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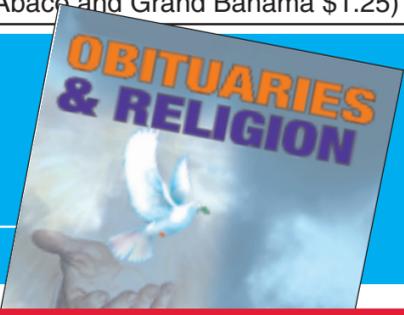
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# 'Door would open' for foreign labour

**Baha Mar deal closer to completion**

By ALISON LOWE  
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BAHA Mar Ltd last night heralded further progress towards a final resolution of the outstanding loan that stands between it and access to the \$2.6 billion in Chinese financing for the "transformative" resort project.

After two days of intensive discussions between the developers and representatives of "a syndicate of lenders led by Scotia Bank" in New York an agreement has finally been reached on "the broad parameters of an

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## PM explains how Chinese work permit approval sets precedent for future projects

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IF Parliament approves the work permits for 8,000 Chinese workers for the Baha Mar project, it opens the door for Kerzner International to request similar levels of foreign labour for other Atlantis phases under its Most Favoured Nation clause with the government, said Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham.

"The Bahamas government committed itself in the agreement with Kerzner International that no one will get a bet-

ter deal for a development than they got, that was in 1997. In 2003 that was strengthened by the government when they did the Phase Three. That is called the Most Favoured Nation clause," said Mr Ingraham.

The Prime Minister was speaking at a press conference yesterday as he explained why the government has delayed bringing the Baha Mar labour resolution to Parliament for a vote.

He added: "If, therefore, the Bahamas government agrees to 5,000 Chinese workers building

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## PM: FNM will pay political price over Baha Mar labour resolution

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PRIME Minister Hubert Ingraham said yesterday that he and his party are prepared to take whatever political ramifications will come if they are forced to go it alone on the controversial labour resolution for the Baha Mar project.

When asked yesterday during a nationally-televised press conference at the House of Assembly, Mr Ingraham said he will make the best decision available to him at the time.

"I will not take account of what the political consequences of it is. I will do what I think is the best for the Bahamas and if that

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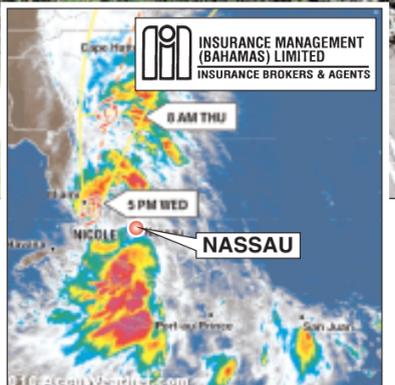
## STORM TOPPLES MASSIVE TREE

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**STORM FORCE:** This tree near Cable Beach met the full force of Tropical Storm Nicole yesterday. The storm, which brought heavy rain and winds to Nassau, ripped the huge tree completely off its roots.

**PICTURED RIGHT:** The projected path of Tropical Storm Nicole.



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## Govt attempts to mediate in the Arawak Homes dispute

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THE GOVERNMENT is now attempting to mediate the land dispute between Arawak Homes Limited and outraged homeowners, Lands and Local Government minister Byran Woodside said.

Meanwhile, the real estate development company was said to be investing all of its "time and focus" on completing a detailed report of alleged trespass in Pinewood Gardens.

Mr Woodside said: "The

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## Govt ponders ways to use Chinese \$100m loans on offer

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THE government is considering ways to use more than \$100 million in loans that are still on offer from the Chinese government, acknowledging that while this money too will come with a "Chinese labour component" it is expected that jobs for Bahamians can also be "maximised."

Carl Bethel, FNM party chairman and MP for Seabreeze, said the money is part of a much larger loan facility the Chinese approved

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## BAHAMAS ECONOMIC CLIMATE 'IMPROVING'

THE country's economic climate is showing signs of favourable change, according to Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, who said things are not as bad this year as they were in 2009.

"It's not as bad today as it was last year. So we are making some progress," said the nation's chief at a press conference yesterday.

Still, the government is bogged down with rising debt as it has to

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## PM: HELICOPTER RIDE NOT WORTH DISMISSAL

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EXPLAINING for the first time his reasons for not accepting the resignation of his Minister of the Environment Earl Deveaux, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham said yesterday the controversy surrounding his minister's "free ride" on the Aga Khan's helicopter does not raise to the level of calling for his dismissal.

Acknowledging that persons could argue whether

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MINISTER of Environment Earl Deveaux



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**Tropical storm forces closure of public offices and schools**

GUSTS from Tropical Storm Nicole ripped through the northwestern Bahamas yesterday, bringing torrential rains and high speed winds which forced the closure of public offices and schools in New Providence and Grand Bahama.



**WEATHER WOES:** Tourists wrap up against the rain on Bay Street yesterday

According to Paul Walker, senior meteorologist at Accuweather.com, the 16th tropical depression of the season escalated to tropical storm status around midday yesterday.

Widespread showers and winds ranging from 30 to 45 mph, with gusts up to 55 mph, affected the entire northwestern Bahamas.

The heaviest rain fell in Bimini, Andros, New Providence and West End, Grand Bahama.

In Grand Bahama, the torrential rains caused flooding in some low-lying areas, such as Eight Mile Rock, where one elderly person reportedly had to be rescued from a house.

The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)

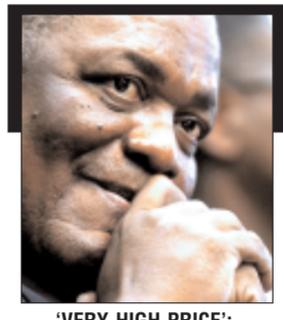
partially activated its National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) on Monday to track and monitor the system as it passed between the Bahamas and south east Florida.

Last night, NEMA announced that all tropical storm warnings for the Bahamas had been discontinued.

However, residents of southeast New Providence were advised to proceed with caution along Marshall Road, due

to sea surge causing water to come ashore. NEMA asked residents to avoid the area or remain indoors until further notice. A similar warning was issued for Fishing Hole Road in Grand Bahama and the Glass Window Bridge in North Eleuthera.

Public servants, who were sent home at 3.30pm yesterday, are expected to return to work today. For the latest weather information log on to www.tribune242.com



**'VERY HIGH PRICE':** Hubert Ingraham

**Govt expects to pay 'very high price' for project supervision**

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THE government expects to pay a "very high" price to engage quality control supervisors who will oversee the Chinese construction of the Baha Mar project and the planned airport highway, to ensure a sufficient standard is met with regard to materials used and work done.

Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham said a development on the scale of Baha Mar will require a level of supervision that the Bahamas is unable to manage on its own.

Mr Ingraham said: "We don't have the capacity in the Bahamas to manage a project of this size and so the Bahamas government would have to employ a firm of engineers,

quality control people, environmental people et cetera, to undertake the supervision of the project, to undertake the monitoring of the project and to ensure the quality of the materials - materials that are coming from outside our region that we are not accustomed to - to ensure that they meet standards that have been understood in this part of the world."

"Now, the cost of this will be high, we estimate that the cost will be very high to be able to properly supervise the construction of this project," he added, noting that a quality control firm will also be hired by the government to oversee the airport highway project that is set to be constructed by a Chinese general contractor using Chinese labour and \$58 million in financing from that country's government.

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LOCAL NEWS

# Govt issues formal notice to US Embassy over treatment of detained straw vendors



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**MATTER IN HAND:** Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham said he had been receiving daily reports on the case of the detained vendors.

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THE Bahamas government has issued a formal notice to the US Embassy in Nassau concerning the treatment of nine straw vendors being held in a remand facility in New York accused of purchasing counterfeit products.

Yesterday, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham said he has been receiving daily reports on the case from the Bahamas consulate in New York, and what he read led the government to send a formal notice to

the American government regarding the treatment of the vendors by US law enforcement.

Mr Ingraham said the notice should have been delivered to the embassy yesterday morning and should be answered "in due course."

## Complaints

He said the specific complaints will be made public "at some point."

Mr Ingraham said: "We are doing what we are supposed to do for the vendors.

Those who have children here, the Ministry of Education, the Department of Social Services, the Ministry of Labour are taking steps to provide counselling or whatever support we can.

"Those who are incarcerated in America, we are liaising with their lawyers and when we find that their rights have not been respected we shall take the appropriate steps to make known the Bahamas' condemnation for such action.

"We have no doubt that the American government will, as all democracies do, ensure that persons who are held pending trial are treated in a dignified fashion."

## PM unimpressed by union chief's legal action threat



JOHN PINDER

By **TANEKA THOMPSON**  
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PRIME Minister Hubert Ingraham challenged a union boss to make good on his threat to sue over the non-payment of performance increments to civil servants.

This came in response to Bahamas Public Services Union president John Pinder's suggestion that legal action may result from government's failure to honour the union's industrial agreement in this regard.

Mr Ingraham said: "I'm not prepared to deal with his threat.

"When he goes to sue we'll defend it in court. I don't take very well to threats - if somebody wants to sue the government they should do so. Don't threaten me, because I am very stubborn when it comes down to a threat."

Mr Pinder is upset that government chose not to pay performance increments to his members due to budget constraints, but has said that teachers will be given money owed to them as expressed in their own industrial agreement.

## Questioned

But the prime minister questioned why a union leader would demand increments in the first place, when the government has had to resort to borrowing money to pay public sector salaries.

Mr Ingraham said: "I find it unbelievable that having said what I said about the economy, about the state of public finances, the fact that I am borrowing to pay salaries... people are asking me, 'Can you pay some increments?' One of the questions should be, 'Are you going to be able to continue to preserve the jobs of those who have jobs?' which is a big struggle.

"That's the case around the world, even Communist Cuba fired a half a million workers and threatened to fire another half a million.

"And we've got silly questions being asked by people out there as to whether or not we should pay an increment, et cetera."

## Ingraham against FNM holding convention this year

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PRIME Minister Hubert Ingraham said he will recommend that an FNM convention not be held this year because of the party's financial constraints.

While this reflects his personal opinion, he said, the final decision rests with the FNM council.

Mr Ingraham scoffed at suggestions that his advice reflected concern about a possible leadership challenge, insisting he would "welcome" a contender.

He said: "I am not Perry Christie.

"Any time anybody in my party would wish to become

leader they may do so without me having to ask a single soul to vote for me. The party can decide.

"If they vote for somebody else I will thank them, express my gratitude to them and do the best I can to help them in the future and return from whence I came - retirement - any time," he said.

Over recent months, political observers have speculated that Branville McCartney, the FNM MP for Bamboo Town, might challenge Mr Ingraham if a party convention were to be held.

Mr McCartney is said to have substantial public support and some commentators say he could be the FNM's "best shot" in the 2012 elections.

However, FNM insiders say the party is still overwhelmingly loyal to Mr Ingraham.

They also point out that Mr McCartney has little experience in either politics or governance.

Mr McCartney has not spoken often on the issue, but has said that given the opportunity, he would run for the leadership post.

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## No time for 'increments' union leader told

A UNION leader's talk of bonuses for civil servants when money has to be borrowed to meet their salaries, has put the Prime Minister's nerves on edge.

John Pinder, head of the Bahamas Public Services Union, has informed government that he has been busy pouring through case files and court rulings to see whether government can be taken to court for non payment of performance bonuses provided for civil servants under a clause in the union's industrial agreement. Mr Pinder seems satisfied with what he has found. He says he is now looking for a lawyer.

"I'm calling a meeting with the (BPSU's) executive team for us to make a decision on which attorney we are going to choose because we don't need the matter to be held up," Mr Pinder said last week. The meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday - October 6.

Mr Pinder is upset because he claims that government has honoured the teachers' contract, but not that of his union. He wants the "pot" shared among all the public sector, not just one group.

Mr Pinder predicted industrial unrest in the immediate future.

"I think the government put too much tax increases on Bahamians, civil servants, at one time without any increments. They have increased National Insurance, increased electricity, gas, car licensing fees went up.

"People are just barely living above the poverty line now, their salaries isn't moving and inflation continues to rise," he said. Of course, these increases have hit the pockets of every Bahamian, not just union members, but, unlike unions, the majority of Bahamians have no increments to look forward to. They are just grateful in these bleak times to have a job.

At a press conference yesterday - called mainly to discuss the Baha Mar project - Mr Ingraham was questioned by the press on many other matters. One of them was Mr Pinder's threat of legal action.

Was the Prime Minister concerned? Not a bit of it. He was more concerned about finding enough funds to pay public service salaries - in a bare cupboard there was no sign of increments. And so he challenged Mr Pinder to meet him in court.

"I'm not prepared to deal with his threat," Mr Ingraham retorted. "When he goes to sue we'll defend it in court. I don't take very well to threats - if somebody wants to sue the government they should do so. Don't threaten me, because I am very stubborn when it comes down to a threat."

We can relate to that attitude. The Tribune is always willing to listen to another side of a story, but freezes when a conversation turns to threats. That's when acid-tipped pens go to work.

Mr Ingraham could not understand why a union leader would want increments when government is borrowing to meet salaries and avoid layoffs.

"I find it unbelievable that having said what I said about the economy, about the state of public finances, the fact that I am borrowing to pay salaries. . . people are asking me, 'Can you pay some increments?'" said Mr Ingraham. "One of the questions should be, 'Are you going to be able to continue to preserve the jobs of those who have jobs?' which is a big struggle.

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This is the same dilemma faced by every employer today. Everyone is trying to steer the ship carefully around the many economic shoals.

Mr Ingraham commented that the Americans claim they turned the corner in their recession last year. However, the average American - especially those over 50 who have no hope of finding a job at their age - would dispute that.

Of the 52 largest metro areas in the US with more than one million residents, only San Antonio, Texas, did not record an income loss. Instead the city's median income grew 0.5 per cent.

There were many reasons for this, one of them being - unlike the other states - it did not get caught up in the housing crisis and the banks were conservative in their lending. The states hit hardest by the housing fiasco have been Florida and California. The traditional manufacturing cities have also suffered.

And so, if we are waiting for America to snap back and more Americans to start travelling again, it could be a long wait.

In the meantime all people - and that takes in a world view - are holding their breath, protecting what they now have, and praying for better times.

Unfortunately, Mr Pinder, this is no time for increments. We all have to batten down the hatches and protect what we have. And that includes protecting union funds, rather than wasting them in a court action.

# Motorcycle tyrants disturbing the peace

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I write in desperation to protest about the motorcyclists who disturb the peace by roaring and blasting through our city and community streets with their unmuffled bikes.

This goes on every day and it is particularly bad on Sundays when they seem to travel around the island in packs, revving up their motors, not only disturbing citizens but sometimes scaring the daylights out of people. Sometimes their blasts are so loud that they shake windows and set off car alarms.

I would like to know as a citizen why the police do nothing about this. They

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must be aware of it. It is degrading the quality of life for our citizens as well as our visitors and adding to the perception that the Bahamas is a lawless place.

Now I know that the police have their hands full with the violent criminals and I know too how some of our people think.

They do foolishness and if you send the police after them they say the police should make better use of their time by going after the murderers and rapists.

The point they miss is that

this is exactly how law and order breaks down in a society.

Not all of a sudden, but bit by bit, as we tolerate more and more anti-social behaviour by louts, bullies and misfits. The more they get away with, the more they will try.

It is past time for the police to clamp down on these inconsiderate people and haul them before the courts where, hopefully, our magistrates will apply the appropriate remedy and make them pay for their gross lack of civility and disrespect for the law.

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## When the economy roars back, the Bahamas will be the place to be

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I passed by the new U.S. Departure Terminal at LPIA the other day.

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Then there's the proposed new gateway project that will take Bahamians and tourists on a brand new first class four-lane highway.

Even though times are tough, things are on the move. When the economy roars back, The Bahamas is going to be the place to be.

Speaking of the new airport, I remember how the PLP messed up the last airport project.

People forget that the PLP didn't build a new airport. They only built a new U.S. Departure Terminal and left the rest of the airport in an ugly mess. Indeed much of the construction was poorly done. The new terminal they built was like a big ugly barn. It was too small and outdated even before it was finished.

It is very interesting that the original contract for the new U.S. terminal under Sir Lynden was awarded to a Brazilian builder with a big budget of approximately \$58 million.

The PLP let the costs get way out of control and drove the cost up to \$82 million. There was incompetence and a lack of oversight by the PLP. Many will also remember the allegations of corruption and greed.

When the PLP reneged on various pay-

ments, the building came to a halt throwing nearly 500 Bahamians out of work. Of course, these were the Bahamians who were able to get work on the project. Sir Lynden signed an agreement with the Brazilians which required that more Brazilians than Bahamians be engaged on the airport.

But it gets considerably worse than that. Sir Lynden and the PLP agreed to pay foreigners a penalty if the number of Bahamians on the project went beyond a certain number! Imagine that! Paying a foreigner to discriminate against Bahamians!

People also shouldn't forget that the FNM had to spend \$25 million more on the old U.S. terminal when it came to office because of how much the PLP messed up.

Under the FNM, most of the workers on the new airport are Bahamians. And, this is only phase one of the new airport. New international and domestic terminals are also going to be built.

At least Sir Lynden built one terminal. The ever late-again Perry Christie wasn't even able to build a new terminal, let alone a new airport.

To my mind, the reason they keep complaining about Mr. Ingraham and the FNM is that they are filled with envy, which, of course, is one of the seven deadly sins we are supposed to avoid.

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LOCAL NEWS

# Court hears autopsy report on woman found inside grave

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A YOUNG woman whose body was discovered inside a grave in the Bahamas Veteran's Cemetery died from respiratory arrest and blunt force trauma to the body, according to an autopsy report presented in court yesterday.

The trial into the May 2009 murder of Shanice Adderley, 19, continued yesterday with a pathologist being among several prosecution witnesses to testify.

Angelo Poitier, 24, a former boyfriend of Ms Adderley's, is on trial for her murder.

According to an autopsy performed on May 29, 2009 by Dr Govinda Raju, Ms Adderley had died from respiratory arrest and blunt force trauma to the body.

Dr Karen Sands told the court that the autopsy report by Dr Raju revealed that the victim had sustained bruises and scrapes to her left breast, left chest and left upper abdomen, as well as her right thigh, the inner aspect of her right knee, the front of her left thigh, the front of her neck and left lower jaw. According to Dr Sands, Ms Adderley also sustained bruising to her neck. She

told the court that blunt force had been applied to the victim's neck.

Dr Sands noted that a person can suffer respiratory arrest as a result of choking.

Also taking the witness stand yesterday was Shonette Thurston.

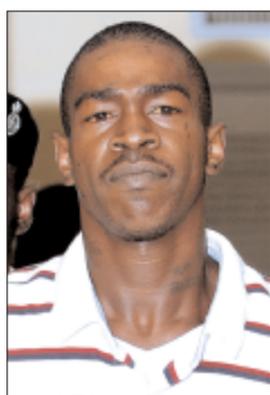
Ms Thurston told the court that she and Ms Adderley worked at the same restaurant and that she was also a former classmate of the deceased.

She recalled that Ms Adderley was at the restaurant with her then boyfriend Dominic Taylor between 11.30 and 12.30pm on May 26. She told the court that Ms Adderley appeared "okay", but that "something wasn't right."

Charles Smith, a police reservist told the court that while on duty on the morning of May 27 he and his fellow officers were instructed by Chief Inspector Ken Strachan to proceed to the Bahamas Veteran's Cemetery. Mr Smith said that at the cemetery, Chief Inspector Strachan briefed them on a report of a missing female. Mr Smith said that they searched the cemetery in groups. During the search, he said, he noticed drag marks. He told the court that Chief Inspector Strachan noticed a grave slab which appeared to have

been disturbed and instructed him and another officer to remove the slab. Inside the grave he said was the body of a "fair skinned" woman lying face down. Mr Smith told the court that the scene was secured and Poitier was taken to the Central Detective Unit.

The case, which is being heard before Justice Vera Watkins, is expected to resume on Monday.



ACCUSED: Lethario Miller with murder yesterday.

## Man charged with Ridgeland Park murder

A 24-YEAR-OLD Market Street man was arraigned in a Magistrate's Court yesterday for last weekend's murder in the Ridgeland Park area.

Police have charged Lethario Miller in the September 25 murder of Demarco Smith.

Smith, 27, was reportedly gunned down at a home just off Robinson Road last Saturday evening.

It was reported that Smith and a friend, who was a prisoner on the work release programme, were ambushed by two men on bicycles after they had stopped for something to eat on Colleton Street in Ridgeland Park west at around 2pm. Smith was reportedly shot in the head and died at the scene.

During his arraignment before Chief Magistrate Roger Gomez in Court One, Bank Lane, Miller, who was represented by attorney Murrio Ducille, was not required to enter a plea to the murder charge.

He was remanded to Her Majesty's Prison. The case was adjourned to October 5 and transferred to Court 11, Nassau Street.



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LOCAL NEWS

# Cacique Awards nominations deadline extended until Friday

By DENISE MAYCOCK  
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FREPORT - The deadline for nominations for the 14th Cacique Awards has been extended for residents on Grand Bahama until Friday, October 1.

According to tourism officials, technical problems had delayed some of online nomination forms and so the nomination period has been extended for one week to allow persons to submit their nominations.

The Cacique Award is the country's highest tourism honour.

Bonnie Rolle, senior manager in the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation and the coordinator of the nomination process, explained that some nominations submitted through the ministry's websites, caciqueawards.com, and tourismtoday.com, did not reach them.

"In a small number of cases the software did not allow attachments to be sent along with nomination forms. Our information technology specialists have looked at the issues and they have all been resolved," said Ms Rolle.

"Out of an abundance of caution, the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation will allow an extra week to ensure that the technical difficulties have not caused any potential candidates to be left out of the nomination process."

In an effort to ensure that online submissions have been received, Ms Rolle recommends that individuals contact her at the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation in Nassau as a final precaution.

## Scripture Thought PSALM 115:2-8

2. Why should the Gentiles say,  
"So where is their God?"
3. But our God is in heaven;  
He does whatever He pleases.
4. Their idols are silver and gold,  
The work of men's hands.
5. They have mouths, but they do not speak;  
Eyes they have, but they do not see;
6. They have ears, but they do not hear;  
Noses they have, but they do not smell;
7. They have hands, but they do not handle;  
Feet they have, but they do not walk;  
Nor do they mutter through their throat.
8. Those who make them are like them;  
So is everyone who trusts in them.

# ROYAL BAHAMAS DEFENCE FORCE MARINE RECEIVES RECOGNITION



OSWALD NIXON, chairman of the board of directors of the Law Enforcement Credit Union (LECU), presenting a plaque to Leading Mechanic Gary Rolle at the Defence Force Base for being the first non-police officer to be elected on the supervisory committee of the organisation.

At their right is Clyde Sawyer, Captain of the Coral Harbour Base, along with other members of the supervisory committee of the LECU.

RBDf photo/Petty Officer Jonathan Rolle

LEADING Mechanic Gary Rolle of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force was recognised for his achievement within the Law Enforcement Credit Union (LECU) in a brief ceremony at the Coral Harbour Base.

Led by Oswald Nixon, chairman of the

board of directors of the LECU, and other committee members, Leading Mechanic Rolle received a plaque for achieving the distinction of being the first non-police officer to be elected on the supervisory committee of the organisation.

As the organisation celebrates its 25th anniversary, Leading Mechanic Rolle has been an active member of the Credit Union since 1997. As a member of the supervisory committee he currently serves as its secretary.

# RBC reaches its \$25,000 children's cancer care goal

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THE Royal Bank of Canada announced yesterday that it has reached its goal of raising \$25,000 from its fun run/walk event in aid of children's cancer care.

The event spanned six miles of terrain, and involved more than 500 RBC employees, clients and community members who gathered in the early morning hours of September 25 to raise money for the RBC Children's Cancer Fund.

The New Providence event was one of many sponsored by RBC across the Caribbean

region to help families with children battling cancer.

Funds are still being collected, and the total amount raised across the Caribbean will be made public in early October, said a statement from the bank.

"We are grateful for the tremendous turn-out and outpouring of support by our employees, their families and the community," said Nathaniel Beneby, Jr, the bank's vice-president and country head for the Bahamas.

"September is Children's Cancer Awareness Month so we're pleased to aid in bringing awareness about paediatric cancer."

Though it's been only two years since its inception, the Children's Cancer Fund has already assisted children in three countries, including one in the Bahamas, the bank said.

It has provided support for foreign testing of biopsy samples, which results in quicker diagnoses and earlier treatment of cancer when identified, including the special case of Tenia Mackey who was diagnosed with bone cancer and did not have health insurance.

Tenia's family received financial support from the RBC/RBTT Children's Cancer Fund which paid the expenses of a foreign doctor

who travelled to the Bahamas to perform a procedure that saved the girl's left leg.

"The fund has made a major difference in the lives of families helped," said Mr Beneby.

"We sincerely thank our sponsors for their role in executing this successful event and look forward to ongoing partnerships with the community as we support children fighting this terrible disease."

Prizes were awarded to 18 overall winners of the event.

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LOCAL NEWS

# 'Accept will of the people'

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## BUT president urges former opponent to accept poll result



**BELINDA WILSON** displays the certified copy of the Wednesday's election results in the President's office.

TEACHERS union president Belinda Wilson yesterday urged her former presidential opponent Frances Friend to "accept the will of the people," after it emerged that Ms Friend has taken her fight for a new election to the Department of Labour, which is now considering the demand from a legal perspective.

"All I have to say is that the members of the BUT have made their decision and their decision is clear as to the persons they wanted to serve them.

"I'd like to urge Ms Frances Friend and her team to accept the will of the people and move on. We've got too many outstanding issues for the members for us to waste time going over a result which is clear," said Mrs Wilson, who won her post by 1,433 votes to Ms Friend's 1323.

On Tuesday, Director of Labour Harcourt Brown confirmed that he, in his role as Registrar of Trade Unions, and other Department of Labour officials met with Ms Friend and members of her team.

Coming out of that meeting, in which alleged electoral irregularities were discussed, Mr Brown said his department is now awaiting advice from its attorneys on how it should respond to the claims.

He would not rule out the possibility of another BUT election. Ms Friend called for a new election after suggesting that the initial results did not convey the true will of the

union's membership.

Mr Brown said what happens next all depends on the position taken by the lawyers.

Mrs Wilson and her executive team were officially sworn in last Friday following the previous Tuesday's elections.

Her installation went ahead after she obtained a copy of the results that had been certified by the Acting Registrar of Trade Unions, as Mr Brown was out of the country at the time.

Mr Brown, who had been lobbied by some of Ms Friend's team not to certify the results, told *The Tribune* he did not "necessarily" agree or disagree with the decision by the Acting Registrar to take that step, adding that he was still seeking more information.

One member of Ms

Friend's team, Villadale Bain, who ran for secretary general of the union, has distanced herself from the steps being taken to bring about another election.

"While I am fully aware of the fact that there were a number of irregularities relative to the elections held on Tuesday past, I wish to make it publicly clear that I do not support any legal attempts or otherwise to hinder the official induction and/or the work of the newly elected executives. By representation of their strong turn-out and votes, teachers have spoken loudly and made their choice," Ms Bain said in a statement. The veteran teacher said she looked forward to working with the new executives to secure an affordable and sustainable insurance plan for teachers throughout the country.

Yesterday, Mrs Wilson said her team has already been "working very hard to assist members with their outstanding matters." In this regard, a negotiating team has now been selected for discussions on the upcoming 2010 to 2013 bargaining agreement between the BUT and the government.

The BUT presented its proposals for a new agreement to the government on June 3 and is awaiting a counter proposal. "We're ready to start negotiating as soon as they give us that," said Mrs Wilson yesterday.

# ZNS northern service staff unsure where axe will fall

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FREEPORT – Employees at the ZNS northern service are still in the dark about who will be let go here on Grand Bahama.

According to recent reports, staff cuts have been reduced from 22 to 14 in Freeport.

"We were given an organisation chart today, but we still don't know who will be let go," said an employee.

"The union has concerns about the chart and it is felt that the chart will have to change in order for the station to function properly."

Brando Stuart, union area vice-president, could not be reached for comments up to press time.

It is strongly believed that cuts will include some middle managers.

"There are too many middle managers here and some of them do not have anyone to supervise," an employee who wished to remain anonymous said.

Meanwhile, ZNS employees are trying to remain positive and supportive of each other.

"We are trying to encourage each other through this," the employee said.

"Some persons who have been employed for over 30 years don't mind leaving, if the money is good, to pursue other dreams and aspirations."

There has been a lot of public outcry over the cuts at ZNS in Grand Bahama where unemployment is high and jobs are scarce.

The northern service was said to be facing the biggest cut with staff levels being reduced from 48 to 26.

That number was said to have increased only minimally, the accounting department will be reduced to 10 – three

## PM says impending ZNS restructuring being handled in 'very methodical' way

PRIME Minister Hubert Ingraham said the Broadcasting Corporation's executive board is handling the impending ZNS restructuring in a very methodical way.

However, at a press conference highlighting government's concerns of the proposed Baha Mar development yesterday, Mr Ingraham joked that the board was "taking too long to do what they are going to do."



Hubert Ingraham

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He added: "By that I mean I think they have been very methodical and very fair in the process, they have kept the union engaged and involved, they have now produced a structure which has been circulated to the union and it's members. And they have said for some time now that they expect to complete this exercise by October.

"We are still a couple of days away from the beginning of October – they've never given a specific date in October – and so there's no reason at the moment to doubt that they are seeking to move in a very deliberate and methodical fashion," the prime minister said.

Of the 238 persons currently employed at the Broadcasting Corporation, better known as ZNS, it is said that only 158 people will remain – 13 more than the initial estimate given. The cuts are a move to bring ZNS' spending in line with its reduced budget and transition it to a public broadcaster.

more than the initial estimate – and the operations department staff also will be downsized to 10.

The marketing and sales department will be slashed to three persons and the radio

department will be reduced from 23 to 12.

According to sources, the corporation expects to complete its transition to public service broadcaster by the end of this year.

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Prequalification documents may be collected from the Public Hospitals Authority, Corporate Office Building B, 3<sup>rd</sup> and West Terrace, Centerville, Nassau, Bahamas from 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Documents must be submitted to the Public Hospitals Authority, Corporate Office Building B, 3<sup>rd</sup> and West Terrace, Centerville, Nassau, Bahamas no later than 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. EST.

Prequalification Submittals will be evaluated based on the qualifications and relevant experience of the firm and the results will be used to prepare a short list of no more than six (6) professional electrical contracting firms. The shortlisted firms will be invited to participate in the tendering process for the above-mentioned project.

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## LOCAL NEWS

# Prosecution and defence rest cases in Anna Nicole trial

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Prosecution and defence attorneys rested their cases Monday in the seven-week drug conspiracy trial of Anna Nicole Smith's lawyer-boyfriend and two doctors charged with providing her with excessive amounts of opiates and sedatives while knowing she was an addict.

Superior Court Judge Robert Perry planned to hear defence motions to dismiss the case before jurors returned for final arguments Thursday.

Perry has indicated he planned to throw out some charges before the case is submitted to the jury. He suggested prosecutors had overreached the evidence when they filed the 11-count indictment.

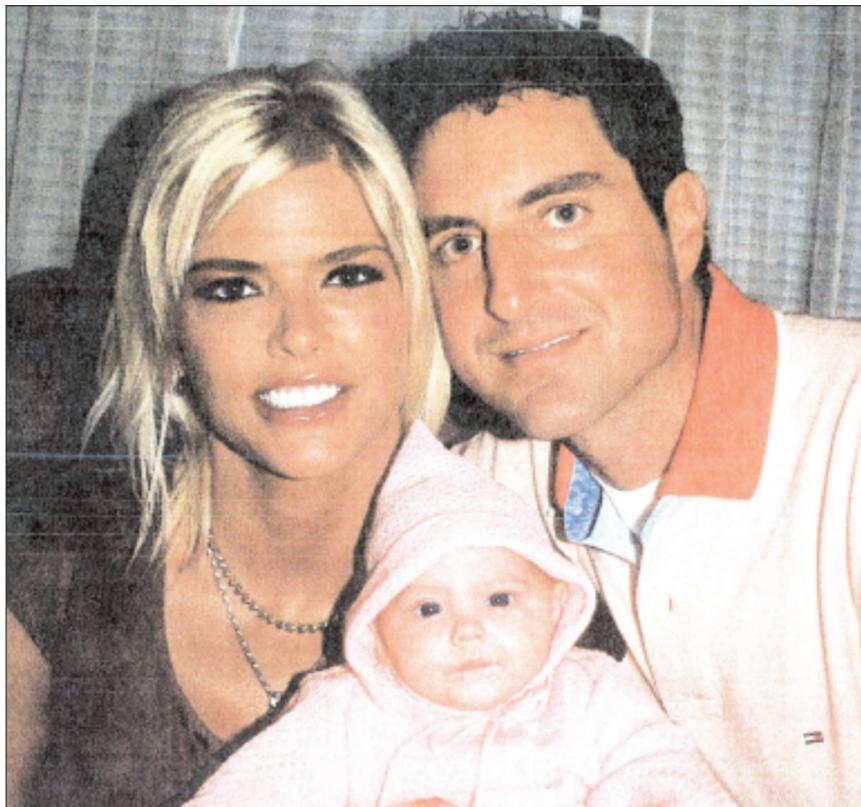
After jurors were dismissed for the day, Perry told lawyers his research showed most of the charges in the complaint actually amounted to low-level misdemeanours, some of which carry only a fine as a possible penalty.

"Should the court decide that the district attorney's office decided to build a case because you had a dead celebrity and a bunch of low-level misdemeanours?" Perry asked.

Deputy District Attorney Sean Carney said it took two years for investigators to "unravel the puzzle" of the case.

"We believe there were felonies," he said.

The judge said the only felonies charged were three conspiracy counts, two of which he said earlier could be dismissed.



THIS IMAGE provided by the Los Angeles County Superior Court shows Anna Nicole Smith with her daughter, Dannielynn and Howard K. Stern.

AP Photo/Los Angeles County Superior Court

Jurors were told the case would be placed in their hands next week.

Much of the testimony focused on whether Smith, a former Playboy model and reality TV star, was addicted to prescription drugs or instead seeking relief from chronic pain.

The prosecution called a long parade of witnesses, but the defence called only one, an

expert on pain management. None of the three defendants testified.

Howard K. Stern, Dr. Sandeep Kapoor and Dr. Kristine Erosheevich have pleaded not guilty to three conspiracy charges and other drug counts. They are not charged in Smith's 2007 drug overdose death, which was ruled accidental.

The prosecution's last wit-

ness was Dr. Tim Botello, a psychiatrist who testified that Erosheevich overstepped the physician-patient boundaries when she flew to the Bahamas with medications that were administered to Smith after the death of Smith's son Daniel.

Under cross-examination by defence lawyer Brad Brunon, who represents Erosheevich, Botello insisted Smith should have been treated by a psychiatrist licensed in the Bahamas.

Brunon, however, has noted that some drugs Erosheevich brought with her, including Methadone, were not available in that country.

Botello suggested other drugs could have been substituted.

Brunon asked Botello: "Did any of (her) doctors say she was using drugs to get high?" "I did not see that," the witness said.

Jurors also heard a stipulation read by Stern's attorney Steve Sadow that prosecutors had spent \$24,386 in travel expenses to bring two nannies from the Bahamas to testify.

At the end of their testimony, the judge said their credibility had been seriously undermined.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Sanay Collie was graduated from St Anne's School this summer, while Earlison Curry, Colbert Newry and Brianna Smith successfully completed their tenure at St John's College.

Earlison Curry, a prefect, was graduated with distinction and was successful in 11 BGCSE subjects. She finished fifth in her class of 81 students and received the Emerald Club Award for maintaining a grade point average of 3.50 in grades 10, 11 and 12.

She also received the subject prize for physics, the Chaplin's Award, the Ruth Saunders-Rolle General Conduct Award, the Servers' Guild Award, the Key Club Award and the Anchor Club Award.

In June 2009, Earlison was selected to attend the People to People Leadership Summit at Johns Hopkins University after fulfilling rigorous academic and leadership requirements.

Earlison is now pursuing a biology degree with a minor in chemistry at the College of the Bahamas. She is the daughter of Delison Watkins and Earl Curry.

Colbert Newry was graduated with special credit after being successful in 10

BGCSEs and received the Senior Master's Prize for the most outstanding male prefect, the subject prize for English Language and the Chaplin's Award.

Colbert is now studying mechanical engineering at the College of the Bahamas. He is the son of Colbert Newry Sr and Maria Newry.

Brianna Smith was also graduated with special credit after successfully completing seven BGCSEs.

She was a member of the Anchor Club and the Key Club, and was awarded subject prizes for Office Procedures, Commerce and Clothing Construction.

Brianna was a finalist in the BCPOU's annual speech competition, was chosen student leader of her class in grade 11, and was a prefect in grade 12.

She is pursuing a degree in Education in Religion at the College of the Bahamas. She is the daughter of Rudolph and Patricia Smith.

Sanay Collie was head girl at St Anne's School and was graduated with special credit after completing seven BGCSEs.

She was president of the French Club, Zeta Phi Beta Club and the Fashion and Photography Club; vice president of the Tourism Today Club; captain of Peter House, captain of the school's softball and soccer teams, co-captain of the

school's track and field team and member of the school's swim team and dance troupe.

Sanay received the Leadership Award, subject prizes for English Language and Office Procedures, and the Merit Prize.

She intends to attend the College of the Bahamas before transferring abroad to pursue a studies in business administration and finance. She is the daughter of Joy Thompson and Sanford Collie.

There are eight other Tara Xavier Hepburn Scholars pursuing high school studies: St John's students Veronica Bonimy, the current head girl; Cameron Newry, head boy; Javon Rolle, senior prefect; Kristiza Storr and Simone Rolle, grade 11 students; and Hilsia Major, grade 10 student; as well as St Anne's students Rikki Barry, grade 11; and Jessica Mark, grade 10.

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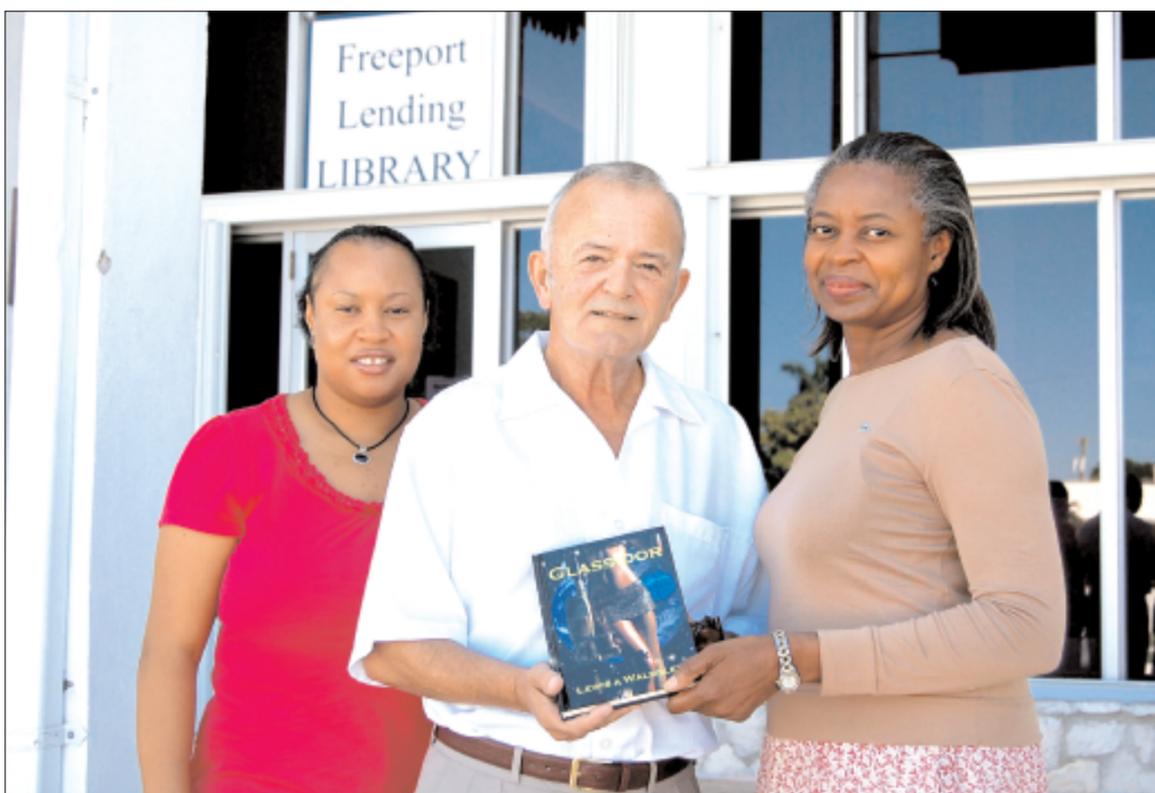
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# Science fiction author makes book donation to Freeport Lending Library



**DONATION:** LEWIS Walmsley (centre) donates a copy of his science fiction book set in the Bahamas to the Sir Charles Hayward Library. Receiving the donation on behalf of the library is Shamika Gardiner, library clerk (left), and Josephine Zonicle, head librarian (right).

SCIENCE fiction author Lewis Walmsley, a resident of Freeport, has donated a copy of his upcoming novel "Glassidor" to the Sir Charles Hayward Lending Library.

The science fiction book is set to be officially released on October 2 at the Ruby Swiss Restaurant in Freeport.

Receiving the book on behalf of the library was Josephine Zonicle, head librarian, and Shamika Gardiner, library clerk.

"I hope that many readers of all ages will enjoy my book.

"Although this novel is pure science fiction, it will draw the reader into parallels of recent world history and offers interesting snippets on Grand Bahama and the Bahamas," said Mr Walmsley upon his donation to the library.

The author is also donating the proceeds of the first 100 book sales to the island's PACE Centre, an educational facility for teenage mothers.

"Living here in Freeport is a dream come true, I love the laid-back lifestyle and the friendly Christian people. Since being here the islanders have been so kind to (my fiancée Katherine) and me so we wanted to give something back," he said.

"I like to think of myself as a story teller rather than a writer as I am no Hemingway.

"When writing 'Glassidor' and my second book, I purposely wove the Bahamas into the story lines with the hope that someday the tales will become movies and so bring worldwide attention to this beleaguered island of Grand Bahama.

"I see its past splendour and hope that in some way my fictions might create a groundswell to put the 'Grand' back in Grand Bahama," said Mr Walmsley.

At the public book launch, the author plans to have characters from the book portrayed by actors who will read and act out portions of the sci-fi adventure.

Set against the backdrop of places such as the Lucayan National Park, Ben's Cave, and even the British Colonial Hilton hotel, 'Glassidor' is a fast-paced science fiction adventure, the author said.

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# Baha Mar deal

appropriate settlement” of the loan, said Robert Sands, Senior Vice President of Government and External Affairs in a statement.

Work is now being done to “finalise the documentation” with respect to the loan.

The release came after a parliamentary debate on the Baha Mar labour resolution that was tabled by the government, which seeks parliamentary assent for 8,150 work permits for Chinese and other foreign workers to come to The Bahamas to participate in the re-development project. This matter was shelved indefinitely by Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham yesterday

morning.

Having postponed the debate for several weeks in recognition of the fact that Baha Mar had not resolved the loan issue, Mr Ingraham again cited the fact that although he was advised that “substantial progress” had been made during negotiations between the two parties, most recently in New York, an agreement on the loan had not yet been “concluded.”

“Notwithstanding these efforts, the two parties are not yet able to conclude an agreement and a debate on the Resolution before an agreement is concluded would not be helpful

to the process,” he stated. The prime minister said the resolution would remain on the parliamentary agenda and be returned to “only when I am in receipt of written confirmation that the parties have reached an agreement as to the satisfaction of the mortgage.”

The release from Baha Mar hours after Mr Ingraham made his statement appears to be intended to clarify that the two parties, Baha Mar and its creditors, have achieved something since they began head-to-head negotiations on the loan several weeks ago even though the matter has not yet been dispatched

with.

Mr Sands said the announcement of the achievement of an accord on the “parameters” of a settlement “coincides” with the prime minister’s advice in parliament that there had been “substantial progress” made by the parties in New York.

Earlier this month, based on advisories from Baha Mar, Mr

Ingraham suggested expectations were that the loan issue would be dealt with by now.

In the release issued by the company yesterday, Sarkis Izmirlian, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Baha Mar Resort Ltd, expressed his confidence that the Baha Mar destination resort project “will proceed.”

“The Cable Beach loan settlement is the last material financing piece related to the Baha Mar project, and it is now in the process of being resolved. “We are excited about the Baha Mar project and its transformative benefits to the Bahamas in terms of the economy, infrastructure and job benefits,” said Mr Izmirlian.

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# Helicopter ride

or not it was the right decision to make under the circumstances, Mr Ingraham still stressed that Mr Deveaux “did nothing” deserving of resignation.

“What I find very fascinating about this whole question about Earl Deveaux and resignation is the Opposition hasn’t raised it in the House (of Assembly) at all. At all. But I wonder why,” he laughed.

“There was no basis upon which Earl Deveaux ought to resign. He’s done nothing deserving of resignation.

“Whether or not he should have taken a flight to Abaco, judgmental, but it doesn’t rise to the level of dismissal and Bell Island is a place that doesn’t have regular flights.

“I’ve been there twice, I went there once on the Defence Force boat and once I went there on the Aga Khan’s helicopter, and I went there to have lunch with the King of Spain and took my

grandchildren to meet with the Aga Khan’s grandchildren.

“And then I asked while I was there, ‘Listen I can’t come this far without stopping in Black Point to hail the residents there’. So we landed there and I went there and shook some hands in Black Point and came back to Nassau. Since that time, just yesterday, somebody told me, an official, he had to go to Cat Island on a developer’s aircraft to check something and on the flight with him was the member of Parliament, the deputy leader of the PLP (Philip Davis) on the same private aircraft,” Mr Ingraham said.

However Fred Mitchell, the Opposition’s MP for Fox Hill, said the Prime Minister’s comments only reinforce the notion that it was OK for Earl Deveaux to accept the Aga Khan’s ride, because the Prime Minister himself had done the same thing.

# Political price

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means that there is a political price to pay then I will pay it, and my party will pay it,” Mr Ingraham affirmed.

For some time now, the Progressive Liberal Party and the government have been at odds on this controversial labour component of the Baha Mar project. With some 8,100 Chinese labourers needed to complete the development, both political parties have voiced their “serious concerns” on the matter. Coupled with the fact that unemployment remains high throughout the country, and an election year is slated for 2012, many politicians are fearful of having to publicly vote either in favour of or against this colossal \$2.6 billion project.

In one vein, Baha Mar promises to provide thousands of permanent jobs for Bahamians once the project is completed. However, at the same time, it will require the largest foreign labour input on any one development to complete the core project – again while thousands of Bahamian labourers remain unemployed.

And, even if the project is completed as planned, there still remains concern over whether or not the newly-added 3,500 rooms could actually be filled.

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# Arawak Homes

principals of Arawak Homes Limited have been asked to formally appraise the government of all matters, including but not limited to the parcels of land in question, the names of the would-be home owners affected, and/or any information in respect to these negotiations between the parties.

"We would also encourage the principals of Arawak Homes to take this course of

action to bring the matter squarely before the Bahamas government so that the government can act in this matter for the benefit of all parties concerned."

The government's decision follows public outcry over the legality and morality of actions taken by the firm against alleged trespassers – the most recent of which was the demo-

lition of a family home in Sir Lynden Pindling Estates on Friday.

The destruction of the home that Frederick Wood and his wife Maria Gibson-Wood took over eight years to build, was said by the firm to be the consequence of a complex process that spanned over a quarter of a century.

In a press statement issued

on Monday to explain the company's position concerning Friday's demolition – the action was said to be in full compliance with the law – Arawak Homes Limited also claimed there were "hundreds of persons involved in similar trespass" in Pinewood Gardens.

Responding to criticisms that Arawak Homes were excessive in asserting their alleged property rights, president Franon Wilson expressed his confidence that once the report on the area was released

most – if not all – concerns would be quelled.

Mr Wilson said: "This is the first time we have ever done this, so we really have to take our time and make sure what we present to the people can be readily understood. It's a very complex matter, first we have to get all the details and then we have to break it down [into layman's terms] so that people who are not attorneys can still read it and follow it. We feel the report is so important and that's why we're putting all of our time and focus into it."

Also the Minister responsible for Pinewood, where Pinewood Gardens is located, the lands and local government minister noted he wore "two hats" in the Arawak Homes

matter. Mr Woodside said he planned to hold a public meeting at his earliest opportunity to address the matter with his constituents, and he invited all affected Pinewood constituents to register their names and addresses at his constituency office.

Mr Woodside added: "To Arawak Homes Limited, I recommend that they desist from taking any further action, that is demolishing the homes of residents in Pinewood, until government would have had the opportunity to consider this matter and take action in the best interest of all parties concerned. I truly hope that we can bring resolution to this matter in the best interest of all parties."

## \$100m loans offer

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for availability to governments throughout the Caribbean several years ago, a portion of which was designated for The Bahamas to draw upon.

"The Bahamas would have roughly \$100 million unextended in terms of its allocation. The Prime Minister has indicated his intention to ask persons to think of programmes that could involve borrowing that would be of such a nature as to have the ability to maximise Bahamian labour," said Mr Bethel, adding however that the government "concedes it is a policy of Chinese economics that Chinese labour is tied to any loan."

His comments came after the Government sought parliamentary approval last week to get a \$58 million loan from the Chinese – a portion of the overall loan facility available – to fund the "airport gateway project," which will see the dualisation and enhancement of John F Kennedy Drive in the name of easing traffic flow between the airport and downtown Nassau.

Like with the Baha Mar resort deal, an agreement to use the money for the infrastructure project comes with a demand from the Chinese that a Chinese general contractor using Chinese labour – to the tune of 200 workers – will undertake the project. Around 100 jobs for Bahamians will also be created.

The PLP lashed out at the government for the proposal, voting against the idea when it came up for consideration in parliament last week. The opposition claimed that it disagreed with the high foreign labour component on a project that "would not require technical skills beyond the capacity of Bahamians."

The government in turn said the money was available at a rate cheaper than it could get anywhere else and would allow for investment in the country's future growth and development, while at the same time creating more jobs for Bahamians than some PLP-originated projects, such as the National Stadium.

Mr Bethel told *The Tribune* that although there are no specific plans in progress right now the fact that more money is available at an affordable cost from the Chinese at a time when it is increasingly more costly for this country to borrow from the usual international money market sources means the airport highway project and the Baha Mar development will likely not be the last infrastructural projects to go ahead in The Bahamas that will call for a Chinese labour component.

Mr Bethel said: "The cost of loans in the international market are going up and there's nothing we can do about that. The place where we can get access to funds on the most reasonable terms is from the Chinese government. It is in the best interest of the country that we take this money which is at an unbelievably affordable rate and use it to lay a foundation for future economic growth and development."

The \$58million loan, which the government will use to finance the road project, set to start next year, comes with a low two per cent interest rate that over its 20 year life will save the government around \$30 million in interest payments, Minister of State Zhivar-go Laing told parliament.



CARL BETHEL




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Foreign labour

the resort on Cable Beach, at some subsequent time in the Bahamas Kerzner will have the entitlement to come and ask for the same deal, and the government will be bound to give him the same deal. So these are all matters that need to be considered up front."

The resolution was temporarily shelved because the developers have not yet settled their \$200 million loan to Scotiabank. This condition has to be met before Baha Mar's recently-acquired financing from the China Export-Import Bank will be released. 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.

Mr Ingraham said he doesn't expect to have made a decision on Baha Mar's fate before his scheduled trip to China on October 22.

Speaking prior to Baha Mar Ltd's announcement late last night that they have achieved an agreement with ScotiaBank on the "broad parameters of an appropriate settlement" of the loan, Mr Ingraham provided some insight into why the process had not yet been

resolved. "Baha Mar does not believe it ought to pay all the monies that Scotia says is owed to it, they believe they ought to pay less money. And Scotia believes it ought to get as much of the money that is owed to it as possible and that's what the argument is about," Mr Ingraham said, speaking of the reason why the loan has not yet been settled.

Government cannot formally approve the project until that condition, and several others, are dealt with.

In addition to the unprecedented levels of foreign labour the project calls for, the government is also worried whether the developers can attract enough visitors to fill its proposed 3,500 room inventory without an internationally-recognised hotel brand attached to it.

"We will be building the largest single resort development in the country with exclusively foreign labour, foreign

labour where there is no transfer of any knowledge to locals. At the same time be putting a number of rooms that is larger than any we've got in the country, without any major hotelier being involved to date.

"Apart from that, you have persons who are of the view that the project should be done in phases, that we cannot put on the market in the Bahamas at one time 3,500 hotel rooms."

To counter this, Mr Ingraham suggested the developers construct Baha Mar in phases – similar to Kerzner's International's phased approach to Atlantis – and open only 1,000 rooms at the start.

He added that he thinks the Baha Mar project and Atlantis can co-exist without one being a detriment to the other if this phased approach to development is taken.

"We also have to take into account reality. We have operating down in Cable Beach now a number of hotel rooms – a number of them are closed now,

including the casino. Well if I have difficulty dealing with less than 1,800 rooms what is it likely to be the case if I put 3,500 rooms there? What makes me feel and what gives me the level of confidence that all of a sudden I've become a magician in terms of the management of a hotel and I'm going to have a very successful operation with high levels of occupancy and good levels of revenue to repay the loan of \$2.4 billion?"

"And if I am having discussions about the question of repaying a loan of \$200 million that is dragging on and on, does that raise any question that I ought to be concerned with? These are all matters that the government has to be concerned with.

"My duty is to do what I think is best for the Bahamian people and we are considering and pondering all these matters before we give formal consideration".

Mr Ingraham also shot down a belief held by some, that the country desperately needs Baha Mar approved to resuscitate the economy and boost employment.

"One of the things I really take exception to is every time I see written in a column that Baha Mar is a saviour for the Bahamas. I find it most offensive. It is not. We are not going to die if Baha Mar doesn't come."

"There's this theory that in order for us to take care of the huge labour force in the

Bahamas, much of which is unskilled, etc, we need a big project every so often. And we've been fortunate to have a big project every so often, but at some point and time the Bahamas is not going to have a big project. It would be wonderful if we had Baha Mar going on right now, it would be even better if we had a scaled down version of Kerzner's phase four going on right now but the reality is we don't. We have prospects but we don't count chickens before they hatch".

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continue public borrowing to meet its expenditure for civil servant salaries and the financing needed for upcoming infrastructure projects.

Mr Ingraham appeared unperturbed by the dismal economic forecast coming from analysts.

He said: "The Central Bank of the Bahamas is no more able to determine what's going to happen in the future than the IMF, the World Bank, the IDB, the US government. They are all just guessing, informed guessing, but they have no means of knowing when the world economy is going to turn around and what the impact is going to be."

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## Compliance costs create opportunity for new business

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Niche Bahamian businesses may be able to exploit the changes US legislation will create for international financial centres, especially the high compliance costs associated with American clients, a KPMG (US) director said yesterday.

Melinda Schmidt, who spoke at a Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accountants (BICA) seminar, said it was expected that small pockets of businesses, focused on assisting financial institutions in aligning themselves with the mandates of the new US Foreign Accounts Tax Compliance Act (FATCA), will begin to grow around the changing industry.

Ms Schmidt added that the need for people like her, charged with educating financial services industry professionals across the globe, sprouted out of the changing global financial arena.

US tax law expert and Bahamian MP, Ryan Pinder, who also spoke at the BICA event, agreed that the Bahamas can grow business through the aggressive changes being championed by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

According to him, one of the Bahamas' most important Tax Information Exchange Agreements (TIEA), signed with Canada, along with the implementation of the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), could open doors for Canadian companies to establish operations in the Bahamas and allow them easy access to the European market.

"Your clients can establish regional operations in the Bahamas, a tax-free jurisdiction, and then repatriate profits back to Canada tax free," he said. "This is a unique and tremendous advantage."

Ms Schmidt said while there is still 27 months left for financial firms to become familiar and compliant with the FATCA standards, which will be revealed in the US by the 2011 first quarter, those institutions will be faced with high costs and might not make the deadline.

Despite this, Mr Pinder said opportunities exist to "take some global pressure off of this jurisdiction and industry".

According to him, the Bahamas must simply distance itself from the perception that it is a financial centre of tax cheats, and a tax havens.

"The global community believes that the Tax Cooperation Bill and the Tax Information Exchange Agreements are a first step to ensuring this," said Mr Pinder.

"And as I have said earlier, this is likely only a first step.

"We should work to not be known as a tax haven, nor solely an offshore financial jurisdiction, but an International Business Centre."

# \$5m wipe-out via 'sham audit'

■ \$857m South Ocean development's general partner alleges bitter financier foe 'fabricated unavailability' of key witness to alleged conspiracy to remove him

■ Claims former hedge fund chief 'coerced' into allegations of misappropriation through withholding of benefits and severance pay



ROGER STEIN

By **NEIL HARTNELL**  
Tribune Business Editor

An \$857 million Bahamian resort project's general partner has alleged that the development's main financier "fabricated the unavailability" of a key witness behind the "sham audit intended to wipe out" his \$5 million personal investment and equity position, citing this as a key reason to overturn his court-ordered removal.

In the latest round of the protracted battle for control at the 375-acre southwest New Providence South Ocean project, Roger Stein and his RHS Ven-

tures company are urging the New York State Supreme Court to overturn the arbitration award that removes them as general partner, and installs hedge fund financier Plainfield Asset Management in their place, on the grounds that new evidence has come to light since the August 5 hearing on the issue.

In their motion and supporting affidavits, Mr Stein and RHS Ventures are alleging that Plainfield falsely informed them that a key witness, who pur-

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## Chamber/BECon merger eyes New Year's Day finish

\* Strategic Plan calls for full-time, paid president to head unified organisation, with committee structure replaced by divisions

\* Focus on 'making sure our value proposition is very compelling' through service delivery

By **NEIL HARTNELL**  
Tribune Business Editor

The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce's merger with the Bahamas Employers Confederation (BECon) will be complete by New Year's Day, the former's president confirmed yesterday, with the unified organisation's strategic plan calling for his post to become full-time and the existing committee structure to be transformed into 'divisions'.

Khaalis Rolle told Tribune Business that the Strategic Plan, devised by an International Labour Organisation consultant from Bahamian stakeholder input, aimed to create an organisational structure that would leave the merged entity well-placed to meet the 21st century challenges facing the private sector.

"We will have a new organisation on January 1," Mr Rolle said of the BECon/Chamber merger, adding that the Strategic Plan had been launched at the organisation's retreat last weekend. Work is now underway to complete the business plan.

"The Strategic Plan was focused on creating an organisation that will meet the needs of our members going forward," the Chamber president added. "We've been a very good advocacy organisation, and not so good in terms of delivering services."

"That's what I've focused all

my effort on. My goal is to improve our value proposition beyond advocacy, and that is what the Strategic Plan is all about, building an organisation that makes sense. That is our primary focus right now, making sure our value proposition is

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KHAALIS ROLLE

## Benefits drop aids FamGuard 39% profit rise

\* Insurer sees benefits payments drop \$0.5m in Q2, and slowdown in growth rate in half year, as 'safeguards' kick in

\* General insurance agency starts writing business this month

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By **NEIL HARTNELL**  
Tribune Business Editor

Family Guardian yesterday said it was seeing initial signs that "safeguards to stabilise the volatility" of health claims were having an impact, with total benefits payments down by \$0.5 million year-over-year for the 2010 second quarter, as the company reported a 39 per cent net income rise for the half-year.

Patricia Hermanns, Family Guardian's president, told Tribune Business that while the policy-by-policy analysis of its health insurance portfolio to ensure premiums reflected claims experience would take some time to fully bear fruit, the initial indicators were encouraging.

"We're working through it," Ms Hermanns said of the

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PATRICIA HERMANN'S

## Shareholder deal needed for \$200m Baha Mar solution

PM expresses concern about 'dumping' 3,500 hotel rooms on market at once

By **NEIL HARTNELL**  
Tribune Business Editor

Baha Mar and Scotiabank were yesterday said by sources to have determined the amount of cash the developer would pay upfront, and the size of the equity stake the bank will take in the \$2.6 billion Cable Beach redevelopment, as the Prime Minister expressed concerns about the potential impact from

"dumping" 3,500 new hotel rooms on to the Bahamian resort market at the same time.

Tribune Business was told that the two parties had decided on the figures involved in their debt-for-equity swap, but were now wrestling over the terms of a Shareholders Agreement that would govern their rela-

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# The principles behind design



## THE ART OF GRAPHIX

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It is very rewarding to get a better understanding of the basics of graphic design by learning the elements and principles that govern design and page layout. Graphic design is the process and art of combining text and graphics, then communicating an effective message in the design of logos, graphics, brochures, newsletters, posters, signs and any other type of visual communication. Thus designers achieve their goals by using all the elements and principles of graphic design.

By knowing these simple graphic design basics and their application, persons with no formal training can improve page layout and text compositions. However, I still do recommend formal lessons to get the full benefit. Despite the fact that designers are very analytical and have a keen eye for detail, there is usually only one correct way to apply each principle. Let's explore the different types of principles:

For the most part, our eyes and minds are most comfortable with evenly balanced layouts where the graphics don't overpower the text, and the page doesn't seem to tilt to one side or the other.

### Proximity/Unity

In design, proximity or closeness creates a bond between people and between elements on a page.

How close together or far apart elements are placed suggests a relationship (or lack of) between otherwise disparate parts.

Unity is also achieved by using a third element to connect distant parts.

For example, observe a group of people in a room.

You can often learn a lot about who is listening intently to another person, who are strangers, or who is ignoring who by how close together they sit or stand.

It's good to know how to arrange elements on the page through proximity, keeping like items together and creating unity.

### Alignment

Alignment brings order to chaos, whether in a parking lot or on a piece of paper.

How you align type and graphics on a page fosters familiarity, or brings excitement to a stale design. Can you imagine how difficult it would be to find your car in a crowded parking lot if everyone ignored the parking lot stripes and parked in every which direc-

tion and angle? Imagine trying to get out. Wouldn't that drive you mad?

While centred text has its place, it is often the mark of a novice designer.

Pay attention when creating more interesting, dynamic or appropriate layouts, as lack of alignment creates an disorganised look.

Mixing too many alignments can have a similar effect, but it's also OK to break alignment when it serves a specific purpose, such as to intentionally create tension or draw attention to a specific element on the page.

For more complicated layouts, the use of guidelines and grids aid in precise placement of elements.

### Repetition/Consistency

Think about this. What if stop signs came in pink squares, yellow circles or green triangles, depending on the changing whims of a community and a few of its residents?

Imagine the ensuing traffic jams and accidents.

Repeating design elements, and the consistent use of type and graphics styles within a document, point a reader where to go and help them navigate your designs and layouts safely.

### Contrast

Contrast is one the principles of design when two elements are different.

The greater the difference, the greater the contrast. The key to working with contrast is to make sure the differences are obvious.

Four common methods of creating contrast are by using differences in size, value, color and type.

For example, on the basketball court, one pro team looks much like another, but send a few of those players for a stroll down any street and something becomes apparent - those players are much taller than your average guy on the street. That's contrast.

In design, big and small elements, black and white text, squares and circles, can all create contrast in design.

Contrast adds interest and provides a means to the page of what is important.

It aids in making headlines and subheadings stand out, and makes smaller or lighter elements recede on the page to allow others to take centre stage

### White Space

The art of nothing is another important principle of design missing from the page layouts of many novices.

Basically, white space is the absence of text and graphics. It breaks them up, and provides visual breathing room for the eye, allowing a page to be less cramped, confusing or overwhelming.

Have you ever tried stuffing your clothing and many gadgets between two suitcases to avoid paying overweight when travelling?

Crazy, isn't it? Well, designs that cram too much text and graphics on to the page are uncomfortable and may be impossible to read, which is why white space gives your design breathing room

Effective graphic design is not created randomly or by chance. These principles are conceptual ideas that assist graphic designers in the creation of great designs.

They bring everything together through repetitions of a visual image rhythm, which dictates that everything on the page is visually joined to something else, thus giving the work a feeling of wholeness or "oneness".

Design elements are the concrete tools that embody all principles and make them come alive. Like the principles that inspire them, they help in balancing and dictate the goal of true art work as well. Achieving this creates a lively graphic that effectively and professionally delivers your message to your customer. So until we meet again, have fun, enjoy life and stay on top of your game.

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# TIEAs start, not end, of tax pressure

By **CHESTER ROBARDS**  
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TAX Information Exchange Agreements (TIEAs) will not be the end of global pressure on international financial centres, a US tax specialist and MP said yesterday.

Ryan Pinder, speaking at a Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accountants' (BICA) seminar, said global tax information reporting will continue to evolve, as will the Bahamas' system for exchanging such information.

According to Mr Pinder, this country and others that have been pressured by the Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) for tax information, will continue to have to set progressive policies to adhere to the changing environment.

The US's Foreign Accounts Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) has set the stage for aggressive transparency policy.

"The United States has led the charge in the evolu-



RYAN PINDER

tion of international tax compliance, with its passage just a few months ago of the Foreign Accounts Tax Compliance Act," said Mr Pinder. "I believe that this is the predecessor of how the next step of international tax reporting and compliance will evolve, to force financial institutions themselves to report to international taxing authorities client information."

He added that OECD countries want to force compliance by international financial centres in order to have their financial institutions produce information on clients automatically.

Apart from decreasing the appeal of international financial centres, this aggressive approach to repatriate tax revenues back to their own countries will have the effect of increasing work loads and oversight in the country holding the offshore account. Looking specifically at the US Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Mr Pinder said legislation such as FATCA will make it almost impossible for a foreign institution to not comply with their requests for information.

"The concern of countries, and specifically the United States, was that investigations pursuant to Tax Information Exchange Agreements could not be effectively completed within the standard three-year statute of limitations," he said. "This Act, as you see, extends the statute of limitations to six years."

## Skills boost needed for tax agreements

By **CHESTER ROBARDS**  
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The Bahamas must beef up staffing levels in the Ministry of Finance, or hire consultants, if it is to fulfill its Tax Information Exchange Agreement (TIEA) obligations, a US tax attorney and MP said yesterday.

Ryan Pinder, speaking at a Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accountants' seminar, said that since it was the Ministry of Finance's sole responsibility to receive tax information requests, and ensure the information requested is relevant to the requesting jurisdiction's investigations, individuals skilled in recognising what is relevant and viable information will be crucial.

### Authority

Mr Pinder said the Minister of Finance is the only person with the legislative authority to request client information from any financial institution in this jurisdiction. He cautioned seminar attendees that they are not obligated to release information directly to a foreign requesting authority, as requests under the bilateral TIEAs must be written directly to the Minister of Finance.

Under the Bahamas' Foreign Tax Compliance Act, 2010, the Minister of Finance is the "party responsible for requiring the production of information".

Also, according to the Act, the requesting country is required to state its intent in writing to the Minister and include in the correspondence

specific information. That information requested has to be so specific that it gives no semblance of a fishing expedition by the requesting country.

According to the Act: "The Minister of Finance shall only issue a notice... where the Minister is satisfied that the information is foreseeable relevant to the proper administration and enforcement of the domestic tax laws of the requesting state concerning

tax matters covered by the governing Agreement."

Mr Pinder argued that such an arduous task will require the Minister and his Ministry to know what is relevant to a particular international authority, and should law enforcement be sent in to retrieve this information from a financial institution, they will also have to be versed in what information is viable and within reason.

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## BUSINESS

# Shareholder deal needed for \$200m Baha Mar solution

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relationship and the terms of Scotiabank's equity participation in the Cable Beach project.

This newspaper was also told that Scotiabank wanted to resolve the loan situation by the time staff at the Wyndham and Crystal Palace casino returned from those properties' temporary six-week closure, which will happen in early October.

This was effectively confirmed by Hubert Ingraham in the House of Assembly yesterday, when he confirmed that "substantial progress" had been made in

talks between the developer and bank during a day-and-a-half of meetings in New York last week, prior to a press conference during which he outlined some of his governments concerns over the project. The Prime Minister indicated that, if Baha Mar and Scotiabank were finally able to resolve their differences and the project went ahead, with China Export-Import Bank and China State Construction providing the financing and construction/equity partner role respectively, the Government would attempt to persuade them to do the \$2.6 billion project in stages,

rather than all at once.

"We understand the impact of that. If they do it in phases, it will end up costing more money and they will need less Chinese workers. The extent to which there can be a trade off is now known," Mr Ingraham said.

This tied into one of the key concerns and considerations for the Government, namely whether the completion of the Baha Mar project and release of 3,500 new hotel rooms on the market would depress Bahamian resort industry room rates and effectively 'split' the market for high-

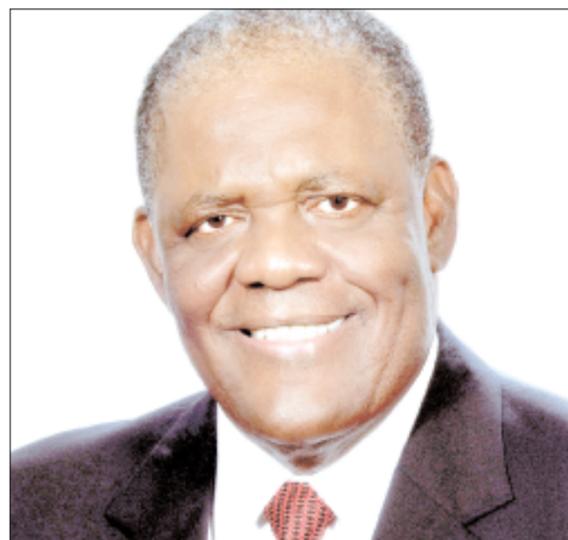
end visitors with Kerzner International's Atlantis resort to the extent that no one wins, both mega resorts being left with unfilled inventory.

Asked whether Atlantis and Baha Mar could co-exist, Mr Ingraham said: "Yes, over a phased period of time. In other words, if Baha Mar brought on 1,000 hotel rooms first, as Kerzner did, and later on some additional rooms etc, it can work. But not to just dump in the market one time these numbers of rooms. "You have persons who are of the view that the project should be done in phases, that we cannot put on the market in the Bahamas at one time 3,500 hotel rooms. That we don't have the capacity to attract the visitors to make such a thing successful, and that we will put ourselves in the position where there would be competition down to the bottom in terms of rates, where we can end up affecting negatively both Paradise Island and Cable Beach, or just one or the other."

## Concern

The Prime Minister also expressed concern about the wisdom of adding 3,500 rooms at Cable Beach when Baha Mar was having difficulty filling the existing 1,800 inventory it has now, given that the Wyndham and Crystal Palace Casino have been closed for five weeks as part of a six-week cost-cutting programme. They are due to re-open early next month.

And, for good measure, Mr Ingraham indicated the Government's concerns about the financial sustainability of the Baha Mar project, since as the developer was struggling to repay a \$200 million loan, what chance would it have to



HUBERT INGRAHAM

meet the \$2.45 billion loan from China Export-Import Bank.

"If I have difficulty dealing with less than 1,800 rooms, what is likely to be the case if I put 3,500 rooms there? What makes me feel, and what gives me the level of confidence, that all of a sudden I've become a magician in terms of the management of the hotel and I'm going to have a very successful operation with high levels of occupancy and good levels of revenue to repay the loan of \$2.4 billion?" Mr Ingraham queried.

"And if I am having discussions about the question of repaying a loan of \$200 million that is dragging on and on, does that raise any question that I ought to be concerned with? These are all matters that the Government has to be concerned with."

Noting that the former Hotel Corporation-owned Radisson hotel cost \$120

million to build, but was sold to Baha Mar by the former Christie government for just \$30 million, along with the land on which that property and the neighbouring Wyndham sit, Mr Ingraham also pointed out that the Cable Beach project's Heads of Agreement stipulated that it would have 'world-class' equity and casino partners.

Baha Mar's resort and casino partners were currently unknown, something that Mr Ingraham expressed concern with, given the importance of the hotel brand in attracting guests and sustaining a world-class, viable resort operation.

Pointing to the experience of Our Lucaya, a "wonderful" resort that was often nearly empty, with 20 per cent occupancy levels and workers on one and two-day weeks, the Prime Minister said: "The branding of such a facility would be critical from the Bahamas government's point of view."



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## URCA NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF TIME FOR REPRESENTATIONS TO PROPOSED MERGER

The Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA) has extended the deadline and will consider all representations on the proposed merger between Cable Bahamas Limited (CBL) and Systems Resource Group Limited (SRG) subject to approval by URCA received by **5:00p.m on Tuesday, October 5, 2010.**

# \$5m wipe-out via 'sham audit'

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portedly ordered the audit at the heart of the dispute, would be unable to testify during the American Arbitration Association hearing, even though he was in the US.

And they are also claiming that another former Plainfield employee, who was RHS Ventures' main contact point in their South Ocean dealings, was "coerced" into signing a 'false affidavit' claiming that Mr Stein 'misappropriated' partnership funds because the hedge fund was threatening to withdraw his severance pay and health insurance benefits.

## Delaying

Plainfield is likely to view the submissions as merely another '11th hour' delaying tactic by Mr Stein in his bid to stop the New York courts ratifying the arbitration award, but the whole episode again indicates how a valuable Bahamian resort and real estate parcel are likely to be tied up in legal knots for years, with no development in sight.

Even if it wins the court battle, the Government is likely to be reluctant to deal with Plainfield, given the numerous investigations being conducted into allegations made against the hedge fund.

In turn, Plainfield has alleged that much of the unfavourable publicity it has received, and the investigations, have been orchestrated by Mr Stein.

In an affidavit filed with the New York Supreme Court registry, Mr Stein alleged that Niv Harizman, a Plainfield partner and the head of its corporate finance division, ordered the September 15, 2008, audit of the South Ocean project's records despite having headed the hedge fund's team on the Bahamian resort development for just one week.

The audit and its outcome, which saw Plainfield attempt to remove Mr Stein and RHS Ventures as general partner 'for cause', sparked the arbitration and subsequent claims and counter-claims between the two parties.

"It has been and remains respondents' position that Harizman orchestrated a sham audit with a pre-determined outcome in order to effectuate a fabricated 'for cause' removal of respondents as general partner of the partnership and, more importantly, to wipe out respondents' entire equity position in the partnership and my personal investment of \$5 million," Mr Stein alleged.

Another affidavit, this time

from the attorneys for Mr Stein and RHS Ventures, which was filed in the New York courts in the past week, alleged that they had wanted to examine Harizman during the arbitration hearing on several issues, including what was purported to be a Plainfield conspiracy to remove the general partner.

They alleged that Harizman's e-mails showed "he was attempting to bring other developers into the partnership to take over for Stein without Stein's knowledge", and that Plainfield was attempting to take complete control over South Ocean.

Mr Stein's attorneys also alleged that Plainfield analysed the benefits of removing him as general partner in a memo produced eight days before the September 15, 2008, audit was called for, and that the hedge fund had held discussions on the issue seven weeks before that date.

"He [Harizman] was also at the centre of efforts to negotiate with a third-party lender the restructuring of the entire real estate property at issue in the partnership to the exclusion of RHS Ventures which was, at the time, still general partner," Mr Stein alleged.

"In fact, weeks before Harizman even ordered the audit, he wrote numerous e-mails to other individuals within Plainfield Asset Management discussing the removal of respondents as general partner, as well as taking over the entire development from respondents."

There were also allegations that Plainfield and Mr Harizman discussed the restructuring of the South Ocean with the third player in the resort project, the Canadian Commercial Workers Industry Pension Plan (CCWIPP), which in recent times has been unsuccessfully trying to foreclose on the property, claiming there has been a default in repaying the \$102 million owed to it.

However, after being repeatedly told by Plainfield's attorneys that Harizman would not be in the US during the arbitration hearing, Mr Stein

alleged that his legal counsel decided not to examine him or get him to testify.

Yet RHS Ventures is now alleging that he was in the US "for much of the hearing".

And Mr Stein also alleged that a former Plainfield managing director Eric Reehl, had told him on August 13, 2010, that he signed an important affidavit "under significant duress and coercion" from the hedge fund, which had purportedly threatened to withhold his health insurance benefits and severance pay.

## Affidavit

Mr Stein alleged that the Reehl affidavit was a key factor in the arbitration hearings, and relied on heavily by the panel in its decision, as it was used by Plainfield to back up allegations that RHS Ventures had "misappropriated and converted for personal use funds intended to be used in furtherance" of the South Ocean project.

The RHS Ventures head alleged that in their August 13 conversation, Reehl backed his version of events by confirming that he had approved many of the expenditures made.

And he claimed this was corroborated by another former Plainfield employee, August Ceradini, RHS Ventures' other principal contact point over the South Ocean development."

"During a conversation I had with Ceradini on May 27, 2010, he confirmed the falsity of specific portions of the Reehl affidavit, particularly the portions concerning my misappropriation of \$1.5 million intended for the purchase of several properties adjacent to the partnership property, and my supposed rental of a villa for non-business purposes," Mr Stein alleged.

"Ceradini and I had another more recent conversation on August 25, 2010, during which Ceradini said to me that, in fact, the whole Reehl affidavit was a lie, and that Reehl signed the affidavit under duress."

# Chamber/BECon merger eyes New Year's Day finish

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very compelling."

Mr Rolle said the Strategic Plan recommended that the merged Chamber/BECon entity move to appoint a "full-time president and chief executive as the functioning head of the organisation, as opposed to the structure we have now with an elected president and full-time executive director. The presidency will become a paid position, and there will be a chairman of the Board".

Another recommendation, Mr Rolle added, was for the unified organisation to "move away from the committee structure and create divisions. The committee structure has been in place for ever".

## Divisions

Explaining to Tribune Business that the move to establish divisions, each with their own head, was an attempt to "modernise our approach and institutional apparatus", Mr Rolle said: "The Board will be required to work a little more than they have in the past, but that's service."

One division to be established within the merged Chamber/BECon entity will be labour, the Chamber president adding that it would be "very important" to retain the responsibilities the latter organisation had for dealing with employment-related issues.

"I think we're well on our way to creating the organisation that will take us into the future," Mr Rolle said. "We're telling people about the way to run their businesses and their need to change, and we haven't demonstrated that yet. We're

giving advice, and are now taking our own advice, building an organisation that's relevant."

The Chamber president added that the merger with BECon was "essential to the business community and the survival of both entities".

He pointed out that offering value-added services, such as the Chamber Institute, was crucial to the merged organisation's survival, as the current recession had shown it could not survive on membership subscription revenues alone.



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No. 6 of 2010

10th September 2010

Re: UNLICENSED FCSP OPERATORS

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**The Inspector advises that Section 18(1) of the Act states:**

"Any person who carries on the business of financial and corporate services in or from within The Bahamas without obtaining a license under this Act commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of seventy-five thousand dollars and where the offence continues subsequent to conviction that person is liable to a fine of one thousand dollars for each day the offence continues."

The Inspector further advises that while "financial services" referred to in section 2 of the Act is not defined in the legislation, it is interpreted using the definition issued by the World Trade Organisation. Financial services as defined therein includes money broking, lending of all types and related activities.

In light of the foregoing, the Inspector's attention has been drawn to a number of persons carrying out activities that require a license under the Act. Section 3 of the Act provides that no person shall carry on the business of financial and corporate services in or from within the Bahamas unless that person has obtained a license under the Act.

The general public is **HEREBY ADVISED** that all persons who, for profit or reward, are providing financial and corporate services without a FCSP license are committing a criminal offence, which means such matters must be reported to the police.

The general public is **FURTHER ADVISED** that **all persons operating without a license are to immediately cease and desist operating and should report to the Inspector without delay. These persons must report to the Inspector within thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice, during which time they MUST NOT operate. Failure to submit to the Inspector and/or continuing to operate without a license after this thirty (30) day period will result in a complaint being filed with the police for criminal prosecution.**

Further, please note that criminal conviction for failing to submit to the Inspector and operating without a license after this Notice has been issued could render an entity "not Fit and Proper", and therefore unable to qualify to be licensed and regularized under the Act. Therefore, anyone who is presently operating without a license should immediately contact the Inspector at the Securities Commission, 3rd Floor Charlotte House, Shirley and Charlotte Streets.

This notice is not applicable to licensees of the Central Bank of the Bahamas pursuant to section 20 of the Act.

You may contact Ms. Mechelle Martinborough, Secretary & Legal Counsel at the Securities Commission with any general inquiries concerning this Notice at telephone number 397-4100 or in writing to P.O. Box N-8347, Nassau, The Bahamas or via e-mail: [info@scb.gov.bs](mailto:info@scb.gov.bs)

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## INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

## Bank Chief: Development economics needs change

WASHINGTON (

The president of the World Bank says organizations such as his can learn from the experiences of nations with successful emerging economies, according to *Associated Press*.

Robert Zoellick said the bank needs to recognize that development knowledge, its specialty, is no longer the sole province of scholars.

He spoke Wednesday at Georgetown University ahead of next week's annual meetings of the bank and the International Monetary Fund.

Zoellick said even before the global economic crisis, there was a questioning of prevailing ideas, a sense that development economics needed rethinking.

He said the bank must throw open its doors — and data — to others who can find and create their own solutions.

# Dollar continues to slide, at 5-month low vs euro

NEW YORK

The dollar hit another five-month low against the euro on Wednesday because of concerns that the Federal Reserve might take further action to boost the economy that would weigh on the dollar, according to *Associated Press*.

The dollar also slid against most other currencies.

The euro rose to as high as \$1.3653 Wednesday, its highest point since mid-April. In midday trading in New York, the euro traded at \$1.3639, up from \$1.3567 late Tuesday.

The euro has risen even as fears about the 16-nation eurozone's debt crisis persist.

The Fed has signaled that it is ready to take more actions to support the fal-



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tering U.S. recovery.

Many analysts expect the central bank to move this year to buy more Treasuries, lifting bond prices and lowering yields.

That would make the U.S. currency less appealing to investors.

The dollar has declined broadly, not just against the euro, in September. A measure of the dollar against six other heavily traded currencies is at its lowest level since January. "The dollar's slide is not over and bounces are expected to be shallow and short-lived," said currency analysts from Brown Brothers Harriman in a research note Wednesday.

In other trading Wednesday, the dollar dropped to 83.60 Japanese yen from 83.93 Japanese yen, while the British pound rose to \$1.5800 from \$1.5793. The dollar edged up to 1.0312 Canadian dollars from 1.0311 Canadian dollars. It fell to 0.9754 Swiss francs from 0.9767 Swiss francs, earlier in the day notching its most recent 2 1/2 year low at 0.9735 Swiss francs.



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.

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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 7<sup>th</sup> 2010.**

# VACANCY

## RE: POSITION

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

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# 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.

  
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# Emissions rules hang over Paris car show

GREG KELLER,  
AP Business Writer  
PARIS

European car makers are looking to a bevy of fuel-efficient, lower-emissions models going on display at the Paris Auto Show this week to weather a depressed market and tough new EU pollution standards, according to Associated Press.

It has been a miserable two years for the industry since the last Paris show in 2008, as the industry faced the worst economic slowdown since the Great Depression.

But while the worst of the global recession is past, car makers are aware that their market has changed. Consumers remain cautious and environmental rules are more stringent — and the auto industry hopes hybrids and electric cars will be a big part of the way forward.

The spotlight will center on hometown favorites Renault and PSA Peugeot Citroen, both of which will unveil road-ready hybrid and electric cars or light trucks to the hundreds of thousands of visitors expected to attend the show between Oct. 2 and Oct. 17.

Among the most anticipated unveilings will be Peugeot's 3008 HYbrid 4, the world's first full diesel hybrid vehicle, and Renault's Fluence Z.E. (for "zero emissions"), an all-electric mid-size sedan.

European car makers especially are under fierce pressure to sell smaller and less-polluting cars and light trucks to meet tightening European regulations on carbon dioxide emissions.

"The Future, Now" is the slogan organizers have chosen for this year's edition of the show, which holds two days of media previews starting Thursday before opening to the public on Saturday.

The show — which dates back to 1898, making it the world's oldest — will feature about 100 world and European premieres, organizers promise.

Car makers have been flaunting technologies aimed at cutting or eliminating carbon dioxide emissions from their vehicles at every major car show since the last Paris gathering in 2008. But this time more and more will be models headed for showrooms, not concept or idea cars.

"Maybe access to market-ready electric vehicles is going to be the big news in Paris," said Carlos Da Silva, a senior market analyst at industry forecasters IHS Global Insight in Paris. "It will be a very "green" show," Da Silva said in an interview.

Other ready-to-roll green machines on display include Peugeot's iOn, Mitsubishi's i-MiEV and the Nissan Leaf.

Besides the 3008, PSA Peugeot-Citroen plans to launch the Citroen DS5 Hybrid as part of its goal to have 1 million cars in its fleet below 120 grams of carbon dioxide per kilometer by 2012. That is in-line with



(AP Photo/Francois Mori)

**ON DISPLAY:** The Peugeot electric Light City Car or VLV built in 1941 is displayed at the Peugeot showroom on the Champs Elysee in Paris Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010 ahead of the opening of the Paris Auto Show. To offset the lack of fuel and materials during World War II, Peugeot designed 377 small electric vehicles enabling two people to get around within a limited range of approximately 70km.

similar targets set by other car makers as they seek to meet an EU deadline for reducing their carbon emissions, Da Silva said.

Global car production fell 17 percent over 2008 and 2009, dropping to 57 million vehicles last year. Scrapping schemes introduced after the crisis

helped support European car makers and their suppliers, but now that they're being withdrawn growth is stalling in the region.

Car sales in Europe will drop to 17.7 million this year from 18.2 million in 2009, according to J.D. Power Automotive

Forecasting, which expects sales to stagnate around that level next year as well. Production will rebound to its pre-crisis level of 69 million vehicles this year, Autodata predicts, but nearly all that growth will come from China and North America.

By the time of the next Paris show in 2012, for the first time ever more than half of the world's car production will be in emerging markets such as

China, Brazil and India, said Gerard Morin, head of PwC's automobile consultancy in France.

By 2020, CEO Philippe Varin thinks hybrids will grab as much as 15 percent of the market.

That's more optimistic than the forecasters at PricewaterhouseCooper's Autodata consultancy, which sees electric cars capturing a mere 1 percent of the global car market by 2016. Hybrids may reach 4 per-

cent market share by then, Autodata predicts, leaving a full 95 percent of the market to traditional internal combustion engines. By 2020, electric vehicle production is likely to hit only 1.5 million units, according to Autodata, as the infrastructure to recharge the cars' batteries, as well as the batteries' expense and limits to their autonomy hold back wider adoption of the cars by consumers.

## NOTICE

### LYNDEN PINDLING INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IMPOSITION/VARIATION OF FEES AND CHARGES

It is hereby notified pursuant to regulation 4(10)(b) of the Airport Authority (Amendment) Regulations, 2009 that the Airport Authority at a meeting on the 17th day of September, 2009 imposed and or varied fees and charges at the Lynden Pindling International Airport as follows:

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INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Oil prices climb after crude supplies decline

NEW YORK

Oil prices rose Wednesday after the government reported inventories fell last week. There is still plenty of oil on hand, as supplies remained well above the five-year average, according to Associated Press.

Benchmark crude for November delivery gained \$1.20 at \$77.38 a barrel in midday trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The Energy Department said commercial crude inventories decreased by 500,000 barrels to 357.9 million barrels, according to the Energy Information

Administration said. The total was about 5.7 percent above year-ago levels.

Gasoline inventories shrank by 3.5 million barrels to 222.6 million barrels, 5.3 percent above year-ago levels. Demand for gasoline over the four weeks that ended Sept. 24 averaged 9.1 million barrels a day, an increase of nearly 1 percent from the same period of 2009.

Inventories of distillate fuel, which include diesel and heating oil, fell by 1.3 million barrels to 173.6 million barrels, which was 1.5 percent above year-ago levels, the government reported.

"The face value of the report looks price supportive. However, even after these draws, we still have huge supply surpluses anywhere you look," said oil analyst Jim Rittersbusch, president of Ritterbusch and Associates. "Everybody's yawning again, and going back and watching to see what the stock market does."

The oil market has remained stable, with September prices ranging between \$73 a barrel and \$78 a barrel. It's a trend analysts expect to continue as traders wait for signs of an improving economy and stronger demand that would tap into supplies. Traders have been watching stock markets for clues about the recovery in the months ahead. The Dow Jones Industrial Average, S&P 500 and the Nasdaq were all slightly lower after worries about Europe resurfaced with protests in Brussels, Spain and Ireland over austerity measures aimed at preventing another fiscal crisis. In other Nymex trading in October contracts, heating oil rose 4.55 cents to \$2.1700 a gallon and gasoline gained 2.86 cents at \$1.9765 a gallon.

KOHL'S OPENS NEW STORES, CREATES NEARLY 3,000 JOBS



AP Photo/Amy Sancetta, file

NEW JOBS: In this Nov. 11, 2009 file photo, headlights and tail-lights of cars, stream past the Kohl's store in Aurora, Ohio. Kohl's Corp. said Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010, it is opening 21 new stores, creating almost 3,000 jobs in 15 states.

MENOMONEE FALLS, Wisconsin

Kohl's Corp. is opening 21 new stores in 15 states, creating almost 3,000 jobs, according to Associated Press.

The openings come at a time when the U.S. unemployment level remains high and shoppers worried about dismal economic conditions continue to seek out the low-priced clothing and home items that stores such as Kohl's offer.

The announcement comes a day after rival J.C. Penney Co. said it would open three new stores next year as part of a

long-term plan to boost sales and reach more middle-income shoppers. Kohl's new stores are located in Alabama, California, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

The retailer also said Wednesday that it opened a customer-service and operations center in San Antonio that will serve its credit card and online customers.

The facility has hired about 200 workers and plans to add

more than 1,000 jobs over the next three years. Kohl's has two other customer service and operations centers in Corsicana, Texas and Menomonee Falls, Wis. Aside from the new stores, Kohl's is remodeling 85 existing locations.

Earlier this month the company based in Menomonee Falls, Wis., reported a key revenue figure climbed 4.5 percent in August on strong sales of its home and men's merchandise and footwear.

Kohl's now has 1,089 stores in 49 states.

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INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

# European strikes weigh on world stock markets

CARLO PIOVANO, Associated Press Writer LONDON

European and U.S. markets fell Wednesday as labor protests across the EU fueled worries about countries' ability to cut heavy debt loads, offsetting any optimism about a possible economic boost from the Federal Reserve, according to Associated Press.

Demonstrators marched in Brussels, the heart of the EU, as well as Spain, Ireland and Portugal as labor unions protested against spending cuts they say unfairly penalize average workers for problems and debt caused by banks.

The social unrest has raised concerns that countries like Spain, whose debt some say could be downgraded again soon, will not be able to implement the policies required to heal their bloated public finances.

Britain's FTSE 100 closed down 0.2 percent at 5,569.27, while Germany's DAX was 0.5 percent lower at 6,246.92. France's CAC-40 ended 0.7 percent lower at 3,737.12.

Asian markets closed higher earlier, supported by growing speculation that the Fed might announce further stimulus mea-



## INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

...sures at the end of a Nov. 2-3 meeting in a bid to shore up the recovery in the U.S. economy.

But Wall Street followed Europe lower.

The Dow industrial average was down 0.2 percent at 10,837.59 and the Standard & Poor's 500 was 0.2 percent lower at 1,145.24.

Worries have flared up again this week that Europe will not be able to lower its deficits and simultaneously sustain economic growth and keep failed banks from collapsing.

In Ireland, where the government is struggling to manage Anglo Irish Banks' euro72 bil-

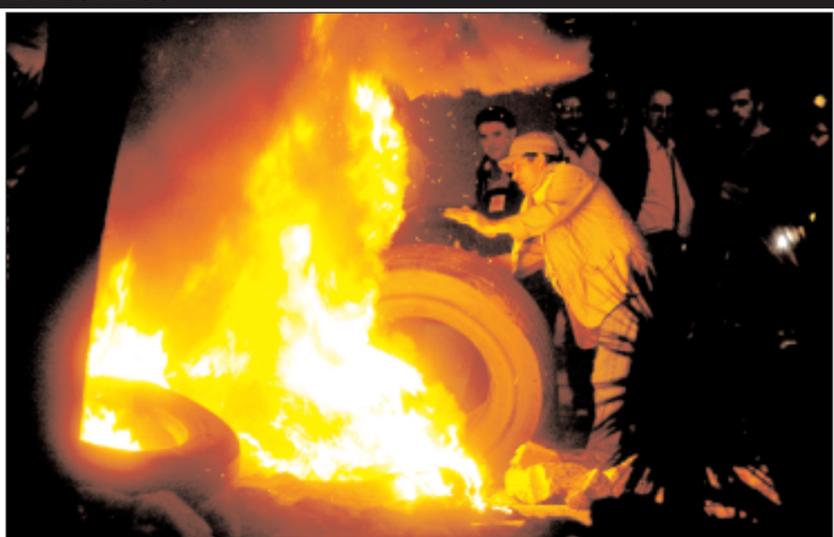
lion (\$97 billion) in outstanding debts, protesters parliament's gates with a truck. In Spain, workers staged a general strike and in Brussels tens of thousands marched toward the main EU buildings, where the EU executive was gathering.

The Commission proposed new rules to sanction countries that break deficit rules. Labor unions say this will push governments to force through spending cuts that will unjustly penalize workers for a crisis caused by the bailed-out financial sector.

While Germany and the Commission are for tougher rules, France is against near-automatic sanctions, saying politicians, and not unelected officials in Brussels, should determine government policy.

Corporate news did not offer much support to European investors, with Swedish fashion retailer H&M warning that its store openings for the rest of the year would be slowed by delayed construction projects. Although it reported higher profits, the announcement pushed shares down more than 7 percent in Stockholm.

In Asia, markets closed higher as investors focused on the likelihood that the Fed would help the U.S. economy.



**FLAMES OF PROTEST:** A worker burns tires in front of "Mercabarna (General Market)" during a general strike in Barcelona, Spain, early Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010 to protest the budget-slashing plans and austerity measures of governments seeking to control debt.



**ROAD RAGE:** A notice reading "end" in greek, to indicate the last of the unleaded fuel, as a woman tries unsuccessfully to fill the fuel tank of her car, Monday, Sept. 13, 2010. A new wave of protests began Monday, with truckers declaring a work stoppage and parking hundreds of vehicles along major highways to protest plans to liberalize their profession. Motorists formed long lines at gas stations on Sunday and Monday, fearing a repetition of a weeklong strike in July that left pumps dry across the country for days.

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The Tribune's  
**RELIGION**  
SECTION

**PG 24**

# The Ministry of Tourism continues to tap into religious tourism market

By ALESHA CADET  
Tribune Features Writer

**T**HE Ministry of Tourism yesterday discussed its latest efforts to tap into the lucrative religious tourism market by announcing a new networking partnership with prominent American pastors.

At a press conference at the British Colonial Hilton, Bishop Paul S Morton, Sr, the founding Presiding Bishop of one of the fastest growing movements in America, The Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International, said he is looking forward to networking in the Bahamas.

"I am glad I have had the opportunity to be involved in quite a number of conferences coming to the Bahamas historically over the last ten, fifteen years and it has truly been a great experience. I think we stand here being able to say to all of you, members of the press, of course The Ministry of Tourism and to the government, that we all believe in building," he said.

Bishop Morton continued: "For too long we have not looked at ourselves economically as a people who have accessed that need to come together. The islands of the Bahamas, not just here in Nassau

but the islands of the Bahamas are very intriguing to us.

"We look forward again as others would have said to bringing our individual groups here but also to do something collectively and significant that we believe would bring great partnership between our ministries in America and the wonderful Bahamas. We thank God for you, the invitation and we thank God for the opportunity," he said.

Pastor Zachary Tims, the American Christian evangelist who is also an inspirational speaker, and co-pastor of the New Destiny Christian Center said: "I want to thank God for the outreach of the Ministry of Tourism and the great spiritual outreach of Bishop Neil Ellis. I too have had the privilege to be here on many occasions, and experience the loving nature of the people of the Bahamas. I see no reason not to further expand our interest here through our conferences and networking opportunities. We do so around the nation of America why not bring it over to the Bahamas

"I look forward to working with all the parties involved and again I thank God for the great leadership and looking forward to a great networking partnership," he said.

Director General of Tourism

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PASTOR ZACHARY TIMS

BISHOP PAUL S MORTON

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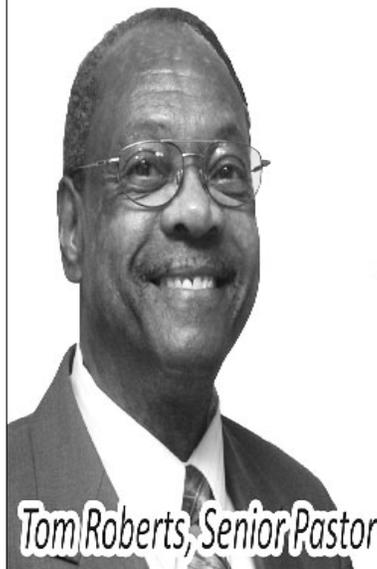
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# Pinewood Community Outreach group presents 'Stop The Violence'



BYRAN WOODSIDE

By **ALESHA CADET**  
Tribune Features Writer

A WEEKEND of exciting events is slated to begin this Friday, October 1, with a high-powered gospel concert featuring some of the hottest gospel groups at the Pinewood Park.

According to the Pinewood Community Outreach group, the fact that there are seventy recorded homicides in The Bahamas to date shows that people in this archipelagic nation are suffering and are in need of answers and action.

In a statement, the group said that the Pinewood Community Outreach group, the Pinewood Urban Renewal Office and Member of Parliament for Pinewood Byran S Woodside have joined together to present the second annual Stop The Violence weekend event at the Pinewood Park.

There will be a candle light vigil to remember all the victims of crime and to pray for their families.

Bishop George Barr Jr also makes a call for all churches in the southeastern district to show their full support for this event that reiterates messages of peace and love.

Ken Johnson of Christian Massive recalls how their group was formed in response to crime seventeen years ago, and how the group's message is still relevant today.

This particular event is designed to unite the Pinewood Community, encouraging residents to take a stand against crime. The wider public is also

invited to participate in these efforts and join in all the fun that organisers have planned.

Saturday, October 2, will officially kick off with a fun run/walk at 6 am. The park will then become the venue of a family festival. There will be free health screenings including blood pressure and cholesterol checks.

The Pinewood Outreach Group invites the Pinewood men to show neighborhood spirit by participating in dominoes and backgammon tournaments, as well as basketball and other games.

The highlight for the kids will be the large double slide and other rides, as well as face painting, hoopla and other games. By nightfall, the park will come alive with a concert featuring Pinewood's own up and coming talent, along with a few Bahamian professional artist. There will be a rake and scrape band, hip-hop artists, amazing singers and other acts.

Organisers want Pinewood and the wider public to come together in solidarity, have clean, family fun, and implement ways to combat crime in their daily life.

Constable Chester walker of the Southeastern Division of Police explains that his officer in charge has a unique approach to dealing with students who get in trouble. The officers aim to instill positive messages into the lives of young people rather than seeking to arrest them, which could lead to a record and affect their careers.

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**MAY GOD RICHLY BLESS YOU.**

## Religious tourism

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Vernice Walkine especially thanked Bishop Neil Ellis of Mount Tabor Full Gospel Baptist Church for his role in putting it all together.

"This is not at end, this is a beginning in terms of this opportunity but Bishop Ellis and I have been working together for the last couple of years trying to do a number of things and this is a good example of a successful outreach. That's why I am very thankful to him. He has given me the opportunity to pull this together so that we can talk about some real opportunities for business for the islands of the Bahamas," she said.

Bishop Ellis said: "What really came out of this meeting is this group plus one or two others that were supposed to be here, they will come together to seek to bring off a corporate event of several persons They will also work on small groups coming from their own ministries. In terms of date, we have not set dates yet but we know where we are headed from here."

Earlier this year the Ministry of Tourism also announced it's new networking partnership with prominent American preacher Pastor Paula White. Ms White, who serves as senior pastor of the Without Walls International Church in Tampa, Florida, said "being in the Bahamas has been an amazing experience."



# Catching the green light for Jesus

WHEN we drive toward a light that has been green for some time, we often make a little more of an effort "to catch the light." If we are at the stop sign and we pause for a second after the light changes, very often the motorist behind us will signal rather loudly with a blast of the horn to get us moving. In both instances, there is a response to the colour green that gets us in motion.

The same is true for this green season in the church when we have a number of Sundays between Pentecost and Advent. The altar cloths and the vestments are green and themes of growth and ministry are often highlighted. It is a time to ask the Holy Spirit to inspire us to enthusiastic worship and service.

If we take seriously this invitation to exert some energy, we will find ourselves accepting God's call to more committed participation, to develop a gift, or explore a blessing more intentionally. When the light is green, we do not need to hold back



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or lag behind. It is our time to move forward with confidence and conviction.

The prayer or collect for The Sunday closest to August 24 in our Anglican Lectionary begins: "Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name." The key words to note are: unity, power and glory. Our response to God encourages others to follow just as we lead the line of traffic through an intersection if we are the first automobile.

The collect for September 21 is "Grant us Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure."

This offers a red light on anxiety and green light on faith.

Consider the power of Isaiah's appeal in Is. 51:1-6: "Listen to me, you that want to be saved. Think of the rock from which you came, and the quarry from which you were cut. Think of your ancestor, Abraham and of Sarah from whom you are descended. When I called Abraham, he was childless, but I blessed him and gave him children; I made his descendant numerous... Listen to me, my people, listen to what I say; I give my teaching to the nations, my laws will them light" (Is. 51:12, 4 TEV).

Psalm 138 immerses us in the experience of one who truly loves God: "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my

whole heart...When I called, you answered me, you increased my strength within me...Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly...The Lord will make good his purpose for me" (v. 1, 4, 7, 9 NRSV).

Paul's letter to the Romans contains this ecstatic exclamation: "O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord?

Or who has been his counselor? Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen" (Rom. 11:33-6 NRSV).

Who do you say that Jesus is? Is He the green light that leads you on to glory? Is He your Messiah and Lord, your healer and teacher, your all in all? If so you are on the right road.

## A community celebrates a pastor's 50th birthday

ON Sunday, September 12 more than 300 worshippers celebrated Rev Philip Stubbs 50th birthday during a special worship service and reception at St Michael's Methodist Church.

Rev Stubb's wife Schell was host and coordinator of the event. Rev Stubbs Sr who has been the senior pastor of the church since 1994 delivered the sermon.

He also celebrates the successful completion of his Doctor of Ministry degree from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

In his sermon Rev Stubbs, cited reasons for being thankful. "It is God's nature to bless. And I, hopefully along with each of you am thankful today because of God's blessing. God's blessings are abundant in my life. Family, friends, sustenance are key blessings. Christ as my personal Savior is what I am most thankful for today."

The Minister indicated that after half a century of living he appreciates that sharing comes from having a thankful heart. Worshippers were drawn into sharing as Rev Stubbs gave 100 flowering plants, one for each household.



THANKS: Philip Stubbs delivers a sermon on thankfulness during his 50th birthday celebrations.



**ADVICE:** Bishop Boyd giving words of advice to the young ladies.

# The Anglican Church Women Council's Eighth Annual Young Ladies Seminar

The Anglican Church Women Council will hold its 8th Annual Young Ladies Seminar under the theme "The Changing Scenes of Life", for young ladies between the ages of 13 to 18 years at the Holy Trinity Activity Center, Stapledon Gardens on Saturday October 2, from 8.30 am to 3.30 p.m.

The purpose of this year seminar is to assist young ladies in making right choices in life and to ensure that they are aware that with God as their guide they can manage the pressures of in life.

The young participants of this seminar will be exposed to a number of speakers who will speak on topics such as:

- Spirituality Matters... With God as My Guide
- Work Life and Achievement: Personal Qualities that Bear Good Fruits
- Etiquette and Social Awareness:

Presenting Yourself Well

- Health and Wellness Matter: Taking Care of Yourself
- Relationships and Family Life: What Works
- Your Road Map into the Future: Developing Clarity.

This year's facilitators have a well versed and distinguished background. They include Court of Appeal president Dame Justice Dame Sawyer, Fr Mervyn Johnson, Phyllis Garraway, Dr Eveneth McPhee and Charlene Rodgers just to name a few.

The organizers of this event expect a large number of young ladies from all walks of life to participate in this exciting event which is open to ALL young ladies in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas especially young ladies of the Anglican faith. The event is free and participants are guaranteed to leave this event filled with information that will be very helpful to them in their everyday life.



**INSPIRATION:** A young lady inspiring the young ladies at last years seminar held at St. Annes Church, Fox Hill.



# Is smoking sin?

**W**HAT is God's view of smoking? People addicted to cigarettes are quick to point out that the Bible say nothing about smoking. This is simply not true.

The Bible is a book of Law. The laws when obeyed produce great happiness. Biblical laws regulate health, family, diet, child rearing and morning. If people would follow these laws, they would live an abundant life. Yet mankind consistently chooses to violate the laws!

It is true that nowhere in the Bible does God say "Thou shalt not smoke". But in the sixth commandment, He emphatically stated: "Thou shalt not murder." Exodus 20:13 (*Jewish Publication Society Translations*).

The question we need to answer is does smoking harm people?

## SLOW SUICIDE

The clinical facts have been fully tabulated on smoking. There is no doubt that there is a direct relationship between smoking and lung cancer. Former U.S. Surgeon General C Everett Koop warned, "Cigarette smoking is clearly identified as the chief preventable cause of death in our society and the most important public health issue of our time.

A pamphlet issued by the Surgeon General Office states that smoking: "causes more illness or death than all other drugs". One of the most current US Surgeon General warnings on a pack of cigarettes states: "Cigarette smoke contains carbon monoxide". Read the warning again! To inhale cigarette smoke is to inhale carbon monoxide!

Nobody in a sane state of mind would purposely inhale carbon monoxide. To put it simply: smoking is suicide.

If you smoke or use any other form of tobacco, you are doing so contrary to the serious warnings against such habits. When you smoke, you are wrecking your health. If you smoke then you are deliberately subjecting your body to serious physical harm. Here is a list of some of

the chemicals found in unfiltered cigarette smoke:-

- Carbon Monoxide
- Hydroquinone
- Methacrolein
- Methylalcohol
- Methylamine
- Nickel Compounds
- Formaldehyde
- DDT
- Nicotine
- Hydrogen Sulfide

Spilling these chemical into a water supply system would carry heavy fines for any business. Would anybody in their right mind put these chemicals into their body? If you are a smoker you are seriously polluting your own body and will pay a heavy personal penalty.

Besides Lung Cancer, you could also be subjecting your body to other life threatening diseases such as:

- Bladder
- Emphysema
- Oral Cancer - Tongue, Gums, Lips
- Skin Cancer
- Hardening of the Arteries (leads to Stroke)

From God's point of view, is there really a difference between pointing a gun to your head and pulling the trigger or lighting a cigarette? No! Pulling the trigger on a gun usually brings death instantly. But smoking also brings death, slow agonizing death. Both are suicide if you smoke, the most important thing you can do for your health is to quit the poisonous habit immediately.

## IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT YOU

Some argue, as long as my smoking doesn't harm anyone else, it is okay to continue the habit. But scientists have also proven that the secondary smoke produced by smoking is just as lethal for the non-smoker living in a smoker's environment.

According to the US Department of

Health Education and Welfare, second hand smoke contains twice as much nicotine, three times as much of a certain kind of Benzopyrene (a carcinogen), five times as much carbon monoxide (which robs the blood of life giving oxygen) and 46 times as much ammonia (A potent eye and respiratory tract irritant) as the smoke that smokers inhale directly from their cigarette.

Many countries and many US states have banned smoking in public places for this reason. Smokers not only ruin their own health but the health of others as well. Harming others is another definite violation of the sixth commandment.

## JUST WHAT DO YOU MEAN SIN?

Did you know that smoking is also a physical sin? You need to understand why. There are many examples in the Bible where Christ showed people that their problems were caused by sin.

In one instance, people brought to Jesus a man lying on a bed. Christ healed him by forgiving his sin. Matthew 9:2 What sins were forgiven? The sins that caused the man to have palsy - a physical sin. Could he have been an alcoholic?

This example contains very important knowledge concerning health. God has set in motion many physical laws. Laws that regulate the function of our bodies, our health. If we break these laws we sin and get sick.

This is a difficult truth for most people to accept. Healing is the forgiveness of physical sin. If we do harmful things to our bodies like eating improper foods, or even too much of the right foods (gluttony), we sin against our bodies, and a penalty is sickness. In some cases the penalty is only temporary - but in other cases, it can mean

permanent injury or death.

Smoking and other uses of tobacco have been proven to be of a definite harm to the body. Smoking will cause permanent damage to your lungs, which God designed and created to give you life giving oxygen. How could a Christian justify smoking and then expect Christ to heal them of the illnesses related to smoking?

## YES YOU CAN STOP

Many people say they cannot stop smoking. This is not true. Yes you can stop smoking. How? You must start by recognizing that smoking is a sin. Smoking is an addiction as alcohol, cocaine and gambling. It is not easy but you can quit. Get counseling, throw away cigarettes, tobacco and things that focus your attention on smoking, such as lighters. There is a physical withdrawal and a psychological withdrawal which takes much longer.

Avoid compromising situations. Avoid situation where you "lit up". Don't let other smokers, friends, relatives or stressful situation cause you to cave in to your old habits.

Spend time with non-smokers and people who will support your efforts to remain free of cigarettes.

Replace smoking with other activities, walking, cycling or swimming depending on age, health or athletic ability.

Remember you can get rid of this life threatening habit. When you do you will live a better life physically or spiritually.

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# A Solitary Place!

**MARKI: 35.** And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.



**PASTOR  
MATTHEW  
ALLEN**

As believers, it's imperative that we follow the example of Yeshua Messiah (aka Jesus the Christ) who lived a prayer filled life; He consistently departed into a solitary place to pray. The answers to all of life's challenging questions, and the ability / power to overcome every test and trial that one faces today can only be obtained through a life of prayer and fasting.

There is a universal cry for leadership (political and spiritual), also cries for employment, financial resolution, cries for the cures for sickness and diseases, and also the restoration and preservation of family values and morals.

It is imperative that we, (the church, the ekklesia, ek-klay-see-'ah;) frequent that solitary place of prayer so that we can hear from God.

In the natural realm it may appear as if the enemy / kingdom of darkness is prevailing due to the havoc that's being wreaked through various communities. Whereas in the spirit realm the enemy / kingdom of darkness has already been defeated; it's just a matter of the church spending time in that solitary place where God reveals wisdom and strate-

gy for living the victories / abundant life that Yeshua spoke of in John10:10.

Yeshua Messiah was a man of prayer thereby He was in constant communication with His Father; which enabled Him to make statements such as:

“John 8:38. I speak that which I have seen with my Father; and ye do that which ye have seen with your father”

“John11:41. Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, “Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

: 42. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me”

As a believer; withdrawing from the crowd to that solitary place of prayer accompanied with fasting will always result in the greater works spoken of by Yeshua ( John.14:12). How much more

of this would be manifested throughout our communities when two or three come into a committed agreement of spending time in that solitary place of prayer?

Watch this !

Lk.5:15: But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities.

: 16. And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed.

It's good when the church comes together in corporate worship, conferences, seminars, workshops, etc; but nothing takes the place of that personal, quality time that's spent in prayer at the solitary place.

Prayer is one of the most powerful weapons that a believer has at his / her disposal, through prayer great things are accomplished.

Watch this ! The prophet Elijah got a word from the Lord for the King:

1Kings.18:1: And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, show thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.

After delivering the word to the king, the prophet went and prayed for the manifestation of the word he delivered (: 42)

1Kings.18: 41. And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain

: 42. So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

In that solitary place the righteous prayer life is developed and becomes dynamic in its working.

Amplified Bible:  
James.5:16b: The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [ Dynamic in its working]

: 17. Elijah was a human being with a nature such as we have [ with feelings, affections, and a constitution like ours]; and he prayed earnestly for it not to rain, and no rain fell on the earth for three years and six months.

No matter what you're facing in life; the answer to all of your unanswered questions awaits you in that solitary place.

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## church notes

### 45th Anniversary Service

• The rector, vestry and parishioners of Christ the King, Ridgeland Park wish to invite the general public to celebrate with them their 45th Anniversary of Dedication on Sunday, October 3rd, at their Solemn High Mass at 7am and 10am services.

### Fifth Annual father Anthony Roberts, King of The Grill Fest

• Monday October 11, 2010 from noon – 6:00 p.m  
St James Anglican Church grounds, Adelaide Village. There will also be a Fish Fry. Come and fellowship with us.



# Election 2012

NO one can explain how some moments seem to outweigh the others in terms of significance. Whether it was the global emergence of Barack Obama, the first black President of the United States, the generation of my parents who witnessed the celebration of "Majority Rule" when the Progressive Liberal Party come to power in 1967, or the Independence celebration of 1973 which represented freedom from a nation that had colonized us for hundreds of years. Maybe for some in recent times, it was the unseating of Sir Lynden in August of 1992.

Many of us can remember where we were as Sir Lynden conceded to one who was considered his political son, Hubert Ingraham. As for me and a few colleagues, we were crossing John F Kennedy Drive and Thompson Blvd heading onto Harold road. Who would forget the thunderous sound from the heavens and the flash of lightning?

For many of us growing up on the island, you dared not speak as such heavenly sound is echoed. It was the voice of God we would often say. This sense of divineness, this sense of moments and time, gave us a feeling that heaven was about to once again get involved. And yes we are aware that it is He (God) that sets up kings and pull them down. For Sir Lynden too had recognised such a moment, the voice of the people is the voice of God he said.

August 18, 1992... Who would forget? This was the phasing out of one who had led and set the path for the modern

Bahamas as we knew it then. While many in hindsight may have looked at all the internal chattering and the splits and probably would say they saw that coming, elections must and always be bigger than personality. No matter what one thinks of Sir Lynden he was and remains the father of the nation; the pioneer and pathfinder for the Bahamas as we now know it, which is an honour no one else shares.

The truth of the matter is that even after some twenty years, we are still recipients of the path laid for us by him and the early patriarchs of the Bahamas. After all, sons are merely expressions of their father's minds and thoughts. Having said that, I do wonder about 2012; I wonder about the lining up of all things, the appearing of stars that point to the next generation, the announcement of a new culture and the arrival of a governance that is to truly be modeled.

I wonder if 2012 represents the return of those from a far because once again we as a people, though small in numbers, will be known for our creativity and our genius and our wisdom for global solutions. The little lad in the midst of thousands emerged with resources that would feed thousands and though only five loaves and two fishes, he tapped into a reservoir that was unlimited.

### A People Known For Their Gratitude And Service...

I wonder whether 2012 will be the

reemergence of greatness and a return to values that will redefine us as a people. Audie Millie would say manners would take you around the world: simple but true. And while I wonder, will the elections of 2012 represent the status quo or will we see the emerging voices and faces of the new Bahamians. This reality is not to despise or ignore the wisdom and contribution of those past, but rather acknowledge them while at the same time adjust to the new model of governance that the winds of change has brought upon us. For that little lad, it was more than the providing of meals, for him it was recognition that his hands were the ones to be used to find sustenance even in dry places.

I wonder whether 2012 will be the time when the world looks to us in the midst of desert and difficult times for sustenance because we as a people understand that dry places are not an impediment to creativity but rather it's the difficulties of life that propels and provokes us to greatness.

To what extent will 2012 cause to emerge those voices and faces that represent the new Bahamas. For the first time in a generation we are facing the possibility that someone from the school of Sir Lynden may not go beyond that imposed barrier. Not because they are weary, not because they cannot see or contribute, but maybe 2012 represents that line that those before are not allowed to cross at the front of the line but rather become symbols of wisdom and support at the rear of the line. This is not an indictment but rather a proper utilisation of wisdom and strength.

Again I wonder what imaginations will not be achievable, if for the first time we are divinely positioned to garner the strength and resources of two generations. For the first time in nearly a generation

,2012 represents more than charisma and personality but a real sense of the new Bahamas and the culture that it expresses becomes the model for the new world. For the first time in a generation 2012 represents more than the status quo but a real choice between that which was, is and that which is to come. I wonder how many, even our parents who have fried hundreds of fritters will not join in the rally cry for the emergence of that which represents the new Bahamas.

### THE SECURING OF OUR CHILDREN FUTURE

For those who have led, 2012 should be a time of celebration; the passing on of the baton to the next generation, the strengthening and advancement of new legs, the same race just different team members....As a matter of fact everyone gets the gold.

2012- the beginning of the creation of the new Bahamas, an environment that lends itself to the utilisation of all people and all races, the dismantling of all barriers, the elevation of those once disenfranchised. 2012 will be a repetition of that which was passed on to us by our national father Sir Lynden, "the removal and wiping away of tears from their eyes."

2012 ... Could this be a time of significant transformation? ...The emergence of a new generation, where the voices and faces of the new Bahamas are both seen and heard?

2012 An Emergence Men and Women Upon Whose Shoulders The burden of Governance Can Rest.

## St Matthew's Patronal Festival 2010

« Mrs Bernadette Moultrie [Green] leads the women of the parish during St. Matthew's patronal festival on Sunday. Scores of parishes in the Diocese participated in the procession of Christian witness, which moved outside the church and into the surrounding community of the Pond.

» The future of the Church young members of St Matthew's Church School join in the procession on Sunday.





# Epiphany ACM installed

THE Anglican Church of the Epiphany's branch of the Anglican Church men was officially inducted into the fellowship of the organisation at a service held at the church on Sunday.

During the installation, the ACM council presented the group of men to Reverend Angela Palacios, Rector charge pro tem who administered the oath of office to the branch executives.

She charged them to: "walk worthy of your calling, share with your rector, the leadership of this parish. Bring joy and fellowship to those you are called to serve, be guided by Christian discipline, being an example to one and all. Be faithful to your call and remember that God is counting on you."

Following the service, the new ACM lead the congregation in the singing of *Rise Up Ye Men of God*, before hosting a luncheon in the school hall. The board includes: President Joseph Hamilton, Vice President Cyprian Gibson, Secretary Kenneth Bethel, Treasurer Peter Carey and Branch Chaplain Anthony Outten.



**INDUCTED:** Reverend Angela Palacios presides over ceremony.

*In Loving Memory*

Marine Seaman  
**Charles A. Heastic**  
 Died: 29th September, 2009

On the first year anniversary:

We pray God in Heaven  
 Please hear our prayer;  
 Please guide our Charles  
 With loving care  
 Please be a good shepherd  
 And don't leave him alone,  
 Love Charles in Heaven  
 As we do at home.

*God Bless & Keep You  
 Charles forevermore!*

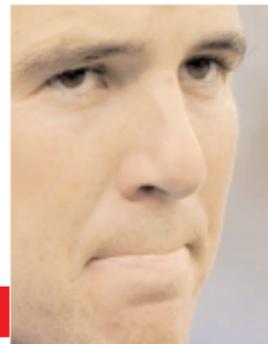
Love,  
 Your Mom: Anishka  
 &  
 Your Sister: Alexis

*\*You are forever in our hearts\**

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Great start  
for Peyton,  
brother Eli  
not so good...

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## BOC head: Sports Authority Bill 'will go a long way' for Bahamas

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The president of the Bahamas' governing body responsible for Olympic solidarity delivered his stamp of approval on the most influential sporting bill to effect in recent memory.

In his address to the Sports Authority Conclave, Bahamas Olympic Committee (BOC) president Wellington Miller positively

endorsed the draft Sports Authority Bill and its proposed impact on the country's sporting landscape.

"I have read the draft Sports Authority Bill and it is very modern and straightforward. I believe that it will go a long way for the Bahamas," he said. "I believe that the Sports Authority Bill has the potential to



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take the Bahamas to the status of a 'first world' country in sports."

The bill outlines key components of the improvement of the sporting structure in the Bahamas, including the establishment of the National Sports Authority, functions and power of the Authority, directions of the Minister (of Sports), power to borrow funds, the National Sports Fund, compensation for risk, appointment of staff and a myriad of other relevant topics.

"This bill seems to be very businesslike. I think it will demand better sports administration from all of

us. Because, from what I have read, the Sports Authority can be sued by us if they don't live up to their commitment," Miller said.

"And they can sue us if we don't live up to our commitment as Federations and Associations. I am willing to bet that this will ensure that we all live up to our commitments, because none of us wants to be sued."

With amateur and pro athletes expected to compete for the Bahamas year after year, Miller outlined the "compensation for risks" portion of the bill as one section that

should have immediate impact.

"I also like the part in the bill about compensation risks. For too long now athletes have been representing the Bahamas at great risk to themselves and their families. There is always a chance that they may get hurt while competing," he said.

"I see in this bill that provision has been made for compensation insurance for any player or athlete representing their country or even while they are practicing for a national team. This is surely a big part of the way forward for sports in the country."

## Lofty expectations for rookie forward

By RENALDO DORSETT  
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AS training camp for the Indiana Pacers continues and the country keeps tabs on the progression of Magnum Rolle, one local writer in the Hoosier state gave a firsthand impression of his role with the franchise.

Jon Rangel, Indiana Pacers writer for the Examiner.com/Indianapolis, details the impact Rolle has had in his short time with the Pacers organisation thus far and the lofty expectations looming for the rookie forward.

"I am sure Magnum's play during the short pre-season will be very important regarding his status on the team. There are definitely questions regarding the power forward position, and I think Magnum's length and defense will be very important," he said.

"I was also pleasantly surprised by his soft touch and hands. He caught a lot of tough passes, making them



EXPECTATIONS: Magnum Rolle

look like good passes and always finished around the basket during Summer League."

Stories in the *Associated Press* have surfaced declaring that the power forward spot in the Pacers training camp is virtually an open competition, with Josh McRoberts with the slight edge over the remainder of the field.

"I really believe Magnum deserves a spot on the team and the two-year contract he signed on Monday almost solidifies my belief that the Pacers are going to secure him for that length, possibly longer, and deal one of their expiring contracts.

"Solomon Jones should be dealt and Magnum will be the last player on the roster, but the nature of the league is a cruel one, nothing is guaranteed," Rangel said.

"As far as how Magnum fits, his size is great at the power forward. He will take a lot of pressure off Roy Hibbert with his ability to rebound and play help defense. I see him coming in for defensive purposes, especially when McRoberts or Hansbrough or even Foster is struggling against their man."

Rangel sees the loss of Troy Murphy as a point of emphasis for the players vying to fill the void the versatile veteran frontcourt player from Notre Dame left behind.

"As far as something that may hurt Magnum is his lack of outside shot. As you know the Pacers lost Troy Murphy. He was one of the best 3-point shooters on the team, and I assure you, in Jim O'Brien's offense you have to be able to knock down the outside shot," he said.

"It's why we saw fellow power forward Josh McRoberts shoot so many threes in Summer League and at Conesco Fieldhouse all summer. Having said all that I know the team is working on Magnum's shot around the clock to acclimate him to the stretched offense."

Training camp workouts for the team began Tuesday with the first preseason matchup set for tip off October 6 on the road against the Memphis Grizzlies.

"Obviously, we can't be certain of anything at this point, but I am positive the Pacers really like Magnum and his potential," Rangel said. "He's got a short window to stake his claim, but now that he has got the contract situation out of the way, it should help him relax and play to the best of his ability."

## Farmer reigns supreme

LEE Farmer returned to club racing and reigned supreme as JAR Cycling held its first road race last weekend.

"It was very well attended. With lots of JAR club members and the presence of Potcake 2 top riders, Tracy Sweeting and Van Demeritte. The course was changed for these road races due to the need for extra safety for the riders, so they went on a new route covering 28 miles. The old route was only 20 miles," according to a press statement.

The race started out fast for most of the group with JAR's junior champion Jay Major making very hard surges, coupled with JAR national champion Lee Farmer joining in to add some serious pain to the pack.

Farmer, Major and Sweeting went out front on pace for the first six miles, but Farmer was able to get away from Major and Sweeting and got off on his own.

Farmer won without contest, reigning supreme over the field, but the race was in the chase pack with team Potcake 2 top riders Van Demeritte and Tracy Sweeting, and Anthony Colebrooke of Team Warriors and Jamie Nottage of JAR.

The sprint was led out by Nottage while Colebrooke and Sweeting drove it hard to the line, but as they sprinted young Major dug deep and peddled hard from the rear and past them all, Mark Cavendish-style, as they faded and won the bunch sprint making it 1-2 JAR.

## Softball pioneers honoured as GBASA playoffs get underway

THE Grand Bahama Amateur Softball Association opened its playoff series at the newly built softball complex last week. And they paid homage to pioneers of the game in the nation's second city.

GBASA president Hansel Collie welcomed the group which included pitching sensation from the 1970s and '80s Eddie Culmer, Wilfred "Big Ben" Beneby, premier catcher on the national team who is now coaching in the GBASA, the famed Reggie "The Juicer" Knowles, pitching great on many national teams and renowned for his perfect game pitched in a men's world championship, and ISF/BSF Hall of Famer Greg



**SOFTBALL PIONEERS:** Shown (l-r) are Hansel Collie, Eddie Culmer, Wilfred Beneby and Reggie Knowles.

Christie.

Also on hand but not pictured were ISF/BSF Hall of Famer Churchill Tener-Knowles and men's national

team manager Godfrey Burnside.

The playoffs are slated to continue each Wednesday and Friday nights this month.

## Thrilling regular season sets the stage for championship round

A THRILLING regular season has set the stage for a highly anticipated championship round for the Bahamas Government Departmental Softball Association.

The Defence Force Floaters knocked off the Prison Challengers in three straight games to advance to the championship series.

The Floaters handily dispatched the Challengers, who gave the pennant winners their only loss of the regular season.

Now that the second round of the playoffs has been completed for the Paradise Division, the Floaters will concentrate on regaining the league's championship crown.

The Floaters held the title for the past 17 consecutive seasons, and the loss in last year's championship to the Police Chiefs was a heart-breaker for the proud

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mariners. They finished the regular season with a 20-2 win-loss record en route to capturing the division title.

The Police Chiefs eliminated the BTC team in three consecutive games to advance to the championship round and face the Floaters.

The Chiefs had a terrific season last year and defeated the 2008 defending champions and now are eagerly looking to repeat in the rubber match. They won by default over the Floaters in the regular season finale.

League executives expect the series to be a "thrilling climax to the BGDSA" season and have suggested the series could go the distance and needs seven games before a champion is crowned.

The Chiefs finished the reg-

ular season with a 19-3 win-loss record and captured the Tropical Division title.

In women's play, the Defence Force Waves upset the BPSU Strikers in game five of their best-of-five playoff series.

The Waves went into the playoffs as the underdogs but delivered the surprise elimination after five hard-fought games in the series. They are scheduled to face the Finance Health Invaders for the championship title.

And in the men's division, league executives expect a tough series based on the performance of the previous rounds, with the upstart Waves seeking to pull off another upset and dethrone the reigning champions.

*Note:* Due to the BGDSA Boat Cruise set for October 2, there will only be two games played earlier that day.



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