

WEATHER

NEW!
McCOMBO OF THE DAY  **i'm lovin' it!**

HIGH 86F
LOW 79F

RAIN AND WIND



The Tribune

THE PEOPLE'S PAPER – BIGGEST AND BEST

USA TODAY

BAHAMAS EDITION

www.tribune242.com



Steak Is Back For Breakfast!

Volume: 106 No.258

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2010 PRICE – 75¢ (Abaco and Grand Bahama \$1.25)

INSIDE

LATEST TROPICAL DEPRESSION NEWS AT
WWW.TRIBUNE242.COM/WEATHER



INSIDE

FIRST CLASS
STUDENTS FROM THE MERIDIAN SCHOOL
PAGE 14



'20,000' in street gangs

Schools and communities 'contaminated'

By **NOELLE NICOLLS**
 Tribune Staff Reporter
 nnicolls@tribunemedia.net

THE gang problem in the Bahamas affects more than 20,000 young people, according to a Bahamian gang expert, and the number is on the rise.

Pastor Carlos Reid is set to release an updated gang list this week, a document produced by the community-based non-profit Youth Against Violence, which he

leads. The list details the schools and communities that are "contaminated" with gangs.

Ridgeland Park and the Grove are two communities featured on the list. They are said to have gangs that are involved in "wars" and "cross rivalry", according to St Cecelia Member of Parliament Cynthia "Mother" Pratt, who recently sounded the alarm.

SEE page eight

Police assist US team in alleged credit card fraud investigation

By **AVA TURNQUEST**
 Tribune Staff Reporter
 aturnquest@tribunemedia.net

THE continuing US investigation into allegations of credit card fraud, believed to have taken place at several Bay Street stores this month, is just one case in what officials have described as a mass increase in fraudulent crimes.

Bahamian police are assisting the US team with their investigation, however they could not provide further details.

Sources close to the investigation revealed that an American

SEE page nine

SIGNS OF GANG ISSUE

FELIPE MAJOR/TRIBUNE STAFF



GANG GRAFFITI: A wall in Nassau is covered in gang slogans. A Bahamian gang expert says the number of people in the country affected by gangs stands at more than 20,000.

Bahamas set to be hit by heavy rain, strong wind

By **TANEKA THOMPSON**
 Tribune Staff Reporter
 tthompson@tribunemedia.net

HEAVY rain and wind gusts are predicted to rip through the northwest and central Bahamas today as a tropical depression moves over Cuba toward the Bahamas.

A tropical storm warning was issued by the Department of Meteorology yesterday for the northwest and central Bahamas.

The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) has partially activated its National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) to track and monitor the system.

The NEOC will remain operational until the tropical system no longer poses a threat to The Bahamas, said a statement issued by NEMA. The emergency contact number is 322-6081/5.

The tropical depression, the 16th for the season, was near the Cuban Isle of Youth up to press time and was expected to pass over the western portion of Cuba last night and move across the country's eastern coast this morning, according to Paul Walker, senior meteorologist Accuweather.com.

"It's going to track up to the northeast between southeast Florida and the northwestern Bahamas. It looks like the central track passes to the west of the Bahamas but a lot of the rain and gusty wind so far with this system has been to the east of the track.

"The impact will be felt late (Tuesday)



THE PROJECTED path of the system. (Imagery ©2010 TerraMetrics, Map data ©2010 Europa Technologies, Google, INEGI, LeadDog Consulting)

with the worst conditions felt tomorrow (Wednesday) for northwestern Bahamas with winds being 30 to 45 miles per hour with gusts of 55 miles per hour," Mr Walker told *The Tribune* yesterday.

Deputy Director at the Department of Meteorology Basil Dean said the

SEE page nine

OFFICERS 'WOULD NOT RESIST REMOVAL OF POLICE PROSECUTORS'

By **NOELLE NICOLLS**
 Tribune Staff Reporter
 nnicolls@tribunemedia.net

POLICE officers would not resist a move to do away with police prosecutors in the Magistrate's courts, according to Hulan Hanna, Assistant Commissioner of Police.

"There will never be resistance because these are decisions that are made by the attorney general's office and the government. The police are an arm of the judicial

SEE page nine

SENIOR POLITICIANS IN 'HIGH LEVEL' TALKS ON BAHAMAR DEAL

AS THE House of Assembly gets set to vote today on the historic Baha Mar resolution, senior politicians from both sides have been in "high level" talks about the obstacles still facing the deal, *The Tribune* can confirm.

Among these is the yet-to-be-settled \$200 million loan from Scotiabank, a component of vital importance in terms of whether the project gets "green light."

According to well-placed sources in both political parties, Opposition MPs Philip "Brave" Davis, Obie Wilch-

SEE page eight

HURRICANE INSURANCE

You Can Be Blown Away By A Hurricane

Or you can rest easy knowing that you have excellent insurance coverage no matter which way the wind blows.

Nobody does it better.



INSURANCE MANAGEMENT (BAHAMAS) LIMITED. INSURANCE BROKERS & AGENTS

New Providence / Grand Bahama / Abaco / Eleuthera / Exuma
 Tel: (242) 394-5555 / Tel: (242) 350-3500 / Tel: (242) 367-4204 / Tel: (242) 352-2852 / Tel: (242) 336-2304

LOCAL NEWS

Bahamian to be charged with drug, alien smuggling in US

By ALISON LOWE
Tribune Staff Reporter
alowe@tribunemedia.net

A BAHAMIAN is expected to be charged with drug and alien smuggling in Florida after US officials intercepted a boat laden with 170 pounds of cocaine and five Haitian migrants off the State's coast.

The Bahamian man is alleged to have been the captain of a 39-foot Sea Ray vessel that was stopped as it approached Stuart, Florida, on Sunday.

On board the boat, the cocaine – valued at \$5 million – and four Haitian men and one Haitian woman, were found.

They along with two other Haitian men residing in Fort Lauderdale, who were not aboard the boat, have been taken into Federal custody.

The boat was registered in the Bahamas under the name, "Who Cares," according to a US Coast Guard Official, who gave the time of the boat's interception as 8pm.

Voter registration centres to open doors on Monday

Current Register set to expire in 2012 or earlier

REGISTRATION centres will be open at locations throughout the country beginning Monday, October 4 as preparation of the new Voter Register begins, Parliamentary Commissioner Errol Bethel said Tuesday.

The simultaneous opening of multiple centres in New Providence, Grand Bahama and the Family Islands will facilitate an early national voter registration drive, he said.

New Providence locations will include the Parliamentary Registration Department (Farrington Road); Mall at Marathon, Town Centre Mall, General Post Office (East Hill Street) and the Elizabeth Estates, South Beach and Flamingo Gardens post offices.

Grand Bahama locations will include the Parliamentary Registration Department, National Insurance Building (Freeport), the Administrator's Office in Eight Mile Rock, and the Administrator's Office in High Rock.

Registration of voters will take place at the Administrator's Office in the various Family Islands.

Registration centres will be open from 10am to 4pm Monday through Friday. Evening registration is scheduled to commence at a later date.

Parliamentary Commissioner Mr Bethel said the current Register, which came into force in April, 2007, is due to expire "on its anniversary date in 2012" or on an earlier date that may be appointed by the Gov-

ernor-General.

Law requires the parliamentary commissioner to prepare a Register in Readiness (New Register) every five years to replace the current register when it expires.

Mr Bethel said: "Bahamians should be aware in order to be able to vote when the time comes, they must be registered."

He added that the law is "very clear" in defining who is qualified to register to vote.

Applicants for registration, he said, must be citizens of the Bahamas, 18 years old, not subject to any legal incapacity, and must be ordinarily resident in a constituency for at least three months immediately preceding the day of registration.

Mr Bethel noted that while Section 19 of the Parliamentary Elections Act provides for the consideration of other evidence – including baptismal certificates and other forms of proof deemed acceptable by the Revising Officer – to show a person is eligible to register and has not already registered, applicants must still present a valid Bahamian passport or birth certificate as proof of citizenship.

He said a valid Bahamian passport serves as the "principal document" for registration.

"If a person does not have a valid passport, he/she should present a birth certificate," Mr Bethel said. "Please bear in mind the fact that all documents that people may present do not prove citizenship."

"Documents such as the old Voter's card, an affidavit, a Baptismal Certificate, or a Certificate of Identity does not prove citizenship. Even the Birth Certificate in some instances does not prove citizenship."

Mr Bethel said officials at the Parliamentary Registration Department have developed a number of initiatives to ensure a smooth, effective process.

"The public is reminded that not only is it the right of every eligible citizen to vote, it should be taken as a most important civic obligation," he said.

"In order to exercise this right to vote and to meet this most important civic obligation, however, eligible persons have to register."

"I therefore invite early participation in the National Voter Registration Drive."

INDEX

MAIN/SPORTS SECTION

Local News.....P1,2,3,5,6,7,8,9,14
Editorial/Letters.....P4
Sports.....P10,11,12,13

BUSINESS/ARTS SECTION

Business.....P1,2,3,4,5,6
Advt.....P7
Comics.....P8
Taste.....P9,10
Arts.....P11,12

CLASSIFIED SECTION 28 PAGES

USA TODAY MAIN/SPORTS 12 PAGES

University gives \$1.9 million in scholarships to Bahamas

"This initiative will provide students on Grand Bahama with another opportunity to advance educationally, and enhance their marketability with new skill sets that will ultimately benefit the Bahamas."

Minister of Education Desmond Bannister



By DENISE MAYCOCK
Tribune Freeport Reporter
dmaycock@tribunemedia.net

FREEPORT – Bakke Graduate University (BGU) has pledged \$1.9 million in scholarships for Bahamians wishing to pursue graduate studies at the Seattle university.

The announcement was made on Saturday at the official launch of the university's Masters degree programmes here on Grand Bahama.

A total of 320 scholarships will benefit persons on Grand Bahama, Abaco, and New Providence.

Dr Brad Smith, president of BGU, made the presentation to Education Minister Desmond Bannister at the Captain's Charthouse.

The scholarships will be issued over a period of years.

Some 60 scholarship awards have been made available for students in Grand Bahama; 60 for students in Abaco; 80 for New Providence; and 60 for Access Bible College, which is headed by Dr Susan J Wallace and her husband Sydney Wallace.

Bakke Graduate University, located in Seattle,

Washington, is a non-traditional institution whose goal is to develop Christ-centred leaders who change global cities.

The university was founded in 1991 by brothers Dennis and Ray Bakke to spread the word of Jesus Christ through education. The university is based in 50 countries.

According to Dr Smith, the first 23 to enrol in Grand Bahama and in Abaco will receive a 25 per cent discount on their tuition fees as a part of the scholarship scheme.

Programme

The programme will start in January 2011 in Grand Bahama. It will expand to New Providence and Abaco in March of 2011.

Bakke Graduate University will offer a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) starting in January 2011, and Master of Arts in Social and Civic Entrepreneurship (MASECE) degree beginning in March 2011.

In addition to its graduate programmes, Dr Smith noted that Bakke Graduate University will bring numerous benefits to the Bahamas.

He said he foresees an increased economic growth through ongoing visits by faculty, guest speakers, and students to and from the islands of the Bahamas.

"These individuals will generate the need for hotel, taxis, food and rental space for classes and other events along with other local services," said Dr Smith.

The university is also

expected to return five per cent of all net revenues realised in the Bahamas to assist all BGU-Bahamas graduates in achieving their ministry/project goals throughout the country.

The organisation is expected to hire Bahamian faculty and support staff as it expands further in the country.

Minister Bannister commended the leadership of the BGU for selecting the Bahamas to expand its campuses.

"This initiative will provide students on Grand Bahama with another opportunity to advance educationally, and enhance their marketability with new skill sets that will ultimately benefit the Bahamas," he said.

Mr Bannister said he also was very pleased that BGU will be undertaking community projects that will assist residents.

Students

The degree programme is expected to start in January 2011, but some students have already identified projects such as a literacy mentoring project in the Eight Mile Rock community to prepare students for BJC and BGCSEs; an outreach programme to assist the homeless; a parenting programme and a programme to assist victims of substance abuse.

Minister Bannister said these projects will help to fill the voids in areas where national resources are limited.

THE REAL DEAL

DOUBLE STACK COMBO \$3.99

JR. CHEESEBURGER DELUXE COMBO \$3.99

CRISPY CHICKEN SANDWICH COMBO \$3.99

6 PC CHICKEN NUGGETS COMBO \$3.99

JR. BACON CHEESEBURGER COMBO \$3.99

ALL SUPER VALUE COMBOS SERVED WITH: 20 OZ. DRINK, JR. FROSTY, SMALL FRY

Wendy's



Do you know that your favourite teacher can **WIN \$1000!**

SIR GERALD CASH NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED TEACHERS' AWARDS
Nominations close on October 15th, 2010

Nominate them today for the Sir Gerald Cash National Distinguished Teachers' Awards! Fill out a nomination form today available at: www.fidelitygroup.com/ndta
Winners will receive: \$1000 & will be inducted into the NDTA Hall of Fame!

For further information you may email us at: NDTA@fidelitybahamas.com

Presented by: **FIDELITY** **CABLE BAHAMAS** **The Tribune**

BUT presidential candidate steps up fight for new election

Call for solidarity in struggle against sexual violence

By AVA TURNQUEST
Tribune Staff Reporter
aturnquest@tribunemedia.net

VICTIM rights advocates are calling out to the community tonight to show solidarity with their struggle to end sexual violence in the Caribbean. Reinforcing the idea that the only way to end abuse is through collective effort, the Bahamas Crisis Centre will host "A Night for Hope and Healing" to mark the annual Day to End Sexual Violence in the Caribbean.

The initiative began in 2007 following a regional conference and tonight, organisers say, participants can expect poetry, songs, stories, visual art and music, complemented by an open discussion between artists and the audience.

Donna Nicolls, a volunteer, said: "This is not a fund raising event so we are asking for voluntary participation. Your participation will contribute to an evening of advocacy as we remember those who have been hurt and those who need to be helped. Together we can stop sexual violence."

The event will be held on Fowler Street at "The Indaba Tent", home of the after school programme "The Indaba Project".

For further information contact administrator Novellette Fox at 328-0922 or Donna Nicolls at 424-4786.

By ALISON LOWE
Tribune Staff Reporter
alowe@tribunemedia.net

BAHAMAS Union of Teachers presidential candidate Frances Friend took her fight for a new election and claims of electoral irregularities to the Director of Labour yesterday, who said his department is now awaiting legal advice on the way forward.

Harcourt Brown would not rule out the possibility that a new election could be ordered.

His comments come after Ms Friend's "Friend and Father" team attempted to thwart the installation of incumbent BUT president Belinda Wilson and her slate of prospective executive officers on Friday morning at the union's headquarters, claiming that infractions in the handling of the electoral process last week meant the results should not be certified and a new election should be held.

She said representation had already been made to Mr Brown not to certify the results, to deem the September 21 election "null and void" and to order another election.

However, Mrs Wilson's arrival at Walker's Hall, BUT headquarters, with a certified copy of the results was enough to satisfy chairman of the union's electoral committee, Philip Johnson, that the installation ceremony should go ahead, and it did.

But the opposing team's campaign for a new election did not end there.

Mr Brown confirmed that he and Department of Labour officials met with Mrs Friend and some of her



SWORN IN: On the left, Mrs Belinda Wilson pledges to uphold the rules and constitution of the Bahamas Union of Teachers. On the right, Belinda Wilson displays the certified copy of the election results in the President's office.

“Right now it’s a matter for the attorneys to look at and we’ll be guided by whatever information is forthcoming from them.”

Harcourt Brown

team yesterday when alleged electoral irregularities were discussed.

Meanwhile, Mr Brown – who was out of the country last week during the elections and in its aftermath, when the results were ultimately certified by an act-

ing Registrar of Trade Unions – told *The Tribune* that “it’s not safe to say that at all” when asked whether it was fair to assume he agreed with the decision taken to certify the election results.

“Once there is an acting registrar that registrar is responsible at that time, so that’s not necessarily so,” he said.

Asked if he in fact disagreed with the decision, Mr Brown added: “I wouldn’t say that either. Once I am seized of all the facts I’d be in a better position to say my position.”

Coming out of yesterday’s meeting, the director said the department now awaits

legal advice from its attorneys on the allegations being made by the “Friend and Father” team and how they should be dealt with.

“Right now it’s a matter for the attorneys to look at and we’ll be guided by whatever information is forthcoming from them,” he said.

As for whether there is the potential for another election for the 4,000 strong union, Mr Brown said that all depends on the lawyers’ opinion on the matter.

“All of these things are currently what are before the attorneys right now. We are looking at our options and then we’ll be in a better position to advise the parties.”

Dismissed shop stewards seek an injunction against union

FOURTEEN shop stewards who were dismissed by a union executive have filed an application for an injunction against the Bahamas Hotel Catering and Allied Worker's Union.

The document, filed in the Supreme Court on September 20, asks the court to restrain Darrin Woods, Nicole Martin and the BHCAWU from purporting to dismiss the plaintiffs as shop stewards.

The group has also asked the court to declare the plaintiffs as active shop stewards at the respective areas of work at the Atlantis resort.

The injunction is part of a lawsuit filed by the 14 former shop stewards in July against their removal.

The union, its president Ms Martin and secretary-general Mr Woods are listed as defendants, according to court documents filed by the plaintiffs' attorney Richard Boodle.

Felix Munroe, Dave Beckford, Clarinda Bastian, Florence Knowles, Yorick Evans, Spence Ramsey, Carol Thompson, Sherry Decosta, Tanya Knowles, Claudette Cooper, Tyrone Knowles, Melony Gibson, Pearl Henfield and Pamela Allen are listed as plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs are also asking the court to award damages, court costs and any further relief deemed just.

COURT: Angelo Poitier

Mother: I told alleged killer to leave my daughter alone

By NATARIO MCKENZIE
Tribune Staff Reporter
nmckenzie@tribunemedia.net

THE mother of a young woman who prosecutors allege was killed by an ex-boyfriend testified yesterday that she had told the accused to leave her daughter alone.

Carol Fisher-Kemp, the mother of Shanice Adderley, testified yesterday that her daughter and Angelo Poitier began a relationship in 2008.

Adderley, 19, was found dead in a grave in the Bahamas Veterans' Cemetery on May 27, 2009.

According to Mrs Kemp, Poitier, who is on trial for her daughter's murder, lived four houses south of their Providence Avenue home.

Mrs Kemp recalled that around noon on May 19, a week before her daughter was found dead, she received a phone call from Poitier.

According to Mrs Kemp, Poitier told her that he was calling to “make peace” and did not like the idea of her being upset with him.

Mrs Kemp said that she had told Poitier not to come back to her home and to leave her daughter alone.

She told the court that Poitier had told her that the relationship between himself and Shanice was over.

Mrs Kemp testified that the last she saw her daughter alive was when she left home on the night of May 26.

Shenique Fisher, the sis-

ter of the deceased, told the court that May 26 was also the last time saw her sister alive.

She recalled that it was around 6pm and Shanice had just returned home.

Mrs Fisher recalled that her sister had been excited about purchasing a puppy.

Mrs Fisher also testified that around 11.20am on May 27, she went to the morgue where she identified her sister's body.

Mrs Fisher told the court that Poitier and her brother had become friends some nine years ago and that she saw Poitier on a regular basis.

Boyfriend

Also taking the witness stand yesterday was Dominic Taylor, who was Shanice's boyfriend at the time of her death.

He told the court that he had met Shanice at a bar where they both worked.

He recalled that at around 9pm on May 26, he and Shanice were at the Landshark restaurant where they were watching a basketball game.

Mr Taylor told the court that they stayed at the restaurant for about 45 minutes.

Taylor said that during that time, Shanice's cellular phone was ringing continuously and she appeared disturbed by the text messages she read.

Mr Taylor recalled that at

one point, Shanice had tossed her phone down.

He said that she eventually told him that she wanted to leave and he drove her home.

FOR 3 IN 1 LAWN SERVICE
Fertilizer, Fungicide,
Pest Control
Tropical Exterminators
322-2157

Spend An Enchanting Evening...

In a Selection from one of our Fabulous Designer Evening Dresses at The Bahamas Humane Society Ball

The British Colonial Hilton Hotel
Saturday, October 23rd, 2010

Cole's of Nassau

Established in 1956 by an old Bahamian family
Parliament Street (near Bay St.) Tel: 322-8393 or 328-7157
• Fax: 326-9953
Crystal Court at Atlantis, Paradise Island Tel: 363-4161/2
Lyford Cay (Harbour Green Shops at Lyford Cay)
Tel: 362-5235
e-mail: info@colesofnassau.com
www.colesofnassau.com • P.O. Box N-121

The Java Gallery
Wong's Plaza • Madeira St.
Tel: (242)326-2335

- Chairs
- Tables
- Benches
- Umbrellas
- Loungers
- Drinks Trolleys
- Coffee Tables
- End Tables
- Cushions

Outdoor Elegance

The Tribune Limited

NULLIUS ADDICTUS JURARE IN VERBA MAGISTRUM
Being Bound to Swear to The Dogmas of No Master

LEON E. H. DUPUCH, Publisher/Editor 1903-1914

SIR ETIENNE DUPUCH, Kt., O.B.E., K.M., K.C.S.G.,
(Hon.) LL.D., D.Litt.

Publisher/Editor 1919-1972
Contributing Editor 1972-1991

EILEEN DUPUCH CARRON, C.M.G., M.S., B.A., LL.B.
Publisher/Editor 1972-

Published Daily Monday to Saturday

Shirley Street, P.O. Box N-3207, Nassau, Bahamas
Insurance Management Building., P.O. F-485, Freeport, Grand Bahama

WEBSITE
www.tribune242.com – updated daily at 2pm

HM Prison's work release programme

THIS WEEK the spotlight was on HM Prison's "extra mural" work release programme when a prisoner returned to the compound Friday evening with half a pound of marijuana in his pocket, followed on Saturday by another "trustie" with a gun shot wound in his leg. It is understood that both men were reluctant to talk about their work-related activities.

The two men were part of the prison's programme that allows selected prisoners, while still serving time, to work at assigned jobs in the community, preparatory to their release back into society.

The Friday night prisoner was confined to maximum security where he will be drilled for the identity of his marijuana supplier.

The second man, instead of returning to prison that evening went to Princess Margaret Hospital's emergency unit for treatment for a gunshot wound. Police, who were notified, returned him to prison where he was confined in the medical ward there. He was the mystery man who showed up after the hospital had already admitted one dead man, and two others — a brother and sister — who arrived in a car that had been shot up by an unknown pursuer. The two had gun shot wounds — "not life threatening" the hospital reported. On Saturday night they were under heavy police guard in hospital.

The dead man, who had had a criminal record, was ambushed and shot in Ridgeland Park, where he had stopped at a house to get something to eat.

The wounded brother and sister, in their bullet riddled car, were attacked a short time later in Yellow Elder Gardens.

It was not until the mystery prisoner arrived at the hospital that the two events were linked, suggesting that the Yellow Elder shooting was in retaliation for the Ridgeland Park killing. The prisoner, who should have been at his approved job on Bernard Road, was instead with his buddy — now dead — in Ridgeland Park. They had both stopped for refreshments when they were ambushed by two unknown persons on bicycles — the prisoner was wounded and his friend was killed.

The prisoner had already served nine and a half years of a 15-year sentence for armed robbery and was due for release in August next year.

His appearance in Ridgeland Park — when he should have been on Bernard Road — focused attention on the level of security given these prisoners while on temporary work-related release. Some law enforcement authorities are concerned about the apparent "lack of supervision" and how those on the programme are selected.

Prison Superintendent Dr Elliston Rahming believes in the programme. The selection of prisoners, he said, is the responsibility of the Prisons Visiting Committee or the Prerogative Board of Mercy on which the National Security Minister sits. He agrees

that the electronic monitoring of these inmates and others "would significantly tighten the surveillance of them."

As a result of these weekend high-jinks, prisoners from now on will not only be dropped off at their work places by prison staff, but they will also be taken home by the staff. Up until now they were allowed to make their own way back to the compound.

This programme was the idea of the late Dean William Granger. We recall the many hours he spent with the late Sir Etienne Dupuch in his editorial office trying to convince him to be the first to test the programme. Both men believed in the essential goodness of fallen man. The Dean felt that many of the prisoners were at Fox Hill prison because they had not found their niche in life — if they could find that the future was theirs. There were two men in whom the Dean was particularly interested. Both were intelligent, well educated and writing seemed to be their strength. The Dean was right on all counts. Their major problem was that they could not keep their hands off other people's money, and that's why they were in prison.

Not too many years out of Toronto University where one of our minors for our degree was psychology, we were not convinced that all men could be reformed. We believed that there were some with such a skewed DNA that — like a broken vase — they had to be sent back to the factory for repair. But we were interested in the experiment — we even had a bet with the Dean.

We thought that the Dean had won the bet with the first man. He did everything right while he was still a prisoner. After he had served his time, we felt he showed sufficient promise that we kept him on staff full time. And then one night his DNA code slipped. He sauntered downtown, embezzling money from every shop keeper who fell for his story. On Saturday morning two policemen walked into our newsroom, put handcuffs on his wrists and escorted him downstairs. After a short trial he was back in prison. For the rest of his life he dabbled in politics, and worked on political propaganda sheets until his death.

The second one — a real con artist — would leave The Tribune's premises to go around the corner for lunch. He spent his lunch hour on the telephone impersonating Sir Etienne in a plea for funds for various charities. He didn't finish the work programme. For the rest of his life prison became a revolving door.

And then there was a third. He was not with us long enough to learn his strengths. He had such a violent temper and was so disruptive that we had him quickly removed.

It was an interesting experiment, but not one that we would ever repeat. We still believe that there are some humans that only God's factory can mend.

Does Baha Mar have the money to meet their commitments?

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Baha Mar: Scotiabank loan resolution "utmost priority" so says VP of Government matters Sandy Sands — really this headline should have read: Does Baha Mar have the funds to meet their obligations?

The spin on whichever side you are has limited any rational thought and reality of the whole issue, and seemingly Baha Mar have been extremely clever to persuade the press not to focus on this — the real issue. Does Baha Mar have the money to meet their commitments?

Joe Public needs to know from someone, has Baha Mar complied with the terms of the Heads of Agreement? Why should it be a secret as to whether they are current with all their obligations — stamp tax, resort tax, NIB, BEC, BTC and rents for the

LETTERS

letters@tribunemedia.net

Crown Land?

Reading the statement of Sandy Sands as reported Friday, September 17, 2010, hidden on page 3, Business Section indicates that they, Baha Mar are unable to pay Scotia what they owe the bank. Scotia is not the bad guy, they are the ones owed.

Should we continue any further negotiations?

The column of John Issa "View From Afar" of today, further makes an irrational argument as to why Baha Mar should proceed...what on earth has it to do with when Harrah's asked Baha Mar to comply with their joint venture agreement to make their equity subscription that Baha Mar could not, asked 3-4

times...now, Editor, that was pre-2008 in the boom days, which again seems to confirm that even with one of the largest global gambling businesses, Baha Mar could not put their hands on the cash for this proposal which they had signed with us, the government to do.

US\$790 million in default in London — US\$200 with Scotia Nassau — difference of a further US\$200m between project value and loan from the Chinese, these people have to find in raw cash over 1.3 billion to satisfy who they owe.

I think it is time to close this fairy dream of Perry Gladstone Christie and Sarkis Izmerilian, which does not seem to be based on any rational thinking.

ABRAHAM MOSS
Nassau,
September 17, 2010.

How best to deal with troubled schoolchildren

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Re: Students stabbed in latest violence. — The Tribune, September 17, 2010.

It is now very clear that many of our schoolchildren are seriously troubled.

They are crying out to be understood by society, and are in great need of strong and principled adult guidance in their unfortunate lives.

It is obvious that they are in urgent need of anger management counselling, of being loved and hugged, and especially our prayers.

They also need to be paraded down to Rawson Square where a tamarind switch can be regularly and vigorously applied to the little darlings' sociopathic backsides — in full view of their classmates and the general population.

Some people may say there is always a danger that this might humiliate the children, or damage their fragile self-esteem, etc, and thus make them violent. Really? Make them violent? You gotta be joking!

KEN W KNOWLES,
MD
Nassau,
September 19, 2010.

Men who seem driven by popularity and ego

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Both Bamboo Town MP Branville McCartney and activist Paul Moss resemble a mixture of entertainer Wyclef Jean and U.S. politician Sarah Palin.

Like Wyclef Jean they want to become the leader of their country despite little experience. Neither Jean nor Moss has any executive or parliamentary experience. McCartney has a precious few years in government. But he is also a man of little political experience.

Like Jean, these men seem more driven by popularity and ego than by vision and substance. Mr. Moss appears to be the perpetual fly-by-night, flitting and flirting from one cause to the next, one party to the next, whichever one will bring him some publicity.

Mr. McCartney's speeches are empty: clichés and platitudes, shallow rhetoric and endless public relations. Flashing a pretty smile and wearing fancy clothes is not the same as mastering policy and how government works. Sarah Palin has shown us this in abundance.

Political experience is not only about time in government, though that is important. Often, it is also about time spent forging one's vision and character in a political movement, such as Nelson Mandela, Sir Lynden Pindling, Sir Cecil Wallace Whitfield and foot soldiers whose names may never become famous.

In political parties and movements, one's character and abilities are tested and observed by one's colleagues. If you want to know someone well, go live or work with them. While the public may see a certain carefully cultivated image in the press, those we work with get to view our strengths and weaknesses upfront.

One of the things these colleagues see is how prospective leaders respond to adversity and tough times. They get to see one's stick-ability and loyalty to a cause bigger than one's ego. The vast majority of Moss' and McCartney's colleagues do not think of them as real leaders, much less potential prime ministers.

Sarah Palin cut and run as Governor of Alaska because she didn't have the courage and patience to complete her term in that office.

She became bigger than the people who elected her. From their actions, it's clear that Mr. Moss and Mr. McCartney believe they are bigger than their political parties.

They remind me of cry babies, who throw temper tantrums and run when they can't get their own way. Mr. McCartney resigned as a cabinet minister apparently because he wasn't promoted as fast as he wanted. He didn't resign over any great principle. He acts like a newly ordained deacon who thinks he should become Senior Pastor or Bishop overnight.

If Mr. McCartney was more interested in governance and the issues of the day, he would not have quit after approximately two years in cabinet. The best leaders are marathon runners, not short-distance people. Good leaders go long term.

Mr. McCartney may want to remember the case of Tennyson Wells, who challenged Sir Cecil for the leadership of the FNM in the earlier days of the party. Not only did he fail in his bid to become leader then, he also failed in another attempt years later. Most of his colleagues did not believe he had the right stuff. Eventually the voters of Bamboo Town came to the same conclusion.

Paul Moss, with little experience in the PLP, but plenty of ego, challenged Perry Christie, a man with extensive governmental experience, including time as Prime Minister.

Mr. Moss, with milk around his mouth, thought he had the credibility and experience to challenge the more seasoned Mr. Christie.

When he failed, he resigned from the party in a huff and a puff.

In one of the more bizarre resignations from a political party, he sent in his resignation from Switzerland. This is strange for someone who claims to be a man of the people.

Wyclef Jean, Paul Moss, Branville McCartney and Sarah Palin may have something to offer in politics. But their political immaturity has shown that they lack the judgment and character to lead a country.

BLS

Nassau,
September 12, 2010.

THE COLLEGE OF THE BAHAMAS
Visit our website at www.cob.edu.bs

STAFF OBSERVER ELECTIONS NOTICE

Elections for Staff Observer to the College Council will be held on **Thursday, September 30th, 2010** at the Portia Smith foyer, The College of The Bahamas, Oakes Field Campus between the hours of 8a.m. and 4p.m.

Y Care's FASHION CENTER

Buy Complete Bed Set
(Mattress, Box Spring & Frame)
Get 10% OFF and a FREE Pillow



Buy A Bed Set (mattress & box spring)
GET 10% OFF
10% OFF ON APPLIANCES
(Washers, Fridges, Stoves)

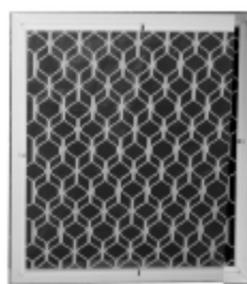
South Beach 322-5528 Prince Charles 324-6413 Bahama Avenue 323-4153

DON STANTON PROTECTION Ltd.
Tel: 322-8219 322-8160

TOP QUALITY TEMPERED ALUMINUM SECURITY SCREENS



CLASSIC



BEAUTYGUARD

Free Estimates

WE DO IT WHEN WE SAY WE WILL!
Serving The Bahamian Community Since 1978

LOCAL NEWS

Grand Bahama man charged with rape

By DENISE MAYCOCK
Tribune Freeport Reporter
dmaycock@tribunemedia.net

Bahama, Laing unlawfully entered a residence and raped a female resident. Laing was not required to enter a plea to the charges. He was remanded to Her Majesty's Prison until February 10 when a preliminary inquiry will be held.

In other court matters, three persons were charged with multiple counts of housebreaking in the Freeport area.

Victoria Russell, 31, Rashad Musgrove, 22, and Jackson Newton, 32, of Freeport, were

charged with over 10 counts of housebreaking.

It is alleged that between August and September 2010, the accused stole a number of items, including jewellery, laptops and various household items. Musgrove and Newton pleaded guilty and were sentenced to four years at Her Majesty's Prison.

Russell pleaded not guilty and was granted bail.

His matter was adjourned to December 2010.

Financial support offers for infant with medical condition

By ALISON LOWE
Tribune Staff Reporter
alowe@tribunemedia.net

AN INFANT burdened with a massive – and seemingly ever enlarging – growth has received several offers of financial and other support since his family's struggle to come up with the money to send him abroad for medical treatment was highlighted in *The Tribune*.

Sheniqua Saunders, cousin to one-year-old Kadin Finley, said that since awareness was raised of the infant's condition she feels more hopeful that the family will be able to reach its financial goal, enabling the boy to visit the Mayo Clinic medical centre in Minnesota, USA.

The clinic is known to have doctors who specialise in the treatment for the condition suffered by Kadin.

Kadin was diagnosed by doctors at Princess Margaret Hospital with the rare condition known as Klippel-Trenaunay Syndrome or KTS.

His family were told it cannot be treated in the Bahamas.

But without health insurance or any other source of money available, the family were concerned that they might not be able to afford to get him help abroad.

KTS is a congenital circulatory disorder characterised by abnormal benign growths on the skin, consisting of masses of blood vessels.

Medical sources indicate that the condition is progressive and can lead to life-threatening complications such as internal or external bleeding, or even heart failure if left untreated.

Kadin's mother, Arnette Finley, told this newspaper in a previous interview that her son was born with a slightly enlarged arm and chest. This was the first sign that pointed towards something being wrong with him, she said.

A mother's plea for her sick child

Tragic tale of little boy who cannot be treated in Bahamas

By ALISON LOWE
Tribune Staff Reporter
alowe@tribunemedia.net

THE family of an infant diagnosed with a rare congenital disorder that causes cancer-like growths on his arm and chest has been told that the potentially life-threatening condition



MOTHER'S PLEA: The story appeared in *The Tribune* recently.

Since then, the growth has only grown larger, becoming a physical burden to Kadin and a financial one for his family.

The trip to the Mayo Clinic – recommended by the Bahamian doctor who diagnosed Kadin's condition – is likely to set the family back between \$7,000 and \$13,000 for an initial consultation alone, before travel and accommodation costs.

Providing an update on some of the help the Finley family has received for Kadin since his story appeared in *The Tribune*, relatives said they are especially thankful to Kemuel and Denise Lewis, who with the "Singing Bishop" Lawrence Rolle organised two concerts in aid of Kadin.

Kadin was able to attend one of the concerts two weeks ago, which raised around \$1,000 for his cause, and another is set for this Sunday at Ebenezer Mission Baptist Church at 8pm. For \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door, ticket holders can see the Singing Bishop, Shabak, the Region Bells and the Rahming Brothers perform.

Meanwhile, a fundraising drive at a local barber shop netted \$300 and a local taxi driver has promised that he is going to donate the proceeds of a

"whip-round" he did on Kadin's behalf among other drivers towards the medical fund.

"We want to say a special thank you to those people who would have already stopped by the bank to make a donation," Mrs Saunders said yesterday, indicating, however, that the family is not even close to its fundraising target yet.

Suggestions for alternative money raising options also came in from some members of the public who were keen to offer advice to the family.

Kadin's relatives and friends are now also hoping to organise a fun run and walk in aid of his cause, as well as a cook-out.

If you would like to donate to Kadin's medical fund, his account number at the Royal Bank of Canada's Palmdale Branch is 727 4269. If anyone wishes to contact the family to offer any other assistance, Mrs Saunders can be contacted at Sheniqua_37@hotmail.com.

Tropical Exterminators Pest Control
322-2157

POTCAKE SAYS

THE BAHAMAS' VERY OWN STREET PHILOSOPHER



WOW!!! Now that's A low PRICE!

Starting at **Short Sleeve \$16.99**
Long Sleeve \$18.99

EXECUTIVE EmbroidMe COLLECTION

Buy one or buy 1,000. We've got you covered!

Uniforms • Embroidery • Screen Printing • Promotional Products • Career & Casual Wear
East Shirley Street • Ph: 393-1004/393-3104 • www.sun-tee.com

Floral Arts LIMITED
EVENTS • WEDDINGS & THE ARTISTRY OF FLOWERS

TWO-DAY Warehouse Sale

When: Friday, October 1st 2010
9AM– 5PM
&
Saturday, October 2nd 2010
8AM–5PM

Where: Central Storage Park Warehouse
Carmichael Road
(Yellow building behind Subway)

Take advantage of super savings on our wide selection of Halloween and Christmas decorations, table linens, draping fabric, bar stools, desks and much, much more!

CLOGS

NOW IN STOCK
MEN AND LADIES SIZES

- *FOR CHEFS AND KITCHEN AIDES
- *SLIP RESISTANT
- *ALL DAY COMFORT
- *MOLDED INSOLES
- *DURABLE AND WASHABLE

BIG ONE

SHOE STORE
PH:322-5276 EAST ST.

Benefits outweigh drawbacks of Planning and Subdivisions Act

*PLEASE NOTE: IT WAS ANNOUNCED JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME LAST NIGHT THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE OF THE PLANNING AND SUBDIVISION ACT IS NOW JANUARY 1st 2011.

"In The Bahamas, for some, change is either too early or long overdue." – Hubert Ingraham

By LARRY SMITH

THREE years ago, outgoing government planning consultant, Malcolm Marti-



TOUGH CALL
LARRY SMITH

ni, told a group of Rotarians that the future of New Providence was at risk unless some tough decisions were made.

With few controls over the little land left to service a rapidly growing population (estimated at 240,000-plus today), and physical limits on what can be added to the transportation net-

work, we could look forward to traffic gridlock, congested urban development, vanishing green spaces, and a generally unpleasant quality of life.

Not long after Martini's talk, Shirlea residents found themselves in a futile battle to curb inappropriate commercial development in their sedate little neigh-

bourhood. And any drive through Nassau makes it clear that most residential areas are under the same threat, especially if they are near commercial zones.

A few months ago we celebrated the grand opening of a multi-million-dollar shopping centre near Coral Harbour. On relatively virgin territory, the wealthy developers erased and scarified the pine forest to erect the most banal roadside strip mall imaginable. Not a tree was left standing on this huge, barren and sun-burnt expanse of land.

Two years ago, a supreme court judge hit out at lawyers who sought to regularise illegal real estate transactions by sprinkling "magic lawyer dust", striking a chord with many Bahamians who have fallen victim to questionable real estate deals over the years. But his ruling that developers cannot legally sell lots in unapproved subdivisions was overturned on appeal.

And just recently, Frederick and Maria Wood saw their little home south of Charles Saunders Highway demolished by Bahamian developers who have spent "millions" pursuing their legitimate rights to subdivide the land for housing estates.

The Planning and Subdivision Act that is expected to take effect in October* is a significant effort by the government to address these, and similar, issues throughout our archipelago. Proponents hope it will "bring order to development and prohibit bad environmental and planning practices that have endured for far too long."

The new law consolidates all aspects of town planning and subdivision development, expands public participation in the approval process, and mandates land use plans for every island, based on a national land development policy that is yet to be promulgated. All future development and zoning must conform to the approved land use plan for each island.

As you can imagine, this involves quite a lot of work for the re-organised Department of Physical Planning that is called for in the Act. So the law will be implemented in phases, beginning with New Providence, where most Bahamians live, and moving on to islands like Abaco and Eleuthera, where the development pressures are greatest.

Meanwhile, a preliminary land use plan for New Providence has been completed to allow the law to take effect. Michael Major will continue as director of physical planning under the new regime, overseeing three divisions covering policy planning, development review and Family Island coordination.

According to the prime minister, "We cannot afford

to continue to postpone the adoption and enforcement of adequate standards for town planning and subdivision development. We postpone it at our own peril. We accept that we are not always in a position to alter what has been done in the past, but we are committed to positively influence what will take place in the future."

He pointed to the failure to safeguard the tranquility of neighbourhoods, to assist in the restoration of family homesteads, to guard against the invasion of business and industry into residential or farming communities, and to protect investments in new subdivisions that lack basic infrastructure.

When it was first proposed, the initial Bill sparked anxiety among those used to doing things their own way, regardless of the consequences to the environment or the rest of us. Critics said it would raise costs and create bureaucratic bottlenecks, but most of the objections seem to have been met in the current version of the Act, which was passed this summer.

The main goal is to prevent the indiscriminate division and development of land while protecting the country's natural and cultural heritage. But a key provision is that once a completed application has been submitted, a decision must be conveyed within four months, or the application will be deemed to have been approved, and the developer will be entitled to proceed.

Bahamian developers will be required to meet minimum standards, install infrastructure, provide access to all essential utilities, preserve wetlands, and ensure that their projects do not cause unsustainable damage to the environment. For significant developments, they will have to undertake environmental and traffic impact assessments, just as foreign developers must do. And they will have to guarantee public access to the sea.

Proponents say the law will increase transparency in the approval process by allowing those who are likely to be impacted by a development to review and comment on the proposal, and to have their objections heard in public.

The preliminary land use plan for New Providence was produced from an exhaustive review of all available data, as well as consultations with relevant government agencies and major landowners. Based on existing uses, it divides the island into zones for agricultural, residential, industrial, institutional, touristic and commercial development. Areas are also set aside for heritage sites, forest reserves, and public parks and green spaces. Residential areas are sub-

divided into low-, medium- and high-sensitivity zones.

The relatively intact pine forest immediately south of the airport and surrounding Lake Killarney will be set aside as conservation areas as defined under the new Forestry Act. It will require an act of parliament to remove this protection. Although passed and gazetted, the forestry act will not be implemented until later this year or early next, after regulatory procedures have been finalised. The Bahamas National Trust and the College of the Bahamas will have considerable input into these regulations.

Under the Planning and Subdivision Act, "development" means any building, engineering, mining or other operations in, on, over or under any land around a dwelling house, or any land used for agriculture or forestry. It also applies to the subdivision of any such land, the dividing of one home into two or more separate dwelling units, or use of the land as a dump or scrap heap.

No approval will be given for any subdivisions that do not conform with the land use plan and zoning regulation.

And title deeds for lots in unapproved subdivisions will be considered null and void. In addition, no building will be allowed in a subdivision until all the required utilities and services have been installed and are available for each lot.

Subdivision owners will have to post performance bonds covering the works required. And special approval will be needed for any excavation or landfilling, quarrying or mining, or for the harvesting of protected trees.

There are also provisions for the preservation of existing mature vegetation and tree cover, as well as for public access to the sea.

Preliminary approval for a subdivision can be revoked if these conditions are not met, but can be appealed.

Preliminary approval will lapse after two years from the date of grant unless final approval is granted. Final approval lapses after one year from the date of grant unless substantial work has begun. Penalties include restoration of the land to its prior state and fines of up to \$20,000. The burden of proof for contravening the Act lies with the person charged.

It's clear that this far-reaching law will have a significant impact on our communities.

And while there may be some additional costs and red tape as a result, we think the benefits will far outweigh the drawbacks.

Our fragile islands are facing an enormous onslaught from development that will only grow worse over time.

If we want to maintain our quality of life, we must plan for the future and avoid thoughtless destruction of the natural environment which underlies that quality of life.

According to Environment Minister Earl Deveaux, who piloted the legislation through parliament, the new law "seeks to guide us to a more enlightened development mode; one that accepts that development is important and essential to the welfare of our people, but one that will help to ensure that we do not destroy our ability to succeed in the future."

What do you think?
Send comments to
larry@tribunemedia.net
Or visit
www.bahamapundit.com

The Brickle Patch
Kempco Building - Harold Road
Phone: (242) 356-7502 - Fax: (242) 356-7572

SHOW WINDOW REVEAL EVENT
OCTOBER 1, 2010
7:00PM

Cash Back Promotion Begins!!!
October, November & December
Shop During these months & enter to win
YOU SPEND IT, WE'LL PAY IT BACK



The Anglican Central Education Authority invites applications from qualified individuals for the position of **Deputy Director of Education for Curriculum and Supervision**.

The Deputy Director of Education for Curriculum and Supervision will play an essential role in the implementation and development of curriculum as well as professional development of teachers. The Deputy Director will be responsible for the successful design, development, and implementation of curriculum, working with teachers, parents, community members and other staff to analyze, assess, and improve educational programs.

Key Responsibilities:

- Curriculum Development - works with teachers and staff to ensure curriculum is aligned with National Learning Standards and is achieving the System's goals. Reviews current curriculum and recommends changes based on performance data. Demonstrates a strong grasp of educational technology applications.
- Performance Evaluation - sets high and measurable goals for student achievement and evaluates student progress in the instructional program by means that include the maintaining of up-to-date student data. Supervises and appraises the performance of the schools' faculty.
- Organizational Efficiency - maintains inter-school system communication. Maintains good relationships with students, staff, parents, and community members. Respects established lines of authority.
- New Teacher Induction - orients and assists new staff members and provides opportunities for their input in the schools' program.
- Professional Development - leads the education and career development initiatives for the faculty and staff of the schools and works with Principals to assess the needs of faculty. Responsible for benchmarking education and career development best practices.
- Community - encourages the use of community resources, cooperates with the community in the use of school facilities, interprets the school program for the community, and maintains communication with community members.

Required Skills and Experience:

- 10+ years administrative experience in an educational setting
- Strong leadership skills and personal drive
- Passion for children and their families
- Ability to implement programs to improve student achievement
- Ability to build partnerships with community organizations
- Commitment to technological advancement
- Familiarity with various educational models
- Strategic planning experience
- Strong communication skills
- An entrepreneurial spirit and a proven track record

Education Requirements:

- Masters degree preferred in education, business or related fields from an accredited college/university
- Accredited Teaching Certificate

Letters of Application submitted with copies of Degree Certificates, Curriculum Vitae, three references, and three passport photos, must be submitted to: **The Director of Anglican Education, Anglican Central Education Authority, P.O. Box N656, Nassau, The Bahamas**

The deadline for Applications is Thursday, October 7th 2010.

 **Is cutting the store in**

HALF IS 30% to 50%



The Other 1/2 Is Grab Your Discount Out the Bag On all new Clothing



Share your news

The Tribune wants to hear from people who are making news in their neighbourhoods. Perhaps you are raising funds for a good cause, campaigning for improvements in the area or have won an award. If so, call us on 322-1986 and share your story.

Man gets 12 days of community service for fatal traffic accident

By AVA TURNQUEST
Tribune Staff Reporter
aturnquest@tribunemedia.net

SCORNED by an appellate ruling that allowed the man found guilty of killing her son in a traffic accident to receive only 12 days of community service, a mother told The Tribune of how she feels slighted by her own mercy.

In December 2007, 19-year-old Omar Smith, a Defence Force officer, became the country's 43rd traffic fatality for the year when his blue 2000 Yamaha 1100 collided with a white 1996 Nissan Maxima driven by 21-year-old Rashad Jolly.

One year later, his mother Vandetta Moorshead's story of compassion and good faith touched the country when she told The Tribune of how she came to plead with the magistrate not to jail the young man whose actions ended her only son's life.

Ruling

Now, with an already completed appellate ruling in hand, and criminal proceedings sealed forever, Ms Moorshead said she feels as if the justice system is "set up for criminals."

Ms Moorshead said: "This system is not designed for victims, this system is set up to accommodate criminals. During the first case he pleaded guilty to all the charges. He had no licence, he ran a stop sign - he pleaded guilty to causing my son's death due to his negligent and dangerous driving."

"I pleaded with the judge not to send him to jail, I didn't want the country to lose another young man to the prison system. They told me that the magistrate's ruling held no jurisdiction under

Mother of victim 'feels slighted by her own mercy'

law -- okay, fine - but how could no portion of the law be given? The law dictates what the sentencing is for this type of crime - under the law the penalty is one to five years jail or \$10,000 fine or both. This isn't even a slap on the wrist, it's a kiss on the jaw."

The case appeared before Magistrate Linda Virgill. After hearing Ms Moorshead's plea, the discussion was held off record, the magistrate ordered Mr Jolly set up "a library fund or scholarship fund" that would provide scholarships for graduates of C V Bethel to attend the College of the Bahamas.

Magistrate Virgill said: "I would like it formed as a non-profit organization and you will make a donation once a year of \$2,500 for the rest of your working life, sir."

Magistrate Virgill added: "There are always difficult situations, and it doesn't bring many persons back, but perhaps you can save another life in doing this, you understand? In doing this you can help save somebody from drugs or somebody from off the street. Some parent who can't pay the school fee, they will know at the end of the year that there is help with somebody who was to graduate C V Bethel. I will put a condition on that, counsel. If you fail to do that, you will go to jail for five years. I'm going to insist that you do this for the rest of your natural life."

Ms Moorshead said she was first made aware Mr Jolly's decision to appeal the judge's ruling last year, after

following up to see whether a trust fund had been established. However, at that time a date had not yet been set for a hearing and it wouldn't be until August of this year that she would receive contact from the courts.

Unbeknownst to Ms Moorshead, Mr Jolly's appeal was heard before Court of Appeal president Dame Joan Sawyer, and justices Christopher Blackman and Stanley John.

Duties

On May 4, Justice Blackman said: "The appeal is allowed. The sentence imposed by the learned magistrate is set aside. In substitution therefore the Court orders that the appellant report to the Ranfurly Home for Children with effect from May 12, 2010, to perform such duties as may be directed by the officer in charge there, including reading to the children, and to report every Wednesday thereafter until August 4, 2010."

Ms Moorshead said: "All I could do when I read that was sit down and weep. This was the first time they have contacted me, they told me to come and pick up the ruling - I thought it was just finished, not to know everything was already done. Yes, everyone has a right to appeal their case but why were the penalties not applied?"

Ms Moorshead said she knew it was Mr Jolly's right to appeal the ruling, however she said she felt comforted that it would hold due to

'Backyard Gardening Programme' bears fruit

OVER 2,000 Bahamians who have so far participated in the government's 'Backyard Gardening Programme' have been given the tools to reduce their grocery bills or even supplement their regular incomes by growing their own produce. Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources Larry Cartwright said.



PROGRAMME PRAISE: Larry Cartwright

Speaking at a press conference on Monday, Mr Cartwright said the 'Backyard Gardening Programme' is specifically geared towards meeting persons at their levels of competency and seeks to offer assistance with upgrading their knowledge and skills based in this area.

He said the initiative has proven "most successful" since its inception and an advanced version of the programme is currently being considered.

The latest installment of the 'Backyard Gardening Programme' commenced on September 25.

Minister Cartwright reiterated that his ministry is striving to enhance the ability of the country's farming and fishing sectors "to fuel economic development so as to improve the quality of the life by channelling human, financial and technical resources into areas where competitive advantage exists, while providing the enabling regulatory environment for the protection and preservation of our agricultural and marine resources sectors for future generations."

These programmes include the Rapid Assessment Plan, the National Expo and the upgrade of the Down Home Fish Fry.

Rapid assessment, he said, is a five-year development plan for the agriculture and marine resources sectors with the overall aim of developing sustainable food security.

"Consideration has been given to environmental concerns, natural disasters, trade agreements and improving the regulatory and legislative framework for the sectors," he said.

Mr Cartwright said the ministry is currently engaged in further fine-tuning the plan with considerations being given to human resources and budgetary requirements as well as to a relevant strategy of implementation and evaluation.

"We are excited about the grand endeavour and intend to be full partners with the people of the Bahamas as we take steps toward its progress," he said.

Also on the ministry's agenda is the National Expo slated for February 2011.

The event will be the culmination of the Family Island Expos which were held this year from January to May throughout the country. A total of 140 vendors are expected to peddle their wares which range from ornamental items to vegetables, fruit crops, processed jams and marine resources or livestock.

'Progressing Toward Food Security' is the theme of the expo. Consideration is also being given to upgrading the Fish and Farm Store on Potters Cay Dock.

In addition to the initiatives by the Department of Agriculture, the ministry is also engaged in the embryo transplant programme and improvements to the abattoir and the Gladstone Road Agriculture Complex, Mr Cartwright said.

The embryo transplant programme involved the implementation of under-developed fertilised eggs into various female sheep and goats and has resulted in the successful introduction of high quality animal genetics at a reasonable cost, the minister said.

we travel to Japan to buy our cars!

ZERO DOWN Used Car Sale!

Montague Motors is offering an ALL NEW "ON THE SPOT FINANCING!"

We have changed our financing package and are proud to offer the best deals ever. ZERO DOWN with interest rates from 15% and monthly installment plans from \$199.00. Certain restrictions apply.

"On the spot" lowest insurance rates in Nassau!

Offer good to Government employees AND NOW private sector with salary deduction!

	Honda Accord CF4.....	ZERO DOWN	\$260.00 PER MONTH
	Best price & quality.		
	Nissan Bluebird QUT4.....	ZERO DOWN	\$199.00 PER MONTH
	We do not buy collision damage cars.		
	Honda Civic EK3.....	ZERO DOWN	\$242.00 PER MONTH
	We have extended our warranty to 2 months.		
	Nissan Sylphy Q610.....	ZERO DOWN	\$329.00 PER MONTH
	Licensing & inspection, \$20 gas & warranty. <small>Included in the price</small>		
	Nissan Cefiro A33.....	ZERO DOWN	\$280.00 PER MONTH
	Restrictions apply.		
	Nissan March K11.....	ZERO DOWN	\$199.00 PER MONTH
	Lowest rates may not be available to all that apply.		
	Nissan Primera TP12.....	ZERO DOWN	\$299.00 PER MONTH
	Approval can take up to 5 working days.		
	Toyota Windom MCY21.....	ZERO DOWN	\$260.00 PER MONTH

Montague Motors Ltd. is NOT associated with any other car lot, nor do we import cars for any car lot other than our 2 convenient locations, Village Road and Carmichael Road!

Montague

MOTORS LTD.

Used cars is our only business

The leader in Japanese Used Cars!

TOYOTA

NISSAN

HONDA

Village Road near Shirley Street

Tel: 394-0323/5 OR 394-1377

Carmichael Road opposite Walk In Clinic

Tel: 341-1070/1 • Fax: 341-1072

Now Serving You In TWO Locations!

SALE

STOREWIDE SAVINGS

On all your favorite footwear for men, women and children!!

DRESS, CASUAL and WORK

Shoes up to 50% off

Visit our SUPER SAVER SALE TABLES.

20% Off All New Stock.

40% Off Fashion Jewelry.

Handbags up to 50% off.

ALL FASHION SCARVES \$8.95

SHOP EARLY FOR BEST SELECTION.

ALL SALES ARE FINAL.

SALE ENDS SATURDAY 2, OCTOBER.

JOHN'S

SHOES AND ACCESSORIES

ROSETTA ST. 325-4944 CARMICHAEL ROAD 361-6876

LOCAL NEWS

The children are our future

By JOHN ISSA

OFTEN when a truth becomes a catch phrase or cliché it doesn't cause those who are conscious of it and believe it to act on it. I believe that if you surveyed the citizens of The Bahamas to determine if they agreed with the statement that our children were our future almost 100 per cent would say that they agreed.

That being said, I am sure that you are all as concerned as I am about the reports of the level of violence that has been occurring in and around our schools between school children. The media reports of anti-social behaviour displayed by so many of our young people not only in and around their schools but also in and around their neighbourhoods are like marks on a scale measuring social decay. Some of this breakdown of traditional Bahamian values can be laid at the

VIEW FROM AFAR

J O H N I S S A

feet of unsavory international influences in this age of instant communication. Some blame may be laid at the feet of the new crowded environment of our increasingly urban society. Some blame can be laid at the feet of the international drug transshipment trade.

Some blame may be laid at the feet of some of our immigrants who may not be as infused with traditional Bahamian values. However, we, as a community, must take the greater share of the blame. I am convinced that we have not given correction of this fundamental problem the attention and resources it deserves.

I read the online edition of the Bahamian newspapers daily and although I have not kept a detailed tally of the number of articles and letters dealing with various subjects my recollection is that I have seen more column inches of the print media covering subjects such as casuarinas, Nygard Cay, Arawak Cay, one way streets, crime and many other subjects than the need to urgently deal with the problems that challenge our children.

Let me state very clearly that I am not saying that the other subjects reported on in the media are not important and are not of concern to

sections of our community. That said it seems clear to me that if we do not tackle the problems of the adequacy of our schools to properly prepare our youth for the future, history will condemn our generation.

The solution is not only to be found in our schools because schools alone can't raise our children. The solution must be found in our households as well. Parents ought to be required to be involved in their children's schools. This can't be accomplished by rules and legislation but it can be achieved by moral pressure and shining the spotlight of the media on parents who take no interest in their children's schools.

I would like to throw out a challenge to the media and community leaders to use their influence in the cause of improving our schools and increasing the level of parental involvement in their children's schools.



'20,000' in street gangs

FROM page one

She claims both communities are engaged in an endless spree of retaliations that are affecting the community.

Pastor Reid said the Grove has several gangs on the list, including the Grove Boys. He said the Jungalist gang occupies Ridgeland Park.

The gang listing was first brought out in 1997. It was last updated in 2002, when more than 50 gangs were

listed. It has grown since then.

"A lot of the killings we have seen this year are retaliation killings. When someone gets killed, you are not just getting rid of that person, because that person is attached to an immediate family and an extended family, the gang. The mentality is, when you kill one of us, in most cases we have to take one of your own," said Pastor Reid.

"Almost every community has a feud going on with a

different community. We have not properly addressed the issue of gangs. We have allowed situations to breed, and a lot of the people in the position to make a difference don't have a clue about what is going on," he said.

Poinciana Drive is still known as "the Gaza Strip", according to Pastor Reid. It is the meeting ground of four different gang territories (Gun Dogs, Pond Boys, Rebellions and Nike Boys), and four different schools (CC Sweeting, HO Nash, TA Thompson and CR Walker).

The Balliou Hill playing fields is known as the "killing fields", according to Pastor Reid, who said, "every day there is a fight going on out there".

"Let us look at Government High School. When you have to walk through Yellow Elder, where the Hornets are, if you are a Rebellion they know and you are getting it," said Pastor Reid.

Once a student lives in a certain area, they are automatically assumed to be in a "particular click". A GHS student said there was a fight in school yesterday because of gangs. The fight was sparked because a student from the Grove "trespassed" in Rebellion territory.

"Take CI Gibson. The Hoyas from Kemp Road believe they own that school, so as far as they are concerned, no one else is supposed to be in that school," said Pastor Fox.

However, students from the Fox Hill Dogs, Nassau Village Rebellions and the Mad Ass from Wulff Road all go to the same school.

"Now think about this. If you know someone wants to chap you up and kill you, do you really think you can focus on your school work. The only thing you are thinking about is how am I going to get out of here after school," he said.

Pastor Reid is certified in gang prevention and intervention skills by the National Gang and Crime Research Centre of the United States of America.

He is also the lead pastor at the Hope Centre Ministries, which runs several youth outreach programmes, including a suspension programme.

The Hope Centre and Youth Against Violence are hosting a Conflict Resolution and Manger Management Seminar this week, where they plan to

release the updated gang listing.

Minister Keith Grey, also a certified gang prevention and intervention specialist, is one of the presenters at the seminar. He was one of the founders of the Rebellion Raiders.

Pastor Keith said the Rebellion gang is still the largest gang in the Bahamas. Its members boast of having 14 segments across the island, from Elizabeth Estates to Carmichael, Road.

It was started in the early 1980s "to rebel against the Syndicates, which was one of the earliest gangs formed that had some structure", said Pastor Reid.

"The same things they formed to rebel against, they started doing, so the other gangs started coming up to rebel against the Rebellions," he said.

Bahamian gangs are not constituted in the same way as American gangs, or

Jamaican gangs. Pastor Reid said American gangs are "more organised crime gangs", and Jamaican gangs are "political gangs".

Organised crime gangs are often underground organisations that run the entire community, including housing projects, businesses and politicians.

"It doesn't mean we don't have gangs. We basically have youth gangs. The problem is, America started off just as we did and we don't want to get where America is," said Pastor Reid.

"We are seeing the formation of these groups really to protect themselves. To be honest, in the Bahamas, just being by yourself is a risk.

"Most of the youth gangs they will mess with you just because they see you walking by yourself and you might have something on you that they want: watch, chain, shoes," he said.

Senior politicians in 'high level' talks on Baha Mar deal

FROM page one

combe, and Dr Bernard Nottage met with FNM MPs Tommy Turnquest, Desmond Bannister, and Senator Dion Foulkes in the government committee room of the House of Assembly on Monday evening.

This grouping, it was said, discussed a way of reaching "common ground" on the Baha Mar deal ahead of today's voting. With concerns about the foreign labour component and the sovereignty of land on Cable Beach being at

the forefront of the debate, both sides have reportedly agreed that the deal itself remains to be in the best interest of the Bahamian people.

However, with an election year fast approaching, it was said that politics will continue to play a major role in the discussions.

Yesterday, the leader of government business Tommy Turnquest confirmed that such a meeting had taken place – but stressed that he was not at liberty to disclose its content.

• SEE PAGE 1, TRIBUNE BUSINESS

MUST SELL

House on Virginia Street, near to downtown. Two bed/two bath with harbour view. Separate efficiency apartment both on a 4,000 sq. ft. lot. Two minute walk to Junkanoo Beach, five minute walk to Bay Street.

Reduced to \$225,000 or Nearest Offer
Phone Owner Anytime 424-3368

Vacancy

CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGER

An established Bahamian local company is seeking applications from suitably qualified person to fill the position of Customer Service Manager for long-term commitment, growth and longevity.

Requirements:

- University or College degree
- 3 - 5 years experience in a managerial role
- Professional and quality customer service skills
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Professional
- Working knowledge of the ADP dealer management system or similar management software packages
- Professional written and verbal communication and interpersonal skills
- Proven leadership skills, strong organizational and management skills

Responsibilities:

- Contribute to the department's growth and profitability through effective management practices
- Create KPI reports, document issues and track trends
- Coordinate effective promotional campaigns and the implementation of business development plans
- Monitor and control the daily operations of the department
- Liaise with other departments in order to support daily department operations, meet customer service requirements and resolve issues or concerns
- Willingness to work a flexible schedule
- Coach and lead front-line employees, monitor and manage performance, develop performance planners, set and review goals on an individual basis with the team
- Enhances teamwork and common direction of the department.

An attractive compensation package is offered which includes Group Medical and Pension Plan benefits.

Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Interested persons should send resumes and supporting documents to:

P. O. Box CB-11651
Nassau, Bahamas

All applications must be submitted on or before
September 30, 2010.

Super Savings!



Fine China

* 20% off

- Herend
- Portmeirion
- Raynaud Limoges
- Dansk
- Medard De Noblat
- Spode
- Noritake
- Red Vanilla
- Wedgwood
- Mikasa
- Lenox

*except on net items

Sept 24th - Oct 9th, 2010

Kelly's Home & Home

Tel: (242) 393-4002
Fax: (242) 393-4096

Mail at Marathon
Monday-Friday 7:00am-8:00pm
Saturday 7:00am-9:00pm
Sunday closed
www.kellysbahamas.com

NOW OPEN 7AM

Officers 'would not resist removal of police prosecutors'

FROM page one

system," said Mr Hanna. "I don't see where the police would have any problem if the government decides to make the delivery of justice and the carriage of justice more efficient and more effective," he said.

In the meantime, Mr Hanna said the Commissioner of Police is committed to the high performance of the Police Prosecutions Department, which has always handled prosecutions in the Magistrate's courts "from time immemorial."

A part of the Commissioner's Policing Plan is to have the department staffed with trained police attorneys. Only two of about nine police prosecutors are qualified attorneys, including the head of the department.

"I can say the integrity of police prosecutors is unmatched. These are well trained people whether they have had on the job training or been formally trained as lawyers. Their integrity remains intact, and at this point we are pleased with the level of representation and service they have given throughout the whole judicial system," said Mr Hanna.

Weeks ago, Attorney General John Delaney said he was expecting the Department of Public Prosecutions to make recommendations on the management of cases going before the Magistrate's courts. He said the use of police prosecutors would be reviewed in the process.

He said the management of



HULAN HANNA

police prosecutions in the Magistrate's courts, is a "live and current" issue currently under review.

Some members of the legal fraternity say the time has passed for the government to do away with police prosecutors.

"There is more than an adequate supply of lawyers who could prosecute in the Magistrate's Courts," said a senior defence attorney.

"The question of competency is always there, but I am more concerned about the appearance of fairness and the objectivity that one would expect of prosecutors who are supposed to be administrators of justice," he said.

Police officers investigate complaints and formally press charges. Having them also prosecute, compromises the "level of objectivity," said the attorney.

This is compounded by the fact that police are sometimes assigned to provide security for magistrates, he said.

Mr Hanna said the legal system has "checks and balance" to ensure justice is served.

"Any matter that goes before a court where a member of the public is brought up on charges, if the person feels aggrieved by the outcome of that matter there is a series of appeals right on up to the Privy Council that a citizen can pursue. Our Westminster system allows for police to prosecute. There are checks and balances at the end of the day, and if a person is not satisfied with the outcome of a matter then the system allows for them to test the system all the way through," he said.

One police attorney said the competence of police prosecutors was unfairly called into question, when the real problem was often that they are simply "overwhelmed."

He said a police prosecutor goes to court on a given day with up to 50 files on his plate, where a defence attorney is able to focus on one. He said the government should seriously consider increasing the number of police prosecutors, so there are two assigned to each court, a lead prosecutor and an assistant.

He said a trained attorney should be assigned to work along with the police prosecutors on select cases that require additional legal expertise.

There is currently a working relationship between the department of police prosecutions and the attorney general's office.

Minister rejects pleas to go to New York for straw vendors

FROM page one

support they needed following their discovery that their mothers would not be coming home from the US because they had been held on criminal charges.

"A few people approached me about it, but it is out of my realm of ministerial responsibility.

"Hence I am limiting myself to providing assistance in the schools," said Mr Bannister yesterday.

The MP would not reveal who had asked him to make the trip to help the women.

Roshanda Rolle, Gayle Rolle, Marva Ferguson, Marvette Ferguson, Patricia Hanna, Shamone Thompson, Margaret Pierre, Judy Duncombe and Tracy Davis were arrested on September 15 as they waited to board a flight back to Nassau from New York.

It is alleged that they went on an illegal shopping spree for counterfeit designer bags and jewellery that they intended to sell at their Straw Market stalls back home.

Hundreds of counterfeit goods were allegedly found in their luggage which had been checked on to the return flight to Nassau.

The Bahamians were charged with conspiracy to defraud the US, specifically by the trafficking of counterfeit goods, in a Manhattan court on September 20. They could face a maximum sentence of three years in prison on the charge, which came after a six-month long federal surveillance operation by the US Department of Home-

land Security and, Immigration, Customs and Enforcement.

In a joint statement issued to the media on Friday, Mr Bannister and Labour Minister Dion Foulkes said their respective ministries were in the process of providing help to the families of the vendors here at home through the provision of counselling for the children of the women and a review of what form of assistance the Department of Social Services might step in to give to the families who would have been hit by the temporary loss of a mother figure and breadwinner.

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Consulate General's Office in New York continues to monitor the situation and provide various levels of assistance to the vendors.

"We urge others to be considerate and offer prayerful support to the families of the vendors. Our ministries will continue to work together to assist these Bahamian families in need," the statement read.

The PLP has accused the government of not doing enough to assist the vendors and has even gone as far as to suggest that the government is "complicit" in their arrests, in part because the women had for so long been allowed to openly engage in the counterfeit trade in the "government-sponsored market" while customs has collected duty on the fake goods when they have been imported.

The government, in turn, has criticised the PLP for "playing politics" with the situation.

Bahamas set to be hit by heavy rain, strong wind

FROM page one

islands expected to feel the brunt of this bad weather are Bimini, Andros, New Providence and West End, Grand Bahama.

"Because the area associated with it (the system) is fairly broad we expect most of the islands in the north-west and central Bahamas to experience some shower activity but it will be heavier in some islands than the others," he said.

Boaters and swimmers are advised to stay out of the surf until weather conditions improve.

"Boaters should remain in port. We're going to have rough surf that will certainly generate rip currents and the like which does pose a danger to swimmers as well," warned Mr Dean.

He also said to be on the alert for possible flooding.

"There will be some heavy showers that can produce localised flooding in

low areas but because we expect the system to move rapidly (we expect) that will minimise the flooding".

Up to press time, the National Hurricane Centre in the United States had not classified the depression as a tropical storm. International reports stated that the system would be named Tropical Storm Nicole if it strengthened overnight.

For the latest weather information log on to www.tribune242.com

Police assist US team in alleged credit card fraud investigation

FROM page one

citizen used a credit card to purchase jewellery at several stores in the popular tourist hot spot with the intention of reselling the jewellery in the United States.

It was reported that when the American returned to the United States and attempted to sell the jewellery he was apprehended and the jewellery was traced back to the Bahamas.

Meanwhile officials say credit card fraud committed by Bahamians remains widespread - at least six persons are currently at court facing charges.

The spike in credit card frauds began in June, according to Assistant Superintendent Michael Moxey, director of The Business and Technology Crimes Section, with officers also noticing a rise in fraud, stealing by reason of service or employment, possession of forged documents and forgery.

Last month, in an effort to decrease public susceptibility to these types of crimes by boosting awareness, the section issued an advisory detailing the most frequent fraud scenarios. At that time, credit cards, car purchases and employee-for-hire schemes were named as the top frauds availing the public. Now Mr Moxey says although credit card schemes are still at large, there has been a noted increase in cheque fraud.

Taking advantage of a banking system meant to provide timelier access to revenue received, culprits were said to deposit fraudulent cheques at various financial institutions and then withdraw the amounts deposited before full verification can be ascertained.

Mr Moxey noted there were a number of mechanisms in place in both the law enforcement and banking sectors to protect against and to detect fraud. However, he urged the public to act with upmost caution when publicly handling any financial information.

FOR SALE



FREEPORT CITY SUBDIVISION - CENTRAL AREA, FREEPORT

LOT NO. 5 Block "O"

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Single Storey Commercial Complex

PROPERTY SIZE: 65,341 sq. ft.

LOCATION: On the Mall at the Ranfurly Circus

APPRAISED VALUE: \$2,479,000

INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD SUBMIT OFFERS INCLUSIVE OF TELEPHONE CONTACT AND POSTAL ADDRESS TO: CB DISTRESSED PROPERTIES, CREDIT RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT, P.O. BOX - SS-6263 NASSAU, BAHAMAS OR EMAIL US AT: DISTRESSED.PROPERTIES@COMBANKLTD.COM FOR GENERAL ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL: 394-6464 EXT. 5836 OR EXT. 5829.

* WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL OFFERS.


Ministry of the Environment
Department of Environmental Health Services
NOTICE



The owner(s) of a Heavy Duty Truck, registration number M 1354 parked and hindering the entrance to Sunderland Park, situated at Sunderland Road, Stapledon Gardens Subdivision, is asked to remove the same within 7 days from the publication of this notice.

The owner(s) are hereby advised that failure to remove the said vehicle will result in the said vehicle being removed by the Department of Environmental Health Services.

Sign Director DEHS

FIRST CLASS

Meridian School

AT the nursery of the Meridian School at Unicorn Village the goal is to help children who are starting school to grow into caring and creative individuals, school spokespersons said.

Special courses like Spanish are offered to students at the nursery level and continue on through primary school, pre-school coordinator Terez Cleare told The Tribune.

Additionally, the Meridian School is the only institution in New Providence that uses the Calvert Curriculum – a homeschool curriculum that was written for the classroom.

First Class is a new regular feature showcasing the youngsters who have started at a new school and is dedicated to the teachers and staff who help them settle into their new surroundings.

To get your new starters featured, contact Reuben Shearer at The Tribune on 322-1986 or email rshearer@tribunemedia.net



1



2



3



4



5

1. **JUST BEFORE NAP TIME** – The students with their teachers, Kai Knowles, Vantina Russell and Francis Sands;
2. **TYLER** Sweeting at 'circle time'
3. **OLIVER** Moncur
4. **KOFI** Goudie enjoys sliding during recess
5. **LAURAN** Jones
6. **VICTORIA** Seguin
7. **AVA** Ritchie
8. **NICHOLAS** Haines
9. **ALANNA** Murray
10. **MATTEO** Villi dances during the students' playtime outside.

PHOTOS/FELIPE MAJOR/TRIBUNE STAFF



6



7



8



9



10

ROYAL FIDELITY
Money at Work
RBC / Fidelity Joint Venture Company

NASSAU
(242) 356-9801

FREEPORT
(242) 351-3010

MARSH HARBOUR
(242) 367-3135

royalfidelity.com

US threatened Bahamas over trade benefits, WTO process

* TV programmers allege US Trade Representative wielded big stick, telling Bahamas that unless it ended compulsory TV licensing regime, Washington would not support WTO accession and eliminate CBI trade benefits

* Threats also involved return to Special 201 watchlist, and seemed to work as Bahamas implemented sought after reforms within six weeks

* Lessons to be learned for intellectual property rights protection and current Straw vendors situation

By **NEIL HARTNELL**
Tribune Business Editor

The US government has already wielded the 'big stick' to force the Bahamas to enhance intellectual property rights protection, Tribune Business can reveal, threatening to withdraw this nation's trade benefits and support for its World Trade Organisation (WTO) accession unless the compulsory TV licensing regime was disbanded.

The threats, allegedly made by the US Trade Representative's Office during an August 5, 2009, meeting in Nassau, which was attended by representatives from the Bahamian

SEE page 2B



EARL DEVEAUX

New 3-month delay for the Planning Act

* Government postpones implementation until New Year's Day 2011, and extends Town Planning Committee tenure until 2010 year-end

* Minister says latest postponement intended to give Law Reform and Review Commission more time to assess new feedback

* Adds that it will give Bahamians and key stakeholders time to assess multiple regulations accompanying Act, plus learn New Providence Land Use Plan and approved subdivisions

By **NEIL HARTNELL**
Tribune Business Editor

The Government yesterday announced it was postponing the Planning and Subdivisions Act's implementation until New Year's Day, in a bid to give Bahamians more time to familiarise themselves with New Providence's Land Use Plan, the list of approved subdivisions and regulations that accompany the legislation.

Explaining the decision to delay implementation for another three months, the Government having previously postponed the 'coming into force' date from July 1 this year to October 1, Earl Deveaux, minister of the environment, told Tribune Business that the Government also wanted to

SEE page 2B

Insurer targets \$25m cash level

■ RoyalStar's \$5m preference share issue seeks capital to maintain liquidity levels amid new Thompson Boulevard HQ construction

■ Carrier's chief expects issue to be fully subscribed given 'profitability track record', giving it \$40m in capital and solvency margin 'in excess of 250%'

■ Balance sheet 'more than 50% cash', and HQ move targeted for mid-2012

By **NEIL HARTNELL**
Tribune Business Editor

RoyalStar Assurance yesterday formally unveiled its \$5 million preference share issue, a move designed to maintain balance sheet cash reserves at \$25 million as it moves to fund the construction/refurbishing of its planned new Thompson Boulevard headquarters that will open in 2012.

Steve Watson, the general

insurance underwriter's managing director, told Tribune Business that he expected the private placement to be "fully subscribed" given the carrier's profitability track record, adding that this would give it \$40 million in capital and a solvency margin "in excess of 250 per cent".

Explaining the rationale for the issue, Mr Watson told this newspaper: "The reason for it is that we're building a new office out west at Thompson

Boulevard, and want to maintain our levels of liquidity while we're doing that.

"We have \$25 million in cash on the balance sheet, and want to make sure we continue to have \$25 million in cash on the balance sheet. We just want to make sure that we're liquid."

RoyalStar and one of its major shareholders, the Sunshine Group of Companies

SEE page 5B

BEC 'cuts' into \$100m receivables

* Chairman says up to 50% of client base could have accounts in arrears, with \$60m of receivables caused by household/business consumers, and \$40m from government

By **CHESTER ROBARDS**
Business Reporter
crobards@tribunemedia.net

WITH up to 50 per cent of its client base responsible for racking up \$100 million in accounts receivables, the Bahamas Electricity Corporation (BEC) has decided to commence mass disconnections across the Bahamas, its executive chairman told Tribune Business yesterday.

Michael Moss said almost \$60 million is owed to BEC by residential and private sector clients, while the remaining \$40 million worth of arrears is owed by government and public sector agencies.

While Mr Moss could not say how many customers would be disconnected over time, or that those in danger represented 50 per cent of BEC's client base, he ventured to say it was nearing that number.

The executive chairman said BEC recently made the decision to discontinue its liberal customer assistance programme, which allowed customers to agree a payment plan and make overdue payments in installments, and continued with its normal operating regime. This regime means customers in arrears will have to settle their overdue electricity bills immediately or face a shut-off.

GAS TRACKER

\$4.38

\$4.37

FUEL

\$4.22

The information contained is from a third party and The Tribune can not be held responsible for errors and/or omission from the daily report.

According to a BEC release gazetted in the newspapers, those accounts in danger of disconnection include "the accounts of customers who have payment arrangements with BEC but are not honoring their commitments".

Mr Moss said BEC's Board was forced to determine the dollar amount owed over several months in order to decide

SEE page 5B

Baha Mar, Scotia still talking on \$200m loan



ROBERT SANDS

By **NEIL HARTNELL**
Tribune Business Editor

Baha Mar and Scotiabank had yet to reach a resolution over the \$200 million-plus loan secured on the existing Cable Beach resorts as Tribune Business went to press last night, raising the possibility that the Government will again have to postpone today's planned debate on the Chinese work permits resolution in the House of Assembly.

Robert Sands, Baha Mar's senior vice-president for external and governmental affairs, while still expressing hope that a resolution to the outstanding syndicated loan would be found, effectively

confirmed to Tribune Business that the two parties had yet to reach a resolution as Wednesday's Parliamentary debate loomed.

"The parties are still in meetings off-island," Mr Sands said, when questioned by Tribune Business. When asked whether he remained optimistic, he laughed and said: "I have plenty of hope."

Tribune Business understands that both Sarkis Izmirlian, Baha Mar's chairman and chief executive, and Barry Malcolm, Scotiabank (Bahamas) managing director, flew to the talks, which are either being held in the bank's home city of Toronto

SEE page 4B

ROYAL FIDELITY
Money at Work
RBC / Fidelity Joint Venture Company
[\[Learn more at royalfidelity.com \]](http://royalfidelity.com)

Education Investment Accounts

- Experienced financial experts
- Strong investment performance
- Become a more informed investor
- Benefit from professional expertise

ROYAL FIDELITY
Money at Work

BAHAMAS
Nassau: 242.356.9801
Freeport: 242.351.3010

BARBADOS
St. Michael: 246.435.1955

BUSINESS

New 3-month delay for the Planning Act

FROM page 1B

have more time to consider further "representations" made to it over the Act and its regulations.

Confirming that the Town Planning Committee's tenure had been extended until year-end, December 31, Mr Deveaux added that the Government wanted to give the public plus key stakeholders - attorneys, contractors and realtors - time to go through the "list of Orders that go with the Act". These will be published this Friday, October 1.

"We are going to postpone the Act's coming into force until the first of the year, January 1, 2011, and extend the Town Planning Committee's tenure until the end of the year," Mr Deveaux told Tribune Business.

"Very simply, we have had some representations that we want to consider at the Law Reform and Review Commission, and want the public to see the subdivision audit and regulations that we will publish, so they are able to be familiar with them.

"There are some legitimate issues to be addressed, but pri-

marily it's to give the public opportunities to look at the New Providence Land Use Plan, the zoning, the categorisations, the subdivision audit."

The various sets of regulations will be posted on the Government and Bahamas Environment, Science and Technology Commission (BEST) websites, and include:

- * The Department of Physical Planning Regulations, 2010
- * The Town Planning Committee Rules, 2010
- * The Planning and Subdivision (Public Notice) Regulations, 2010
- * The Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Rules, 2010
- * The Planning and Subdivision (Application Requirements) Regulations, 2010
- * The list of Approved Subdivisions in New Providence
- * New Providence Planning Districts Map
- * First Order Existing Land Use Map for New Providence
- * First Order Zoning Map for New Providence
- * Planning and Subdivision (Land Use Plan) Policy

Describing the Act's importance to the orderly development and planning of the Bahamas' future, and the balancing of growth with environmental protection, Mr Deveaux said: "The Planning and Subdivisions Act, together with the Forestry Act and the Bahamas National Trust Act that we will promulgate shortly, we believe, will represent the foundation for how we plan communities going forward, including the protected areas and the forested areas.

"Once we enshrine it in law, it gives us an opportunity to nurture in practice the kind of behaviour and principles we want in a well-ordained planning process.

"We provide in this law specific requirements for Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) and public consultation. It will force the Government, the public and all relevant stakeholders to get together and address all issues impacting the environment."

US threatened Bahamas over trade benefits, WTO process

FROM page 1B

government, US Embassy, US-based TV programming rights holders and Cable Bahamas, seemed to be successful, given that within six weeks the Ingraham administration brought into force the 2004 Copyright Act amendments that narrowed the scope of this nation's compulsory TV licensing regime.

The nature of the threats has been revealed by the Television Association of Programmers Latin America (TAP), the trade industry group representing more than 30 pay television channels, via a statement on its website describing that August 5 meeting.

TAP said: "During this meeting, the US Trade Representative issued a clear statement that unless the compulsory license on pay TV was repealed, the Bahamas would be facing some serious consequences, including the possible loss of trade benefits under the Caribbean Basin Initiative, possible restatement to the US Trade Representative's special 301 Watchlist, and the loss of US support for the Bahamas' pending accession to the World Trade Organisation."

The industry group added: "TAP and its members were able to present our side of the story directly to the Bahamian government and, as a result of these discussions, the Bahamas finally ratified the 2004 amendments to the Bahamian Copyright Act on September 16, 2009, removing encrypted pay TV signals from the compulsory license."

TAP described this as "a resounding victory..... after over a decade of repeated attempts to resolve the issue". It added that it had made numerous representations to the US Trade Representative's Office, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and other regulators in a bid "to press our concerns about the Bahamian government's repeated violation of intellectual property rights".

Tribune Business revealed early last October the Government's move to amend the compulsory TV licensing regime to permit only copyrighted works broadcast free over-the-air to be compulsorily licensed. Previously, the regime had allowed all copyrighted programmes to be received, transmitted and re-broadcast within the Bahamas.

That move ensured the Bahamas had fulfilled its 'side of the bargain' with the US when it came to a 2000 agreement between the two, in which this nation had agreed to narrow the compulsory TV licensing regime in return for the US Trade Representative's Office pressuring the programming rights holders to negotiate commercial arrangements with Cable Bahamas.

That latter aspect has culminated in agreements such as Cable Bahamas' signing of a deal with HBO, even though some programming will be received in Spanish.

The nature of the pressure applied to the Bahamas has never been revealed until now, though, and it is especially relevant today given the current predicament faced by the nine Bahamian straw vendors currently charged and held under house arrest, on bond, for the alleged trafficking of counterfeit goods.

These arrests, and the compulsory TV licensing regime situation, show two things. First, they provide evidence of how the US government and intellectual property rights owners are not playing when it comes to protecting the fruits of their creativity, and will use the full arsenal of measures at their disposal - law enforcement, trade benefits and threats - to ensure the Bahamas and its citizens comply with international agreements, laws and standards.

The other lesson is that the Bahamas will have little choice but to fall into line with global standards on intellectual property rights protection, especially as it prepares to sign on to full WTO membership and implement its Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) obligations.

The main question is whether it will be proactive and move to do so in good time or, as happened under the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) 'blacklisting' and the compulsory TV licensing regime, wait until effectively the 'gun is put to its head' by major trading partners such as the US.

A statement issued by the WTO, following the first meeting between the Bahamas and the working party that will negotiate this nation's accession to full membership, said that areas in "need of further work" by the Government/private sector included pricing policy, tariffs, internal taxes, quantitative restrictions, import licensing, Customs, export subsidies, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, technical barriers to trade and intellectual property.

The crux of the compulsory TV licensing regime issue that dogged Bahamian-US relations for 14 years is that the Bahamas and rest of the English-speaking Caribbean are seen as too small a market by many of the programming rights holders, making them disinclined to negotiate commercial arrangements with Cable Bahamas.

Their distribution and royalty rights do not allow them to broadcast outside the US, and the legal fees and other costs required to change these agreements would exceed the revenues gained from a small market such as this nation.

Under the 2000 agreement, the US Trade Representative's Office was supposed to encourage the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) and the likes of its individual members to enter into commercial agreements with Cable Bahamas, in return for this nation amending its compulsory licensing regime via the 2004 Act amendment. Yet while the Bahamas has now fulfilled its side of the bargain, the US has yet to hold up its end.



FAMGUARD

The Board of Directors of FamGuard Corporation Limited advises shareholders and the public that the company's Second Quarterly Financial Report for the six months ended June 30, 2010 is now available on the company's website: www.famguardbahamas.com

FAMGUARD CORPORATION LIMITED
The parent holding company of

- Family Guardian Insurance Company Limited
- BahamaHealth Insurance Brokers & Benefit Consultants Limited
- FG Insurance Agents & Brokers Limited
- FG Capital Markets Limited
- FG Financial Limited

Free WiFi Now Available

Vacation in Paradise

ONLY \$69
per person*
Bahamas residents only.





Full Use of Atlantis
Including all pool and beach activities!

- Kids 15 and under stay free in room with parent
- Free Continental Breakfast daily
- Kids under 12 also Eat Free**
- Air conditioned Jr. Suites w/ king size or two double beds
- Free Wi-Fi & Free Parking
- All new Flat Screen TVs with cable programming
- Pool with swim up bar

Limited-time offer, reserve today. Call 242-363-3680

We'll see you there.
CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL®



COMFORT SUITES
PARADISE ISLAND BAHAMAS

*\$69 per person per night dbl occupancy, Sun thru Wed., \$79 per person per night dbl occupancy, Thurs thru Sat. Rates available through December 25, 2010. Additional adults add \$40 each per night. Maximum 4 persons per room. Additional fees apply for mandatory taxes, mandatory housekeeping gratuities and utility service fees. Rates quoted are based on standard room category and subject to availability. Cancellations must be received 48 hours prior to arrival or a 1-night penalty will apply. **Kids eat free under 12 years of age with paying adult - breakfast, lunch & dinner.

PwC Territory Senior Partners at Caribbean Region Partnership Meeting In Barbados



From left: Marcus Hatch - PwC East Caribbean, Darren Johnston - PwC Bermuda, Nick Freeland - PwC Cayman, Maxim Rochester - PwC Jamaica, Colin Wharfe - PwC Trinidad, Clifford Johnson - PwC Bahamas, and Cees Roix - PwC Curacao

The partners of PwC Caribbean Region have a special responsibility to apply the collective skills of their regional network to help clients and their communities come through current economic challenges.

This was one of the key messages delivered by PwC Caribbean chairman, Nick Freeland, to some 80 partners who gathered in Barbados recently for a two-day Caribbean Region partners' meeting.

"We see evidence every day of the benefits for our clients when we bring the right skills together to solve complex problems, but we can always get better at this," Freeland said. "Many of our governments are focused on public sector reform and we can make a tremendous contribution to the regional development effort by providing services designed to streamline processes and introduce greater efficiencies in many areas. We are already doing much of this work in some Caribbean territories, but we must leverage this experience for the benefit of other regional governments."

Freeland, who is also senior partner of PwC Cayman Islands, stressed the value that the PwC regional network structure creates not only for the firms' clients but for the firms themselves.

"We can share the same opportunities for training and education, set and enforce consistent standards for quality and risk management, and concentrate on how best to deliver services and bring value to our clients," he said. "We are fortunate to have an unmatched depth of resources on the ground in each Caribbean territory, and our structure has allowed us to create teams of individuals who are all on the same page in terms of service. With a regional Board of Senior Partners providing oversight and direction to the efforts of our regional line of service and industry leaders, we can move quickly to make things happen for our shared clients, wherever they may be."

Clifford A. Johnson TSP for the Bahamas agrees "Regional companies, as well as international companies entering the region, are increasingly aware of the capability of PwC Caribbean Region to match their geographical spread and provide a consistent level of service regardless of location," he said. "They also appreciate our ability to understand their industries and businesses."

Freeland observed that the regional network has given PwC in the Caribbean far greater "horsepower" for servicing clients and creating value for them than its competition.

"We can draw on the expertise and experience of 80 partners and almost 1500 directors, managers and other professional and support staff," he said. "I would venture to say that this capability is unmatched by any other professional services firm in the region. This is a major responsibility. We need to ensure that we embrace every opportunity to apply these resources to the maximum benefit of our clients and our region."

The partners' meeting was followed by a two-day update session on International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) for 190 partners, directors and managers from across the Caribbean, which the firms hold annually.

The firms that make up the PwC Caribbean Region are: PwC Bahamas; PwC Bermuda; PwC BVI; PwC Cayman, PwC East Caribbean (including Barbados, Antigua, St. Lucia and St. Kitts-Nevis); PwC Jamaica; PwC Netherlands Antilles (including Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao and St. Maarten); PwC Trinidad & Tobago; and PwC Turks & Caicos.

BUSINESS

Bahamas urged to 'regain offensive'

A leading opponent of the Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development's (OECD) anti-tax competition agenda has urged the Bahamas and other international financial centres to "regain the offensive", given that the upcoming US congressional elections are likely to see Republicans take control of at least one of the legislative houses.

Warning that the OECD and major industrialised nations were likely to initiate a "possible push" for the automatic exchange of tax information, the Centre for Freedom and Prosperity said the likely change of Congressional con-

trol would dilute the Obama administration's support for the Paris-based forum's agenda.

"The Center for Freedom and Prosperity has attended every Global Forum held thus far," said CF&P Foundation president Andrew Quinlan.

"With the OECD continuing to spread misinformation about low-tax jurisdictions and tax competition, it was imperative that we have a presence again this year, while also producing a paper that can be used as an aid for low-tax countries as they encounter the OECD's attack on tax competition, financial privacy and fiscal sovereignty." Its new paper highlights six

primary areas of concern for low-tax jurisdictions:

- 1) A possible push for automatic tax information sharing.
- 2) Another assault on tax planning and tax avoidance like the surprise attack at last year's Global Forum.
- 3) A move toward a global financial tax.
- 4) Expansion of the EU savings tax directive.
- 5) Application of a formula apportionment of business income.
- 6) Widespread adoption of the US policy of taxing corporate income earned worldwide.

Sir Jack's son 'still optimistic' 78 jobs saved

FROM page 1B

He declined to comment further, adding that a press statement would be released if there were any further developments.

The latest situation comes after Mr Hayward was locked out of the three restaurants by the GBPA and Bourbon Street last year. He told Tribune Business at the time that he "wanted to pay" an eight-month rent backlog once GBPA management "justified" the "more-than-doubling of his lease payments within five years."

Telling Tribune Business that he had "in a way been expecting" himself and his staff to be locked out of The Pub at Port Lucaya, La Dolce Vita and East, Mr Hayward said he had been waiting for the GBPA and Port Group Ltd to explain why the monthly rent at the former two restaurants had been increased from \$10,000 per month five years ago to \$21,000 per month.

That amounts to 110 per cent increase, with the three restaurants paying a collective \$360,000 in rent per annum. Sir Jack's son said the lease for East, a smaller property, was \$8,700 per month. Since 1982, he estimated that his interests had paid between \$3.5-\$4 million in rent at Port Lucaya Marketplace, and he was not being charged \$42.50 per square foot every month.

Pointing out that rental payments for The Pub at Port Lucaya and La Dolce Vita increased by 33 per cent in the first of those five years, Mr Hayward said: "I've not paid any rent for eight months, because I've been asking for four to five years -- in writing and verbally -- how they could justify more than doubling your rent. Inflation has not gone up by that much. How can they justify such a huge rent increase?"

Mr Hayward said he was the largest employer in the Port Lucaya Marketplace, and had been a tenant there since 1982. Yet he said management at Port Group Ltd, whose Bourbon Street Ltd subsidiary is the landlord/holding company for the Marketplace, had never attempted to meet with him to answer his questions, or hold talks over the rental situation and negotiate a settlement.

Mr Hayward said he had to reduce collective staff numbers at his three restaurants from 110 to 75, an exercise he described as "the worst day of my life" and which had cost him \$300,000 in severance packages. "I'm the largest employer in the whole square," he said.

Mr Hayward said his businesses in the Port Lucaya Marketplace lost some \$400,000 in 2008, a figure that did not include the \$300,000 severance pay. He added that he had also invested between \$650,000-\$700,000 in East, and was unlikely "to get that back."

Following this year's Supreme Court hearing, the GBPA released a statement saying: "The executives of Port Group and Bourbon Street (Port Lucaya Marketplace) are pleased to advise that we have reached an amicable agreement with Rick Hayward, owner of the East, La Dolce Vita and the Pub at Port Lucaya restaurants, with regard to the outstanding balance on rent owed."

"We have met with Mr Hayward and minimum payment has been made. Although he is allowed to resume business, it is agreed that he must keep his rent current, along with a commitment to a regular payment schedule to settle his remaining outstanding balance."

"These are tough economic times and the management of Bourbon Street is always prepared to work with its tenants so that they are able to keep their doors open. As we move forward, this arrangement we feel, works in the interest of all parties for a speedy resolution."



BAHAMAS ELECTRICITY CORPORATION VACANCY NOTICE

DIESEL OPERATOR - ABACO OPERATIONS FAMILY ISLANDS DIVISION

A vacancy exists in the **Abaco Operations** for a Diesel Operator.

This job is located in the Family Islands Division with responsibility for the operation of generators and related auxiliaries.

Responsibilities of the position include, but are not limited to the following:

Starts and shuts-down diesel generators and auxiliaries including performing pre-start and post-stop equipment checks and isolations;

Records operating data for diesel engines;

- Monitors the level of essential engine fluid e.g., cooling water, fuel, and oil, and the condition of the various filters e.g., air, fuel, and oil. Maintains safe operating levels of same in fuel, cooling water and lube oil storage tanks;

Drains fuel tanks, air vessels, buffer spaces and changes air coolers;

Prevents engine failure by implementing safety precautionary measures when alarm is sounded.

The job requirement includes:

Successful completion of a formal apprenticeship or technical school program with Diesel Operator Certification or the equivalent;

A minimum of 3-4 years experience;
Knowledge of diesel engines to perform engine and auxiliary equipment operations and maintenance;

Math and written communication skills to record data and compile daily reports;

Verbal communication skills to provide work-related information. Interested persons should apply by completing and returning an Application Form to: **The Office of The Local Manager, BEC Abaco Operations or The Assistant Manager - Human Resources Department, Bahamas Electricity Corporation, Blue Hill & Tucker, P. O. Box N-7509 Nassau Bahamas on or before: Friday, October 15, 2010.**



We believe
in your right
to have a clean start
with your appliances.

Master Technicians has earned the trust of nine appliance brands to give our customers a factory backed one year warranty and appliance service by manufacturer trained technicians. We'll show you how new appliances can wipe away all the bad memories of your old units. Talk to one of our appliance experts today for a fresh start.



You will be satisfied!

Open Monday thru Saturday, 8:30am 'til 5:30pm Village Rd., Nassau, Bahamas
Ph: 393-5310 Fax: 393-8094 www.mastertechbahamas.com

Bahamas Public Services Union



ANNOUNCEMENT

In Accordance with Article 7- (1) of the union's Constitution, The Bahamas Public Services Union will hold its Annual General Membership Meeting on Friday, 8th October, 2010 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the union's hall, East Street South, off Soldier Road.

Auditors Reports will be presented in addition to reports on the growth and development of the Union by the President, Secretary General and Treasurer.

All members are urged to attend and be on time.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

SECRETARY GENERAL

BUSINESS

Baha Mar, Scotia still talking on \$200m loan

FROM page 1B

or New York. It is understood that discussions lasted through the weekend.

Tribune Business previously reported that "progress" had been made in talks between the two sides, something that was confirmed by Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham last week, with Mr Izmirlan and Baha Mar indicating they were willing to put down more cash 'up front' as part of a debt-for-equity swap solution to resolve the loan.

Both the developer and Scotiabank had indicated a willingness to 'meet in the middle' and reach a compromise, although the bank will be reluctant to enter into any debt-for-equity swaps.

Tribune Business was also told that Scotiabank was about to appoint receivers for Baha Mar's existing Cable Beach Resorts, due to the defaulted loan, but sources with both the

developer and Scotiabank denied that this was about to happen, or even being contemplated.

Scotiabank (Bahamas) is unlikely to want to go down the receivership route simply because of the costs, as it would be saddled with two loss-making resorts with 2,000 staff, and would be unable to recoup the full value of its \$200 million loan.

Resolution

One of the pre-conditions for Baha Mar's Chinese financing partner, the China Export-Import Bank, to release \$2.45 billion in debt financing to fund the project is the resolution of the Scotiabank syndicate's loan.

The Chinese want this to be resolved, because unless that loan's security on several real estate parcels at Cable Beach - including the existing Sheraton and Wyndham resorts - is lifted, they will be unable to use the same as

collateral for their loans. A 'debt-for-equity' swap is being actively discussed by both parties. Sources familiar with the talks, who requested anonymity, told Tribune Business that Baha Mar/the Izmirlans had initially offered to pay \$75 million in cash to Scotiabank as an upfront, part-payment of the loan, with the remaining debt - around \$130 million - to be converted into an equity stake that the bank would hold in the Cable Beach redevelopment.

However, Scotiabank was said to be seeking a greater upfront cash payment worth \$110 million, sources told Tribune Business, putting the two sides some \$35 million apart.

Scotiabank wants a greater portion of the debt, estimated to be around \$205 million, paid in cash, due to the fact that as a conservative lender it will have to write down the value of the equity stake (loan) on its balance sheet, and is taking a gamble that Baha Mar and its Chinese partners will be able to deliver the \$2.6 billion project and profitable returns

on it. The bank, ultimately, has to protect its own interests through adhering to prudential banking norms, plus those of its depositors and the wider Bahamian banking system, given the sum extended to Baha Mar.

China State Construction has obtained a \$1.919 billion construction contract to build the core of Baha Mar, featuring six hotels with 3,500 rooms, a 100,000 square foot casino, 200,000 square feet of convention facilities, and a 20-acre beach and pool experience.

Some 1,200 Bahamians are projected to be engaged in construction at Baha Mar, including the \$75 million West Bay Street re-routing; \$30 million Commercial Village and 'back of house' on Gladstone Road; \$10 million of earthwork, irrigation and landscaping on the new golf course; and \$20 million of construction on the golf clubhouse, and buildings around the beach and pool area, and retail village.

NOTICE

NADANIEL HOLDINGS LTD.

In Voluntary Liquidation

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 138(4) of the International Business Companies Act. 2000, **NADANIEL HOLDINGS LTD.** is in dissolution as of **September 23, 2010.**

International Liquidator Services Inc. situated at 3rd Floor Withfield Tower, 4792 Coney Drive, Belize City, Belize is the Liquidator.

LIQUIDATOR

NOTICE

Egistor Inc.

In Voluntary Liquidation

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 138(4) of the International Business Companies Act. 2000, **Egistor Inc.** is in dissolution as of **September 20, 2010.**

International Liquidator Services Inc. situated at 3rd Floor Withfield Tower, 4792 Coney Drive, Belize City, Belize is the Liquidator.

LIQUIDATOR

NOTICE

Patari Services Ltd.

In Voluntary Liquidation

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 138(4) of the International Business Companies Act. 2000, **Patari Services Ltd.** is in dissolution as of **September 20, 2010.**

International Liquidator Services Inc. situated at 3rd Floor Withfield Tower, 4792 Coney Drive, Belize City, Belize is the Liquidator.

LIQUIDATOR

NOTICE

ZOMBALYA LTD.

In Voluntary Liquidation

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 138(4) of the International Business Companies Act. 2000, **ZOMBALYA LTD.** is in dissolution as of **September 23, 2010.**

International Liquidator Services Inc. situated at 3rd Floor Withfield Tower, 4792 Coney Drive, Belize City, Belize is the Liquidator.

LIQUIDATOR

NOTICE

DOLIONESTRE LTD.

In Voluntary Liquidation

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 138(4) of the International Business Companies Act. 2000, **DOLIONESTRE LTD.** is in dissolution as of **September 23, 2010.**

International Liquidator Services Inc. situated at 3rd Floor Withfield Tower, 4792 Coney Drive, Belize City, Belize is the Liquidator.

LIQUIDATOR

NOTICE

ARMUSANO LTD.

In Voluntary Liquidation

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 138(4) of the International Business Companies Act. 2000, **ARMUSANO LTD.** is in dissolution as of **September 16, 2010.**

International Liquidator Services Inc. situated at 3rd Floor Withfield Tower, 4792 Coney Drive, Belize City, Belize is the Liquidator.

LIQUIDATOR

NOTICE

REGENCY INTERNATIONAL HOTEL MANAGEMENT LTD.

In Voluntary Liquidation

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 138(4) of the International Business Companies Act. 2000, **REGENCY INTERNATIONAL HOTEL MANAGEMENT LTD.** is in dissolution as of **September 24, 2010.**

International Liquidator Services Inc. situated at 3rd Floor Withfield Tower, 4792 Coney Drive, Belize City, Belize is the Liquidator.

LIQUIDATOR

NOTICE

MELVERDEN OVERSEAS INC.

In Voluntary Liquidation

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 138(4) of the International Business Companies Act. 2000, **MELVERDEN OVERSEAS INC.** is in dissolution as of **September 15, 2010.**

International Liquidator Services Inc. situated at 3rd Floor Withfield Tower, 4792 Coney Drive, Belize City, Belize is the Liquidator.

LIQUIDATOR

NOTICE

FILIPEK VENTURES INC.

In Voluntary Liquidation

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 138(4) of the International Business Companies Act. 2000, **FILIPEK VENTURES INC.** is in dissolution as of **September 23, 2010.**

International Liquidator Services Inc. situated at 3rd Floor Withfield Tower, 4792 Coney Drive, Belize City, Belize is the Liquidator.

LIQUIDATOR

NOTICE

MERBALIN LIMITED

In Voluntary Liquidation

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 138(4) of the International Business Companies Act. 2000, **MERBALIN LIMITED** is in dissolution as of **September 16, 2010.**

International Liquidator Services Inc. situated at 3rd Floor Withfield Tower, 4792 Coney Drive, Belize City, Belize is the Liquidator.

LIQUIDATOR

NOTICE

MCDAMOND LTD.

In Voluntary Liquidation

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 138(4) of the International Business Companies Act. 2000, **MCDAMOND LTD.** is in dissolution as of **September 27, 2010.**

International Liquidator Services Inc. situated at 3rd Floor Withfield Tower, 4792 Coney Drive, Belize City, Belize is the Liquidator.

LIQUIDATOR

NOTICE

Miguana Ltd.

In Voluntary Liquidation

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 138(4) of the International Business Companies Act. 2000, **Miguana Ltd.** is in dissolution as of **September 20, 2010.**

International Liquidator Services Inc. situated at 3rd Floor Withfield Tower, 4792 Coney Drive, Belize City, Belize is the Liquidator.

LIQUIDATOR

Insurer targets \$25m cash level

FROM page 1B

chaired by Franklyn Wilson, acquired one of the former Caribbean Bottling (Coca-Cola) properties on Thompson Boulevard, on the eastern side of the Customs building, from BISX-listed Premier Commercial Real Estate Investment Corporation. The plan was always to convert it into a headquarters building for RoyalStar Assurance, and possibly offices for other Sunshine Group entities.

Mr Watson told Tribune Business that plans to transform the property into the carrier's new head office were now being "drawn up", and he added: "We're hoping to be in there in the middle of 2012. It's almost a knock down job. We're keeping some of the steel frame, but it's effectively a knock down and rebuilding."

The RoyalStar managing director said the new premises

"It's our own building; we don't need to keep paying rent."

es would be "more visible" and accessible than its current location, on the sixth and seventh floors of Second Terrace West, off Collins Avenue.

"It's our own building; we don't need to keep paying rent," he added. "It's more visible. We're closer to some of our clients, and it's an upcoming area with all sorts of businesses and government offices. The sixth and seventh floor of Collins Avenue is not very client friendly."

The \$5 million preference share issue, which carries an interest coupon of Bahamian Prime plus 2 per cent, pricing it at 7.5 per cent, is a private issue targeted at sophisticated

investors, such as high net worth individuals and institutions. It is not a public offering, so members of the public should not apply.

Explaining the benefits the additional capital would bring to RoyalStar, Mr Watson told Tribune Business: "Once we're done we will have \$40 million in capital. Some \$10 million will be preference shares, retained earnings will be higher at \$20 million, and the initial equity capital paid in was \$10 million."

"We're at \$40 million of capital on net written premium of \$14-\$15 million, so our solvency margin is around 266 per cent, in excess of 250 per cent. Most of that, a large chunk of it, will be cash. Not all balance sheets are created equally - our balance sheet is made up largely of cash, more than 50 per cent of it, so we're highly liquid."

Mr Watson said he expected the \$5 million placement to be fully subscribed, adding: "I would imagine that we would be fully subscribed. Given the security of the underlying company and the track record of profitability, I can't see why we would not be fully subscribed."

He added that the capital raising had "zero per cent to do with the new regulations" and Insurance Act set to come into force by next September 2011, adding that these were still "so up in the air". The \$5 million prefer-

ence share issue, though, had to be approved by the Insurance Commission of the Bahamas, as the new Act mandates that it backs all changes to an insurer's capital base.

RoyalStar is the first insurer to enter the capital markets this fall, with Bahamas First likely to shortly follow with a \$15 million bond placement. Their collective \$20 million is part of some \$60 million likely to be sought from the Bahamian capital markets this fall, with Sunshine Holdings already out for \$10 million and the College of the Bahamas (COB) planning a \$20 million bond issue.

RoyalStar Assurance generated a 53 per cent profit increase to \$6.816 million for 2009, with a 37.3 per cent increase on its underwriting net income, expanding it year-over-year from \$7.892 million to \$10.836 million.

Writing in RoyalStar's 2009 annual report, Mr Watson said: "Since 2005, equity has grown by 70 per cent from \$20.6 million to \$35.2 million, and during this period over \$7 million has been paid in dividends. This has been achieved by delivering a return on equity in excess of 20 per cent in four of the past five years."

The company's \$5 million private placement is being handled by RoyalFidelity Capital Markets, and closes on October 12, 2010.

FOR SALE

High End Commercial Real Estate
Multi-Family Lot for sale
Beautiful Westridge Estate North
105 x151 6 plex lot (16170 Sq.Ft.)
Paved Roads All Utilities \$219,000.00
Bank Financing Available 5% Down
Tele: 325-1325 / 422-4489 / 477-0200



ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE BAHAMAS GOVERNMENT TREASURY BILLS

Sealed tenders for B\$81,000,000.00 of 91-Day Treasury Bills will be received by the Banking Manager, The Central Bank of The Bahamas, Frederick Street, Nassau up to 3:00 p.m on Friday, October 1, 2010. Successful tenderers, who will be advised should take up their bills against payment on Tuesday, October 5, 2010. These bills will be in minimum multiples of B\$100.00.

Tenders are to be on special forms obtainable from the Central Bank of The Bahamas or Commercial Banks.

Tenders must state the net price percent (in multiples of one cent) and should be marked "Tender". The Central Bank of the Bahamas reserves the right to reject any or all tenders.

BEC 'cuts' into \$100m receivables

FROM page 1B

which accounts would be included in the primary disconnections.

He said those accounts with the largest arrears will be disconnected initially and, as the exercise continues, move down the line.

"The way disconnections go there are a number of criteria applied," said Mr Moss. "If we tried to disconnect everyone with arrears (all at once), it would be a nightmare. We will probably have to focus on the high level people and bring it down."

A fascinating occurrence, he added, is that when the disconnections begin to occur, the arrears are settled.

"One of the things you see about disconnections is they most of the time come in and pay," he said. "They set their priorities based on the seriousness of which they see the utility handling their accounts."

Mr Moss said delinquent account holders will no longer receive the lenient payment plans, part of the Government's social safety net programme, that were offered at the height

of the financial crisis. Now, he said, customers will have to present their own payment plan and it will be at BEC's discretion to accept.

He admitted that BEC is partly responsible for the massive arrears, having been party to "them allowing their accounts to get to this position".

Over time, as disconnections occur, BEC saves money in fuel costs, said Mr Moss.

While allowing payments that might never satisfy total arrears and delaying the disconnection of accounts months in arrears, the corporation has had to absorb the cost of the fuel used. And, according to Mr Moss, from a generation standpoint 100 typical residential customers only represents about 0.2 per cent of one megawatt of BEC's generating capacity.

"Even if you take 100 customers off per day it doesn't make that much of a difference," he said. "But it does save you a little bit of fuel."



WILL BE CLOSED

For stock taking
Friday October 1st, 2010

We will be open for business on
Saturday Oct. 2nd 2010
 from 8:00am to 12:00pm

Thank you for your patronage and we apologize for any inconvenience caused.

Attend the 14th Americas Food & Beverage Show & Conference



October 26-27, 2010
 Miami Beach Convention Center

MEET +350 exhibitors from +27 countries

VISIT 20 international pavilions, offering unique products and services

NETWORK with 6,000 food and beverage buyers from 63 countries under one roof

WITNESS the Americas Chef Competition, where Olympic Chefs try to conquer the Americas

DON'T MISS the "Taste of Peru" Pavillion

BENEFIT from a one stop opportunity for ideas, products and business

For information contact Omar Gonzalez at omar.gonzalez@fas.usda.gov. [Great airline and hotel discounts available.](#)

Register NOW:
www.americasfoodandbeverage.com

VACANCY

RE: POSITION

A local company is currently seeking applications for the position of Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

The CFO will oversee accounting, financial analysis, risk management, the objective and analytical measurement of company performance, back-office operations, administration and collaborate with the CEO to develop various recommendations for increasing profitability and return on assets.

Interested candidates must have a Bachelor's degree in accounting, finance or business administration. CPA/CMA and/or MBA strongly preferred with extensive accounting/finance background.

Outstanding salary, benefits and incentives offered.

Interested candidates should forward their resumes to executive.chieffinancialoffice@gmail.com



Restaurant Manager

Bahama Grill is seeking an energetic, personable and hard working manager for its first location.

Bahama Grill is a "Fast Casual" restaurant with a few seats for convenience, serving good, fresh, healthy Island food fast at a reasonable price, in a clean friendly professional environment.

The menu includes Hickory-Smoked Pork, Baby Back and Beef Ribs, Grilled, BBQ and Rotisserie Chicken and Grilled Conch along with a variety of island sides. The ideal candidate will possess a minimum of 3 years restaurant management experience. We are looking for a leader who has the ability to inspire and motivate the staff to achieve the highest levels of food quality and guest service.

Send resume to - bahamagrill@coralwave.com

www.bahama-grill.com

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

NOTICE

IN THE ESTATE OF EDWARD McBRIDE domiciled and late of Queen's Cove, Freeport, Grand Bahama, The Bahamas, deceased

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claim or demand against or interest in the above Estate should send same duly certified in writing to the undersigned on or before 4th November, 2010 after which date the Administratrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the Estate having regard only to the claims, demands or interests of which she shall then have had notice AND all persons indebted to the above Estate are asked to settle such debts on or before 4th November, 2010.

FREDERIK F. GOTTLIEB & CO.
Attorneys for the Administratrix
P.O. Box AB-20405
Bay Street, Marsh Harbour
Abaco, The Bahamas

YACHT FOR SALE BY TENDER YACHT "KALIK SIR" NOTICE

TO BE SOLD BY TENDER PURSUANT TO ORDER No. 00128 OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE BAHAMAS, MADE THEREIN ON THE 3RD AUGUST 2010. THE YACHT "KALIK SIR", PRESENTLY BERTHED AT BROWNS BOAT BASIN, NASSAU, ENTAILS THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS:

Year Built: 2001
Build/Type: SEARAY (460 SUN DANCER)
Dimensions: LOA 45.6 Feet
Breadth Moulded 14.8 Feet
Tonnage: Dry Weight 28,000 lbs (12,700 kg)
Machinery: 2 x 6 Cyl. 430 BHP CUMMINS 450c
Main Engines (Inboard V-Drive type);
1 x Bow Thruster (Vetus);
1 x 10kW Westerbeke Generator.

Further particulars of the vessel, the conditions of sale and arrangement for inspection may be attained from Bahamas Maritime Connexion Limited, Joan's Heights, Nassau, The Bahamas; Phone: (242) 392-3514 or (242) 359-1424; Fax (242) 392-3518. Email: glenbain@maritimeconnexion.com or glenbain@hotmail.com

THE ABOVE PARTICULARS AND ANY FURTHER PARTICULARS THAT MAY BE GIVEN BY THE ADMIRALTY MARSHAL ARE AND WILL BE GIVEN IN GOOD FAITH AND NO RESPONSIBILITY CAN BE ACCEPTED FOR THEIR ACCURACY. IT IS ENCUMBERED UPON ALL INTERESTED PURCHASERS TO MAKE THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT ENQUIRIES.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY SEALED ENVELOPE MARKED "TENDER FOR YACHT KALIK SIR" AND SHOULD REACH THE OFFICE OF THE ADMIRALTY MARSHAL NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2010, AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

The Office of the Admiralty Marshal
P.O. Box N-8175
Prince George Wharf
Nassau, N.P.,
The Bahamas

THE ADMIRALTY MARSHAL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL TENDERS -

Signed: Commander Patrick McNeil
(Admiralty Marshal)

Home prices to take hit next year in many markets

ALAN ZIBEL,
AP Real Estate Writers
JANNA HERRON,
AP Real Estate Writers
WASHINGTON

Don't take the latest snapshot of U.S. home prices too seriously.

The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city index released Tuesday ticked up in July from June. But the gain is merely temporary, analysts say. They see home values taking a dive in many major markets well into next year.

That's because the peak home-buying season is now ending after a dismal summer. The hardest-hit markets, already battered by foreclosures, are bracing for a bigger wave of homes sold at foreclosure or through short sales. A short sale is when a lender lets a homeowner sell for less than the mortgage is worth.

Add high unemployment and reluctant buyers, and the outlook in many areas is bleak. Nationally, home values are projected to fall 2.2 percent in the second half of the year, according to analysts surveyed by MacroMarkets LLC. And Moody's Analytics predicts the Case-Shiller index will drop 8 percent within a year.

Among the areas likely to endure big price drops, according to Veros, a real estate analysis company:

— Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Reno, Nev., where prices could fall 7 percent over the next year.

— Orlando and Daytona Beach, Fla., which face price drops of at least 6 percent.

— Las Vegas, which led all declines in the latest report, is also expected to post a 6 percent drop. Home values there have already tumbled 57 percent from their peak four years ago.

Las Vegas has been hit by foreclosures and the loss of tourism and construction jobs.



(AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall) **ON THE MARKET:** In this photo taken Sept. 21, 2010, a sign stands in front of a new home for sale in a West Des Moines, Iowa, neighborhood. Home prices rose in July for the fourth straight month, but many cities are bracing for declines in the year ahead.



INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

More than 70 percent of homeowners there owe more on their mortgages than their homes are worth, according to real estate data firm CoreLogic. And the city's unemployment rate is nearly 15 percent, one of the highest for major U.S. markets.

The outlook in Orlando is also grim. More than half of borrowers owe more on their mortgages than their properties are worth. The unemployment rate there is nearly 12 percent.

This year, about 2 million, or 41 percent, of the 5 million homes sold this year will be distressed sales, predict analysts

Gold prices set record high on investor worries

NEW YORK

Gold prices settled at a record high Tuesday as investors looked for a safety net after sorting through a batch of mixed economic news, according to Associated Press.

Gold also got a helping hand from a weaker dollar as it rose \$9.70 to settle at \$1,308.30 an ounce. Earlier in the day, it reached \$1,311.80 an ounce.

It's the latest in a series of recent record-setting days for gold as investors seek alternatives to the jittery stock market as prospects for the economy remain uncertain. Many analysts expect the price to continue to climb.

Economic news was mixed on the day. The Conference Board said its monthly Consumer Confidence Index was 48.5, the lowest point since February. Consumer spending makes up a huge portion of the U.S. economy.

Separately, the Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city home price index showed home prices rose in July for the fourth straight month, even as many cities are bracing for declines in the year ahead.

On the positive side, there was more dealmaking news. Drug developer Endo Pharmaceuticals Holdings said it would buy Qualitest Pharmaceuticals for \$1.2 billion.

Gold and most commodities also benefited as the dollar grew weaker against other currencies. A weaker dollar makes commodities, which are priced in dollars, more attractive for foreign buyers.

"Consumer confidence is definitely another chink in the dollar's armor but I think (the gold price jump) it's a combination of things led by the currencies," Lind-Waldock senior market strategist Rich Ilcyszyn said.

In other metals contracts for December, silver rose 23.6 cents to settle at \$21.707 an ounce and copper gained 4 cents to settle at \$3.6370 a pound. September palladium added \$9.60 to settle at \$560.30 and October platinum gained \$5.60 to \$1,635.70 a pound. Wheat, soybeans and corn all fell as traders opted to take some profit and sell contracts ahead of a key government report on crops that is due later this week, said Northstar Commodity analyst Jason Ward. Wheat prices also were pressured by a chance of rain in Russia, which could make it easier for farmers to plant wheat in a region where a drought ravaged the crop earlier this year, he said.

Wheat for December delivery fell 21.75 cents to settle at \$6.8475 a bushel; December corn lost 12.75 cents to \$5 a bushel and November soybeans gave up 18.5 cents to \$11.10 a bushel. In other trading, energy prices were mixed as traders sorted through the economic reports. Benchmark oil for November delivery fell 34 cents to settle at \$76.18 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Oil settles lower, giving up earlier gains

SANDY SHORE,
AP Business Writer

Oil prices fell Tuesday as traders retreated from early optimism about the health of corporate America and focused on the government's weekly petroleum inventories report due Wednesday.

Benchmark crude for November delivery lost 34 cents to settle at \$76.18 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Prices rose as high as \$77.12 a barrel earlier in the session. At the pump, the national

average for a gallon of regular dipped to \$2.691 on Tuesday, according to AAA, Wright Express and the Oil Price Information Service. That's 3 cents lower than a week ago, although it remained 19.2 cents higher than a year ago.

Traders mullied the Conference Board's monthly report on consumer confidence, which fell to its lowest level since February. Things looked brighter in Europe, where the latest data showed Germans grew more confident in their nation's economic recovery.

U.S. investors applauded cor-

porate deals that included Endo Pharmaceuticals \$1.2 billion bid for Qualitest Pharmaceuticals. That followed Monday's announcements that Southwest Airlines will buy AirTran Airways and Wal-Mart plans to acquire South African retailer Massmart. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed about 46 points higher. The S&P 500 and the NASDAQ were up as well.

Energy traders are looking ahead to the government's weekly report on petroleum supplies for signs that huge inventories of crude will start to fall, according to Andrew Lebow, a senior vice president and broker at MF Global.

Most traders "are anticipating that as we head into the fourth quarter and into the first quarter that we're going to start to see the U.S. stock overhang to work off slowly but surely," he said.

"As a result, they think that prices could appreciate modestly."

PUBLIC NOTICE
INTENT TO CHANGE NAME BY DEED POLL
The Public is hereby advised that I, **MIGALINE GERTRUDE MCDONALD** of Eight Mile Rock, P.O.Box F-42197, Grand Bahama, intend to change my name to **MARGARET GERTRUDE MCDONALD**. If there are any objections to this change of name by Deed Poll, you may write such objections to the Chief Passport Officer, P.O.Box N-742, Nassau, Bahamas no later than thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE
INTENT TO CHANGE NAME BY DEED POLL
The Public is hereby advised that I, **GERARDIN MORISSETTE** of Johnson Close, Fox Hill, Nassau, Bahamas intend to change my name to **GERARDIN FORRESTER**. If there are any objections to this change of name by Deed Poll, you may write such objections to the Chief Passport Officer, P.O.Box N-742, Nassau, Bahamas no later than thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice.

NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given that **PAUL VICTOR BAKER OF P.O. BOX CB-11411, 69 BAILEY DRIVE, CORAL HARBOUR, NEW PROVIDENCE, THE BAHAMAS**, is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **29TH** day of **SEPTEMBER, 2010** to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, P.O.Box N-7147, Nassau, The Bahamas.

NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given that **MADONNA MERANVIL** of Mayfield Park 76th, Esher Court, 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 **28th** day of **September, 2010** to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, P.O.Box N-7147, Freeport, Bahamas.

52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Previous Close	Today's Close	Change	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield
1.26	1.00	AML Foods Limited		1.01	1.01	0.00	0.250	0.040	4.0	3.96%	
10.75	9.67	Bahamas Property Fund		10.63	10.63	0.00	0.013	0.200	817.7	1.88%	
6.18	4.50	Bank of Bahamas		4.90	4.90	0.00	0.598	0.250	8.2	5.31%	
0.58	0.18	Benchmark		0.18	0.18	0.00	-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
3.49	3.15	Bahamas Waste		3.15	3.15	0.00	0.168	0.090	18.8	2.86%	
2.15	2.14	Fidelity Bank		2.17	2.17	0.00	0.016	0.040	135.6	1.84%	
12.50	9.92	Cable Bahamas		10.77	10.77	0.00	1.212	0.310	8.9	2.88%	
2.84	2.50	Colina Holdings		2.50	2.50	0.00	0.781	0.040	3.2	1.60%	
7.00	5.40	Commonwealth Bank (S1)		6.28	6.60	0.32	0.422	0.230	15.6	3.48%	
5.65	1.63	Consolidated Water BDRs		1.85	1.96	0.11	0.111	0.052	17.7	2.65%	
2.95	1.60	Doctor's Hospital		1.90	1.90	0.00	0.199	0.110	9.5	5.79%	
6.99	5.94	Famguard		6.07	6.07	0.00	-0.003	0.240	N/M	3.95%	
10.20	8.50	Finco		8.50	8.50	0.00	0.287	0.520	29.6	6.12%	
11.40	9.77	FirstCaribbean Bank		10.77	9.74	-1.03	0.645	0.350	15.1	3.59%	
5.51	3.75	Focol (S)		5.46	5.46	0.00	0.366	0.170	14.9	3.11%	
1.00	1.00	Focol Class B Preference		1.00	1.00	0.00	0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
5.59	5.00	ICD Utilities		5.59	5.59	0.00	0.012	0.240	465.8	4.29%	
10.50	9.92	J. S. Johnson		9.92	9.92	0.00	0.883	0.640	11.2	6.45%	
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate		10.00	10.00	0.00	0.355	0.800	28.2	8.00%	
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Last Sale	Change	Daily Vol.	Interest	Maturity			
99.46	99.46	Bahamas Note 6.95 (2029)	BAH29	99.46	0.00		6.95%	20 November 2029			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00		7%	19 October 2017			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00		7%	30 May 2013			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015			
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid %	Ask %	Last Price	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
10.06	5.01	Bahamas Supermarkets	5.01	6.01	14.00		-2.945	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.55		0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%	
41.00	29.00	ABDAB	30.13	31.59	29.00		4.540	0.000	9.03	0.00%	
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.45	0.55	0.55		0.002	0.000	261.90	0.00%	
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD%	Last 12 Months %	NAV 3MTH	NAV 6MTH	NAV Date			
1.4904	1.4005	CFAL Bond Fund	1.4904	3.59%	6.42%	1.475244	1.452500	31-Jul-10			
2.9265	2.8266	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.9115	0.85%	0.23%	2.926483	2.906205	31-Aug-10			
1.8243	1.4977	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.5543	3.11%	4.36%	1.533976	1.518097	17-Sep-10			
3.2025	2.8622	Royal Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	2.8624	-8.16%	-7.49%			31-Aug-10			
13.6388	13.0484	Royal Fidelity Prime Income & Fund	13.4286	0.46%	2.40%			31-Aug-10			
109.3929	101.6693	CFAL Global Bond Fund	109.3929	5.20%	7.60%	107.570620	103.987340	30-Jun-10			
105.7795	93.1998	CFAL Global Equity Fund	100.1833	-1.52%	3.56%	105.779543	101.725415	30-Jun-10			
1.1223	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.1272	3.43%	5.28%			31-Jun-10			
1.0917	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.0948	2.51%	6.10%			31-Aug-10			
1.1198	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.1275	3.37%	5.64%			31-Aug-10			
9.5955	9.1005	Royal Fidelity Bah Intl Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 1	9.5955	2.71%	5.96%			31-Jul-10			
11.2361	10.0000	Royal Fidelity Bah Intl Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 2	10.3734	-3.69%	3.38%			31-Jul-10			
10.0000	9.1708	Royal Fidelity Bah Intl Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 3	9.1708	-8.29%	-8.29%			31-Aug-10			
7.9664	4.8105	Royal Fidelity Intl Fund - Equities Sub Fund	7.5827	-1.74%	11.58%			31-Aug-10			
MARKET TERMS											
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX - 19 Dec 02 = 1,000.00						YIELD - Last 12 month dividends divided by closing price					
52wk-Hi - Highest closing price in last 52 weeks						Bid \$ - Buying price of Colina and Fidelity					
52wk-Low - Lowest closing price in last 52 weeks						Ask \$ - Selling price of Colina and Fidelity					
Previous Close - Previous day's weighted price for daily volume						Last Price - Last traded over-the-counter price					
Today's Close - Current day's weighted price for daily volume						Weekly Vol. - Trading volume of the prior week					
Change - Change in closing price for the last 12 months						EPS \$ - A company's reported earnings per share for the last 12 mths					
Daily Vol. - Number of total shares traded today						NAV - Net Asset Value					
DIV \$ - Dividends per share paid in the last 12 months						N/A - Not Meaningful					
P/E - Closing price divided by the last 12 month earnings						FINDEX - The Fidelity Bahamas Stock Index, January 1, 1994 = 100					
(S) - 4-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 8/9/2007											
(S1) - 3-for-1 Stock Split - Effective Date 7/1/2007											
TO TRADE CALL: CFAL 242-502-7010 ROYALFIDELITY 242-356-7764 FG CAPITAL MARKETS 242-396-4000 COLONIAL 242-502-7525											

The Tribune Taste

SIMPLE COOKING



Everyone knows biscotti...

By MARK BITTMAN
2010 New York Times News Service

Everyone knows biscotti, the crunchy twice-cooked, cookie-like bars that you dip into your cappuccino or sweet wine. But biscotti need not be flavored with chocolate or hazelnuts. They do not even need to be sweet. You can add cheese, herbs, spices, even chopped sun-dried tomatoes or olives, making these biscotti a nifty alternative to crackers.

There's no mystery to how biscotti get its intense crunch: They're baked twice, and it's the second baking that really establishes their character. This does make biscotti a little more complicated than cookies, for example, but the dough is easy enough to make and the options are plentiful.

It's the choices that interest me most. In recent months I've made biscotti with saffron, cardamom, chilies and the aforementioned sun-dried tomatoes and olives. A cheese-and-cayenne combination was among my favorites.

Regardless of flavor, the procedure remains the same: You form the dough into a log and cook it until it's firm to the touch. After cooling, you slice it on the bias (that's how you get that nice arched shape) and bake them a second time, flipping them after 10 or 15 minutes so that both sides are nicely toasted. Their crispness deepens as they cool.

These unsweetened biscotti are still

pretty good with coffee. But they're fantastic with a glass of red or crisp white wine.

SAVORY CHEDDAR BISCOTTI

TIME: About 1 hour

2 eggs

1 cup grated Cheddar cheese

1 cup plus 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour, plus more as needed

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

3/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon cayenne, or to taste.

1. Heat the oven to 350 degrees and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Put the eggs and cheese in a food processor and process until yellow and thick, about a minute. Add the flour, baking powder, salt and cayenne and pulse three or four times, just to integrate the dry ingredients; you don't want to overwork the gluten in the flour.

2. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and gently knead it until it holds together — it may be a bit crumbly at first. Shape the dough into an 8- to 10-inch log, transfer to the prepared baking sheet and gently flatten.

3. Bake until the log begins to color and is firm to the touch, 20 to 25 minutes. Cool for about 10 minutes, then cut on the bias into half-inch slices. Lay the biscotti flat on the baking sheet and bake until crisp and toasted, 15 minutes; turn and toast the second side for another 10 to 15 minutes. Cool completely before serving.

YIELD: About 16 biscotti.

Flash Back

Just a few images of what, we the Bahamas, looked like 40...50...60 years in the past.

BY ROLAND ROSE



Fort Charlotte

The cannons at Fort Charlotte were never fired in anger, but shots were fired at a sound and light show by the Ministry of Tourism in the late sixties.

entertainment

Producers of Islands of the World Fashion Week creates local designer competition

WITH less than two months until the biggest runway show to hit the Bahamian shores, Mode Iles Ltd, producers of the award-winning Islands of the World Fashion Week (IWFW), have created a designer competition for novice designers based in the Bahamas.

The competition: "Runway to Fashion Week", loosely based on America's "Project Runway", was created to involve local, novice designers and gradually expose their talent to a larger market. The event will take place on October 3rd beginning at 5pm at Mario's Bowling and Entertainment Palace.

The two part event will feature 6 talented designers, showcasing 3-5 of their designs before a panel of local fashion icons, who will score and critique their work. In the second segment, the designers will each present a newly created "cultural-fashion" design, encompassing indigenous elements.

At the end of the intense competition, the winner will receive fabric courtesy of Bahama Handprints for the opportunity to showcase a line of 5-10 garments on the "Islands of the World Fashion Week" runway and the chance of a lifetime to attend one of the world's most prestigious schools of fashion design, by way of the "Harl Taylor Fashion Scholarship".

The judging panel will include Pamela Burnside-highly qualified Bahamian fashion designer and co-owner of the Daongalis Studios; Percy Wallace, Award winning local designer with more than two-decades of experience, more notably in the pageantry realm; and Tyrina Neely- the youngest of the panel with an active fashion background being an entrepreneur, stylist, columnist and popular fashionista.

Joining them, as the event's host will be Danielle Anusiem, the co-host of Island FM's popular show- The Morning Boil with Eddie Carter and she is also the show's morning news anchor.

Operations Manager for Mode Iles Ltd, Kedar Clarke says, "The Runway to Fashion Week should be an exciting time because the talent is insurmountable among Bahamian designers and so it will be very interesting to see what designs they come up with and who will make the top spot. Over the years, there continues to be a void within the Bahamian fashion community for exposing talents to an international market, this event acts as that preliminary platform for such exposure."

"Runway to Fashion Week" event is also one of the events under the CarriFringe festival calendar that is scheduled for October 1-11. CarriFringe is an annual ten day regional arts and culture festival that has been designed to feature a cross-section of Bahamian and Caribbean arts.



HOT SHOTS: Scenes from the Intoxicated video.

By CARA BRENNEN-BETHEL
Tribune Features Editor

With her latest release *Intoxicated*, local song-bird Bodine Johnson sought to not only showcase the beauty of the Bahamas, but create an upbeat love song blending the genres of reggae, Junkanoo, R and B and hip hop.

"I wanted to do something that would be different. I wanted to show my appreciation of the Bahamian art and culture. I also wanted to show an example of how African culture inspired Junkanoo and Bahamian culture. This is my interpretation of my Bahamian vision," she told *Tribune Features*.

That vision came to life on Thursday night at Harry's Haven on Queen's Street, when dozens of Bodine's friends and fans gathered at the official video launch party for *Intoxicated*.

After enjoying several signature drinks and a scrumptious mashed potato and desert bar, guests were able to view the video that took her a year to conceptualise.

Bodine added that while the completion of her first video is a dream come, she learnt invaluable lessons about the process along the way.

"It was not easy at times, particularly given what I wanted to do and what the budget that I had allowed me to do. I had to scale back at times and that really hurt, but it was all for a good cause and the purpose has been served. I really feel that my video is a sophisticated example of Bahamian music.

Bodine used several locations including the Clifton Heritage Site

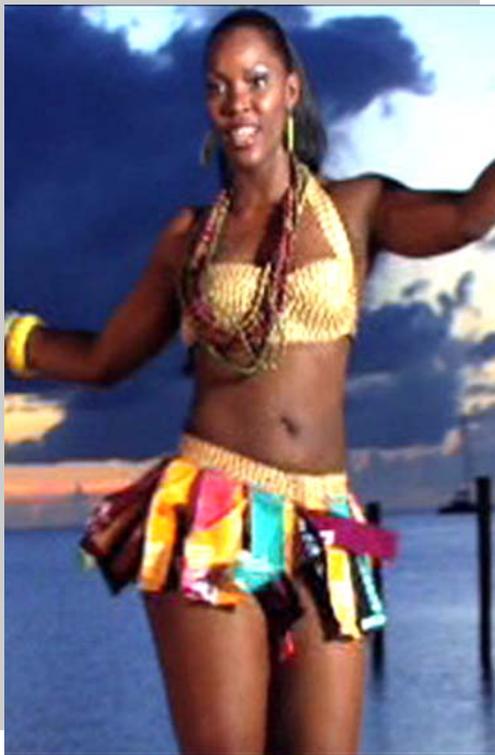
"I have to really thank Jacinta Higgs for facilitating that," she said- the straw market at Ft Charlotte and the beach as the backdrop for the pulsating beats and catchy lyrics of *Intoxicated*.

She used 9 persons- 4 female dancers, a male love interest and two other male dancers as well.

"The response has been much better than I thought it would be," she said.

Bodine says that right now her main goal is to finish the tracks on the *Becoming* album.

Totally Intoxicated



Coming Home

By JEFFARAH GIBSON
Tribune Features Writer

THERE'S something about regatta and homecoming festivals that create a sense of community spirit.

These festivals have always been special for many Bahamians more so now than before. Some Bahamians return to their roots to reunite with family members, and friends. And then some people simply make the decision to escape the fast paced city life for peace and tranquility on the island.

These events also allow for the exposure of the culture and culinary talents of the particular island.

Of all the homecoming events held in Graham's Harbour, San Salvador, this year's festival will be the biggest and best of all time according to event planners.

And despite the fact that homecoming and regatta festivals are not

usually big on the island this year will top the previous years, as organisers have made the event much more attractive for the wider community.

The event will begin with a grand opening and gospel explosion which will be held on October 6. On the following day there will be a Bahamian native and cultural showcase.

"The young children of San Salvador will be participating in skits and other interesting productions," said Shela Walker, vice president of the San Salvador Discovery Day committee.

On the same night, October 7, there will be a junior Junkanoo jam session competition. Additionally crafters of the island will display their work and straw/shell crafts.

No homecoming is a homecoming without melodies of Bahamian artist. Attendees can expect to see Visage, Ronnie Butler, Veronica Bishop,

Terez Hepburn, KB, Stileet, Ira Storr, Geno, Spank Band, and the Lassie Do Boys hit the stage at the Bahamian music festival.

And for those who love to have a good time, an after party presented by Burns House will be held at the Juice Night Club.

Games and sports lovers will also have an opportunity to engage in some of their favorite sporting events at the crazy sports day on October 9.

"This day will be the day for all of the crazy sports. There will be an all star slam dunk competition, backgammon tournament, domino tournament, beach volleyball, and other crazy sports. It will be a day of fun," Ms Walker said.

Later on that night there will be a kids magic show, plaiting of the October pole, a Bahamian designer fashion show and a continuation of the Bahamian Music Festival.

The homecoming event will conclude with beer fest, a best body competition, battle of the DJs, Grand Bahama drama team production and fire works.

On hand at the event will also be the hit Caribbean station Tempo Tv who will shoot San Salvador's homecoming festival and play it at a later date on television.

Ms Walker said that persons from all over the Bahamas trickle in at the festival. "The homecoming event is not usually that big but we have a good showing. Persons come from all over the Bahamas and the United States to attend the festival," she explained.

She also said that the San Salvador community is encouraging persons to come out and support the event.

"We want to showcase San Salvador. We want to show people a good time and show what our island has to offer as well," she told *Tribune Entertainment*.

Sponsors of the event are Tourism Today, Columbus Landing, Club Med, Burns House, Tempo TV, Bahamasair, Out of the Box, Club Juice, and Allegance.

For a full schedule of events log onto www.web.me.com/sansalhome.com.

things to do

OCTOBER 1 - FRIDAY

Alliance Francaise Movie Night:

"Christophe Colomb"

• The Alliance Francaise des Bahamas continues its monthly movie club with the film "Christophe Colomb", an epic European adventure/drama film that tells the story of Christopher Columbus' discovery of the New World and its effect on the indigenous people. 6.30pm at the Societe Generale Private Banking Building. Donation: \$5 Telephone: 302-5146. Email: admin@afbahamas.org

OCTOBER 1-2

MuMo (Music

Momentum) Summit

• Bahamian recording artist, TaDa hosts MuMo Summit, a musical explosion designed to give artists, producers, song-writers, DJs, and the like an inside look at how the industry works. Two-day summit includes panels, listening sessions, concerts and talks held at the British Colonial Hilton. Email: mumosummit@gmail.com

OCTOBER 2 - SATURDAY

"Strut Your Mutt" Walk-a-thon

• Join Baark! for the first ever "Strut Your Mutt" walk-a-thon in celebration of World Animal Day. Registration begins 8.30am. Walk starts 9am. Fee: \$5/adults; \$2/children. Route: Goodman's Bay, Cable Beach, and back to Goodman's Bay. Refreshments available. All proceeds go towards a shelter at the Bahamas Human Society for rescues from the government pound.

OCTOBER 6 - 11

(Grant's Harbour, San Salvador)

San Salvador

Discovery Day

Festival and Regatta

• San Salvador hosts its annual Discovery Day Festival and Regatta. Enjoy sloop sailing, live entertainment, games, cultural festivities, food and drink! Telephone: 331-2603.

OCTOBER 6 - 11

(Cat Island)

Annual Back to Cat

Island Festival

• Cat Island celebrates its annual homecoming event at New Bight Park. Activities include a church service, local live entertainment, family fun, games, food and drink. Telephone: 424-8208.

OCT 8 - FRIDAY

"Inner Sanctum"

Exhibition Opening

• PopOp Studios Center for The Visual Arts opens the exhibition "Inner Sanctum", a new body of work by Grand Bahama-based artist Claudette Dean. Opening reception, 6pm-9pm. Exhibition runs through to November 20. Telephone: 322-7834. Email: popopstudios@gmail.com See www.popopstudios.com

OCTOBER 8 - 11

(Harbour Island, Eleuthera)

North Eleuthera

and Harbour

Island Regatta

• Witness one of the largest sloop racing events in The Bahamas taking to the waters off North Eleuthera, Harbour Island and Spanish Wells. Activities include a church service, opening and closing ceremonies, and nightly entertainment featuring Bahamian musicians and entertainers. Telephone: 333-2621.

ARTS



Kymani rocks crowd

By CHESTER ROBARDS

THE Marley Mansion was once again graced by reggae royalty Saturday as the progeny of Bob Marley, Kymani Marley, rocked the house with royal vibes.

A host of Bob enthusiasts and Kymani lovers flooded the well-known Marley Resort to see one of the princes of the royal family of reggae.

A lucky few people enjoyed the conscious sounds from guest rooms converted into VIP lounges, with their balcony vistas the perfect vantage to view Kymani.

Crowd

Those who were lucky enough to find standing room near the stage grooved the hardest, while the coy of the crowd were found rocking together in the illusive empty pockets of the mansion's courtyard.

Bahamian reggae sensation Willis and the Illest opened for Kymani. And with their contemporary act and knack for an authentic Bob feel, they were the perfect precursor.

It was clear that each and every participant had their reason for needing to see Kymani Marley in concert - and that all were content in the end.



JAMMIN': Kymani Marley, rocked the house with royal vibes.

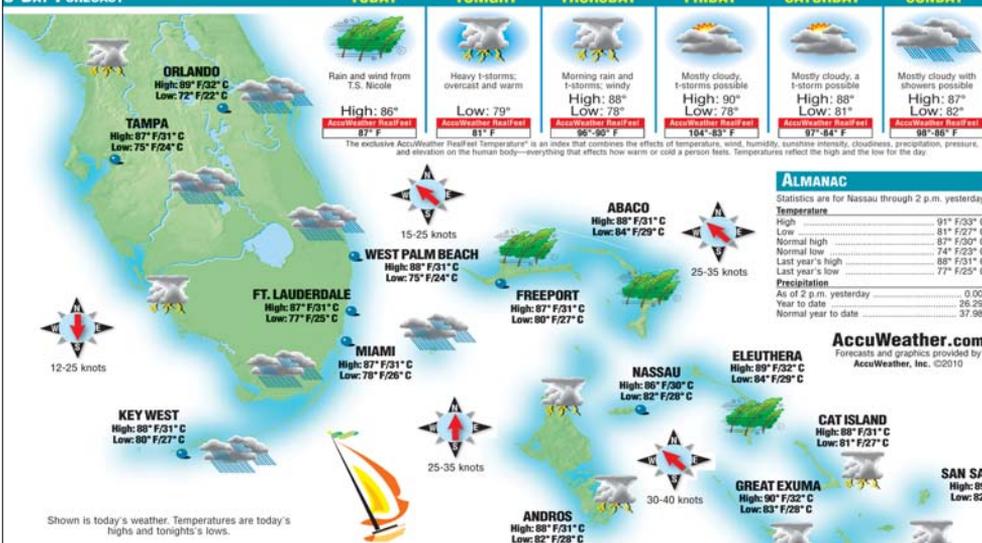


Felipe Major/Tribune staff

THE WEATHER REPORT

INSURANCE MANAGEMENT (BAHAMAS) LIMITED
INSURANCE BROKERS & AGENTS

5-DAY FORECAST



UV INDEX TODAY



TIDES FOR NASSAU

Time	High	HL (ft.)	Low	HL (ft.)
Today	11:23 a.m.	3.1	4:54 a.m.	0.9
Thursday	12:19 p.m.	3.1	5:47 a.m.	0.9
Friday	12:42 a.m.	2.5	6:50 a.m.	1.0
Saturday	1:50 a.m.	2.6	8:00 a.m.	0.9
Sunday	2:58 a.m.	2.8	9:11 a.m.	0.7
Monday	4:02 a.m.	3.1	10:16 a.m.	0.6
Tuesday	4:59 a.m.	3.4	11:17 a.m.	0.3
	5:24 p.m.	3.4	11:42 p.m.	0.0

ALMANAC

Statistics are for Nassau through 2 p.m. yesterday

Temperature	91° F/33° C
High	91° F/33° C
Low	81° F/27° C
Normal high	87° F/30° C
Normal low	74° F/23° C
Last year's high	88° F/31° C
Last year's low	77° F/25° C
Precipitation	0.00"
Year to date	26.29"
Normal year to date	37.98"

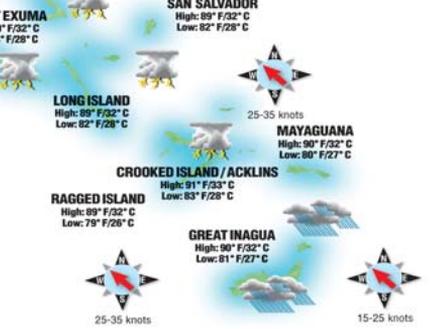
AccuWeather.com

Forecast and product provided by AccuWeather, Inc. ©2010

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:01 a.m.	Moonrise	11:20 p.m.
Sunset	6:59 p.m.	Moonsit	12:33 p.m.
Last	Oct. 7	Full	Oct. 22

INSURANCE MANAGEMENT TRACKING MAP



MARINE FORECAST

Location	WINDS	WAVES	VISIBILITY	WATER TEMPS.
ABACO	Today: SE at 25-35 Knots Thursday: WSW at 12-25 Knots	Today: 10-15 Feet Thursday: 4-8 Feet	Today: 1 Miles Thursday: 7 Miles	Today: 83° F Thursday: 83° F
ANDROS	Today: S at 25-35 Knots Thursday: W at 10-20 Knots	Today: 7-12 Feet Thursday: 4-8 Feet	Today: 1 Miles Thursday: 1 Miles	Today: 85° F Thursday: 85° F
CAT ISLAND	Today: SSE at 25-35 Knots Thursday: S at 10-20 Knots	Today: 8-13 Feet Thursday: 5-9 Feet	Today: 1 Miles Thursday: 4 Miles	Today: 84° F Thursday: 84° F
CROOKED ISLAND	Today: SSE at 15-25 Knots Thursday: S at 10-20 Knots	Today: 7-12 Feet Thursday: 6-10 Feet	Today: 2 Miles Thursday: 1 Miles	Today: 84° F Thursday: 84° F
ELEUTHERA	Today: SSE at 25-35 Knots Thursday: S at 10-20 Knots	Today: 10-15 Feet Thursday: 4-8 Feet	Today: 1 Miles Thursday: 3 Miles	Today: 84° F Thursday: 84° F
FREEPORT	Today: SE at 30-40 Knots Thursday: NW at 10-20 Knots	Today: 6-10 Feet Thursday: 4-8 Feet	Today: 1 Miles Thursday: 4 Miles	Today: 84° F Thursday: 84° F
GREAT EXUMA	Today: SSE at 15-25 Knots Thursday: S at 10-20 Knots	Today: 7-12 Feet Thursday: 5-9 Feet	Today: 2 Miles Thursday: 3 Miles	Today: 85° F Thursday: 85° F
GREAT INAGUA	Today: SSE at 25-35 Knots Thursday: SSE at 12-25 Knots	Today: 7-12 Feet Thursday: 5-9 Feet	Today: 1 Miles Thursday: 4 Miles	Today: 84° F Thursday: 84° F
MAYAGUANA	Today: SSE at 25-35 Knots Thursday: SSE at 12-25 Knots	Today: 7-12 Feet Thursday: 5-9 Feet	Today: 1 Miles Thursday: 4 Miles	Today: 85° F Thursday: 85° F
NASSAU	Today: SSE at 25-35 Knots Thursday: SW at 10-20 Knots	Today: 7-12 Feet Thursday: 3-6 Feet	Today: 1 Miles Thursday: 5 Miles	Today: 84° F Thursday: 84° F
SAN SALVADOR	Today: SE at 25-35 Knots Thursday: S at 10-20 Knots	Today: 9-14 Feet Thursday: 4-8 Feet	Today: 2 Miles Thursday: 2 Miles	Today: 85° F Thursday: 85° F
RAGGED ISLAND	Today: SE at 25-35 Knots Thursday: S at 10-20 Knots	Today: 9-14 Feet Thursday: 5-9 Feet	Today: 2 Miles Thursday: 4 Miles	Today: 85° F Thursday: 85° F

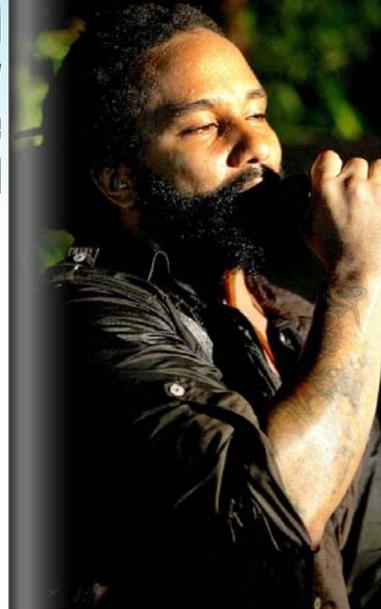


INSURANCE MANAGEMENT (BAHAMAS) LIMITED. INSURANCE BROKERS & AGENTS



Bodine releases Totally Intoxicated
See page 10

Kymani Marley rocks the crowd
See page 11



The Arts

The Tribune SECTION B •

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

carifringe calendar

CARIFRINGE

get sucked in!

Terneille "TaDa" Burrows, founder of MUMO: Music Momehtum Summit and member of BAC. Artists can see the untapped networking potential of a Fringe festival. Since the announcement for CariFringe on behalf of BAC, at The Regional Cultural Community meeting held in Surinam 2009, "cross-pollination" has become a CariFringe driving point.

The term "sustainable" comes to mind and that is what CariFringe, as a galvanizing festival model, is working to ultimately achieve. Core coordinator Natasha Turnquest said, "in just a couple weeks, we as a wider community will have a moment to support these diverse, resilient, creative Caribbean minds and harness connections outside of our social sphere. Finally I can attend a Fringe festival at home."

The timing of the festival was strategically selected to increase international artist and tourist participation, a welcome boost to the economy during this traditionally slow tourism period. Along with showcasing a bounty of artistic and cultural events the festival intends to provide economic benefits and opportunities locally and regionally. CariFringe provides an opportunity for corporate participation in the cultural industry along with the establishment of mutually beneficial relationships with local artists and businesses.

Economic opportunities for local business and individuals will also see benefits from the festivals such as restaurants, vendors and hotels, located near and around the festival venues.

CariFringe festival affiliates include: MuMo: Music Momehtum Summit, Shakespeare In Paradise (SiP), The National Art Gallery of the Bahamas, Popopstudios Center for the Visual Arts, town magazine, FAM Fest, Doongalik Studios Art Gallery, Islands Of the World Fashion Week, Brown Entertainment Group, Bahamian Theater Dance Company, The D'Aguiar Art Foundation, The Caribbean Review of Books, Bahamas Writers Summer Institute (BWSI), Caribbean Traveling Film Showcase, The Central Bank of the Bahamas Art Gallery, Bahamas National Youth Council and New Providence Art and Antiques.

For event information visit carifringe.org or come down to # 12 West Street, 12-7pm, Monday - Friday and get sucked in! Partners for the event include: The Bahamas Arts Collective (BAC), The Bahamas Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture, The Downtown Nassau Partnership (DNP), Track Road Theater, The Hub, The Bahamas Historical Society, 242 People Clothing Company, The National Art Gallery of the Bahamas, Burns House Group of Companies, Insitu.Arch: Caribbean Architecture Magazine, Makin' It on Island 102.9 FM, Art-O-vation on Star 106, The Nassau Guardian, Bahamas Arts & Culture (Smith & Benjamin Design), Nassau Weekly, Bahamas Local and The Bahamas Weekly.

For more information please contact Jon Murray at carifringe@gmail.com 242.676.6854 or 242.431.8964

An explosion of art and culture will hit Nassau this coming October in the form of CariFringe, an annual ten day regional arts festival for the Caribbean. This year's inaugural festival will take place October 1-11 and will be spread mostly throughout the downtown core, allowing both locals and visitors a chance to actively participate in the wide range of events scheduled.

CariFringe is inspired and loosely modeled on the Caribbean Festival of Arts (CARIFESTA) as well as other annual fringe festivals such as the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Unlike CARIFESTA, which is funded, managed, and produced by the host government, CariFringe is designed and managed by artists for artists.

Artists will be given the opportunity and responsibility to have their own artistic direction and manage their own project allowing them to seek funding and sponsorship from the sector and company of their choice.

The evolution of this Bahamas Arts Collective (BAC) venture will assist in creating a more homogenised local cultural community through a unifying umbrella. Without erecting any structures specific to the inaugural fringe events, a cross-section of regional arts and cultural interests are resource sharing to establish long-term mutually beneficial relationships between corporate entities, community minded spaces and cultural industries.

A small core group of BAC coordinators volunteer their time as the central management of CariFringe 2010 working across the cultural genres to embody the octopus metaphor of the Fringe logo. Through dialogue and partnership with the plethora of existing spaces and organizations the CariFringe content is an active metaphor of the umbrella or tentacle imagery furthered by the slogan- "get sucked in!"

Given the popularity of individual

CariFringe Affiliates, Shakespeare in Paradise (SiP), for example, drew 4500 attendees during last year's performances; CariFringe anticipates a strong inaugural year. "People love festivals and we are using this as a tool to bring people together. We can have a huge impact if we connect and stay connected," notes Jon Murray festival coordinator.

Keeping one eye on this Fringe Festivals mission statement, "to implement CariFringe as an annually anticipated cohesive event of cultural happenings which showcase the best and ignites the passion of the aspiring," core coordinators build a dialogue of resource sharing on a smart budget. Cultural enterprises within the region should see the tough economic climate as a breeding ground for experimentation and a model for strategic budgeting to enhance profits for participants.

The fresh vision of this management model not only benefits the artists individually but also collectively creates a long-term investment opportunity for both artists and their investors. While artists will share resources and benefits, such as advertising, they will also be assisted by CariFringe programming management to curtail unforeseen sponsorship conflicts and event scheduling.

"For years Bahamian musicians have asked me to host a music conference, and CariFringe was the perfect opportunity to do so," says



DOWNTOWN pirate poses as a part of the festivals CariPortrait's.

- **CARIPARTI: OPENING EVENT**
Thursday, September 30
7pm-10pm
National Art Gallery Of The Bahamas
\$25 per person
- **TADA CONCERT**
Friday, October 1
9pm-11pm
National Art Gallery Of The Bahamas
\$30
- **MUMO PARTY**
Friday, October 1
11 pm-untill
Uptown Nightclub
\$15
- **CURTAIN CALL (Festival Bar)**
Saturday October 2
9pm-12pm
Towne Hotel (George Street)
Free Admission/Drink Specials
- **CURTAIN CALL (FESTIVAL BAR)**
Sunday October 3
9pm-midnight
The Cricket Club (Haynes Oval)
Free Admission/Drink Specials
- **CURTAIN CALL (Festival Bar)**
Monday, October 4
9pm-midnight
Babalu (West Bay Street)
Free Admission/Drink Specials
- **CURTAIN CALL (Festival Bar)**
Tuesday, October 5
9pm-midnight
Green Parrot Pub (East Street North)
Free Admission/Drink Specials
- **CURTAIN CALL (Festival Bar)**
Wednesday, October 6
9pm-midnight
Da Bridge (East Bay Street)
Free Admission/Drink Specials
- **CURTAIN CALL (Festival Bar)**
Thursday, October 7
9pm-midnight
Bahama Joes (Navy Lion Road)
Free Admission/Drink Specials
- **CURTAIN CALL (Festival Bar)**
Friday, October 8
9pm-midnight
Van Bruegel's (Charlotte Street)
Free Admission/Drink Specials
- **CURTAIN CALL (Festival Bar)**
Saturday October 9
9pm-midnight
The Hub (Bay Street & Colebrook LN)
Free Admission/Drink Specials
- **CREATIVE FUSE MIX & MINGLE**
Sunday, October 10
6pm-9pm
The Hub (Bay Street & Colebrook LN)
Free Admission/Drink Specials