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Bahamian economy set for minor turnaround

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AFTER taking a battering in 2009, the Bahamian economy looks set for a minor turnaround this year with the US and international markets rallying and new business-boosting initiatives set to kick in locally.

Projecting that 2010 will be a "better year" for the Bahamas after a "difficult" 2009, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham last night pointed to certain parts of the domestic economy which have

International firms 'set to bring investment dollars into the Bahamas'

NUMEROUS large international companies are set to establish a business presence in the Bahamas, bringing new investment dollars into the country, the Prime Minister has revealed.

Although there has been an overall decline in foreign investment in the country over the last year as global economic conditions remained gloomy, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham last night pointed to certain parts of the domestic economy which have

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Latest arrest in alleged organised stealing racket

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POLICE at the Lynden Pindling International Airport have arrested a third airport worker allegedly involved in an organised stealing racket targeting Haitians.

The latest worker was detained yesterday, one day after her colleague was called

off the job and handcuffed by the police. Both were charged with stealing and are expected to appear before the courts next Thursday.

Assistant Superintendent Dennis Dames said investigations are continuing. He was unable to say if further arrests are expected.

Another airport worker, 26-

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Killings bring year's homicide total to eight

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TWO killings have brought this year's homicide toll to eight, putting the figure in line with last year's record figures.

The latest death involved a woman who was stabbed in her stomach and side by a man who had trespassed at her home in

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WORKERS' PARTY DEMANDS DISQUALIFICATION OF FNM CANDIDATE



LEADER OF the Workers' Party Rodney Moncur drops a letter to the Parliamentary Commissioner Errol Bethel yesterday at the Parliamentary registry.

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WORKERS' Party leader Rodney Moncur yesterday surprised Parliamentary Commissioner Errol Bethel at his office requesting that Dr Duane Sands be disqualified from the Elizabeth by-election.

Mr Moncur, also a hopeful in the race, called for Mr Bethel to start an investigation into his claims that Dr Sands, the FNM candidate, did not make the public disclosures

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PM in Jamaica for funeral of Archbishop Burke



Peter Ramsay

PRIME Minister Hubert Ingraham travelled to Jamaica to attend yesterday's funeral service for Catholic Archbishop Lawrence Aloysius Burke, SJ, at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kingston.

Mr Ingraham is pictured here with Pearnell Charles, acting Prime Minister of Jamaica, and John Issa, chairman of the SuperClubs Resorts, in the lobby of the Pegasus Hotel in Jamaica.

Archbishop Burke, the first archbishop of the Bahamas, died in Kingston on January 24 after a long battle with cancer.

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LOCAL NEWS

● Crime news in brief

House break-ins investigation: Two in custody

POLICE last night said that they have in custody two of the five men wanted for questioning in the investigation into a spree of 66 house break-ins.

Following the publication of the names and photos of the men in the media, 65-year-old Gary Sweeting of Zion Boulevard was located and picked up by police on Wednesday night.

A second man, 40-year-old Fred Harold Miller of 2nd Street, The Grove, turned himself in on the same night, Supt Stephen Dean, officer-in-charge of the National Crime Prevention Office, said.

Rings

Police hope to break up several robbery rings that are believed to be behind the recent drastic rise in house break-ins. Robbers have been mainly targeting empty residences and are after high-priced electronic goods like flat-screen televisions and laptops 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.

Five shooting victims recovering in hospital

A TOTAL of five people shot in Nassau's streets within hours of each other are recovering in hospital with serious injuries, according to police press officer Sergeant Chrislyn Skippings.

The Royal Bahamas Police Force are investigating two shooting incidents which took place on Wednesday night.

In the first incident, at around 7.40pm, a drive-by gunman shot four people as they were standing in the yard of a property in Montel Heights, off Robinson Road.

Police say the gunman may have been with others when he passed the group in a Honda driving west along Ethel Street and opened fire.

The four injured people were taken to hospital and remain there in serious but stable condition.

Just three hours later, at 10.30pm, a man was shot in the back after he was robbed by three men dressed in dark clothing while on Wulff Road and Market Street.

One of the robbers threatened the man with a handgun and after they stole his cash and went to make their exit, the gunman turned to shoot the robbed man in his left upper back.

The man drove himself to the hospital despite his injuries, however, police were not able to comment on his condition yesterday.

Active investigations have been launched into both shootings.

And in other crime news, a man and a woman have been taken in for questioning in connection with the recovery of 6.5 lbs of marijuana and cash found by police officers at a property in Brougham Street at 3pm on Wednesday.

Anyone with any information that might assist in investigations should call police urgently on 911, 919 or call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 328-TIPS (8477).



ADDRESS TO THE NATION

THE PRIME MINISTER HUBERT INGRAHAM

Government moving to boost health and education systems

PRIME Minister Hubert Ingraham last night outlined his government's efforts to bolster the national health and education systems.

"Good, quality education – academic and technical – is the basis for successful careers, is the child of innovation and is the source of our progress.

"We continue efforts to promote a culture of learning, improving our education system by upgrading and expanding school facilities, ensuring the engagement of adequate numbers of teachers – both generalists and specialists – and making our school campuses safer, healthier environments," he said during his first national address for the year.

Mr Ingraham said his administration plans to work on making the public education system



LEARNING TOOLS: Government says education is a priority.

one in which the primary focus of teachers is tutoring their charges; in which parents are committed partners in their children's education and in which students are stimulated to attain their very best.

He also said that government has substantially "increased funding for government education loans and merit scholarships so as to maximise the number of qualifying students able to pursue higher education and training to meet the demands in our economy."

Last year, government suspended the guaranteed educational loan programme because of the high default rate.

In order to help achieve a healthier population, the Ministry of Health will continue to expand programmes that promote healthy lifestyles; maintain and sustain gains achieved in infant and child immunisation and infant and maternal health; and continue to combat the spread of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, said Mr Ingraham.

In addition, the government has plans to introduce a national prescription drug benefit plan

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this year. The plan will be available to elderly patients and school children at participating licensed pharmacies for 11 specified chronic and catastrophic illnesses including asthma, arthritis, glaucoma, high cholesterol, ischaemic heart disease, diabetes, breast cancer, prostate cancer, hypertension, major depression and psychosis.

Mr Ingraham said the list of conditions will be reviewed periodically and modifications made to add or exclude conditions according to defined criteria. The benefits schedule will include prescription drugs and specific medical supplies deemed necessary by the attending physician for treating the patient's condition, he added.

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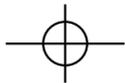
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PRIME MINISTER'S ADDRESS TO THE NATION

PM outlines crime fight

Work on two Family Island hospitals 'to start this year'

THE government will start construction of two Family Island hospitals this year, the Prime Minister has revealed.

Plans are being devised for medical facilities in Abaco and Exuma, he said, noting that these islands are also set to benefit from two new ports that are also in the developmental stages at present.

Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham gave an update as he addressed the nation during his yearly televised speech last night.

Speaking to the use of public funds on infrastructural development in the last year, and going into 2010, Mr Ingraham said the government has chosen to "invest heavily" in the area of capital works as it felt such spending would not only create jobs but place the country "in a better position to take advantage of the turn around in our economic fortune."

"We were careful during the economic crisis to target government spending on initiatives that would yield returns for our nation long into the future," said Mr Ingraham.

"All these projects are helping to maintain existing jobs and to create hundreds of new jobs in the construction sector. They are also broadening opportunities for spin-off businesses in the economy which in turn create additional jobs boosting individual and family incomes. We expect that these projects will generate enormous economic gains for our people well into the future."

However, Mr Ingraham said he is positive that his government's current and future crime-fighting initiatives will be successful in bringing down the crime rate.

"I am confident that measures we have and are taking will produce positive results in our fight. Ours is a full-frontal attack on the criminal elements in our communities," he said.

"Our quality of life is very much tied to our sense of security and safety. We must take back that which the criminals have stolen and restore our sense of peace and security. This year we will achieve gains in this regard and will continue to build on those gains until we restore the sense of tranquility and civility that once characterised our beautiful isles".

In order to slash the "lengthy" backlog of cases before the courts, the government is trying to increase the number of judges, magistrates, courtrooms, legal officers and support staff as quickly as possible, said Mr Ingraham.

His administration also plans to expedite the appointment of circuit magistrates in Abaco, Andros, Exuma, Eleuthera and Long Island.

Mr Ingraham also spoke about new weapons in the government's crime fighting arsenal, including the close circuit television system being installed in the capital and the new Cessna aircraft acquired for the Royal Bahamas Police Force to improve mobility and aid in prisoner transport.

He also spoke of continuing to empower the Royal Bahamas Defence Force and promised to open its new Ragged Island base at some point this year.

Govt's stamp tax exemptions 'net \$6m in savings'

GOVERNMENT'S stamp tax exemptions for homeowners netted more than 1,100 applicants some \$6 million in savings, said Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham in his address to the nation last night.

This occurred between July and December 2009, he added. The exemptions applied to purchases of dwellings and building lots, as well as for mortgage transfers and debt consolidation through mortgages. While giving his first national address for 2010, Mr Ingraham also noted plans to make affordable housing more available to the community.

Home ownership continues to be a major source of economic empowerment of the Bahamian people, he said.

The prime minister said that two new government subdivisions, consisting of more than 1,000 lots are to be developed. They first will be in the Carmichael Road area and the other near the South Beach Town Centre and nearby CV Bethel High School.

At least half of these will be "serviced lots", available for purchase by individuals who want to construct their homes without government assistance, said Mr Ingraham.

The remaining lots will be developed by the Department of Housing to meet the demand of individuals qualifying for mortgages and who want the department's help in the construction of their homes.



PRIME MINISTER Hubert Ingraham last night.

Among the projects already under way or due to see construction begin this year, Mr Ingraham spoke of: the \$12 million straw market, the \$8 million extension to Sandilands Hospital, the new magistrates' complex on South Street, designed to house 12 magistrates courts, refurbishment of the Supreme Court complex and Ansbacher House, which will be adapted to become part of the new judicial complex on Bank Lane, the new Ministry of Tourism complex on JFK Drive, now nearing completion, the \$130 million New Providence Road Enhancement Project and new power plants in the Family Islands.

Office

Construction soon to commence on new government office complexes in central Abaco and in Freeport, Grand Bahama, after contracts are awarded next month will create "as many as 525 construction jobs on those islands," said Mr Ingraham.

Stalled tourism projects may get kick-start

By ALISON LOWE Tribune Staff Reporter alowe@tribunemedia.net

SOME tourism developments that ground to a halt in the wake of the global financial crisis may get a kick-start this year, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham suggested.

"While foreign direct investment flows into our country have declined, there are new signs that several of the tourism related developments which stalled because of the global recession and international financial crisis are preparing to move forward this year," said the prime minister last night.

He said: "We are hopeful that a number of the stalled previously approved tourism related projects will re-start or commence in 2010. Several projects in Eleuthera, Abaco, Long Island, Cat Island and Rose Island are also encouraging."

It is not clear if Mr Ingraham's final reference was to the halted development of the luxurious Ritz Carlton hotel and marina on Rose Island.

That mixed-use project, initially slated to be completed in 2009, came to a shuddering halt when investment bank Lehman Brothers collapsed in 2008, taking with it much of the development's financing.

Speaking more broadly on developments in the tourism and second home industry, Mr Ingraham suggested that the

recent opening of the new luxury 183-room Sandals Resort in Exuma is expected to "stabilise Exuma's economy this year" having created jobs for 300 Bahamians.

Mr Ingraham advised that as many as 200 new construction jobs will be created through the second phase of the \$75 million Caves development now getting underway.

Employment

Meanwhile, he heralded the current employment levels at the Albany project in southwestern New Providence, noting that 862 construction workers are now engaged at the multi-million dollar luxury golf and marina resort and another 71 Bahamians are engaged by the Albany Development Company, bringing the total to 933.

Mr Ingraham noted that the second home market, in which Albany will play a significant part upon completion, "remained soft" in 2009, but did not do as badly as some expected.

According to Mr Ingraham, there is a "growing trend internationally" for the development of "exclusive specialty boutique resorts which are proving to be less susceptible to the ups and downs of the world economy."

In the Bahamas, the reopening of the Tiamo Resort in Andros, the upscale Delphi

Club in South Abaco, and the scheduled April opening of the new S&T Beach Club in San Salvador reflect this trend, he suggested. "Tourism is, of course, our business. We are focused on making our islands more accessible, more affordable, and more convenient. And, we have been able to maintain our market share, maintain our room rates, and grow certain segments of our business," said Mr Ingraham.

Success in this regard has already come in the form of the bigger than ever cruise arrivals last year - 3.5 million.

"There have been double-digit increases in cruise passenger delivery each month during 2009 to New Providence, Grand Bahama and the Family Islands," said Mr Ingraham.

The Bahamas now also has "more air service than ever before", with numerous airlines having announced new routes to the Bahamas in the latter part of last year. This equates to an increase of almost 400,000 new "seats" available for those wishing to fly here this year from the US and Canada.

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Archbishop leaves his mark on Bahamas

WHEN ARCHBISHOP Lawrence Burke of Kingston, Jamaica, arrived in Nassau to head the Catholic Diocese in 1981 it was against a backdrop of nationalism in a newly independent nation. There were isolated grumbles questioning Vatican wisdom in selecting a Jamaican over a Bahamian to head the local Diocese.

However, 29 years later when the Vatican, again in its wisdom, decided in 2004 to appoint Archbishop Burke the fourth archbishop of Kingston, Bahamians were again at their grumbling best — only this time they were a little louder. Why was the Vatican taking away “our Archbishop”, especially as he had just spearheaded the design and construction of a magnificent cathedral and still had so many plans and so much work to do? The fact that with his transfer they at last got their own Bahamian archbishop did not seem to pacify them.

Whenever there has been a celebration since then for “our Archbishop” in Kingston a large Catholic delegation from the Bahamas has flown down to be with him.

Yesterday was his funeral. And as was to be expected Bahamian Catholics attended the funeral Mass at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kingston. Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, not a Catholic, but a good friend of the archbishop’s was there as was Senate president Lynn Holowesko, herself a Catholic, and Sister Cecilia Albury of St Martin’s Convent in Nassau. Many others were also there from Nassau and, before the funeral mass, they were treated to lunch at the Pegasus hotel by Mr John Issa of SuperClub Breezes, and his family. The Burke and Issa families were very close with the Issa children calling the Archbishop “Uncle Larry.”

Photographer Peter Ramsey, on the staff of Bahamas Information Services, flew to Jamaica in his private capacity to make a photographic record of the funeral. “I thought it was the least I could do,” he said in explanation, “after all he did so much for us.”

A few years after leaving Nassau, Archbishop Burke was diagnosed with cancer. He didn’t go into retirement. He took his treatment and did his job until eventually cancer forced him to step down and prepare for death. He died Sunday evening with his three loving sisters at his bedside. An older brother and sister had predeceased him.

Archbishop Burke was the Bahamas’ first archbishop — he was appointed Bishop to

the Bahamas Diocese in 1981, becoming archbishop when the Diocese was elevated to an Archdiocese in 1999.

A charismatic man, his voice was heard throughout the country on many controversial issues.

In 2001 he bluntly told political and religious leaders that it was time they stopped giving Bahamians “mixed signals.”

“When we talk about the Bahamas being a Christian nation,” he said, “rather than zeroing on the politicians, I would zero in on our people. If our people lived a more Christian life and they demanded more, then I think our politicians will get in line rather than the other way around.”

“In a democracy, it should be the people who should be leading and the elected should know the mind of the people and try to do what the people want.”

As for churches and the status of the Bahamas as a Christian nation, he called for a higher sense of spirituality. “I think we have a lot of churches, but we don’t have enough spirituality,” he said. He feared many churches were being founded because too many believed it was a good money-making business.

He also believed that many church leaders give a “mixed signal” to their congregations by living lifestyles unattainable by most, certainly not like the life of Jesus.

“We are giving a mixed signal to our people that wealth is a sign that you are blessed,” he said. He then dared his listeners “to find that in the New Testament. If that were true, then Jesus was not blessed, and yet He was God. He was the one who was loved by his father and who loved his father. He died terribly on the cross. He didn’t have a place to lay his head. Come and see where I live he said. We have moved away from that,” said the archbishop.

Archbishop Burke’s voice was heard throughout the Bahamas, telling it like it should be on many troubling issues. He never ran from the difficult question. And Bahamians respected him because they knew that he was a good, humble and decent man who always had their interest at heart.

And so yesterday “our Archbishop” was laid to rest in Kingston, but he will always be “our Archbishop” because he left us so many decent and tangible memories. The new St Francis Xavier’s Cathedral will always be Archbishop Burke’s cathedral — a beautiful legacy by which to remember a humble, a good man.

Junkanoo – the strongest political force in Bahamas

EDITOR, The Tribune.

It is amazing how members of the Bahamian Junkanoo Community can mobilise, excite, and thrill a small little nation known as the Bahamas for two separate days of parade celebrations. These parades add the necessary ingredients and substance to make what we affectionately refer to as a “Bahamian Christmas” and a “Bahamian New Years” celebration. Imagine the Christmas holiday season in the Bahamas without junkanoo.

It remains astonishing that from August 1st, through to January 1st of the following year, young men and women become discipline myrmidons and become so engaged and focused on every aspect of the preparatory process for junkanoo; “The Shack” becomes a cultural web shop and a University of higher social and cultural development. If only The Department of Social Services can study the social interaction in junkanoo “Shacks” during those periods, they can prepare themselves as this experience offers a microscopic view of our nation, and the key performance indicators of our culture under one roof. Historically, crime in the island of New Providence in particular, decreases when the Junkanoo Shacks are fully operational, so I would think that the police department would by now partner with the junkanoo community to assist in providing a panacea to this plague that is destroying our nation.

The young men and women who participate in junkanoo become national heroes overnight and are praised sometimes by the politician, sometimes by the religious community, and sometimes by other relevant stakeholders in our country who experience first hand the flavour and force of junkanoo.

On January 2nd, or shortly thereafter, it is unfortunate that many of the productive Junkanoo participants end up doing the “bank lane shuffle” and find themselves in debt and many with their lights off at home.

Suddenly, they find all communication cut off from many members who they basically lived with for the last five to six months.

Some of their parasitic leaders disappear and members of their respective groups who transported these faithful young participants and provided their daily meals during the junkanoo period, suddenly become incommunicado with no minutes on their cell phones or a different cell phone number.

In their desperation dealing with life’s reality, some just disappear until next August or

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return to Fox Hill prison.

In my thirty plus years of participating in junkanoo, I had the opportunity to sit in the company of many “real” junkanoo icons and stakeholders.

As I listened yearly to these iconic figures express their uncanny and rational realities about the future of junkanoo, so often discussion erupts about the marginal respect, and the often condescending disrespect that some persons in the various government ministries, and I dare say appear to be supported by some ministers from time to time, have adopted this behaviour as a benchmark towards many junkanoo participants when partnering, pursuing and/or developing cultural initiatives and activities.

Many government ministries and relevant individuals holding office in these ministries make the mistake by discounting the intellect and capacity of junkanoo participants because of the intense judging controversies that seem to erupt every year after every parade.

They continue to underestimate the underlying force and the masses of people that junkanoo has in its power that can be mobilised quicker than any disciplined uniformed force in the Bahamas.

I urge them not to think that junkanoo does not contribute anything to this country, it can contribute more if the proper funding is made available so that junkanoo will one day be able to generate sufficient revenue to support itself and reduce government funding at first, and eventually eliminate the subsidised financial support from the government.

The time has come for junkanoo leaders, the entire junkanoo community, and the directors of junkanoo to understand that this cultural centre piece of all things Bahamian is one of the most powerful political forces in this country if united, and all groups must combine their forces, similar to the Baptist community, the trade unions, the “now” Haitian community, and other institutions that used their force in the quest of gaining political influence to advance their interest, equality and/or justice. Junkanoo can and has shaped many political decisions while bringing about a level of respect to each person who participates.

It is amazing to watch the Elizabeth constituency bi-elections and to see how some politicians undermine the Bahamian people.

They make time to go and speak to many illegal immigrant communities throughout a certain part of the island pandering for votes and addressing their concerns and issues for the moment, many might get legalised overnight for one purpose.

This is done because politicians realise the voting power that has emerged in these communities and politicians seek to exploit by whatever means necessary.

What they should also consider in the quest for votes, is those very children of illegal immigrants to the Bahamas have contributed, participated and have been members of many respective junkanoo groups in the Bahamas.

Notwithstanding the Hotel Union and other unions that are a part of the Trade Union Congress (TUC) or CTUC, Junkanoo is the largest Union in this country not recognised by the law. Although participants in “The Junkanoo Union” do not pay dues, nonetheless they pay a higher human price with loyalty, love, dedication, creativity, blood, sweat and tears, which in my opinion is priceless.

I urge leaders to put down the competitive “swords” and collectively get the best minds to come together and bring about the change that is necessary to harness the power that Junkanoo generates.

I urge all the groups individually and collectively to compete only on Bay Street but not in the corporate board rooms. Junkanoo at this juncture survived many of the negative media attacks, the stereotypical views of an illiterate individual making noise in the streets, the “Judases” within its ranks, the opportunistic business parasites that now see opportunities to exploit revenue streams generated by the very essence of this craft. Junkanoo can emerge when groups respect each other irrespective of size or wins, Junkanoo can engineer fundamental changes in the Bahamas by its very nature when forces combine on relevant issues of importance that can and will effect positive change in our country.

Junkanoo participants and leaders especially, must finally wake up and realise that there is strength in numbers.

Many in government may not listen to you now, but combine your numbers and you will certainly get their respected attention as democracy only wins when supported by the majority. Junkanoo participants must realise that they have the ability to change political parties in this country; they have the ability to force the politicians to listen to the power of the people. Junkanoo must position itself now to be the most powerful political force in the Bahamas. It’s not about two days of “rushing” on the calendar, it’s about being an architect of new ideas and forcing what is not only right but best for the Bahamas.

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LOCAL NEWS

The NDP 'gives Bahamians a say at party level'

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ELIZABETH by-election candidate Dr Andre Rollins says his fledgling National Development Party (NDP) breaks the mould by giving Bahamians a say at the party level.

Dr Rollins, 34, an orthodontist by profession, said the NDP is in a better position to serve the Bahamian people as it moves away from practices ingrained in the long-established Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) and Free National Movement (FNM).

Speaking as a guest on the Love 97 radio talk show "Issues of the Day" on Wednesday, Dr Rollins said that unlike PLP and FNM representatives, he will not be bound to follow a strict party line in order to win favour.

And the NDP will focus more on the individual representative of the people than on party politics.

He said his party adheres to a new system for the selection of parliamentary candidates whereby voters are invited to select their representative from the start.

NDP chairman Dr Rollins was selected by Elizabeth constituents to be the party's by-election candidate, rather than by a small faction within the party as is the case with the PLP and FNM.

And in the same way the steering committee-run NDP will invite voters to choose the party leader.

Dr Rollins claims this strategy empowers people in a new way.

"We are about nation building," he said. "We say 'come along with us, listen to what we have to say', and all of those people will have a say in who becomes the party leader. That's

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LOCAL NEWS

Exuma parents threaten to take children out of school

By ALESHA CADET

ACCUSING the government of failing to supply the LN Coakley High School in Exuma with teachers for core subjects, parents are threatening to keep their children out of class until the situation is rectified.

In a statement issued to the press yesterday, the school's Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) said that in September 2009, the

Government accused of not providing enough teachers

school was promised that important teaching vacancies would be filled by January 15, 2010. However, to date, this promise has not been fulfilled.

The PTA is therefore calling on the Ministry of Education to

assign six teachers to the school by Monday, February 8. Failure to do so will result in students not being allowed to attend classes, the statement said.

Teachers are reportedly needed for biology, chemistry,

physics, mathematics, English and computer science. There is also need for an auto mechanic teacher, a physical education assistant and a guidance counsellor.

According to the PTA, several students will be taking BGCSE exams in these subjects at the end of the school year in May and desperately need expert guidance and help with coursework.

The statement said the ministry's failure to meet the January 15 deadline is a sign of its "blatant disregard" for the students of LN Coakley.

It said: "Is it the ministry's intent to destroy the dreams of our children? Is it that the children of Exuma dare not dream of careers of scientific proportions? Whatever the intent of the ministry, we the parents have arrived at our own conclusions."

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Kingsway Academy celebrates a legend

KINGSWAY Academy recently honoured Kelcine Hamilton for her 38 years of service as a teacher, vice-principal, principal and Academy affairs manager at the institution.

Many alumni, including Minister of State for Immigration Branville McCartney, Terez "Ms Daisy" Davis, ZNS reporter Clint Watson, Philip Simon, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, and countless others sung her praises during a special assembly.

Ms Hamilton joined Kingsway Academy in 1971 and taught grades three and four for several years. In 1979, when the high school was established, she was appointed the new teacher for this pioneering group of 28 students who had just completed grade six.

Ms Hamilton remembers the excitement of seeing the new high school building erected and dedicated in 1979.

She taught all of the grade seven subjects, with the exception of mathematics, Spanish and boys' physical education.

Ms Hamilton continued teaching language arts, history and social studies at the high school, then moved up the ranks to eventually become the high school's vice-principal and principal.

In 2000, she was appointed Academy affairs manager, the position that she held until her retirement in December 2009.

Over the years, Ms Hamilton combined her love for teaching with her own pursuit of academic excellence.

She holds a diploma in Christian Education from the Eastern Pentecostal Bible College in Canada, and received both her Bachelor of Science degree in Education and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Miami.

Ms Hamilton's call to education and ministry extended beyond Kingsway and into the community, her church and even overseas.

She has taught at the College of the Bahamas and Success Training College.

For years, Ms Hamilton assisted in the Music Ministry of Evangelistic Centre, served as treasurer for the National Youth Department of the Assemblies of God in the Bahamas, and as assistant national Sunday School director for the Assemblies



KELCINE Hamilton enjoying the songs and speeches in her honour.

of God and Turks and Caicos.

As a long-time member of Evangelistic Centre, Ms Hamilton formed a children's choir, led teams of missionaries to the Willamae Pratt Home for Girls, and to the Princess Margaret Hospital. She also organised many church trips to the Family Islands and many

countries in Europe, Asia, and the Caribbean.

Arnold Dorsett, chairman of the Kingsway Academy committee of management, said: "Ms Hamilton is irreplaceable. Her commitment to Kingsway (in the face of many changes) is remarkable. Ms Hamilton has left an indelible mark, not only on this institution but on the Bahamas, through the lives of the many alumni who have passed through this institution and who now fill significant roles in our society. She is truly a national treasure and Kingsway was blessed by her service for 38 years. May God continue to reward her abundantly for her contribution."

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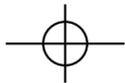
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LOCAL NEWS

Entertainer's son sentenced to 30 months

THE son of legendary entertainer John "Chippie" Chipman was sentenced to 30 months in prison and fined \$10,000 after pleading guilty to two marijuana possession charges.

Shayan Chipman, 36, of Lifebouy Street, appearing before

Magistrate Carolita Bethel yesterday, pleaded guilty to the charges of possession of marijuana with the intent to supply.

According to the prosecutor, Inspector Ercell Dorsett, the police, while executing a search warrant on an apartment complex on Lifebouy Street, found 13 lbs of marijuana in plastic bags in a bedroom, and another two lbs of marijuana in a freezer which was in an outside shed.

Chipman was arraigned with his father John Chipman, 81, who owns the apartment complex, and a relative, Kentrell Mackey, 27, of Carmichael Road.

The prosecution withdrew the charges against Mr John Chipman yesterday afternoon, but indicated that it would pursue the case against Mackey.

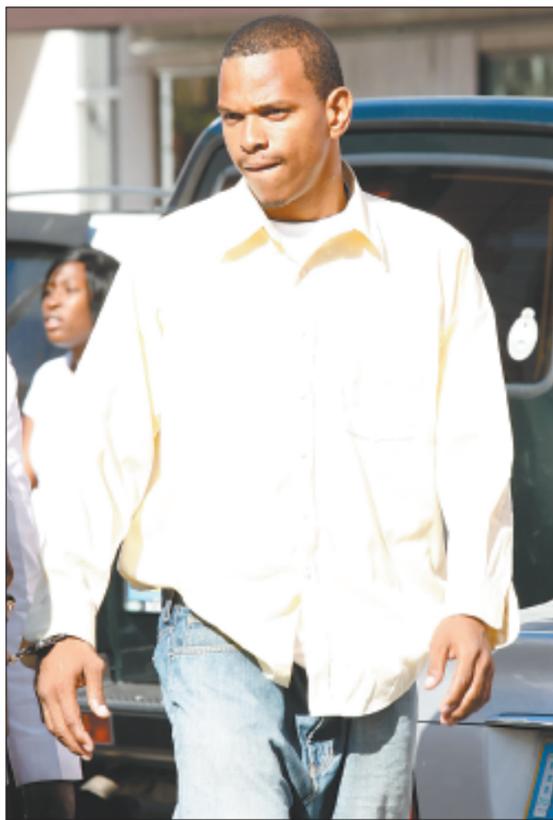
Attorney Ian Cargill, who represents Shayan Chipman, said his client, who is also an entertainer and a father of one, had fallen on hard



RIGHT: 36-year-old Shayan Chipman appears in court yesterday.

LEFT: Entertainer John 'Chippie' Chipman outside of court.

Photos: Tim Clarke/Tribune staff



times. Mr Cargill asked the court to be lenient with his client, noting that he had taken responsibility for the drugs from the onset and had apologised to his father for the embarrassment he had caused. Magistrate Bethel sentenced Chipman to 30 months in prison on

the first marijuana possession charge. She also fined him \$10,000 on that charge. Failure to pay the fine will result in an additional year in jail. He was also sentenced to a year in jail on the second drug charge. The sentences will run concurrently.

Date set for Anglican Archdeacon hearing

By NATARIO MCKENZIE
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A DATE has been set for a Supreme Court hearing in the ongoing controversy surrounding Anglican Archdeacon Etienne Bowleg.

"The matter has been adjourned to March 3. We are to provide Father Bowleg's attorneys with our submissions in writing by next week Friday and his attorneys are to send me a copy of their written submissions by the 22," attorney Damian Gomez said yesterday following a closed hearing in Supreme Court.

Senior Justice Jon Isaacs recently granted an injunction blocking Anglican Archbishop Laish Boyd or anyone else from removing Archdeacon Bowleg until his court matter is heard.

Archdeacon Bowleg contends that he is 64 years old, although with a 1937 birth certificate, he is recognised by the Anglican Diocese as being 72, two years beyond

the mandatory retirement age for Anglican priests.

"We are seeking to have the injunction set aside and to have the action struck out. My clients will be observing the court order. Father Bowleg will remain at the church of The Most Holy Trinity until this matter is resolved," Mr Gomez who represents the Anglican Archdioceses said.

"It's a top priority matter for us and the proper administration of the church hopefully, will resume immediately after the hearing on March 3," Mr Gomez said.

Archdeacon Bowleg also alleges that Archbishop Boyd does not have the authority to remove him as rector because the church regulation under which the bishop acted was never gazetted.

However Mr Gomez said yesterday: "We have set out in the affidavit of Bishop Gomez, the defendant's position and we have made reference to the 1967 regulations which predate the Interpretation and General Clauses Act."

Absent juror halts Brenton Smith Coroner's inquest

THE Coroner's inquest into the death of Brenton Smith did not proceed as planned yesterday as a juror was unable to attend court.

Smith, 18, was shot on the night of July 9, 2009 as he and a friend walked along a shortcut near the City Market food store on Village and Wulff Roads.

Earlier that night the food store had been robbed. Coroner William Campbell said that he had received a letter from the juror who indicated that she had an emergency minor surgery and was unfit to attend court.

The inquest will now resume on February 15 and 16 which had already been scheduled for the continuation of the hearing.

Attorney Romona Farquharson represents Corporal Kelsie Munroe — the police officer who is alleged to have shot Brenton. Deputy

Director of Public Prosecutions Cheryl Grant-Bethel and Stephanie Pintard appear

for the Crown. Attorney Roger Gomez Jr is representing the Smith family.

Man charged with gas station robbery

A 22-YEAR-OLD man charged in an armed robbery at a Texaco gas station earlier this week was remanded to Her Majesty's Prison yesterday.

Ryan Wayne Johnson of Florida Court is accused of robbing Treco Pratt of \$151, the property of the Texaco service station on Wulff Road, as well as receiving the cash. He is also accused of being in possession of a black Taurus 9mm handgun and nine 9mm bullets.

Johnson is further accused of robbing Romel Alfred of a \$500 Blackberry cellular phone, nine \$20 phone cards, nine \$10 phone cards, 25 \$5 phone cards, his Bahamian driver's licence and \$2,000 in cash. In addition, Johnson is accused of robbing Myrline Gelin of a \$120 Nine West handbag, a \$400 black Apple Iphone, a Haitian passport and other personal items.

Johnson, who was arraigned in Court 11, Nassau Street, was not required to enter a plea to the charges and was remanded to Her Majesty's Prison. His case has been adjourned to June 24.

COMMONWEALTH BANK

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON UNAUDITED RESULTS DECEMBER 31, 2009

Commonwealth Bank was able to report solid results for 2009, notwithstanding the global economic crisis and downturn in the local Bahamian economy. As the market declined, the Bank stuck steadfastly to its conservative personal banking focused business model. This focuses upon delivering superior quality service, creating value for our shareholders while promoting economic growth and stability, where possible, throughout our community. The Bank pays careful and ongoing attention to ensuring the safety, soundness and ongoing sustainability of the Bank through a rigorous process of control and a sustained and effective governance regime.

The results speak for themselves. Despite the faltering economy, total assets neared \$1.4 Billion, a marginal increase over 2008, and a new record for the Bank. For 2009, net earnings from the Bank's operations totaled \$42 Million, a 14.8% reduction over fiscal year 2008. The major contributor to the decline in profitability was primarily associated with the continuing conservative approach to credit risk management taken by the Bank. Total loan losses in 2009 exceeded the same category in 2008 by 41%, or \$7.6 million, the standard being a stringent 180 day contractual write off policy for consumer loans. In addition management applied a very conservative approach, in estimating allowances for loan impairment due to the nature of our portfolio. As a result balance sheet loan impairment allowances increased by 40% or more than \$10 million in 2009.

The results achieved, surpassed industry norms in the commonly used financial institution metrics such as the Return on Assets (ROA), Return on Equity (ROE) and Earnings Per Share (EPS), though they still represented declines for the Bank based on recent years performance in a thriving economy. Through close attention to cost control measures, operational efficiency exceeded the Bank's target measures and in all cases the Bank materially exceeds Central Bank guidelines and directives concerning operational performance.

The Credit Risk portfolio continues to be subject to rigorous monitoring and assessment techniques and is supported by a conservative philosophy to ensure that any current or anticipated portfolio impairment is identified promptly and assessed for potential loss on an individual and or collective basis. We continue to build on a solid foundation of key strengths, including a strong capital base, and a well recognized credit risk and expense management process. This has enabled the Bank to continuously report lower than average levels of non performing loans. (3% vs 9.4% for the industry at December 31st 2009).

The Bank's continuing and growing strong capital base supported by the existence of an available well developed and closely monitored liquidity profile provides the Bank with the tools necessary to achieve additional and cost-effective revenue generation.

A key element of the Bank's success belongs to the continuing support of shareholders and its customers. Based on 2009 earnings, the Bank was again able to distribute more than \$24.5 million to its more than 6,500 common shareholders.

Employee engagement remains an important objective for the Bank and we are committed to increasing this important attribute on a constant basis. We believe our extraordinary workplace is a true sense of strength for the Bank as well as a competitive advantage as we move forward.

On behalf of the Board I would like to acknowledge the ongoing contribution of the individual directors and the personnel throughout the Bank who continue to contribute to the growth and success of the Bank.

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COMMONWEALTH BANK LTD. UNAUDITED RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009

	2009	2008
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NET INCOME (\$'Millions)	42	49
NET INCOME AVAILABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS (\$'Millions)	36	43
EPS (IN CENTS) BASIC AND FULLY DILUTED	37	44
RETURN ON EQUITY	27%	35%

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A YOUNG boy suffering from earthquake crush injuries to his head and arm at the Cite Lumiere hospital, a recipient hospital of medical supplies delivered through flights by Bahamas Methodist Habitat

A delegation from the Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church recently visited Les Cayes, Haiti to assess the situation in the Haitian province and get firsthand experience of how and where the emergency supplies the church sends to the region is received and distributed. Les Cayes is located 120 miles southwest of Port au Prince and is the third largest city in Haiti.

The delegation was led by Henry Knowles, General Secretary of the Methodist Conference and Abraham McIntyre, executive director of the Bahamas Methodist Habitat, the mission arm of the Conference. Cameron King, long term volunteer and pilot for Methodist Habitat, along with other volunteer pilots from the United States also made the trip. The delegation flew into Haiti with two airplanes of loaded with supplies for the community.

In partnership with the Rotary Club of the Bahamas and Odyssey Aviation, Methodist Habitat continues to fly airplanes into provinces outside of Port au Prince. “Most people do not realize that Haiti is more than just Port au Prince and though the capital city was most directly affected by the earthquake, as a result of the devastation in Port au Prince millions of people have relocated into the other much smaller provinces, completely overwhelming the resources of the communities”, said Mr Knowles.

“The commitment of the Methodist Church and Rotary is to provide emergency aid to these provinces. America is in Port au Prince now, but very little attention is being given

to the rest of Haiti.”

Within 48 hours of the earthquake the team began organizing local and foreign volunteer pilots to fly items into Haiti. More than 45 flights have been made, delivering 60,000 pounds of badly needed medical and humanitarian supplies, into such provinces as Les Cayes, Jeremie, Port de Paix, Cap Haitian, Jacmel, Pignon, and the island of La Gonave.

According to Mr McIntyre, “this trip to Les Cayes was an important one for us. Not only did we want to see the distribution network but we wanted to meet some of the wonderful people who have assisted us on the ground in Haiti and visit some of the places we are helping. We did not want to be tourists in Haiti, snapping pictures and doing photo ops, we wanted to be participants in ministry,” he said.

Dan Shoemaker, President of the Reciprocal Ministries International, the hub of humanitarian aid in Les Cayes, shared with the Methodist delegation, “we need help here too. Everyone focuses on Port au Prince, no one focusing on us. Half of Port au Prince has moved out. Homes in Les Cayes have taken in up to 20 people from Port au Prince. We have a growing disaster on our hands too and we do not have the resources to cope with it.” According to Shoemaker, “1,500 airplanes have been turned away from Port au Prince but rather than sending them to other places in Haiti, they are sent back home.”

The Methodist delegation first visited the Cite Luiere Clinic, a mission hospital where medical aid was sent from the Bahamas. The hos-

pital was inundated with hundreds of earthquake victims from Port au Prince, all with different degrees of crush injuries.

“We have limited supplies here in this hospital, on a normal day we are outmatched by the medical care needed. We have to make do with whatever we can to treat people,” said Dr Bell, the chief administrator and surgeon at the hospital, as he showed the delegation a man whose crushed leg had to be braced with construction rebar and Bondo.

He added, “This is a difficult environment to work in, but the spirit of you guys from the Bahamas is so encouraging.” The doctor also reassured the team that all the medical supplies were being put to use as soon as they arrived at the hospital. The team was assured by Dr Bell that all medical supplies were being put to use as soon as they arrived at the hospital. “Everything is put to use immediately. We have no time to store anything. The people need them now.”

The advantage of the small airplanes being used by the Methodist Habitat for Haiti is that they can land on the short airstrips in the rural Haitian provinces, which most large aircrafts cannot. “Small planes can bring 1,000lbs of essential aid to save lives”, said Dr Bell.

Benjamin, the local mission centre’s administrator and Creole translator highlighted the impact that the Methodist Church and Rotary Club of the Bahamas are having on Les Cayes, “In two days after the earthquake we had people coming to our town bleeding and broken with missing limbs. We had no help. But when we heard planes were coming from the Bahamas with supplies, there was much singing in the village.” He continued, “God always provides. God always put people in your way to help you.”

In the midst of all the pain and suffering happening at the hospital, as the delegation were about to leave for their next stop, singing could be heard from the patients. It was in Creole but it had a profound impact on the group.

The next stop was a refugee tent city established for persons from Port au Prince where about 50 tents each able to house were set up. The delegation met Dr Robert Leger, Past Assistant Governor of Rotary and chief logistics coordinator for Rotary in the region.

Although retired from active medicine, Dr Leger was the only skilled surgeon in the region as the earthquake victims began to arrive from Port au Prince, and he found himself treating hundreds of trauma patients, using whatever supplies he could find or create. The group presented Dr. Leger with the supplies that they flew in with them and toured General Hospital.

Another day ends and another one begins. With every sunrise the many volunteer airplanes of Methodist Habitat take to the southern sky. Their cargos vary but the mission remains the same - bring hope and help to the people of Haiti.

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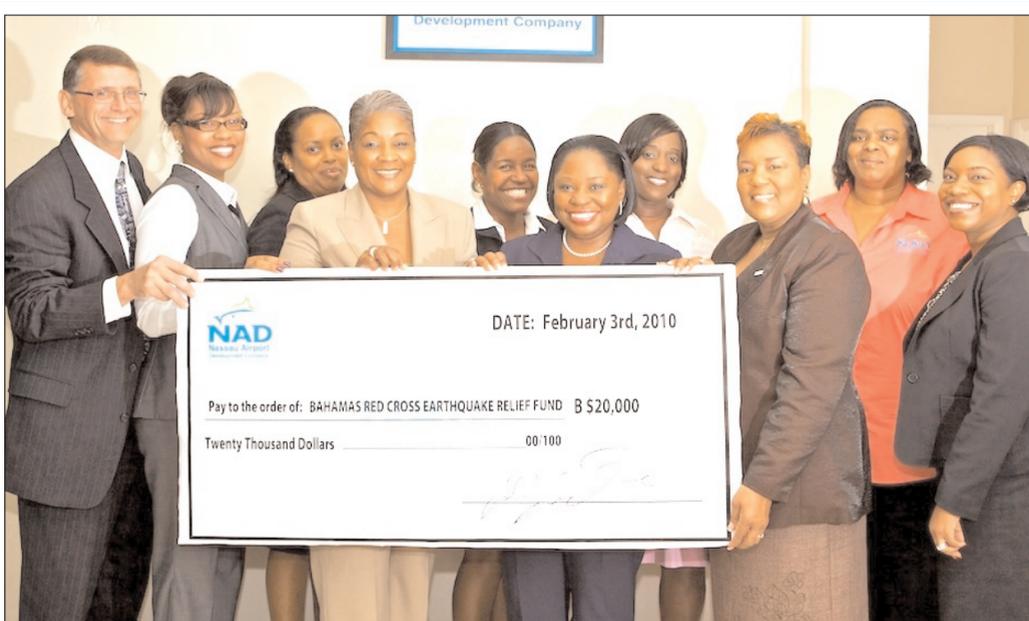
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LOCAL NEWS

Pope to priests: Go forth and blog

By ARIEL DAVID
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POPE Benedict XVI has a new commandment for priests struggling to get their message across: Go forth and blog, according to the Associated Press.

The pope, whose own presence on the Web has heavily grown in recent years, urged priests on Saturday to use all multimedia tools at their disposal to preach the Gospel and engage in dialogue with people of other religions and cultures.

And just using e-mail or surfing the Web is often not enough: Priests should use cutting-edge technologies to express themselves and lead their communities, Benedict said in a message released by the Vatican.

"The spread of multimedia communications and its rich 'menu of options' might make us think it sufficient simply to be present on the Web," but priests are "challenged to proclaim the Gospel by employing the latest generation of audiovisual resources," he said.

The message, prepared for the World Day of Communications, suggests such possibilities as images, videos, animated features, blogs, and Web sites.

Benedict said young priests should become familiar with new media while still in seminary, though he stressed that the use of new technologies must reflect theological and spiritual principles.

"Priests present in the world of digital communications should be less notable for their media savvy than for their priestly heart, their closeness to Christ," he said.

The 82-year-old pope has often been wary of new media, warning about what he has called the tendency of entertainment media, in particular, to trivialize sex and promote violence, while lamenting that the endless stream of news can make people insensitive to tragedies.

But Benedict has also praised new ways of communicating as a "gift to humanity" when used to foster friendship and understanding.

The Vatican has tried hard to keep up to speed with the rapidly changing field.

New GB computer centre offers free computer lessons

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FREETPORT - Lucaya MP Neko Grant announced that free computer lessons are now available for his constituents at the new computer centre which was dedicated in the memory of his late daughter Nekarla Grant.

The centre, which is located at the rear of the Charhouse House on Beachway Drive, is open from 11am to 6pm.

Mr Grant said that 10 new computers have been installed and an instructor has been hired at the facility.

"We are pleased to announce that the Nek's Team Lucaya Community Centre which was opened just before Christmas has commenced

phase one of our community programme, offering free computer lessons to adults and children in the Lucaya Constituency.

"The computer centre is dedicated to the memory of my late daughter Nekarla Grant, who was committed to helping people and this computer centre will do that. I think it is a fitting tribute to her life," said Mr Grant.

Nekarla Grant, a lawyer, was employed at the Grand Bahama Port Authority's legal department when she died in September last year.

Mr Grant is urging constituents to take advantage of the free lessons offered. He said that lessons run for about one hour and 10 persons can be accommodated per session. Phase two of the communi-



Neko Grant

ty programme, he said, will offer after-school homework assistance, which will begin in the second quarter.

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Car catches fire on Dolphin Drive

A CAR caught on fire on Dolphin Drive after it stalled due to overheating on Tuesday morning. Owner Ernest Green, a resident of Tropical Gardens, pushed his car to the side of the

road with the intention of waiting until it had cooled down. As he sat in the car waiting for assistance he noticed smoke coming from underneath the hood.

Mr Green explained: "I

thought the smoke was just from the car overheating but then when I saw the paint start to flake off of the hood — I knew it was something more and I quickly got my stuff out of the car."

The smoke continued and eventually the sports utility vehicle (SUV) caught on fire, burning for around 15 minutes before a fire truck arrived.

Fire Services are investigating the cause of the fire.



SAC wins 2009 IBS Build-A-Bridge Challenge

IBS Build-A-Bridge Challenge 2009 winning school team, St Augustine's College, shown with (l to r) Nick Dean, Principal, IBS; George Green, mentor teacher; and Deshon Fox, Engineer, IBS. The winning bridge, constructed only of 100 Popsicle sticks and all purpose school glue, held 160.40 lbs before failing. St. John's College finished in second place and Kingsway Academy finished in third place.

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Man in hospital after stabbing

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FREEPORT – A 55-year-old man is in hospital in critical condition after being stabbed.

The victim, a resident of Holmes Rock, is being treated in the Intensive Care Unit at Rand Memorial Hospital with an injury to the jaw.

Asst Supt Loretta Mackey said the Eight Mile Rock police station received a report sometime around 11.20pm on Tuesday that a man was hit in the face with an object by a woman.

Police and emergency medical personnel responded to the scene. The victim was taken by ambulance to hospital where he was treated by doctors.

Initial reports revealed that the victim was stabbed with a knife in the jaw.

Ms Mackey said that a 45-year-old woman, a resident of Eight Mile Rock, is assisting police with their investigation.

COURT MATTERS

A 26-year-old High Rock man was charged in the Freeport Magistrate's Court with several offences, including house-breaking.

Emmet Collins appeared on Wednesday before Deputy Chief Magistrate Helen Jones in Court Two, where he pleaded guilty to house-breaking, stealing and receiving in connection with a complaint that was made on February 1 by a resident of High Rock.

Magistrate Jones sentenced Collins to one year in prison for housebreaking and stealing and dismissed the receiving count. A teenager pleaded guilty to stealing and was sentenced to two years in prison.

Ronel Gary, 19, of Eight Mile Rock, appeared before Deputy Chief Magistrate Helen Jones on the charge of stealing from a shop.

The matter is in connection with a complaint made on January 31, when the accused stole from Atlantic Meat and Vegetable Store an assortment of copper pipes valued at \$20,000.

Prime Minister pays tribute to Emeritus Rex Nettleford

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PRIME Minister Hubert Ingraham has expressed his sympathy on the passing of "proverbial renaissance man", former University of West Indies Vice-Chancellor Emeritus Rex Nettleford.

"Both Jamaica and the wider Caribbean have lost a native son whose extraordinary talents will be missed. The Bahamas joins Caribbean people throughout the world in mourning the death of this revered cultural icon," said Mr Ingraham in a statement released yesterday.

Rhodes scholar, author, cultural and social commentator and Caribbean icon, Mr Nettleford died

in Washington, DC, on Tuesday after suffering a heart attack on January 27. He had been in the US to attend a fundraising gala for the University of the West Indies.

He was 77, due to turn 78 just hours later.

Mr Ingraham said: "On behalf of the government and people of the Bahamas I offer condolences to the family of Ralston Milton "Rex" Nettleford, OM, who passed away yesterday. I also wish to express sympathy to the Jamaican people on the passing of their native son who was the proverbial Renaissance man."

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nary contributions to Jamaica, the wider Caribbean, and the Caribbean Diaspora as an educator, sociologist, writer, social critic, dancer, choreographer and trade unionist. He was a committed regionalist who was also internationally recognised for his intellectual and creative pursuits," he stated.

Mr Ingraham noted the major contributions Mr Nettleford made to the cultural landscape of Jamaica, for example through his founding of and service as the artistic director and principal choreographer of the National Dance Theatre Company (NDTC) of

Jamaica.

"He led the company for nearly 50 years and was himself a brilliant dancer," said the prime minister.

"He was a profoundly Caribbean man who celebrated the unique history of the region through his writings and artistic expression. He was deeply committed to education as a major vehicle for regional development."

Mr Nettleford was the cultural advisor to the Prime Minister of Jamaica, and served as a cultural advisor to Carifesta and UNESCO, as well as to the government of Ghana.

After serving as UWI's vice-chancellor for many years, Mr Nettleford held the post of professor of extra mural studies at the Caribbean university at the time of his death.

Bahamian economy set for minor turnaround

FROM page one

Minister Hubert Ingraham last night said indications are that the "worst of the recession is over".

"Some improvement in the job market is under way. Tourism numbers are improving and government revenue is showing signs of some firming up," Mr Ingraham said in his yearly televised address to the nation.

Last year, the Bahamian economy declined by about four per cent as it felt the brunt of the global downturn.

"Tourism contracted sharply. Construction activity weakened as foreign direct investments fell. Unemployment rose and government revenue decreased. It was indeed a difficult year," said the Prime Minister.

No country was spared the impact of the economic fall-off, but signs in early 2010 are that conditions are beginning to improve, bringing with them meagre stimulus for a slow revival in prosperity.

However, Mr Ingraham warned that this will take time and the Bahamas' economy remains "inextricably linked to the world economy and predominantly the economy of the United States" which continues to shed jobs despite its six per cent growth rate in the last quarter of 2009 being the fastest in six years. Despite the fourth quarter bump, the US economy shrank by 2.4 per cent overall in 2009.

"A US and international recovery will positively impact our economy. The economy of the Bahamas is inextricably

linked to the world economy and predominantly the economy of the United States. We will use these gains as they occur to begin reclaiming ground lost due to the recession. We will also move aggressively on initiatives we are taking to transform our nation and achieve greater peace, productivity and prosperity in the years ahead," said the Prime Minister.

Outlining some of initiatives to boost the economy in the short to medium term, Mr Ingraham said the government intends to deliver on: "a new investment promotion thrust; a more refined and diversified tourism initiative aimed at today's more discerning international travellers; an enhanced framework for supporting and promoting small and medium size busi-

ness development; targeted efforts toward securing and growing financial services; continued emphasis on promoting home ownership; modernization of our fiscal regime for enhanced efficiency and business facilitation; a new Planning and Subdivision Act and regulations to bring better order to our development going forward and the exploration of alternative sources of energy and related green initiatives."

The Prime Minister advised that he "fully expects" that as the country's economic fortunes begin to reverse, the government "will be able to refocus on our traditional fiscal targets - lower government deficits, less borrowing and more favourable debt - GDP ratio."

The government has

recently seen its debt to gross domestic product ratio rise to around the 50 per cent level as a result of its increased public spending in hard times, meaning that in a time of squeezed revenue, it has been forced to put aside greater sums for debt servicing whilst also seeing a downgrading in its international credit rating that will inhibit the ease with which it can access funds on the international market until matters improves.

"An economic turnaround will permit us to reinvest in our fiscal health and reestablish the necessary fiscal space to weather the next economic storm when it comes," said the Prime Minister.

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International firms 'set to bring investment dollars into the Bahamas'

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received a boost in recent times.

In this regard, Mr Ingraham revealed that these businesses are in the process of opening "corporate headquarters, sales offices and training facilities in the Bahamas".

He made his comments during his annual televised address to the nation, during which he touched on a selection of issues relevant to the nation's economic and social health and its outlook in the year ahead.

As foreign direct investment in the tourism and second-home sectors dropped last year and have yet to

begin to recover, the Prime Minister sought to focus on some brighter spots on the economic landscape.

"Most notably, the exclusive Swiss watchmaker Rolex (Caribbean) has received approval to locate its watchmaking and repair training centre in New Providence; Oldcastle Building Products (Caribbean) was approved to operate its sales office for the region and North America from New Providence, and Brimac Environmental Group received approval to transfer its corporate headquarters to The Bahamas," said Mr Ingraham of the international companies entering the country.

Mr Ingraham also hailed the nearly-

completed \$200 million redevelopment of the BORCO Pinder's Point and Lewis Yard oil storage and refining facility by owners Vopak Terminal Bahamas in Grand Bahama and the further \$300 million expansion of the facility scheduled to commence later this spring as projects which enhance employment prospects for Bahamians.

"Vopaks continued investment in its Grand Bahama facilities bring increased job security to the 169 Bahamians engaged at the facility and is expected to create an additional 30 jobs once the expansion comes on stream."

"Work associated with the expansion has already created some 250 con-

struction jobs and this number is projected to increase to as many as 600 jobs at the peak of construction," said Mr Ingraham.

The Prime Minister pointed to the acquisition of South Riding Point Holdings by Statoilhydro in Grand Bahama late last year as a move which "provides an excellent opportunity for that facility to once again become an important contributor to the Grand Bahama economy".

"The upgrade and refurbishment of the facility will result in the arrest and reversal of the substantial environmental degradation which has taken place at the site over the years," added Mr Ingraham.

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Prime Minister in Jamaica

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While in the Bahamas the Jamaican-born archbishop headed a number of religious, educational, and social programmes that targeted the personal needs of the people in the community.

He established the Roman Catholic Stewardship programme, Forward Together in Faith, an umbrella programme designed to create a higher level of involvement, enthusiasm, and commitment within the church. He spearheaded the building of the new St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, which was just completed before he was transferred to Jamaica in 2004 to become the fourth archbishop of Kingston.

He was appointed Bishop of the Catholic Diocese in the Bahamas in 1981. When the Diocese was elevated to an Archdiocese he became the Bahamas' first archbishop.

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NDP 'gives Bahamians a say at party level'

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how we will progress.

"I think you have to make every effort to give individuals (candidates) the opportunity to speak in front of persons who are truly looking for an individual who is going to be a strong representative, not necessarily of the party of their choice, but who they can identify with."

He added: "We believe the FNM and the PLP are one and the same. The decision making in those political parties has much to do with a small group with special interests making decisions in the best interest of their cliques and special interest groups.

"Your chance of growing in those parties will be about following whatever is going on regardless of your view."

Dr Rollins said the current political system is not truly democratic and should be based on ideas, rather than the aspirations of individuals.

"We have to remember that this is not about us," Dr Rollins said.

"This is not about individuals elected to office, it's about the Bahamian people. We have to cast our egos aside and work for the greater good."

The NDP candidate's plans for Elizabeth include installing a shelter at the bus stop near Her Majesty's Prison on Joe Farrington Road, removing derelict and abandoned vehicles, addressing shanty town settlements, and extending opening hours at the Elizabeth Estates library and health clinic.

LOCAL NEWS

Workers' Party demands disqualification of FNM candidate Dr Duane Sands

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required by the Constitution of any candidate who wishes to be eligible to be elected to the House of Assembly.

"I've come to ask you to investigate it and to have his (Dr Sands') name withdrawn from the ballot. Let us not have to go to court where a judge will once again have to condemn this office. The rule of law must prevail or else we are going to have anarchy in the country," Mr Moncur said, reiterating comments he made on Tuesday regarding Dr Sands' eligibility.

The stunned regulator said he would look into Mr Moncur's claims.

While he declined to issue a full statement, Mr Bethel told the media that he did not think he had the power to remove Dr Sands' name from the ballot and added that he did not think the returning officer made any mistake when he accepted the doctor's nomination papers last week.

Outside the Parliamentary Registrar's Office, Mr Moncur remained confident that he had seen off one of his heavyweight opponents. He said his focus now lies on disqualifying the Progressive Liberal Party's candidate Ryan Pinder from the race and the other candidates.

"Now that we have knocked Dr Sands out, the same constitution is about to be used to knock Leo Ryan Pinder out. Having knocked out the mulatto, I shall pursue the white man!"

Despite Mr Moncur's confidence, *The Tribune* spoke with a number of lawyers who all argued that his point

is invalid.

Mr Moncur's argument is based on his interpretation of Article 48, section one, subsection (J) of the Constitution which 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 asserts that this would have required Dr Sands to make the required disclosure a full month before February 16.

Attorney Wayne Munroe explained that the section of the Constitution that Mr Moncur cited, would only apply to a person already elected to the House of Assembly and could only be tried in an election court.

"His problem is moot, the only time it would arise to be tried if Duane Sands is elected — it's not as clear cut as Mr Moncur (asserts). Dr Sands can't be stopped from running," he said.

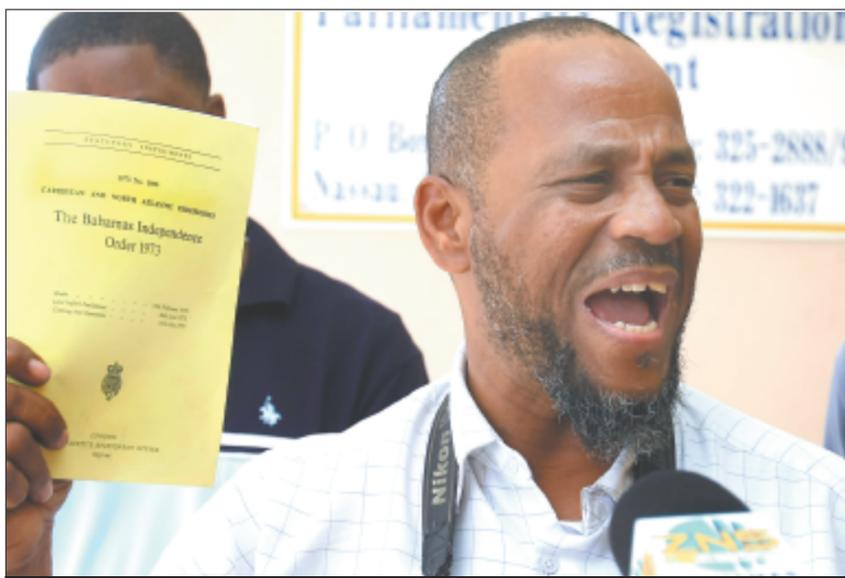
Fred Smith, QC, said the word "within" refers to the time between the date of calling the election and the actual election — not a month before the race.

"I think that Mr Moncur's argument does not have any merit. Otherwise, the Government calling the election could effectively manipulate the system to deprive an Opposition candidate of the opportunity of running," he said.

On Monday, in the disclosure of assets of all candidates published in the Government Notice of Nomina-

tion gazette, Dr Sands revealed that he "owns shares in a medical company which has a contract with the Bahamas government to provide cancer treatment services."

Dr Sands has dismissed Mr Moncur's arguments and said he has no plans to withdraw from the race. His party also contends that Mr Moncur's argument is not legally sound.



RODNEY MONCUR of the Workers' Party speaks out yesterday.

Killings bring year's homicide total to eight

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Mahogany Street, Pinewood Gardens, Nassau, at around 11pm on Wednesday.

Trestina Fernander, 22, was taken to hospital but died later that night. Police are questioning a man.

Ms Fernander was listed as the eighth homicide victim of the year, as she died just hours after a man who had been shot in Plantol Street four weeks ago died in hospital.

Rashid Woodside, 23, was shot several times by a drive-by gunman in a black Honda Accord at around 3.20pm on January 5 and was taken to hospital in a private vehicle where he remained for nearly a month until his death at around 7pm

on Wednesday.

The eight deaths amounts to nearly two a week in the fifth week of 2010, and matches the murder rate at the same time last year.

However police hope murders will not soar to the heights of 2009's 87 homicides as they have a number of new measures in place to help reduce violent crime.

The 2009 murder toll followed 72 murders in 2008, which Minister of National Security noted was four times higher than the five murders per 100,000 people deemed acceptable by international standards.

Assistant Superintendent Bethel said he does not expect the murder rate to continue breaking records

year on year as new Commissioner of Police Ellison Greenslade introduces new strategies for the Royal Bahamas Police Force.

Mr Bethel said: "Because of the initiatives that we have in place now, we are going to reduce a number of the incidents of crime. I cannot give you the details about what we have in place specifically, but it is all geared towards reducing these serious matters; shootings, stabbings, armed robberies, and murders."

Any information relating to the latest killings should be submitted to police as a matter of urgency by calling 911, 919 or Crime Stoppers anonymously on 328-TIPS (8477).

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Mrs. Edna Mae Albury, 91

of Warwick Street, Nassau, The Bahamas, will be held at Ebenezer Methodist Church, East Shirley Street, Nassau, on Monday, 8th February, 2010 at 2:30p.m.



Reverend William R. Higgs, President of The Bahamas Conference of The Methodist Church will officiate and interment will be in Ebenezer Methodist Cemetery, East Shirley Street.

Mrs. Albury is predeceased by her husband, Leonard Parks Albury and is survived by her sons, Gary and Lester Albury, daughter, Mary Lou Saunders, grandsons, Andrew Saunders and Lenny Albury, granddaughters, Debbie Ranson, Dawn Walkine, Valerie Albury, Hope Albury, Patrice Lleida and Amanda Albury, brother, Sidney Albury, son-in-law, Cedric Saunders, daughters-in-law, Teddy Albury and Patricia Albury, grandson-in-law, Stephen Lleida, granddaughter-in-law, Ingrid Saunders, sisters-in-law, Persis Albury and Norma Albury, great-grandchildren, Tara Van Volkom, Kimberly Ranson, Kristen Scarsellato, Michelle Ranson, Chelsea Saunders, Alex Saunders, Madison Saunders, Ashlyn Lleida, Amber Lleida, Andre Walkine and Jasmine Walkine, great-grand son-in-law, Ian Scarsellato and many other relatives and friends.

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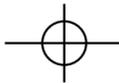
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• BAISS PLAYOFFS •

Giants defeat Cougars 56-44

Big Red Machine top Falcons

By **RENALDO DORSETT**
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WITH the second slate of BAISS sudden death playoffs in the books, four championship series' are now set, with the junior matchups playing out as the seeding suggested.

JUNIOR BOYS

#2 St. John's College Giants - 56
#3 C.W Saunders Cougars - 44

The Giants dynamic duo accounted for nearly 80 percent of their teams total points and withstood a second half rally from the Cougars to advance to the championship round.

Anwar Neely scored a game high 24 points while Aaron Campbell added 20 points to earn the Giants second junior boys championship berth within the last three years.

Neely opened with the game's first pair of baskets and the duo scored each of the team's baskets in the opening quarter.

The Cougars came within two, 8-6, after a pair of free throws from Andre Stubbs, however Campbell answered with a three point play and Neely added a runner late in the shot clock to give the Giants a 13-6 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Giants' lead reached double figures for the first time when Neely made two at the charity stripe for a 19-8 lead with 3:37 left to play in the second quarter.

The lighting quick and elusive guard gave the Giants their biggest lead of the game with when he was fouled on a reverse layup and successfully converted on a three point play for a 31-12 advantage.

A frenetic full court trap sparked a 7-0 run for the Cougars, but with just seconds remaining, Neely dribbled by a series of defenders to get off a layup attempt which Campbell rebounded and tipped in just before time expired.

The Giants led 33-19 at the half.

With Campbell in foul trouble, the Cougars defense keyed in on Neely and limited the Giants to their lowest scoring quarter of the game.

The Cougars opened the quarter on a 12-6 run to come within single digits for the first time since the early second quarter.

A deep jumper by Dane Rolle trimmed the deficit, 39-31 with 1:05 left to play in the quarter.

Neely answered with a pair of free throws to extend the lead to 10, but the Giants interior defense struggled to contend with the size Stubbs.

Stubbs scored nine of his team high 20 points in the third quarter and his jump hook brought the Cougars within seven, 41-34 with 20 seconds left in the period.

Neely again had an answer when he drained a three pointer from the right wing as time expired to regain the Giants double figure margin headed into the fourth quarter, 44-34.

With Campbell back on the floor in the fourth, the Cougars never threatened again and failed to come within single digits.

The duo scored the opening baskets of the quarter and Campbell gave the Giants their biggest lead of the fourth with a driving layup for a 51-36 lead.

Kiano Thompson chipped



AARON Campbell drives the lane for a runner. Campbell finished with 20 points in the Giants 56-44 win yesterday at the Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium.



KIANO Thompson goes up for two of his six points on a fastbreak layup.

in with six points for the Giants while Rolle added eight for the Cougars.

The Giants advance to face the undefeated and top seeded SAC Big Red Machine.

JUNIOR GIRLS

#2 St. Augustine's College Big Red Machine - 24

#3 Jordan Prince William Falcons - 17

The Big Red Machine matched their male counterparts in the junior division, making it a perfect sweep of the Falcons in both elimination rounds.

SAC led 13-6 at the end of the third quarter, but foul trouble and sharpshooting at the free throw line brought the Falcons within striking distance late in the contest.

Four Big Red Machine players fouled out in the final period and the Falcons Jonekia Kelly capitalised.

Kelly made seven of eight from the line in the period and her final shot brought

the Falcons within three, 20-17 with 1:21 left to play.

Mica Cunningham stepped up when the Big Red Machine needed it most with three of her seven points in the game's waning moments.

Cunningham made one of two at the line to give her team a two possession lead.

Kelly fouled on the next possession, leaving the Falcons without a scoring option late in the game.

Sheyanne Thompson led the Big Red Machine with eight points, Cunningham added seven and Kayshell Aderley chipped in with six.

Kelly led all scorers with 13.

Results of the Senior Girls matchup between the Big Red Machine and Westminster Diplomats and the Senior Boys matchup between the Big Red Machine and the St. John's Giants were unavailable to press time.



GIANTS' guard Anwar Neely blows by the outstretched arm of Cougars' center Andre Stubbs on his way to the basket. Neely finished with a game high 24 points in the Giants 56-44 playoff win yesterday at the Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium.

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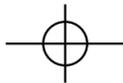


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SPORTS

Masters Softball League All-Star contest on Sunday

THE Masters Softball League will stage its All-Star contest this Sunday, February 7th, beginning at 1pm. The pennant leading and undefeated Micholette Stokers will field a league high seven all stars highlighted by home runs and RBI leader Culbert Evans, hits leader Tyrone Stubbs, and wins and ERA leader Hector Rolle.

MASTERS SOFTBALL LEAGUE ALL-STARS

• PINEAPPLE PICKERS •

POSITION	PLAYER	TEAM
Firstbase	Mike Major	Willam's Construction Jets
	Georger Turner	St. Agnes Lions
Secondbase	Andrew Stubbs	Bamboo Shack Bulls
	Eddie Ferguson	Alco Air Condition Raiders
Thirdbase	Edwin Culmer	Andeous Insurance Brokers
	Joe McPhee	Tony's Tiger Royals
Shortstop	Ronald Seymour	Micholette Stokers
	Mike Moss	Andeous Insurance Brokers
Leftfield	Adlai Moss	Micholette Stokers
	Lester Dean	Micholette Stokers
Centerfield	Culbert Evans	Micholette Stokers
	Addington Cambridge	Andeous Ins. Brokers
Rightfield	Larry Thompson	Six Pack Abs
	Hermes Ferguson	Six Pack Abs
Catcher	Lionel Neely	Bamboo Shack Bulls
	Anthony Bowe	Alco Air Condition Raiders
Pitcher	Hector Rolle	Micholette Stokers
	Robert Gilbert	Six Pack Abs
	Ken O'Brien	St. Agnes Lions
Utility	Larry Forbes	Andeous Insurance Brokers
	Gaylord Knowles	Alco Air Condition Raiders
	Carlton Neely	Tony's Tiger Royals
	Hugh O'Brien	St. Agnes Lions
Manager	Pat Evans	Williams Construction Jets
	Anthony Huyler	Bamboo Shack Bulls
Coach	Sonny Haven	Williams Construction Jets

• WATERMELON SPLASHERS •

POSITION	PLAYER	TEAM
Firstbase	Tony Robinson	Micholette Stokers
	Lopez Huyler	Bamboo Shack Bulls
Secondbase	Brad Smith	Willam's Construction Jets
	Tyrone Stubbs	Micholette Stokers
Thirdbase	Gary Johnson	Willam's Construction Jets
	Dennis Davis	Six Pack Abs
Shortstop	Mario Ford	Willam's Construction Jets
	Keith Armbrister	Bamboo Shack Bulls
Leftfield	James Sands	Bamboo Shack Bulls
	Joe Jones	Tony's Tiger Royals
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	Jeff Cooper	Willam's Construction Jets
Rightfield	Ken Symonette	Bamboo Shack Bulls
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	Lee Rahming	Willam's Construction Jets
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	Bertie Murray	Willam's Construction Jets
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What Dat? It's the story of 'Who Dat'

FOOTBALL
NEW ORLEANS
Associated Press

WITH New Orleans Saints flags fluttering from its roof, the black SUV rolled past a bus stop on Tchoupitoulas Street early in the morning.

"Who Dat!" came the cheer from the SUV's open windows.

"I Dat!" cried the fans at the stop.

"You Dat!"

Then, everybody together: "We Dat!"

Smiles and fist bumps all around.

With the Saints in the Super Bowl for the first time, the team's "Who Dat" cheer has become something a little bit more: A greeting, a chant, a taunt and a ritual in a city where love of the home team has rarely correlated to victories in 43 years of NFL football.

The origins of "Who Dat" aren't clear, though the phrase apparently goes back to late 19th-century minstrel shows.

The story of "Who Dat" and the Saints goes back to one of the club's rare hopeful moments in its first two decades. In 1983, New Orleans hired coach Bum Phillips, a guy who wore a white cowboy hat and promised big wins. The Saints won four of their first six games, and for the ever-optimistic fans, the future looked bright.

That's when Ron Swoboda — who had heard a New Orleans high school use it — decided the "Who Dat" chant perfectly captured the hopeful mood. The chant, "Who dat,



Judi Bottom/AP Photo

IN THIS photo taken on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010, a "Who Dat" flag with a fleur-de-lis hangs in the French Quarter in New Orleans. The New Orleans Saints play the Indianapolis Colts in Super Bowl XLIV on Sunday in Miami.

who dat, who dat say gonna beat dem Saints," is frequently shortened to just "Who Dat."

"Things were looking so good for the Saints, people were thinking playoffs and rightfully so," remembered Swoboda, who gained fame with a key World Series catch for the 1969 New York Mets, and was a local sportscaster in 1983. "That 'Who Dat' chant seemed to connect the fans to the team and how they felt for them."

Swoboda got five Saints players — Dave Waymer, Brad Edelman, John Hill, Reggie Lewis and Louis Oubre — to chant the "Who Dats", and Aaron Neville to

sing "When the Saints Go Marching In" on a record that became an instant best-seller in New Orleans.

"It was a fun thing to do," Neville said. "We wanted to do something the fans would like and something that would show the team the kind of support they had."

After Neville's first recording, at least 11 more versions have been recorded, including a recent one by Neville himself. Among the others are such classics as: "Are You A Who Dat?"; "Who Dat is Coming Out"; and, "A Who Dat Christmas" by the Who Dat Children's Choir.

"'Who Dat' belongs to this city," said 69-year-old Rick

Sins, a season ticketholder since the first year. "That's the way a lot of us talk, anyway. But it's ours. You saw how fast the NFL backed down on that issue."

The slogan has been reproduced on T-shirts, headbands, signs, the back windows of cars and sides of buildings throughout the area.

The NFL, which was not bothered by the merchandise for years, moved to stop T-shirt shops from selling shirts with the slogan immediately after the Saints beat the Minnesota Vikings in the NFC Championship game, earning the right to play the Indianapolis Colts in the Super Bowl on Sunday.

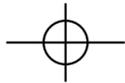
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Power plant opponents bid for new injunction

* Attorney for those fighting \$105m project says court hearing dates of 'extreme urgency', as July completion dates could lead to 'justice delayed being justice denied'

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Opponents of the Bahamas Electricity Corporation's (BEC) \$105 million Abaco power plant have again applied to the Supreme Court for an injunction to stop construction work at a hearing where both sides are present, amid concerns that their Judicial Review application could be rendered 'null and void' by the facility's completion.

Fred Smith QC, the Callenders & Co attorney and partner representing the Responsible Development for Abaco (RDA) organisation in its action against BEC and various government ministers/yesterday that he and his clients feared "justice delayed being justice denied".

Mr Smith said he had currently been unable to obtain a date from the Supreme Court on which it would hear RDA's new injunction application, nor get a date for the main Judicial Review application trial.

He was also seeking a date from the Court of Appeal on RDA's application for permission to appeal to the Privy Council the previous rulings denying the first injunction application.

The Callenders & Co QC said obtaining an early date for the hearing of all these matters was critical, since BEC's general manager, Kevin Basden, had said in an affidavit supporting the Government's anti-injunction case that the Wilson City power plant was scheduled to be completed in July 2010.

RDA's new injunction application seeks an inter partes hearing where all sides are represented by their attorneys.

It has adopted this tactic because Supreme Court Justice Estelle Gray-Evans

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'Critical' \$8m asset set for tender bids

* New Providence Development Company finally gets go-ahead for wastewater treatment plant and system after five-six years of talks, with tender set for release in 7-10 days

* 3,000 lots under development in western New Providence, which has space for 7,500 more homes - even 10,000 lots by 2020

* 'One of the last opportunities to provide affordable housing for Bahamians', as developer aims to 'change perceptions' of west

* 140 lot industrial park receives final subdivision approval, with Town Centre foundations to go in in next 60 days



T. RHYS DUGGAN

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

New Providence Development Company yesterday said it plans to "go out to tender" next week on the \$8 million first phase infrastructure "critical" to further developing the island's western end, its senior executive telling Tribune Business that the area could accommodate another 7,500 homes - with some 3,000 lots already in development.

T. Rhys Duggan, the developer's president and chief executive, said that after five-six years of negotiations with

the Government and Water & Sewerage Corporation, it would put out within the next seven to 10 days the tender for its wastewater treatment system's first phase.

He told Tribune Business that apart from construction of the initial plant itself, the first phase project would also involve construction of "the main collection system" to take wastewater from properties between Mount Pleasant and the Airport Industrial Park.

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Regulator's five questions for RND Holdings' chairman

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

RND Holdings' chairman will today respond to the five questions posed to him by the Securities Commission in relation to Colina Holdings (Bahamas) majority takeover, telling Tribune Business the regulator wanted more details on how many shares both he and the company sold to the BISX-listed insurer.

Jerome Fitzgerald, the PLP Senator, confirmed he yesterday had a "cordial" meeting with the capital markets regulator to address its concerns about whether there had been full public disclosure of the Colina deal, adding that he had agreed to supply them with the information requested.

"They [the Securities Commission] wanted some additional information that I agreed to supply to them, and I am in the process of putting that together for them," Mr Fitzgerald told Tribune Business.

"They just wanted some basic stuff on the amount of shares issued [by RND to Colina]. We had sent them a letter to that effect, but they also wanted to know the amount of shares I personally had sold to Colina, too."

Mr Fitzgerald confirmed the Securities Commission had issued him with five questions they wanted answers to, adding:

* Senator to respond to Securities Commission today on Colina Holdings buyout, saying it wanted details on shares both he and company sold

* 'Surprised' if Colina offers to buyout minority investors, as sources suggest

"I told them I would send it back to them tomorrow [today]."

The RND Holdings chairman also told Tribune Business he had informed the regulator that he would have "no problem" in making a further public

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Direct debit target before 'end of March'

* Electronic payments system handling 'well over' 10,000 cheques per day

* Four million cheque transactions in Bahamas per year

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Bahamian commercial banks yesterday said they were hoping to go live with the Automated Clearing House's (ACH) direct debit/credit functions "before the end of March", with the electronic payments system already processing "well over" 10,000 cheque transactions per day.

Paul McWeeney, Bank of the Bahamas International's managing director, who also headed the Clearing Banks Association's (CBA) ACH committee, told Tribune Business that since going live on January 22, 2010, the system had been working well and no problems had been encountered.

The ACH is already processing cheque transactions electronically, enabling them to clear into the recipient's account within 24 hours, and Mr McWeeney said: "Some consumers are already seeing the impact of it. There's a lot of talk about the speed of the payment of cheques."

"What we're looking forward to now is to move forward on to the second phase, direct debits and credits. I suspect that before the end of March that will be in place."

The Clearing Banks Association will conduct a "post mortem" on the ACH going live when it meets today, and Mr McWeeney said he would "not be surprised" if some consumers had seen cheques bounce as a result of the 24-hour settlement and clearing.

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Three companies in Bahamas move

Three international companies have received government approval to relocate head offices, sales and training centres to the Bahamas, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham said last night, as he moved to eliminate the gloom that enveloped the economy and employment last year.

In his address to the nation, the Prime Minister said the Caribbean subsidiary of Swiss watchmaker, Rolex, had received approval to base its watch making and repair training centre in New Providence, while Brimac Environmental Group had been allowed to transfer its corporate head office to the Bahamas.

No information was disclosed about the number of jobs likely to be created for Bahamians and anticipated economic impact for these projects, which were joined by Oldcastle Building Products (Caribbean). This company will operate its

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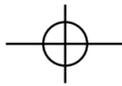
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Three companies in Bahamas move

Caribbean and North America sales force from New Providence.

A subsidiary of Oldcastle Building Products, the company's current Bahamian product distributor is Builders Mall, the 'one-stop shop' building materials supplier on Wulff Road, which features the Tile King, FYP and The Paint Centre as its three anchor stores. Located on 10 acres, Builders Mall will also feature M. R. Higgs & Co., Appliance & Electronics Super Centre, Granite & Marble Kingdom, FYP Concrete & Block, and Wulff Road Storage.

In a bid to further boost business, investor and consumer confidence, which was battered in 2009 by a recession and increased unemployment, the Prime Minister said Vopak Terminal Bahamas was set to invest a further \$300 million in expanding the Grand Bahama-based former BORCO oil storage terminal. This investment, coming after an initial \$200 million tranche that has almost been completed, is set to start this Spring and create another 30 jobs.

Some 169 staff are already employed at Vopak Terminal Bahamas, and Mr Ingraham said: "Work associated with the expansion has already created some 250 construction jobs and this number is projected to increase to as many

as 600 jobs at the peak of construction."

The Prime Minister expressed optimism that 2010 would be "a better year", and that the worst of the recession was over. He expressed hope that stalled resort developments, such as the Ritz-Carlton project on Rose Island, being developed by the Miami-based Gencom group, will restart again soon.

Some 943 persons were engaged on the Albany project in southwestern New Providence, Mr Ingraham added, of whom 862 were construction workers and 71 full-time Albany employees.

"The acquisition, refurbishment and reopening of the small boutique Tiamo Resort in Andros, the opening of the upscale Delphi Club in South Abaco, and the scheduled April opening of the new S & T Beach Club in San Salvador reflect a growing trend internationally of the development of exclusive specialty boutique resorts which are proving to be less susceptible to the ups and downs of the world economy," the Prime Minister said.

"The viability of these small resorts is being demonstrated by the success of other small bed-and-breakfast

resorts around our islands. Many of them used the traditional summer lull last year to access concessions under the Hotels Encouragement Act for a host of refurbishment and enhancement projects."

Meanwhile, Mr Ingraham said the Government had issued 1100 Stamp Tax exemptions, worth a collective \$6 million, for Bahamian home buyers, plus those engaged in mortgage transfers and debt consolidation via re-mortgaging.

Meanwhile, Mr Ingraham expressed optimism that the Government would conclude an agreement with the Arawak Cay Port Development Company, and its 19 shareholders, for the relocation of commercial shipping facilities from downtown Nassau to Arawak Cay.

He also confirmed Tribune Business's revelation that the company will be owned 40 per cent by the Government, which gets its equity stake through leasing the land for the project, 40 per cent by the shipping companies and 20 per cent by the Bahamian public through an initial public offering (IPO).

Mr Ingraham's comments are a clear indication that the Government is determined not to let the Arawak Cay port become "dead in the water", as some had feared if there was no progress this year and the PLP - who are vehemently opposed to it - are re-elected in 2012.

No mention was made, though, of the \$2.6 billion Baha Mar project at Cable Beach. That is still awaiting completion of the agreement between Baha Mar and the Chinese, with the developer and Scotiabank still negotiating over the latter's demands that the Izmirlian family pay down more than \$50 million on the existing syndicated loan credit facility.



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Mr. Simmons joined Citco in June 2000 as Vice President. Prior to joining Citco, Mr. Simmons was employed with PricewaterhouseCoopers where he specialized in the Investment Company and Bank & Trust Industry sectors. He holds a LL.B. (Hons.) Law degree from the University of Wolverhampton in the United Kingdom, a Bachelors degree (Hons.) in Accounting & Economics from Belmont University in the United States of America and he is the holder of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) professional designation. He is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (CPA), the Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accountants (BICA) and he is an Associate member of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of England and Wales (London ACIB).

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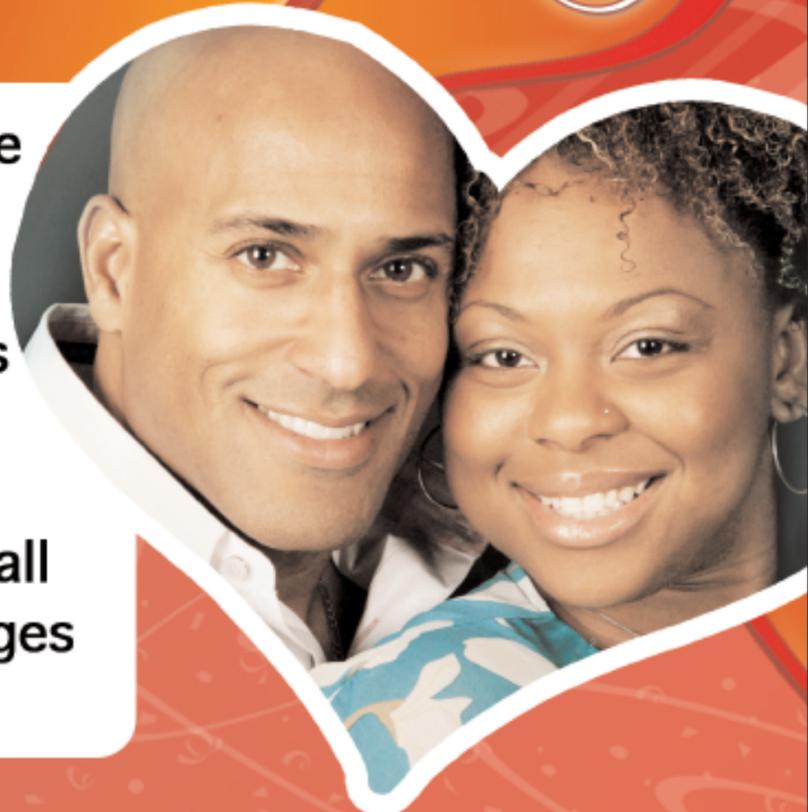
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BUSINESS

'Shooting yourself in foot' training warning

By CHESTER ROBARDS
Business Reporter
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BAHAMIAN FINANCIAL services providers were yesterday warned that they were "shooting themselves in the foot" if they did not expose their staff to anti-money laundering training.

Rowena Bethel, the Compliance Commission's executive commissioner and Ministry of Finance's legal advisor, speaking to the Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accountants (BICA), said the industry's regulatory framework will ensure the Bahamas is in line with international standards.

Ms Bethel warned, though, that financial services providers that did not expose their staff to anti-money laundering training were "shooting themselves in the foot".

"The Bahamas is a location where it is wise to do enhanced due diligence, depending on the service they [clients] approach a financial services provider for," Ms Bethel said.

She added that financial providers, when doing due diligence, must look for "verifica-

tion triggers" in personal detail changes and changes to their facilities and account usage.

"There is a general obligation to report money laundering," said Ms Bethel.

The Bahamas has been on the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development's (OECD) 'grey list' for its role as a 'tax haven'.

With a number of Tax Information Exchange Agreement signings lined up for this month,

the Bahamas will meet the March 2010 deadline to get off that 'grey list' of countries that are not currently in total compliance with international tax transparency standards.

Despite no TIEA signings throughout the month of January, after a flurry in December, the total signed by the Bahamas is now 10 - two short of the 12 required from so-called "tax havens" by the OECD to meet new international standards.

State Minister for Finance, Zhivargo Laing, said he remains confident that the Bahamas will do what it has to do to protect its financial services industry.

And the Compliance Commission is moving to position financial services providers to protect themselves from potential scrutiny and prosecution through its regulatory framework.

Direct debit target before 'end of March'

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Many Bahamians had been used to writing cheques without having the funds in their account to pay, safe in the knowledge that the monies would be available within the five days it previously took to clear. Those days are gone, and Mr McWeeney acknowledged that some Bahamian consumers - both residential and business-would undergo a period of "adjustment".

Brian Smith, the ACH's general manager, also told Tribune Business that he expected to be dealing with direct debits/credits "within three months" of the January 22, 2010, going live date.

"That's the most important part as far as I'm concerned," Mr Smith said. "The public will really benefit."

While 24-hour cheque clearance was good, he

added: "It's even better when you do not have to leave home to drop off a cheque or write a cheque. When that happens, you'll have a lot of noise about that."

As for the volume of cheques the ACH was handling, Mr Smith told Tribune Business: "Basically, we're handling well over 10,000 cheques every day."

He added that he had initially been surprised by this volume, but said that based on the Central Bank of the Bahamas' data that showed there were four million cheque transactions in the Bahamas per year, and 250-260 working days annually, the 10,000 per day volume was about correct. "The system seems to be taking it in its stride," Mr Smith said. "It's used in much larger jurisdictions, so we're pretty comfortable with these volumes."

Five questions

said he was unaware of any plans by Colina Holdings (Bahamas) to offer the same pro rata terms to buy out RND Holdings' minority shareholders, something sources had told Tribune Business on Wednesday

was being planned, as this possibility had never been raised when he discussed his transaction with the insurer.

"I don't think they'd [Colina] have a problem with it, but I haven't spoken to them about that," Mr Fitzgerald said.

"I'd be surprised if they came out and made a general offer. That was never part of our discussions. It never came up with them in any conversation that I'd had."

Mr Fitzgerald said he would be "surprised" by any minority buyout, because in the letter sent to RND Holdings' shareholders informing them of his decision to sell a majority stake to Colina Holdings (Bahamas), he had suggested that the deal would enhance the value of the minority investors' holdings.

"By the end of the year, with Colina as the majority shareholder, they will see positive movement in the share price because of improved profitability and cash flow," he said.

However, several RND Holdings investors have told Tribune Business that their concerns over the deal would be eliminated if Colina Holdings (Bahamas) was to make an offer to buy them and the other minority investors out, using the same price, terms and conditions offered to Mr Fitzgerald. Their complaints have also centred on a perceived lack of disclosure regarding details on the material deal.

The transaction effectively means that RND Holdings will become a majority-owned subsidiary of Colina Holdings (Bahamas), with its management and direction undergoing a complete overhaul. The TicketXpress business will now be absorbed into Colina Holdings (Bahamas) as the call centre for its subsidiary, Colina Insurance Company.

The main attraction for Colina, though, is likely to be RND Holdings' property subsidiary, RND Properties, which owns the JFK Drive plaza in Nassau, where tenants include Galleria Cinemas, FirstCaribbean International Bank (Bahamas) and Lickety Split. It also owns the RND Plazas in Freeport and Abaco, although it has been attempting to sell the latter for some time. The real estate earnings streams, some \$1.3 million per year, are a good fit for Colina Holdings (Bahamas), given its existing real estate portfolio.

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disclosure on the material nature of the Colina Holdings (Bahamas) transaction, via a newspaper advertisement, if the Securities Commission felt it was warranted. He added that the regulator could also approve the ad.

Meanwhile, Mr Fitzgerald

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HUBERT A. INGRAHAM
PRIME MINISTER





BUSINESS

'Critical' \$8m asset set for tender bids

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"I think it's going to be an \$8 million spend for the first phase," Mr Duggan told Tribune Business, "including the collection phase and the first phase of the plant."

The wastewater treatment plant will be located at the Airport Industrial Park, and Mr Duggan said it was being designed for expansion to cope with ever-increasing demand from population, business and community growth in western New Providence.

The New Providence Development Company president said that the remaining land in western New Providence, including the developer's own real estate holdings, could accommodate another 7,500 homes. He added that some 3,000 lots were already in development, and it was

possible that another 10,000 could come on stream in the decade to 2020.

When asked how important the wastewater system's approval had been to New Providence Development Company's development plans for western New Providence, Mr Duggan replied: "Critical. We can't do them without it."

"The days of having a pump truck going out and pumping out the lift stations are behind us, I hope. We've

designed the system for expansion."

Mr Duggan said the plant and collection system were needed "desperately to support and service" existing communities, such as Lyford Cay, Old Fort Bay, Mount Pleasant and Serenity, and also for when further real estate development took place.

industrial park near the airport.

The park will consist of some 140 lots, either half an acre or one acre in size, and will be targeted at Bahamian-owned businesses such as cabinet makers, shipping companies and contractors needing storage.

"We're just waiting for market conditions to improve before we do the infrastructure," Mr Duggan said of the industrial park. "We have 140 lots ready to go to market with in the next year."

And the developer's \$30 million new Town Centre for western New Providence was set to start pouring the foundations within the next 60 days, Mr Duggan said, with bank, restaurant and gas station tenants already signed up.

"We've got a good stable," he added. "Many are clients we have a relationship with. They're the strongest of the Bahamian retail sector."

With AML Foods' Solomon's Fresh Market, modelled on the US-based Whole Foods chain, already secured as the anchor tenant, Mr Duggan said the Town Centre's 64,000 square foot space was split 50/50 between office and retail. Professionals such as doctors, lawyers and accountants had already

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Challenge

Earlier, addressing the Rotary Club of west Nassau, in response to a question from a western New Providence resident, Mr Duggan acknowledged that obtaining government/Water & Sewerage Corporation approval had been a "challenge", taking some five to six years.

"We have been in discussions since I got on the island three-and-a-half years ago, and those discussions pre-dated me by two years, so it has been about five to six years," Mr Duggan said. "We view it as critical to the development of those lands."

"We had some roadblocks to getting that approved, and I apologise for the delay. But we will take it out to bid in the next 10 days."

Meanwhile, Mr Duggan said New Providence Development Company had obtained final subdivision for its planned 78-acre light

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expressed interest in leasing the office space.

Describing New Providence Development Company as the largest private landowner in New Providence, with some 2,300-2,400 acres of undeveloped land in the west of the island, Mr Duggan said holdings represented "one of the last opportunities on this island to provide housing for Bahamians that is more affordable".

More than 3,000 lots were in development in western New Providence, Mr Duggan added, many of those in real estate projects being carried out by Bahamians. He cited as examples of this the Lyford Hills development, owned by Tennyson Wells and his Bahamian investor group, and

Serenity, being developed by Kingsley Edgcombe, of King's Real Estate, and Martin Solomon.

Lots in western New Providence were being sold at price points ranging from \$70,000 to \$170,000, and Mr Duggan said: "Land is such a diminishing commodity that we are trying to pay a lot of attention to how we develop the 2,400 acres we have left."

New Providence Development Company was attempting to "masterplan" the western area of the island in a way that was "sensitive" to environmental, transportation, proper planning, community and business needs. "We

struggle to bring quality planning to our lands," Mr Duggan said.

Land

And he added: "We have large tracts of land for resi-

dential and commercial development. It's important to make a distinction between the types of development that have gone on in the west and what's going to happen in the next 20 years."

Existing developments included the likes of gated

communities such as Old Fort Bay and Lyford Cay, and Mr Duggan said: "I think the perception of the western region of the island is that presently it is an exclusive enclave of foreigners. I think we're going to change that perception."

Mr Duggan said New Prov-

idence Development Company had just 11 lots in Old Fort Bay to sell, with "25 homes under construction at any one time."

New Providence Development Company is also going to move into its new headquarters building in two months time, with four to five tenants, such as banks and hedge funds, also leasing space in the complex.

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FEBRUARY 5, 2010

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LIQUIDATOR OF THE ABOVE-NAMED COMPANY

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FEBRUARY 5, 2010

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LIQUIDATOR OF THE ABOVE-NAMED COMPANY

WATERWAYS LTD. (Company number 91,706B) An International Business Company (In Voluntary Liquidation) We, Pine Limited, Liquidator of WATERWAYS LTD. hereby certify that the winding up and dissolution of WATERWAYS LTD. has been completed in accordance with the Articles of Dissolution and that WATERWAYS LTD. has been dissolved as of 24th day of December, 2009. Dated this 2nd day of February, 2010 Pine Limited Liquidator

NEC Investment Management Ltd. (Company number 147,546B) An International Business Company (In Voluntary Liquidation) We, Pine Limited, Liquidator of NEC Investment Management Ltd. hereby certify that the winding up and dissolution of NEC Investment Management Ltd. has been completed in accordance with the Articles of Dissolution and that NEC Investment Management Ltd. has been dissolved as of 29th day of December, 2009. Dated this 2nd day of February, 2010 Pine Limited Liquidator

SCOLE INVESTMENTS LTD. (Company number 127,850B) An International Business Company (In Voluntary Liquidation) We, Pine Limited, Liquidator of SCOLE INVESTMENTS LTD. hereby certify that the winding up and dissolution of SCOLE INVESTMENTS LTD. has been completed in accordance with the Articles of Dissolution and that SCOLE INVESTMENTS LTD. has been dissolved as of 24th day of December, 2009. Dated this 2nd day of February, 2010 Pine Limited Liquidator

THE FLY GROUP LTD. (Company number 94,893B) An International Business Company (In Voluntary Liquidation) We, Pine Limited, Liquidator of THE FLY GROUP LTD. hereby certify that the winding up and dissolution of THE FLY GROUP LTD. has been completed in accordance with the Articles of Dissolution and that THE FLY GROUP LTD. has been dissolved as of 24th day of December, 2009. Dated this 2nd day of February, 2010 Pine Limited Liquidator

MEMORY HOLDINGS LIMITED (Company number 118,214B) An International Business Company (In Voluntary Liquidation) We, Pine Limited, Liquidator of MEMORY HOLDINGS LIMITED hereby certify that the winding up and dissolution of MEMORY HOLDINGS LIMITED has been completed in accordance with the Articles of Dissolution and that MEMORY HOLDINGS LIMITED has been dissolved as of 17th day of December, 2009. Dated this 2nd day of February, 2010 Pine Limited Liquidator

NEW ERA COMMUNICATIONS FUND LTD. (Company number 147,687B) An International Business Company (In Voluntary Liquidation) We, Pine Limited, Liquidator of NEW ERA COMMUNICATIONS FUND LTD. hereby certify that the winding up and dissolution of NEW ERA COMMUNICATIONS FUND LTD. has been completed in accordance with the Articles of Dissolution and that NEW ERA COMMUNICATIONS FUND LTD. has been dissolved as of 24th day of December, 2009. Dated this 2nd day of February, 2010 Pine Limited Liquidator

NOTICE NOTICE is hereby given that EMANIE JONASSAINT of MARSH HARBOUR, ABACO, BAHAMAS, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the 29th day of JANUARY, 2010 to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

NOTICE NOTICE is hereby given that KENO RICHARD of CHAISER ROAD, EASTERN ESTATES, P.O. BOX N-805, NASSAU, BAHAMAS, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the 29th day of JANUARY, 2010 to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

NOTICE NOTICE is hereby given that CHANTAL JEAN-PIERRE of FOX HILL, REEVES STREET, P.O. BOX N-1671, NASSAU, BAHAMAS, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the 29th day of JANUARY, 2010 to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

NOTICE NOTICE is hereby given that PRINCESS ANNE NORA HARRIS of Coral Reef Estates, Freeport, Grand Bahama, Bahamas is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the 29th day of JANUARY, 2010 to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

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BUSINESS

Power plant opponents bid for new injunction

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refused the initial application largely because it was made ex-parte, where only RDA was present, thus giving BEC and the Government no opportunity to argue their case.

In the February 2, 2010, inter partes summons, RDA is again seeking a Supreme Court injunction to prevent BEC "from proceeding with, or continuing to undertake, any works in furtherance of the construction of the power plant at Wilson City, Abaco, the roads and pipeline, dock and/or the works contemplated by the permits and approvals" already granted.

It is also seeking a bar on any new permits/approvals being given for the Wilson City power plant construction, and a prohibition on existing permits being renewed.

And, finally, RDA wants the Supreme Court to order that the Government and BEC provide it with copies of all documents relating to the power plant's construction, including plans, applications, Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) and Management Plans (EMPs). Mr Smith said yesterday: "In addition

to asking the Supreme Court to hear our application and have a speedy trial, as ordered by [Appeal] Justice Newman, I have also been asking the Court of Appeal for an early date in our application for permission to appeal to the Privy Council.

"What I am very concerned about is justice delayed being justice denied. There is no sense in giving me a hearing after the smokestacks are up, or not up, as the case may be.

Challenge

"That is a great challenge parties face in the Bahamas - getting their matters heard in an efficient time.

"This [BEC power plant] is due to be built by July, and if we do not get before the Privy Council and Supreme Court to hear their Judicial Review application very soon, it will be a wasted effort."

Emphasising that he did not want to be critical of either the Supreme Court or Court of Appeal, due to the huge case workload judges at both levels were having to deal with, Mr Smith suggested that the Government should appoint more judges or ensure that Judicial

Review/constitutional matters were given priority. "It is better administration of governance for public matters to be determined quickly," Mr Smith told Tribune Business.

He added that if the Wilson City power plant was completed before, or just after, the courts heard RDA's various applications, the action would effectively be rendered a 'nullity' because the plant was already in existence and history could not be reversed.

"This is what happened with Guana Cay," Mr Smith alleged, "and what the Government is banking on with Wilson City. They are banking on the backlog in the courts depriving us of a remedy."

In a February 2, 2010, letter to Justice Gray-Evans's clerk, Mr Smith said the need for an early trial date on the Judicial Review's substantive arguments was "one of extreme urgency".

He alleged that one of the key reasons why Appeal Justice Newman decided not to grant RDA's original injunction and document discovery application was because he had been advised that the Supreme Court could hear the main trial soon.

LEGAL NOTICE

HSBC International (Bahamas) Limited (In Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of Section 239 of the Companies Act an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the above-named Company will be held at the office of FT Consultants Ltd., One Montague Place, 2nd Floor, East Bay Street, Nassau, Bahamas on the 12th day of February 2010, at 10:00am, for the purpose of having an account laid before them, showing the manner in which the winding up had been conducted, and the property of the Company disposed of, and hearing any explanation that may be given by the Liquidator, and also of determining by Extraordinary Resolution the manner in which the books, accounts and documents of the Company, and of the Liquidator shall be disposed of.

Dated the 5th day of February, 2010

Maria M. Férére
Liquidator

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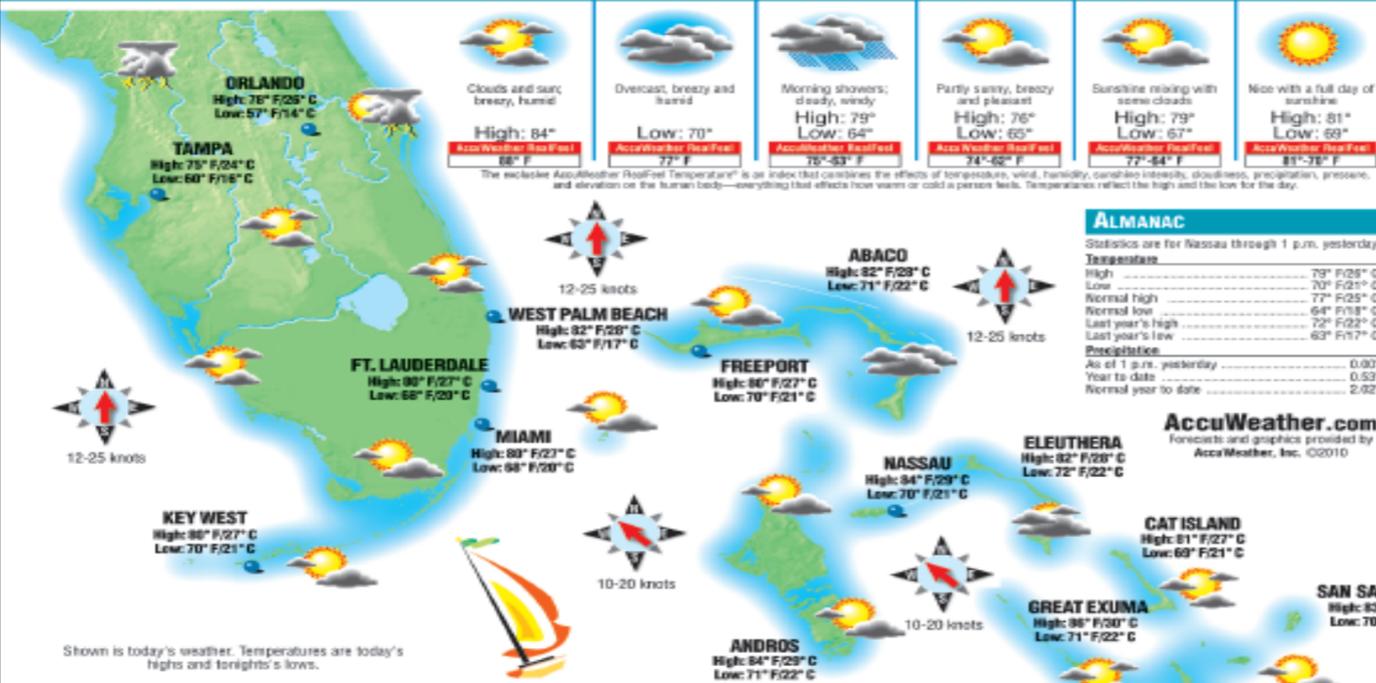
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THE WEATHER REPORT



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5-DAY FORECAST



UV INDEX TODAY



TIDES FOR NASSAU

Time	High	Low
Today	12:22 a.m. 2.7	6:45 a.m. 0.0
Saturday	1:23 a.m. 2.6	7:51 a.m. 0.3
Sunday	2:26 a.m. 2.5	8:57 a.m. 0.4
Monday	3:29 a.m. 2.5	10:01 a.m. 0.4
Tuesday	4:26 a.m. 2.5	10:59 a.m. 0.3
Wednesday	5:17 a.m. 2.5	11:47 a.m. 0.3
Thursday	6:02 a.m. 2.6	12:29 p.m. 0.1
Friday	6:17 p.m. 2.1	

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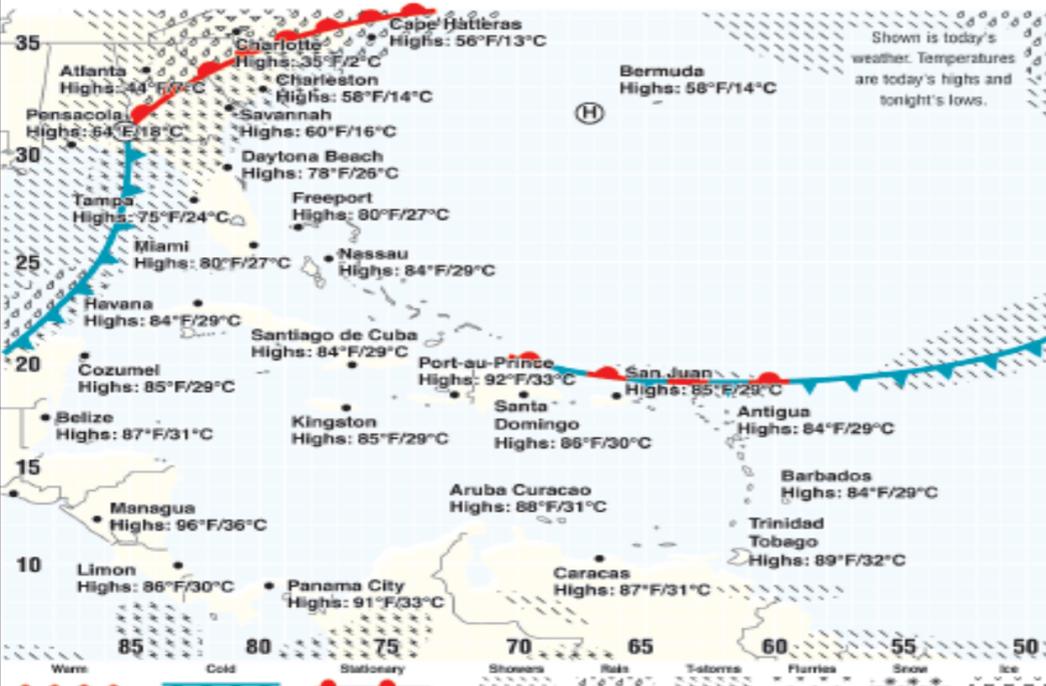
Statistic	Value
High	79° F/26° C
Low	70° F/21° C
Normal High	77° F/25° C
Normal Low	64° F/18° C
Last year's High	74° F/23° C
Last year's Low	63° F/17° C
Precipitation	0.00"
Ao of 1 p.m., yesterday	0.53"
Year to date	2.02"

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SUN AND MOON

Event	Time
Sunrise	6:51 a.m.
Sunset	5:57 p.m.
Moonrise	11:02 a.m.
Moonset	11:02 a.m.

INSURANCE MANAGEMENT TRACKING MAP



MARINE FORECAST

Location	WINDS	WAVES	VISIBILITY	WATER TEMPS.
ANDROS	Today: S at 12-25 Knots	3-5 Feet	10 Miles	79° F
ANDROS	Saturday: WNW at 15-25 Knots	4-8 Feet	8 Miles	73° F
CAT ISLAND	Today: SE at 10-20 Knots	3-5 Feet	10 Miles	77° F
CAT ISLAND	Saturday: WNW at 12-25 Knots	3-6 Feet	10 Miles	77° F
CROOKED ISLAND	Today: SE at 10-20 Knots	3-6 Feet	10 Miles	77° F
CROOKED ISLAND	Saturday: ESE at 10-20 Knots	3-5 Feet	10 Miles	79° F
ELEUTHERA	Today: SE at 10-20 Knots	4-8 Feet	10 Miles	76° F
ELEUTHERA	Saturday: WSW at 15-25 Knots	3-6 Feet	5 Miles	76° F
FREEPORT	Today: S at 15-25 Knots	3-5 Feet	10 Miles	75° F
FREEPORT	Saturday: WNW at 15-25 Knots	4-7 Feet	8 Miles	79° F
GREAT EXUMA	Today: SE at 10-20 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	76° F
GREAT EXUMA	Saturday: WSW at 15-25 Knots	3-5 Feet	10 Miles	76° F
GREAT INAGUA	Today: ESE at 10-20 Knots	3-5 Feet	10 Miles	80° F
GREAT INAGUA	Saturday: SSW at 7-14 Knots	2-4 Feet	10 Miles	80° F
LONG ISLAND	Today: ESE at 10-20 Knots	2-4 Feet	10 Miles	78° F
LONG ISLAND	Saturday: SW at 10-20 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	78° F
MAYAGUANA	Today: ESE at 10-20 Knots	5-9 Feet	10 Miles	78° F
MAYAGUANA	Saturday: SW at 10-20 Knots	4-8 Feet	10 Miles	78° F
NASSAU	Today: SSE at 10-20 Knots	2-4 Feet	10 Miles	70° F
NASSAU	Saturday: W at 15-25 Knots	3-5 Feet	7 Miles	70° F
SAN SALVADOR	Today: SE at 10-20 Knots	3-5 Feet	10 Miles	79° F
SAN SALVADOR	Saturday: SW at 7-14 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	79° F
RAGGED ISLAND	Today: SE at 10-20 Knots	3-5 Feet	10 Miles	76° F
RAGGED ISLAND	Saturday: WSW at 15-25 Knots	3-5 Feet	8 Miles	76° F

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