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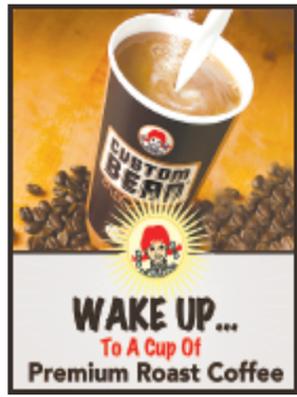
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Thieves target 66 homes in one week

Police investigate claims that senior PLPs 'bought votes'

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POLICE are investigating allegations that senior members of the Progressive Liberal Party have allegedly bought votes in the Elizabeth constituency.

These claims were put to them by Bahamas

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Men wanted for questioning after huge rise in break-ins



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POLICE hope to break up several robbery rings after a rash of 66 house break-ins were reported last week.

This is a stark rise from the average of 20 reported break-ins a week, police said.

The problem is not isolated to the capital. While three quarters of these incidents happened on New Providence, break-ins have also been reported on Grand Bahama and Abaco.

Police said the sticky-fingered thugs have been mainly targeting empty residences and are after high-priced electronic goods like flat-screen televisions and lap tops to sell to drug dealers or buyers on the street. In New Providence, the vulnerable areas are mostly in the southwest, southeast and the Grove.

In an effort to crack down on the rash of break-ins and hopefully deter other serious crimes, the police are asking members of the public to come forward with information leading to the arrest of these suspected housebreakers.

"We have decided that after our intelligence that there are a number of persons who we have identified as being prolific house and shop-breakers, persons who we have identified as being in possession of stolen goods and also of being involved in other

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ROBBER SHOT TRYING TO 'BUZZ' OUT OF BUILDING



A MAN lies on the floor of the filling station after an attempted robbery.

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A DUMB robber who had already been shot in the face after raiding the cash register at a filling station, was blasted again with a shotgun as he tried to "buzz" his way out of the building.

Quick-thinking employees at the Wulff Road Texaco gas station thwarted the midnight attack on Monday, leaving blood-stained banknotes scattered everywhere and a suspect critically ill in hospital.

The masked assailant entered the gas station store and waved a gun at the cashier. The cashier fled, leaving the robber to hop over the counter to collect money from the cash register.

With cash in hand, the robber tried to flee but was unable to escape as the electronic buzzer system had locked him inside the store.

Employees told *The Tribune* how they sought safety in back offices and the bathroom as store

manager Antwon Todd watched the scene unfold on video surveillance equipment.

Armed with a licensed shotgun, Mr Todd ordered the robber to "freeze" as he tried in vain to "buzz" the door open. Then, according to a member of staff, the robber reached for his gun forcing Mr Todd to fire his first shot, hitting him in the face and sending the man to the ground. He then had to open fire again when the robber attempted to retrieve his gun.

The suspect was handcuffed, questioned by the police and then rushed to hospital. Money was left scattered across the floor.

An employee said: "Honestly, I was just hoping he was dead because this is not the first time we were robbed. This was the first one for the year. My thoughts were just, I hope he was dead."

"Everything is calm now. Right after it happened everyone was thinking the same thing. It

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Candidate claims Duane Sands should be 'disqualified' from by-election



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WORKERS Party candidate Rodney Moncur yesterday claimed that FNM nominee Duane Sands has failed to comply with the constitution and is "disqualified" as a candidate in the Elizabeth by-election.

"I'm happy we've finally knocked him out," Mr Moncur confidently declared at a press conference in his Elizabeth constituency party headquarters on Seabreeze Lane yesterday.

Mr Moncur contends that heart and lung specialist Dr Sands failed to make the neces-

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Call for protection for Crown Land bonefish habitats

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FLY-FISHING guides are calling for Crown Land bonefish habitats to be protected from an "overwhelming" threat of large-scale development in Abaco.

The Abaco Fly-fishing Guides Association (AFFGA) submitted their urgent application to the Office of the Prime Minister in October calling for 1,800 sq ft of wetlands and coastline from Blackwood Point to Cross Harbour on the

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North Eleuthera High parents 'will comply' with minister in time for visit

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WITH the Minister of Education persisting in his resolve that he will only speak with disgruntled parents of children at North Eleuthera High School once all students are back in class, the Parents Teachers Association yesterday pledged they would comply in time for his scheduled visit to the island today.

Over a week after ordering a major shake-up of the Eleuthera school district's administrators, Minister Desmond Bannister is set to meet with parents of children from the school for the first time in what promises to be a heated encounter.

Despite the illegality of doing so, parents have for over a week kept the vast majority of

the 203-strong student body out of class as they demanded the return of the school's former Principal and Vice Principal, Deborah Deal and Catherine Collins, who were transferred to other Eleuthera schools during the shift.

Parent Teachers Association President Garnell Bethel said she had yesterday spoken with the area's MP, Alvin Smith, and the school's new principal, Frank Jones, and promised the rest of the students will return in time for the minister's arrival. However, this does not mean the parents' protest is over, and she said they will be "looking for answers" from Mr Bannister to fully explain why Ms Deal and Ms Collins had to be transferred.

Even as the ministry said it was acting in the best interests of the children in the Eleuthera school district amidst concerns

over child sex abuse allegations, many parents are staunchly supportive of the school's former administrators and are demanding clarification of how their transfer can be justified.

The pair of administrators at the school were moved last week by the Ministry of Education as part of what it described as an effort "predicated on the provision of equitable leadership for the schools of the district", in the face of ongoing concern over the child sex claims.

None of the administrators shifted within the Eleuthera school district were accused of being involved in perpetrating abuse. However, *The Tribune* understands that most were moved as a consequence of the Ministry of Education needing to fill the vacancy left when District Superintendent Rudolph Smith was order to go

on extended leave while the ministry investigates whether he lived up to his duties as the abuse allegations emerged in the area.

"The education of all our students in a safe and nurturing environment remains the mission of the Ministry of Education. We are aware that your children, our students, are the nation's future," Education officials said in a statement released last Friday, in the face of complaints that the removal of the administrators and teachers in the middle of the school year was not in the best interest of the students who are heading into their BJC's and BGCSE exams.

Despite charges brought against one man, former school security officer Adrian White, alleging that he indecently assaulted eight female students at North Eleuthera High, parents of students there have con-

tended that allegations of more widespread abuse "have nothing to do with" their school or the administrators.

In the meantime, it has been alleged that a guidance counsellor assigned to North Eleuthera High School, Patrice Miller, has returned to New Providence after fearing for her safety in North Eleuthera in the face of alleged death threats.

Ms Miller had been stationed in Eleuthera since last year where she was responsible for "crisis intervention" with students deemed to be at risk emotionally and socially due to possible abuse. Nine Eleuthera students have attempted to commit suicide since September 2009.

Mr Bannister declined to comment on her return to the capital yesterday, and would not say if or when she may be replaced.

Yesterday PTA President Ms Bethel said she was "surprised" to hear of reports that Ms Miller has also left the school.

"We don't know anything about it. The PTA has nothing to do with that part, I know her name came up in a lot of stuff



DESMOND BANNISTER

that was being done here, but with threats and stuff I don't know about that.

"In all our protests we did it with no violence," said Ms Bethel.

Asked whether she considered the loss of the counsellor a major setback for the school, Ms Bethel said "it's an issue but not a major one. The major one right now is that they took away our Ms Collins, the BJC social studies and BGCSE history teacher and haven't replaced her. We are missing a teacher."

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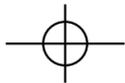
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Trial date set for inmates charged over prison break

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THREE prison inmates charged in the deadly January 2006 prison break are expected to stand trial in July.

Forrester Bowe, Barry Parcoi and Corey Hepburn appeared before Senior Justice Anita Allen yesterday to have a date fixed for the commencement of their trial in the Supreme Court.

The three men are charged with the murder of prison Corporal Dion Bowles and also face charges of causing grievous harm and escape.

In May 2006, a seven-member jury in the Coroner's Court found the inmates were jointly responsible for Corporal Bowles' death on January 17, 2006.

Bowles, 38, was stabbed to death during the early morning uprising at the prison, which left two other prison officers - Kenneth Sweeting and David Armbrister - injured. Corporal Bowles had been making a check of cell block C in the maximum security facility that morning.

The jury had also found prison officer Sandy Mackey responsible for causing the death of escaped inmate Neil Brown while he was in custody on a prison transport bus in the vicinity of Yamacraw

Road on the morning of January 17, 2006.

Brown was on death row at the time, having been convicted of the 2000 murder of Anglican Archbishop William Thompson.

The three inmates were arraigned in Magistrate's Court in April 2007 and subsequently their case was fast-tracked to the Supreme Court by way of voluntary bill of indictment. Attorney Keod Smith, who represents Bowe and Hepburn, said in court yesterday that he did not feel as though it was possible for the matter to proceed in light of the fact that attorneys for Mackey had obtained a "stay" of execution of the verdict pronounced by the Coroner's Court jury. That stay, he said, had been granted pending a hearing of a notice of motion filed on Mackey's behalf.

Mr Smith submitted that the stay prevents his clients from properly presenting their case as they would be unable to rely on the evidence that came out in the inquest. Mr Smith told the court that he will also seek to file a constitutional motion on behalf of his clients.

He later said that he intends to file that motion in two weeks time. Attorney Terrel Butler, who represents Barry Parcoi by way of Crown brief, said that her client may also seek to join in



BARRY PARCOI (far left) and Corey Hepburn (far right) leave court in 2007.

on the constitutional motion which should be heard before the start of the trial. The trial of the three inmates has been set for July 19 to 30. Deputy

Director of Public Prosecutions Cheryl Grant-Bethel, Gavin Gaskin and Yolande Rolle appeared for the prosecution yesterday.



FORRESTER BOWE outside of court in 2007.

BCB denies plans to dismiss 140 ZNS staff

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THE Broadcasting Corporation of the Bahamas has refuted allegations of plans to dismiss more than 140 ZNS employees as part of a restructuring exercise next month.

However, the BCB board does have a strategy in place to let 40 to 60 employees go in the transition to make ZNS an independent public service broadcaster as determined in the 2009 Communications Act.

Fears more than 100 line staff and 40 managers would lose their jobs in March were said to be gripping nervous employees by an anonymous ZNS manager.

The manager also claimed there were plans to close the Grand Bahama office.

But the BCB board insists their proposals for the inevitable restructuring estimates a staffing reduction of no more than 60 employees, and the time frame and methodology for achieving this has yet to be established.

Proposals were discussed with union leaders last month and forwarded to the minister with responsibility for communications, Tommy Turnquest, to be discussed and approved by Cabinet.

Mr Turnquest has not yet rejected or accepted the proposals, the BCB maintains.

Meanwhile, union leaders are encouraging ZNS employees to remain calm.

Bahamas Communications and Public Officers Union (BCPOU) president Bernard Evans said there has been some panic among younger staff members who have mortgages and school fees to pay, and fear they will not find employment in the current job market.

But he is trying to negotiate employment for those let go from ZNS elsewhere in the public service, and he encourages staff to save money and gain training in the meantime.

Mr Evans said there may be up to 80 job cuts made in the summer, adding that he will remain in communication with BCB chairman Michael Moss throughout the process.

"We continue to monitor the situation," Mr Evans said. "We don't hide anything from our members, and we hope this will ride out by the middle of this summer."

"Every step of the way we will hold their hands and walk them through."

Bahamas Communications

and Public Managers Union (BCPMU) president William Carroll told *The Tribune* he has every confidence managers will be reassigned within the organisation.

He said talks with the BCB gave no indication of job cuts for his members.

"It is still up in the air," he said. "All of that is just speculation but there is nothing official; I guess the government will come to us whenever it is time. And I believe the government is a caring government and will do their best to protect employees."

ZNS currently has 242 employees and an average of three managers for each member of staff.

Mr Turnquest spoke out about the need for a critical review of the staffing structure in May last year, to ensure an effective transition to public service broadcasting.

The BCB receives nearly \$12 million a year from the Public Treasury and competes with the private sector for advertising revenue.

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To help Haiti is to help the Bahamas

AT LAST The Bahamas and Haitian governments are starting to talk sense. A proposal is now on the table to strengthen trade relations, particularly in agriculture, between the two countries.

There is nothing new in these proposals, but at least they now appear to be on the front burner for consideration and action, rather than gathering dust in some ministerial in-file.

Recently Foreign Affairs Minister Brent Symonette was in Haiti for discussions, which included the importation of fruits and vegetables from Haiti.

Apparently, the Haitian government made its pitch. It is now awaiting a counter proposal from the Bahamas government.

"We are working on trade. I think the best way sometimes to help is to allow trade instead of just giving things. Export markets create new jobs in the country, not outside," said Haitian Ambassador Harold Louis Joseph.

Mr Joseph noted that for some time there has been an informal trade in agriculture and crafts from Haiti to the Bahamas. In our early teens when a summer guest of the Ericksons who created the salt industry at Inagua, we remember the Haitian trade in mangoes. Small boats from Haiti, laden with mangoes, would arrive in Mathew Town. The boatmen had so many mangoes for sale that many of them fell into the ocean and came bobbing to shore with residents running to the beach to collect them. It was quite a sight.

Even today in our downtown market there is much Haitian craft, especially wood carvings, and whenever a Haitian art exhibition has been held, their work has been outstanding.

About 50 years ago we recall a gentleman, who had visited Haiti with his wife, commenting that Haitians would never starve. He was impressed that wherever one went in Haiti at that time, a raised hand to a tree would provide a succulent fruit.

However, this disastrous earthquake in Port-au-Prince — a capital built for 50 thousand persons, overcrowded with three million — revealed a dramatic shift in population, hence so many deaths. Apparently, thousands of Haitians deserted their farms to find employment in Port-au-Prince. Deforestation, and slash and burn farming has destroyed much of the land, and so even in this, Haitians will need help.

A few days after the disaster, CNN

showed a flotilla of small boats leaving Port-au-Prince. "Oh, look!" exclaimed several Bahamians, "they are already on their way to the Bahamas!" Not a bit of it. They were escaping Port-au-Prince for Haiti's farmlands in the north. And so a devastated city is forcing a movement back to the farms. This will probably be Haiti's future. If the Bahamas transfers its purchasing practices to Haiti it will not only help Haiti, but also our foreign exchange, and lower the cost of fruits and vegetables in our own markets.

It is now suggested that the best way to control illegal immigration from Haiti is to establish an employment agency and bring in Haitians on contract — something that will please the serious Bahamian farmer, who has difficulty finding enough Bahamians — even in these tough times — to work the farms.

But there is nothing new even in this idea.

The late Sir Roland Symonette — father of Deputy Prime Minister Brent Symonette — while Premier of the Bahamas sent a note around to his colleagues inviting them to a meeting at which this very topic was to be discussed. He felt even then — in the late fifties, early sixties — that a "Contract" similar to the one the Bahamas had with the US during World War II would solve what he foresaw as a growing Haitian immigration problem.

Apparently, his idea got nowhere. Other than sending a copy of the note to us, we heard no more of it.

There was a particular hue and cry from Bahamian farmers in 2006 during the Christie administration when farmers with large tracts of land complained bitterly because, said one, he needed 500 workers on his farm, but in 15 years he could not get a permit for even one. He could not get Bahamians, and by the time he had to pay exorbitant work permit fees, National Insurance and all the other requirements to keep his farm operational, he was quickly being squeezed off the land.

If this country is to feed itself, and reduce the foreign exchange spent on imports, the Bahamian farmer has to be encouraged, and his operational costs have to be reduced.

A trade agreement with Haiti to supplement what is not grown here, and to provide the labour to fill the need of our farmers, not only will help Haiti get back on its feet, but will certainly help Bahamians feed themselves.

Haiti depression fuels Bahamian aggression

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Just a word to the wise: One must always treat your neighbours as you would expect to be treated.

Remember: Great people talk about ideas, goals, possibilities, positivities and one fueled with motivation.

Average people talk about things like: I should have, things I would have, things I could have and things I want to have and do little to achieve it.

Small minded people talk about other people's business, other people's demises and often times laugh and be merry and leave their own problems to become a "sore" to society.

I am just saying this to say that I am really sick and tired of hearing such a Christian nation condemn what the Bahamian government did for an already depressed nation. Haiti after

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going through such a tragic ordeal of an 7.1 earthquake. This really has proven to me that some persons just do not have a heart at all.

We all came from God, one Lord, so why as a region we are always bellowing out negativity about each other. Why can't we come together, remember unity is strength, and more voices are heard better than one echoing.

Come on, come on Bahamians stop treating foreigners that way, they are human beings like us. Thank God our country is in a better off position. God created all of us, it does not matter what language we speak, what country we are from or the

colour of our skin. Just don't forget that all of us will die one day so let's all live in love and unity like my album and song title is "Love and Unity".

By the way it hurt me to hear how people calling Real Talk Live and Jones Communication Talk Show, passing these unnecessary remarks about the Haitians, after suffering through an earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010.

I still can't believe this is supposed to be a Christian nation, with no type of moral feelings for others. But, I am truly glad to know people like DJ Counsellor and others are organizing concerts to raise funds for the earthquake victims in Haiti.

MONTY SWEAT
Gospel Artist
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The United Association of Haitians in the Bahamas

EDITOR, The Tribune.

THE United Association of Haitians in the Bahamas have been involved in the Haitian community for the past 15 years, where they have sought to assist with the social well-being of the Haitians living in the Bahamas.

In light of the earthquake crisis in Haiti, the United Association of Haitians in the Bahamas on behalf of the Haitians in Haiti and the Bahamas will like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Bahamians; Haitians and other nationals residing in the Bahamas for responding to assist Haiti in this time of crises. We will also like to commend and to make mention as a special thank you to the government of the Bahamas; business institutions; church organisations; event organisers; learning institutions and all the meaningful associations that have responded in a humanitarian effort in regard to this matter.

The United Association of Haitians in the Bahamas has had the privilege thus far to meet with the various organisations assisting the Haitians in Haiti. We, the Association, have sought to make it our responsibility to co-ordinate a

"Direct Aid Programme" for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. This programme will be launched to further assist with distribution of the much needed goods directly into the hands of the victims of the earthquake. The Association will work along with the networks in Haiti which we have been grateful to establish over the past years of the Association's existence in the Bahamas.

Our intentional goal is to guarantee the individuals who have been compassionate in their giving towards the relief efforts of the earthquake that which they have donated will be given directly to a victim of the earthquake in Haiti. The United Association of Haitians in the Bahamas have already begun the necessary ground work in recording of names and locations of victims, identifying the needs of victims and arranging transportation to deliver the goods directly to these victims in Haiti.

We the Association have taken this as our sole responsibility to assure the giving community that their donating efforts will not be sabotaged by any other objective means by unauthorised affiliations. We also propose to make available a report in the upcoming months

on all the activities involved in the "Direct Aid Programme". The "Direct Aid Programme" will also benefit all other organisations and associations in identifying the individuals whom they will be seeking to assist in Haiti.

Despite the earthquake which shook the grounds in Haiti, the soul of the Haitian people will never break. When we were given the news that the sky fell and the earth broke in Haiti; we determined in our hearts that together we shall rebuild Haiti so that it will not break anymore. Individuals and organisations who are still meaningful in their giving, may do so to the Association by placing funds in the Account#-0201183663 at the First Caribbean Bank locations and/or you may also contact the Association at 242-356-5617 for direct available assistance and to retrieve more information about us and other partnering organisations. Again, thank you for all your efforts.

For His Glory.

DR ANTOINE ST LOUIS
President of the
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of Haitians
in the Bahamas
January, 2010

Playing environmental catch-up

EDITOR, The Tribune.

NOW that our PM has been to the World Environmental Summit in Copenhagen, have we begun to catch up with the

rest of the world when it comes to being environmentally friendly?

I see workers busily shovelling in to be added to our already over flowing dump.

How is this sensible?

We still allow the cruise ships to dump their garbage here for pennies, ridiculous!

Jitneys, trucks and other vehicle continue to be licensed each year despite the fact their cloud of fumes makes it impossible for other drivers to see where they are going.

We buy water in one gallon jugs, when we should be able to bring the same bottles in and refill them, just as we do for five gallons (thinking of old people and those with ailments who cannot cope with the five gallons).

Our supermarkets happily pack our groceries in as many bags as possible even double bagging a pack of eggs! In other countries those who do not use recycled bags are charged 10 cents per bag for the ones they use from the super market.

What type of fuel are we using in Abaco!

That is a whole new letter! As is the lack of control on building breakwaters, such as the new addition to the very tip of Paradise Island as you try to boat past the tip and through the narrows.

Why aren't we building bicycle lanes into all these new roads so that people have the safe option to ride to work?

Can we please look to countries such as the Maldives, who like us, are low lying islands, threatened by rising water, for ideas to be pro-active in a situation which frankly will be the demise of this Bahamaland. Let's band together and do it now.

Because unless you live in a double story house and are prepared to live like a Venetian, you are out of luck!

APPLETON
Nassau,
January 25, 2010.

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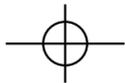
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Bahamas and Haiti closer to stronger trade relationship

Plans including importing of fruit and vegetables still active

By NOELLE NICOLLS
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THE Bahamas is responding favourably to a proposal submitted by the Haitian government to strengthen trade relationships between the two countries, particularly in the agricultural sector.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Brent Symonette said a delegation from the Ministry of Agriculture visited Haiti in December to further plans that include importing fruits and vegetables. This initiative is still active.

Haitian Ambassador Harold Louis Joseph said his government is now waiting on a counter proposal from the Bahamas.

"We are working on trade. I think the best way sometimes to help is to allow trade instead of just giving things. Export markets create new jobs in the country, not outside," the ambassador said.

Mr Harold said trade between the Bahamas and Haiti in agriculture and crafts is currently not formally organised or practiced on a wide scale. A formal memorandum of understanding between the two governments would change this.

Haiti and the Bahamas have a history of trade relationships in agriculture. Haiti was largely responsible for supplying the Bahamas with food during World War II. Haitians also contributed significantly to the development of agricultural enterprises in

the southern Bahamas.

Godfrey Eneas, former director of Agriculture and Bahamas Ambassador to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, said Haiti supplied the Bahamas with pigeon peas, bananas, cassava, mangoes a range of products between the 1940s and 1960s.

The idea of fostering trade relations as a strategy to tackle illegal immigration is a notion fully endorsed by some Bahamians, who say the controlled inflow of Haitian nationals into the country on worker exchange programmes, for example, could be beneficial to both countries.

"One of the best and most practical ways to stem illegal immigration is to set up a situation of contract workers. Why not set up in the private sector an employment agency and bring people in on labour contracts," said Dr Eugene Newry, former Ambassador to Haiti.

Dr Newry said the Bahamas benefitted from a similar arrangement with the United States during World War II. He said under a contract worker programme, employers would bear the cost of managing the temporary workers. They would pay to bring the workers into the country and transport them out. They would be responsible for housing, insurance, visas and all related expenses, which would improve the standard of living for Haitian workers.

He said creative arrangements could be structured for compensation. Payment



MINISTER of Foreign Affairs Brent Symonette

could be divided into three installments - one third is paid directly to the worker, one third is sent back to Haiti in remittances, one third is kept by the government and invested. The investment money - principal, dividends and interest - would be paid to the worker at the time of their departure back to Haiti.

"When you have people in the political arena who are not statesmen and stateswomen, many of their decisions are not based on the national interests. Politicians generally look to the next election, where a statesman and stateswoman looks to the next general," said Dr Newry.

"The contract idea must eventually win over the opinion of the people because it is our best way to keep illegal immigrants out of the country," he said.

Duane Sands leads by-election candidates in personal assets

WITH a net worth of almost \$7 million, the FNM's Dr Duane Sands leads the pack when it comes to the personal assets of candidates running in the upcoming Elizabeth by-election.

Dr Sands, a surgeon by profession, declared his total assets to be worth \$6,785,000 - \$3.3 million of it in real estate - while his liabilities were \$1,680,000.

The FNM candidate stated that he has a total income of \$513,000.

He is followed, perhaps surprisingly, by a candidate from one of the smaller parties.

Business consultant and the Bahamas Democratic Movement's (BDM) candidate Cassius Stuart declared his net worth to be \$1,159,000.

Mr Stuart stated that he has a total income of \$143,000.

He is followed by the PLP's candidate Ryan Pinder, a tax attorney, who declared his net worth to be \$432,028, with \$1,158,395 in total assets, \$726,367 in liabilities and an income of \$220,000 a year.



Next comes the Workers' Party's Rodney Moncur with a net worth of \$152,886.

Mr Moncur, a taxi driver, declared that his total assets are worth \$220,286 - \$200,000 of it in real estate.

His liabilities amount to \$67,400 and his total income is \$615.

He also stated that he is in debt to the Bahamas Mortgage Corporation to the tune of \$1,200 and owes the Bahamas Electricity Corporation \$1,200.

The National Development Party (NDP) candidate Dr Andre Rollins has a net worth of \$142,750.

His assets amount to \$950,450 and his liabilities to \$807,700. Dr Rollins, an orthodontist, has an income of \$80,000.

Swine flu vaccine shipment has been drastically reduced

By DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREEPORT - The Bahamas government has drastically reduced the H1N1 vaccine shipment for the country from 250,000 to 30,000 doses, according to Health Minister Dr Hubert Minnis.

Dr Minnis said the government's decision was based on trends observed in larger countries of the world.

"We were ordering about 250,000 doses and now it is only 30,000," he said while visiting Grand Bahama over the weekend.

"France for example had ordered 95 million vaccines and it has a population of 64 million.

"Out of that 95 million they were only able to give five million to its population which meant that another 90 million were not dispensed.

"Looking at world patterns we cannot afford to fall into that category and we cannot afford to waste not even one dollar," said Dr Minnis.

He reported that the government has spent some \$250,000 for the first shipment of some 30,000 doses of the vaccine.

The minister said that the elderly, pregnant women, and children with compromised immune systems will be given priority.

The government expects to commence dispensing the vaccines sometime next week.

The Centre for Disease Control (CDC) in the United States has recommended that people at highest risk for complications from the virus, or those caring for high risk individuals receive the vaccine first. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the use of one dose of vaccine against 2009 H1N1 influenza virus for persons 10 years of age and older.

However, for children who are six months through nine

years of age, two doses of the vaccine are recommended. These two doses should be separated by four weeks.

Infants younger than six months of age are too young

to get any influenza vaccine.

According to the CDC, people who are allergic to eggs might be at risk of allergic reactions from influenza vaccines.

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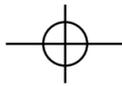
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LOCAL NEWS

Thieves target 66 homes in one week

FROM page one

crimes," said head of the Central Detective Unit Superintendent Leon Bethel. "We have identified several rings, these persons are not operating in one area, sometimes on foot, sometimes on vehicle. They may go from area to area that they do not live in, take people's property and go and sell them in another area." "It is very disturbing that you leave your home to go to work, when you return you cannot even find some place to walk. Your entire house is torn up, it is very disturbing to members of the public and we feel your pain and we are going to do something about that," Mr Bethel said.

Police believe that some of the suspected housebreakers were released from prison last year and have teamed up with other criminals on their break-in sprees.

They hope that when these suspects are nabbed the country's crime rate will decrease as well, explaining that many housebreakers graduate to armed robbery and other serious crimes.

Meantime Supt Stephen Dean, officer-in-charge of the National Crime Prevention Office, advised homeowners to invest in burglary alarms and take extra steps to make it harder for criminals to enter their homes.

Police want to question five men in connection with their investigation. They are Ricardo Stanley Moss, 25, of Ridgeland Park; Reno Darren Holbert, 18, of Ross Avenue and Montel Heights; Charles Edward Cunningham, 21, of Palm Beach Street; Gary Sweeting, 65, of Zion Blvd; and Fred Harold Miller, 40, of 2nd Street, The Grove.

Anyone with information into these investigations should call the Central Detective Unit at 502-9930, Crime Stoppers at 328-8477 or the Police Control Room at 322-3333.

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southwest coast of Great Abaco to be made a no-build area. But when they heard no word of receipt, the group resubmitted the application which is now being researched, said Director of Lands and Surveys Alexander Flowers.

He said: "It involves some research as the area they're talking about is an area that we are trying to find a map to match it so we can make an informed recommendation to the Office of the Prime Minister for consideration."

AFFGA wants to ensure immediate and long-term protection of the rich biodiversity in the area's creek systems and flats enriched by a February 2008 creek restoration project which trebled fish production in 18 months.

The group's 22 fishing guide members, including 11 who are Bahamian certified, maintain the area fits perfectly with the Prime Minister's criteria for the disposition of Crown Land as the creek systems and shallow banks used by fishing guides hold environmental, cultural and economic significance.

A number of bonefishing lodges are going up in the area to enhance Abaco's \$4 million a year bonefishing industry dri-

Call for protection for Crown Land bonefish habitats

ven by AFFGA members and 22 non-member guides.

The woods, beaches and waters are also used recreationally by locals who were familiarised with the area and the importance of wetlands by taking part in the restoration project spear-headed by local non-profit group Friends of the Environment (FRIENDS).

Nearly 300 students worked alongside community groups and local businesses to help remove encroaching mangroves and instal culverts underneath the Cross Harbour Creek causeway blocking water flow, and expand the creek system by 150 acres.

A groundbreaking study by Florida International University scientists then proved the movement of fish from mangrove to coral reef habitats and a significant increase in several species of fish at Cross Harbour Creek.

FRIENDS maintains the tidal creek and wetland system near the Abaco National Park is one of the most important in South Abaco and a primary nursery area which should be considered a priority for conservation efforts.

FROM page one Robber shot

is not that we are scared or anything, it is just that we are tired."

No customers were present at the 24-hour gas station during the robbery. The station was closed as police investigated and reopened after 2 am.

The Wulff Road station was the target of several armed robberies towards the end of 2009. In one incident, an employee was gun-butted by the robber.

Robberies are not limited to late night attacks, as there was an incident in broad daylight, accord-

ing to Texaco retailer, Ethan Moss.

"I don't know that it is our particular station that is targeted, but I think stations on the whole are vulnerable. We are working with the police to try to make stations as safe as possible," said Mr Moss.

Security is a major expense for the station. Mr Moss said security technology is used, private firms are employed, as well as the police association.

"The incident last night says it all. Security is critical. We have to

do it in today's society. We try to follow the prescribed safest way we know to protect ourselves. We just try to coach our staff in the best way we know how. I think the staff did what they thought was best," said Mr Moss.

Staff members are coached to deal with robberies. They are instructed to do nothing to provoke robbers, to follow instructions and not to create anxiety.

Mr Moss is satisfied with how helpful the police have been in ongoing conversations about security issues. He said they are actively engaged in trying to monitor the security situation.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Candidate claims

Police investigate claims that senior PLPs 'bought votes'

FROM page one



Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

RODNEY MONCUR points to the declaration of assets made by Dr Duane Sands in the official gazette.

cancer treatment services." Mr Moncur says it was upon seeing this that he first realised Dr Sands had failed to make the necessary prior disclosure that he alleges the constitution asks for.

Article 48, section one, subsection J of the constitution states: "No person shall be qualified to be elected as a member of the House of Assembly who is interested in any government contract and has not disclosed the nature of such contract and of his interest therein by publishing a notice in the gazette within one month before the day of election."

Mr Moncur refuted suggestions that the words "within one month before" the election would mean in the four weeks immediately prior to the election rather than "over a month before" this time.

He also dismissed the possibility that his position on Dr Sands' eligibility would be any less valid given the fact the election writ was issued on January 20, 2010, and the election was called for February 16 meaning that Dr Sands would never have been able to meet the disclosure requirements Mr Moncur claimed the Constitution calls for as there was less than a month left until the election when it was first announced.

The Worker's Party candidate, surrounded by his party's chairman Alan Strachan and deputy secretary general Neil Stubbs, suggested that returning officer, Director of Immigration Jack Thompson, was delinquent in his duties on the day of nominations — January 29 — when he failed to demand evidence of Dr Sands that he had previously gazetted the disclosure about the government contract.

• SEE PAGE FIVE

Democratic Leader Cassius Stuart, a hopeful in the upcoming Elizabeth by-election, last Thursday. While publicly outlining the allegations yesterday, Mr Stuart also accused members of the Free National Movement of attempting to tip the by-election scales in their favour. He claimed he is still gathering proof to back up his allegations against the FNM before he turns it over to the police.

Both major parties have denied allegations of voter fraud in the by-election and insisted they are running clean campaigns.

Meantime, the FNM said it was actively investigating the status of at least 70 voters who registered in Elizabeth "with the assistance of PLP operatives" just before the voter registry was closed, although they do not reside in the constituency.

In a statement released last night, the FNM asserted that these voters do not live in the constituency. Their right to vote will be contested on election day, said the statement.

"No amount of bombastic and name-calling press conferences from the PLP will prevent the FNM from ensuring that the law is followed and that only duly qualified residents of the Elizabeth Constituency are permitted to vote," said the FNM.

As for Mr Stuart's allegations, he claims to have information that high-ranking PLPs have allegedly paid people from the Englerston community and other areas \$100 to register to vote in the Elizabeth constituency.

These persons were allegedly promised another \$100 after they cast their votes.

He believes these persons are among the 700 plus new registered



CASSIUS STUART speaks to the media yesterday.

voters in Elizabeth, many of whom he claims were bused into the area to register at the last minute. Mr Stuart could not specifically say how many persons were allegedly paid off but estimated that "it could be hundreds of individuals."

"A week ago we received information about persons out of different constituencies who were bused into the Elizabeth constituency to register to vote," he claimed at a press conference yesterday.

"We have received some names and information on these individuals who have been paid to register to vote and paid to vote by the PLP party and we also received information that the FNM is engaging in such activities."

Yesterday, Assistant Commissioner Glenn Miller confirmed that a police investigation has been launched into Mr Stuart's

claims.

Up to press time, police had not substantiated these allegations.

"Some information was passed onto me which we certainly will be looking into but we wouldn't be able to substantiate anything as yet," said ACP Miller. "We need to first determine whether there is in fact an actual complaint, establish a complaint."

Mr Stuart's allegations came a day after National Security Minister Tommy Turnquest claimed to identify some of the 700 plus new voters on the Elizabeth register as PLP operatives illegally registering in the area. These earlier allegations were refuted by the PLP as "groundless."

Yesterday PLP Chairman Bradley Roberts emphatically denied any knowledge of the fresh allegations.

"It certainly isn't at my level," he said.

Still he welcomed a police investigation into the allegations while calling on Mr Stuart to provide names of the persons suspected of being involved.

"I say amen to that and he has done the proper thing. I wish Tommy Turnquest, when he made the stupid allegations, had did the same thing as well."

"But anybody who transgress the law that's what should happen and let the chips fall where they may," Mr Roberts said.

To avoid a "disaster" on February 16, Mr Stuart wants the by-election postponed to allow police and the Parliamentary Commissioner Errol Bethel time to investigate these claims and weed out ineligible voters.

Mr Bethel declined to comment on Mr Stuart's claims yesterday.

When pressed on the status of his department's investigation into alleged voter fraud, he would only say, "We have not finished what we are doing."

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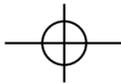
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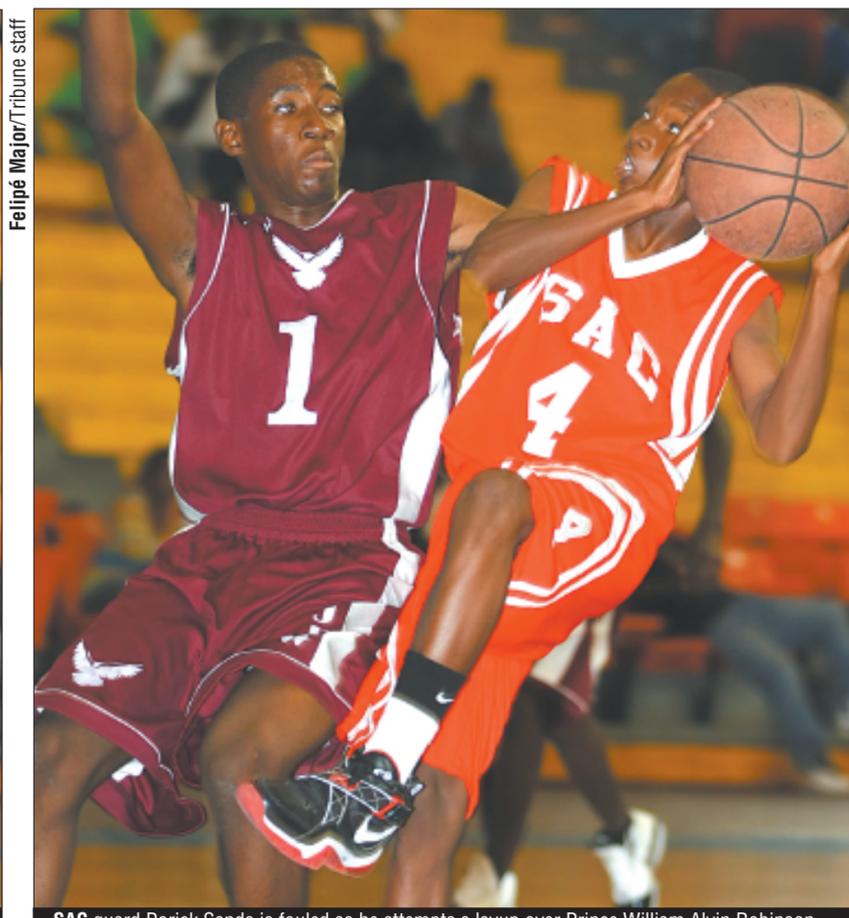
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Comets beat Suns, remain undefeated

TOP seeded teams in the Junior divisions of the BAISS basketball league kept their undefeated streaks alive and advanced to their respective championships series with relative ease yesterday as the playoffs got underway at the Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium.

#1 ST AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE BIG RED MACHINE - 70
#4 JORDAN PRINCE WILLIAM FALCONS - 33

• Anthony Pratt set the tone for the pennant winners in the opening quarter and the Big Red Machine remained untested with yet another blowout win to earn a championship berth.

The dominant post player scored 14 in the opening quarter and finished with a game high 25 points to go along with 11 rebounds and four blocks.

Pratt scored seven of his team's first nine points and the Big Red Machine reached an early double digit lead when Yorick Sands made a mid range jumper for a 14-4 advantage.

Marvin Josey single-handedly kept the Falcons within striking distance with a series of drives to the basket and

acrobatic finishes, but the Big Red Machine led 18-8 at the end of the first quarter.

The Big Red Machine defensive became the story of the second quarter story as they forced turnover after turnover with a relentless halfcourt trap.

A steal at half court and subsequent fast break lay-up by Sands gave the Big Red Machine a 30-15 advantage midway throughout the period.

The Falcons responded with a 6-0 run to trim the

deficit to 10, 31-21 with 52 seconds left in the half.

Pratt ended the Falcons run when he blocked a shot, grabbed the rebound and took the ball coast to coast to finish with a reverse layup.

SAC led 36-21 at the half. The Big Red Machine pulled away in the third quarter with Justin Symonette and Nikita Higgins leading the way offensively.

The duo scored the team's first eight points of the quarter and a free throw by Symonette gave the Big Red Machine their first 20 point lead, 45-25 with 2:17 left to play in the third and they took a 51-31 lead into the fourth quarter.

When the regular starters left the game with 2:33 left to play, SAC had built a 66-33 lead.

Pratt was one of four SAC players in double figures along with Symonette - 18 points, Higgins - 11 points and Sands - 10 points.

Josey led the Falcons with 12 points.

#1 QUEENS COLLEGE COMETS - 36

#4 TEMPLE CHRISTIAN SUNS - 16

• The Comets led 7-0 before the Suns first reached the scoreboard and held the fourth seeds scoreless in the final quarter as they pulled away to advance to the finals.

Melissa Wong led the Comets with a game high 12 points and controlled nearly every aspect of the game from the point guard position.

The Comets led 9-2 at the end of the first quarter and Wong gave the Comets their

first double figure lead of the game early in the second quarter when she successfully converted a three point play for a 16-5 lead.

She followed with a steal and breakaway layup on the following play and the Comets led 20-7 at the half.

After an evenly played third, the Comets led 27-16 headed into the fourth quarter.

The Comets outscored the Suns 9-0 in the final period to seal the win.

The results of both matchups in the senior division were unavailable to press time. In the girls division the top ranked and undefeated St. John's College Giants faced the Comets while in boys play, top ranked and undefeated Westminster Diplomats faced the Giants.



SAC Anthony Pratt goes up for the lay up over Prince William High School guard Charad Fowler tries to block.

sports NOTES

BASKETBALL NPBA ACTION

THE New Providence Basketball Association continued its regular season action on Monday night at the CI Gibson Gymnasium.

In the opener, the Outdoor Lighting Falcons knocked off the College of the Bahamas Caribs 79-71 behind Jackson Jacob's game high 28 points. Garvin Lightbourne had 27 in a losing effort.

And in the feature game, the Y-Care Wreckers nipped the Coke Explorers 90-89 as Breston 'Horsey' Rolle had 23. Lamar Watkins had 24 in the loss.

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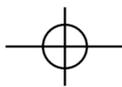
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SPORTS

PMH to receive proceeds of Marathon Bahamas

By BRENT STUBBS
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WITH the deadline for the registration extended for the initial Marathon Bahamas, the organising committee has announced that the Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation will be a beneficiary of the proceeds.

The 26.2 mile road race is scheduled for Sunday, February 14, starting at 6 a.m. from Fort Montagu taking a route over the Paradise Island Bridges, along Shirley Street and all the way to the Old Fort Bay round-a-bout and back to the finish at Arawak Cay.

Brian Moodie, the president of principal sponsors Sunshine Insurance, said although they have only had three months putting the event together, they are very pleased with the response.

"We are partnering with the Princess Margaret Hospital and we will be making a modest donation to the foundation," Moodie said. "We are pleased with this partnership."

Dr. Myles Munroe, the chairman of the Foundation, said they are pleased to be the donor recipient for this

historic event.

"The foundation remains dedicated to our mission to help strengthen the hospital's ability to provide health care of the highest quality in the Bahamas and of course throughout the Caribbean by purchasing state of the art medical edquipment, and assist in fostering goodwill within the community," the pastor of Bahamas Faith Ministries said.

Munroe, who was accompanied by Coralee Adderley, the Chief Hospital Administrator at PHM and board members Dr. Robin Roberts, Richard Demeritte, Corrine Fountain and Leslie Isaacs, said he hoped that Bahamians everywhere would be excited about the opportunity to give back to the community and continue to find ways to help sustain the health of our nation.

Adderley said this was a very good way to start the year with another corporate sponsor coming forth to assist PMH as a beneficiary because their needs always surpassed government's commitment.

"I think it's going to be a very good weekend as we think about those we love," she said. "It's a good gift to give back, whether it's in



Felipe Major/Tribune staff

BRIAN Moodie, president of Sunshine Insurance, makes a point about Marathon Bahamas at a press conference at the Princess Margaret Hospital yesterday. At left is Dr. Beverton Moxey, the medical director and at right is Dr. Myles Munroe, chairman of PMH Foundation.

leading your time to assist or in running."

So far, Moodie said they had received more than 300 registrations, but interested persons have until midnight on Monday, February 8 to sign up for either the full 26.2

marathon, half marathon 13.1 or relay team.

Dr. Beverton Moxey, the medical director for Marathon Bahamas, has assured the public that there will be sufficient medical personnel on hand to take

care of all of their medical injuries suffered during the event.

"We are planning a safe race. We are having medical tents along the course – four major medical tents and water stations every two

miles on the course and we have secured the services of the Public Health Authorities, Doctor's Hospital and Mediback Emergencies," he said.

The local cycling community is expected to assist the organisers on the route.

Star Performers Track Classic set for Saturday

By BRENT STUBBS
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EVERY year since the Star Trackers Track Club has hosted the Baker Concrete International/Greyco Ltd Star Performers Track Classic, the participation level has swelled.

Now in its seventh year, the classic is set for Saturday, Feb-

ruary 6, starting at 9 a.m. at the Thomas A. Robinson Track and Field Stadium under the patronage of Golden Girl Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie and Leevan 'Superman' Sands.

Star Trackers' head coach David Charlton said they are expecting athletes in from Grand Bahama, Exuma, Andros, Abaco, Cat Island, Eleuthera, San Salvador,

Crooked Island, Barbados and Jamaica.

Sands, the fourth place finisher at the 12th IAAF World Championships in Berlin, Germany in August, will be putting on an exhibition in the triple jump with dynamic twin brother combo of Lathone and Lathario Minnis.

A couple of other matchups are anticipated between the visiting athletes and Bahami-

an athletes.

One of them is American Ebony Eutsey, the women's 400 metres champion from the 6th IAAF World Youth Championships held in July in Sudtirol, Italy, competing head on against Katrina Seymour, Katherina Smith and Rashan Brown from Grand Bahama.

And Antonio Mascoll, last year's Carifta 800 champion and World Youth semifinalist from Barbados will face Audley Carey Jr. in the two-lapper.

"I think the competition will be great because we will have at least 800 competitors participating," Charlton said. "The meet has always been

exciting. So we are looking forward to some good quality competition."

Michael Jules, better known as the voice of Carifta, will be in attendance as a special guest announcer for the meet. Local musical artists Sammy Starr and Manifest will all be performing during the day.

JR McDonald, president of Baker Concrete International, said they have been delighted to be partnered with the Star Trackers for the past five years because of their professionalism that they brought to the table.

"For us, it's more than just a track meet. We feel as if we're helping some young people make it through this

sports arena," he said. "So for us, we have always been a good corporate citizen and this is a good classy and professional club to be involved with."

Since coming on board, McDonald said they have been quite impressed with the Star Trackers and they have been able to see an increase in the participation year after year.

And he encouraged the general public to come out and support the athletes as all proceeds from the meet will go right back to the Star Trackers to assist in their student-athletes pursuit of a higher education in the United States.

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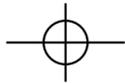
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Baha Mar 'in final stages' of \$2.6bn financing

* Pledges to appeal Harrah's ruling exclusively revealed by Tribune Business
* Developer 'continually discussing' existing syndicated loan with Scotiabank

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Baha Mar yesterday said it was "in the last stages of finalising" the financing for the \$2.6 billion Cable Beach redevelopment with its two Chinese partner entities, as it pledged to appeal a US court ruling that completely dismissed its breach of contract and other claims against US gaming giant Harrah's Entertainment.

Robert Sands, Baha Mar's senior vice-president of governmental and external affairs, also told Tribune Business that the Cable Beach developer was "continually discussing" with lead arranger Scotiabank the original syndicated loan it obtained to purchase its existing properties from Philip Ruffin.

The comments came after Tribune Business was told by sources that Baha Mar was in the process of refinancing and paying down on that loan, but that is not connected to - and is said not to impact - the financing arrangements it is working out with the China Export-Import Bank and China State Construction for the long-awaited redevelopment of the Cable Beach strip.

"Baha Mar is close to finalising its permanent long-term financing arrangements with China Ex-Im Bank and China State Construction," Mr Sands confirmed to Tribune Business.

"Within this context and this difficult economic climate, Baha Mar and Scotiabank are continually discussing the financial flexibility Scotiabank is providing Baha Mar, as Baha Mar puts in place the project's permanent long-term financing."

In a statement issued yesterday, Baha Mar expressed its obvious disappointment

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Fund's redemptions 'less than 1/3 of '08'

* RoyalFidelity says \$22m flagship fund sees Growth & Income Fund 2009 Q4 redemption requests fall to 'less than half' of Q3 levels, as investor 'fear' subsides

* 'Significant increase' in subscriptions to two other RoyalFidelity funds

* President predicts non-performing bank loans 'peaked' last year, and banking sector earnings to improve as re-written credit returns to performing category in 2010

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Redemption requests from investors in its flagship \$22 million Bahamian investment fund were "less than one-third of what they were" at the 2008 year-end, a leading fund manager/administrator said yesterday, indicating investor "fear" was starting to dissipate.

Michael Anderson, RoyalFidelity Merchant Bank & Trust's president, said its 11 year-old RoyalFidelity Growth & Income Fund had seen redemption requests in the 2009 fourth quarter fall to "less than one-third of what they were in the 2008 fourth

quarter", indicating Bahamian investor sentiment towards the equities in which the fund was invested is continuing to recover.

And Mr Anderson added that the 2009 fourth quarter redemption requests level was "less than half of what it was in the 2009 third quarter".

He told Tribune Business that the RoyalFidelity Growth & Income fund, whose net asset value (NAV) ended 2009 at \$3.12 per share, had seen "a substantial reduction in redemptions in the last quarter of last year, which is consistent with stock prices" recovering from their October 2009 lows. It was also in line with the modest recovery

in Bahamian equity valuations that had continued through November and December 2009.

Mr Anderson said improved investor confidence had also filtered through to other investment funds that RoyalFidelity managed and administered, including the Fidelity Prime Income Fund - which is invested in fixed-income securities, such as preference shares and government bonds - and its International Equities Sub-Fund.

The "increased levels of subscriptions" for the RoyalFidelity Prime Income Fund

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Haiti quake costing BTC \$50k monthly

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

The Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) has lost a \$50,000 per month revenue stream after the landing station for its fibre optic telecommunication cable was destroyed in the Haitian earthquake, with Tribune Business told yesterday that figure had been expected to increase "substantially" by the end of the 2010 first quarter.

Marlon Johnson, BTC's vice-president of sales and marketing, said: "Right now, we had a DS3 customer on it that was moving 45 megabytes (MB) of information on the pipe."

"That was one customer. We had another two significant customers wanting similar, and another customer wanting a significant increase by the end of the first quarter. That would probably have increased that 45 MB by at least six to seven times in terms of customer capacity on it."

In terms of the revenue earnings BTC had been deriving from its Bahamas-Haiti fibre optic cable, Mr Johnson told Tribune Business: "The total dollar value would be close to \$50,000 per month in revenues

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* Telecoms carrier had expected earnings to increase 'substantially' by end Q1 2010

* Had expected three major potential customers to grow capacity demand 'six to seven times', with 'significant headway' made prior to quake

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BISX in 'more rigorous' share trade reviews

Applying scrutiny 'in particular' towards year-end activity

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor



KEITH DAVIES

The Bahamas International Securities Exchange (BISX) has launched a "more rigorous" review of daily share trades on the exchange, its chief executive told Tribune Business yesterday, in a bid to monitor trends and prevent market abuses resulting from stock manipulation and insider trading.

Keith Davies confirmed to this newspaper yesterday that BISX had been reviewing daily share trading activity and order patterns since March last year, and did this "a little more rigorously" as 2009 year-end approached, due to the more frenetic buying and selling activity witnessed in the run-up towards Christmas as institutional investors concluded transactions designed to boost their balance sheets/income statements.

"In terms of the transactions that occur on BISX, particularly coming towards the end of the year, we've introduced a little more rigorous review process," Mr Davies told Tribune Business. "On a daily basis, we're reviewing all trades."

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Rival urges scrutiny of Heineken 'deal'

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THE Government was yesterday urged by a key Bahamian rival to Commonwealth Brewery/Burns House to closely scrutinise Heineken's proposed purchase of 100 per cent ownership in both entities, demanding that the playing field be kept "level".

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Bahamian Brewery owner calls on government to keep playing field 'level' in event of Finlayson/ABDAB buyout

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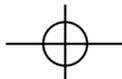
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BUSINESS

'Country is too small for two hotel unions'

By CHESTER ROBARDS
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THE hotel union could hold its highly-contested executive board elections at the end of June, its general-secretary said yesterday.

Leo Douglas told Tribune Business that the Bahamas Hotel, Catering and Allied Workers Union (BHCAWU) will attempt to hold nominations for the hotly contested seats by the end of April, and hold general elections two months later.

Mr Douglas said he and incumbent president, Roy Colebrooke, have been carrying on the union's Business since a court order forced the recent election winners, Nicole Martin's 'A Team', to hand control back to the former executive board.

He said members have been receiving their due allowances since their interim return to office. Mr Douglas said "factions" that arose within the ranks of the BHCAWU were responsible for the melee that has caused several elections to be overturned, and declared null and void, over several years. Mr Douglas said the union's ranks has not traditionally been so broken.

Even as hundreds of unionised hotel workers lost their jobs as the economic downturn forced mass layoffs, union factions were engaged in a war of words over whether or not enough was done to save those jobs.

Now, in the shadow of the disquiet caused by the elections and the mass layoffs, Mr Douglas said he and the executive board are overseeing the union until the next election cycle.

He said the executive has been happy to see almost 200 workers return to Atlantis in December, and the reopening of the Emerald Bay property in Exuma under the Sandals brand.

The union won another victory of sorts over its rival, the Bahamas Hotel, Maintenance and Allied Workers Union. A court recently ruled that the new union's registration had not been done correctly, and that its name too closely resembled that of the BHCAWU.

The Maintenance Union had tried to establish itself as the bargaining agent for Sandals Royal Bahamian workers, and was not formally recognised when Sandals underwent its layoffs only weeks after Atlantis laid off more than 800.

"This country is too small for two hotel unions," said

Mr Douglas.

He said he was unsure whether Sandals, Exuma will be unionised, but added that the BHCAWU becomes the bargaining agent for any hotel worker when their management signs on to the Bahamas Hotel Employers Association.

"Sandals (Exuma) may just accept the hotel workers union contract," said Mr Douglas. "Sandals (Nassau) is a member of the (Bahamas Hotel Employers) association."

He said the BHCAWU encourages its members and hotel staff to continue to train, in the event that hard times befall local resorts again.

Mr Douglas said that because hotels have learned throughout the difficult economic times to streamline their operations, they will only begin to rehire when times are good again.

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9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Delegate registration
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Captain Garnett Rolle Reception

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Delegate registration
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Breakfast
Sponsored by Nassau Harbour Pilots Association
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM Opening Ceremony
Welcome and Introductions -
The Hon. Kenneth A. Russell, M.P., Minister of Housing
Parade of Flags, National Anthem
President, Grand Bahama Christian Council
Musical Selection by the Royal Bahamas Defence Force Band
Prayer -
9:30 AM - 9:45 AM The Hon. Earl D. Deveaux, M.P., Minister of The Environment
Introduction of the Prime Minister
9:45 AM - 10:15 AM The Rt. Hon. Hubert A. Ingraham, M.P., Prime Minister,
Commonwealth of The Bahamas
Vote of Thanks - The Hon. Phenton O. Neymour, M.P.,
Minister of State, Ministry of The Environment
10:15 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Break
Sponsored by Nassau Harbour Pilots Association
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM **Morning Session I**
Bahamas' Approach to Environmental Management:
Protecting Our Shores - Chair: The Hon. Phenton O. Neymour, M.P.,
Minister of State, Ministry of The Environment
Mrs. Eleanor Phillips, Director, The Nature Conservancy
Protection and Conservation of the Bahamas' Marine Environment
Cmdr. Patrick McNeil, Port Controller, The Bahamas
Ballast Water Management: Globalast for The Bahamas
Mr. Kenderick V. Knowles,
Health, Safety & Environment Manager, Grand Bahama Shipyard
"Protection of the Environment In and Around the Shipyard"
Mr. Gary Gilbert, Chief Executive Officer, Freeport Harbour
Company/Freeport Container Port/Grand Bahama Airport Company
Mr. Raymond Jones, CEO, BORCO
12:00 PM - 12:20 PM Panel discussion: Q & A
Lunch
sponsored by Freeport Harbour Company/Freeport Harbour Company
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM **Afternoon Session I**
Scope and the Application from a Statutory Perspective"
Chair Captain Douglas Bell, Deputy Director (Maritime Affairs), BMA
Mr. Jeff Lantz, Director of Commercial Regulations and Standard, USCG
Mr. David Wamsley, Eastern United States District Manager, ABS
MARPOL Annex VI: Statutory approach/Challenges to certifying
and surveying ships for compliance
Captain Douglas Bell, Deputy Director (Maritime Affairs),
Bahamas Maritime Authority
Dr. Anne-Marie Warris, Lloyd's Register Climate Change
Expert/Chair of the UK Emissions Trading Group
Copenhagen 2009 - Did the Climate Change?
3:20 PM - 3:40 PM Panel discussion Q & A
3:40 PM - 4:00 PM Coffee Break
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM **Afternoon Session II**
Legal and Insurance Aspects of Environmental Compliance -
Chair: Mr. Peter John Goulondris, Deputy Chairman, BMAA

4:00 PM - 4:20 PM

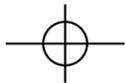
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4:20 PM - 4:40 PM Mr. Daniel Rodgers, Partner - Watson, Farley & Williams
Legal and Insurance Aspects of Environmental Compliance
Panel discussion
4:40 PM - 5:00 PM **Bahamian Night of Culture and Fun**
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM Coordinated by Grand Bahama's Ministry of Tourism Office

Thursday, February 11, 2010

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Breakfast
Sponsored by Bahamas Financial Services Board
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM **Morning Session I**
An industry perspective on the environmental challenges:
Chair: Mr. Michael Crye, Marine Director, ICS
Mr. Peter Hincliffe, Marine Director, ICS
Mr. Michael Crye, Executive Vice President
Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA)
Mr. Rob Lomas, Secretary General, INTERCARGO
Mr. Joe Angelo, Deputy Managing Director, INTERTANKO
9:00 AM - 9:20 AM Panel discussion
9:20 AM - 9:40 AM Coffee Break
9:40 AM - 10:00 AM **Morning Session II**
Owners approach to ensuring environmental compliance:
Captain Allen Cunningham, Campbell Shipping
Mr. Rich Pruitt, Director of Environmental Programmes -
Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd
Ms. Elaine Heldewier, Environmental Director, Carnival Cruise Lines
Mr. Howard Seto, Manager, Environment and Quality - Teekay Corporation
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM Panel discussion
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch
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2:00 PM - 2:20 PM **Afternoon Session I**
Mr. Toni Stojcjevski, General Manager, Sales Support, Wärtsilä Sweden
Bilge and Sludge Management
Mr. Les Chapman - RTI
Mr. Keith Harper, Director - Corporate Affairs, SVITZER Salvage B.V.
Role of the Salvor in Safeguarding the Environment
Panel Discussion
Mr. Ian Fair, Chairman of the BMA and Ms. Wendy Warren,
CEO of the Bahamas Financial Services Board (BFSB)
Review and Wrap-up
Mr. Ian Fair, Chairman of the BMA
Coffee
Mr. Ian Fair, Chairman of the BMA and Ms. Wendy Warren,
Chair of the Bahamas Financial Services Board
Cocktail Party
Mr. Efthimos Mitropoulos, Secretary General,
International Maritime Organisation (IMO)
2:20 PM - 2:40 PM **Conference Banquet**
2:40 PM - 3:00 PM
3:00 PM - 3:20 PM
3:20 AM - 3:40 AM
3:40 PM - 4:00 PM
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM
6:30 PM - 7:00 PM
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Friday, February 12, 2010

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Guided Tour of waterways of Freeport Harbour
Site visit Freeport Container Port
Site visit Grand Bahama Shipyard



BUSINESS

Fund's redemptions 'less than 1/3 of '08'

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"started from half-way through the year [2009] and have continued very strongly since then", Mr Anderson told Tribune Business, with the International Equities Sub-Fund experiencing significant investor subscriptions during the latter part of the year.

The RoyalFidelity president said the increased interest in the International Equities Sub-Fund was generated by growing Bahamian investor awareness of the recovery taking place in international stock markets, and the likelihood that the world economy was starting to rebound.

However, he pointed out that by the time many Bahamian investors had regained the confidence to invest internationally, much of the upside had already been obtained, as stock market rebounds often led recoveries in the real economy.

"The investor sentiment out there has improved quite significantly to the level where people do not believe they have to take the next lowest price, and people are coming back into the market," Mr Anderson said. "Dividend yields are extremely high, so people are saying: 'Why sell it?'"

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Michael Anderson

Mr Anderson told Tribune Business yesterday that while Bahamian bank balance sheets and income statements had taken a heavy hit in 2009 from rising non-performing loans, and loss provisions associated with this, the sector's performance this year was likely to improve as previous non-accrual loans came back into the performing category. He pointed out that in 2009 the Central Bank of the Bahamas had instructed commercial banks not to treat re-written loans as performing until the borrowers had successfully met the new repay-

ment terms for six months. Many of these loans were set to complete their probationary period in 2010, and return to the performing category, boosting bank earnings levels.

The RoyalFidelity president told Tribune Business that the industry "kind of peaked in non-performing loans at the end of last year, and we will see a recovery in the market" in 2010.

He added: "Last year, the banks took significant hits, and if they refinanced debt, the Central Bank instructed that it was not to be included as a performing loan until it performed for six months.

"These loans continued to be treated as non-performing, impacting bank balance sheets and debt ratios."

Interest income was reduced, and loan loss provisions increased, Mr Anderson said, but this situation looked like being reversed in 2010 as re-written loans returned to the performing category, supporting rising share prices and earnings in the banking sector.

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Carol G. Gray
Liquidator
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BUSINESS

BISX in 'more rigorous' share trade reviews

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"We proactively review transactions, and have been doing so for three-quarters of last year, starting in March."

Tribune Business had contacted Mr Davies after several investors called this newspaper to query the 27 per cent appreciation in Commonwealth Bank's stock price during December 2009.

The bank's shares, which were priced at around \$5.50 on November 24, 2009, a

three-month low and just off their 52-week \$5 bottom, achieved on September 8, 2009, recovered to such an extent that their year-end \$7 price was a 52-week high, matching the 2008 year-end position.

The investors who contacted Tribune Business raised questions about what drove Commonwealth Bank's stock price repeatedly higher during December 2009, pointing out that no positive material information, such as above-

expected earnings results, had been released to the market.

As a result, they questioned whether some form of market manipulation had taken place, and whether, for example, an institutional investor with significant Commonwealth Bank holdings may have bought up shares on the open market to drive the price higher.

Increasing

By increasing the bank's stock price, their balance sheet and income statements would not show - or at least have minimal - unrealised gains and losses on their securities investment holdings.

Mr Davies, though, said there was no sign of any market abuse or manipulation in relation to December trading in Commonwealth Bank's stock.

"It would surprise me if we did not look at a number of trades coming towards the end of the year," he told Tribune Business. "I am anticipating that we would have analysed and reviewed this."

The BISX chief executives said that companies commonly sought to invest excess cash in higher-yielding investments towards year-end, and sought to conduct securities transactions that had been lingering around to capture them in the audited financial statements.

"So for a price to move in a

particular direction towards the end of the year, it's not illegal, it doesn't surprise me and is not something to be overly concerned about," Mr Davies added.

Indeed, Commonwealth Bank's stock has settled in at the \$7 per share mark, with all 16 sell orders currently in existence priced at either \$6.99 or \$7. The two outstanding buy orders are at \$6.76 and \$6.99.

When asked why BISX instituted its share monitoring system, Mr Davies replied: "We put it in place because we wanted to be more rigorous and catch and look at trends, with a history of orders, and also review persons behind the transactions to determine the bona fides of their orders."

He added that BISX had been moved to act after receiving "a query", and trading patterns were "something that we wanted to catch, so we could monitor the various types of transaction that are occurring. Let's start doing this every day".

Mr Davies said the potential for most mischief occurred when a company was about to experience a material event, such as a results announcement or key transaction, so BISX monitored both positive and negative trades in a bid to detect where an investor may "may have knowledge of, or information on, that particular event".

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Raquel L. Wilson
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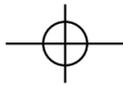
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BUSINESS

Haiti quake costing BTC \$50k monthly

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that we had on it, and we were projecting that to go up substantially again.

"We would have just commenced the project in 2009, and were just ramping up the customer base for it.

"We were making some significant headway."

While the focus was still very much on the recovery and restoration efforts in Haiti, Mr

Johnson said one positive for BTC was that testing along the full length of the fibre optic cable between Inagua and Haiti revealed that it had not been damaged and was still in good working order.

However, the fibre optic cable's landing station had been destroyed in the earthquake, rendering the connectivity between the Bahamas and Haiti inoperable.

As a result, Mr Johnson said

BTC was working with its vendors, cable partner Telco Haiti, customers who wanted to use the cable and the international entities currently operating in Haiti to "bring in trailer-type facilities to temporarily house the landing station and bring connectivity back". Currently, the only options for BTC to route traffic to Haiti are via satellite and the microwave backhaul.

Mr Johnson said that once

restoration and recovery efforts returned Haiti to some semblance of normality, there would be "considerable demand" for the data services provided by BTC's fibre optic cable.

"That creates demand for that type of service, so we're seeing how judiciously and prudently we can move on this without getting in the way of things that are happening on the ground," Mr Johnson said.

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BUSINESS

Baha Mar 'in final stages' of \$2.6 billion financing

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that New York State Supreme Court judge, Charles Ramos, had dismissed in its entirety its case against Harrah's and the gaming giant's Caesars Bahamas Investment Corporation, brought after their joint venture Cable Beach deal collapsed.

Commenting after Tribune Business exclusively revealed the judgment's findings yesterday, Baha Mar said: "We

will appeal the ruling, which we believe was wrongly decided, and continue to seek redress on our claims for Harrah's breach of commitments to Baha Mar and the people and government of the Bahamas. "We are currently in the last stages of finalising our financing, and thereafter obtaining government approvals, which will allow us to quickly commence construction and bring this project to life for the great benefit of the Bahamas and the

future of its economy."

Tribune Business also understands, having been informed by sources familiar with the situation, that Baha Mar and the Izmirlian family are paying down more than \$50 million on the existing Scotiabank syndicated loan, as part of the refinancing of that credit facility.

Tribune Business previously revealed that Baha Mar had resolved the last remaining commercial issues with its prospective Chinese financing partners, and is now moving to finalise the necessary legal documents - dealing with the various transactions, land conveyancings and collateral

security for lenders - before presenting its plans to the Government.

Judgment

In his judgment, Judge Ramos found that Harrah's and its Caesars Bahamas Investment Corporation subsidiary "validly exercised their right to terminate" the joint venture agreement with Baha Mar, and that the latter "has no obligation to consummate" the deal to redevelop the Cable Beach strip.

Baha Mar's claim for fraud against Harrah's and Caesars Bahamas was also dismissed,

the judge finding that there was no evidence they "knowingly intended to deceive" over their intentions not to consummate the joint venture and walk away from the project.

This allegation, the judge said, was premised on the claim that despite agreeing to the Supplemental Heads of Agreement that Baha Mar signed with the Bahamian government on January 31, 2008, Harrah's concealed that its private equity owners, Apollo and Texas Pacific, had already decided not to proceed.

This decision was allegedly made at a Harrah's meeting

three days earlier, on January 28, 2008.

However, Judge Ramos found: "Baha Mar's fraud claim fails because it is unsupported by any evidence that Caesars Bahamas and Harrah's knowingly intended to deceive Baha Mar with respect to unconditionally going forward with the project."

"There is simply no evidence that Caesars Bahamas and Harrah's made a definitive decision on January 28, 2008, to abandon the project, while agreeing to the execution of the Supplemental Heads of Agreement just days later."

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Dated this 3rd day of February, A. D. 2010

Verdure Associated Ltd.
Liquidator

BISX LISTED & TRADED SECURITIES AS OF:									
TUESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2010									
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX: CLOSE 1,600.72 CHG 0.04 %CHG 0.00 YTD 35.34 YTD % 2.26									
FINDEX: CLOSE 000.00 YTD 00.00% 2009 -12.31%									
WWW.BISXBAMAS.COM TELEPHONE: 242-323-2330 FACSIMILE: 242-323-2320									
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Previous Close	Today's Close	Change	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	Yield
1.49	1.03	AML Foods Limited	1.12	1.12	0.00	0.283	0.000	4.0	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	5.50	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%
13.43	9.62	Cable Bahamas	13.43	13.43	0.00	1.406	0.250	9.6	1.86%
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)	6.99	6.99	0.00	0.419	0.300	16.7	4.29%
3.85	2.21	Consolidated Water BDRs	2.75	2.79	0.04	0.111	0.052	25.1	1.86%
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	Fincoc	6.49	6.49	0.00	0.420	0.240	15.5	3.70%
11.80	8.75	Finco	9.27	9.27	0.00	0.322	0.520	28.8	5.61%
10.45	9.80	First Caribbean Bank	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.631	0.350	15.8	3.50%
5.53	3.75	Focol (S)	4.77	4.77	0.00	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%
0.31	0.27	Freepoint Concrete	0.27	0.27	0.00	0.035	0.000	7.7	0.00%
5.59	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	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	Previous Close	Today's Close	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	84 Prime + 1.75%		29 May 2015	

Fidelity Over-The-Counter Securities									
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Weekly Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	Yield
14.60	7.92	Bahamas Supermarkets	10.06	11.06	14.00		-2.246	0.000	N/M
8.00	6.00	Caribbean Crossings (Pref)	2.00	6.25	4.00		0.000	0.480	N/M
0.54	0.20	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.35		0.001	0.000	256.6

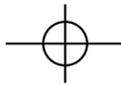
Colina Over-The-Counter Securities									
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Weekly Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	Yield
41.00	29.00	ABDAB	30.13	31.59	29.00		4.540	0.000	9.03
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.45	0.55	0.55		0.002	0.000	261.90

BISX Listed Mutual Funds									
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD%	Last 12 Months	Div \$	Yield %	NAV Date	
1.4387	1.3535	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
1.5114	1.4366	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.5114	0.26	0.26				22-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	93.1999	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				9-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'l Investment Fund	9.5795	5.33	5.33				31-Dec-09
11.2361	10.0000	Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 1	11.2361	12.36	12.36				31-Dec-09
		Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund							
		Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 2							
7.7171	4.8105	Royal Fidelity Int'l Fund - Equities Sub Fund	7.7171	40.05	40.05				31-Dec-09

MARKET TERMS									
YIELD - last 12 month dividends divided by closing price									
Bid \$ - Buying price of Colina and Fidelity									
Ask \$ - Selling price of Colina and Fidelity									
Last Price - Last traded over-the-counter price									
Weekly Vol. - Trading volume of the prior week									
EPS \$ - A company's reported earnings per share for the last 12 mths									
NAV - Net Asset Value									
N/M - Not Meaningful									
FINDEX - The Fidelity Bahamas Stock Index, January 1, 1994 = 100									

BISX ALL SHARE INDEX - 19 Dec 02 = 1,000.00									
52wk-Hi - Highest closing price in last 52 weeks									
52wk-Low - Lowest closing price in last 52 weeks									
Previous Close - Previous day's weighted price for daily volume									
Today's Close - Current day's weighted price for daily volume									
Change - Change in closing price from day to day									
Daily Vol. - Number of total shares traded today									
DIV \$ - Dividends per share paid in the last 12 months									
P/E - Closing price divided by the last 12 month earnings									
(S1) - 4-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 8/8/2007									
(S1) - 3-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 7/11/2007									

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Rival urges scrutiny of Heineken 'deal'

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Jimmy Sands, owner of Grand Bahama-based Bahamian Brewery, a \$15-\$20 million investment, said any foreign acquisition of the Burns House Group and Commonwealth Brewery could further bolster their position in the Bahamian market and give them an unfair competitive advantage that could be used to squeeze out rivals.

However, Mr Sands was optimistic that as an all-Bahamian company, Bahamian Brewery's Sands beer will continue its upward sales trends in the future.

"I'm a 100 per cent Bahamian company," he said. "I don't have any big international company backing me."

Bahamian Brewery's position in Grand Bahama affords it certain tax breaks as a result of the Hawksbill Creek Agreement, driving certain operational costs down, according to Mr Sands. However, he said he pays duties on all the finished beer products - an issue that has been a bugbear for New Providence-based Burns House/Commonwealth Brewery, who have argued that they cannot access the same business/investment benefits.

While up to \$20 million was injected into the development of Bahamian Brewery two years ago, the Heineken acquisition could involve a \$100 million sum.

The Dutch brewing giant is closing in on purchasing the stakes held by Associated Bahamian Distillers and Brewers (ABDAB), headed by Sir Gareth "Tiger" Finlayson and his family. ABDAB holds a 47 per cent stake in Commonwealth Brewery, and a majority 78.8 per cent stake in the Burns House Group. Many observers of the deal suggested it was being driven by the financial woes being experienced by Solomon's Mines, the troubled luxury goods retailer that the Finlaysons acquired in 2004 via ABDAB's Bethell-Robertson affiliate. However, sources close to the ABDAB side suggested it was nothing more than "prudent estate planning" by Sir Gareth. Mr Sands said he was concerned about the transparency of the Heineken buyout, but added that the deal should go through once it is within the "bounds of the law".

Adding that he was not opposed to the deal if this was the case, Mr Sands said of the local beer market: "I don't want it all. I just want a piece of it. The beauty of my business is that all the equipment is the highest standard equipment and it is made by Bahamians."

Mr Sands added that many businesses that serve alcohol have switched to Sands as their primary beer, and he hoped many others do the same. He added that Grand Bahama was the place for his kind of business, alluding to the ease with which shipping and licensing is done, as well as the infrastructure. "I wish more people would venture into manufacturing here," said Mr Sands. "They should take advantage of it."

Royal Bank pledges no merger lay-offs

By **CHESTER ROBARDS**
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THE BAHAMAS Financial Services Union (BFSU) yesterday continued to call for Royal Bank of Canada employees to unionise, fearing layoffs could be imminent when its merger with the Royal Bank of Trinidad and Tobago is complete. BFSU president, Theresa Mortimer, said that when the merger goes through the union will not be in a position to bargain for RBC employees who might find themselves with walking papers.

However, the bank has dismissed those claims made by the union that jobs are in peril due to the acquisition of RBTT. RBC's regional manager for

public relations and communications, Jan Knowles, told Tribune Business yesterday that no employees will be laid off in the region as a result of the merger. "There will be no layoffs as a result of RBC's acquisition of RBTT," she said. "The acquisition is about RBC's growth in the region and we are excited about the expansion."

Ms Mortimer said her experience with mergers and acquisitions is that many individuals lose jobs, especially when they do not have a bargaining agent such as the BFSU.

"When the union is involved in a merger, it makes all the difference," she said. "Your chances with the union are far better than not having a union."

A press release issued by the BFSU recently said: "The

BFSU continues to receive updates on the RBC/RBTT merger, as we sit with our Caribbean comrades and review changes that will affect the workforce within this group of employees."

The union argued: "We are here to tell the RBC employees today, the bank does not have their interest at the forefront. Having no representation at the table of negotiation lessens the employees' opportunity to fully participate in the national and regional changes being

made." The impending RBC/RBTT merger will find the company moving its corporate headquarters from the Bahamas to a new location in Trinidad and Tobago. However, sources close to the situation said the corporate headquarters relocation only affects a handful of individuals, and there is very little overlap between RBC and RBTT that would force job losses. RBC's acquisition will position it as the number two bank in the Caribbean behind ScotiaBank.

IN THE ESTATE OF MAVIS GRAHAM late of Brooklyn, New York, one of the United States of America, deceased.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claim or demand against the said estate are required to send the same duly certified in writing to the undersigned on or before the 22nd day of February, A.D. 2010 after which date the Administratrix will proceed to distribute the estate having regard only to the claims of which she shall have had notice.

AND notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are required to make full settlement on or before the date hereinbefore mentioned.

Dated the 1st day of February, A.D. 2010

Raquel L. Wilson
Counsel & Attorney-at-Law
Attorney for the Administratrix
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Nassau, The Bahamas

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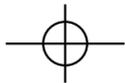
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ARE YOU ready FOR THE Superbowl?



By JEFFARAH GIBSON

SUPER BOWL Sunday is four days away which means parties, parties, and even more parties! If you are hosting a Super Bowl bash this time around the next best thing to a big flat screen TV is great party food.

With these great food ideas from Tribune Taste you will definitely score a "touchdown" with party guests.

WINGS

When it comes to Superbowl Sunday chicken wings are in a staple. Wings are universal finger foods. And what probably makes them so enjoyable is that they perfect for munching

Levan Arnette at 4 Qtrs Restaurant & Sporting Lounge said that chicken wings are definitely on the menu for their Super Bowl party this coming Sunday.

"Chicken wings are something that we always serve during this time. You just can't go wrong with wings. The home cooker can make these anyway they choose serving it with a variety of great dips," he told Tribune Taste.

He also said make sure when making this savory dish, that there is enough for everyone.

CONCH FRITTERS

Excluding entrees from your menu at your Super Bowl party is a good idea. Your party guest want to simply pick and eat because if you serve entrees it will only break their concentration Mr Levan said. Instead of a plate of food he suggest adding another delectable, easy to eat snack like conch fritters on the menu.

"Conch fritters are also good to have at a Super Bowl party. As I said before you want something that is easy to eat. Conch fritters are tasty and I am sure your guest would enjoy something Bahamian," he said.

BREADED OR COCONUT SHRIMP

"You must know the kind of crowd you are attracting to you party, so you can be aware of what sorts of food to include. For those persons who love high end food like shrimp, make sure it is on the menu. "At 4Qrts we will have a variety of food and that's because we have a mixture of different people. Some people prefer conch fritters, while others might prefer shrimp, so this is something to consider as well," Mr Arnette explained.

If you are going for the high end food, he recommends shrimp dipped and rolled into a batter of coconut flakes because the taste is explosive.

BURGERS

Burgers have become the norm for sports enthusiast. So whipping up a few homemade burgers may be a good fare for party guest. "Every one loves burgers. However try to make burgers very different, so that you give your guest a number of options," Mr Arnette said.

BEERS/DRINKS

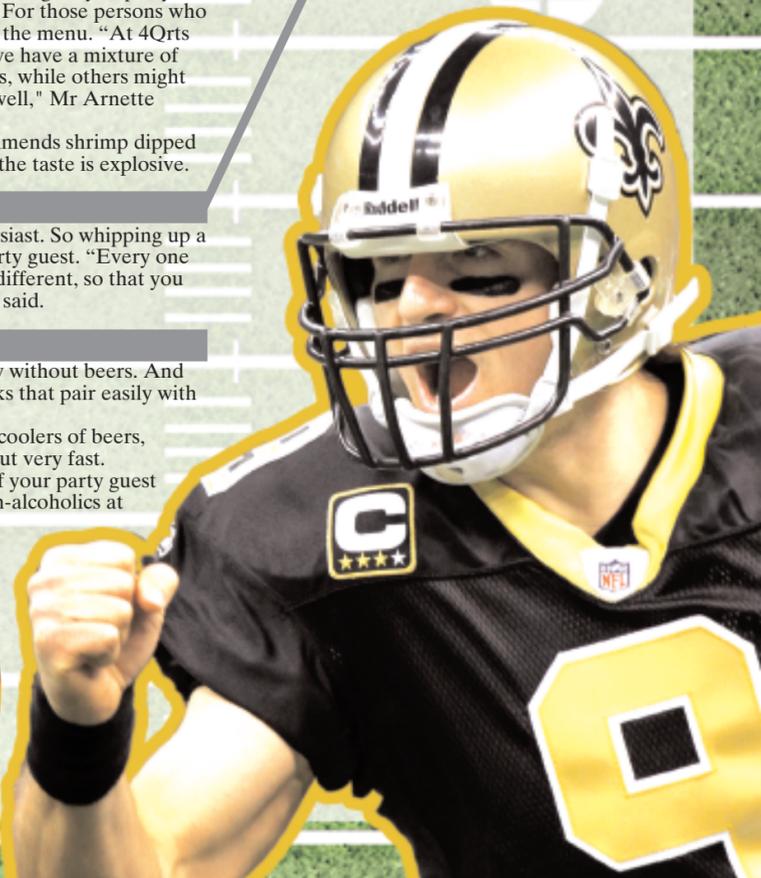
A Super Bowl party is never a Super Bowl without beers. And while alcohol is the "life" of any party, select drinks that pair easily with food.

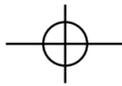
"The host will probably need a few coolers of beers, because trust me they will run out very fast.

However, try to cater to all of your party guest because there might just be non-alcoholics at your fiesta.

"You can balance it off by purchasing sodas, or making fruit punch. Everyone at your event will be happy," he said.

The most important thing to remember is to have a big screen TV, and enough food to last all four quarters.





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SUPERBOWL 101

GETTING READY FOR SUNDAY'S BIG GAME

• BHUMANE: A NIGHT WITH THE ARTS @ FORT CHARLOTTE

The Bahamas Humane Society presents a night filled with live performances, art exhibitions, and a silent auction, 6.30pm at Fort Charlotte. Dress code: white and aqua. Tickets: \$75/per person until February 2; \$100 after this date. Available at Bahamas Humane Society, Tommy Hilfiger, Fab Finds Gift Shop and Windermere West. Includes free drinks and food. T: 323-5138.

• HAITI RELIEF DANCE

Purple Hearted Entertainment hosts a dance party to aid the relief efforts in Haiti, Wednesday February 3, 10pm at Uptown Lounge. Music by DJ Chronic and CJ the DJ. Cost: \$10.

• STAND UP COMEDY AT THE MOVIES

Phat Groove Entertainment and Galleria Cinemas presents a night of Stand up Comedy, Thursday, February 4 at 8pm at Galleria Cinemas, Mall at Marathon. Features Kool Bubba Ice and Pat Brown. Music by DJ Clean Cuts. Tickets: \$20 at Galleria Cinemas Box Office. After party at Bennigans. T: 677-4970.

• STARLIGHT TOUR 2009/2010

Starboy Inc., All Out Entertainment, and Hatty Hatty Promotions presents a musical tour at Bonanza Bar on February 6. The lineup features an array of artists, including Sosa Man, Sammi Star, Jah Troy and many more! Cost: \$10 advanced and \$15 at the door.

• BEACH SOCCER TOURNAMENT AND FUN DAY

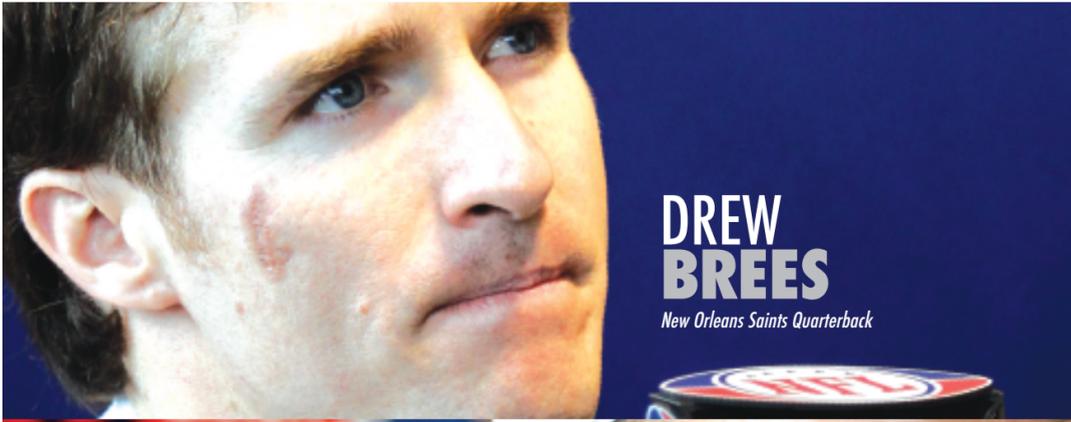
The Bear's Football Club and Nicole's Butterfly Kisses host a beach soccer tournament and family fun day at Goodman's Bay from February 6 - February 7. The tournament consists of boys and girls youth teams playing in 11-and-under to 15-and-under divisions on Saturday, February 6 and men's and women's divisions on Sunday, February 7. Food available for purchase. Proceeds in aid of cancer. Come out and enjoy the day!

• THE BAHAMAS PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS & VIDEOGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION

On Saturday (BPPVA) and the nation's top photographers will be taking photos of the public at discounted rates for keepsakes today at Robinhood Enterprises LTD on Harrold Rd at 12 noon to 8pm. Photo packages start at \$5 - \$20. This is the follow up to their first photoshoot at the Mall at Marathon last Saturday.

• HEALTH FAIR AT PINWOOD PARK

The Pinewood Urban Renewal Centre in association with the Health Secretariat of the Ministry of Health will hold a health fair on Saturday, February 6 from 3-6 p at Pinewood Park on Pinewood Drive. Doctors and health professionals will be on hand to conduct free cholesterol, blood pressure and blood sugar screenings. There will also be a kiddie corner and about a dozen booths promoting healthy products. The public is urged to attend.



DREW BREES

New Orleans Saints Quarterback



PEYTON MANNING

Indianapolis Colts Quarterback



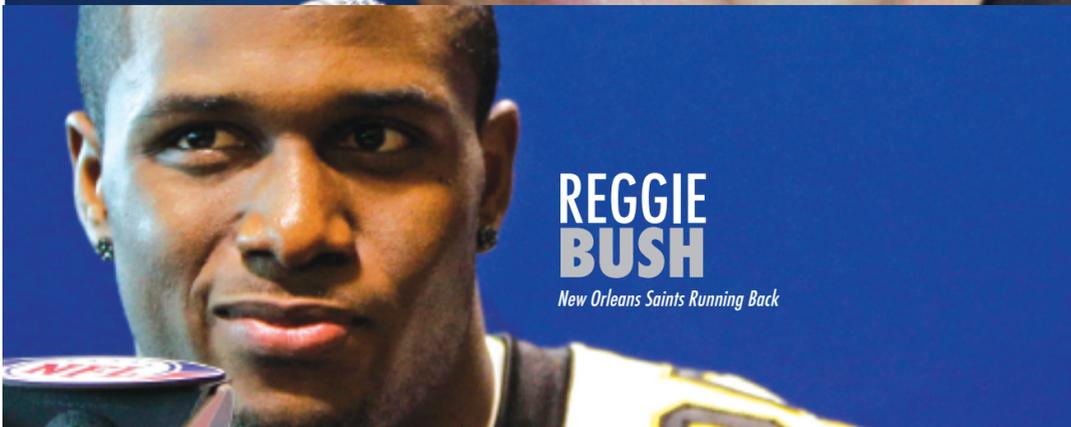
JIM CALDWELL

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New Orleans Saints Head Coach



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New Orleans Saints Running Back

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FINALLY, the Super bowl is here.

SUPERBOWL 44 in Miami features a matchup of the two best teams in the National Football League this season- the Indianapolis Colts and the New Orleans Saints.

Both teams finished the season with identical records, 16 wins and two losses and feature two of the best quarterbacks in the league- and maybe all time. On one side you have more of a household name in quarterback Peyton Manning of the Indianapolis Colts, a four time league MVP, a perennial pro bowler and future hall of famer who seeks to cement his legacy as one of the greatest quarterbacks to ever play the game by securing a second championship ring on Sunday.

Manning and the Colts have been here before, in 2006 actually, when the Super Bowl was in-

you guessed it- Miami. Interestingly, that year the highly motivated Saints lost to the Chicago Bears in the NFC Championship game. The Bears went on to lose to the Colts in the Super Bowl. So, depending on how you look at it, this is the Super Bowl that should have been.

For the New Orleans Saints you have at quarterback Drew Brees. If you're not a big football fan you may have never heard of the guy- yet statistically he is one of the top quarterbacks in the league on a team

that has been awful for so long it was referred to as the "Aints". Here's a guy who coming off a shoulder injury went to the "Big Easy," in 2006 and completely turned the dismal Saints team into a really

competitive franchise. You may also recall that New Orleans at that time was still reeling from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and what a feel good story the Saints were that 2006 season- falling short just one game of the Super Bowl.

The Saints however have helped to turn the city around and lift the spirits of many so it's no surprise that most people are rooting for them.

The main reason I'm mentioning the two quarter backs first is because this is shaping up to be a game of offense and the offense goes mainly through the quarterbacks. On paper, this has the making of being a

"shootout" because both teams love to throw the ball around although statistically the Saints do run the ball much better.

But hey, this is the NFL and games don't always play out the way they are expected.

Sometimes when you expect a shootout you end up with one team getting totally dominated game or a low scoring nail biting finish but we'll have to see.

Like I said, the Colts have been here before, literally the same city and half of the starters on the team now, so they may have an advantage there. The Colts have a relatively different young receiving core as do

the Saints, who have perhaps the most depth at the position of any team in the league.

Manning and the boys look to take down his father's old team. The surprising and formidable Saints look to win their first Super Bowl in the franchise's 43- year history. It's going to be a great game.

Freeport Jewelers prepares to launch Red Hot Couture fashion show

By DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREEPORT - In an effort to encourage residents to shop locally, Freeport Jewelers is launching another exciting fashion show to promote businesses here on Grand Bahama.

Loren Wells-Madu, manager of Freeport Jewelers, said the 'Red Hot Couture' fashion show will feature exclusive jewelry lines, and

fashions and other merchandise available from retailers here on the island.

Ms Wells-Madu said the event is being held in conjunction with Animale, Traffic, and Bandolero, and Curiosity Shop - at the Mansion on Bahamas Drive on February 6.

"It is going to be fantastic," she said. "We did a show in December called 'Elegance with an Attitude' and it was a huge success."

"We're doing it again trying

to encourage Bahamians to shop right here. We are saying to the public you don't have to go abroad you can shop at home as we offer great savings and lovely items here," she said.

According to Ms Wells-Madu, Freeport Jewelers carries many modern styles in fashion jewelry, including Rebecca, Casato, Matthias & Claire, Marahago, and stunning diamond and precious stone Jewelry Collections.

She said the show was cre-

ated to promote business. They will donate part proceeds from this fashion show to the Haitian Relief Fund.

"Business has fallen off since last year and the year before. It has been a slow decline, but we are trying to do things to excite the public.

"We think this is one way to promote business and we thought it would be a good idea to do it in conjunction with different stores here."

"Red Hot Couture" will

allow residents to see what we offer, and from the money raised we will donate part proceeds to help earthquake victims of Haiti," she said.

Tickets for the event may be purchased at Freeport Jewelers. Freeport Jewelers is a family owned Bahamian company, with stores in the International Bazaar and The Port Lucaya Marketplace.

Persons may watch a video for the highlight of Elegance with Attitude held December 2009 on YouTube.

ARTS

Peter Peters

Local artist releases latest album 'Better late than Never'

By JEFFARAH GIBSON

THE multi-talented Bahamian musician Peter Peters is breaking into the local airwaves once again, with the release of his third mind-blowing production entitled "Better Late Than Never."

Released two weeks ago, it encompasses a variety of music, representing a rare diversity of genres on a single album.

And how diverse can one artist get. Ever since he broke into the musical world he has stepped out of box, with hopes of becoming the most versatile musician he can.

"My album 'Better Late Than Never' displays my versatility. As an artist I have tried my hands at a number of musical genres.

Mr Peters enjoys pop, rock, or roosty music, but it's rhythm, blues, and soul that steals his heart.

"On my album there is a little of everything. I sing calypso, gospel, and reggae, but my love is blues," Mr Peters told Tribune Entertainment.

His music, vibrant but mellow, and meaningful, strikes the ears and speaks to the heart.

There are songs of inspiration, songs of love, and songs that will uplift spirits.

He appreciates being able to make music that has some significance, and "Better Late Than Never" represents just that.

But what separates his latest album apart from the oth-

ers is that he brought his own flavour to the harmonies, dumping the machine drum in the studio for a live pulsating band.

"On my previous albums I made use of drum machine. There is a live band on this new album," Mr Peters said.

Presently, the musician is trying to get his record played on the local radio stations, because he said that his album is definitely worth listening to.

"People should listen to my music because it is good. This is a very good production because a lot of work and effort has been put into this," he said.

Mr Peters has been a musician since he was a young boy and plays a number of musical instruments. He played the guitar, keyboard, harmonica, and sang the vocals on three songs on his album, "Hail Bahamas", "Soul Survivor", and "Get Ready."

And while he enjoys making meaningful music, he admits that it is hard being a musician in the Bahamas.

"It is terribly hard doing what I do. One time ago people had respect for musicians in the Bahamas, but now it seems to me that, that kind of respect is gone," Mr Peters

said. Though this may be the harsh reality to Mr Peters, he said that he will never let the difficulty of gaining respect for what he does stop him.

If one were to head down to the Cricket Club on Fridays and Saturdays they would see Peter Peters strumming his guitar and singing sweet melodies.

Just like his music, Mr Peter has a very vibrant future ahead. He said his plans right now is to turn a poem that he has written into a song.

"The name of the poem is called 'Tales of Guanahani' and I want to make this a single, so I am going to be working in the studio day in and day out," he said.

As a youngster his favorite performers were Billie Holiday and Jimi Hendrix. Holiday, who Mr Peters considers to be "a great singer."

He has worked with several Bahamian musicians including Pau Hanna, Frank Carol, Bren Darville, and the Justice band just to name a few.

His music was made and produced in the by Tower Heights Studio which is dubbed as one of the "top of the line" studios located in Nassau.

"Better Late Than Never", is a collaboration between Peter Peters and other talented artist including Neil Symonette, Adrian D'Aguliar, Clifford Cash, Melissa Percentie, Shelley Ward, John Nut, Gavin Knowles, and Tom Waltz.



(ABOVE) Peter Peters playing the guitar.



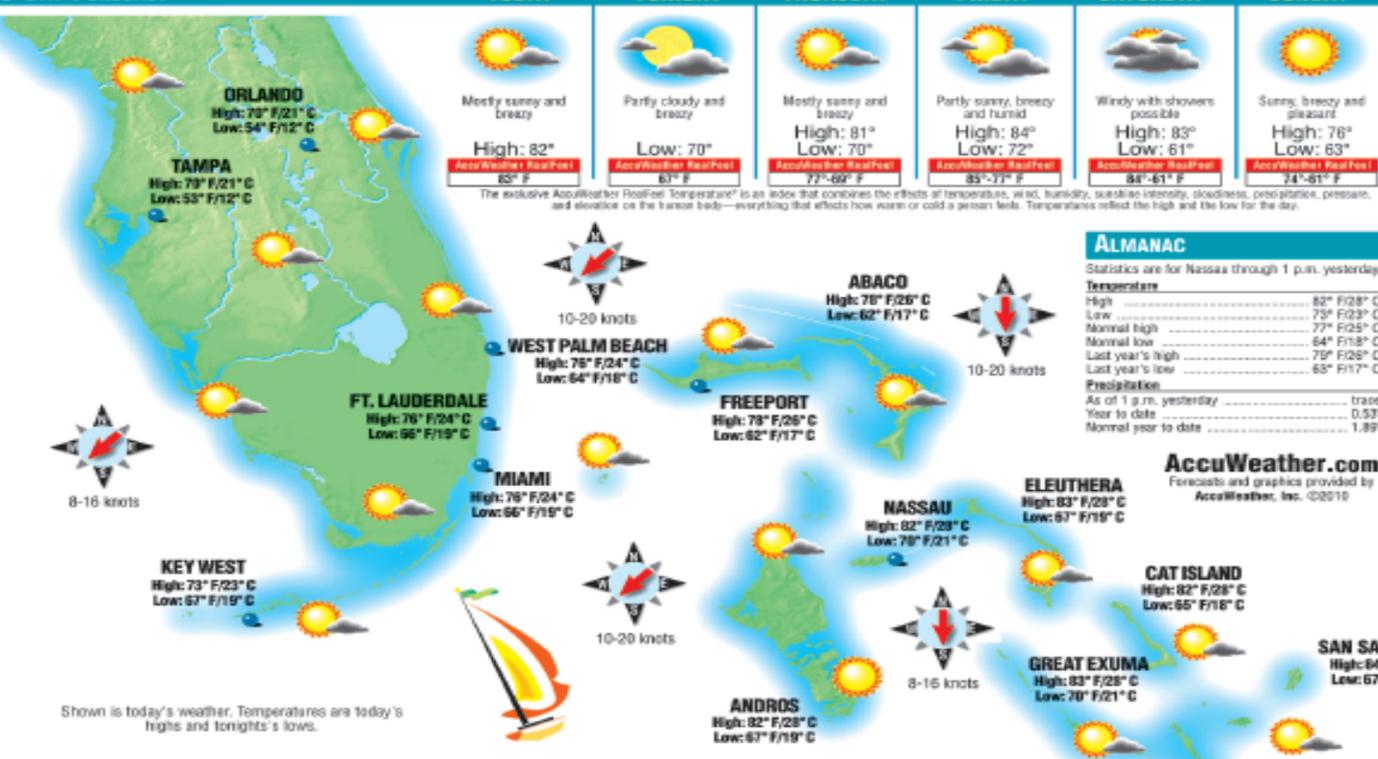
(LEFT) Adrian D'Aguliar (drummer) and Peter Peters (right).

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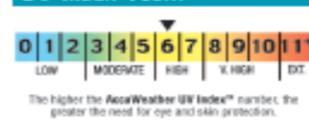


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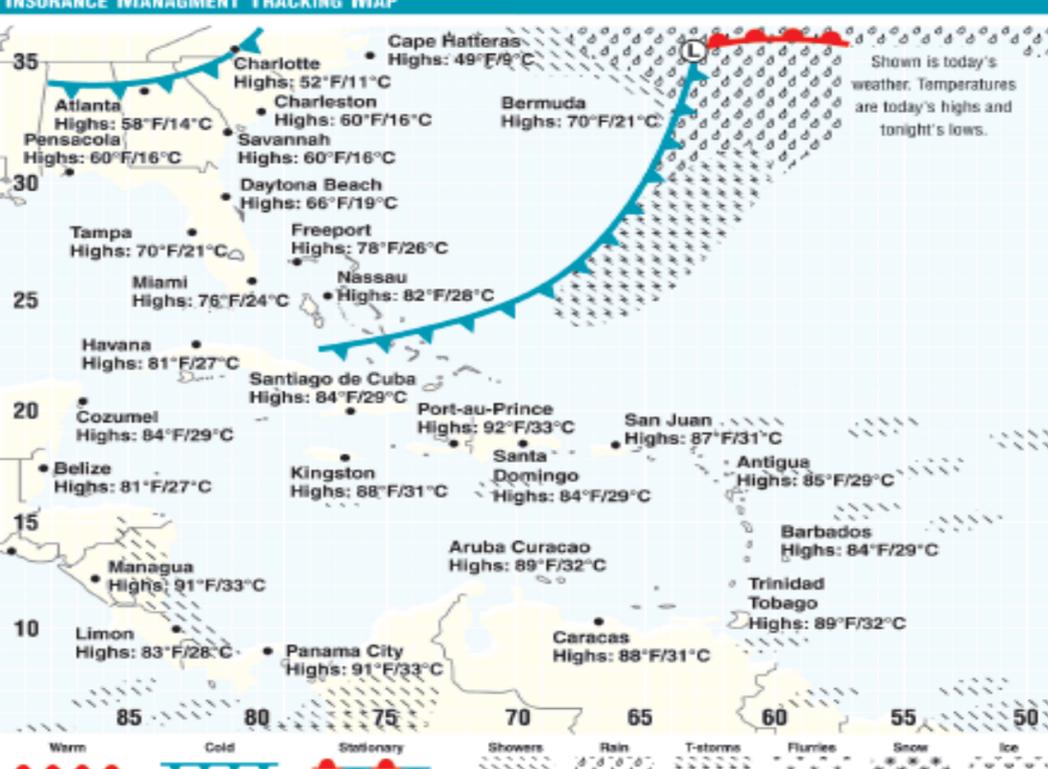
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MARINE FORECAST

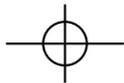
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CAT ISLAND	Today: N at 7-14 Knots	3-5 Feet	10 Miles	77° F
CROOKED ISLAND	Today: NNE at 8-12 Knots	2-4 Feet	6 Miles	79° F
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FREEPORT	Today: N at 8-16 Knots	3-5 Feet	10 Miles	75° F
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NASSAU	Today: N at 8-16 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	75° F
SAN SALVADOR	Today: NE at 10-20 Knots	2-4 Feet	10 Miles	75° F
RAGGED ISLAND	Today: N at 8-16 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	75° F

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Bahamas Humane Society kicks off

bHumane

Campaign



Saxophone by Dylan Rapillard

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ANIMAL abuse is a major problem that has been plaguing the Bahamas for a long time. And all February-long, the Bahamas Humane Society will spread their message through a BHumane campaign, with photos of their in-house animals hoisted on lamp poles across New Providence, and a slew of public service announcements and school assemblies.

The campaign will kick-off Friday on Clifford Park and Fort Fincastle grounds at a launch party called 'A Night with the Arts,' designed to target young Bahamians to use their talents and artwork on Friday, February 5 at Fort Charlotte. Tickets are \$100.

The BHumane campaign is about the business of spreading the word about good treatment of animals, spaying and neutering them, and finding them habitable shelters.

Ms Armbrister emphasized the importance of teaching children the sanctity of all life. "If we don't look after animals it will trickle down to society and cause the mistreatment of any living thing," she said.

Rebecca Armbrister, BHumane campaign organizer revealed the exciting plans to *Tribune Arts*, explaining that the caves inside Fort Fincastle will be turned into an art gallery. On the park's grounds entertainers Shiraz and band Willis and The Illest will perform all night.

They have based their cause on the emphatic words of Mahatma Gandhi, who championed animal rights: "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

Some of the artwork displayed will feature photos of some of the animals at the shelter, and paintings by Jonathan Bethel, Patricia Vazquez and Dede Brown who won the Central Bank art competition in 2008.

"We've gotten so many rescued and surrenders dogs that people didn't want any more," she said. "We have a

lot of animals that came in after Christmas in all shapes, colors and sizes that need homes."

BHumane banners of badly treated animals will be up for the month of February, as part of an aggressive advertising campaign that will start in a matter of days.

The campaign will last well into the summer, where they will promote educational programs at local schools. An aggressive advertising campaign will start in a matter of days to showcase the animals at the Bahamas Humane Society, featuring Farrah, a dog featured in their banner campaign. A series of animal photos will be hoisted on lamp poles across New Providence.

Kim Aranha, Bahamas Humane Society president told *Tribune Arts* of Farrah's sad story last month. Her owners wanted to induce her death because she had fleas and ticks, but the Society retrieved the dog four hours before she was going to be killed.

There are countless other stories of indecent treatment toward animals, including a dog who was nearly stoned to death by some students under the bleachers at a local school.

Ms Armbrister said: "Friday's event strives to focus on the youth of our nation and teach them compassion and respect for life at a young age. These are qualities that must be stirred to life in their hearts before hate and casual disregard for defenseless animals has a chance to develop."

Swiss bank Lombard Odier is a major sponsor for the event, submitting a \$15,000.00 cheque to sponsor the BHumane campaign.

BROWN ART by Dede Brown