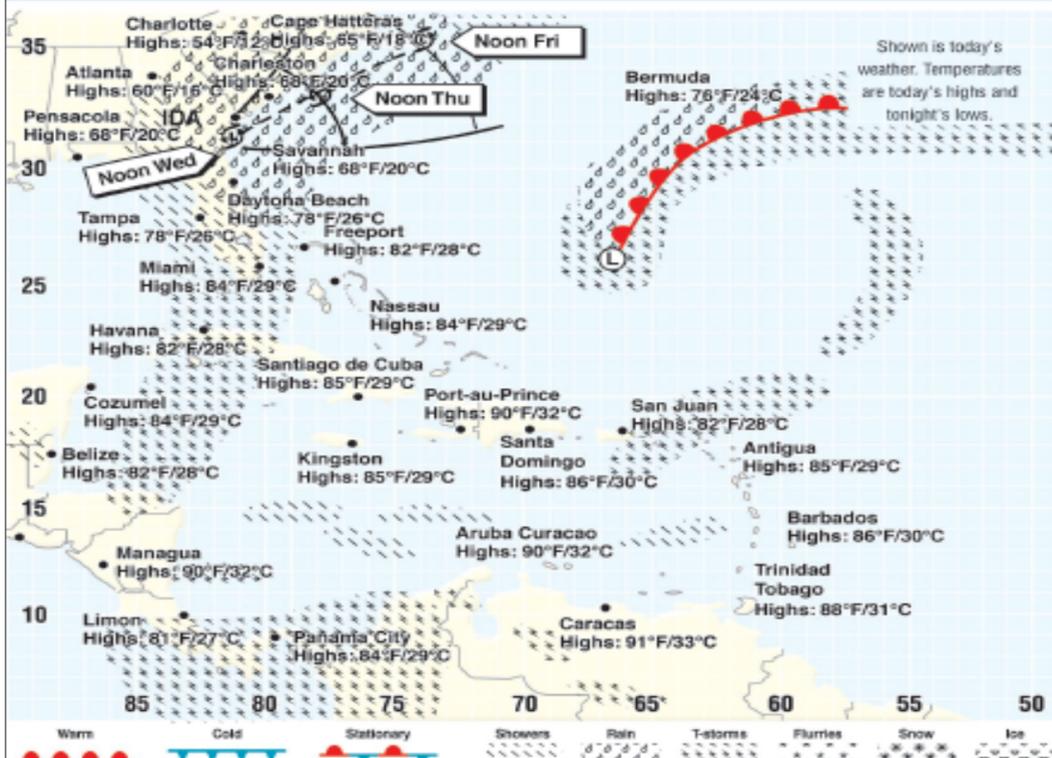
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Last year's low	73° F / 23° C
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Year to date	47.31"
Normal year to date	47.31"

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SUN AND MOON

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Sunset	5:24 p.m.	Moonset	1:53 p.m.
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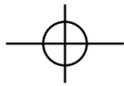


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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2009

By JEFFARAH GIBSON

VISUAL artist Toby Lunn has embarked on a mission to depict a metaphorical view of nature with his latest exhibition entitled 'Vanquish the Dragon', a collection of 19 oil paintings.

Mr Lunn told *Tribune Art* that this exhibition, which has been in the works for a few years, represents his final collection of oil paintings.

"The collection is a series of modern oil paintings spanning a three-year period. Five of the paintings were completed this year and the others between one and three years ago. This is my final oil painting collection, because I will now be using water-based paints for health purposes," he said.

Each piece in 'Vanquish the Dragon' represents an outlet for the artist's emotional expression and creative imagination.

"The collection is called 'Vanquish the Dragon' as it is a metaphor of my attempt to channel internal angst, as well as express my ideas of what I think depicts interesting and expansive painting," he said.

Each painting tells a story and Mr Lunn uses a fusion of different colours that sets the tone and complements the overall meaning found in the paintings.

One of the paintings, entitled "Kali Flames", does not in fact capture the Hindu goddess herself, but communicates the idea of rebirth, the artist said.

"Kali was a Hindu goddess, and she would always be surrounded by fire, and this is of great significance to me because I have Hindu origins."

Mr Lunn uses splashes of red, blue, and black in this painting so that the story behind the paint is articulated clearly.

In another painting, entitled "The Ginger Bread Ground", he tries to capture the motion of nature.

"The Ginger Bread Ground' is actually a very interesting channel of water where there is an energy that moves the waves in an interesting motion. The painting is not an actual picture of this area of water, but it represents the movement of water," he said.

Mr Lunn has been painting for 20 years and says that he has always had a love for abstract expressions as they involve a lot of searching for a meaning beyond the surface.

Following the 'Vanquish the Dragon' exhibition, he said his only concrete plan is to continue working on exciting pieces of art.

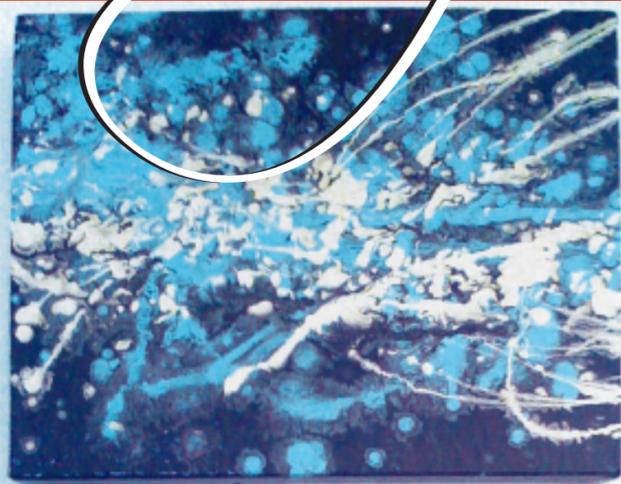
"My upcoming plan is to keep working on my body painting, even though it is a little struggle. But I feel that there is a growing buzz around the art community in the Bahamas, so it is important to keep adding fuel to the fire, so that I can make a solid mark on cultural development," he said.

The exhibition opened last Thursday and is currently on display at the Van Breugel's restaurant on Charlotte Street. It is expected to run for three weeks.

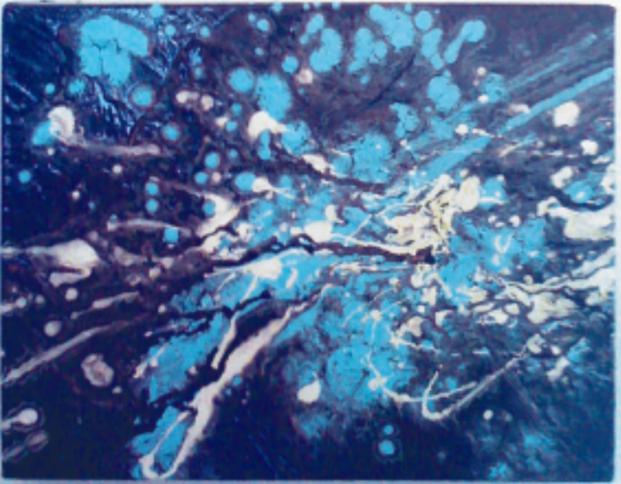
ARTIST Toby Lunn stands in front of his piece 'Kali Flames'.



Vanquish the dragon



'ZENITH Explored' by Toby Lunn.



OPENING Night - Toby Lunn discusses a painting with Amanda Schmidt.



TOBY Lunn's paintings 'The Ginger Bread Ground' (top) and 'Kali Flames' (bottom).