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# Parties battle voter 'loophole'

## Mother's anger over child kidnap attempt

A MOTHER is angry that an island-wide alert has not gone out to warn parents after she claims her eight-year-old son was almost abducted from the campus of Queen's College on Tuesday.

The mother of the third grader, the victim of the attempted abduction, told *The Tribune* she doesn't want her or her child's name or photograph pub-

lished as she is scared he may be targeted again. But she said she wants to warn parents that there is a strange man out there who is attempting to pick up children from their schools.

Last night the RBPF confirmed that the claim was "under active investigation," however Press Liaison Officer Sergeant

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## Bid to stop ineligible voters deciding Elizabeth by-election

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BOTH major political parties are channelling much of their energy into trying to ensure that a loophole in the electoral registration, which allows ineligible voters to remain on the official voters list, will not result in the Elizabeth by-election being decided by persons who no longer live in the constituency.

FNM Chairman Carl Bethel said the party is on the ground in Elizabeth undertaking "an intense review of the voters reg-

ister and seeking to identify and locate every voter on it" to avoid this possibility.

He said the governing party "is finding that...there are a number of people (who) may have moved out" of the area since the 2007 general election and the loophole is therefore "an important aspect" requiring the party's attention in the run up to the February 16th by-election.

Yesterday Parliamentary Registrar Errol Bethel admitted to *The Tribune* that there is no sure way of stopping peo-

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## Man charged with year's first murder

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A 31-YEAR-OLD man charged with the country's first murder for the year was arraigned in a Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Police have charged Cameron Smith of Wulff Road with the murder of Joseph Wright. Wright, 39, of Kemp Road

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## PM URGES NEW RBDF COMMODORE TO LEAD WITH FIRM, FAIR HAND



Felipe Major/Tribune staff

**PRIME MINISTER** Hubert Ingraham and Minister of National Security Tommy Turnquest speak to outgoing Commodore Clifford Scavella (left) and new Commodore Roderick Bowe (centre).

PRIME Minister Hubert Ingraham urged new Defence Force Commodore Roderick Bowe to lead with a firm, but fair hand, while upholding the integrity of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force.

Said Mr Ingraham: "Yours will be the task of continuing our mission to protect and defend the Bahamas and its citizens, particularly against the ravages of the illicit narcotics trade, the strain of continued illegal immigration and the economic drain and environmental assault on our fisheries by poachers."

He made these remarks at the Changing of Command ceremony at the RBDF base in Coral Harbour Base yesterday.

Mr Bowe will also have

admirable search and rescue efforts, and ensure the Force remains vigilant against the increasing threat of sea level change, imposed by climate change.

Mr Ingraham said a number of suitable candidates vied for the post, officers of the senior command who "are still eager to be a part of the development of a new strategic vision" for the RBDF.

He revealed that Captain Stephen Russell, director of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), was one of those considered for the post of RBDF commodore.

But Mr Ingraham said his name was removed from the running due to his "invaluable" service to NEMA.

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## New resort gives Exuma jobs boost

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OVER the past two months 300 Bahamians found themselves new jobs with the renovated Sandals Emerald Bay, Great Exuma resort.

After acquiring the property six months ago, and spending more than \$13 million on renovations and additions, the billion dollar Caribbean brand Sandals Resorts plans to open the doors on its newest luxury resort Friday.

At full staffing capacity, San-

dals expects to employ 400 workers. According to hotel executives, most of the employees already hired were employees of the Four Seasons Resort Great Exuma at Emerald Bay.

The Emerald Bay resort closed its doors on May 26, 2009. Almost 500 workers lost their jobs and the Four Seasons brand left the Bahamas. Property developers, Emerald Bay Resort Holdings, ran into financial difficulties forcing the property to go into administration, with receivers being called in. The closure lasted just under eight

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LOCAL NEWS

**'Soccer for Haiti' charity event for earthquake victims**

By ALESHA CADET

THE clubs of the BFA Senior Men's Soccer League of Nassau are coming together on Sunday, January 31 to hold a charity event to help victims of the January 12 Haiti earthquake.

The event will take place at the Thomas A Robinson Stadium starting at 1pm. Promoters said all the funds raised will go to Haiti's earthquake relief efforts.

Soccer is the number one sport in Haiti and many Haitians who are members of the Bahamas Football Association will take part.

The entry fee will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. It is expected to be a fun-filled cultural event where there will be food and drinks, musical entertainment, games and many door prizes.

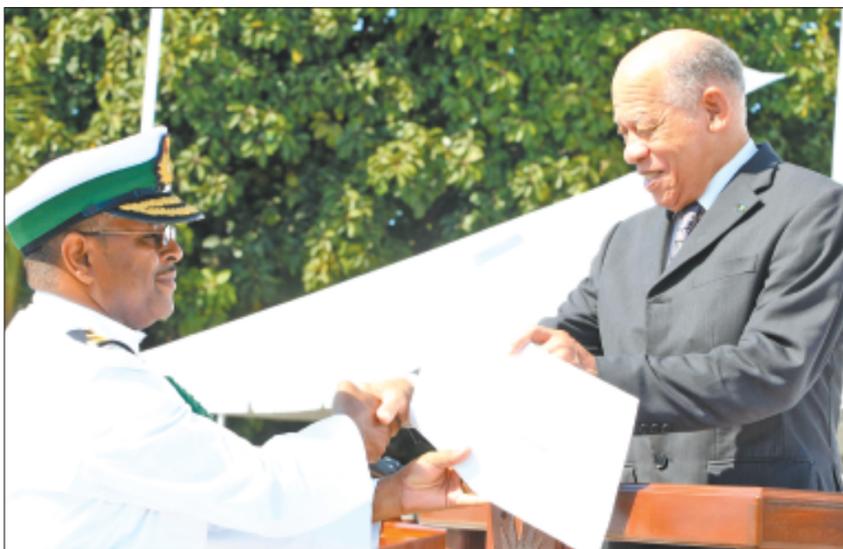
The event will feature interesting match-ups, such as "Bahamas vs Haiti" and "Jamaica vs The Rest of the World."

Entertainers who wish to donate their time and talent to the effort are urged to contact the league.

The league is appealing to "Corporate Bahamas" to support the cause by placing banners at the event, donating prizes and attending.

Anyone interested in helping in any way can contact Craig Lenihan at: craig@bahamasports.com, or on 324-3371; the Bahamas Football Association on 394-3117; or representatives of any of the following member clubs: Baha Juniors, Bears FC, Cavalier FC, the College of the Bahamas, Dynamos FC, FC Nassau, Lyford Cay FC, Sharks FC, United FC.

**New Defence Force Commodore takes over**



**NEW COMMODORE RODERICK BOWE** receives his instruments of appointment as Commander of the Defence Force from Governor General Arthur Hanna yesterday.



**GOVERNOR GENERAL** Arthur Hanna shakes the hand of Commodore Roderick Bowe.



**OUTGOING COMMODORE** Clifford Scavella

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Of the candidates, Mr Bowe — who was transferred from his post as deputy director in the Department of Immigration to assume his new post — had the leadership skills, credentials and "good character" to lead the Force.

Mr Bowe, a trained pilot, joined the RBDF in 1982 and moved steadily up the ranks. He trained at the Britannia Royal Naval College in the United Kingdom, is a fellow of the Centre for Hemispheric Defence Studies, and has a Bachelor's degree in Professional Management from Nova Southeastern University.

He previously served on HMBS Fort Charlotte and HMBS Marlin.

Chief among Mr Bowe's first assignments as RBDF head will be ensuring that two platoons of marines and a Bahamas Class ship are readied for deployment to provide relief and rebuilding assistance to Haiti, ravaged by a 7.0 earthquake last week.

Mr Bowe takes over from retired Commodore Clifford Scavella, who is set to begin diplomatic service as the Ambassador of the Bahamas to Haiti today.

At yesterday's ceremony,

Mr Ingraham heralded Mr Scavella as a "devoted public servant" dedicated to ensuring that the country's Defence Force officers remained among the best officers and marines in the region.

"Commodore Scavella leaves the Force with his head held high and his integrity intact," said Mr Ingraham, thanking the former Defence Force head for his years of service.

"It is fortuitous that his new assignment at the helm of our embassy in Haiti will begin as our southern neighbour faces one of the greatest challenges in its history," said Mr Ingraham.

The prime minister said Mr Scavella's presence in Haiti will lend logistical support to the regional response to that tragedy.

Mr Scavella was previously appointed to the Bahamas Consulate in Haiti in 2001.

For the first time in the history of the RBDF, the Government has appointed a Deputy Commander, Captain Telis Bethel, added Mr Ingraham.

The nation's chief also told the crowd that the Government is committed to ensuring adequate funding, continued training and development along with infrastructure development for the RBDF.

**Open labyrinth walk for Haiti relief planned for today**

AN open labyrinth walk will be held today at the Grand Bahama Labyrinth in the Garden of the Groves, Grand Bahama. The walk will be held from 4pm-7pm.

The walk will be led by Barbara Chester, qualified labyrinth facilitator, who was trained by Dr Lauren Artress, author of "Walking a Sacred Path" and founder of the Veriditas organisation.

Ms Chester will be present to offer insight into the sacred tool, to answer questions and provide illumination about labyrinth history, perceptions and meaning.

Labyrinth facilitators around the world will be hosting labyrinth walks on January 22nd as an opportunity to provide healing for the victims of the Haiti Earthquake. Events are

planned throughout the United States and also in Canada, South Africa, Japan and the Netherlands.

The Global Healing Response (GHR) was introduced to a network of worldwide labyrinth facilitators in 2005 by Ellen Bintz Meuch, certified labyrinth facilitator. It is a Veriditas sponsored programme. The GHR is a simple plan using the labyrinth in a unified response to promote stress management, grief integration and healing in case of an emergency or disaster from any force.

The intent was to create a plan with clarity and vision before a disaster occurs rather than when everyone is distressed. The GHR was first implemented in response to Hurricane Katrina on October 15, 2005.

**Bahamas Technical & Vocational Institute (BTVI)**

**Angel Tree**

Pictured L to R: Mrs. Bethel Student Services Coordinator BTVI, Ms. Gibson Elizabeth Estate Children's Home, Dr. Iva Dahl Manager/Consultant BTVI, Mrs. Cleare Elizabeth Estate Children's Home

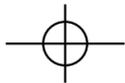
**"Little Angels" Make A Big Difference**

If you were at The Mall at Marathon during the month of December you might have seen a number of Bahamas Technical & Vocational Institute (BTVI) students, faculty and staff working at the BTVI Angel Tree booth lending a helping hand to the community.

In early November BTVI faculty and staff members teamed up to find a charitable organization that would benefit less fortunate children and provide them some holiday cheer. The Angel Tree Committee selected the Elizabeth Estate Children's Home. The first annual program provided opportunities for individuals to donate directly to a child in need by contributing a small donation.

**Thank You**

"The month long event proved very successful, we at BTVI are fortunate to be able to say the work we do changes lives. Angel Tree is just one more way we inspire our students to succeed and serve our community", said Dr. Iva Dahl, Manager/Consultant



LOCAL NEWS

# Sandals Emerald Bay opens doors

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A BEACH VILLA at sunset at the Sands Emerald Bay resort.

THE Bahamas' hotel room inventory officially increases by 183 rooms today with the opening of Sandals Emerald Bay in Great Exuma.

Occupancy levels are expected to be as high as 80 per cent during the first two months of operations for the all-inclusive couples hotel, owned by the internationally recognised Caribbean brand Sandals Resorts.

"What we offer at Sandals are luxury vacations. Our clients typically book six months in advance. We launched (sales) in September and already we expect 80 per cent occupancy for February and March. We are lucky because up to 45 per cent of our guests are return guests," said John Keating, general manager of Sandals Emerald Bay.

The hotel is set to introduce several innovations to the Sandals chain and wider hotel industry, including the largest Jacuzzi in the Caribbean, the largest spa facility — 16,000 square feet — and a 24-hour butler service for each of the 183 rooms.

Butler service is available in other Sandals resorts, but only for a select number of rooms. This will be a staple service in every room at Emerald Bay, and the main differentiating feature for the hotel, according to David Roper, director of industry relations for Sandals Resorts.

"Expectations are very positive. We have absolutely no doubt it will be successful. There are few places in the world that are more beautiful. The natural beauty is stunning. All of the suites have ocean views, and what you are going to get is total pampering," said Mr Roper.

Butlers are hand-selected and trained by the Guild of Professional English Butlers. None of the 50 butlers currently employed is a Bahamian, although the full complement of staff is not in place.

Max Loayza, front-of-house manager, said each room is assigned a local cell phone upon check-in, with a butler's number programmed inside. Butlers greet guests at the hotel entrance and

escort them directly to their rooms, where check-in is conducted.

They offer to pack and unpack bags, iron clothes, make reservations for dining and entertainment activities. They can communicate with guests in advance of arrival to determine drink preferences to stock the in-suite bar.

The new hotel sits on 500-acres of land, formerly operated by the Four Seasons Resort Great Exuma at Emerald Bay. It was owned by Emerald Bay Resort Holdings, a collection of investors, who ran into financial difficulties forcing the property to go into administration, with receivers being called in.

The last guests left on May 26, 2009, with the closure resulting in the dismissal of more than 400 workers. It dealt a heavy blow to the Exuma economy.

Now Exuma residents can look forward to a financial boost to their economy from a redeveloped hotel, with five restaurants, 183 beach-front rooms, an 18-hole Greg Norman-designed championship golf course, and full-service marina. Martha Stewart-themed weddings can be accommodated on the property under the gazebo by the Zen pool and garden.

"I think as it relates to Exumians, we should be grateful for the fact that within six to seven months we were able to return to work, and the living standards might not be the way (they were with) Four Seasons but at the same time it is better than nothing. It presents us with the opportunity to prove we are an intelligent people and open to develop this particular island. So far the experience has been positive, despite what the naysayers might say," said Stephen Clarke, an Exuma native and bus driver with the company.

"Some of the Exumians are not happy with some of the things, but I think we should give them an opportunity. My advice is for us to prove ourselves to the visitors and the owners and let us show them that we are a great people and a great island. We can have a great impact in the movement of this particular organisation," he said.

# Bahamas set to be bowled over by entertainment complex

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AFTER months of eager anticipation, the public will finally get a chance to visit a new state-of-the-art family entertainment complex — the first of its kind in the Bahamas.

Tonight's opening of Mario's Bowling and Family Entertainment Palace follows Wednesday's solemn prayer service dedicated to the late Mario Miller on what would have been his 36th birthday.

Former Trade Minister Leslie Miller has dedicated the state-of-the-art 80,000 sq ft bowling centre equipped with 50 lanes, a video arcade, restaurant, nightclub and more, to his son who first envisioned it.

Mario was 28 when he was brutally stabbed to death in June 2002 and Mr Miller's family have since endured a nearly eight-year fight for justice after two mistrials of murder accused Ricardo Miller and his brother Ryan Miller (no relation to Leslie Miller). A retrial of the pair is scheduled for May.

The former PLP MP set about building one of the largest ten-pin bowling facilities in the world and the only one in the Bahamas after his son's death.

He hopes that aside from being a top entertainment centre for families, it will be rated among the world's best facilities for international bowling leagues and will also become a place where local bowlers can hone their skills to earn college scholarships.

Around 100 friends attested to its "wow" factor as they gathered for prayers offered by Grace Community Church Pastor Lyall Bethel and First Baptist Pastor Earl Francis,

and took a tour of the \$10 million development on Tonique Darling-Williams Highway, which can hold around 1,000 patrons and will employ 106 staff.

As Mr Miller welcomed friends and family, including his former Olympic coach Tony Robinson and Bahamian music legend Ronnie Butler, he credited Mario with the idea.

"It was his dream," Mr Miller said.

"They butchered the dreamer but the dream lives on.

"I was only the person who finished the dream. We only try to do the best we can on his behalf."

Mario's mother Helen said her son would have been extremely pleased with the outcome, and had he been alive for his 36th birthday he would have asked those present to think about the devastation in Haiti in the aftermath of last week's earthquake. She called for all those present to do something special to help those suffering in Haiti in Mario's memory.

His sisters, Yasmine and Leslia, and brother Montgomery, all paid tribute to their late brother, maintaining that the project has united them as a family, and they hope it will be a place that brings many more Bahamian families together.

While adults and children can bowl in the 46 open lanes, there are also four lanes in the "Sir Sidney Poitier" room available for private hire.

A restaurant with seating for 350 is in the centre of the palace in addition to pizza, ice-cream and candy parlours and several bars.

There are more than 100 video arcade games, rooms which can be hired for children's parties and outside there



LESLIE MILLER with his children Yasmin, Leslia, and Montgomery at Mario's Bowling and Family Entertainment Palace.

tonight, finishing touches will be completed over the next few weeks and Mr Miller hopes to hold an official opening in February or March.

He said: "I think the Bahamian people are in a dire need of an institution to bring families together and this is one of the best bowling centres in the world."

is a sandpit and play area as well as a 35,000 sq ft roller-skating rink with about 500 pairs of rollerblades and skates available for rent.

When taking a break from bowling, adults can relax in electronic massage chairs

assisted by a therapist, or head upstairs to the nightclub.

Security systems include surveillance cameras throughout the development, security guards and police officers patrolling the site.

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## Be thankful for unexpected blessings

A YEAR AGO Exumians were wringing their hands in despair when the upscale Four Seasons at Emerald Bay finally announced its closure after six years of what appeared to be a successful operation. However, the warning of trouble brewing came in June, 2007 when the owner of the 500-acre master development, EBR Holdings Limited, of which the Four Seasons-managed hotel was a part, was unable to meet its debt obligations. The master development went into receivership.

Although the receivers had worked diligently to identify a new owner for the master development, including the hotel, they had to admit failure.

"The receivers," said the announcement on May 13, 2009, "announced today that they have reluctantly decided, after consultation with other stakeholders, to close the master development. This is a decision which was very difficult for the receivers to make, and they look forward to a point in the future when this development will reopen under new ownership and continue to contribute to the Exuma community."

The statement continued: "No time indication can be given on how long it will be before a sale of the assets of the master development is concluded or how long it will be before the master development reopens for business."

From a tourism high, which provided a good and what many thought, a secure living for Exumians, and other Bahamians who had relocated to the island for employment, about 500 persons were suddenly jobless. Exuma had hit an all time low — Four Seasons, the jewel in its crown, had closed.

Today The Tribune publishes two articles on the re-opening of the hotel under the banner: Sandals Emerald Bay. (See front page and page 3). Already 300 Bahamians, many of them Four Seasons employees, have been re-employed. However, subtly running through both of the articles being published today is an undercurrent of Bahamian unease. Although the new resort promises to revitalise Exuma's economy, already there is grumbling among the locals about wages, the number of foreigners on staff and the workload required to get the hotel operational.

Really, there are times when some Bahamians are too much! One would have thought it would be better to have something, rather than nothing. Wouldn't it be wise to buckle down to help make the operation successful so that the time will come when the owners can afford to increase salaries?

Remember the owners have probably gone into the new venture weighed down by

bank loans — particularly after the enormous outlay for the purchase of the property and an additional \$13 million for renovations. It is now up to Bahamians, who have been fortunate enough to have secured employment, to help the owners repay their debt and turn a profit— then and only then can staff hope to cash in on the joint success.

But the average Bahamian doesn't understand business. Some of them believe that anyone who can purchase an Emerald Bay property comes to the table with pockets lined with gold. And by some strange reasoning, having not themselves done a stroke of work, they expect to share in that imaginary gold.

Sandals has decided on the brand of hotel it wants, which is built around a theme. This is its right. Apparently a highlight is to be the individual butler service. It seems the owners want each guest to enjoy the Bertie Wooster experience with a private Jeeves. These 50 butlers are hand picked and trained by the Guild of Professional English Butlers. None of them is Bahamian. So what!

Look at the jobs the Bahamians are getting because they are here; consider the number of Bahamian suppliers and companies that have service contracts and others in the community who will be getting trade. Consider the wealth being brought into the island from which every person in Exuma should benefit in some way. But if any Bahamian thinks he has a right to join the staff and start to dictate terms, then remember what happened in Freeport when unreasonable union demands closed a hotel, and destroyed many unionists' own private businesses. If any Bahamian does not like Sandals' terms, then stay away. Don't go there to cause trouble and jeopardise the community's future.

Stephen Clarke, an Exuma bus driver with the new company, has the right attitude, Says he:

"I think as it relates to Exumians, we should be grateful for the fact that within six to seven months we were able to return to work, and the living standards might not be the way (they were with) Four Seasons but at the same time it is better than nothing. It presents us with the opportunity to prove we are an intelligent people and open to develop this particular island. So far the experience has been positive, despite what the naysayers might say."

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# What is govt going to do to fix the economy?

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Everyday people ask what caused the bottom to fall out of the economy and is going to fix it.

If we look at our everyday lives and see how it works it is readily evident what works and what doesn't work. Why don't we look at these things for answers? It does not take a rocket scientist to figure it all out.

Baseball is a game we all love. If you were to pit two of the best baseball teams against each other what result would you expect? A wonderful, exciting game. Now take the rules of the game away and give the referees sleeping pills. What results would you expect? Chaos.

So let's fix the problem. Let's write some rules or introduce those already in existence, appoint new referees and now tell the referees

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to play in the game with the other team players. What results would you expect? Chaos.

So here we have a wonderful game, loved by all, destroyed by bigots and fools.

And now how do we restore sanity and save the game loved by all? We simply write the rules, always guaranteeing the playing field is level for all concerned, wake up the referees and instruct them to see to it that both teams abide by the rules.

Voilà, the game is restored and all who love it, enjoy it.

We wonder how this relates to the present situation.

The economic crash happened when the players said that they needed no rules, and the referees were given sleep-

ing pills. The players, rather than following the golden rule, "is it fair to all concerned," substituted it by "is it good for me, baby." What was the result? Chaos.

And now a new government moves in to solve the problem. They rewrite the rules, wake up the referees and then the government (who in this case is the referee) starts to play in the game. What do you think the result will be? Chaos.

What is the real answer? Get rid of the politics, restore the golden rule "is it fair to all concerned," appoint some decent referees to see that the rules are not broken, and play ball. By doing this they will restore the capitalist game that has been so good to America, and has made it the leader of the world.

PIERRE V L DUPUCH  
Nassau,  
January 14, 2010.

## The PLP is too mean-spirited

EDITOR, The Tribune.

My God, how cold can the PLP be? Haitians are people too. The recent gesture of goodwill and compassion shown to Haitians by Prime Minister of the Bahamas, Hubert Alexander Ingraham seems to have smoked out the selfish and downright hoggish attitude some Bahamians have.

It was not too surprising though that the PLP would disagree.

They seem only to be interested in things that they themselves are going to benefit from and to hell with everyone else.

How mean-spirited can they be? I am also shocked that black radio personalities cannot see the good in this, only the political rhetoric. The golden rule is, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

The various asinine statements coming from the PLP exposed what we as Bahamians have been saying all along.

They do not care about people especially people who are not in their little cliques. But what is so astounding is that the majority of Haitians are Catholics and also are our brothers and sisters. I know some

very key high ranking Bahamians who are of Haitian descent. There are several top PLP who are Catholics and should plan to go to confession to ask for God's forgiveness for the nasty attitude displayed since the Prime Minister showed his humanitarian side.

Since we are a Christian nation and since Haiti is our brother neighbouring country with too many ties, how come the Christian community has not said a word one way or the other on Mr. Ingraham's decision. We need to forget who will follow and just lead. I am sure that there are at least a few Bahamians who are not

thinking like hogs and see the great wisdom in helping to shorten the impact already felt from the uncertainty of the status of family members.

But to kick our neighbours in the teeth when they are down and out is ungodly. The reality is, no one knows when it would be the Bahamas' time for devastation. Who would we look to, who will come to our aid? The wind doesn't blow in the same dog's backside at the time. I must remind the PLP that "Today for me, tomorrow for you."

IVOINE W INGRAHAM  
Nassau,  
January 19, 2010.

## The argument for corporal punishment or public floggings

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Everyone knows how difficult it is to establish whether a convict was truly rehabilitated after being subjected to the death sentence.

There is no real supportive evidence to determine that capital punishment really will help turn things around here in The Bahamas.

The Privy Council maintains the arrogant belief in ruling from afar, and have blocked us with proceeding with capital punishment.

The best way forward at least for the time being is corporal punishment or public floggings.

These opportunities should be made immediately available to murderers, rapists, sexual predators and persons committing crimes against the country.

By crimes against the country I mean robbing tourists or committing any act that jeopardises the greater advancement of the country. There are way too many of us who endeavour to work hard and sacrifice for the love of country to have a group of selfish punks pull us down.

My recommendation is to have all the above mentioned gangsters dressed up as women and flogged on a public stage by a woman officer. Not even using a whip or a stick that would draw blood, but a flat piece of lumber like a 1x4 or the like, 20 times across the bungy.

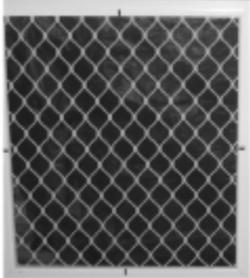
Surely Amnesty International or the Privy Council could not object to this

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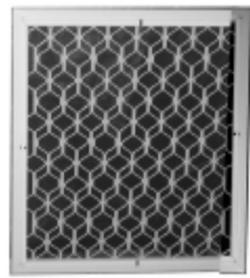
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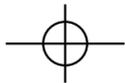
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LOCAL NEWS

CRIME BRIEFS

SHOOTING

A man is in hospital after being shot multiple times while walking in the area of Dunmore Avenue and Hospital Lane on Wednesday.

The victim, a 29-year-old resident of Dunmore Avenue, was out walking at around 8.20pm when a heavily tinted Toyota Camry with a male passenger pulled up alongside him. The man in the Camry fired several gunshots in the direction of the 29-year-old pedestrian, which resulted in him suffering several gunshot wounds. He was taken to hospital by ambulance where he is listed in stable condition. Police are following significant leads into the matter as investigations continue.

FIREARM ARREST

POLICE recovered a black and silver 9mm pistol with 15 live rounds of ammunition from a vehicle on Wednesday.

Officers from the Northeastern Division were on patrol in the area of Palmetto Avenue and Baillou Hill Road when they received information which led them to search a 1998 Green Ford Ranger with two male passengers at around 12.45pm.

Following the seizure of the firearm and the bullets, both men were taken into police custody.

DEU APPREHEND BOAT PASSENGERS

OFFICERS of the Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU) on Tuesday at around 10.30pm intercepted a 28ft Anker speed boat carrying eight passengers in the area of the Montagu Ramp.

Six of the group are believed to be Chinese nationals, the other two were Bahamian.

The Chinese nationals were taken to the Detention Centre on Carmichael Road to await processing.

The two Bahamians, one a resident of Great Harbour Cay, the other of Carmichael Road, remain in police custody. Investigations continue.

DRUG ARREST

MEMBERS of the police's Mobile Division seized a large quantity of suspected marijuana from a private residence on Samuel's Addition off Farrington Road on Tuesday at 6.22pm. Officers found the drugs in a bedroom closet with an undisclosed amount of cash.

A 43-year-old man was taken into custody in connection with the discovery. Investigations continue.

ARMED ROBBERIES

POLICE are investigating two armed robberies that occurred in the Lyford Cay area and on Fire Trail Road, respectively.

Sometime around 7.20pm on Tuesday, police were informed that two persons while in the Lyford Cay area were held up by a man wearing a blue hooded jacket and armed with a handgun.

The gunman robbed the individuals of an undisclosed amount of cash and fled the area in a gold coloured vehicle, licence plate unknown.

Earlier that day, at around 11.11am, police were called to the scene of an armed robbery at a convenience store on Fire Trail Road.

An employee of the shop reported that two men, dressed in jeans and red hooded jackets, and armed with handguns, entered the establishment demanding cash. The employee told the men there was no money. The men fled on foot in an unknown direction.

# 'Botched' routine surgery mother 'barely able to make ends meet'

By TANEKA THOMPSON  
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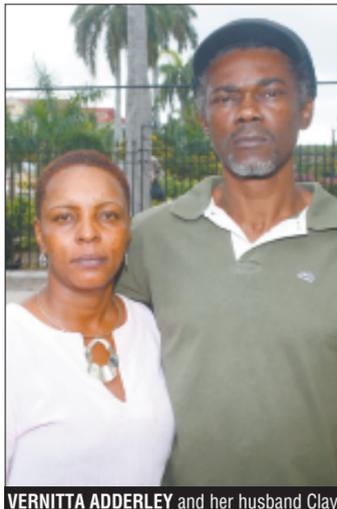
A MOTHER who is unable to work after a "botched" routine surgery at Princess Margaret Hospital in 2008 claims she is burdened with mounting household bills and a nearly empty bank account.

Vernitta Adderley, 39, and her husband Clay, 46, say they are barely able to make ends meet as they wait for an anticipated out-of-court settlement from the Public Hospitals Authority (PHA).

Mrs Adderley said she is unable to work after surgery at Princess Margaret Hospital in July, 2008 left her with chronic pains in her feet and abdomen and an unsightly 18-inch scar on her stomach. Mr Adderley, a former maintenance worker, quit work soon after the surgery to care for his wife and youngest child.

The couple said they have exhausted the generosity of friends and family but must find a way to pay a \$1,000 electricity bill, a hefty water bill and care for their eight-year-old daughter.

"It's a struggle to find lunch money to give her for school, sometimes we can't give her what she normally gets. She always says to me, 'Mummy I can't wait 'til I grow up so I can get a job and help



VERNITTA ADDERLEY and her husband Clay

you'," the mother of four said, adding, "And I can't work — I was offered a job last year and I wanted to take it but because of my condition I couldn't."

The "constant pain" in her feet have erased the former barmaid's once active lifestyle — she cannot walk for extended periods of time and she has been

warned by doctors not to lift anything over five pounds, including her eight-year-old daughter.

Added to her physical and financial afflictions is the emotional toll the ordeal has taken on her, she says.

"Even money would never ever bring me back to where I used to be," she lamented.

"They took away her happiness," added her protective husband. "She's been depressed ever since this matter happened."

According to supporting documentation sent to the PHA by the couple's attorney, Mrs Adderley was diagnosed with insomnia, post-traumatic stress and depression last September, reportedly due to the bungled medical procedure.

Mrs Adderley first underwent surgery in July, 2008 at PMH to have her ovarian tubes tied, a 20-minute procedure that prevents future pregnancies. In an earlier interview with The Tribune she claimed that the day she was released from hospital, she had severe abdominal pain. A day later doctors said they had to do more surgery to remove toxins from her abdomen after releasing her. It is claimed that her bowel had been punctured during the first procedure.

Although she recovered — after a nearly two week stint in a coma — she was left with an ugly 18-inch scar on her

stomach. She then developed her first hernia, which bloated her stomach. She had to have surgery to remove it.

Pain from a second hernia, near her rib cage sent her to the emergency room last November, she said, and has to be removed.

The couple claimed that the PHA has already paid out around \$30,000 in hospital fees but has yet to provide remuneration for loss of wages, damages and future medical expenses. They are seeking \$555,890 in total but are asking the PHA for an interim payment of \$100,000.

The wait, they say, has pushed them to their breaking point.

"I want the hospital, the government to know that looks are deceiving. It's not that I look good on the outside that I feel good on the inside — I'm hurting," said Mrs Adderley.

Her husband chimed in: "This is like madness, it's been long enough. I don't know why Bahamians are treated like this in our own country."

"They can give foreigners so much, but people who born and live here and can't get justice in a timely fashion — it's just not right".

Calls placed to Janet Hall, the PHA's legal counsel, and PHA Managing Director Herbert Brown were not returned up to press time.

## Another resident justice to be appointed to GB Supreme Court

By DENISE MAYCOCK  
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FREEPORT — Chief Justice Sir Michael Barnett announced that another resident justice will be appointed this year to the Supreme Court in Grand Bahama, where there will now be two full time justices.

Sir Michael said that recommendation has been made by the Judicial Legal Service Commission for the appointment of Hartman Longley as a Justice of the Supreme Court in Grand Bahama.

"We are pleased and happy that Justice Hartman Longley will demit office of the Justice of Appeal. He will be residing in Grand Bahama and work, so you have two judges in Grand Bahama," he said.

Sir Michael also revealed that consideration is being given to appointing a fifth magistrate's court and another magistrate to Grand Bahama. He said the northern region is an important part of the Supreme Court in the administration of justice.

Although the legal year was

officially opened last week in New Providence, he said it was important to come to Grand Bahama to worship and fellowship with their colleagues here.

Members of the judiciary marched on Wednesday from the Garnet Levarity Justice Centre to Christ the King Pro Cathedral to attend a special service to mark the opening of the legal year in Grand Bahama.

Following the service, Sir Michael addressed members of the judiciary at a reception and met with the media at the Garnet Levarity Justice Centre.

He noted that the northern region is a significant population base in the country and services and resources must be brought to where the population exists.

Chief Justice Barnett noted that Mrs Estelle Evans was the only resident justice on Grand Bahama dealing with civil matters.

He said that a judge who was resident in New Providence would fly to Grand Bahama and live for a short period of time for two or three months to preside over criminal trials.

"We did not think that that real-

ly met the needs of the northern region and that you ought to have another full-time resident judge," he said.

Sir Michael said that Justice Longley is one of the most experienced judges in the country.

"His appointment to serve in the judiciary augurs well for the northern region and the people of Grand Bahama," he said.

"I suspect there is a good case to be made for an additional magistrate court here in Grand Bahama.

"There are three magistrate's court here (in Freeport) and one in Eight Mile Rock, and there is a case for an additional court and we will have to consider establishing another court and consider appointing another person," Sir Michael said.

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LOCAL NEWS

# Man charged with year's first murder

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Lane yesterday morning was not required to enter a plea to the murder charge which alleged that he by means of unlawful harm intentionally and caused Wright's death on January 6. Smith was not represented by an attorney. A preliminary inquiry will be held to determine whether there is sufficient evidence for him to stand trial in the Supreme Court.

Smith was remanded to Her Majesty's Prison. The case was adjourned to Monday, January 25, when he is expected to appear before Chief Magistrate Roger Gomez in Court 1, Bank Lane for a fixture hearing.

was killed on Wednesday January 6. Wright was shot just before 8 o'clock that night, in the area of Wulff Road and Mackey Street. He was reportedly sitting at the junction of the two streets when he was approached by a man, armed with a handgun who fired a single fatal shot at him. Police said that Wright, who was hit in the right side of his body, collapsed while running away from his assailant. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Smith, who was arraigned before Magistrate Carolita Bethel in Court 8, Bank

# Mother's anger after child kidnap attempt

FROM page one

Chrislyn Skippings believes there is no cause for widespread alarm from parents as the alleged incident appears "isolated."

According to the mother, her son was waiting for his great-aunt to come for him when sometime between 3.15pm and 3.30pm a man reportedly came up to him and put his hand over the boy's mouth.

"He told my son if he screamed he would harm him. And he was using foul language my son isn't used to," she said.

The mother said the man then walked her son down the driveway to the parking lot of the school, with his arm locked behind the boy's back.

To people walking past them, the mother said, it would have looked like the boy had been rude and was being disciplined.

Arriving at a car parked in the lot, the man reportedly forced the boy to get in the vehicle.

While the man was trying to start the car, fumbling with keys, the boy realised that the passenger door was unlocked.

"He had the presence of mind to get out of the car

and run back up to the school," the mother said.

Back at the school, the boy's great-aunt and sister were waiting, having already searched his classroom and alerted the teachers of the third grader's disappearance, she said.

The mother said her son had an extremely lucky escape, and only his quick thinking saved him from being kidnapped.

She said while her son has been putting on a brave face since the frightening incident, at night he suffers from nightmares and is jumpy.

"I'm just so angry that none of this has been reported to the public as yet, parents need to know that this could happen, that there is a man who is doing this," she said.

According to media reports, the boy told police that he saw a knife inside the alleged abductor's car and an object which resembled a skull.

The mother said her peace of mind is now gone and she lives in fear of something like this happening to her children again.

She said she has been in several meetings with Queen's College officials. Queen's College reportedly has two security guards for

the entire campus and an additional guard was reportedly hired the day after the alleged incident.

The Tribune yesterday attempted to reach the primary school's principal and deputy principal, but was told that Queen's College is not giving out any information at this time as there is an official investigation going on.

The mother said she accompanied her son to the Central Police Station yesterday for the eight-year-old to give his description of the would-be kidnapper to a sketch artist.

The mother hopes that the composite sketch and the information regarding this incident will be circulated throughout the island so parents and teachers can be on their guard.

Sergeant Skippings said the claim was under active police investigation.

"We are investigating a report of an alleged attempted abduction, however right now it is very early in the case and so we can't say what happened because we're conducting investigations right now," she said, adding "however I think it's fitting to say that this may be an isolated situation."

Still she offered tips to parents of young children so that they can avoid being the victims of potential predators.

"What I would suggest is (parents) need to instil in the children, if they are on the playground or waiting for someone to pick them up, to stay in groups do not venture off."

She also said parents should instruct children not to approach strangers or accept any food or money from them.

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# sports

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## No Winter Olympics for Bahamian Korath Wright

**CALGARY, CANADA** – After a lot of planning, excitement and preparation, on top of a couple years of training and competing, Bahamian-Canadian Korath Wright will no longer be representing The Bahamas in the upcoming 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

Korath had to make the top 40 on January 7th, 2010 at the recent LG Snowboard FIS World Cup held in Austria, and unfortunately that did not happen.

Korath, now back in Calgary, Alberta can reflect on the very busy and productive last couple of years where he experienced much travel; World Cup events; and where he had the opportunity to meet many wonderful people, in particular his family back in The Bahamas. His plan is to spend much more time in The Bahamas.

Most impressively Korath put on the first ever Bahama Snow Kids Camp which gave teens from The Bahamas, some who had never experienced snow before, the opportunity to try snowboarding with Korath at Mount Hood, Oregon.

Korath Wright is also the first Bahamian to have his name on a watch. In 2009 Carbon 14 released a sports watch with his name and the Bahamian colours. The launch was held in New York City along with such people as Devon Harris of the Jamaican Bobsled Team and Malik Yoba;



Tim Ayleen/Photo

KORATH Wright and his snowboard on the beach in Nassau, 2008.

and a launch was also held the same month in The Bahamas at John Bull.

Korath got as far as he did without any financial assistance from the Bahamas government. He actually did not even have the means to pay a coach as most other Olympic athletes do. Who knows where he could have ended up IF he had the financial support he truly deserved. One can only now

imagine the highlight The Bahamas could have had being featured in a historic first winter Olympics for the country, with all the world watching.

"I want to thank all those that supported me over this time. Your encouragement and support will not be forgotten. 2009 was a great year and there were many achievements. One I am most proud of is getting the Bahama Snow Kids Camp

started in the summer of 2009," said Wright.

"I want to thank the following for their support: Atlantis; John Bull; Carbon 14; everyone who helped out with the Bahamas Snow Kids Camp; Wendy's; Theo Tsavoussis, ABC Construction Ltd; Environmental Projects Ltd; Fre-

con Construction Ltd; Michael Lerch and the Lerch family; Hannes Babak; Pelican Bay Hotel, the YMCA in Grand Bahama; the New Providence Community Church; Brice Limo Service; Antonio Braga; SkyBahamas Airlines; Robbin Whachell and The Bahamas Weekly."

## Diplomats still unbeaten

THE BAHAMAS Independent Secondary Schools' defending senior boys basketball champions continue to roll on and withstood their toughest test of the season thus far to remain undefeated.

The Westminster College Diplomats improved to 9-0 on the year with a 79-73 win over the Jordan Prince William Falcons Wednesday afternoon at the Westminster campus.

Floor general Shaquille Bain led the Diplomats with a rarely seen quadruple double in his best all around game of the season.

Bain finished with 11 pts, 10 rebounds, 10 assists and 11 steals to add another win for the Diplomats in the budding, but lopsided rivalry.

Diplomats leading scorer Marako Lundy notched a triple double with 20 points, 10 rebounds and 12 assists, while adding seven steals and three blocked shots.

High flying forward Thomas Mackey dominated the boards with 13 points and a game high 18 rebounds.

Just three regular season games remain as the Diplomats look to clinch the top seed in the league and complete an undefeated season.

The Diplomats pulled off the upset against the then defending champion Falcons in the 2007 best of three series to win their first title in school history.

They repeated the feat last year with a two game sweep of the Kingsway Academy Saints and seek their third consecutive title this year.

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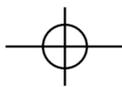
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# Highly anticipated bowling and entertainment complex set to open

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THE Miller family should be able to breathe a sigh of relief on Friday.

That's when businessman and former Member of Parliament Leslie Miller and his family are expected to open the much anticipated Mario's Bowling and Entertainment Palace.

The facilities, housing 50 tenpin bowling lanes and an outdoor roller-skating rink, has been talked about for the last two years, but for one reason or the other, the opening had been delayed until now.

Miller and his two daughters, Yasmine and Leslia, have all worked tirelessly to get the facility up and running and I have to admit that it's definitely a state-of-the-art.

Local bowlers, who have excelled on the international scene before the Village Bowling Lanes was demolished about a decade ago and replaced by Best Buy, can now get back on the lanes to display their skills.

What's also significant

about the facility is the fact that the same time that you are bowling, parents can allow their children to participate in a number of supervised entertainment activities at the same time.

Before the Village Lanes was demolished, bowling was one of the most active sports on the local scene and the Rothmans National Bowling Championships drew participation from throughout the country.

Once the lanes are open, you can bet that the interest in the sport will flourish because there are many people who like the Millers, have been anticipating the return of a venue to display their skills.

Congratulations Miller, the venue couldn't open at a better time.

### NATIONAL STADIUM

Not too far away from the Mario's Entertainment Palace is the Queen Elizabeth Sports Center.

If you passed through there recently, you would see how fast the Chinese workers have gotten with the construction of the new national track and field stadium.

The venue is expected to be completed by April 2011 just in time for the Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations' anticipated hosting of the Carifta Games.

Add the national stadium to the bowling lanes and the Bahamas is expected to be marketed, not just as touristic destination, but a sporting mecca.

Having had a chance to attend the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China and view the Bird's Nest national track and field stadium and

the Blue Tube swimming complex, the Bahamas should definitely have the top national stadium in the region when it's completed.

### MINISTRY RESTRUCTURE

Could the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture be cleaning house to prepare for the construction of the new national stadium at the Queen Elizabeth Sports Center?

Minister Charles Maynard, who replaced Desmond Bannister last year, has revealed that Director and Assistant Director of Sports, Martin Lundy and Frank 'Pancho' Rahming are both in pre-retirement mode.

In short order, Maynard

said both men will vacate their offices, but they are still in the process of replacing them. At the same time, the ministry is also looking at restructuring its Sports Officers, whose role it is to assist the various sporting organisations.

Outside of the Bahamas Olympic Association, the top international sporting body, the ministry is the regulation authority for sports in the country.

And while organisations look more to the ministry for funding from the Bahamas Government, many feel that they should be providing more assistance in the technical areas to ensure that they are properly ran.



SHOWN here are some of the private bowling lanes at Mario's Bowling and Entertainment Palace.

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## 'Loophole'

people who lived and registered to vote in the Elizabeth constituency at the time of the previous election from voting in the upcoming by-election, even though they are not entitled to under the law.

Since the electoral register is not scrapped and populated anew with voters prior to a by-election as it is in the run up to a general election, the former residents' names will still appear on the register should they go into the polling station to try to cast a vote.

Unless the political parties that will be running candidates in the by-election have done their homework and have strong evidence at hand to suggest that the person coming in to vote no longer lives in Elizabeth, the likelihood is that their ballot will be counted in the official tally.

One former Elizabeth resident who moved to Cable Beach two years ago told *The Tribune* he feels he still has a right to have his voice heard in the upcoming by-election.

"I should be able to vote because I voted Adderley in and they're only changing the candidate now because their person dropped out. I voted for

the last one I should be able to vote for this one. My voters card says 'Elizabeth'."

Parliamentary Registrar Errol Bethel admitted it is almost impossible to know how many of those registered have in fact not been resident in the constituency for six months or more.

"We don't know how many of them should not really be there because they've moved (but) we want to make sure the public understands that they are not entitled to vote," he said.

"It is always very difficult to deal with that situation in a by-election. In a general election people tend to stick with their area because there's an election in all constituencies, but in a by-election there's always that danger."

Even in general elections, history has shown that some people who left the constituency long ago have been able to find a way to make their vote count in their former constituency — as evidenced by the significant number of votes thrown out in the recent election court challenges launched in the wake of the 2007 general election.

If Errol Bethel's logic follows



CARL BETHEL

that this behaviour is more likely in a by-election, then the parties could have a tough time trying to ensure that an outcome that is truly representative of the residents of Elizabeth is reached in the February 16th by-election.

Carl Bethel said: "It is a long-standing loophole in our election laws and it is a loophole that we are finding to be quite an important aspect of this election in that we think there are a number of people who are in that category who have moved out."

"What we would like to say is that the law is very clear on the matter in that those who have

moved out for more than six months are not entitled to vote though they are on the register."

It is not clear what the penalty under the law would be for voting in such instances.

PLP Chairman Bradley Robert said his party is also engaging in door-to-door checks that will help identify which of those whose names

appear on the electoral register may no longer live in Elizabeth.

"They (people who have moved out of the constituency) can vote if nobody challenges them on the day. All candidates and agents have the ability to challenge anyone at the polling booths. That's the only way (to stop them voting)," he said.

He said he understands that

the parliamentary registrars office also has a group of people evaluating the situation.

"They do it on a non-scientific basis, they pick people at random, ask them about their neighbours."

"If so-and-so is still living there."

"More than likely persons who've removed themselves from there will be known to those there," said Mr Roberts.

## FROM page one

## New resort

months.

John Keating, Sandals Emerald Bay General Manager, said there are currently 50 foreign nationals employed at the resort, from North America, the United Kingdom, and various Caribbean islands, including Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago. Within the next few months, Sandals expects to send 40 Bahamians to Jamaica and St Lucia on a worker exchange and training programme.

Several Bahamian companies are benefiting from contracts with the new resort owners, although much of the food and beverage and other supplies are shipped from North America.

Vinod Bajaj, Director of Food and Beverage, said he is currently working with Bahamian suppliers like Caribbean Beverage Systems, and Burns House. The hotel also contracted local Exuma company, Trinity Cleaning Services, which provides about 10 employees daily to provide services to the hotel.

"They have done a real fine job engaging Bahamian suppliers. They have been in communication probably since September and it has been a very coordinated effort. They initiated everything," said Keith Evans, President, Caribbean Beverage Systems.

Bahamian entertainers are also finding work, with local Exuma band, Tropical Breeze, and the Nassau-based steel pan band, Rhythm Revolutions, playing at the opening. International entertainers are also employed with the hotel.

Ericsson, Bahamas, was contracted by Sandals to provide equipment and maintenance services to the hotel. They also worked for the Four Seasons. A senior engineer from the telecommunications company said Sandals had a hard act to follow, as the Four Seasons operated like a well-oiled machine, and Bahamian contractors were used to standardised operations, documentation of activities, and timely payment.

"The hotel is going to have a positive impact. It was easy to renegotiate our contract. The hotel management reached out to vendors. Most of the vendors are the same. John Bull is back, nothing has changed," said the Ericsson representatives.

"Exuma really needs it. You could feel it on the island when the hotel closed. People are happy

(with the new hotel). Most people are comfortable and they want to make it work," he said.

According to an Exuma native, criticism over the development project centres around dissatisfaction with the wage levels set by the new operators, the number of foreign nationals working with the hotel and the workload required to get the hotel operational.

Ericsson representatives said the company expected the value of their new contract to be half or two thirds less than it was under the Four Seasons, which they believe had a more upscale clientele.

As for the local community, Exuma is primed for a boost with Sandals pledging to fully engage in community development.

The hotel plans to facilitate guests in attending a the weekly "Fish Fry" in George Town, said David Roper, director of industry relations. He said transportation to and from the Fish Fry as well as meals would be paid for by the hotel and included in the all-inclusive package.

Community relations programmes are spearheaded by the Sandals Foundation, the charitable arm of Sandals Resorts. There is still no director of foundation related activities for Emerald Bay, but that has not stopped work from starting.

The foundation arm already had one meeting with the local community to discuss their plans. Stephen Hector, regional director of public relations, said the hotel planned to install a playground in the George Town square. They were going to adopt a local high school and assist them with projects, such as sports days, and seminars. They planned to install basketball rims on a nearby court.

Every Thursday the resort plans to have a donation drive organised through each revenue department, such as the Spa, golf course and marina. Guests will be invited to make donations to community-based, educational and environmental initiatives organised by the foundation.

Mr Hector said these initiatives would help to mitigate any potential negative impact the hotel might have with the change in population size and economic activity on the island.

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In Freeport, applications can be collected from Wendy's, East Mall Highway, or Caribbean Bottling on West Settler's Way between 9a.m. & 5p.m.

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### FUNERAL SERVICES FOR

**DEACONESS LETICIA PATRICIA 'MS. PAT'  
DORCAS TAYLOR CUNNINGHAM, 90**



of West End Grand Bahama and formerly of Masons Bay, Acklins will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 23, 2010 at St. Peter's Baptist Church, West End Grand Bahama. Officiating Pastor Michael Pinder, assisted by Deacons David Hield and Larry Wilchcombe. Interment will follow in the West End Public Cemetery.

Left to cherish her fond and precious memories are her daughters, Marge Baptiste (Ft. Lauderdale), Sylvia Moxey, Thelma 'Melvise' Cunningham and Gabrielle 'Gay' Cooper; one son: Alfred Bain, two sons-in-law: Alex Baptiste and Edmund Moxey; one sister: Artis 'Mother' Taylor; one uncle: Claygon Taylor of Acklins; grandchildren: Jennifer and Loney Wilkinson, Dianne Rolle, Betty and Thomas Duhaney, Arnette Rolle, Donna Rolle, Sylvia 'Pinkie' and Albert Ingraham, Loney and Candy Bethel, Steven, Carla, Tavano and Felicia Baptiste, Deneise and Trod Henry, Dorcas 'Penny' and Clyde Williams, Miguel 'Neil' and Carlos Bain, Sharon and Joe Barb, Debra Moxey-Rolle, Marva Moxey, Pastor Mario and Erika Moxey, Tanisha Penn, Judith Cunningham-Saunders, Vanika, Ricardo, Tamika, Latesha 'Bow' Javardo 'Jay' and Adario Cooper, Shanetta 'Porky' and Quincy Stubbs; great-grandchildren: Harcourt, Orlancio, Dominique, Coy, Jenny and Tammy Wilkinson, Clementi Moss, Crystal and Alphia Butler, Tanya Cooper, Alecia Rolle and Dexter Liberal, Nadia and Feleciano Lewis, Shavon, Neil, and Tina Pintard, Onassis, Ashley and Rolando Rolle, Mary-Ann, Junior and Terrance Rolle, Kennedy, Keameshia and Carlton, Albert, Jr., Kendra and Nicole Ingraham, Loney, Jr., Alicia, and Shaquille Bethel, Tavano, Jr. and Tianna Baptiste, Waymond, Delisea and Mayoier Henry, Patricka Storr, Carlissa and Cassidy Williams, Renee, Creighton and Carissa Bain, Shelby and Taylor Barb, Edahlia and Azaria Rolle, Kristin Moxey-Blatch, Alec Darville, Rachelle and Madison Moxey, Melissa and Oswald Bowe, Neko 'B-Man', Jesse 'JJ', Jefferel, Tyshaunte Cunningham, Rosheika Burrows, Travay, Travontae, Lacartia and Adario Cooper, Shaquel Brown, Kenneth Davis, Quon, Quincy, Quinton, Quinn, and Quinnton Stubbs, Ashley and Clifton Wilchcombe; great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law: Alra Chisholm, Sylvia Moss and Vena 'Ella' McQuay; adopted daughters: Angela Adderley, Dianne Cash; numerous nieces and nephews, grandnieces and nephews, great-grandnieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Relatives and friends may pay their respects at **Yager Funeral Home and Crematorium, Queens Highway** on Friday from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. and at the church on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until service time.

### GERALDINE WRIGHT, 82



of Hunters, Freeport, Grand Bahama and formerly of Water Cay will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at Church of God, Hawksbill. Officiating will be Pastor Godfrey Green. Interment will follow in the Hunters Cemetery.

Left to cherish her memories are sons: Roosevelt Wright, Deon Brown and Bishop H.L. Smith of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; daughters: Joanna Forbes, Velma Fox, Linda Dorsett and Ingrid Horne; daughters-in-law: Joycelyn Lewis-Wright and Vernell Brown; sons-in-law: Alexander Forbes, Anthony Fox, Richard Dorsett and Bob Horne; grandchildren: Tony Hendfield, Terry, Tyrone (Douglas) and Robert Kemp, Trevor Lincifort, Terrell Pinder, Aysha Davis, Natasha (Isis) Pierre, Lucas and Marlana (Benny) Gibson, Rosario, Rocco, Latoya and Erica Wright, Lindsay Wright-Brice of Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Island, Kadeem Dorsett, Tameka Russell, Samantha Fox-Lewis, Shanea, Shavonne and Anthony (TJ) Fox Jr., Jamaal Barnett, Jabar Lightbourne, Patra Smith, Neslie Charrafant and Jamal Gomez; great-grandchildren: Dennis Russell, Tyrone Jr., Daron, Shyron and Robert Kemp Jr., Anthony, Anthonye and Tanisha Hendfield; Kevin, Marvin and Tyrell Pinder; Edward Davis Jr., Delano, Devonica and Devin Lewis, Aliano and Alano Brice, Laniya Bethel, Samia Arthur, Aniyah Fox, Natesha Pierre, Calvanna and Kaylee Bartlett, Tominitra King, Andre and Arianna Wright, Lanae, Adrian and Kathie Gibson, Keitra, Kimberley, Kayshell and Kelson Davies, Courtney Russell and Richard Fox; one great grandchild: Cordero Hendfield; granddaughters-in-law: Tanya Hendfield, Cora and Elvira Kemp, Sharlene Pinder and Raqueal Charrafant; grandsons-in-law: Edward Davis Sr., Alpheus Brice, Devlin Lewis, James Russell; sisters: Vera Hield of Grand Cay, Abaco and Drucilla Russell; brothers: Rupert, Hartman, Salathiel and Eleazar (Jolly) Rolle; sisters-in-law: Florence, Barbara, Lorna, Miriam (Shirley) Rolle; numerous nieces, nephews, great grandnieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends including: Irene Thompson, Shannamae Hall, Sheryl Forbes, Delphine Russell and family, Alma Tucker and family, Jella Mather and family, Franklyn 'Cox' Rolle, Ralph Longley, Jacob Dixon, Victoria Delancy, Judith Farrington, Demetria Russell, Sandra Pettidos, Shanique Hepburn, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Pinder and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmore Russell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hunt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Lewis and family, Mr. Leo Kelly and family, Barbara Snowden, The First Pentecostal Church of God family, Agape House family, Bethel Deliverance Centre family, Gold Rock family, the entire communities of Mack Town, Hunters, Lewis Yard, Pinder's Point and High Rock.

Relatives and friends may pay their respects at **Yager Funeral Home and Crematorium, Queens Highway** on Friday from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. and at the church on Saturday from 11:30 a.m. until service time.

### LOCAL NEWS

# Diamonds International pledges \$50,000 to Haiti disaster relief



## Disaster in HAITI

DIAMONDS International Bahamas will donate \$5,000 from each of the company's regions to disaster relief in Haiti – a total contribution of \$50,000.

The donation will be made to UNICEF, which, to date, has released \$3.4 million in disaster relief funds and is quickly converting the funds into food, water, medical supplies and temporary shelter for those in dire need.

The organisation is pleased with the global response, but are communicating that additional funds will be needed in the coming weeks.

For Diamonds International, the commitment to donate was made without hesitation.

“What happened to the people of Haiti is devastating and our hearts go out to the victims and their families. A tragedy like this could happen to any of us and it is

important that we stand united as a global community and support each other,” Diamonds International said.

Diamonds International is also providing customers with the opportunity to donate at their store locations in the Caribbean and Mexico.

The Bahamas general managers Adi Kaniel and Liz Daly as well as the staff

thought that Diamonds International was the perfect vehicle to provide even more support for Haiti. Said Anthony Smith, marketing manager, “We've created a computer generated 'donation SKU' that allows our customers region-wide to donate any amount they desire to UNICEF. We're hoping that within a week, we will gather enough funds to provide the people of Haiti with the basic necessities we enjoy every day. We hope to continue accepting donations from the public until this nation is able to stabilize.”

The Company is also inviting locals to contribute to this cause.

“The people of Haiti have lost so much - their families, their homes, and the very systems that construct their lives,” Mr Smith said.

“We are asking that the

local community support the men, women and children of Haiti in their hour of need. All locals are invited to visit our stores and give what they can.”

The tragedy impacted all who work at Diamonds International, and especially affected employees who were born in Haiti and still have family there.

“The Company is praying for all those affected, both directly and indirectly. The Diamonds International family is sending thoughts and prayers to the people of Haiti,” Mr Kaniel said.

To join Diamonds International in support of Haiti disaster relief, please visit one their four locations on Bay Street: The main store (322-1851); the branch store (323-1171); Diamonds International Watch and Design (325-3837) and Tanzanite International (322-8389).

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### FUNERAL SERVICES FOR



### Rowena Lottie Wilson-Miller, 64

a resident of Well Field off Carmichael Road & formerly of Long Island, who died on 13th January, 2010 will be held at Golden Gates Native Baptist Church, Lobster Avenue, on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Officiating will be Rev. Dr. Alonzo A. Hinsey, assisted by other Ministers of Religion. Interment follows in Old Trail Cemetery, Old Trail Road.

Left to cherish her passing are her loving husband, Leon; children, Wendy, Rosita, Ingrid, Leotha & Jamal; 2 grandchildren, Omar & Brittney McKinney; 5 aunts, Elenor, Corrine, Carrie Mae, Olive, Vera & Delphine of West Palm Beach, Florida; 2 brothers, George & Edwin; 1 sister, Norma; 1 uncle, Oliver of Long Island; 3 sisters-in-law, Helen, Carolyn & Thelma; 2 brothers-in-law, Cornelius & Gordon Miller; cousins: Inell, Pandora, Wellington Adderley, Livingston Jr., Shirley, Sheila, Zekeil, Carvin, Alfred, Dell & Zekeil Adderley; many nieces & nephews including, Marcus, Debra Glinton, Tanya, Johnell, Kendora, Elpacco, Wendy, Simeon, Arthur, Jackie, Suezette, Warren & Sandy, Gladstone, Judy, Sherry, Michael, Paul, Craig, Melonie, Denise & Stacy Adderley, the Wilson & Rahming family, Laura, Hester, Clifford, Jeffery, Gary, Gayle, Gina Taylor, Rev. Dr. Alonzo A. Hinsey & the family of Golden Gates Native Baptist Church, the entire community of Burnt Ground, Long Island.

Friends may pay their last respects at **Demeritte's Funeral Home, Market Street**, from 10-6:00 p.m. on Friday & on Saturday at the church from 10:0 a.m. until service time.



### Edward Everette Munnings, 51

a resident of Price Street Nassau Village, who died on 11th December, 2009, will be held at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Joan Height, on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Officiating will be Pastor Prince King, assisted by Pastor Elmond King & Pastor Wenderlee King. Interment follows in Western Cemetery, Cowpen & Spikenard Roads.

Left to cherish his memories are his mother, Viola Farrington; step mother, Mrs. Maud Munnings of New York, USA & formerly of Johnson Road Fox Hill; 3 sisters, Mrs. Julieth Johnson, Mrs. Margaret Turner & Ms. Jacqueline Demeritte; 5 brothers, Rev. Prince Munnings-King, Charles Tracey Demeritte, Neville "Mickey" Munnings, Ephraim Edmond Munnings & James Munnings; 2 brothers-in-law, Howard Keith Johnson & Marquis Turner; 3 sisters-in-law, W.P. C.1172 Wenderlee Munnings-King, Tanya Munnings & Lathera Demeritte; 5 nephews, P.C. 3304 Shavargo Mackey RBPF, Shavonne Black, Valentino Ferguson, Alphonso Munnings & Diargo Key; 8 nieces, Lashandia & Lakeisha Johnson, Nakita Munnings, Ticharo Rolle, Kendira Charlot, Octavia King, Zoe & Clarissa Treasure Demeritte; 1 grand niece, Taniqua Colebrooke; 8 aunts: Mrs. Sylvia Munnings, Mrs. Mary Charlton, Mrs. Margaret Rolle, Agnes Carnetta Farrington, Olivia Farrington, Mrs. Cynthia Hanna, Elizabeth Munnings of Miami, FL & Drucilla Munnings; 2 uncles, George Farrington & Charles Austin Farrington & a host of other relatives & friends including, the Ernest & York Street families, the Farrington, Munnings & Key families & the Potters Cay Dock families.

Friends may pay their last respects at **Demeritte's Funeral Home, Market Street**, from 10-6:00 p.m. on Friday & on Saturday at the church from 10:00 a.m. until service time.



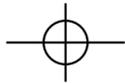
### Cynthia Doreen Ferguson, 59

a resident of Garden View Estates & formerly of Cabbage Hill, Crooked Island, who died on 17th January, 2010 will be held at Zion South Beach Full Gospel Baptist Church, Zion Blvd., on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Officiating will be Bishop B. Wenith Davis, assisted by Ministers of Religion. Interment follows in Woodlawn Gardens, Soldier Road.

Left with cherished memories are Her: Best friend and Stellar husband of 43 years, Calvin Leroy Ferguson, mother, Evelyn Ferguson, daughter, Shantelle Nicole; son, Valdez Calvin Chemaco; grand-daughter, Shaunte Arlia L. Ferguson-Coakley; adopted daughters & grand-nieces, Shandira Sands and Kadesha Capron; sisters, Emerald Collie, Bettymae Lookie, Pearlina Moxey, Deborah Ferguson, and Angela Moss; brothers, David Ferguson, Andrew "Johnnie" Ferguson, Philip Ferguson, and Charles Ferguson; aunts, Loretta Dean, Queenal Cunningham and Gwendolyn Cunningham; uncle, Worrel Ferguson of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; sisters-in-law, Rosemary Moss, Inez Johnson, Barbara Ferguson, Natasha Ferguson, Lisa Ferguson, Vicky Smith, Bridgette Ferguson and Myrtle Ferguson; brothers-in-law, Lenford Lookie, Philip Moxey, Neville Moss, Preston Ferguson, Ralph Ferguson and Montgomery Johnson; neices and nephews, Tiffany, Michael and Eduardo Collie, Kara Armbrister, Paula and Paul Lamm, Sr., Lourel, Samantha, Lenroy and Lazanta Lookie, Diana-Lynn Gilcud, Gaynell, Geron, Gevon, G. Zoya and Johnae Moss, Donovan, Eulicia and, Pharron Moxey, Cindy and Leo Thompson, Darius Ferguson, Dameeka and Alexis Roberts, Adrian, Andrew Jr., Asheia and Angela, Philiece, Philip Jr., Byrant and Devon Ferguson, Charlisia, Bloneva and Carl Ferguson, Priscilla and Robert Farquharson, Vincent and Denise Moss, Daphannie and Gerald Cunningham, Anthony and Joy Moss, Nelson and Caron Moss and Darrel Moss, Patrick, Alton, Andrew, Novus, Nita, Vanessa, Martine, and Katrina Ferguson, Kishlyne and Sheldon Dean and Khalayne Johnson, Preston Jr., Elroy Ferguson, Danielle Edgecombe, Krystle and Ralph Ferguson, Jr., Kishnell Rahming, Allen Philips, Jr., Judson, Shavin, Jewel, Michael, Jr., Trinity and Trent Ferguson; numerous grand nieces and nephews; other friends and relatives, Emergene Simms and family, Daphne Heppburn and family, Agatha Cartwright and family, Aluria Thompson and family, Arlene Newbold and family, Joan Morris and family, Nerissa Hart and family, Olga Richards and family, Louellen Farquharson, Leona Smith, Gertlene Dean and family, Edna Rolle and family, George Neely and family, Annafaye Knowles and family, Eloise Sands and family, Minerva Williams, Gregory Adderley, Wellington Charlton and family, Larry Rolle and family, Kenria Russell, Father Keith Cartwright, Father John Kabiga and family, Father Franklyn Colebrooke and family, Pastor Julie Farquharson and family, Pastor Lionel Sands and family, Franklyn Ferguson and family, Annafaye Knowles and family, Leroy Clarke and family, Deaconess Tirzah Williams and family, Bernard Ferguson and family, Dorcas Moss and Family Mrs. Delores Ingraham and family, Leroy Rolle, Carol Jones and family, Elijah Brice and family, Cindy Mackey and family, Israel Clarke, Herman Gibson and family, Nitika Smith and family, Nicole Godfrey and family, Teshura Wallace and family, John Brice and family, Geronimo Brice, Charles Johnson and family, Julian Gibson, Frank Hanna, Anthony Butler, Joel Lewis and Family, Dr. Keith Wisdom and the Entire Team of Cable 12 and Cable Bahamas, Sherridan Thompson and family, Antoinette Russell and the management and staff of Credit Suisse Trust Limited, The Ministry of Education, the entire community of Crooked Island, the entire community of Garden View Estates, The Zion South Beach Full Gospel Church and Choir, The Teachers, staff and students of Crooked Island High and many others too numerous to mention.

Friends may pay their last respects at **Demeritte's Funeral Home, Market Street**, from 10:00 p.m. on Saturday & on Sunday from 10-12:00 noon & at the church from 1 :00 p.m. until service time.

A memorial service will be held at St. Georges Anglican Church, Mt. Rose Ave. on Thursday 21 st January, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.



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## Banking brought 'into 21st century'

**\* Head of electronic payment system committee says Bahamas version gone 'beyond counterparts in the region'**  
**\* Barbados 'not efficient as where we are starting off', says bank head, urging private sector to drive ACH development**  
**\* Acknowledges banks missed public expectations on timeline, but 'confident end product will exceed them'**  
**\* Banks to debate SWITCH and ATM sharing following debits and cheque processing**



PAUL MCWEENEY

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

The banking sector's Automated Clearing House (ACH) will bring the Bahamian payments system "into the 21st century" when goes live today, a senior banker told Tribune Business yesterday, adding that this nation had "in many cases gone beyond our counterparts in the region".

Paul McWeeny, who headed the Clearing Banks Association (CBA) charged with overseeing the ACH's implementation, said the Bahamian system would be far better than the one Barbados had started with, although he acknowledged: "It was a lot more work than we anticipated."

The Bank of the Bahamas International managing director admitted that the commercial banking industry may have failed to meet public expectations on the time it would take to introduce the ACH, work having started as far back as 2003-2004, but pledged that the end product would "exceed expectations" among consumers and the business community.

"We're pretty much on par," Mr McWeeny told Tribune Business, when asked how the Bahamas' new electronic payments/settlement system compared to those in developed countries.

"In many cases, we've gone beyond our counterparts in the region. This brings us into the 21st century in terms of our payments system. It's a good feather in the cap that, when we promote the Bahamas as a financial jurisdiction, we can say we have an electronic payments system."

The ACH will first be used for the clearance/settlement of cheque and paper transactions, with the second phase - electronic debits and credits to bank accounts - starting "shortly thereafter".

"We want to do a phased-in approach to make sure it's functioning properly," Mr McWeeny added of the ACH, urging consumers and businesses to "take advantage" of direct debits and credits because this payment form was more efficient and less expensive.

"All we know is that direct debits and credits are less expensive," he said. "Rather than issue cheques, people can do direct credit transactions. Those are final. They can't be revoked."

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## \$44m harbour value for money 'concern'

**\* NTDB surveying members to see if world's largest cruise ship should arrive in Nassau as first Sunday port of call, as opposed to last call on Friday**  
**\* Minister says businesses concerned passengers 'maxed out' by the time reach Nassau, and not benefiting Bahamian firms**  
**\* Downtown product has to 'change drastically'**

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

Businesses that depend on the cruise industry for their livelihood have been asked whether they will derive more economic benefits if the world's largest ship docks in Nassau as its first port of call on Sunday, as opposed to being the last port of call on a Friday, amid concerns that the Bahamas is not getting value for money from its \$44 million harbour dredge spend.

Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace, minister of tourism and aviation, confirmed to Tribune Business yesterday that the Nassau Tourism & Development Board (NTDB) had circulated a one-question survey among its members and

tour operators, asking whether passenger spending would increase if Royal Caribbean's Genesis Class vessel, Oasis of the Seas, changed its Nassau calling itinerary.

Mr Vanderpool-Wallace said the questionnaire's issuance had been prompted by concerns among Bahamian businesses that relied on the cruise industry, such as tour operators, Bay Street retailers, taxi driver, straw vendors and hair braiders, that passenger spending was 'maxed out' by the time Oasis of the Seas reached Nassau.

Because the vessel had already made calls at other ports, the argument was that passengers had already spent their money by the time they

arrived in Nassau, with few venturing off the ship to put money into Bahamian businesses.

"There's a strong belief that, for want of a colloquial expression, that passengers are all 'tapped out' at the end of the cruise, and it's better to have them come through here much earlier," Mr Vanderpool-Wallace confirmed to Tribune Business.

He said the evidence accumulated by his ministry, and its experiences, suggested this perception was "not entirely" accurate, but the minister added that he was prepared to act on the findings from the NTDB questionnaire.

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## BEC eyes more losses in 2010

**\* Corporation likely to stay in red unless government 'makes adjustments', with \$20m-plus loss likely incurred in 2009**  
**\* 'We want BEC to be in the black without question'**

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

The Bahamas Electricity Corporation (BEC) will suffer further net losses in its fiscal 2010 financial year if it and the Government do "not make adjustment" to its operations, Tribune Business was told yesterday, a government minister adding: "We want BEC to be in the black without question."

Confirming, to little surprise, that BEC continued to be "financially stretched", Phenton Neymour, minister of state for the environment, told this newspaper: "We have projected that BEC will have a financial loss at the end of this year [the year to September 30, 2009]."

"In we continue in this manner, the same is expected in 2010 if we do not make any adjustments. We are beginning to see a turnaround in some of the efficiencies at BEC, and expect to see a further turnaround."

"We need to get into the black. Yes, we want BEC in the black without question."

Achieving that, though, still seems some way off. BEC sustained a \$16.015 million net loss for the year to September 30, 2008, the last year

for which audited financial statements are available, a 24.5 per cent decline on the previous year's \$21.225 million.

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PHENTON NEYMOUR

## 'Marooned' by need for \$1.5m film upgrades

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

The Bahamas Film Studios' owner yesterday indicated he had abandoned the project and his hopes of ever obtaining a new lease from the Government, having dashed hopes that its 'water tank' could be used for a Robinson Crusoe feature film by saying it needed a \$1.5 million investment upgrade.

Nashville-based investment banker Ross Fuller shared with Tribune Business an exchange of correspondence yesterday between himself and Bahamas Film Commissioner, Craig Woods, with the latter asking whether the Bahamas Film Studios could accommodate a new film he was seeking to attract to shoot in the Bahamas.

"I just received information from Dolphin Entertainment, which expressed interest in the use of the Open Water Tank to shoot scenes for a feature film, Robinson Crusoe. Before I pass on your contacts to the production coordinator, is the facility available for business," Mr Woods asked.

In a terse reply, Mr Fuller shot back: "The tank cur-

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## Insurance 'market manipulation' fear

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

Bahamian insurance brokers yesterday expressed concern about "cartel-style market manipulation" and higher premiums possibly becoming the norm in this nation, arguing that carriers/underwriters were moving to exert "greater control over the distribution chain" by establishing their own wholly-owned agents.

The Bahamas Insurance Brokers Association (BIBA),

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Brokers concerned about higher premiums and less competition resulting from carriers seeking to 'control distribution' through own agency forces



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# Brokers group aims to double members



PICTURED HERE ARE Peter Cole, past president; Greg Ritchie, secretary; Jennifer Bain, treasurer; Lennox McCartney, superintendent of Insurance Companies; Tanya Woodside, vice-president; and Vaughn Culmer, president.

The Bahamas Insurance Brokers Association (BIBA) has elected its new executive committee, its president pledging to double membership to 40 companies and ensure they meet the Insurance Act's enhanced regulatory requirements.

Confirming that BIBA planned to expand its membership from 20 to 40 companies, Vaughn Culmer, its president, said: "BIBA will be working hand in hand with the regulatory bodies to ensure that our members meet the new requirements set out by the Insurance Act."

"In order to do that we will be holding several informal, as well as formal, educational initiatives to bring members up to speed, and to ensure that insurance brokers have adequate preparation to serve

our clients' needs in these tumultuous times. "All brokers are encouraged to join BIBA to ensure that the level of professionalism we expect from our members will extend to all brokers throughout the Bahamas".

Lennox McCartney, Superintendent of the Insurance Commission, told BIBA's annual luncheon that the regulator wanted to work more closely with BIBA in the coming years.

The newly-elected BIBA executive committee members are:

President: Vaughn Culmer, of Vaughn L Culmer & Associates Insurance Agents & Brokers

Vice President: Tanya Woodside of

Woodside Insurance Brokers

Treasurer: Jennifer Bain of Lampkin & Company Insurance Brokers & Benefits Consultants

Secretary: Greg Ritchie of Advantage Insurance Brokers and Agents

Immediate Past President: Peter Cole of Cole Insurance Brokers & Agents

BIBA's newly-elected officers have formed various committees, and plans are underway for educational seminars as well as a new website.

Ms Woodside heads the educational committee, and will be travelling to the International Business Finance Summit sponsored by the Bahamas Financial Services Board (BFSB) this month.

## Banking brought 'into 21st century'

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Despite the lengthy process required to establish the ACH, Mr McWeeney said it had taken Barbados seven years to implement its own system, and "in seven years it will not be as efficient as where we are starting off, settling transactions overnight".

After cheque processing and direct debits/credits, Mr McWeeney said the commercial banks would need to collectively assess what the next developments for the ACH would be.

On the agenda are services such as a SWITCH and common ATM (Automatic Teller

Machine) usage, but Mr McWeeney said: "As private entities will be supplying, or are about to supply, those services, it's still a little uncertain as to how the ACH will move forward...."

"The trends could be a little different to two years ago because there are new entrants in the market. One additional step could be ATM sharing, but I would imagine that for the rest of the year we will make sure the system is stable."

Ultimately, Mr McWeeney said the ACH could sign up additional users such as the Government and the National Insurance Board (NIB). He added that direct debits and credits would give government

utility corporations a "stronger and more viable cash flow" as money would be deducted and transferred straight from customer accounts.

Consumers would have the assurance their bills were paid on time, Mr McWeeney adding: "It completely removes the waiting time in ensuring the legitimacy of bill payment transactions. It speeds up the process and creates finality for business transactions."

Adding that international financial institutions would take great comfort from the fact that transactions and payments would be settled within a day, Mr McWeeney explained that the ACH implementation was delayed after the CBA was forced to terminate the initial tender for a software supplier.

He said this decision was taken because "the banks would have spent quite a lot of money but not achieved the efficiencies we wanted, as [the bidders] did not have an imaging component to that, and that facilitates the efficiency".

Cheque imaging is required for the electronic processing and clearing of cheque transactions in 24 hours, and Mr McWeeney said a further hurdle was the need for all Bahamian commercial banks to "elevate their operational infrastructure to a common level playing field, where all banks had common capabilities and the capacity to process cheques electronically".

This meant all Bahamian commercial banks, each with their own specific internal IT systems, had to construct common devices that connected themselves to each other and the ACH. Mr McWeeney added that this was not an easy

task, especially for the foreign-owned banks, who had to allocate resources for this to their Bahamian subsidiaries.

"The other point was to ensure the Bahamian legislative framework supports this new financial structure," Mr McWeeney said. "The World Bank gave us guidance on upgrading the legislative framework so we could do it in a legal fashion. That took quite some time."

He added: "I'm sorry we did not satisfy the public's expectations in terms of timeline, but I'm confident the product we have delivered will exceed expectations."

"It had to be exact and error free, and whenever we went live we had to ensure the integrity of the financial system. There's no guesswork here, and no room for error at all." Given that seven commercial banks and the Central Bank were involved, the ACH had to conduct its business "error free".

Mr McWeeney urged the private sector to "take advantage of it and exploit" the ACH, driving the development of new products and service spin-offs from it.

The ACH meant payroll could be conducted electronically, with companies no longer having to establish accounts at all banks or see employees having to take cheques and queue in line, plus wait for funds to clear if they banked with a different bank.

Mr McWeeney said one such product could be the development of stored value cards, on which employees could upload salary payments, then swipe them at the bank to deposit money or pay bills.

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS  
IN THE SUPREME COURT  
Common Law & Equity Side

NASSAU, BAHAMA, E/GEN No. 01169

IN THE MATTER of the real property comprised of 27 acres situated approximately one mile Northwest of the Settlement of Simms, Long Island in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas and having such position, boundaries, marks and dimensions as are shown on the diagram or plan attached to a Deed of Partition dated the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 1993 and made between Ronald Winston Simms and others and now of record in the Registry of Records in Volume 6256 at pages 40 to 52 and edged thereon in yellow.

AND IN THE MATTER of the Conveyancing and Law of Property Act, Chapter 138 of the Laws of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

BETWEEN

LAWRENCE CASE Plaintiff

AND

MICHAEL COLIN QUIRKE Defendant

TO: Michael Colin Quirke

Let the above-named Defendant within 14 days after service of this Originating Summons on him inclusive of the day of such service, cause an appearance to be entered for him to this Summons which is issued on the application of the Plaintiff, Lawrence Case of 1511 South East Twenty Fourth Terrace, Pompano Beach, Florida 33062, USA c/o Glinton Sweeting O'Brien, Chambers, 303 Shirley Street, Nassau, Bahamas.

By this Summons, the Plaintiff seeks the following relief:-

- Delivery by the Defendant to the Plaintiff of possession of all that real property comprised of 27 acres situated approximately one mile Northwest of the Settlement of Simms, Long Island in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas and having such position, boundaries, marks and dimensions as are shown on the diagram or plan attached to a Deed of Partition dated the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 1993 and made between Ronald Winston Simms and others and now of record in the Registry of Records in Volume 6256 at pages 40 to 52 and edged thereon in yellow.
- Foreclosure of the said real property referred to above.
- Further and other relief.
- Costs.

If the Defendant does not enter an Appearance, such judgment may be given or Order made against or in relation to him as the Court may think just and expedient.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August A. D. 2009.

REGISTRAR

This Originating Summons was taken out by Messrs. GLINTON | SWEETING | O'BRIEN of Chambers, 303 Shirley Street, Nassau, Bahamas, Attorneys for the Plaintiff.

NOTICE

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT  
(No.46 of 2000)

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Dated the 30th day of December, A.D. 2009.

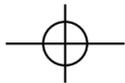
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BUSINESS

# Indemnity insurance benefits promoted

By **CHESTER ROBARDS**  
Business Reporter  
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INDEMNITY Insurance is increasingly becoming mandatory for some professional firms, Colina General Insurance's managing director said yesterday, though the costs can be enormous.

Howard Knowles, speaking at the Bahamas Society of Engineers luncheon meeting, said demand for professional indemnity is on the rise and quickly being written into corporate law.

Mr Knowles said he has not personally seen firms topple from the lack of this type of insurance, but has definitely seen businesses benefit by securing it.

"What we are seeing is that when businesses go into bidding for contracts, people are requiring it [professional indemnity insurance]," he said.

"The consuming public are becoming more selective, so the people who they choose for their jobs will want to have professional indemnity," Mr Knowles

said. "If you're an architect they will want you to have professional indemnity and, in certain cases, for lawyers to get clients they will have to have professional indemnity."

Mr Knowles said even insurance companies like his own need to have indemnity insurance.

He said that if your business has provides consultancy services or advice, a claim against the firm can have serious financial implications and even ruin its reputation.

Indemnity insurance includes: Breach of professional duty, breach of copyright, breach of confidentiality, libel and slander, loss of documents.

"Incidents happen, but most are settled out of court and that is what professional indemnity is designed to

do," said Mr Knowles.

He told engineers that their business is one that could greatly benefit from professional indemnity, which often bolsters a firm's portfolio. One engineer recounted having been urged to get professional indemnity insurance in order

to work on a project.

"Losing a claim against you can result in enormous costs and expenses," said a pamphlet handed out by Mr Knowles.

"Some claims take more than five years to settle, leaving a large bill for court costs and legal expenses."

## \$44m harbour value for money 'concern'

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"We will be guided by their feedback," Mr Vanderpool-Wallace said. "It will become information we can use in the future. If the merchants say they see a clear increase in spending if we're the first stop on the cruise, we will act on it."

If that turns out to be the case, the Government and private sector will have to negotiate with Royal Caribbean to change the Oasis of the Seas itinerary, something that may require this nation to offer additional incentives.

While changing an itinerary could be complex, Mr Vanderpool-Wallace said he believed it was still early enough into the vessel's sailing to accomplish this, with the Oasis of the Seas still able to call on all other ports.

Several sources, though, were yesterday questioning to Tribune Business whether the Bahamas was getting value for money from the \$44 million in taxpayer monies the Government had spent on dredging Nassau harbour - specifically to ensure the turning basin was wide enough to accommodate the 18-storey, 5,900 passenger Oasis of the

Seas. One operator, who wished to remain anonymous, said his company received "absolutely zero" business from that vessel, adding: "I get less business from them than any other ship. No one comes off the ship, and those that do have no money to spend, because they've already spent what they have in other destinations."

Others, though, suggested that people ought to wait until mid-February before passing judgment on the Oasis of the Seas, pointing out that business had been depressed during the first two weeks in January by the unusually cold, rough weather.

When contacted by Tribune Business, Khaalis Rolle, the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce's president, said: "There have been some concerns expressed that the output [from Oasis of the Seas] isn't as robust as we anticipated, and we have to evaluate what the obstacles are to increasing that participation rate."

Referring to the \$44 million harbour dredge, he added: "Any investment of that size, we want to ensure there is significant benefit, a net benefit, and the concerns expressed now are that we are

not seeing real benefits as yet. "Anything of this magnitude goes through an evaluation and tweaking process to ensure the benefits are there or realised."

Charles Klonaris, co-chair of the Downtown Nassau Partnership, said that while he had not seen the survey question, he had heard about it. He acknowledged that Bay Street merchants were concerned that while passengers were coming off the cruise vessels, they were not spending money with them.

Mr Klonaris said this showed how critical it was to get downtown Nassau's product offering right, adding: "This is how critical the redevelopment of the city is. The whole product of the city has to change drastically."



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BUSINESS

# 'Marooned' by need for \$1.5 million film upgrades

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rently needs about \$1.5 million in repairs before it could be used. The Government never saw fit to complete our new lease.

"I am unable to effect the improvements or use of the tank because of the Government. Furthermore, should the Government

attempt to provide the tank for anyone's use, I will intervene with a major lawsuit.

"As I stated some time back in the papers, the Government has acted in a manner that virtually assures that there will be no further production of motion pictures in Grand Bahama."

Mr Fuller's purpose in releasing yesterday's e-mail

exchange appears to have been to put pressure on the Government to resolve the Bahamas Film Studios' lease situation, using the 'peg' of potentially losing out on the Robinson Crusoe production and the economic impact that will flow from that. Mr Woods yesterday confirmed that the Bahamas, partly as a result

of the Bahamas Film Studios' saga, had lost out on the opportunity to host Pirates of the Caribbean IV, which will now be filmed in Hawaii instead.

Disney had been eyeing the Bahamas Film Studios as a location for its Pirates of the Caribbean IV movie, but Mr Fuller had previously told Tribune Business he

was unwilling to commit the necessary funds to upgrade and maintain the facility until a new Heads of Agreement was secured.

This meant that Disney was unlikely to return.

Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham felt the Christie administration had allowed the Bahamas Film Studios to lease too much Crown

Land, having obtained 3,500 acres at the former US Air Force Missile Base site in Grand Bahama.

The Government had looked to restrict that to 120 acres, covering the water tank and existing buildings, and these talks with Mr Fuller had been going on for more than a year.

However, it appears that both he and the Government are now engaged in something of a 'Mexican stand-off' over the lease, renewed Heads of Agreement and the Bahamas Film Studios' fate.

John Delaney, the attorney general, said yesterday he knew nothing about any work his department had done on a new Bahamas Film Studios' lease from a legal perspective. David Davis, permanent secretary in the Prime Minister's Office, and Joy Jibrilu, director of investments, were said to have left office for the day when Tribune Business called yesterday afternoon. In e-mailed replies to Tribune Business's questions, Mr Fuller said: "I don't expect a new lease ... I go on with other investment banking (mostly in Bermuda and Cayman) together with my film financing."

He argued that the saga showed developers "never, never invest in the Bahamas", and alleged: "Hollywood is already laughing at the Bahamas."

Mr Fuller claimed the failure to agree a new lease had prevented him from selling the Bahamas Film Studios to new purchasers, and said "about a dozen" movie/TV productions had been lost as a result.



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Applications will be accepted until the registration deadline of 3:00 p.m. Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

### COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS IN THE SUPREME COURT

Probate Side

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF In the Estate of Leroy Hutchinson late of Golden Gate #2 in the Western District of the Island of New Providence, one of the Islands of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having claim or demand against the above Estate are required to send the same duly certified in writing to the undersigned on or before Wednesday the 24th day of February, A.D. 2010 after which date the Administratrix will proceed to distribute the assets having regard only to claims of which she shall there have had notice.

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**Attorneys for the Administratrix**

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Attention: Real estate

Lot details	Property description	Property location
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Lot # 593	2 - storey office building - 2,780 sq. ft.	Carmichael Road, opposite Bahamas Faith Ministries' entrance.
Lot # 5, Block L	2 - storey office building - 5,055 sq. ft.	Freeport Grand Bahama, west side of West Atlantic Drive, 1/8 mile south of Adventurers Way
Lot #s 1, 2, 25 and 26, Block 15	Centreville Medical Centre, rental office space - 15,313 sq. ft.	Southwestern corner of Collins Avenue and Sixth Terrace (Gibbs Corner)
Lot #s 20, 21 and 22, Block 18	Building No. 111, yellow one storey family residence converted into an office building - 2,734 sq. ft.	Northeastern corner of Mount Royal Avenue and Carew Street
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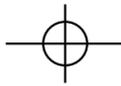
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**BUSINESS**

# Insurance 'market manipulation' fear

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in a letter sent to Tribune Business, warned that the position and role of independent Bahamian insurance brokers was being threatened by the increasing practice of insurance companies setting up their own intermediaries/agents.

This trend, BIBA added, had become increasingly prevalent since the Insurance Act 2005 was enacted and passed into law, and the organisation expressed concern that this had the potential to become anti-competitive, driving independent brokers who were unable to compete on costs out of the market.

This, in turn, might result in increased premiums for Bahamian businesses and consumers.

"The 2005 Insurance Act stipulates that an insurance intermediary must be used for the negotiation and purchase of insurance," BIBA told Tribune Business.

"Since this law was enacted many of the large insurance firms have been creating their own intermediaries by forming their own insurance brokerages and agent firms, or hiring licensed salespersons.

"Clearly, their prime purpose is to take over and control the distribution chain. They have been offering incentives to consumers to purchase their coverage through these seemingly 'independent' operations, or through their employed 'salespersons', by offering coverage at reduced rates.

## Detriment

"If this practice continues unchecked, the outcome will be to the detriment of insurance brokers and ultimately the insuring public.

"When suppliers and distributors share the same bed, the likely outcome will be higher insurance premiums and cartel-style market manipulation."

And BIBA added: "The Bahamas risks ending up with a system whereby the public can buy insurance only from insurance intermediaries owned or controlled by the insurance companies.

"The role of independent insurance brokers is being threatened as we write. The insuring public may in the future be faced with the dilemma of limited choice offered on a 'take it or leave it' basis."

BIBA's concerns were sparked by fears, expressed by others, about the competition implications of the proposed Family Guardian/Bahamas First tie-up at the holding company level. While that is separate and apart from the issues raised by BIBA, there is little doubt that Bahamas-based

insurance carriers have been expanding their own wholly-owned agency networks.

For instance, Security & General has launched its own 100 per cent wholly-owned insurance agency, while Bahamas First has long had a network of 100 per cent-owned tied agents - Nassau Underwriters (NUA), Moseley Burnside and Carib - which it is now merging into one unified business. It also has a stake in another agency, and other agents have Bahamas First policies accounting for 100 per cent of their business.

## Underwrite

In addition, two other carriers - Summit and Insurance Company of the Bahamas - underwrite business almost exclusively on behalf of Insurance Management and J S Johnson respectively. Royal Star Assurance, meanwhile, is part-owned and affiliated with Sunshine Insurance Agents & Brokers and Star.

In addition, industry

sources said Colina Insurance's life and health agency sales force cross-sells general insurance products to their clients, something that is also likely to happen with the Bahamas First/Family Guardian tie-up.

"Our desire is to have a level playing field with regards to competition so that all sectors of the insurance industry can survive, and thrive," BIBA said.

"We are concerned that if market dominance by a handful of insurers continues, the insuring public will be faced with less choice, resulting in higher premiums.

"Insurance brokers work on behalf of their clients by negotiating rates and coverage, ensuring that at renewal they get the best possible deal, fighting for their clients when it comes to claims or administrative matters, and ensuring that the promises that insurers make are fulfilled. We advocate for client's rights using our knowledge, experience and the leverage of our market relationships."

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All applications **MUST** be submitted on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010. Salary and benefits commensurate with qualifications and experience.

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### Qualifications and Experience

- Judicial degree along with international expertise
- 7-10 years of commercial transactional legal background, along with combined in-house and law firm legal experience
- Strong transactional and general business and commercial law experience, including drafting and negotiating commercial contracts and licenses
- Relevant litigation experience in civil and commercial litigation matters
- Results-oriented, with skills to influence change and drive compliance within the Legal department and throughout the Grand Bahama Port Authority, Limited and its Group of Companies (including relevant regulatory and corporate compliance expertise and experience)
- Strong presentation and negotiation skills, solid business instincts and judgment, and outstanding written and verbal communication skills
- Ability and interpersonal skills to relate with internal and external customers, including government, business professionals, the community, corporate executives and managers and contribute to strategic planning

### The key functions of the successful candidate are

- Provide legal, compliance, and overall assistance to the General Counsel and Legal Department
- Assist with civil and commercial litigation for company as required
- Participate in various projects, relating to compliance, privacy, corporate, and employment matters
- Providing Senior Management with effective advice on all matters of a legal nature
- Assist with managing the company's internal function and staff
- Provide and maintain the Corporate Affairs of GBPA, PGL and the Group of Companies
- Participate in complex business transactions and negotiating critical contracts
- Play a key role in managing risk and helping to make business decisions.
- Experience in the preparation of Leases, Deeds of Release, Conveyances, etc.

Interested persons should send curriculum vitae and supporting documents to:  
**The Grand Bahama Port Authority, Limited**

P.O. Box F-42666  
Freeport, Grand Bahama Island  
Or  
**GENERALCOUNSEL@GBPA.COM**

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BUSINESS

# BEC eyes more losses in 2010

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lion net loss. That loss reduction, though, was aided by the Government's decision to move from BEC the responsibility of repaying a European Union (EU) loan to finance upgrades on Cat Island, which saw a \$6.716 million gain on other income compared to \$3.596 million the year before - accounting for more than \$3

million of the \$5 million reduction in losses.

Tribune Business understands that in the absence of this gain, BEC's net losses for the fiscal year ended on September 30, 2009, are likely to have moved back into the \$20 million range.

And the extent of BEC's balance sheet weakness was underlined by its general manager, Kevin Basden, in court documents filed in rela-

tion to the Wilson City power plant case. Mr Basden had alleged that if work on the \$105 million plant had been stopped by a court injunction, it would have been unable to obtain additional credit/debt financing.

## Revenue

"A very substantial proportion of BEC's revenue has been used to finance the project, with the balance of funding coming mainly from renegotiated loan facilities held by the Corporation," Mr Basden alleged.

"Given that BEC has large-

ly funded construction of the Wilson City Plant from its own revenues, the impact of not proceeding with the project at the current site would be even more severe for BEC than already discussed.

"Firstly, credit would need to be accessed to fund construction of a relocated plant, with attendant financing costs. However, based on its present financial state, the Corporation is not in a position to obtain additional funding."

On top of this is at least another \$300 million worth of required capital spending to upgrade BEC's power plant and distribution infrastructure, especially the planned

improvements to generation capacity at the Clifton Pier station.

Mr Neymour yesterday told Tribune Business that BEC was "about to complete the construction" of the new Eleuthera power plant, but upgrades to Clifton were "still in the design stage".

The Ministry of the Environment was "looking forward" to reviewing the findings by German consultants, Fichtner, on the Bahamas' electricity regulatory regime.

The same company was also assessing BEC's operational efficiencies and effectiveness.

On the renewable energies front, Mr Neymour said the remaining five shortlisted bidders were now at the stage of submitting their final proposals to BEC, including costs and pricing.

The Corporation and its consultants had been reviewing the bidders, and the minister said final proposals were likely to be forwarded to BEC by the end of June 2010.

### Legal Notice

## NOTICE

### JOOP INVESTMENTS LTD.

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Notice is hereby given that in accordance with section 137 of the International Business Companies Act 2000 JOOP INVESTMENTS LTD. is in dissolution.

The Date of the Commencement of dissolution was 18th January 2010. David Thain of Amer Bank & Trust (Bahamas) Ltd., Building 2 Caves Village, P.O. Box N-3917 is the Liquidator of JOOP INVESTMENTS LTD. All persons having claims against the above-named company are required to send their address and particulars of their debts to the Liquidator before the 18th February 2010.

*David Thain*  
Liquidator

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### INTENT TO CHANGE NAME BY DEED POLL

The Public is hereby advised that I, **ELAINE S. MOXEY** of St. Vincent Road, Nassau, Bahamas, intend to change my name to **ELAINE S. HINSEY**. If there are any objections to this change of name by Deed Poll, you may write such objections to the Chief Passport Officer, P.O.Box N-742, Nassau, Bahamas no later than thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice.

# NOTICE

**IN THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL DEWEESE SWEETING** (aka Michael Dewees Sweeting) late of York Avenue, Gleniston Gardens in the Eastern District of the Island of New Providence, deceased.

**NOTICE** is hereby given that all persons having any claim or demand against the above Estate are required to send the same duly certified in writing to the Undersigned on or before the 15th day of February, A.D. 2010, after which date the Executrix will proceed to distribute the assets having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have had notice.

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

**E. DAWSON ROBERTS & COMPANY**  
Attorneys for the Executrix  
Chambers,  
P.O. Box N-918  
Magna Carta Court,  
Parliament & Shirley Streets,  
Nassau, Bahamas.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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SUPREME COURT  
JAN 23 2010  
NASSAU, BAHAMAS

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS 2009  
IN THE SUPREME COURT CLE/GEN No. 1169  
Common Law & Equity Side

**IN THE MATTER** of the real property comprised of 27 acres situated approximately one mile Northwest of the Settlement of Simms, Long Island in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas and having such position, boundaries, marks and dimensions as are shown on the diagram or plan attached to a Deed of Partition dated the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 1993 and made between Ronald Winston Simms and others and now of record in the Registry of Records in Volume 6256 at pages 40 to 52 and edged thereon in yellow.

**AND IN THE MATTER** of the Conveyancing and Law of Property Act, Chapter 138 of the Laws of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

**BETWEEN**

LAWRENCE CASE Plaintiff  
AND  
MICHAEL COLIN QUIRKE Defendant

**ORDER OF FORECLOSURE NISI**

Before the Honourable Justice Cheryl Albary of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas  
Dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November A. D. 2009

**ON THE APPLICATION** of the Plaintiff by Summons dated the 27<sup>th</sup> of July A.D. 2009;  
**AND UPON READING** the Affidavit of the Plaintiff sworn the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July A. D. 2009;  
**AND UPON HEARING** Mr. Roy W. M. Sweeting of Counsel for the Plaintiff, with him Mr. Patrick H. Ryan;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:**

- That the Defendant do stand absolutely debarrd and foreclosed of and from all right title interest and equity of redemption of and in the mortgaged property described in the Schedule hereto UNLESS on or before the 28<sup>th</sup> of January A.D. 2010 the Defendant pays to the Plaintiff in full the sum of US\$877,000.00 owing under the said mortgage.
- That the Defendant do forthwith deliver up to the Plaintiffs possession of the properties described in the schedule hereto UNLESS on or before the 28<sup>th</sup> of January A.D. 2010 the Defendant pays to the Plaintiff in full the sum of US\$877,000.00 owing under the said mortgage.
- Failing payment by the Defendant of the aforementioned sum owing under the mortgage, the hearing of the Plaintiff's application for an Order of Foreclosure Absolute is hereby set for the 27 of January A. D. 2010 at 12 'o' clock noon.
- That the Plaintiff have and is hereby given leave to effect substituted service of the Originating Summons by which these proceedings were commenced (as Amended) and this Order of Foreclosure Nisi, within sixty days of the date hereof by:
  - Prominent advertisement thereof in the Gazette on five consecutive weekdays, and;
  - Delivery of copies thereof to the chambers of Wayne & Associates, Lockhart & Munroe and Shurland & Co.
- Proof that substituted service has been effected is to be provided by means of an Affidavit of Service sworn and filed on behalf of the Plaintiff within 21 days after such service, giving details of the advertisement and the dates thereof.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT,

REGISTRAR

This Order was drawn by Messrs. Ginton Sweeting O'Brien of Chambers, 303 Shirley Street, Nassau, Bahamas, Attorneys for the Plaintiff.

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BISX LISTED & TRADED SECURITIES AS OF: THURSDAY, 21 JANUARY 2010										
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX: CLOSE 1,565.27   CHG -0.07   %CHG 0.00   YTD -0.11   YTD % -0.01										
FINDEX: CLOSE 000.00   YTD 00.00%   2008 -12.31%										
WWW.BISXBHAMAS.COM   TELEPHONE: 242-323-2330   FACSIMILE: 242-323-2320										
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Previous Close	Today's Close	Change	Daily Vol.	EPS	Div \$	P/E	Yield
1.49	1.03	AML Foods Limited	1.16	1.16	0.00	0.283	0.000	4.1	0.00%	
10.75	9.90	Bahamas Property Fund	10.74	10.74	0.00	0.992	0.200	10.8	1.86%	
7.00	5.77	Bank of Bahamas	5.90	5.90	0.00	0.244	0.260	24.2	4.41%	
0.63	0.63	Benchmark	0.63	0.63	0.00	-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
3.49	3.15	Bahamas Waste	3.15	3.15	0.00	0.168	0.090	18.8	2.86%	
2.15	2.14	Fidelity Bank	2.37	2.37	0.00	0.055	0.040	43.1	1.69%	
13.95	9.63	Cable Bahamas	10.00	10.00	0.00	1.406	0.250	7.1	2.50%	
2.88	2.72	Colina Holdings	2.72	2.72	0.00	0.249	0.040	10.9	1.47%	
7.00	5.00	Commonwealth Bank (S1)	7.00	7.00	0.00	0.419	0.300	16.7	4.29%	
3.65	2.21	Consolidated Water BDRs	2.67	2.60	-0.07	0.111	0.052	23.4	2.00%	
2.55	1.32	Doctor's Hospital	2.55	2.55	0.00	0.627	0.080	4.1	3.14%	
7.80	5.94	Farmguard	6.49	6.49	0.00	1.000	0.420	0.240	15.5	3.70%
11.80	9.75	Firco	9.28	9.28	0.00	0.322	0.520	28.8	5.60%	
10.45	9.80	FirstCaribbean Bank	9.99	9.99	0.00	0.631	0.350	15.8	3.50%	
5.53	3.75	Focol (S)	4.77	4.77	0.00	41.959	0.326	0.150	14.6	3.14%
1.00	1.00	Focol Class B Preference	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
0.30	0.27	Freeport Concrete	0.27	0.27	0.00	0.035	0.000	7.7	0.00%	
6.13	5.00	ICD Utilities	5.59	5.59	0.00	0.407	0.500	13.7	8.94%	
10.50	9.95	J. S. Johnson	9.95	9.95	0.00	15.076	0.952	0.640	10.5	6.43%
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.156	0.000	64.1	0.00%	
BISX LISTED DEBT SECURITIES - (Bonds trade on a Percentage Pricing basis)										
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Last Sale	Change	Daily Vol.	Interest	Maturity			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00	7%	19 October 2017			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00	Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00	7%	30 May 2013			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00	Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015			
Fidelity Over-The-Counter Securities										
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Weekly Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
14.80	7.92	Bahamas Supermarkets	10.06	11.06	14.00	-2.246	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
8.00	6.00	Caribbean Crossings (Pref)	2.00	6.25	4.00	0.000	0.480	N/M	7.80%	
0.54	0.20	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.35	0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%	
Colina Over-The-Counter Securities										
41.00	29.00	ABDAB	30.13	31.59	29.00	4.540	0.000	9.03	0.00%	
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.45	0.55	0.55	0.002	0.000	261.90	0.00%	
BISX Listed Mutual Funds										
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD %	Last 12 Months	Div \$	Yield %	NAV Date		
1.4387	1.3525	CFAL Bond Fund	1.4387	6.30	6.30				31-Dec-09	
2.8869	2.8266	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.8869	-1.81	-1.81				31-Dec-09	
1.5101	1.4356	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.5101	0.17	5.18				15-Jan-10	
3.3201	2.9343	Royal Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	3.1168	-7.94	-7.94				31-Dec-09	
13.2400	12.6816	Royal Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.2400	4.93	5.90				31-Oct-09	
103.9873	93.1987	CFAL Global Bond Fund	103.9873	3.41	3.41				31-Dec-09	
101.7254	96.4070	CFAL Global Equity Fund	101.7254	5.52	5.52				31-Dec-09	
1.0898	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.0898	5.22	5.22				9-Dec-09	
1.0680	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.0680	3.39	3.39				9-Dec-09	
1.0907	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.0907	5.15	5.15				9-Dec-09	
9.5795	9.1005	Royal Fidelity Bah Int Investment Fund	9.5795	5.33	5.33				31-Dec-09	
11.2361	10.0000	Royal Fidelity Bah Int Investment Fund	11.2361	12.36	12.36				31-Dec-09	
7.7171	4.8105	Royal Fidelity Int Fund - Equities Sub Fund	7.7171	40.05	40.05				31-Dec-09	
MARKET TERMS										
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX - 19 Dec 02 = 1,000.00					YIELD - last 12 month dividends divided by closing price					
52wk-Hi - Highest closing price in last 52 weeks					Bid \$ - Buying price of Colina and Fidelity					
52wk-Low - Lowest closing price in last 52 weeks					Ask \$ - Selling price of Colina and Fidelity					
Previous Close - Previous day's weighted price for daily volume					Last Price - Last traded over-the-counter price					
Today's Close - Current day's weighted price for daily volume					Weekly Vol. - Trading volume of the prior week					
Change - Change in closing price from day to day					EPS \$ - A company's reported earnings per share for the last 12 mths					
Daily Vol. - Number of total shares traded today					NAV - Net Asset Value					
DIV \$ - Dividends per share paid in the last 12 months					N/M - Not Meaningful					
P/E - Closing price divided by the last 12 month earnings					FINDEX - The Fidelity Bahamas Stock Index, January 1, 1994 = 100					
(S) - 4-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 8/8/2007										
(S) - 3-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 7/11/2007										
TO TRADE CALL: CFAL 242-502-7010   ROYALFIDELITY 242-356-7764   FG CAPITAL MARKETS 242-396-4000   COLONIAL 242-502-7525										

BUSINESS

# A NOTICE TO OUR CUSTOMERS

## Automated Clearing House

In preparation for the introduction of the

Bahamas Automated Clearing House (BACH) on January, 22, 2010

Scotiabank (Bahamas) Ltd has introduced new account operating terms and conditions regarding cheque processing.

For further information please visit or contact any of our branches.



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# Broker teams with water distributor over Haiti relief



HELPING HAITI: Lampkin & Company partners with Arctic Water to help quake survivors.

A Bahamian insurance brokerage this week partnered with Arctic Water (Paradise Bottling) to donate 2,400 bottles of water to the Bahamas Red Cross in a bid to relieve the suffering in Haiti.

Shown making the donation are Jeanine Lampkin and Jennifer Bain of Lampkin & Company, and Kim Smith and Jacqui

D'Aguilar of Paradise Bottling. Ms Bain said: "Seeing the images of what has happened in Haiti brought tears to my eyes. Being a part of a community minded company, I'm happy that Lampkin & Company could partner with Arctic Water to help send them these 100 cases of water."

# THE WEATHER REPORT



INSURANCE MANAGEMENT (BAHAMAS) LIMITED  
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### 5-DAY FORECAST

### TODAY

### TONIGHT

### SATURDAY

### SUNDAY

### MONDAY

### TUESDAY

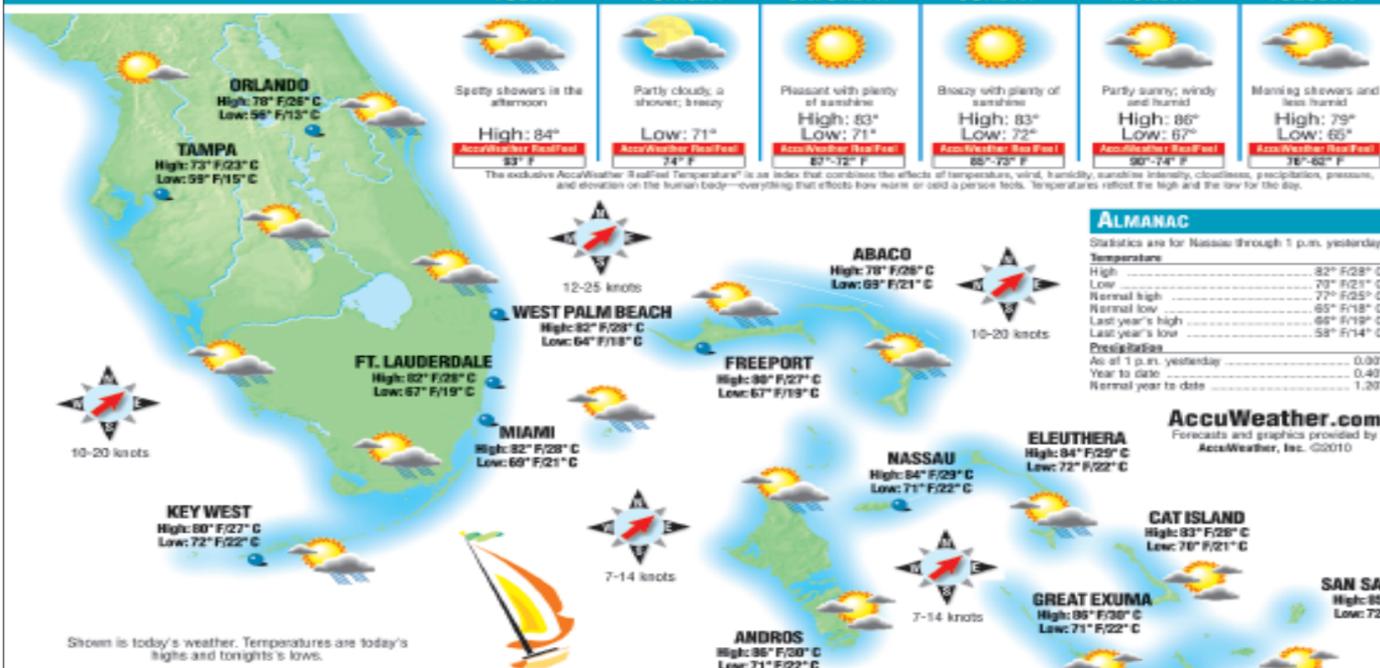
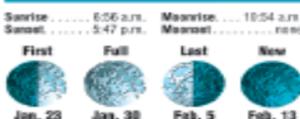
### UV INDEX TODAY



### TIDES FOR NASSAU

Day	High	HL (H.)	Low	HL (L.)
Today	12:03 p.m.	2.1	6:12 a.m.	0.4
			6:22 p.m.	0.0
Saturday	12:48 a.m.	2.4	7:08 a.m.	0.4
	12:04 p.m.	2.0	7:12 p.m.	0.0
Sunday	1:45 a.m.	2.5	8:11 a.m.	0.4
	1:53 p.m.	1.9	8:09 p.m.	-0.1
Monday	2:46 a.m.	2.5	9:17 a.m.	0.3
	2:58 p.m.	2.0	9:18 p.m.	-0.3
Tuesday	3:46 a.m.	2.7	10:21 a.m.	0.1
	4:03 p.m.	2.1	10:13 p.m.	-0.4
Wednesday	4:46 a.m.	2.9	11:20 a.m.	-0.1
	5:06 p.m.	2.3	11:14 p.m.	-0.7
Thursday	5:44 a.m.	3.1	12:14 p.m.	-0.4
	6:03 p.m.	2.5		

### SUN AND MOON

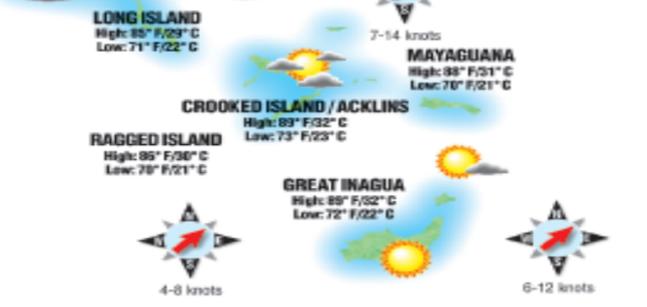
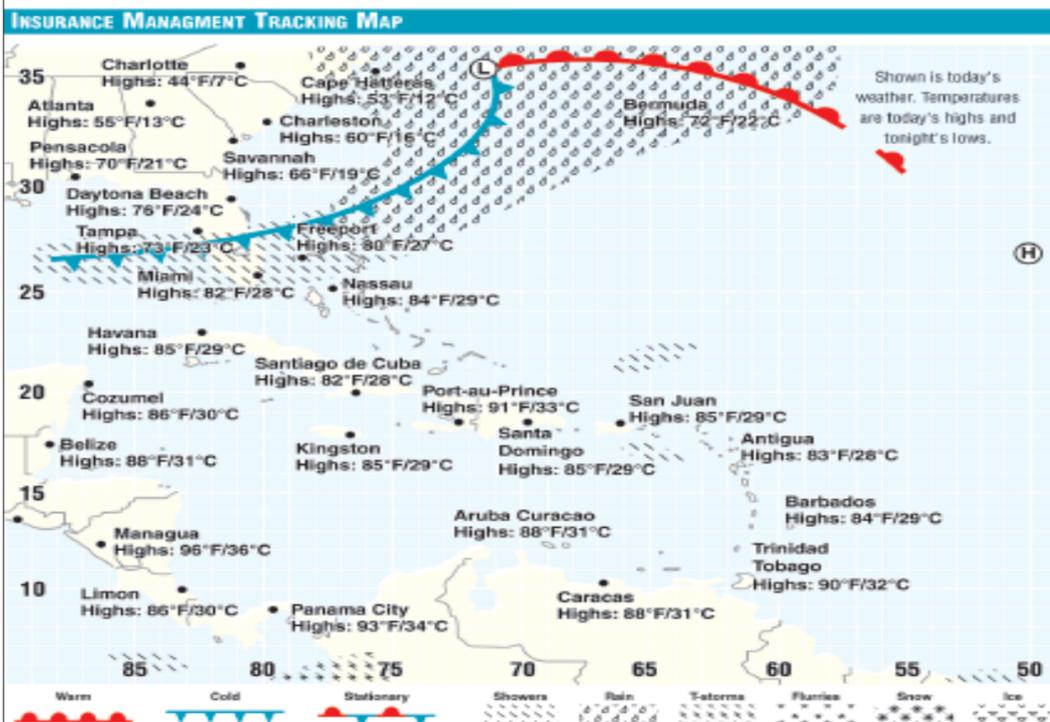


### ALMANAC

Statistics are for Nassau through 1 p.m. yesterday

Temperatures	82° F/28° C
High	78° F/26° C
Low	70° F/21° C
Normal high	77° F/25° C
Normal low	65° F/18° C
Last year's high	66° F/19° C
Last year's low	58° F/14° C

Precipitation  
As of 1 p.m. yesterday: 0.00"  
Year to date: 0.40"  
Normal year to date: 1.20"



### MARINE FORECAST

	WINDS	WAVES	VISIBILITY	WATER TEMPS.
ABACO	Today: SW at 10-20 Knots	3-5 Feet	10 Miles	79° F
ANDROS	Today: ENE at 8-16 Knots	3-5 Feet	10 Miles	73° F
CAT ISLAND	Today: SW at 7-14 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	77° F
CROOKED ISLAND	Today: SW at 7-14 Knots	2-4 Feet	10 Miles	77° F
ELEUTHERA	Today: NW at 3-6 Knots	2-4 Feet	7 Miles	77° F
FREEPORT	Today: WSW at 10-20 Knots	2-4 Feet	10 Miles	78° F
GREAT EXUMA	Today: E at 7-14 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	78° F
GREAT INAGUA	Today: WNW at 3-6 Knots	1-2 Feet	6 Miles	78° F
LONG ISLAND	Today: SW at 7-14 Knots	1-2 Feet	10 Miles	77° F
MAYAGUANA	Today: ENE at 2-6 Knots	0-1 Feet	7 Miles	77° F
NASSAU	Today: NW at 8-12 Knots	3-4 Feet	7 Miles	77° F
SAN SALVADOR	Today: WSW at 3-6 Knots	1-2 Feet	7 Miles	75° F
RAGGED ISLAND	Today: E at 4-8 Knots	0-1 Feet	10 Miles	78° F

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