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Armed robber is shot dead

80th homicide makes record total for the year

THE record of 79 homicides in a year was broken this weekend when a man who was attempting to rob a popular East Street South store at gun point was shot dead by one of the establishment's employees. Police reported that sometime around 7pm on Saturday two men armed with handguns entered the Island Wide Produce and Meat Mart in the Carey Plaza. The two men approached the store's cashiers, demand-

ing cash and threatening to kill them if they did not hand over the money. "It is reported that the men continued with the threats to the cashiers stating, 'I will kill you, I will kill you,'" press officer Sergeant Chrislyn Skipings said. At this point, one of the employees of the store produced a licensed shotgun and fired shots in the direction of

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\$105m power plant expected to be up and running by April

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BAHAMAS Electricity Corporation officials expect to have their \$105 million power plant at Wilson City, Abaco, up and running by April next year. During a tour of the facility over the weekend, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham tried to ease the fears of residents on the island who had specific concerns about the project. While he could not assure them that BEC would not be using the cheaper Bunker C fuel to power the plant, Mr Ingraham did explain that it does not make sense to put such a new facility in Abaco to burn this type of fuel. Echoing this sentiment, the chairman of BEC Fred Gottlieb said he, like the Prime Minister, would not be doing anything that

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History made as first complete lobotomy performed in Bahamas

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DOCTORS have performed the first complete lobotomy in the Bahamas in a successful procedure to remove a tumour from a boy's brain. On his 12th birthday last month, Kenneth Farrington underwent a risky brain operation at the Princess Margaret Hospital. The stakes were high as Dr Magnus Ekedede and his team of neurosurgeons performed the procedure to remove a vascular tumour from the right frontal lobe of Kenneth's brain.

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JOHNNY DEPP ACCEPTS BAHAMAS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL AWARD



Tim Aylem/AP

ACTOR JOHNNY DEPP, right, holds a statuette after being awarded with the Bahamas Film Festival's Career Achievement Award last night. At left is fellow actor Sir Sean Connery and at centre Leslie Vanderpool, Bahamas International Film Festival founder.

INTERNATIONALLY acclaimed actor Johnny Depp last night accepted the Bahamas International Film Festival's (BIFF) Career Achievement award at a special presentation held at the Balmoral Club in Nassau. Fellow thespian Sir Sean Connery, a regular patron of BIFF who Mr Depp called one of the most "elegant" actors of our time, presented the award to the Hollywood mega star. Following the award presentation, which was sponsored by the pri-

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BEC 'lost more than \$16 million in 2008'

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THE Bahamas Electricity Corporation lost more than \$16 million in 2008, State Minister for the Environment Phenton Neymour said over the weekend. Mr Neymour said that the islands of Abaco and Eleuthera were the main culprits where BEC has seen tremendous losses. "BEC lost approximately \$8 million last year on the Abaco operation. With the Abaco operation, a huge component of it is fuel and one of the avenues we were looking at in terms of reducing expenses was reducing the fuel cost and that is why the

Bunker C was one of the items we were looking at in terms of saving costs for the Abaco operation. "What is critical is that the fuel cost for Abaco is also included in your fuel surcharge around the Bahamas. So if we can lower the fuel cost in Abaco it affects the entire Bahamas," he said. Likewise, on the island of Eleuthera, BEC experienced losses of more than \$7.5 million. "So when you look at Abaco and Eleuthera alone they almost account for the entire loss of BEC last year," Mr Neymour said. As such, the government is currently conducting a review

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Lawyer's son dies in fall from balcony

IN A tragic incident that has reportedly left family and friends "deeply disturbed", the son of lawyer Elliot Lockhart has died after falling from a dormitory balcony in Florida this weekend. Adel Lockhart, who was graduated from Queen's College in 2006, was reportedly visiting a friend's dormitory room at Barry University in Miami Shores, which they both attended, when the incident occurred. According to reports from friends and former classmates, Adel fell to his death from a dorm's balcony

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"BREATHE EASY": Pictured from left to right are Bianca Butler, PMH; Jenny Pinder, The Tribune; Michele Rassin, Doctors Hospital; Nurse Sandy Olander, PMH NICU; Dr. F. Montero, Registrar, PMH NICU; Joe Mei, Lucky Restaurant; Patrice Solomon, PMH NICU; James Chu, Lucky Food Store; Rose Chu, Lucky Restaurant & Food Store; Chen Yue Lan, Lucky Restaurant & Food Store; Garwai Mui, Lucky Restaurant and Food Store.

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Every year, the employees at Family Guardian put aside money for a charity to be given during the holiday season. This year, the Family Guardian Staff Charity Fund chose the "Breathe Easy" campaign as its beneficiary because of the last-

ing difference the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) continues to make in the lives of infants, and the fact that the campaign is raising money to help improve that service.

Lucky Food Store and Lucky Restaurant also made a contribution to "Breathe Easy" as they continue to live up to a commitment to service within the Bahamian community.

Goal

The "Breathe Easy" nationwide fund-raising campaign's goal is to raise \$300,000 for much needed ventilators to benefit critically ill newborns at the Princess Margaret Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

The Family Guardian and Lucky Food Store and Restaurant donations to the "Breathe Easy" campaign has brought the campaign's funds up to a total of \$219,625.

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LOCAL NEWS

Fears that skeletal remains could be those of missing man



FRANCIS FARRINGTON

FRIENDS of the missing Francis Farrington are concerned that skeletal remains found by police last Thursday could be those of the missing 28-year-old man.

However, press officer Sergeant Chrislyn Skippings told *The Tribune* yesterday that the body that was found behind Addington House, the Anglican Church's head office on Sands Road, was badly decomposed and has not yet been positively identified.

The family of Mr Farrington

also said that they have not been informed about any new developments in the case.

An online campaign was launched last week in an effort to help find the missing St Andrews School graduate.

While rumours spread over the weekend that the remains found behind Addington House were in fact those of the former Securities Commission employee, there is at this time no official evidence to support this belief.

Speaking with *The Tribune* yesterday, Mr Farrington's sister, Christine Ferguson, said they are still waiting and hoping for good news.

Police said they have no leads in their investigation into the bizarre disappearance of Mr Farrington, but his friends are using the social networking site Facebook to spread the word in an effort to find out what happened to the 28-year-old.

According to reports, the St

Andrews School graduate vanished without a trace on November 25, after telling his sister he was stepping out for a few minutes.

His brother, Chance Farrington, said: "He just left the house and never came back. We don't know what to think."

Anyone with information regarding Mr Farrington's whereabouts is encouraged to call 328-TIPS anonymously, or contact their nearest police station.

Bahamian film focussing on homophobia opens festival

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A BAHAMIAN film telling the story of a gay man's struggle in a fiercely homophobic society opened the Bahamas International Film Festival on Friday.

About 200 Bahamians and international filmmakers attended the world premiere of *Children of God* at the Atlantis theatre, the first feature film written and directed by Bahamian filmmaker Kareem Mortimer.



A SCENE FROM Children of God

Deputy Prime Minister Brent Symonette and Director of Tourism Vernice Walkine opened the sixth annual Bahamas International Film Festival (BIFF) and praised Mr Mortimer's work as an admirable achievement and an art that will reveal the Bahamas to the world.

Captivating images of Eleuthera's dramatic landscape filled the screen as the audience followed white Bahamian art student Jonny on a journey to the Family Island where he learns to embrace his homosexual nature and be true to himself despite being damned by others.

last year and went on to make *Children of God* within 12 months.

The film took precedence at BIFF just three years after the Bahamian Plays and Films Control Board banned cinema screenings of Oscar winning *Brokeback Mountain*, because of the "extreme homosexuality, nudity and profanity" shown in the gay love story.

But BIFF founder and executive director Leslie Vanderpool does not require permission from the films control board to show nearly 100 films from all over the world and uses her privilege to push boundaries.

son that being afraid of it is exactly why I should do it, and I think it was a terrific growing experience for me, pushing past that barrier. Sexuality is a pretty dense topic."

Bahamian actor and US resident Van Brown who plays the compassionate Eleutheran Reverend Ritchie in the film commended *Children of God* for addressing the need for issues to be discussed in the open.

He said: "Growing up in the Bahamas you do everything not to be gay or not to feel those feelings, but as you grow up

His story is intertwined with that of Christian wife and mother Lena as she drives a campaign to "Save the Bahamas" from homosexuality.

But as her crumbling marriage reveals, accepting oneself and acting on your true feelings is the only way for her, and Jonny, to find peace and live a happy life.

Their stories and their struggles are portrayed in the rich colours of stunning cinematography that gives the overall film an inspiring and optimistic hue.

Mr Mortimer said he had the idea for the film following the murders of a number of prominent gay men in Nassau as the gay community felt threatened by a serial killer and had no protection.

He received support from the BIFF residency programme

Mr Mortimer said: "We never thought we would be able to do a movie about this topic and find support, and I am just happy that people find the value in telling that story."

Members of the cast said working with Kareem in idyllic Eleuthera was a wonderful experience.

The role of Jonny was challenging for New York actor Johnny Ferro, who initially had reservations about making his first feature film role as a gay man in a Bahamian *Brokeback Mountain*.

He said: "I was afraid a bit. My first reaction about playing a gay character was, 'Do I want to start my career off that way? What does that mean?'"

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Man dies in Berry Islands plane crash

A RESIDENT of Bonyton Beach, Florida died in a plane crash in the Berry Islands on Saturday morning.

The 60-year-old pilot, who was identified as Lawrence Littlefield was reportedly piloting a single engine Aztec airplane, registration number N93HE, when the aircraft crashed into waters near the Chub Cay airport.

At this time it is uncertain where the flight had originated, but police on the island have confirmed that Mr Littlefield was the only person onboard the aircraft.

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What future for College of Bahamas?

ON LEARNING of the unexpected retirement of College of the Bahamas president Janyne Hodder, a former college board chairman commented that COB will be "hard pressed" to replace her. What an understatement!

In fact she was the shot of adrenal that the lethargic College needed, and the first reason to hope that one day it could in fact reach university status. The College will certainly be "hard pressed" to find a new president, but whoever that president might be, he or she will not be a Janyne Hodder. Mrs Hodder cannot be replaced.

A few days ago a member of her faculty, wishing to pour scorn on her achievements, complained that "for the past few years that Janyne Hodder has been here, she has been given a honeymoon by the media and the images that you are getting about what is going on at the college is absolutely false." The images to which he referred were images that she had inherited and did not have the funds to remedy overnight.

For members of the press, Janyne Hodder was a breath of fresh air. She had a dream, she had the credentials to realise that dream. She had a solid background of the Bahamian experience having started her teaching career here almost a lifetime ago. She had tremendous confidence in what she was trying to achieve and inspired others to buy into her dreams and help her realise her long-term goals. Above all she had a capacity for hard work — and work for the college she did. She dared to dream of the day when she could inspire Bahamians to shed their slothful mediocrity. She set the bar of achievement high.

Arawak Homes CEO Franklyn Wilson, the former College board chairman who hired Mrs Hodder for the post in 2006, said he was satisfied she had shown COB and the people of the Bahamas what a "real" college president is capable of doing.

"Joe Public now has a clearer sense of what that job entails," he said, "and not just maintenance, but development and growth."

In handing in her resignation, which shocked the community, Mrs Hodder told current COB board chairman Baswell Donaldson that she was torn between a sense of duty to a country that had given her her start, and taught her all her skills to build her career, and the desire to grow tomatoes full-time and walk her two-year-old grandson in the park in her Canadian homeland. The grandson, the tomatoes and Canada won the day.

We can fully understand her decision after so many years of *The Tribune* covering

the college and hearing the many petty professional jealousies among faculty, and all the other nonsense that professionals get up to, especially those not under contract, but with the guarantee of a lifetime chair — performance or no performance.

Years ago we recall a Tribune reporter putting down the telephone and turning to us with the wry comment: "Double, double toil and trouble; Fire burn and cauldron bubble." It was a quote from Shakespeare's Macbeth, the scene where the witches stir their brew of mischief. We knew the reporter was referring to more trouble brewing at the College of the Bahamas — usually the blood-letting was over some petty personality conflict. And we knew exactly who was involved.

Mrs Hodder, a vice-principal at Canada's prestigious McGill University, did not get a good start at the College. In fact her nomination was met with protest from the union with faculty staging a walkout, and the student union joining in.

As a result she withdrew her nomination. She was reported to have told her supporters that she could not contemplate taking the job without the full backing of the faculty. Although we have not been told what went on behind the scenes last week, we are satisfied that these same sentiments — although she denied them to the press — tipped the scales that led to her early retirement. As a matter of fact the Union of Tertiary Education, which represents the faculty, said Thursday that she was in some way personally to blame for their failure to get a new industrial contract.

Mr Donaldson said that early in the new year he will be looking for Mrs Hodder's replacement. "We want the best, and we'll find the best where we can find the best. If we can't find the best (in the Bahamas) then we will be going elsewhere," he said.

Under an Act of Parliament the College Council is given complete authority to govern the college, including the appointment of faculty.

We understand that over the years the faculty has arrogated much of these powers to themselves.

We suggest that Mr Donaldson as chairman discovers what these powers are and, if what we hear is true, repossess and enforce them on behalf of the Council.

Failing this, we suggest the only way the college will ever become a university is if it is closed down and reopened having been properly set up under an experienced board of governors and with a faculty that is under contract.

The Nassau Institute is dead wrong – again!EDITOR, *The Tribune*.

Not that they had much of it, but whatever little credibility the Nassau Institute (NI) did have left certainly evaporated when they jumped on the cuckoo bandwagon of climate change deniers.

These local counterparts of Glen Beck and Sarah Palin with glee seized on the story of the stolen emails from the University of East Anglia's Climate Research Unit to support their delusional idea that climate change is a global conspiracy by the vast majority of the world's scientists, environmentalists and political leaders.

According to the NI in a letter to your newspaper on Thursday, December 10, what has been described as the "greatest scam in history" is being turned on its head.

But, as British Climate Change Secretary Ed Milliband says, "This is scientific consensus from around the world. It's as universal a view as you can get. One chain of emails does not undo scientific consensus." Mr. Milliband used words like "dangerous ... irresponsible ... saboteurs" to describe the climate change deniers in his own country.

The evidence is overwhelming and incontrovertible that the earth is warming and that human activity is the main cause of it.

Yet the NI people are in denial like the flat earthers of old and some extraordinarily ignorant people of today who

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still believe the sun revolves around the earth, man has yet to set foot on the moon and cigarettes are not dangerous to your health.

The NI and similar so-called think tanks slavishly peddle day after day the line of the corporate interests who want nothing to get in the way of their unconscionable profiteering.

It is those same corporate interests whose callous greed is doing the most damage to the environment of this planet, just as their fraudulent market forces con game has brought the global economy to the edge of collapse.

Most intelligent people do not have to be accomplished scientists to understand that you can't go on pumping millions of tons of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere and the oceans every day without devastating consequences for life on this planet.

NI's snide suggestion that Prime Minister Ingraham should not attend the Copenhagen conference but should stay home and sort out public finances is typical of their arrogant attitude.

Fortunately for our country, Mr. Ingraham's thinking is not narrowly confined to the ideological box in which the NI people are pathetic prisoners.

He is capable of managing our government and applying his mind and his energies to different things in the course of a day and he is masterfully managing the economic crisis thrust on the Bahamas by external forces.

Mr. Ingraham would have been grossly irresponsible had he not decided to go to Copenhagen to add the voice of the Bahamas to that of other vulnerable states that are at grave risk from rising sea levels, of which the Bahamas is the fifth most vulnerable.

He and the other national leaders meeting in Copenhagen do not have the luxury of talking fool like the NI and waiting until all our coral and marine resources are destroyed by acidification, and 80 per cent of the Bahamas is under water.

Mr. Ingraham and his delegation need to be there to help press the case of developing countries like the Bahamas to slow down the degradation of the planet and to seek funds to mitigate the effects of climate change which can wreak havoc on our environment, our economy and our public finances — not to mention our viability as a state.

He goes to Copenhagen with the prayers and best wishes of intelligent, level-headed and patriotic Bahamians with him.

GALILEO

Nassau,
December 12, 2009**Coral Harbour development plans: Most residents don't want to become 'a city'**EDITOR, *The Tribune*.

We read with great interest articles published in yesterday and today's Tribune (Dec. 10, 11) about the developer in Coral Harbour.

The residents of this community were called to a Town Meeting a couple of months ago in the Noni Way Cafe where two MP's, namely Mr. Wright and Mr. Maynard, were present.

Mr Tony Joudi gave a presentation along with plans for his development in Coral Harbour. He spoke about his intentions saying that his presentation was "a courtesy to the existing residents" and made a promise that "if he did not have 100 per cent support from the residents of Coral Harbour, he would pack up and leave".

On mentioning his plans to remove the walls from the north side of the roundabout so his proposed new gas station and strip mall "would have

desired exposure", the meeting became quite heated. Residents mentioned that a small portion of an old existing wall in the Humminway Plaza had been grandfathered in to protect it after residents stood ground for its preservation, yet a far more significant structure was in the sights of demolition and approval by Town Planning?

Residents were asking if the developer and his architect could not have at least considered the preservation of the long standing Bahamian Landmark, that all long time residents of New Providence had come to know for over 50 years, be preserved and landscaped to enhance both his development and the well renowned entrance to the neighbourhood. Mr. Wright reiterated that he too had an emotional tie to the well known structure since his early years.

There appears to be no compromise from this developer. One only needs to look at his attempt to produce a gated community further down the road to see that his method is to bulldoze everything first and then re-plant with juvenile trees which will take decades to mature. The outside wall may present "a development in progress" but the other side shows a barren patch of natural wetland being filled with some graded ground which contradicts the recent policies 'to protect wetlands'? Hardly what The Tribune quoted as "roads had already been put in, and the subdivision of lots in to land proceeding at pace"! There may be cause here to challenge the claim that 40 per cent of the First Phase is being sold?

Coral Harbour residents are asking Mr. Earl Deveaux to take an immediate consideration of their requests and the proposed plans of any new development here that may include a Gay Strip Club that we certainly do NOT want in the proximity of our community. If Government is touting

"transparency of process" then the residents of Coral Harbour needed to be included.

The Tribune quoted Mr. Joudi saying "that a small number of people stirring up trouble". Mr. Joudi needs to be corrected by his assumption. The residents of Coral Harbour have in fact had meetings that involve representatives of ALL the sectors of their community, including Coral Harbour East, West, South and Coral Lakes to discuss the developer's intentions. It has been concluded that Mr. Joudi has decided to proceed in his submissions for Town Planning approvals without the involvement of the Committees of the neighbourhoods concerned. Could perhaps those very few siding with Mr. Joudi have ulterior motives?

The representatives were dismayed at the thought of the pine barrens north of the roundabout being flattened to accommodate "a seven screen cinema complex" and yet another gas station. We already have a gas station, the livelihood of which will be threatened by another being constructed a quarter mile away along with the ecological threat to the existing well-fields this area is valued for? In this day and age of Cable Bahamas and satellite technology in almost every home, one has to doubt the success rate or even need of "seven cinemas" being constructed? It is but a 15-20 minute drive to RND Theatres. The architectural choices of this new development have no regard for the existing structures and hold little or no Bahamian flavour. Most residents do not share the desire to become "a city." We live here to escape the very thought!

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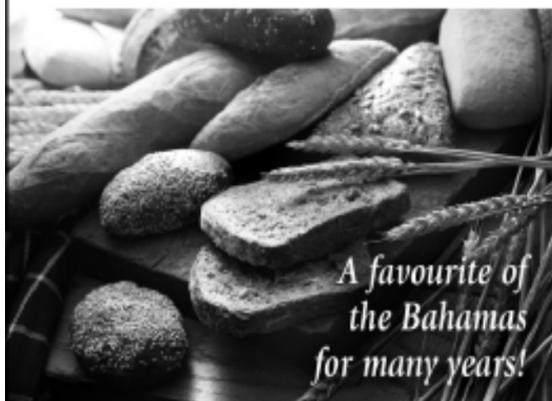


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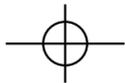
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Senator calls for AG to take bold steps in crime fight

CALLING on new Attorney General John Delaney to take some bold steps to fight high crime levels, PLP Senator Allyson Maynard-Gibson said she hopes he will support making information public about persons out on bail.

Welcoming Mr Delaney to the Senate last Friday, Mrs Maynard-Gibson also called for immediate trials for persons attacking police officers or judges.

"Anyone who shoots a policeman, threatens a policeman, attacks a judge or threatens a judge should be tried immediately. They should go to the top of the queue and that matter be set down for immediate trial," she said.

The former Attorney General further called for the elimination of bail for persons on murder charges.

"Establish a website which citizens can easily access for the purpose of finding out who is out on bail. People are charged in public and given bail in public. This is public information. It should be easy for members of the public to find out who is out on bail.



ALLYSON MAYNARD-GIBSON



JOHN DELANEY

Right now policemen who are responsible for the arrest of criminals are being approached by those criminals when they are released on bail, she said.

Mrs Maynard-Gibson said she knows of a policeman who was recently at the cinema with his wife and children when he was approached by a man he had arrested.

"One of the persons that he had arrested approached him in a threatening manner and told him that he is now out on bail. This should never hap-

pen," she said.

The PLP senator said she also hopes that Mr Delaney will encourage people to stop blaming judges for the problems in the administration of justice.

"Judges are ready to sit. It is not their fault that the system is broken. Government is largely responsible for the broken system. The government must provide the resources for the effective administration of justice," she said.

Mrs Maynard-Gibson said she also hopes that with Mr Delaney coming to the post of Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs as someone who is knowledgeable about financial services, "he will utilise his considerable knowledge to try to rebuild what has been destroyed over the past two years" of "stop, cancel and review."

"We hope that having been a managing partner in an international law firm, he will utilise this knowledge to continue the attempt to bring the Attorney General's chambers to the position of the country's premier chambers, as it ought to be.

"We also hope that he will be given the resources to achieve this goal. It is the people's law firm. It is the firm that advises about our international obligations and ensures that we are compliant with them," she said.

PLP 'does not support' Reginald Ferguson as director of Financial Intelligence Unit

THE Opposition PLP has announced that it does not support the appointment of former commissioner of police Reginald Ferguson to be director of the Financial Intelligence Unit.

In a party statement, the PLP claimed that Mr Ferguson was criticised in the report of the 2004 Commission of Inquiry into the mv Lorequin when drugs disappeared in a sting operation conducted by the US Drug Enforcement Agency.

"Mr Ferguson," said the PLP statement, "was also criticised by Senior Justice Jon Isaacs in the case of R v Sean Bruey and Warren Ellis."

In that case, said the PLP, the judge "accepted the sworn evidence of the witness who said that she was forced to give evidence by Mr Ferguson and that the evidence that she gave under duress was untrue."

The party claimed that Mr Ferguson was given four separate chances to refute her sworn testimony, but did not.

"The failure to refute her evidence was deemed to be an admission by the Crown of the truth of her sworn evidence. An appeal was filed, but was withdrawn," the party said.

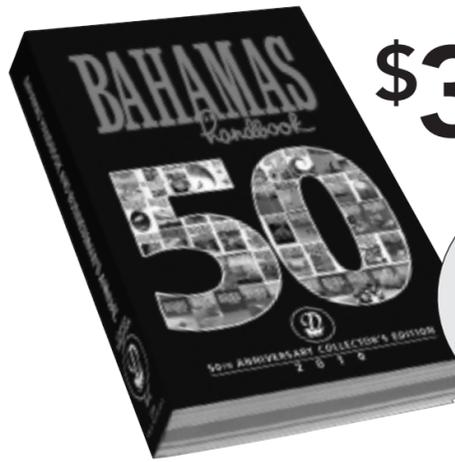
Because of these incidents, the party did not think that Mr Ferguson should be appointed director of the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU).

"The FNM through its inept management of financial services, including the 'stop, review and cancel' treatment given to the Ministry of Financial Services was in large measure responsible for the lay-offs of scores of young Bahamians from Bank of Butterfield, Ansbacher Trust Company, Royal Bank of Canada, First Caribbean Bank and other banks, trust companies, insurance companies and other financial services institutions," said the statement.

"The PLP believes that there are many suitably qualified young persons in the Bahamas who are more than able to fill the post of the Director of the FIU. The PLP does not believe that someone aged 63 on pension of 60 per cent of \$67,086 together with other benefits received by former commissioners of police ought to prevent young Bahamians from holding that post. The PLP is obliged to remind the public that senior police officers younger than Mr Ferguson were sent home without the offer of any other positions; many of them are still unemployed," said the party statement.

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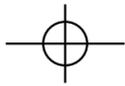
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LOCAL NEWS

15th Annual Festival Noel begins the holiday festivities

As the holidays draw near, Grand Bahamians had their official kickoff event for the season. The 15th annual Festival Noel was held on Friday, December 4, and although the weather report called for rain, the evening gave way to clear skies and a true night to remember surrounded by the beautiful gardens at the Rand Nature Centre.

Guests enjoyed art, wine provided by Bristol Wines and Spirits, music and the delightful culinary competition: Chef Noel. "Festival Noel is the major fundraiser for The Grand Bahama Branch of The Bahamas National Trust. We are truly appreciative to all of our attendees who supported us this year and thanks to our sponsors all of the proceeds raised on Friday night stays right here on Grand Bahama and will further assist us in restoring the wildlife pond at The Rand Nature Centre," said Karin Sanchez, Grand Bahama Branch Chairman.

With a variety of more than 32 different wines, Bristol Wines and Spirits truly stepped it up a notch and offered patrons a wine sampling like no other. Offering wines from regions such as Argentina, Chile, Italy and France guests were blown away by the wide selection and variety. Bristol Wines and Spirits Key Accounts Manager, Jevon Butler said "We were highly thrilled with the success of the event and are so pleased to support The Bahamas National Trust on its 50th year, we are already looking forward to next year's event!"

Festival Noel, which is undoubtedly an Art and Wine focused event, promised something for all beverage connoisseurs. The Bahamian Brewery and Beverage Company offered Sands, Sands Light, Strong Back and its newest premium brew, High Rock. For those who prefer the bubbly, the Festival Noel committee this year featured a champagne table where guests could purchase Moët & Chandon either by the glass or by the bottle.

As the wine flowed, guests enjoyed strolls through the park, mingled with others and viewed magnificent artwork by Bahamian artists such as Alisa Streater Robinson, Janice Cockery, Ken Heslop, Del Foxton, Sandra Bonnefil, Rupert Watkins, Caroline Anderson and The Grand Bahamas Artist Association. This year's guest artist, Anthony Morley, known as Big Mo, displayed over 50 pieces of artwork.

"Festival Noel was simply magnificent," said the artist. "It was well organised and displayed a unique Bahamian flavour. I encourage the sponsors, artists, restaurants and most importantly the community of Grand Bahama to continue to support Festival Noel and The Bahamas National Trust." Thanks to Big Mo's sponsors, his travels, room and shipping were covered. The generous artist gave a percentage of his art sales to the Trust event. The night's musical acts included Susan Jensen Sweeting and her son, Jens Peder Sweeting, who opened the evening and performed a variety of enchanting songs. Erik Russell followed. Russell is a well-known soloist, who performed a medley of festive songs, which got the crowd into the holiday spirit. A first for Festival Noel was when The Good Ole Boys hit the stage with their jazzy island sounds and had the crowd dancing until the end.

With all of the community involvement, local restaurants and caterers wowed visitors with their culinary delights and competed to be crowned the next Chef Noel.

Participating restaurants included Shenanigans, Lucianos & Le Med, Social Butterfly Catering Services, Livity Vegetarian Take-Out and Juice Bar, Grand Bahama Catholic High Catering, Island Java and Joe Ret - Pig Roasting. The restaurants offered samplings ranging from Chicken Pot Pies, Roast Pig, Conch and Plantain Fritters to delicious cakes. The competition was strong for Chef Noel, which is voted on by those attending, the Festival committee will be announcing the winner later in the month. Festival Noel promised to be something for all. Even for the die-hard shoppers. Sponsors Colombian Emeralds International, Parfum de Paris & Furniture Plus displayed their items for sale and helped patrons get a jump start on their holiday shopping. The Festival Noel committee was also pleased to wear the joyful Santa hats that were provided



SOCIAL BUTTERFLY CATERING was a new entry into Festival Noel's Chef Noel competition. Each restaurant or caterer this year was also given two culinary students to work with them in helping with the food preparation and service. Other restaurants participating were Shenanigans, Island Java, Joe Ret - Pig Roasting, Lucianos and Le Med, Catholic High School Catering and Livity Vegetarian restaurant and juice bar. Chef Noel will be announced later this month as well as the top students who assisted.

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THIS YEAR there was lots of wine at Festival Noel 2009, 32 varieties to be exact. Thanks to the event's main sponsor Bristol Wines and Spirits the wine flowed all night at this year's event. "We were very pleased to be able to feature so many wines this year," said Rusty Scates, of Bristol Wines Spirits, "and to also make our attendees very happy." Pictured are two long time Trust supporters (left to right) Judith Dawkins and Leigh Termath, sampling wine on the night.

by Hush Intimate Apparel. "We were really pleased with the turnout on Friday night and appreciate all who came out in supporting this wonderful event."

The music, art, wine and food were all the right ingredients to make for a really enjoyable night on Grand Bahama,"

said Cecilia Bodie, Rand Nature Centre Administrator.

"Our natural habitat, which gave way to a beautiful evening and setting will be the true recipients of Festival Noel's success. It is thanks to the community's support that our parks will continue to be maintained as pristine as ever," she said.



CAN WE HAVE SOME MORE? Thanks to the largest number of restaurants this year there were lots of chances for seconds and thirds from all the restaurants. This year the Festival committee asked the students of the culinary school to assist the local restaurants. Organised by Chef Maycock and Barbara Stollery the students gained invaluable experience and were able to support their local trust.

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Obama's Wars and Peace

BY SIR RONALD SANDERS

(The writer is a consultant and former Caribbean diplomat)

In accepting the Nobel Peace Prize and talking about the wars in which his nation is involved and the conditions under which he would approve America warring again, the world learned much about Barack Obama's view of war and peace.

He indicated that he does not expect wars to end anytime soon.

"We must begin," he said, "by acknowledging the hard truth that we will not eradicate violent conflict in our lifetimes. There will be times when nations — acting individually or in concert — will find the use of force not only necessary but morally justified."

And like every US President before him, Obama did not rule out ignoring international opinion and acting unilaterally if he considered US interests to be threatened.

He declared: "I — like any head of state — reserve the right to act unilaterally if necessary to defend my nation."

Unilateral action, if necessary, is the first emerging strand of an Obama doctrine on war and peace.

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Sir Ronald Sanders

It appears to be a doctrine that, far from eschewing war, recognises it as a necessary part of defence. He said: "I face the world as it is, and cannot stand idle in the face of threats to the American people."

"For make no mistake: evil

does exist in the world. A non-violent movement could not have halted Hitler's armies. Negotiations cannot convince al Qaeda's leaders to lay down their arms.

"To say that force is sometimes necessary is not a call to cynicism — it is a recognition of history; the imperfections of man and the limits of reason."

What seems to be a second strand in the Obama doctrine is an acceptance that war may be the only means to crush evil, and if war is judged to be required, then war it will be.

Yet, while advancing the notion that war may be the only effective means of ending evil, Obama argued for rules to guide such conflict.

"I believe that force can be justified on humanitarian grounds, as it was in the Balkans, or in other places that have been scarred by war.

"Inaction tears at our conscience and can lead to more costly intervention later.

"That is why all responsible nations must embrace the role that militaries with a clear mandate can play to keep the peace."

Another strand in Obama's emerging doctrine on war and peace is his judgment of the countries that will be the source of such wars in the future and how they should be treated. Apparently rejecting the possibility of a nuclear war among the old superpowers, the US and Russia, and with a pointed reference to Iran and North Korea, both of whom are suspected of wishing to develop nuclear weapons, he said: "The world may no longer shudder at the prospect of war between two nuclear superpowers, but proliferation may increase the risk of catastrophe."

Terrorism

"Terrorism has long been a tactic, but modern technology allows a few small men with outsize rage to murder innocents on a horrific scale."

Obama wanted the stiffest sanctions against offending countries by the international community.

"Those regimes that break the rules must be held accountable. Sanctions must exact a real price. Intransigence must be met with increased pressure — and such pressure exists only when the world stands together as one."

The same applied to "those who violate international law by brutalizing their own people. When there is genocide in Darfur; systematic rape in Congo; or repression in Burma — there must be consequences."

It was also clear that while he saw the US continuing to play a role in ending conflicts where US interests were not necessarily threatened, he did not see the US retaining the role of the world's policeman alone.

"That is why we must strengthen UN and regional peacekeeping, and not leave the task to a few countries," he said.

Human rights are also a strong element of this emerging Obama doctrine on war and peace.

"In some countries, the failure to uphold human rights is excused by the false suggestion that these are Western principles, foreign to local cultures or stages of a nation's development... I believe that peace is unstable where citizens are denied the right to speak freely or worship as they please; choose their own leaders or assemble without fear. Pent up grievances fester and the suppression of tribal and religious identity can lead to violence."

He left the door open for countries, such as Cuba and China. "The promotion of human rights cannot be about exhortation alone.

"At times, it must be coupled with painstaking diplomacy. I know that engagement with repressive regimes lacks the satisfying purity of indignation. But I also know that sanctions without outreach — and condemnation without discussion — can carry forward a crippling status quo.

"No repressive regime can move down a new path unless it has the choice of an open door."

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PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA



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FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA and US President Barack Obama at a banquet in Obama's honour in Oslo, Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009.

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All this suggests that the elements in Obama's doctrine on war and peace are: peace is desirable but war may be necessary and when it is war there will be; to protect America's interest, war may be unilaterally declared regardless of international opinion; America will continue to play a role in ending conflicts within nations and between nations but it will expect other countries to carry some of the burden and to this end both regional and UN peacekeeping must be strengthened; and for peace to be achieved, it is vital that nations respect human rights and America is prepared to help them to do so, or intervene with others to stop atrocities.

Obama is often cast as an idealist, but the principles he set down are both realist and realistic. America is not about to relinquish its status as a super power with the military might to defend its interests and to intervene to end conflicts elsewhere.

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LOCAL NEWS

NATIONAL WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN IN RESPONSE TO INCREASING VIOLENCE

Encouraging healthy relationships

By MEGAN REYNOLDS
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Women's Advisory Council in response to rising incidents of violence.

A series of Public Service Announcements (PSA's) released by the National Women's Advisory Council (NWAC) for radio play, and soon television, advocate the

importance of trust, honesty, respect, forgiveness, and empathy in relationships.

The campaign has gained the full support of Minister of State for Social Development Loretta-Butler Turner as violent crime soars across the country and the annual mur-

der rate threatens to break national records with 79 homicides recorded this year.

Minister of National Security Tommy Turnquest said 28 of 78 murders this year were as a result of arguments, conflicts or retaliation while nine arose out of domestic violence, meaning police have little opportunity to interfere. But the NWAC and Social Services hope to mitigate this by addressing the problem of domestic violence at its heart.

The council believes negative cultural behaviour can be changed if people take responsibility for their actions, refrain from destructive behaviour and retain their moral principles. The PSA hopes to inspire people to improve their communication skills and foster healthy relationships.



MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT Loretta Butler-Turner, who supports the NWAC campaign.

awareness of the various aspects of unhealthy relationships and to create a shift in behaviour, where violence does exist."

The Minister of State oversaw the enactment of the Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act in December last year and said this has yet to be fully utilised in society.

She has also moved an amendment to the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act which would outlaw rape within marriage, a move which stirred a heated national debate as it was rejected by the Bahamas Christian Council.

Mrs Butler-Turner said: "Domestic violence affects all family members and people need to know what their rights are within the legislation and know there are provisions within the law to ensure their safety."

"There are safe houses and even if separated from the breadwinner, finances are in place to let you live on without having the rug pulled from under your feet."

"But people are probably not fully acquainted with all of the aspects of the law and it's very important that we ensure we get the message out there and have people advocating what the purpose of that legislation is."

To find out more about domestic violence laws log on to www.bahamas.gov.bs or call the Bahamas Crisis Centre on 328-0922.

that's there from the very beginning then this violence doesn't exist."

The announcements feature former president of the Cancer Society Terrance Fountain, former president of the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce Dionisio D'Aguiar and BAM-BAM Junior Achievement Company president Mikka Carter.

Mrs Butler-Turner added: "A number of social ills prevalent in our society are as a result of unhealthy relationships. Whether between family members, business partners or friends, unhealthy relationships are a breeding ground for abuse, which often results in violent actions."

"Regardless of the nature of violence, be it physical, psychological or sexual, it is unacceptable."

"The intent of these messages is to bring about the

Stable

NWAC chairwoman Gwen Knowles said: "We believe healthy relationships in our homes schools, the workplace, churches, organisations, junkanoo groups and on the basketball courts and soccer fields make for a stable society."

"We have to hope we can start from the very beginning to help young people develop conflict resolution skills without resorting to violence."

"We really want to dwell on the positive parts of having healthy relationships and having high self-esteem because if

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EARLY CHRISTMAS: World War Two veterans of the Nassau Branch of the British Legion are assured of Christmas fare.



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CHRISTMAS arrived early for World War II veterans of the Nassau Branch of the British Legion who were recently given food hampers thanks to the members of the Royal Society of St George.

For the past eight years, this has been one of the highlights of the Society's many donations.

Seen packing the hampers are Gerry Hillier, welfare officer, and Judy Ansell-Grindrod, president.

Not pictured, but also responsible for the hampers, is Beryl King, a committee member and also photographer.

At the presentation are Rev Matthias Munroe, executive secretary and treasurer of the British Legion. Joining him are Maceo Coakley, vice-chairman and Percy Strachan, assistant treasurer.

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BEC 'lost more than \$16 million in 2008'

new year as to what legislative amendments need to be made.

"First of all there is sufficient growth from the energy sector within the Bahamas where if others were to begin to contribute it can assist BEC and it can assist BEC because BEC would no longer, or may not have the need to seek those capital funds to develop their facilities like this (pointing at the \$105 million plant in Wilson City) if others can come up with that funding and can produce a power plant then we can purchase the energy directly from them," he said.

of the present legislation and has hired a private firm FICHTNER to look at the existing laws and regulations in order to amend them to open up the energy sector to allow private citizens and private entities to begin the production of energy.

This way, Mr Neymour said, there will no longer be a monopoly from the supply side of BEC.

"In fact, that entire FICHTNER technical grant covers numerous areas. Energy audits, it covers energy efficiency, it addresses the types of renewable energies that are applicable to each geographical location in the Bahamas," he said.

The government is expected to receive a report from FICHTNER sometime in the

Armed robber

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the two suspects.

One of the men was fatally struck. Emergency medical personnel arriving on the scene and pronounced the would-be robber dead at the scene.

A .38 revolver with six live rounds of ammunition were recovered from the scene. A money till containing funds, believed to be the property of Island Wide Produce and Meat Mart, was found at the side of the deceased.

A second suspect is being sought in connection with this matter. Investigations continue.

The armed robber is the country's 80th homicide victim for the year.



Felipe Major/Tribune staff

THE ARMED robber's body lies at the scene on Saturday

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would harm the island of Abaco.

"I think that I sometimes must say that I am a little surprised by the

vehemence of some of those opposed to the plant, and I have to sometimes question why some of that concern was not directed at the existing plant. The existing plant is a very polluting plant and it is right next to a residential area," he said.

The new Wilson City plant is some eight miles from the nearest community and is located on a 100 acre plot that has been transferred to BEC. The site also will house a docking facility where oil tankers will hook up and pump their fuel into the plant's 2.5 million gallon holding tanks.

With these 2.5 million gallons, officials at BEC said that the Wilson City plant can operate for 60 days without being refueled.

"This plant is well removed from any residential area," Mr Gottlieb said. "It is a state-of-the-art plant, and whatever fuel we decide to use

\$105m power plant

the fuel will be of the best quality."

Addressing the group of Abaconians who had gathered to speak to the Prime Minister and other Cabinet ministers on the issue, Environment Minister Earl Deveau said the government is also well in advance of considering renewable energy options for the island.

"If any of you here have a wind turbine, a solar panel, wave energy technology, or anything you believe is feasible you are free to make a presentation and a proposal to BEC for a portion of this land or the surrounding land that we could integrate into the grid.

"Whether we put it here or elsewhere it has to be transmitted to the homes and the businesses through the line so it has to enter the grid. The plant will have to be here as a standby option or as a permanent option, whichever decision we make with respect to the source of energy," he said.

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Johnny Depp

vate bank Lombard Odier among others, Bahamians got a chance to gain some insight into the humble actor's beginnings and career choices during a 30-minute question and answer session.

Speaking about his experience in the Bahamas, Mr Depp said he still cannot believe that he's found a slice of paradise on this Earth.

The actor, who owns a private island in the Exumas, said it is here where he can have the rare experience of total anonymity.

Mr Depp also described the Bahamas and its people as "wonderful", and said he tried to spend as much time here

as possible during the shooting of the successful Pirates of the Caribbean movies.

Receiving the Career Achievement Award from BIFF, Mr Depp said, was unexpected.

"Whenever anybody says they are going to give me some kind of award, I'm always a little stupefied by the notion. The first thing I say is 'why?'" he told reporters before the award presentation.

However, putting it into perspective, Mr Depp said with BIFF being an emerging film festival his receiving this award gives him the opportunity to help build the event.

He also told audience members that he would be willing to support the budding Bahamian film industry if he can.

Sir Sean Connery suggested that government take one of its derelict buildings and restore it to create a permanent year-round headquarters for BIFF.

The James Bond icon also said that hosting last night's award presentation at the Balmoral Club made for a "more Bahamian" setting than Paradise Island has been in previous years.

The official part of the event ended with a local artist unexpectedly presenting Mr Depp with a portrait he had painted of the actor.

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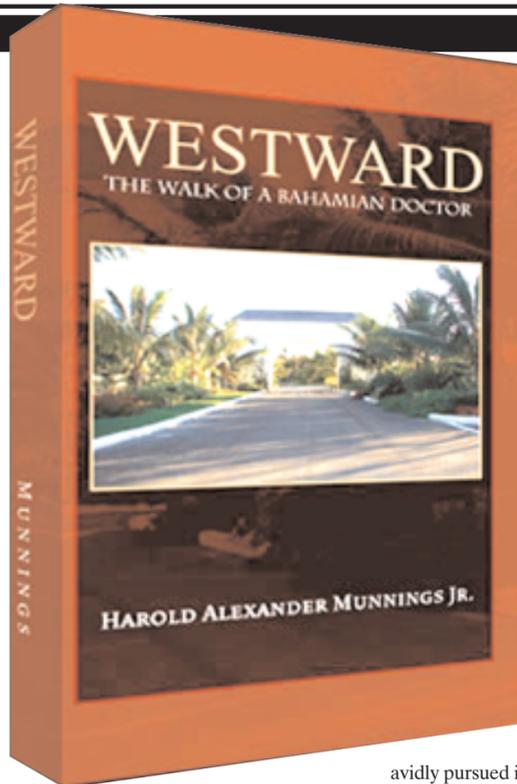
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LOCAL NEWS

WESTWARD'S UNIQUE INSIGHT INTO LIFE OF A PROFESSIONAL

BOOK REVIEW



WESTWARD – THE WALK OF A BAHAMIAN DOCTOR
by Dr. Harold A. Munnings Jr. (2009)

By RICHARD COULSON

LAST Friday evening nearly a hundred lovers of Bahamian memoirs thronged the spacious Chapter One bookstore opposite The College of The Bahamas to celebrate the launch of Dr. Munnings' vivid story of his life. He was introduced by Dr. Timothy Barrett, President of The Bahamas Medical Association, and the guests included his father, the well-known civil servant, artist, and one-time athlete Harold Munnings Senior, his godfather Sir Orville (and Lady) Turnquest, and Janyne Hodder, President of the College.

It is the first biography published by a Bahamian-born physician, and after light-hearted readings by Dr. Munnings the handsomely bound copies on display were eagerly snapped up and signed with a personal inscription by the author.

The book's title *Westward*, together with the cover photograph, illustrate not only his physical migration from his early home in Danottage Estates to the beautiful Old Fort Bay community, but also his success in the medical profession. Early on, he emphasizes that his life was not a "noble tale of rags to riches". His meticulous renderings of his forebears show that he was born into a family structure boasting all the solid values of thrift, hard work, thirst for education (with funds to pursue it), and service to the nation. A photo taken by his father in 1963, when the family was living in England and a constitutional delegation visited from Nassau, depicts the diminutive Harold, aged 2, at the knees of handsome young Orville Turnquest standing shoulder-to-shoulder with Paul Adderley, Arthur Hanna and Lynden Pindling. Clearly, young Harold grew up in the midst of Nassau's new "establishment", with all the intangible advantages that conveyed.

But even for a fortunate young man, the long path to becoming a licensed M.D. and respected specialist is never free of struggle, and Harold was no exception. We learn of his first fainting spell as he intrudes on an autopsy and sees a scalp peeled back, his efforts to pass pre-med physics and chemistry requirements at McGill University, the vicious "ragging" by older students at University of West Indies where he takes his degree, and the 100-hour work weeks after he starts his career as a young intern at Princess Margaret Hospital in 1985. Although discouraged by the lack of crucial modern equipment, he was inspired to seek further training in gastroenterology

she avidly pursued in private banking and accountancy gave him support in the profound career step in 1996 of creating a gastroenterology centre in his own clinic in Grosvenor Close, where he practices to this day.

He agonized about the loan he needed to construct the building, and the computer system he had to install, but he was encouraged by the late Franklin Butler, a giant of Bahamian commerce, who counseled him his best policy was "Stick with your core business." The only near-crisis in his new quarters was a patient abruptly suffering a cardiac arrest. Wisely, although the heart was not his speciality, Dr. Munnings kept an electrocardiograph and defibrillator, which were quickly deployed and spared him the imagined headline "Patient Dies in Dr. Munnings' Office."

His medical commitments have not eliminated other pursuits for this energetic man. Against his father's – and no doubt his wife's – wishes, in his younger years he was a motorcycle enthusiast, once covering England, Ireland and Wales on his Kawasaki. Later, his computer expertise revived his childhood interest in chess with a new obsession of playing on-line and following famous matches, to Moneira's frustration – "it was a wonder she did not fling my chess pieces to the turtles." His principal fascination has always been music.

His mother forced him into piano lessons, but he soon abandoned that instrument in favour of the guitar, on which he has achieved semi-professional ability and produced a beguiling CD; he keeps his DeVoe Classical in his office to soothe nervous patients. One will not find dramas of political conflict in *Westward*, or acts of heroic derring-do of a retired general, but it gives the reader a unique insight into the life of a hard-working professional in our society. Few will begrudge the material success of any Bahamian doctor who, in the words of the modern Hippocratic Oath, is "respected while I live, and remembered with affection thereafter."

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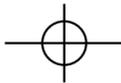
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BASKETBALL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

THE Catholic Diocesan Primary Schools will open its best-of-three championship series today at 3:30 p.m. at Loyola Hall on Galdstone Road.

The match-up will be between the defending champions St. Bede's Crusaders and the surprising third place finishers Our Lady's Blue Flames.

The Crusaders, coached by Donnie Culmer and Ricardo Freemantle, is led by Kyle 'Flash' Turnquest, while the Blue Flames, coached by Rohan Parkes, feature Deangelo Mackey.

During their two meetings during the regular season, St. Bede's beat Our Lady's. St. Bede's ended the regular season tied at 9-1 with the St. Cecilia's Strikers, while Our Lady's ended up third at 6-4. The Strikers advanced to the final by beating St. Thomas More Sparks 41-17 in a rematch of last year's final in their sudden death playoff on Friday.

The Blue Flames, on the other hand, earned their berth to the final for the first time in a long time by stunning the Strikers 36-24 in the other half of the playoffs.

BASKETBALL FR MARCIAN CHAMPIONS

THE 25th Father Marcian Peters Invitational High School Basketball Tournament came to a close on Saturday with the champions being crowned in all six divisions.

In the primary girls division, the Temple Christian Academy Suns repeated as champions with a 10-9 decision over Freedom Baptist.

Also repeating as champions was the St. Bede's Crusaders with a 34-24 decision over the Our Lady's Blue Flames in a prelude to their Catholic Diocesan Primary Schools championship that starts today at Loy-

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Bahamian floored in rematch against Kirk 'the Technician' Sinnette

'Choo Choo' Mackey battered to defeat

By BRENT STUBBS
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KIRK 'the Technician' Sinnette avenged a second round defeat at the Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium two years ago by stopping Jermaine 'Choo Choo' Mackey in Trinidad & Tobago on Saturday night.

In the rematch of their first encounter on June 22, 2007, Sinnette went 11 rounds before he stopped Mackey for the World Boxing Association's FedeLatin super middleweight title.

According to reports from CMC out of Trinidad where the fight was held at the Woodbrook Indoor Facility in St. James, Sinnette connected with a barrage of punches that floored Mackey forcing referee Tommie Thomas to stop the contest at one minute and 37 seconds in the 11th round.

When they first met in 2007, Mackey handed Sinnette's his only loss by winning the unified WBC Caribbean Boxing Federation (CABOFE) and WBA FedeCaribe super middleweight titles. However, Sinnette took advantage of his home court to improve his record to 19-1 with 15 knockouts. Mackey, on the other hand, dropped to 18-5 with 14 KOs. All of his losses have come on the road.

"I feel great. I think I have

redeemed myself," Sinnette told CMC Sport after the contest. "I always knew that I was the better fighter."

Mackey, according to the CMC report, looked as he was prepared to pull off the upset in Trinidad and break the road jinx early in the scheduled 12 round main event.

But 34-year-old Sinnette used an effective jab to set up combinations and he threw a number of telling right shots that resulted in 29-year-old Mackey receiving facial cuts.

Hook

The Trinidadian reportedly hurt Mackey with a right hook and the follow-up punches floored the Bahamian and former Commonwealth champion in the 11th.

Although Mackey was able to get up before the eight count was completed, he appeared too unsteady as referee Thomas stopped the contest, awarding the victory to Sinnette. While neither Mackey nor his manager/trainer Ray Minus Jr. was available for comments yesterday, Sinnette said he felt the referee made a good decision to stop the fight because he was going to go right back at Mackey to finish his off.

Mackey was coming off a fifth round TKO loss to Canadian-Haitian Adonis Stevenson on August 25 at the Bell Centre in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

He had taken what the Bahamas Boxing Commission

called an "ill-advised" fight as he was preparing to defend his Commonwealth title in November.

Mackey, who had defeated Nigerian Michael Gbenga on points at the Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium on July 19, 2008, relinquished the WBA FedeCaribe title, but he is still holding onto the CABOFE title.



PAINFUL LOSS: 'Choo Choo' Mackey, who lost against the man he defeated in the second round two years ago.



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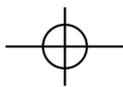
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SPORTS

THE NEW PROVIDENCE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION TITLE

Giants rout Wreckers to stay undefeated

By BRENT STUBBS
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THE Commonwealth Bank Giants, in their bid to regain the New Providence Basketball Association title they relinquished to the Electro Telecom Cybots, are off to a fast start this season.

Saturday night as the action switched over to the Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium, the Giants routed the Y-Cares Wreckers 102-83 to remain the only undefeated team at 4-0.

The Wreckers, coming off a 103-89 decision over the Police Crimestoppers on Friday night, didn't have anything left in the tank down the stretch as they

split their back-to-back double header and dropped their record to 2-2.

Also on Saturday, the Outdoor Lighting Falcons held off the Johnson's Truckers 86-84. On Friday, the College of the Bahama Caribs celebrated with their first victory as they edged out the Stars 71-70.

In Saturday's feature contest,

one week after handing the Cybots their first loss in their rematch from last year's final, Commonwealth Bank got a game high 37 points from Mark Hanna.

Hanna, in 39 minutes of play, went 16-for-26 from the field, 3-for-8 from the three-point arch and 2-for-7 from the free throw line. He also yanked down 11 rebounds.

Michael 'Ferley' Bain Jr. shot 9-of-14 from the field and 6-for-13 from the foul line, for 124 points with six rebounds and three assists in 37 minutes. Adrian Miller contributed 11 points with four steals, three rebounds and two assists and Dencil Edgecombe added nine.

Giants' coach Perry Thompson said it's always good when they can get off to this kind of start in the regular season.

"From year to year, our motto has always been to take one game at a time," Thompson said. "Again, it so happens that the guys have been playing well."

"We've been talking a whole lot more as a team and one thing we realize that we need to improve on is defense. I think that can be attributed to the success we've had so far for the short season."

Against the Wreckers, Thompson said he was delighted to watch as his players played very well on the interior and even though they had one or two players in foul trouble early, they were still able to dominate the game down the stretch.

After taking a 31-19 lead at the end of the first quarter, the Giants found themselves trailing 45-40 at the half after they got out-scored 26-29 in the second period.

Y-Cares went on to post a 71-65 margin at the end of the third.

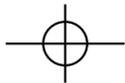
But in the fourth, Commonwealth Bank was just a little too much to handle as Hanna started hitting the outside shots and Bain was penetrating on the inside.

The Wreckers had five play-



Photo by Felipe Major/Tribune staff
THE COMMONWEALTH BANK GIANTS' guard Michael Bain Jr dunks the ball.

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SPORTS

THE BAPTIST SPORTS COUNCIL'S 2009 OLYMPIA MORRIS-EVANS SOFTBALL CLASSIC'S BEST-OF-THREE DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Crunch time for Softball Classic series

WHILE two of the Baptist Sports Council's 2009 Olympia Morris-Evans Softball Classic's best-of-three divisional championship series were set on Saturday at the Baillou Hills Sporting Complex, the third and final one could be determined on Tuesday night.

In one half of the co-ed division, St. Paul's Baptist have a 1-0 advantage over St. John's Native after taking game one 7-1. Game two of the series will be played at 8 pm. If necessary, the third and final game will be played on Thursday.

The other half of the co-ed series will get started on Tuesday with Golden Gates and Salem playing a double header at 7 and 9 p.m. If necessary, their third game will also be played on Thursday.

However, if there is a sweep in both series, then the two winners will clash in game one of the championship on Thursday. The remainder of the series will be completed on Saturday.

• Also on Thursday will be the start of both the men and the 17-and-under championship series.

The men will feature the surprising Macedonia Baptist behind the perennial champions Transfiguration, while the 17-and-under will be a rematch of last year's finals with Macedonia taking on Temple Fellowship.

Macedonia stunned pennant winning Golden Gates in taking the series 2-1, winning the clincher 12-8, to reach the men's final. Golden Gates had to go an extra inning to pull off a 21-20 nail-biter in the opener on Thursday night, but they lost game two by default.

Transfiguration, on the other hand, swept Temple Fellowship in two straight games. After winning game one 9-8 on Tuesday, Transfiguration was awarded game two by forfeiture on Saturday.

In the 17-and-under division, Macedonia swept Transfigura-

tion in two straight over Transfiguration, winning the opener 17-4 and the clincher 14-4 to secure their berth in the final. Temple Fellowship got a sweep as well, winning the opener over Golden Gates by default and they took game two 14-2.

• Here's a summary of the games played:

Under-17

Macedonia 8, Transfiguration 4: Jermaine Adderley went 2-for-3 with a RBI, scoring a run to lead Macedonia. Cardon Wallace was the winning pitcher and the losing pitcher was Marvin Josey. Miguel Hanna went 2-for-3 with a run scored for Transfiguration.

Macedonia 14, Transfiguration 4: Winning pitcher Cardin Wallace went 2-for-3 with three RBI and two runs scored. Losing pitcher was Alexander Bain. Kenton Bowe went 1-for-2 with two RBI and a run scored.

Temple Fellowship 14, Golden Gates 2: Weston Saunders

was 2-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored and DeShawn White was also 2-for-4 with a RBI and two runs scored for Temple Fellowship.

Zach Hillary got the win on the mound over Kyle Curry.

Curry had a RBI sacrifice fly to knock in Raymond Bastian with one of the two runs for Golden Gates. Winston Hanna scored the other run.

Men Division

Macedonia 12, Golden Gates 8: Jordan Gibson went 2-for-4 with runs scored; the Rev. Delton Ellis was 2-for-4 with two runs scored; Sean Roker was 2-for-3 with a RBI, scoring a run; Zhvargo Archer was 2-for-3 with a RBI, scoring a run and Patrizio Adderley went 2-for-4 with a RBI, scoring a run for Macedonia.

The winning pitcher was Burlington Moss and the loser was Junior Moss.

For Golden Gates, Cardinal Gilbert was 2-for-3 with a RBI, scoring a run.

Co-Ed
St. Paul's 7, St. John's 1: Kelly Smith went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and Debbie McClure went 2-for-2 with a run scored.

The winning pitcher was Harold Fitzgerald and the loser was Vernie Curry.

For St. John's, Carlton Neely was 1-for-2 with a run scored.

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ers in double figures, led by Breton 'Horsey' Rolle with 18 points on 7-of-16 from the field and just 4-for-14 from the foul line in 32 points. Rolle laos had a game high 14 rebounds.

Ian 'Wire' Pinder followed with 14 points on 6-of-14 from the field and 2-of-4 from the foul line in 34 minutes with nine rebounds, while Travis Roker had 12 and Alvin Bullard and Mario Pickstock both netted 11.

Y-Care's coach Donnie Culmer admitted that playing back-to-back took its toll.

"We fell apart coming back in the second game, especially in the fourth quarter when we ran out of gas," Culmer insisted. "You can't play two tough games with the calibre of players here two nights back-to-back. You can't do it. It ain't going to work."

Culmer, however, felt that his players were pounded by the Giants more than the referees gave them credit and that also played a factor in their effort down the stretch.

Falcons 86, Trickers 84: Although they blew as much as a 20-point lead, the Outdoor Lighting still managed to hold on for the win with four players in double figures.

Kevin Davis and Jackson Jacob both scored 14, while Jude Rolle and Giovano Bethel had 13 apiece. Darren Rolle and Kenzide Munnings helped out with eight each.

Improving their record to 2-1, Falcons' coach Alphonso 'Chicken' Albury said he was "really pleased with the performance of my team tonight."

"I felt as though the guys were really hungry. We established an early lead, but the Jumpers came back really strong hitting the three pointers. But my guys were really poised and determined not to lose tonight."

Giants rout the Wreckers

The Trickers, who remained winless at 0-3, fell behind 16-13 after the first quarter and 41-21 at the half. But they went on a 36-21 spurt in the third to trim the deficit to 62-57 after the third.

It was a keenly contested battle throughout the fourth as the Falcons held on for the win.

The Trickers got a game high 27 from Tyrell Griffith, who hit 4-of-9 three-pointers and was 10-for-18 from the field and 3-for-5 from the four line in 31 minutes.

Tresant Strachan scored 24 on 10-for-15 from the field and 3-for-4 from the foul line and Raynard Minns added 17 on 8-of-11 from the field.

Tricker's coach Courtney Stubbs said the loss was an indication of what happen when you don't show up for practice.

"We made some small mistakes because the guys didn't practice," Stubbs said.

Wreckers 103, Crimestoppers 89: Anthony Whyly scored 22 points with 12 rebounds, Tavors Roker had 21 points, Mario Pickstock 18 and Breton Rolle 16 in the win for Y-Cares on Friday.

Valentino Richardson scored 22, Freddie Lightbourne 18, Cecil Mackey and Daron Knowles both with 14 and Vernon Stubbs 13 in the loss.

Caribs 71, Stars 70: Khari Thompson scored 22 points, Garvin Lightbourn had 20 points and Theron Butler chipped in with 11 as the College of the Bahamas celebrated its first win for the season.

Floyd Armbrister had a game high 27 in the loss.



Felipe Major/Tribune staff THE GIANTS' forward Mark Hanna drives the ball to the basket.

SPORTSNOTES

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ola Hall. Another repeat champion was the HO Nash Lions, who clinched the junior girls title with a 34-19 victory over the surprising Westminster Diplomats.

At last one of the titles will travel on the road as Harbour Island took the junior boys crown to Eleuthera with a close 31-29 win over HO Nash.

Westminster eventually won the intermediate boys title 49-37 over the RM Bailey Pacers.

And the University School shocked the St. John's Giants 44-41 to cart off the senior girls crown.

BASKETBALL

NPWBA ACTION

THE New Providence Women's Basketball Association will be back in action on Tuesday night after they played a triple header on Saturday at the DW Davis Gymnasium.

In Tuesday's opener, the Electro Telecom Cybots Lady Queens blasted the hapless Junior Nationals 55-15 as Christine Sinclair had 10 points to lead the attack.

Britinique Harrison led the Jr. Nationals with eight.

The Bommer G Lady Angels knocked off the College of the Bahamas Lady Caribs 57-53 as Shanae Armbrister led the way with 14. Rashanda Kelly had 14 as well in a losing effort.

And in the feature contest, the defending champions Johnson's Lady Trickers handed the Four J's Enterprises Lady Cheetahs their first loss, 71-63 as Shantelle Rolle exploded for a game high 17 points.

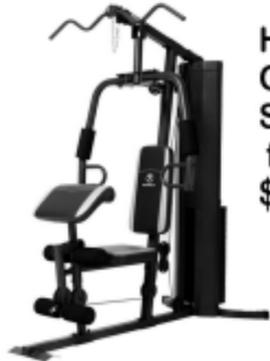
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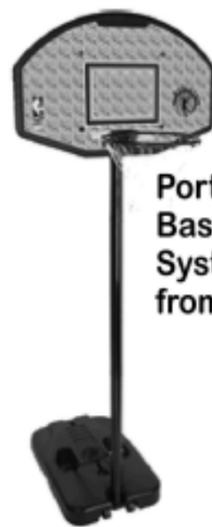
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LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL SPORTS

ENGLISH SOCCER ROUNDUP

Arsenal beat Liverpool 2-1 to keep pressure on Chelsea

STUART CONDIE,
AP Sports Writer
LONDON

Arsenal scored twice in the second half Sunday to win 2-1 at Liverpool and keep the pressure on

Chelsea and Manchester United at the top of the Premier League.

The Gunners trailed to a 41st-minute goal by Dirk Kuyt but Liverpool defender Glen Johnson leveled the scores five minutes into the

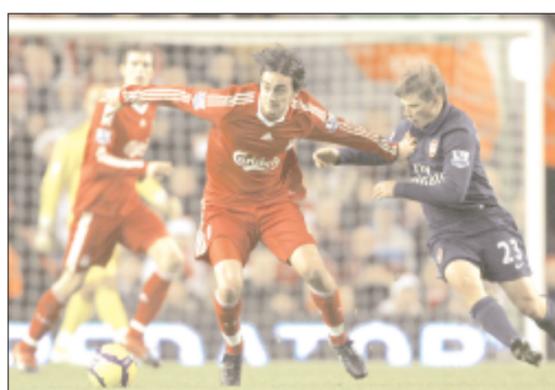
second half with an own goal and Andrei Arshavin hit the winner eight minutes later with a shot from the edge of the area that left goalkeeper Pepe Reina stranded. Victory lifted Arsenal to

31 points, three fewer than defending champion United and six fewer than leader Chelsea. But the top two sides have played one game more.

Liverpool, last season's runner-up, remained stranded in seventh place with 24 points and six losses in 16 matches.

But Liverpool could easily have led by more than a single goal after dominating the first half, with Fernando Torres shooting weakly at goalkeeper Manuel Almunia when he was unmarked in front of goal.

Arsenal captain Cesc Fabregas said coach Arsene Wenger had been appalled at his team's first-half performance.



(AP Photo/Tim Hales) LIVERPOOL'S ALBERTO AQUILANI, centre, fights for the ball with Arsenal's Andrey Arshavin during their English Premier League soccer match at Anfield Stadium, Liverpool, England, Sunday Dec. 13, 2009.



ARSENAL'S ANDREY ARSHAVIN scores against Liverpool during their English Premier League soccer match at Anfield Stadium, Liverpool, England, Sunday Dec. 13, 2009.

Screamed

"The boss screamed at us like never before," Fabregas said. "He said we did not deserve to wear the Arsenal shirt if we played like that."

Defender Thomas Vermaelen said Wenger's tirade had roused the team from its stupor.

"I've never seen him before like that and we just reacted very well," Vermaelen said. "We put some pressure on them and you see the result."

"It was important for us because we closed the gap a little bit now and we're back in the race again."

It was a mistake by Almunia that led to Kuyt's first goal at Anfield in three months.

Almunia punched weakly at a long-range free kick by Fabio Aurelio and the ball fell straight to Kuyt in the area. The Netherlands forward had time to control the ball with his chest and prod it into the net.

But Arsenal started playing more narrowly in the second period and pressured the home midfield, resulting in possession being split more evenly.

The equalizer arrived after Arsenal captain Cesc Fabregas played a pass to Samir Nasri on the right. Jamie Carragher failed to clear the Frenchman's cross and the ball took a slight deflection off him before hitting Johnson and rolling into the back of the net.

Arshavin, who scored four goals at Anfield last season

to earn his team a 4-4 draw, then collected the ball on the edge of the area.

A defender shielded him closely and seemingly blocked his way to goal, but the Russia international took one touch, turned and hit a shot between his opponent's legs. Reina did not even have time to move his feet as the ball flew past him and into the net, off his right-hand post.

Arsenal's win was especially valuable after second-place Manchester United lost 1-0 at home to Aston Villa on Saturday, when leader Chelsea was held to a 3-3 draw by Everton.

The Gunners have a real chance of winning the title

for the first time since 2004, although Arshavin limped off in injury time and may join fellow forwards Robin van Persie and Nicklas Bendtner injured on the sidelines.

Also Sunday, Cardiff boosted its chances of returning to the topflight for the first time since 1929 with a 1-0 win at League Championship promotion rival Middlesbrough.

Chris Burke's 61st-minute goal pushed Cardiff up to third place, 10 points behind leader Newcastle. Newcastle drew 2-2 at Barnsley on Saturday, while second-place West Bromwich Albion hosts Queens Park Rangers on Monday.

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SIMONE STURRUP



ZACH MOSES

Sturrup and Moses set three unofficial swimming records

AT the last regular meet for 2009 Simone Sturrup and Zack Moses swimming for Swift Swimming set three unofficial Bahamian & Open Records.

Sturrup, swimming in the 10 & under age group, set two new National records, one in the 200 freestyle in two minutes and 31.85 seconds and one in the 100 butterfly in 1:18.95. Sturrup now owns five National records in the 9&10 girl's age group. The two new records were previously owned by Bria Deveaux.

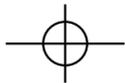
Moses, on the other hand, set a new National record in the 800 free in 9:50.40 smashing the old record by 9 seconds, which was previously held by Matthew Lowe.

Moses swims in the 11 & 12 boy's age group.

Sturrup's 100 fly time also made the Carifta standard for the 11&12 girl's age group, while Moses' time made the Carifta standards in the 400 and 800 free.

At the meet Moses also made the Carifta times in the 400 IM and 200 Breast. Swift Swimming picks the most outstanding swimmer for each meet and for this last meet, the Sea Bees meet on December 5th, both Sturrup and Moses shared top honors for "swimmer of the meet".

They both received a DVD on stroke drills and skills by David Marsh.



LOCAL NEWS

Letisha Henderson/BIS



PICTURED SITTING FROM LEFT: Kenneth's mother, Pearl Mitchell; Kenneth Farrington and Dr Magnus Ekedede, consultant neurosurgeon and head of Division of Neurosurgery, PMH. Standing from left: Dr Vernard McPhee, SHO neurosurgery, who was on the surgical team and Dr Geoffrey Pennerman, medical chief of staff.

History made as first complete lobotomy performed in Bahamas

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The surgery involved a craniotomy in the right frontal lobe — the removal of half of the right part of the brain that contained the growth.

This is the first time that a complete lobotomy has been performed in the Bahamas and to the doctors' credit the surgery was successful.

Kenneth's health woes started with him experiencing headaches and epileptic seizures. His heart went into cardiac arrest, and doctors had to shock him with a defibrillator to revive him before he was airlifted from Freeport to Nassau last month.

Upon his arrival in the capital, doctors called for an immediate CT scan, which revealed that Kenneth had a vascular growth in his red blood cells.

Doctors initially thought the boy had a highly malignant tumour, but this new diagnosis was a relief for both his doctors and family members. Once the vascular tumour was removed, Kenneth would be cured.

"At first, we thought it would be best to excise this thing en masse, because they needed to get it all," said Dr Ekedede, head of Division of Neurosurgery at PMH.

"We thought he may not need any radiotherapy at all."

The operation required a "meticulous technique."

If anything went wrong, it would mean life-altering consequences for the patient, like regressing to a vegetative

state, becoming hemiplegic (where half of his body could be paralyzed), the diminishment of the functions of his normal speech and vision, and in the worst case scenario, death.

Kenneth's mother, Pearl Mitchell, said that although she was nervous about the extensive procedure, she understood it was the only possible chance for her son to be cured.

The surgery took five hours, and Kenneth was discharged from hospital on November 25, a week after he had the lobotomy.

He is doing well and his family is planning a fitting "welcome home" for him when he returns to Freeport.

In six months, Dr Ekedede will do a review to see how everything looks inside Kenneth's brain.

"We have a lot to be accomplished, because this operation is normally done in Mayo Clinics and Harvard Clinics."

The doctors are grateful that the 12 year old has had no complications. "Kenneth has no loss of memory, no weakness, he can see, smell and everything else," said Dr Ekedede.

He said that the operation sends a message that "PMH is not always as bad as they say. There are some great things that happen here."

SEE TUESDAY'S HEALTH SECTION FOR FULL STORY

Lawyer's son dies in fall from balcony

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sometime between Friday night and early Saturday morning. *The Tribune* understands that the incident has left his friends shocked and disturbed.

Those who knew him described Adel as very friendly, very happy-go-lucky young man.

However, some friends said that Adel had reportedly been suffering from a bout of depression at the time of his death.

Details were still sketchy up to press time last night. The family could not be reached for comment, but Adel's friends on the weekend had already put up a special memorial page on the social networking site Facebook. The site, titled "In Remembrance of Adel 'Castro' Lockhart" recorded close to 2,000 members last night.

The statement on the memorial site is as follows:

"Gone but never forgotten. I feel like this group should be different from the usual tribute pages, cause to properly remember Adel we can't sob or weep, these are the natural reactions, every moment, every memory of Adel is one filled with mischief and laughter. Everyone who knew Adel could think of at least seven dumb moments with him, so the wall is for spreading his awesome memories and keeping everyone smiling thinking about him, that the true essence of what Adel was, and the best way to preserve his memory. — Class of 2006"

Posting to the site, people remembered Adel as a compassionate and kind person. Most said they could not believe he is gone.

Adel was the son of Elliot Lockhart, who was sworn in as Acting Supreme Court Justice in 2008. He remained in that position for a short time, but is now back in his own law chambers.

Mr Lockhart was formerly a senior partner in the law firm of Lockhart and Munroe with former president of the Bahamas Bar Association Wayne Munroe.

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LOCAL NEWS

Pro-hanging march dedicated to country's 78th homicide victim



THE WORKER'S PARTY HELD its second pro-hanging march over the week. According to party leader, Rodney Moncur, the march attracted more than 300 persons, which included members of the party and citizens who joined them as they marched throughout the streets of Nassau. This latest march was dedicated to the country's 78th homicide victim, Raul Bullard, who was buried on Saturday.

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INSIGHT

The push for 350: Contradictions and carbon levels

COPENHAGEN

AS POLICE cracked down on climate protesters, church bells tolled 350 times Sunday to impress on the U.N. global warming conference a number that is gaining a following, but is also awash in contradictions, according to Associated Press.

Conference negotiators went behind closed doors in talks to pin down an elusive new pact on climate, talks in which the figure 350 looms as a goal for true believers, but one that appears impossible based on progress so far.

It refers to 350 parts per million of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, the highest concentration that some leading scientists say the world can handle without sparking dangerous climate effects.

"It's the most important number in the world," said Bill McKibben, founder of the environmental activist group 350.org. "It's the line between habitability on this planet and a really, really desolate future."

Not everyone buys into that. But an entire environmental group has sprung up around the number, pushing 350 as a goal, sporting it on T-shirts and flags waved by

throng of protesters that marched to the conference center over the weekend. About 100 nations at the U.N. climate summit have signed on to the idea of heading for 350.

Actually, the world has lived with more than 350 for a while.

The last time the Earth had 350 ppm of carbon dioxide in the air was a generation ago, in the fall of 1989. This year CO2 pushed over the 390 level. When scientists started measuring carbon dioxide in 1958 it was 315.

Since the atmosphere passed the 350 level, ice sheets have been melting and other dramatic changes have been happening. Prominent scientists — notably NASA's James Hansen, one of the earliest to warn about global warming, and Rajendra Pachauri, head of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change — have said 350 is the only safe level of carbon dioxide in the air.

Still, many economists, political leaders, and even some scientists believe that the worst effects of global warming can be avoided even with less stringent actions.

But there is general agreement among negotiators and

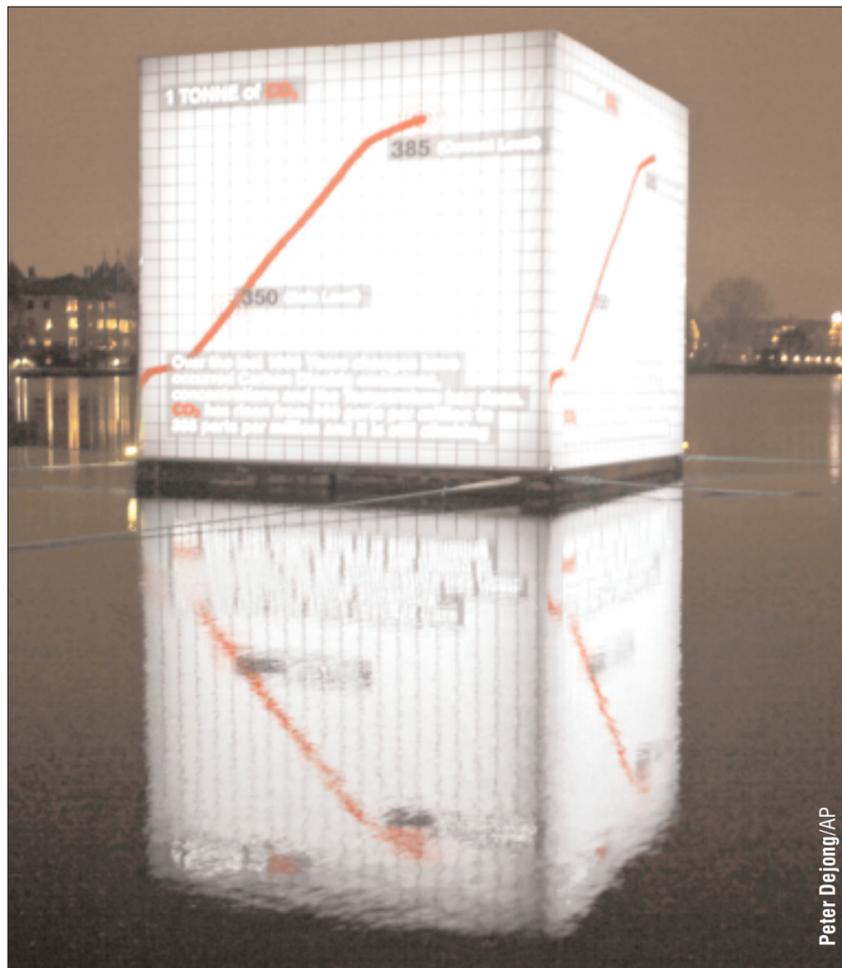
climate scientists that continued global warming will lead to dramatic changes that mean more widespread drought in some regions, greater flooding along coastlines, stronger storms and the loss of species.

On Sunday, hundreds of churches around the world had signed up to ring bells at 3:50 p.m. in their respective time zones.

"It was an incredibly powerful moment and to know that there are bells ringing all over Europe, up to Greenland, down into the south Pacific and every corner of the planet," McKibben said moments after the bells stopped ringing in Copenhagen.

As they tolled, more than 40 government environment chiefs and other high-level negotiators were meeting at the Danish Foreign Ministry. They were trying to bridge the gap between their positions in informal talks before the second and last week of negotiations gets under way. The week will end with the arrival of President Barack Obama and more than 100 other national leaders for the final hours of negotiation.

Sharp divisions remain between rich and poor coun-



Peter Dejong/AP

A VIDEO projected on a floating cube illustrates projected levels of carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions, on the opening day of the Climate Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark, Monday Dec. 7, 2009. The CO2 cube installation represents 1 metric ton of carbon dioxide, the amount an average person in an industrialized country emits each month. The largest and most important U.N. climate change conference in history opened Monday, with organizers warning diplomats from 192 nations that this could be the best, last chance for a deal to protect the world from calamitous global warming.

tries on greenhouse emissions cuts and financing for developing nations to deal with climate change and shift to

cleaner energy.

"I think there was recognition around the table of the urgency of what we need to achieve in the coming days," Britain's Climate Change Secretary Ed Miliband said after Sunday's talks. "I think there needs to be more movement from everyone, more imagination, and I think we will all be striving for that."

Australia's Climate Change Minister Penny Wong also said a lot of work remains to be done.

"It's going to be tough to get an agreement by Friday but that's what we have to do," she told a news conference.

According to participants, the closed-door consultations focused on about a half-dozen plans on financing for poor countries to deal with climate change. One joint proposal by Mexico and Norway calls for a "Green Fund" for climate financing, starting with \$10 billion a year in 2013, and increasing to \$30 billion to \$40 billion a year by 2020.

Separately, a proposal aimed at saving the world's tropical forests suffered a setback Sunday, when negotiators ditched plans for faster action on the problem because of concerns that rich countries aren't willing to finance the plan. A deal on deforestation — a sizable global warming factor — is considered a key component of the larger pact.

For a second day in a row,

police cracked down on climate activists marching through the Danish capital. More than 200 were detained as police stopped an unauthorized demonstration headed toward the city's harbor and carried out a security check of some of the participants.

Meanwhile, nearly all of the 1,000 detained on Saturday — from Europe, Africa, Asia, and the U.S. — were released without charges. Thirteen of them were arraigned in court and faced preliminary charges of assaulting police or were let off with a warning for wearing masks, which are outlawed during demonstrations in Denmark, or carrying box-cutters or other sharp objects.

Reducing carbon dioxide levels to 350 would mean reversing the trend of the past couple of centuries. Carbon dioxide stays in the atmosphere for as long as 100 years. And the emissions cuts currently being pledged by developed countries, including the United States and European nations, are aimed at having CO2 levels peak at around 450, not 350, in coming decades.

And even that may not be possible. Some economists say the world should plan to stop at 550.

Economist Henry Jacoby, co-director of MIT's Joint Program on the Science and Policy of Global Change, has said that even 450 is "totally impossible, there's no way we can do that."

To get down to 350, civilization has to remove massive amounts of carbon dioxide from the skies, something talked about but not yet achieved. Trees and oceans suck CO2 from the atmosphere, but that process is overwhelmed by emissions from burning coal and oil. McKibben said it would probably take 40 years to get down to 350 even if emissions stopped today.

"It may be on the edge of impossible," he said Sunday. "We could do it. At the moment, there's no sign that we are going to do it."

MIT management professor John Sterman said scientifically 350 makes sense, even if economically it seem unreachable.

"We ought to have a goal of 350 and realize we're already above that," Sterman said.

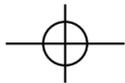
DENMARK'S Queen Margrethe and Prince Henrik, center right, attend an ecumenical celebration in the Church of Our Lady in Copenhagen, Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009. Shortly after the service Denmark's churches rang their bells 350 times which was the central act of a worldwide international bell ringing initiative. The bell ringing symbolizes the 350 parts per million that mark the safe upper limit for carbon dioxide (CO2) in the atmosphere according to scientists.



POLICE STAND over a small group of protesters some of thousands of people demonstrating on the the street in central Copenhagen, Denmark, Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009. Large crowds turned out for a demonstration from the city center to the Bella center, the conference venue where the largest and most important U.N. climate change conference is underway aiming to secure an agreement on how to protect the world from calamitous global warming.



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INSIGHT

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IN THIS PHOTO taken Saturday Nov. 28, 2009 a taxi passes the Gate building, left, of Dubai International Financial Center, DIFC, and a billboard of Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum, United Arab Emirates prime minister and ruler of Dubai in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The Dubai ruler enjoyed rock-star adoration because he led the sand-to-skyscraper transformation of his desert fiefdom, so much that many world investors believed his claims that glitzy Dubai wouldn't be touched by the global financial storm. After the eruption of Dubai's debt mess, the looming question ahead of Monday's resumption of world trading is not only if Sheik Mohammed can regain trust, but survive the anger of his fellow Gulf rulers.

Dubai woes loom as Gulf leaders prepare to meet

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates

ONGOING concerns about Dubai's financial woes could overshadow efforts to more closely align Gulf Arab nations' economies when the region's leaders meet Monday in Kuwait, according to Associated Press.

The annual gathering of top officials from the six-member Gulf Cooperation Council economic bloc begins on the same day a closely watched \$3.52 billion pile of Dubai debt comes due.

Investors are eagerly awaiting details on how, or indeed whether, Dubai will cover the payment, which is seen as a key test of the indebted city-state's broader credit worthiness.

"This is not a story that's going away," said Rachel Ziemba, a senior analyst at Roubini Global Economics who monitors Gulf economies. "This is the aftershocks, the reckoning after the credit crisis."

Dubai's unfolding credit problems have raised new concerns about a lack of transparency throughout the oil-rich Gulf's financial system, which was already rocked once this year by a rare public dispute over billions of dollars in debt by two of Saudi Arabia's most prominent family businesses.

That family feud, which spurred lawsuits in the U.S. and Britain, prompted lenders

to reassess their exposure to the region's often secretive companies.

Now some analysts fear Dubai's debt problems could spill over to other Gulf states and make financing harder to secure throughout the region. Dubai is one of seven sheikhdoms that make up the United Arab Emirates.

While worries about Dubai continue to dominate headlines, the GCC's Kuwait hosts are calling for fresh talks on plans to forge a Gulf-wide monetary union that could pave the way for a common currency like the euro.

Efforts to create a single monetary bloc have been floated for years but have struggled to gain traction. All the Gulf states peg their currencies to the dollar except Kuwait, which relies on a basket of currencies.

Talks aimed at a monetary union faced their most serious setback in May when the UAE, the Arab world's second biggest economy, abruptly backed out of the plan. Oman had earlier said it would not join the union.

John Sfakianakis, chief economist at the Riyadh, Saudi Arabia-based Banque Saudi Fransi-Credit Agricole Group, said more clarity is needed on how and when the process will move ahead.

"They will have to eventually come out with some kind of commitment to the union," he said. "That will give confidence to the market."

Kuwait Finance Minister Mustafa al-Shimali has urged the Emirates and Oman to reconsider membership in such a union, even if the creation of common currency could take a "number of years."

"This would strengthen the region's economies and make it an economic bloc that would be taken into account at a global level," al-Shimali told Kuwait's news agency KUNA on Friday.

Kuwaiti officials say other topics to be discussed include a common customs policy and electricity grid, the creation of a railway authority and regional political issues, including Iran's relations with the GCC and its nuclear program.

Also likely on the agenda, according to KUNA, will be talks aimed at addressing the deteriorating security situation in Yemen, where Shiite rebels have been fighting Yemen's central government.

Saudi Arabia began striking back at the rebels last month following an incursion by the fighters into the desert kingdom.

Last year's summit in Oman was ostensibly aimed at discussing details of a unified monetary pact, but leaders spent much of their time instead hammering out a condemnation of Israel's attacks on Gaza.

The GCC is made up of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

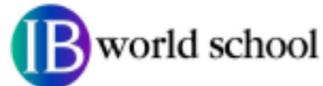


AN EGYPTIAN man walks into a foreign exchange shop in Cairo, Egypt Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2009. The United Arab Emirates' top officials looked Tuesday to allay concern over Dubai World's \$60 billion debt-load, stressing the strength of Dubai and the UAE's economies even as regional markets tumbled for a second day.

ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL



The International School of The Bahamas
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St Andrew's School, The International School of The Bahamas, an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, invites applications from qualified and experienced Bahamian candidates for the following teaching vacancies, with effect from August 2010. Full information regarding the school may be found at its website: www.st-andrews.com.

Candidates should be qualified teachers who possess the necessary academic qualifications for the position(s) for which they apply, including a teaching qualification and a bachelor's degree, and normally need to have a minimum of two years successful school-based experience. Desirable qualifications, in addition to those specified for individual posts, are that teachers have successful experience in an independent and/or international school and an advanced degree. Applications from candidates able to coach team sports or advise school clubs and activities are particularly welcomed. Secondary (i.e. middle and upper) school teachers will be expected to undertake the responsibility of a homeroom.

Please note that applications received from non-Bahamian candidates will not be considered at this time, although permanent residents with the right to work are invited to submit their papers for future consideration. Applications from candidates living outside The Commonwealth of The Bahamas will not be acknowledged or considered at this stage of the recruiting process. If the school is unable to recruit any position locally, it will advertise internationally in January.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

The school is authorized to teach the Primary Years Programme (PYP) of the International Baccalaureate Organization. Candidates for all posts in the primary school should be committed to the principles of, and preferably trained in, the PYP.

Homeroom teachers: Class sizes range between 15 and 20.

Primary school Spanish (Part time post): Candidates should be familiar with ACTFL standards and be able to work as a contributing member of a school-wide team.

SECONDARY SCHOOL

The school offers its own middle years programme in years seven through nine and the BGCSE in years 10 and 11 (grades 9 and 10). The school is authorized to teach the Diploma Programme (DP) of the International Baccalaureate Organization in years 12 and 13 (grades 11 and 12).

Spanish and French: Candidates should be familiar with the ACTFL standards and able to work as a contributing member of a school-wide team. They must be qualified to teach to pre-university level and be familiar with the demands of the International Baccalaureate diploma programme.

Science:

Biology: Candidates for this post must be qualified to teach biology to pre-university level and be familiar with the demands of the International Baccalaureate diploma programme. Candidates should also be able to offer either chemistry or physics at BGCSE/IGCSE level.

Chemistry: Candidates for this post must be qualified to teach chemistry to pre-university level and be familiar with the demands of the International Baccalaureate diploma programme. Candidates should also be able to offer either biology or physics to BGCSE/IGCSE level.

Physics: Candidates for this post must be qualified to teach physics to pre-university level and be familiar with the demands of the International Baccalaureate diploma programme. Candidates should also be able to offer either biology or chemistry to BGCSE/IGCSE level.

English: Candidates for this post must be qualified to teach to pre-university level and be familiar with the demands of the International Baccalaureate diploma programme. Successful BGCSE/IGCSE and SAT I/SAT II experience is also essential.

Mathematics: Candidates for this post must be qualified to teach to pre-university level and be familiar with the demands of the International Baccalaureate diploma programme. Successful experience in teaching calculus to AP and/or IB level is preferred for this post. Successful BGCSE/IGCSE and SAT I/SAT II experience is also desirable.

Drama: Candidates should be able and willing to teach up to IB theatre arts level and coordinate musical and drama productions throughout the secondary school.

Middle school home room and core teachers: Middle level educational qualifications, experience working with early adolescents and a familiarity with the philosophy of middle schools are required from applicants for these posts. Applicants may also be required to teach BGCSE courses up to year 11.

At least one of the successful applicants will have documented successful experience in teaching English in years 7 to 9 and will be able to offer English and one of the following ÉPSE; IT & Social Studies; art; drama É possibly to BGCSE level.

Mathematics and special needs (part time post): Candidates must have successful experience in teaching in both areas.

NB: One successful candidate from all the posts offered will be able to offer the teaching of the Theory of Knowledge course at IB diploma level.

Interested candidates should apply to the school's principal, Mrs Sharon E Wilson, by letter, email or fax as soon as possible. All applications MUST include the following:

- letter of application
- a personal statement detailing the candidate's educational philosophy
- a full curriculum vitae,
- either the names, addresses, telephone numbers, fax and email numbers of three people who may be approached for confidential professional references or the name and address of the recruiting agency from which the candidate's confidential dossiers may be obtained.

Information on the teaching posts offered may be obtained from the heads of the schools by email or fax only.

Frank Coyle, Head of the secondary school:
Email: Frank.Coyle@st-andrews.com
Fax: (1 242) 677 7847

Allison Collie, Head of the primary school:
Email: Allison.Collie@st-andrews.com
Fax: (1 242) 677 7846

Sharon E Wilson
Principal
St Andrew's School
P O Box EE 17340
Nassau

Email: Sharon.Wilson@st-andrews.com
Fax: (1 242) 677 7802 or (1 242) 324 0816

The closing date for applications is 8th January 2010. Applications from unqualified candidates, applications arriving without the full information requested, applications from outside The Commonwealth of The Bahamas or applications received after this date will not be considered.

INSIGHT

Raul Castro: global climate summit a failure before it starts



HAVANA

PRESIDENT Raul Castro has declared the global climate summit a failure before it starts, according to Associated Press.

Addressing the leftist Bolivarian Alternative for the Americas trade group on Sunday, Castro said that though Copenhagen should produce "concrete, verifiable steps to confront the effects of climate change, we already know there will be no agreement."

He said instead the world, "can only wait for a political pronouncement." He says leaders from the nine-country group gathered in Havana must devise their own "firm position on this decisive matter for the future of the human species."

Castro also is calling for regional unity to face the global economic crisis, saying many "have declared, with unjustified optimism, the end of the recession."

VENEZUELA'S President Hugo Chavez, left, speaks with Cuba's President Raul Castro before the Bolivarian Alternative for the Americas (ALBA) summit meeting in Havana, Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009. Member nations are Venezuela, Cuba, Nicaragua, Honduras, Ecuador, Bolivia, Antigua and Barbuda, San Vincent and the Grenadines, and Dominica.

Javier Galeano/AP

Legal Notice

NOTICE

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

ARGOSA CORP. INC.
(Liquidator)

LEGAL NOTICE

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BOND MANAGEMENT LIMITED

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- (b) The dissolution of the said company commenced on the 14th December 2009 when the Articles of Dissolution were submitted to and registered by the Registrar General.
- (c) The Liquidator of the said company is Mr Peter Leppard of 1 Raffles Link #05-02 Singapore 039393.

Dated this 14th day of December A. D. 2009

Mr Peter Leppard
Liquidator

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OF

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Notice is hereby given that liquidation of the above company commenced on the 10th day of December, 2009. Credit Suisse Trust Limited of Bahamas Financial Centre, Shirley & Charlotte Streets, P.O.Box N-3023, Nassau, The Bahamas has been appointed Liquidator of the Company.

Credit Suisse Trust Limited
Liquidator

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