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World outrage at Rudy King award

GRANDMOTHER OF VICTIM 'FORGIVES' FARRINGTON

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FREEPORT- Despite the gruesome details revealed in the Supreme Court of the brutal murder of her grandson and three other young boys, Marilyn Davis says she has "forgiven" serial killer Cordell Farrington.

"I forgive him and I have to move on with my life," Ms Davis told The Tribune on Friday after returning home to Freeport following Farrington's sentencing on Thursday in New Providence.

Farrington – who is currently serving a life sentence for the death of his partner 22-year-old Jamal

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Prime Minister of Swaziland to be honoured in the Bahamas

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INTERNATIONAL outrage and mystery has been stoked by the announcement that the controversial Prime Minister of Swaziland, accused of condoning torture, is to be honoured for his "contribution to peace and human dignity" in The Bahamas tonight by an organisation linked to colourful Bahamian businessman Rudy King.

Human rights groups have expressed concern that prime minister Barnabas Dlamini of the sub-Saharan African nation of Swaziland was selected to receive the "World Citizen Award", in the face of accusations that as the leader of the country and its Minister of Police he condones and even promotes the use of torture against dissidents there.

Mr Dlamini's office in Swaziland confirmed he expects to be recognised in a ceremony tonight in Nassau for his "contributions to human kind." He left Swaziland earlier this week to travel to The Bahamas for the purpose of receiving the award.

However, when and where in Nassau the ceremony will take place remains a mystery.

This and the fact that someone who, according to the human rights group Amnesty International, has condoned torture of his opponents is being honoured for his "contribution to humankind" are not the only things that have prompted questions about the authenticity of the award.

On its partially functional website, www.worldcitizenawards.com, it is said that the award dinner will take place at a "banquet hall" and involve the attendance of 250 distinguished individuals, including other world leaders.

Despite the fact that the award is touted as "one of the highest honours for distinguished individuals from the four corners of the globe," no official announcement has been made to the local or international media that it was due to be bestowed.

In an investigation by the international news agency, the Associated Press, the Internet domain name for the World Citizen Award website was found to be registered by a Rudolph Laroda. Rudolph Laroda is one of the names which King – who is at present awaiting trial on charges that he deceived three Nassau police officers – goes by in addition to Rudy King-Laroda, Kermit Rudolph Casito Laroda and Klever Rosales.

Mr King did not return calls placed to his downtown office yesterday seeking comment on the pending ceremony, and an assistant told this newspaper that he would be the only person who would be able to "provide information on that."

According to the Award's website, "the mission of the World Citizen Awards, in its founder's own words, is to champion human rights and maintain governance, democracy, equality, international peace and goodwill."

However, on this count it could easily be said that it has fallen short of achieving its goal. Instead of positive feelings, the public reaction provoked by the announcement of the award has instead been one of anger, primarily from human rights groups in Swaziland who say that giving their Prime Minister such an award is at best a joke and at worst an insult.

The website claims the World Citizen Award is a humanitarian foundation that was launched five years ago and has become "famous for its work of recognizing and honouring selected leaders from all over the world who have distinguished themselves in their respective fields while promoting the causes of peace."

"The mission of the World Citizen Awards, in its founder's own words, is to champion human rights and maintain governance, democracy, equality, international peace and goodwill. It is also committed to working for people's amelioration through medical missions, outreach programmes and counselling to the deprived, the

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MAN DIES, BOY IN HOSPITAL AFTER BREATHING DEADLY FUMES



ABOVE: The body of the man is removed from a home in Nassau Village. LEFT: The generator which was improperly set up.



Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

A MAN died and a 12-year-old boy was rushed to hospital after an improperly set-up generator caused deadly fumes to fill a Nassau Village home. The victim, who has not been formally identified but was said to be in his twenties and known as "Eddie", was found dead by a neighbour after he did not report for work. The 12-year-old boy was discovered unconscious, but is now in stable condition in hospital. Police yesterday warned against the use of generators inside homes.

FNM 'SHOULD NOT LEAVE LEADERSHIP DECISION UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE'

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IT does not make "good political sense" for the country not to know who will lead the Free National Movement into the next general election until the last minute, said Bamboo Town MP Branville McCartney.

His comments came on the heels of a decision by the Free National Movement's national council not to hold a con-



BAMBOO TOWN MP Branville McCartney

vention until 2011 – months before the next general election. It was speculated that if the party held a convention this year, Mr McCartney would have been nominated to challenge Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham for the party's top spot, a nomination the former Cabinet minister has said he would accept.

Earlier, Mr Ingraham said the party's convention would be held on November 5, 2010, but on Wednesday he announced that

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'LETTER OF INTENT' SIGNED FOR BAHAMAR'S PROPOSED HOTEL OPERATOR

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AN international hotel operator and Baha Mar Limited yesterday expressed their delight at the signing of a "letter of intent" for the hotel management brand to be responsible for the running of Baha Mar's proposed 200-room luxury hotel.

Rosewood Hotels and Resorts operates three resorts in the Caribbean and several city hotels in the United States, and recently had five of its hotels placed in "Travel and Leisure" magazine's "World's Best 2010" list.

In a statement, Baha Mar

Ltd said the partnership it has forged with Rosewood "comes following a decision previously announced by Baha Mar to shift its strategy away from aligning with a single family of hotel brands, towards one that allows it to work with individual, best-in-class brands."

This gives the resort developer "an opportunity to feature the very best possible brands for each of the different high-end hotel segments planned" for the Baha Mar property, it said.

Baha Mar said it intends to announce the remaining companies to be selected to operate and manage its "lifestyle and

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LOCAL NEWS



TELECONFERENCE: REPRESENTATIVES from the Office of the Attorney General, Ministry of Labour and Social Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department of Immigration, and the Royal Bahamas Police Force participating in the teleconference along with Acting Deputy Chief of Mission Jefferson Dubel and Political Officer Wendy Rejan from the US Embassy.

US Embassy commends Bahamian govt on efforts to address human trafficking

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THE US Embassy in Nassau hosted a teleconference with the State Department Office to Combat and Monitor Trafficking in Persons, the Department of Homeland Security and the government of the Bahamas to discuss efforts to combat human trafficking.

Bahamian government representatives from the Office of the Attorney General, Ministry of Labour and Social Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department

of Immigration, and the Royal Bahamas Police Force attended the dialogue and explored ideas and efforts to address this scourge of modern slavery.

The purpose of the teleconference was to share information and best practices in a spirit of cooperation and partnership. US and Bahamian colleagues discussed concrete ways of strengthening bilateral engagement to best combat human trafficking, whether it be forced labour or forced prostitution.

The US Embassy said it would like to commend the government of the Bahamas for its strong commitment and proactive efforts to address this important human rights issue.

The Embassy said it looks forward to exploring joint training opportunities and technical assistance to increase civil society awareness and enhance the Bahamian government's ability to identify victims and prosecute traffickers.

Prison officers accused of drug possession granted bail

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TWO prison officers were granted bail yesterday after being arraigned on drug charges.

Simone Roberts, 29, of Malcolm Allotment, and Clorado Mackey, 28, of Dignity Gardens, were arraigned before Deputy Chief Magistrate Carolita Bethell in Court 8, Bank Lane, on marijuana possession charges.

It is alleged that on Wednesday, September 29, the two prison officers were found in possession of five pounds of marijuana, which authorities believed they intended to supply. Both men pleaded not guilty to the charge. Roberts and Mackey also faced separate counts of the charge of possession of dangerous drugs. Prosecutors allege that Roberts was found in possession of one ounce of marijuana and Mackey was found in possession of three ounces of marijuana. Both men pleaded not guilty to the charges. The drugs were allegedly found during a search of a vehicle. Both men were represented yesterday by attorneys Devard Francis and Calvin Seymour.

Mr Francis told the court that Roberts had been a prison officer for four years and that Mackey had been employed as a prison officer for five years. Mr Francis also submitted that neither of the men was a flight risk. Both men were granted bail in the sum of \$10,000 with two sureties and were ordered to report to their nearest police station every Saturday before 6pm. The case has been adjourned to December 6.

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LOCAL NEWS

Cruise ship projected to generate almost \$15m

THE world's largest cruise ship, the Oasis of the Seas, which calls on the port of Nassau twice a month, is projected to have generated almost \$15 million for the country by the end of this year.

"By the end of December, the Oasis would have made 34 visits and brought at least 183,600 passengers for the year 2010. Head tax to be derived is estimated at \$2.7 million while spending from the passengers of this vessel is estimated at \$12 million. The ship will continue to call every other week," said Carla Stuart, director of Cruise Development in the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation.

Downtown stores are also reporting healthy business from cruise ships after extensive dredging and refurbishment of Nassau Harbour, according to the Ministry of Tourism.

The Oasis of the Seas is among a selection of cruise vessels that call at Prince George Dock in Nassau. The ship calls at Nassau two Sundays each month. Meanwhile, another mega cruise ship, the Norwegian Epic, has been calling on Fridays. Each vessel has contributed handsomely to revenues, tourism officials said.

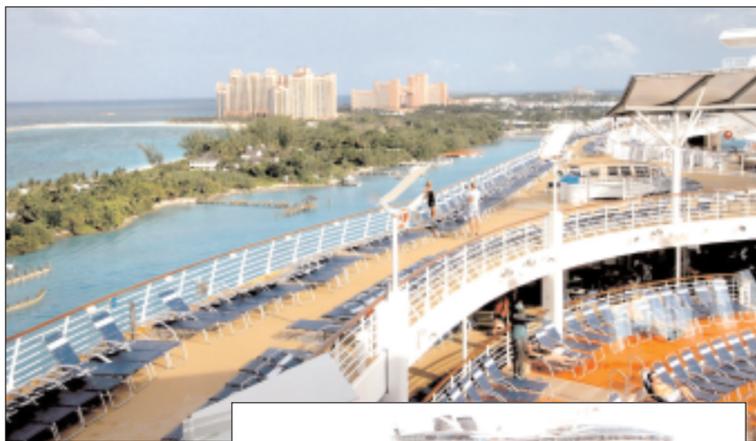
Ms Stuart pointed out that the Sunday impact will be greater at the end of the year when a new Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines (RCCL) vessel is scheduled to call at Nassau.

"In December, we will welcome the Royal Caribbean Allure of the Seas, the sister ship to the Oasis," Ms Stuart said.

"This ship will also call every other week on Sundays. After December, and with the combined trips of the Oasis and Allure, we will have an Oasis class vessel in port every Sunday. These estimates do not include calls made by the Freedom of the Seas with a capacity of 3,634 double occupancy and is now able to call on Nassau during inclement weather at Coco Cay (RCCL's private island).

In November 2011, the Norwegian Epic is expected to move from a bi-monthly schedule to a weekly schedule. The head tax collections from this vessel in 2012 are estimated at \$3 million with the passenger spending at \$13 million.

In the first quarter of 2011, Nassau will welcome Disney's new mega ship - the



MAIDEN VOYAGE: The Oasis of the Seas continues to provide important business for downtown operations. The world's largest ship is pictured on its maiden voyage to Nassau.

Derek Smith/BIS



Disney Dream. This ship will have a capacity of 4,000 passengers and will replace the Disney Wonder with a capacity of 2,600 passengers

The departure taxes paid by the thousands of passengers onboard the mega cruise ships alone are estimated to pay for the Nassau Harbour Improvement Project in three to five years, tourism officials said.

Downtown businesses have also taken notice of the mega ships and their passengers.

Thelma Miller of Vintage Island Handicraft, a Festival Place souvenir store, pointed out that the Oasis' calls have been good for business on Sundays, which would otherwise be slow.

Meanwhile, Senor Frog's has also been happy with the business that the Oasis brings.

"It does make a difference when the Oasis comes in," said Chester Williamson, manager of Senor Frog's. "I think the second week it came in with 3,000 people on board."

Mr Williamson said cruise business figures prominently into the restaurant's business although they get some groups from hotels as well.

He notices many families on Mondays when the Disney cruise ship makes its call, and on Wednesdays, he has noted that Norwegian ships especially encourage passengers to do shore activities.

The most significant cruise business comes on days like Tuesday and Saturday when ships overnight.

Although business ends early on Sunday's the Oasis makes a definite impact, he said.

IDB, Caribbean leaders discuss how to achieve growth after financial crisis

PRIME Minister Hubert Ingraham joined representatives of other Caribbean countries, Inter-American Development Bank governors and leading academics and policy-makers to the discuss how to achieve resilient economic growth after the global financial crisis.

Together with IDB president Luis Alberto Moreno and the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) president Compton Bourne, Mr Ingraham yesterday opened a forum that brought together the governors of the IDB from Caribbean member countries with other government officials, policy-makers, members of academia and businessmen.

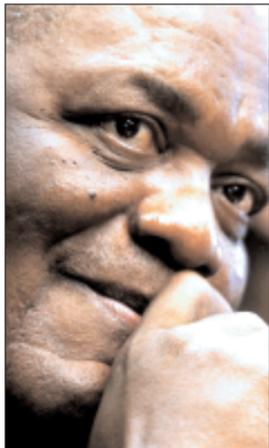
Mr Moreno hailed the efforts made by regional governments to overcome the impact of the global crisis.

"This has been a very challenging period for our hemisphere as a whole and for the Caribbean in particular, and the IDB stepped up its support to alleviate these pressures," said Mr Moreno.

"We gather once a year to discuss the economic outlook, the IDB's plans, and most importantly, to understand our member countries' priorities and learn what they expect from the Bank in the coming year."

The previous forum was held in Haiti last year.

IDB Caribbean member



ATTENDING FORUM: Hubert Ingraham

countries include Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago. The

Bank also partners with the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) to support regional integration and provides financing for the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) in partnership with the Caribbean Development Bank

Participants in the IDB high-level forum in the Bahamas are expected to analyse the global economic context and ways for the Caribbean to achieve a resilient growth after the financial downturn.

The IDB's Board of Governors is composed of top economic officials from member countries, and is the Bank's maximum authority.

Other participants include Hilary Beckles, principal of the University of the West Indies at Cave Hill Campus, and Derrick Boyd, executive director

of the Caribbean Centre for Money and Finance.

The topics to be discussed include: Patterns of world growth and the Caribbean; global financial reform and the Caribbean; climate change and infrastructure; private sector development - trade and regional integration.

Today, a business round table with key policy-makers and private sector leaders is expected to help identify opportunities for strategic partnerships to support private sector development and competitiveness.

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RBC to transfer domestic retail, commercial banking operations

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ROYAL Bank of Canada's domestic retail and commercial banking operations conducted through its branch network in the Bahamas will be transferred to a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Royal Bank of Canada, which is headquartered in Toronto, named RBC Royal Bank (Bahamas) Limited.

The business will now be operated under the brand name RBC Royal Bank, it was announced this week.

RBC Royal Bank (Bahamas) Limited was incorporated under the laws of the Bahamas and will be licensed by the Central Bank of the Bahamas.

RBC has had a presence in the Bahamas since 1908 and said it is committed to expanding its presence in the country.

"Incorporating locally is a clear reflection of our confidence in the stability and future

of the Bahamas and provides a platform for the future growth RBC anticipates in the market," said Nathaniel Beneby, vice-president and country head of the RBC Royal Bank, Bahamas and Turks and Caicos Islands.

"Clients will continue to receive the same competent, friendly and helpful service from RBC. The change in our name will not affect the way clients do business with us and clients will continue to access our products and services and utilise our facilities in the same way as they do currently," said Mr Beneby.

Over a period of time, cheques, credit cards, client cards and other client forms may be updated to reflect RBC's new name.

These changes are not immediate and will be introduced through the normal course of business. RBC will advise clients well in advance if they need to take any action, the bank said.

Cuban govt to build docks and new terminal by 2014

HAVANA

CUBA will build three additional loading docks and a terminal large enough to accommodate modern supertankers by 2014 at its port in Cienfuegos, part of the communist government's effort with Venezuela to rehabilitate and modernize the area's oil refinery, according to Associated Press.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, a self-described socialist and close friend of Fidel Castro, attended the December 2007 re-inauguration of the Soviet-era facility on central Cuba's southern coast, and since then it has refined 55 million barrels.

Cuba and Venezuelan plan to expand capacity there to 150,000 barrels refined per day and the new berths and terminal will ensure tankers carrying more oil can come and go more freely, said Luis Medina, director of Cuba's national port authority, at a news conference Friday in Havana, 185 miles (300 kilometers) northwest of Cienfuegos.

Chavez's government ships more than 100,000 barrels of oil a day to Cuba in exchange for island doctors who provide free medical care in his country and other social services. The expanded capacity at Cienfuegos will allow Venezuela to ship more petroleum products that can be refined on the island.

Cuba independently operates its largest oil field, the Varadero field discovered by Russian scientists in 1971, but the communist government relies on energy companies from Canada, Spain, Norway, India, Malaysia and China for other drilling operations.

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Could GOP be playing into Dem hands?

WASHINGTON — Being simply the "party of no" against President Barack Obama has worked well for Republicans all year, and they're poised for big election gains.

But now, after internal GOP debate and relentless White House goading, Republicans eager to show voters that they're ready to govern and that they stand for something have rolled out a policy agenda of their own. And, perhaps, played right into the Democrats' hands.

House GOP leader John Boehner cast the "Pledge to America" as "a new governing agenda, built by listening to the American people, that offers a new way forward." But he also acknowledged that it lacked specifics on important subjects like Social Security and Medicaid.

Much of it also adhered generally to age-old GOP principles.

"They want the next two years to look like the eight years before I took office," Obama asserted in New York. He derided the GOP plan as "the exact same agenda" even before the GOP officially rolled it out.

And his Democratic Party piled on. "All House Republicans did was recycle the failed economic policies of President Bush that put special interests and multinational CEOs above American families," said Maryland Rep. Chris Van Hollen, who leads the House Democrats' campaign effort.

Facing a stiff political headwind, Democrats are grasping for any strategy they can find to minimize an expected shellacking on Nov. 2. And the GOP's campaign manifesto gives the president's party a potentially valuable tool as it tries to cast the midterm elections as a choice that voters must make between two economic visions rather than a referendum on Obama and the Democratic-controlled Congress as Republicans want.

With the 21-page GOP document, Democrats now have something to point to as they seek to bolster their claim that Republicans offer nothing more than the same policies of the past. The plan also is filled with material for Democrats to use to draw sharp contrasts with GOP candidates in a campaign that has been tilting the Republicans' way.

Also, just when Republican primary season divisions were starting to heal, the GOP agenda is highlighting fissures within the party. Republicans in the Senate, GOP governors and several of the party's potential 2012 presidential candidates signed on, but conservatives complained about what was included and what was left out.

None of that is ideal for Republicans with just over five weeks until the election.

Out of power in the White House and Congress, the GOP is favoured to gain large numbers of House, Senate and gubernatorial seats. Republicans are the likely beneficiary of an electorate that again is craving change just two years after Democrats rose to power in the White House and four years after they won control of Congress.

When voters are as bitter as polls say they are now, Republicans have been happy to offer

themselves as an alternative to the status quo. But they've also concluded that that alone is not enough.

Their private internal debate has pitted those who favoured rolling out a governing plan against others worried it would open GOP candidates to criticism.

Strategists advising House Republicans told them that voters want the GOP to do more than just say Democratic policies have failed. These strategists stressed the need for Republicans to show voters — and specifically independents who had swung away from Democrats since helping elect Obama in 2008 — that they have a plan for action. There also were concerns that Democrats were making inroads by painting Republicans as obstructionists.

"Our government has failed us," said Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif. "We have been listening and we heard you."

Blending longtime GOP orthodoxy with a call for more responsible government, the GOP document provides a general roadmap for how out-of-power Republicans would govern. It says they'd focus on job creation and spending control while changing the way Congress does business. They'd cut taxes. Federal spending, too. Replace Obama's health care plan. And, in a nod to the party's conservative wing, ban federal funding of abortion.

It's all political ammunition for Democrats. Obama and his party long have castigated Republicans as "the party of no" as the GOP stood mostly in lockstep against the president's sweeping agenda.

Recently, the White House has pushed the GOP to offer detailed proposals, particularly on the economy.

"In a political campaign, the easiest thing for the other side to do is not to put forward any specifics, not to put forward any plans, but just try to ride that anger and fear all the way to Election Day. And that's what's happening right now," Obama said earlier this week.

Republicans answered the call Thursday. Whether GOP candidates up and down the ballot — they span the ideological spectrum from moderate to conservative to tea party — embrace the document is an open question.

Certainly, Democrats will put Republicans on the spot, forcing them to answer queries about the agenda that includes this vague statement: "We pledge to honour families, traditional marriage, life, and the private and faith-based organizations that form the core of our American values."

Pressed about that sentence specifically, Boehner assured people: "We are not going to be any different than what we've been."

It was a line that White House press secretary Robert Gibbs was happy to echo, in different context: "Most of the American people will see it's very much in line with what the Republican Party has proposed for the past many years."

(This article was written by Liz Sidoti,
AP national political writer).

BEC's automated answering system

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I SHALL be obliged if you would publish this letter in the event that my "representa" — Mr Brent Symonette — is at the UN and not able to reach the BEC Minister.

Dear Brent,

Please forward my invitation, to whichever Minister has responsibility for Bahamas Electricity Corporation and ask him/her to stoop, just for a few moments, to the lowly level of the Bahamian populace who elected him/her, and just try to reach someone at this august public entity. By telephone I mean.

A few moments ago I e-mailed you to advise that the north end of San Souci has been without electricity since the little blow we had on Tuesday evening and it is still out this afternoon, Thursday at 3.29pm. God forbid we should have a hurricane any time soon.

Following my e-mail to

LETTERS
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you, I began what can only be described as an Alice In Wonderland trek gone awry. Calling the listed telephone number for BEC a very sweet and polite recorded voice answers the telephone and seeks to guide one through a plethora of options, all except the one that I wanted, which was to speak to a human being.

To add insult to injury, the last of the five options allows one to dial in the name of an employee. Great I thought — I'll speak to the man who is paid the really big bucks and something will happen for sure. So, I methodically and very carefully type in Basden (General Manager) and before I have an opportunity to dial Kevin, I am automatically shunted off to the "mechanic shop". Well mudda tak sick as the

people say. The General Manager is not even in the phone list and the only Basden is in the mechanic shop. Nevertheless he was a human and apologised to me and offered to route my call to "out front." Yes, to another human being.

I know BEC say that they are broke, but we also have a massive unemployment problem in the country, and since the suffering public are having to suck up the funding of the cash shortage anyway, with increased rates, would it not be possible, somehow, to hire some of these unemployed people, the most illiterate of whom I have no doubt could outperform this automated voice mail system.

You may be able to detect a certain level of frustration here and if you do then that is good because I am frustrated as all hell!

BRUCE G RAINE
Nassau,
September 30, 2010

Protection should be provided for Bahamian goods and artifacts

EDITOR, The Tribune.

THE scenario being played out in connection with the arrest of a number of local straw vendors in New York is the culmination of one of the many questionable activities being employed by a selected number of senior members in the straw market. In that institution, some operate their own bank where illegal migrants at rates far in excess of those charged by banks are paid in exchange for US dollars.

Why law enforcement authorities allow the illegal enterprises being employed in that venue called the straw market to not only continue but to flourish is beyond comprehension. Some of these persons (seniors) employ illegal Jamaicans and Haitians to run their stalls, without having work permits to allow them to work. There is no secret about such shenanigans, so immigration officials should be aware of such practices; but are they doing anything about it? No.

Now that these persons have taken their *modus operandi* to another man's

country and not only conspired, but bought those illegal items over a period of time every jack rabbit and his bulla are questioning the action taken by the relevant authorities in their own country. I often question the absence of Bahamian straw products and home made artifacts in our straw market and vendor stalls in other locations.

There is no doubt that Bahamian craftsmen can and do produce quality products that are truly representative of our culture. The question can be asked, why aren't they being sold by vendors in the straw markets? The answer to that is very simple, the relevant government agency, if there is such an animal, do not carry out their functions to protect the local producers from the imported garbage from other countries.

With the grabalicious mentality of our people for the fast buck and the unsupervised environment at their establishment creates a Dog Haven for such an undisturbed operation. The arrest of those persons is a blessing in disguise and a clarion call to the relevant authorities to get their act together in providing protection for Bahamian goods and artifacts. It is also a signal to police and immigra-

tion to clean up the mess before it is carried over to the new facility.

In Her Majesty's resort at Fox Hill (prisons), there are any number of its inhabitants who are very good artisans, this would be a prime area for the BAIC to divert some of its energy and resources in the buying of materials for them (inhabitants) to work with, find markets for the product produced, and help them to prepare for a useful and productive re-entry into society. This is not only a challenge for the present chairman of that institution, but one that can add to his already illustrious legacy.

"To show how far these persons will go to justify their illegal operations, one only need to listen to their rhetoric in defence of their action, or read them in the media. How absurd to suggest that not only the vendors but the Government will suffer because of the cessation of such activity. It is questionable whether these goods undergo custom's scrutiny on arrival in this country or just slide through, as is the case in many instances.

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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **ANNE-MERES TIMOTHEE DECIUS of Sixth Street Grove, P.O. Box N7060** is applying to the Minister responsible for Nationality and Citizenship, for registration/naturalization as a citizen of The Bahamas, and that any person who knows any reason why registration/naturalization should not be granted, should send a written and signed statement of the facts within twenty-eight days from the **2nd day of October, 2010** to the Minister responsible for nationality and Citizenship, P.O. Box N-7147, Nassau, Bahamas.

PUBLIC NOTICE

INTENT TO CHANGE NAME BY DEED POLL

The Public is hereby advised that I, **SHARALEE STUBBS** of Lynden Pindling Estates in the Southern District of the Island of New Providence intend to change my name to **SHARALEE ROLLE**. If there are any objections to this change of name by Deed Poll, you may write such objections to the Chief Passport Officer, P.O.Box N-742, Nassau, Bahamas no later than thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice.

LOCAL NEWS

WHY YOU VEX?

"I am vex because everyone is (going on) 'bout this Baha Mar an' no one is pulling and doing public relations stuff 'bout our Atlantis and good citizen Sir Sol who will have to face all the \$2 billion dollar competition on his doorstep.

"Everyone seems to forget that it was Atlantis who helped our country when we needed them and they too needs all their profits to pay their bills, loans, salaries and public relations."

- Grateful.

"I am vex that my Haitian neighbours with attitude yuck up my vexation cause they is drying all type of they clothes including underwear on the clothesline they hang right in front of they apartment an' right by the junction of we residential Bahamian neighbourhood plus they have a habit of throwing out a big bowl of water in front of they apartment every morning.

"All this is going on despite all them Haitian church pastors and organisations failing to speak to them 'bout Bahamian ways."

- Bahamian Pride.

"I am vex that the new courts are not being built in the prison compound by the prisoners who know how to do construction and will always be there to promptly clean and maintain and fix the courtrooms when needed. Prisoners will be doing something constructive towards their rehabilitation. Other advantages are that the government will save plenty money plus will know where to find the workers when they don't show up to work."

- Saving government money.

"I done vex 'cause I think all the traffic scientists who done build that six leg roundabout at JFK mussy ain't figure out what will gone happen, say when one jitney mash one car bumper in the middle of the round about at rush hour. I think we will have to shut down half the island with that plug up traffic."

- Motorist.

"I am vex that the bigwigs who run the Water and Sewerage Corporation cannot seem to get their act together. I am tired of their excuses and the run around, the fact of the matter is they can't provide a steady stream of water to their paying customers in eastern Nassau. I don't know the last time I had a decent shower and it takes forever to fill the tub up for a bath - all because of the inefficiencies of that government agency.

"Not to mention the times over the last few weeks I have come home after a long, hot day desperate for a cool shower, only to turn on a dry tap.

"I have resorted to going to the public pump in Fox Hill to fill up a five gallon bottle so I can have water to at least clean my house meanwhile these 'fat cats' continue to make a generous salary for ineptitude."

- Dusty in Yamacraw.

Those lacking skill, training losing out on opportunities

By DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREETPORT - Bahamians who lack skill and formal training are losing out on opportunities available at the major industrial companies on Grand Bahama, according to a Grand Bahama MP.

Kwasi Thompson, MP for Pineridge, said companies such as the shipyard, container port, Vopak, Pharmachem and Statoil are spending millions of dollars here, yet Bahamians are not feeling the effects of these million dollar deals.

"I believe we must all do more and do better to train and to be trained. The companies who are making millions must do more. The government should be doing more and Grand Bahamians must be doing more," he said.

Mr Thompson commended companies such as the shipyard and Vopak that have implemented training programmes for Bahamians to obtain specialised skills that will allow them to take advantage of opportunities at their facilities.

Statoil has also committed to providing funds for training Bahamians.

The shipyard held a graduation for its fourth year apprentices. The occasion also marked the 10 years of achievements by the loyal "Founder Employees" of the Grand Bahama Shipyard.

About 40 apprentices are in various stages of their four-year apprenticeships with the company.

Mr Thompson said that the skills obtained by the young apprentices at shipyard are important to Grand Bahama's survival.

"Although it is on a small scale, this is an example of what Grand Bahama needs to fully recover and what Grand Bahamians need to truly thrive," he said.

"The shipyard is a very important company to Grand Bahama and the

"I believe we must all do more and do better to train and to be trained. The companies who are making millions must do more."

MP for Pineridge Kwasi Thompson



Bahamas. We have seen this company evolve and expand and continue to make a positive mark in Grand Bahama's economy," Mr Thompson said.

He noted that over the years the facility has grown from an enterprise with a few million in revenue and just over 100 employees to the largest in the region, with an average revenue stream over \$130 million and upwards of 800 employees.

Mr Thompson said industrial companies need to educate the community, especially high school students about what they do and what qualifications are needed to get into their companies.

In addition to training programmes, Mr Thompson said more scholarships are needed for young people.

Carl Gustaf-Rotkirch, CEO and chairman, said the shipyard has been actively developing apprenticeship programmes for young Bahamians in cooperation with BTVI since 2004.

He noted that a lot of money has been invested in training.

Mr Rotkirch said the shipyard has grown significantly since its inception 10 years ago.

He noted that Grand Bahama Shipyard today is one of the biggest ship repair companies in the Western hemisphere with three floating docks and all services required to perform the most complicated repair, upgrade and conversion projects.

Mr Rotkirch recognised the loyal "Founders Employees" for their contributions in helping to make the shipyard what it is today.

"They are the first employees who have served the company through the first 10 years of hardship, challenges and success.

"Without their commitment we would not be where we are today with a fully operational shipyard company and moneymaking projects in it," he said.

Mr Rotkirch also noted that the development of the yard would not have been possible without the support and co-operation of the Bahamas Government, and its shareholders Carnival Corporation, Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines and the Grand Bahama Port Authority.

He said the Grand Bahama Shipyard is one of the island's largest economic contributors, pumping millions of dollars into the local economy on an annual basis, including \$50 million directly and \$20 million in attracted business annually.

The CEO also said the yard has provided employment for an increasing number of Bahamians, and now employs about 300 Bahamians in various positions, and uses a vendor base of about 200 vendors.

Grand Bahama 'fares well' despite heavy rain and wind

By DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREETPORT - Despite heavy rains and windy conditions, Grand Bahama "fares well" with no major flooding or property damage reported here on the island.

There were some large road puddles, but residents went about their normal routine and students returned to the classrooms on Thursday.

"We fared well and we were more prepared than we needed to be," Island Administrator Don Cornish told The Tribune on Thursday.

When the tropical storm alert was discontinued, Mr Cornish said that all their resources had already been activated and two shelters had been opened.

He reported that 10 persons sought safe haven at the two shelters located at the Eight Mile Rock High gymnasium and the St Georges' High gymnasium in Freeport.

"We were very much ahead of what was happening...and we did extremely well and I would give us a high passing grade; it was a good drill for us, the stakeholders and volunteers," Mr Cornish said.

Conditions

"We are pleased that conditions did not get worse and the population was spared."

One elderly resident had to be removed by Social Services officials when her house in the Eight Mile Rock area was flooded early Wednesday morning.

The tropical depression which formed near Cuba

had upgraded to tropical storm Nicole, but it rapidly became disorganised and fell apart as it moved out of the area late Wednesday.

Mr Cornish said they had expected the heavy rains to cause some flooding at Pelican Point and South Riding Point in East End, and at the Fishing Hole Road because of the creeks in those areas.

"We had no major flooding problems in those areas, we only had some excessive water in the road but nothing serious," he said.

Fishing Hole Road has water on both sides and is prone to flooding usually when a storm moves in from the east of Grand Bahama.

Tropical storm Nicole was moving in from the west.

He said police officers were stationed at Fishing Hole as a precaution.

"There were reports circulating that the road was closed, but it was not closed. We had officers there on look-out so that if conditions got to a dangerous point they would be there to assist persons," he said.

Readiness

Mr Cornish said they were able to assess their readiness.

"Our lines of communication need to be strengthened, but in terms of our preparation we did extremely well. I think we have a good template to build on the future," he said.

TROPICAL EXTERMINATORS FOR PEST PROBLEMS PHONE: 322-2157

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BISX ALL SHARE INDEX: CLOSE 1,516.83 CHG 0.06 %CHG 0.00 YTD -48.55 YTD % -3.10											
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52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Previous Close	Today's Close	Change	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
1.26	1.00	AML Foods Limited	1.01	1.01	0.00	0.250	0.040	4.0	3.96%		
10.75	9.67	Bahamas Property Fund	10.63	10.63	0.00	0.013	0.200	817.7	1.88%		
6.16	4.50	Bank of Bahamas	4.90	4.90	0.00	0.598	0.260	8.2	5.31%		
0.68	0.18	Benchmark	0.18	0.18	0.00	-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%		
3.49	3.15	Bahamas Waste	3.15	3.15	0.00	0.168	0.090	18.8	2.86%		
2.15	2.14	Fidelity Bank	2.17	2.17	0.00	0.016	0.040	135.6	1.84%		
12.50	9.62	Cable Bahamas	10.77	10.77	0.00	1.212	0.310	8.9	2.88%		
2.84	2.50	Colina Holdings	2.50	2.50	0.00	60,944	0.781	0.040	3.2	1.60%	
7.00	5.40	Commonwealth Bank (S1)	6.60	6.60	0.00	0.422	0.230	15.6	3.48%		
3.65	1.63	Consolidated Water BDRs	1.89	1.84	0.05	0.111	0.052	17.5	2.68%		
2.55	1.60	Doctor's Hospital	1.90	1.90	0.00	0.199	0.110	9.5	5.79%		
6.99	5.94	Famguard	6.07	6.07	0.00	-0.003	0.240	N/M	3.95%		
10.20	8.50	Finco	8.50	8.50	0.00	0.287	0.520	29.6	6.12%		
11.40	8.77	First Caribbean Bank	9.74	9.74	0.00	0.645	0.350	15.1	3.59%		
5.51	3.75	Focol (S)	5.46	5.46	0.00	0.366	0.170	14.9	3.11%		
1.00	1.00	Focol Class B Preference	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%		
5.59	5.59	IGD Utilities	5.59	5.59	0.00	0.012	0.240	465.8	4.29%		
10.92	9.92	J. S. Johnson	9.92	9.92	0.00	0.883	0.640	11.2	6.45%		
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.355	0.800	28.2	8.00%		
BISX LISTED DEBT SECURITIES - (Bonds trade on a Percentage Pricing basis)											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Last Sale	Change	Daily Vol.	Interest	Maturity			
99.46	99.46	Bahamas Note 6.95 (2029)	BAH29	99.46	0.00		6.95%	20 November 2029			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00		7%	19 October 2017			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00		7%	30 May 2013			
100.00	100.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015			
RoyalFidelity Merchant Bank & Trust Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
10.06	5.01	Bahamas Supermarkets	5.01	6.01	14.00		-2.945	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.55		0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%	
CFAL Securities Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)											
41.00	29.00	ABDAB	30.13	31.59	29.00		4.540	0.000	9.03	0.00%	
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.45	0.55	0.55		0.002	0.000	261.90	0.00%	
BISX Listed Mutual Funds											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD%	Last 12 Months %	NAV 3MTH	NAV 6MTH	NAV Date			
1.4904	1.4005	CFAL Bond Fund	1.4904	3.59%	6.22%	1.475244	1.452500	31-Jul-10			
2.9265	2.8266	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.9115	0.85%	0.23%	2.926483	2.906205	31-Aug-10			
1.5646	1.4905	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.5646	3.18%	4.30%	1.533976	1.518097	17-Sep-10			
3.2025	2.8522	CFAL Global Equity Fund	2.8522	-1.52%	3.43%			30-Jun-10			
13.8388	13.0484	Royal Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.4288	0.46%	2.40%			31-Aug-10			
109.3929	101.6693	CFAL Global Bond Fund	109.3929	5.20%	7.60%	107.570620	103.987340	30-Jun-10			
105.7795	93.1998	CFAL Global Equity Fund	100.1833	-1.52%	3.56%	105.779543	101.725415	30-Jun-10			
1.0917	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.1272	3.43%	5.28%			31-Aug-10			
1.1198	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.1275	3.37%	5.64%			31-Aug-10			
9.5955	9.1005	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 1	9.5955	2.71%	5.96%			31-Jul-10			
11.2361	10.0000	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 2	10.3734	-3.69%	3.33%			31-Jul-10			
10.0000	9.1708	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 3	9.1708	-8.29%	8.29%			31-Aug-10			
7.9664	4.8105	Royal Fidelity Int'l Fund - Equities Sub Fund	7.5827	-1.74%	11.58%			31-Aug-10			
MARKET TERMS											
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX - 19 Dec 02 = 1,000.00						YIELD - last 12 month dividends divided by closing price					
52wk-Hi - Highest closing price in last 52 weeks						Bid \$ - Buying price of Colina and Fidelity					
52wk-Low - Lowest closing price in last 52 weeks						Ask \$ - Selling price of Colina and Fidelity					
Previous Close - Previous day's weighted price for daily volume						Last Price - Last traded over-the-counter price					
Today's Close - Current day's weighted price for daily volume						Weekly Vol. - Trading volume of the prior week					
Change - Change in closing price from day to day						EPS \$ - A company's reported earnings per share for the last 12 mths					
Daily Vol. - Number of total shares traded today						NAV - Net Asset Value					
Div \$ - Dividends per share paid in the last 12 months						N/M - Not Meaningful					
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LOCAL NEWS

'Broadway Baby' deemed a success

A NIGHT of Broadway tunes from a new album to benefit the Grand Bahama Performing Arts Society and its scholarships for local performing arts students has been deemed a success by organizers.

Dalia Feldman and Friends took to the stage in Freeport last Saturday with classic Broadway songs just released on Ms Feldman's new CD "Broadway Baby".

Delighting the crowd with favourite show tunes, Ms Feldman performed hit songs accompanied by Dr Christy Lee on the piano, and sang duets with international baritone Robert Edwin, her long-time voice teacher.

Mr Edwin is a singer, composer, teacher and writer who has performed all over the world, from singing in New York's Carnegie Hall to presenting Bach cantatas in European cathedrals.

Providing the arrangements and accompanying the singers on the piano at the event was the College of the Bahamas' own Assistant Professor of Music, Dr Lee.

She is also credited with lending her musical skills to Ms Feldman's CD.

Proceeds from the "Broadway Baby" album sales will go

to the Grand Bahama Performing Arts Society scholarships.

Following her performance on Saturday, the cast presented Ms Feldman with a birthday cake. She said she first experienced Broadway shows when her older brother treated her to performances as childhood birthday and Christmas gifts.

"(I am) overjoyed to be able to give back some of the magic I experienced in the theatre at an early age. It is my sincere hope that this new album will help open doors for a new generation of talented singers, dancers, musicians and production talent to finely develop their own unique gifts and love of theatre," she said.

"Broadway Baby" was a joint production of the Grand Bahama Performing Arts Society and the Freeport Players Guild.

The Grand Bahama Performing Arts Society was created to bring professional artists and performers from around the world to audiences in Grand Bahama. Drawing from Bahamian and international talent, a number of performances are planned throughout the year. Proceeds are used for the advancement of students of the performing arts.



CLASSIC: DALIA Feldman sings 'Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again' from The Phantom of the Opera during the 'Broadway Baby' concert; she was accompanied by Dr Christy Lee on piano.

DAVE MACKEY/The Bahamas Weekly Photos



DUET: DALIA Feldman sings 'I Have Dreamed' accompanied by her former voice teacher Robert Edwin and Dr Christy Lee on piano.



BIRTHDAY: THE cast surprised Dalia Feldman with a birthday cake following her performance Saturday evening.

Baptist Health South Florida sponsors 12th Annual Independence Dinner and Ball

BAPTIST Health South Florida sponsored the St Kitts and Nevis Association of Florida's 12th Annual Independence Dinner and Ball on Saturday, September 18 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

As St Kitts and Nevis Honorary Consul General, president and CEO of Baptist Health South Florida Brian Keeley, along with Baptist's top executives, celebrated the 27th anniversary of the Federation's independence with more than 100 association members and friends of St Kitts and Nevis in attendance.



GROUP SHOT: BAPTIST Health representatives pictured left to right: Lawrence Cole, assistant vice-president of International Business Development; Allen Brenteson, Baptist Health International ambassador; George Foyo, executive vice-president and chief administrative officer; Brian Keeley, St Kitts and Nevis Honorary Consul General and president and chief executive officer; Michael Stein, corporate vice-president of International; Ben Mollere, corporate vice-president of Hospitality and Business Relations; Bob Baal, Baptist Health Foundation ambassador; with Cheryl Andrews, Holly Zawyer and Sasha Hlozek from Cheryl Andrews Marketing Communications, the public relations firm for both the Nevis Tourism Authority and Baptist Health International; Ivis Guerra, international media communications manager.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2010

7:00 a.m. Rev. Charles Sweeting/Bro. Franklyn Bethel
10:00 a.m. Rev. Carla Culmer/Confirmation Service
7:00 p.m. Bro. Carla Culmer/Board of Music Ministry

Theme: "As a wise master builder, I laid a foundation and another was building upon it."

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LOCAL NEWS

World outrage

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abused, the humiliated and the sick," reads the website.

Similar to the businessman's King Humanitarian and Global Foundation, evidence of what work has been done to promote these causes is not immediately apparent.

Furthermore, it is noted by the Associated Press that a list of alleged trustees placed on the World Citizen Award foundation's website was "lifted without authorization from the website of the World Peace Foundation, a well-respected NGO in the U.S."

"Neither the World Peace Foundation nor its Board members are connected with the 'World Citizen Award,'" said a lawyer for that group.

A further discrepancy is highlighted in the fact that the website claims the Award itself – a medal – was designed in 2007 by Norwegian sculptor Gustav Vigeland, assisted by the Swedish engraver Erik Lindberg.

This is problematic, however, as Vigeland, who designed the Nobel Peace medal, died in 1943, while Lindberg, who designed the Nobel physics, chemistry, medicine and literature medals, died in 1966.

Two sections of the World Citizen Award website entitled "Honorees" and "Contact Us" were not functional yesterday, leaving anyone visiting the website left to wonder who was previously honoured by the foundation and without any means of contacting those responsible to find out. Something the website does provide are lengthy details about the format of the ceremony, which is proposed to be a "strictly formal affair" with men in "dark suits" and ladies in "short or long dresses."

A "five course gourmet meal" will be served, it claims, and two speeches will be given.

"First, Chairman of the world citizen award Committee speaks in honour of the Laureate, often giving the address a humorous slant. The Laureate speaks sec-

THE COLOURFUL CHARACTER OF RUDY KING

FORTY-one year-old Rudy King has made a name for himself as a colourful businessman and events promoter over the years, as well as positioning himself as the founder and chairman of what he calls the King Humanitarian and Global Foundation.

But finding evidence of what humanitarian work the foundation has done is not an easy task.

Sometimes referring to himself as "His Excellency", and having gone by at least four different names on various occasions, King has now been linked to the "World Citizen Award", which is said to be a "prestigious" honour for individuals who have contributed to world peace and human rights and shown themselves to be "exemplars of society."

The award has drawn global attention this week when it was learned that it would be offered this year to the prime minister of the African nation of Swaziland, Barnabas Dlamini, who has been accused of human rights abuses by organisations, including Amnesty International.

King is better known for being an events organiser, although not all of the events he has organised have come to fruition.

In 2006 Mr King blamed the "racism" of the Bermuda newspaper, The Royal Gazette, for the fact that an awards ceremony he had announced would be staged on the island did not go ahead. King had told the newspaper that several "big Hollywood names" were to appear at the event, but was embarrassed when the stars, which included actor Will Smith, actress Halle Berry and Bishop Desmond Tutu, denied all knowledge of it.

Back in Nassau, Mr King had been declared bankrupt by the Bahamas Supreme Court – the result of an unpaid \$800,000 debt on house renovations. The bankruptcy order was set aside in November 2008.

This was not the first time Mr King had been accused of not paying a debt. In 2004, he was accused of attempting to defraud American Express of \$400,000. American Express was awarded a judgment against King.

Just a year later, in November 2007, King was detained in Los Angeles, California, allegedly in connection with an attempt to defraud the US government's Internal Revenue Service of \$2.7 million.

He appeared in court in the US, where he was charged with the offence and granted bail, but soon after resurfaced in The Bahamas. In September 2008, King was arrested and held at the Cable Beach police station after it was alleged that he had sought to deceive officers, telling them his passport had been stolen when it had not.

He was charged with three counts of attempting to deceive a public officer on September 18th. His trial on these charges is still pending, according to his attorney Murrio Ducille.

ond. Finally the founder of the world citizen awards delivers an after-dinner speech," it is stated.

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Mr Dlamini is not the only individual expecting to be honoured by King in the near

future. Mr King took out two full pages of advertising in the local media this week to promote an October 17th awards ceremony, entitled the "Salute to Greatness Awards."

Close to one hundred Bahamians are said to be set for honours at that event, which will involve a "presentation luncheon and evening concert", according to the advertisement, for a "donation" of \$70 per person attending.

The Tribune confirmed yesterday that Mr King has already booked the Crystal Palace ballroom at the Wyndham Nassau Resort for the event, having so far paid a deposit for the facilities.

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convention hotels" over the "next several weeks."

Don Robinson, president of Baha Mar said: "We are truly excited to have Rosewood Hotels & Resorts manage and operate Baha Mar's luxury hotel. The Rosewood Hotels executive team immediately saw the vision of our project and the opportunity of raising its flag in The Bahamas."

John Scott, president and CEO of Rosewood Hotels & Resorts said: "Baha Mar is an exciting project for Rosewood to be a part of, and we are thrilled about the opportunity. "Baha Mar has assembled a highly accomplished group of development, entertainment, retail and hospitality experts to lead this project, and we

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he advised the council not to hold the event, citing financial challenges as a main reason.

The final decision was up to the council's vote, said Mr Ingraham, but some political observers see it as a way to block Mr McCartney from a leadership bid.

Yesterday Mr McCartney said he was fine with the council's decision, which indicates the party is satisfied with its current leadership.

"That is the voice of the party, they party has indicated what they wanted," he told *The Tribune*. "It would be good to know where the party is headed and not to wait for the last minute to determine where the party is headed and how the leadership team will look. That in my view doesn't make good

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Robins – received four separate life sentences after pleading guilty to manslaughter in the deaths of 11-year-old Mackinson Colas, 11-year-old Junior Reme, 13-year-old DeAngelo McKenzie, and 14-year-old Desmond Rolle.

The boys disappeared over a five-month period in 2003. The remains were turned over to the families for burial two years ago.

Ms Davis raised her grandson, DeAngelo, from infancy at her home on Pioneer's Way, which is a very short distance from where Farrington had picked the young boy up while he was walking home from school on May 27, 2003.

"We are trying to get our lives back to normal and trying to put it behind us, but it is hard because the family will never forget what happened to DeAngelo," she said.

During the sentencing, Ms Davis and the mothers heard details of how Farrington lured, sodomized and killed the boys; how he buried them and dug up their remains and hid the bones in his girlfriend's house.

"The judge said they don't usually read such details in cases like that, but seeing that I wanted to hear what Farrington did to them it was read in court.

"I prayed and asked God to give me the strength. It hurt me but I know now what he (Farrington) did to the boys," she said.

"If I want to see God's face, I have to forgive him. I can't have hate in my heart towards him and still expect to see God's face.

"I forgive him and I have to move on with my life. Now he (Farrington) will have to get his soul right to meet his Maker."

Rev Glenroy Bethel, founder of Families For Justice, commended the mothers for the courage of actual being in court and re-living the deaths all

'Letter of intent'

feel confident that this team will create a world-class destination resort. In addition, The Bahamas is rich in history, culture and natural beauty and will complement Rosewood's family of existing world-class Caribbean resorts. Excellent air lift into Nassau and proximity to the US makes this a very appealing destination for our Rosewood travellers."

Rosewood Hotels & Resorts award-winning getaways in the Caribbean include Rosewood Little Dix Bay in Virgin Gorda; Caneel Bay, in St John; and Jumby Bay, in Antigua. It also runs the five-star Rosewood Mansion at Turtle Creek, Dallas, and The Carlyle, in New York City.

I am given the opportunity I would welcome it."

He said the country has had 40 years of the same politics adding it is time for a shift in mindset.

"I do think we need to move on by way of our mindset. Our mindset has not changed for 40 years. We need to take it to another level, start thinking outside the box."

Aside from himself he said there are others within the party who are also fit to lead – such as Education Minister Desmond Bannister, State Finance Minister Zhirvargo Laing, Health Minister Dr Hubert Minnis and former leader of the FNM, National Security Minister Tommy Turnquest.

Mr McCartney, former state immigration minister, resigned from Cabinet earlier this year, but remains a member of the FNM.

FNM leadership

political sense but I guess the party understands, and if the party wishes to go forward with the same leadership slate, that's fine."

Mr Ingraham has said he will announce at the end of the year whether or not he plans to offer himself as leader of the party leading up to the next general election which is slated for 2012.

Mr McCartney added that, despite some reports, he is not actively seeking an opportunity to grab the leadership of the party, but would not shy away from the opportunity if it arose.

"Some people say out there that I am looking for (the FNM's) leadership. I have always said that if I am given the opportunity – I cannot nominate myself – that's for the people of the FNM to do, not me. If

Grandmother of victim

over again of their loved ones.

"It was extremely tough on them and they were able to pull through. It was unbearable for them to hear the details of what happened but they wanted to be there and they heard him apologise for what he had done," he said.

Rev Bethel said it was very tragic how the boys died.

"Everyone was emotional; you had reporters crying, the judge couldn't believe it...and we hope this never occurs again in our country with any of our children," he said.

Rev Bethel has been a strong advocate for the families. He is pleased that the families can now have some closure.

"We initially wanted the death penalty but we knew that... may have not happened.

"I believe justice has been served and the families are very pleased. I assured them that this was the best way forward in how the matter was dealt with. It took a long time, but they have finally gotten some closure," Rev Bethel said.

Although tragic, Rev Bethel stressed that the wider community must not allow the deaths of the four boys to go in vain.

"There is a message being sent to the wider community and we must not forget what happened to these boys seven years ago.

"Our children have gone back to their lives as normal and there could be more persons like Farrington in our community.

"We need to start safeguarding our children and instilling in them to beware of strangers and to not run off with anybody because they enticed you in some way. That message must be taught to them at home and in our schools," Rev Bethel said.



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Independent Auditors' Report to the Board of Directors of Banif – International Bank Limited

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Banif – International Bank Limited (the "Bank") which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2009, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in shareholders' equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

The Bank, at December 31, 2009, has recorded the credit risk provision of \$5,101,000, which is not in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The amount of credit risk impairment estimated in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, at December 31, 2009, would be \$7,249,000. Had the Bank recorded the credit risk provision as calculated in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, loans and advances to customers and impairment on loans should have been, respectively, lower and higher by \$2,148,000. The provision expense for the year ended December 31, 2009 should be increased by \$2,148,000 in the statement of comprehensive income. Additionally, the shareholders' equity at December 31, 2009 and the comprehensive income for the year ended December 31, 2009 would decrease by \$2,148,000.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the matter referred to in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Banif – International Bank Limited as of December 31, 2009, and of its performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Ernst & Young

July 30, 2010

BANIF INTERNATIONAL BANK LIMITED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2009
(Stated in thousands of USD)

Assets	Notes	2009	2008
Bank deposits	3	313,138	495,246
Loans to banks	4	72,031	-
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	5	481	12,261
Loans and advances to customers	6	143,021	162,933
Fixed assets	7	1,106	1,015
Other assets	8	9,221	2,612
Total Assets		538,998	675,067
Liabilities and Shareholder's Equity			
Liabilities			
Held for trading liabilities	9	471	3,043
Deposits by customers	10	314,022	434,803
Due to other banks	11	123,088	149,608
Debt securities	12	56,561	49,318
Other liabilities	13	1,285	724
Total Liabilities		489,427	638,395
Shareholders' Equity			
Share capital:			
Authorised, issued and fully paid 25,000,000 ordinary shares of US\$1.2092 each		30,230	30,230
Authorised, issued and fully paid 10,000,000 preferred shares of US\$1.4134 each		14,134	-
Retained earnings (deficit)		(2,196)	300
Statutory loan loss reserve		1,217	1,546
Revaluation reserves		187	20
Foreign exchange translation		5,999	4,575
Total Shareholders' Equity		49,571	36,671
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		538,998	675,067

Approved By The Board:


JOAQUIM FILIPE MARQUES DOS SANTOS
 (Chairman)


CARLOS DAVID DUARTE DE ALMEIDA
 (Executive Director)

(See accompanying notes)

BANIF – INTERNATIONAL BANK LIMITED

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(All figures in thousands of USD, except otherwise stated)

6. LOANS AND ADVANCES TO CUSTOMERS

At December 31, 2009 and 2008, loans and advances to customers are as follows:

	2009	2008
Overdrafts	416	380
Loans	122,662	154,269
Accrued interest	4,641	3,692
Past due & non-accrual loans	20,403	-
Specific provisions	(5,101)	-
Other (a)	-	4,592
Total	143,021	162,933

(a) Comprised of a Top Invest (a security product of the Banif Group) tranche transferred from Banif – Banco de Investimento to Banif – International Bank Limited.

The public may obtain a copy of the full set of the audited financial statements at Center of Commerce, 1 Bay Street, 2nd Floor, Nassau, Bahamas



¥ XIX COMMONWEALTH GAMES COVERAGE ¥



Knowles set to lead delegation at the XIX Commonwealth Games

Opening ceremonies for games scheduled to begin October 3

By BRENT STUBBS
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NEW Delhi: When the opening ceremony of the XIX Commonwealth Games is held on Sunday, boxer Valentino Knowles will be hoisting the Bahamian flag as he leads the delegation through the march past.

Knowles, who has already made history by winning three medals in the last three international events he has competed in, will be the first boxer to be given such an honour at either the Commonwealth or the Olympic Games.

"Taking the flag at a competition like this is an honour," said Knowles, who is fresh from his gold medal performance at the Central American and Caribbean Games in July. "This wasn't something that I ever imagined.

"But everything that you do for the first time is an experience. So I'm just glad to get this opportunity. Hopefully my family and friends will see me and I can inspire the children in the community where I grow up."

Humble

Coming out of humble beginnings in the Kemp Road area, Knowles said his message to the youngsters is quite simple: "If I can come from this area and do it, they can do it too." Knowles, 22, will be a part of the two-man boxing team that includes Carl Hield. Head coach Andre Seymour said while they are excited for the Bahamas Olympic Committee selecting one of their own, they are looking forward to even bigger things at these games.

"The boxers are keeping sharp and they are just waiting for the day for them to box," said Seymour, who will be assisted by his cousin Floyd Seymour from Washington D.C. "We're not taking any country light.

"This is the games and people lift their level higher at the games. So this is the reason why we are looking at going into every match to come out smoking. All of the boxers are training hard and they are staying focused."

Based on what he has seen, Seymour said he's looking for both Knowles and Hield to succeed in winning a medal as they join Stevie 'the Heat' Larrimore, who won the Bahamas' last Commonwealth Games' medal in 1984.

"We're looking at putting that behind us and rewriting history again,"

Seymour stated.

While the games will open on Sunday, competition won't begin until Monday with tennis as the first event on the agenda for the Bahamas, depending on the draw for the team that will compete in men and women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

Tennis

The women's tennis team was complete with the arrival of Grand Bahamian Larakah Russell yesterday. She joined Nikkita Fountain and coach Leo Rolle, who both came in on Thursday. The men's team of Devin Mullings, Marvin Rolle and Rodney Carey Jr from Grand Bahama are all due in town today. Russell, 25, said she was just excited to be here after taking the long trip from London to New Delhi with BOC president Wellington Miller and secretary general Rommel Knowles.

"I just want to go out there, have fun and compete to the best of my ability," she stated. "I don't know what the venue will be like or who is competing, but I'm hoping to make some more medals for the Bahamas."

She was referring to the fact that she and Fountain teamed up to win the gold at the CAC Games, a feat that she hopes they can duplicate or at least finish on the podium in one of the three top spots. The bulk of the Bahamas' competition will actually start on Tuesday with the first day of competition in athletics (track and field) and boxing. While the draw has not yet been set for boxing, the men's 100 metres is the first event for the Bahamas in track and field.

National champion Adrian Griffith will head a field of three competitors, inclusive of Rodney Greene and Jamal Rolle. As the more seasoned competitor or the pack, Griffith said he hopes to lead by example.

"My training has been going good. I've been consistent with what I've been doing, so all I want to do is perform at my best," he stated. "I got acclimated real quite and with the gold medal on your mind, you have to get ready quick."

The Bahamas will once again hope to be a force to reckon with in the men's 400 with Andretti Bain, Michael Mathieu and Ramon Miller taking the mantle.

"Things have been looking very good for us so far. I'm actually



COUNTER CLOCKWISE: Assistant coach Floyd Seymour, boxer Carl Heild, head coach Andre Seymour, boxer Valentino Knowles and chef de mission Roy Colebrooke enjoy breakfast at the Games Village.

impressed with the accommodations. It's much better than reported. Right now it's a much better environment, very comfortable and training has been going well," he said.

"With this being the last event for the year, I just want to go out there and set a personal record and win gold in the process. I worked hard all year and I believe all of the injuries and struggles that I endured this year, God has allowed me to get to this point. So I'm fresh. I feel like I'm ready to go."

Peak

Head coach Fritz Grant say the entire team is peaking at the right time for successful games.

"Based on the couple of days that we were here, the minor training camp has brought the synergy of the athletes and the team together," he stated. "The practises have been very good. Everybody has been hitting the times they should and they feel good."

"So I'm quite pleased with what I've seen them accomplish in practice, so it bodes well for what I anticipate in their individual events coming up in a few days. So I'm quite pleased with everybody so far, the throws and the jumps and all of the quarter-milers."

Renewing his rivalry with Donald Thomas, who is due in town by Sunday, Trevor Barry said his goal is to ensure that he is on the medal podium this time around in the men's high jump.

"It's gold or nothing, but just to be on the podium would be nice," Barry said. "I just want to represent the country well. I remember how I missed out on winning a medal at the last one. I don't plan to do the same this time."

Making his debut at a major international meet, Rudon Bastian said he hopes to represent the field competitors when he steps out on the track in the men's long jump.

"It's just a good feeling to be around so many of the big names in track and field who you only really get to see on TV," he said. "But I underestimated the niceness of the facilities because of all the rumours."

"But the people have been really nice and the facilities are excellent. So that should only want to inspire you to go out there and compete at your best. If I can make it to the final, I will let God have his way after that." The other area will be the relays where the Bahamas will be fielding the men's 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 teams. Jamal Moss, who is being added to the team for the 4 x 4, said everything is looking good and if he is selected, he intends to run fast.

"We're going to go for the gold," he insisted. "Once everybody is in 100 per cent good shape, I don't see why we can't win it. We have a very strong team, not just in the relay, but all of the events."

It was a baptism for the two-man cycling team of Laurence Jupp and Rowshon Jones from Grand Bahama.

"They're looking great, they are settling in and so it's just a matter of time

before we compete," said coach Barron 'Turbo' Musgrove. "This is going to be a learning experience for us."

"But it's a great opportunity for them and they are looking forward to competing against the field of international competitors. So we will continue our training and tone it down as it leads up to the competition."

The road race won't take place until October 10. That will be followed by the time trials on October 13. For both Jupp and Jones, it's been quite a treat.

"It's been very good. The people here are so friendly," Jupp said.

"Our flag raising ceremony was awesome. I've never seen anything like it before. So I really like it because it's better than I anticipated. The rooms are spacious and very clean." And Jones said coming into the games, he saw a different side of what was projected in the media and it's better than expected.

"From that, I just hope to come out with a good experience," he said. "Hopefully this will show me where I need to be at to compete at this level in the future. My ultimate goal is to win at the Olympics, so this will be good to prepare myself better."

Trainer/mechanic Wayne Price said the trip so far has reminded him of his previous games he attended in Manchester, England and in Melbourne, Australia.

"It'd been great so far," he said. "I noticed that there are not that many older cyclists competing. There are more youngsters, so it should be more competitive."

SPORTS

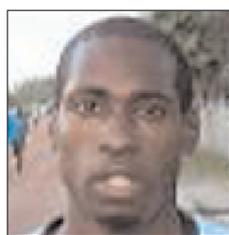
COMMONWEALTH GAMES PROFILES



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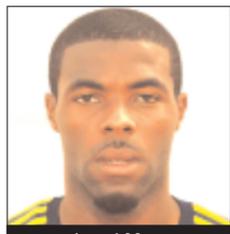
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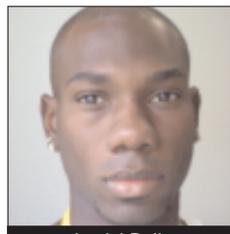
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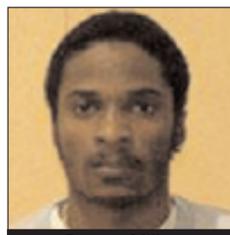
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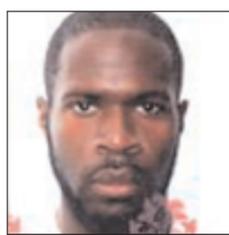
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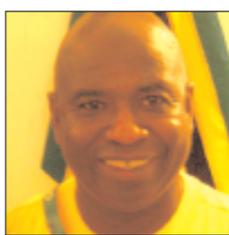
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Ramon Miller



Rodney Green



Roosevelt Thompson



Rowshon Jones



Roy Colebrooke



Rudon Bastian



Tim Munnings



Valentino Knowles

HERE'S a profile of the Bahamian team at the XIX Commonwealth Games:

• TENNIS •

NIKKITA FOUNTAIN
Age: 26.
Events: Singles, doubles and mixed doubles.
Achievements: CAC 2010 women's doubles gold medalist and member of 2008 Fed Cup Zone II championship team.
Expectations: Hope to medal in the doubles.

LARIKAH RUSSELL
Age: 25.
Events: Singles, doubles and mixed doubles.
Achievements: CAC women's doubles gold medalist and singles bronze medalist. Member of 2008 Fed Cup Zone II championship team.
Expectations: To win more medals for the Bahamas.

DEVIN MULLINGS
Not available.

MARVIN ROLLE
Not available.

RODNEY CAREY
Not available.

LEO ROLLE
Position: Coach.
Experience: Played tennis for the past 53 years, was teaching for 43 years. Played on the Davis Cup team from 1970. Won the junior national title from 1965 and the senior national title from 1970.

• BOXING •

VALENTINO KNOWLES
Age: 22.
Height: 5-8.
Experience: Commonwealth Championships' silver medalist; Pan Am Boxing Championships' bronze medalist and CAC Games' gold medalist.
Expectations: To end the year of events with a gold medal and become the first boxer to achieve this feat.

CARL HIELD
Age: 23.
Height: 5-11.
Experience: Second Commonwealth Games.
Expectations: Want to thank God for bringing me here safe and because I'm in shape, I hope to take a gold medal back home.

ANDRE SEYMOUR
Position: Three-star level coach.
Experience: 84 and 88 Olympian, spent the past 13 years coaching internationally acclaimed boxers Valentino Knowles and Taureano 'Reno' Johnson.

FLOYD SEYMOUR
Position: Assistant coach.
Experience: Started boxing at the age of nine. Won numerous Carifta and CAC Games medals. Competed in the Olympic trials in 1991, but didn't go to the games in 1992. Stopped boxing in 1997 and started in coaching. Currently based in Washington D.C. Was first national boxing coach from Grand Bahama.

• CYCLING •

LAURENCE JUPP
Age: 18.
Height: 6-1.
Experience: First Commonwealth Games, but was the national under-23 champion.
Expectations: I expect to win the gold medal.

ROWSHON JONES
Age: 27.
Height: 5-10.
Experience: First Commonwealth Games, but top cyclist in Grand Bahama and top three finisher in nationals in 2008 and 2009.
Expectations: I expect these games to be a learning experience and a catalyst in achieving my ultimate goal of winning the Bahamas' first medal at the Olympic Games.

WAYNE PRICE
Position: Trainer/mechanic.
Experience: Travelled to the past two Commonwealth Games in Manchester, England and Mel-

bourne, Australia.

BARRON MUSGROVE
Position: Team manager.
Experience: National team member for 15 years. Coached CAC Games in 2008 and Jr. Caribbean Championship in 2010.

• ATHLETICS •

CHRISTINE AMERTIL
Height: 5-6.
Events: 400 metres with personal best of 50.09sec.
Expectations: The Delhi Games come at a time that has exceeded the season, but everytime I go out and hang around with the athletes, there is a sense of something big happening. I hope to go out and compete well for my country.

LAVERN EVE
Height: 5-11.
Event: Javelin.
Expectations: This is my fourth Commonwealth Games and I have enjoyed them all. I won a gold and a silver. Hopefully I can win another medal.

TREVOR BARRY
Height: 6-2.
Event: High jump - PR of 2.28m.
Expectations: To win the gold medal, to do my best and to make my country proud.

ANDRETTI 'DA BAHAMIAN DREAM' BAIN
Height: 5-9.
Event: 400m - PR of 44.62.
Expectations: To PR and win the gold.

RODNEY GREEN II
Height: 5-9.
Events: Indoor National record holder - 6.65secs. 100 PR - 10.28s.
Expectations: This is my first Commonwealth Games and I am very happy to be here to represent my country and do my best.

JAMIAL ROLLE
Height: 5-10.
Events: 100 - PR of 10.29sec. 200 - PF of 20.62sec.
Expectations: To advance in both events and finish with personal best times.

RAMON S. MILLER
Height: 5-8.
Events: 400m - PR of 44.99.
Experience: World Championships in 2009.
Expectations: I'm expecting to compete 100 per cent as I represent the country as an elite athlete. Hope to make the finals in both the 400 and 4 x 400 relay.

JAMAL MOSS
Age: 24.
Height: 6-1.
Events: 4x400 relay.
Experience: 2007 NACAC and CAC Games.
Expectations: To win the gold in the 4x400 relay.

RUDON BASTIAN
Age: 23.
Height: 6-3.
Event: Long jump - PR of 26-61/2.
Experience: 2010 CAC Games.

JAMAL MOSS
Age: 24.
Height: 6-1.
Events: 4 x 400 relay.
Experience: 2007 NACAC and CAC Games.

RUDON BASTIAN

Age: 23.
Height: 6-3.
Event: Long jump - PR of 26-21/2.
Experience: 2010 CAC Games.
Expectations: to win a medal, but mostly to set my personal record, even if I don't medal.

LA'SEAN PICKSTOCK
Age: 21.
Height: 6-2.
Events: 400 - PR of 46.2.
Expectations: To win the gold in the 4 x 400 relay.

ADRIAN GRIFFITH
Age: 25.
Events: 100m - PR of 10.23.
Expectations: Just to stay positive and have fun at the games. I was having good practises and my training was on point, so I am expecting the best. I'm doing this one for my true friend, the late Christopher 'Nipples' Bethel.

MICHAEL MATHIEU
Age: 25.
Events: 400 - PR of 45.17sec.
Expectations: To be the first Bahamian to win the 400 at the Commonwealth Games and lead the 4x400 relay team to victory.

BRUNELL MCKENZIE
Age: 36.
Event: 4x100 relay.
Expectations: I expect the Bahamas' 4x100 relay team to break the national record at these games and win a medal.

FRITZ GRANT
Position: Head coach.
Experience: Subject supervisor for Physical Education at CH Reeves. Level V sprints/hurdles academy coach.

KEITH PARKER
Position: Assistant coach.

COTTICE ROBINSON
Position: Physio-therapist.
Experience: Worked for 19 years at the Rand; travelled on three Carifta Games, one CAC Games Jr and on the IAAF World Championships in 2009.

KEIR MILLER
Position: Team Doctor.
Experience: Director of Special Olympics. World Youth Championships in 2007 and 2009; Junior World Championships in 2008 and 2010; Jr. Pam Am in 2006 and 2008.

ROOSEVELT THOMPSON
Position: Track and field manager.
Experience: Vice President of the RBDF with 31 years of experience. Minister at New Covenant Baptist Church. Chief starter for BACO and served as vice president for three years. Worked as chief starter for four Carifta Games and was chief starter for NACAC Under-23.

ROY COLEBROOKE
Position: Chef de mission.
Experience: Vice President of BOC. Level 3 coaching in Cycling. Committed 20 plus years to the sport. Served as manager for numerous national teams, including three Commonwealth Games, CAC Games and Carifta Games.

TIM MUNNINGS
Position: Deputy Chef de mission.
Experience: Secretary General of the BAAA. Former quarter-miler, who ran on medal winning IAAF World Championships and Olympic Games 4 x 400 metre relays.



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MINISTRY OF LABOUR & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
THE PRICE CONTROL ACT, 1971
CHAPTER 339
THE PRICE CONTROL
(GASOLINE & DIESEL OIL)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2002

The Public is advised that prices as shown in the Schedule for Lead Free Gasoline and Diesel Oil as sold by ESSO Standard Oil S.A. Limited and DIESEL OIL as sold by Freeport Oil Company (FOCOL) will both become effective on Friday, October 1st, 2010.

SCHEDULE

PLACE	ARTICLE	MAXIMUM WHOLESALE SELLING PRICE PER U.S. GALLON		MAXIMUM RETAIL SELLING PRICE PER U.S. GALLON
		MAXIMUM SUPPLIERS' PRICE	MAXIMUM DISTRIBUTORS' PRICE	
		\$	\$	\$
PART A				
NEW PROVIDENCE				
Esso Standard Oil S. A. Ltd	LEAD FREE	3.76	3.76	4.20
	DIESEL OIL	3.48	3.48	3.67
PART B				
FREEPORT				
Freeport Oil Company FOCOL	DIESEL OIL	3.65	3.65	3.84
PART C				
GRAND BAHAMA (EXCLUDING FREEPORT)				
Esso Standard Oil S. A. Ltd	LEAD FREE	3.66	3.82	4.24
	DIESEL OIL	3.36	3.52	3.71
PART D				
ABACO, ANDROS and ELEUTHERA				
Esso Standard Oil S. A. Ltd	LEAD FREE	3.76	3.97	4.36
	DIESEL OIL	3.49	3.65	3.84
PART E				
ALL OTHER FAMILY ISLANDS				
Esso Standard Oil S. A. Ltd	LEAD FREE	3.77	3.99	4.39
	DIESEL OIL	3.50	3.65	3.85

PERMANENT SECRETARY

SPORTS

¥ XIX COMMONWEALTH GAMES COVERAGE ¥

Preparing for the games

NEW Delhi: After settling into the Games Village following the long trek to India, I have to say that I'm really glad that I came.

Everywhere you go in the vicinity of the XIX Commonwealth Games, there's the presence of the police with machine guns and guard dogs.

As usual, as you pass through one point of entry to another, you have to endure the long lines for the metal inspection and the frisking for any possible illegal items on your person.

But that's something that you can't help but go through when you are attending games such as these.

Tour

Having only arrived here on Thursday, I didn't really get to fully inspect all of the facilities. So after a healthy breakfast in the cafeteria, I managed to stroll around the Games Village, to pique my curiosity about all of the negative reports that were surfacing prior to coming here.

But, while I didn't see that much evidence of the place being in a shambles, I did notice there were so many people roaming around the huge complex and enjoying themselves.

I was really more interested in the training facilities adjacent to the Games Village and on a closer view, the only thing that I can say is that India has done a fantastic job in putting these games together so far.

After many of the past games that I've attended, I never envisioned the type of atmosphere that I saw here in New Delhi.

If only the Queen Elizabeth Sports

STUBBS



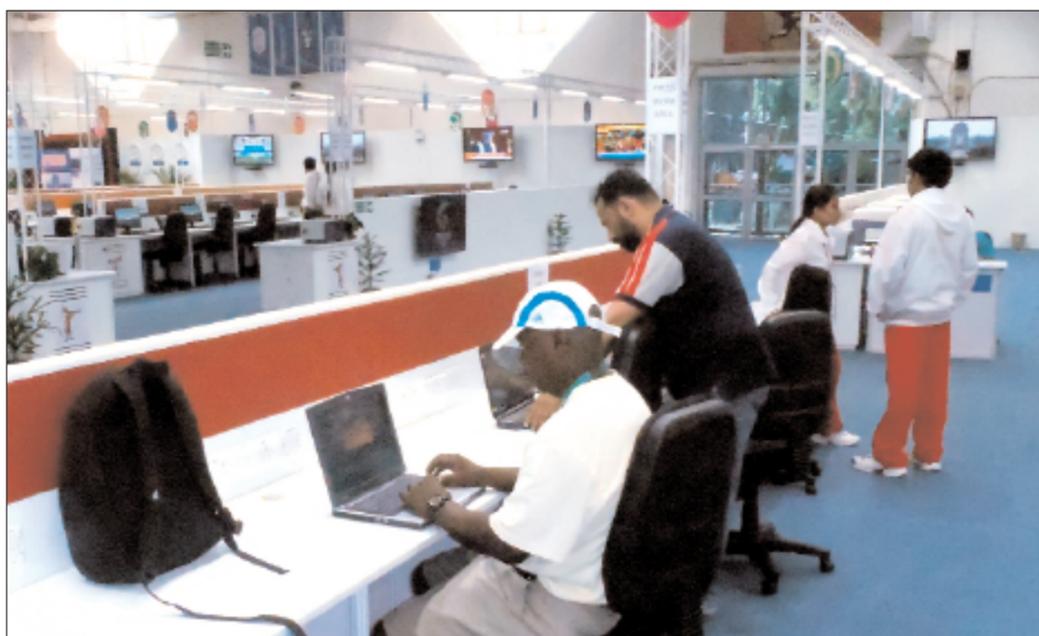
OPINION

Centre could be transformed into a venue like this.

While we are hard pressed to compete in an indoor arena, India has put together facilities that merely require a few posts around and a covering on top to produce several spectacular showpieces.

Transportation

They've saved on gasoline in terms of having to transport so many athletes to another training site (although there is sufficient modes of transportation, be it bus or car to fulfill that need) and they don't have



GETTING SET: Brent at work at Main Press Centre at Commonwealth Games.

to be concerned about the electricity or the air-conditioning system.

From the Games Village, I was able to travel to the Main Press Centre, which is commonly called the MCP, where the hundreds of journalists spent most of their time formulating their work.

In New Delhi, the MCP is similar to the others at the various games that I attended, but there is much more space to work with and the environment is much friendlier. So it appears that India is certainly on the road to hosting a successful Commonwealth Games.

The road to the MPC was quite

an interesting one.

There was the constant steady flow of traffic, but the mode of transportation was rather unique.

I've never seen so many people being transported on motorcycles, in many cases up to two women squeezed behind the male driver, or what appeared to be the parents holding onto their children.

And there were the three wheel carts that carried a driver in the front and up to five people sandwiched in the back. The buses, in most cases, passed with people packed against the open windows.

And at the side of the road were

many signs of poverty - in stark contrast to the billions of dollars spent trying to please the rest of the Commonwealth, who is some reported cases, didn't really care if these games were successful or not.

It makes you wonder what could have been done with that money had India decided to invest it in the local population.

As for as the games are concerned, however, I'm sure everybody will leave New Delh on October 14, stating that they had a good time.

So hats off to India for the job they have done so far.

THE WEATHER REPORT

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5-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Clouds and sun with showers	Mostly cloudy with showers	Partly cloudy with showers	Sun and clouds	Partly cloudy	Variable clouds with showers
High: 80° Low: 70°	High: 78° Low: 68°	High: 80° Low: 70°	High: 80° Low: 70°	High: 80° Low: 70°	High: 80° Low: 70°

ALMANAC

Statistics are for Nassau through 2 p.m. yesterday.

High	80° F/27° C
Low	70° F/21° C
Normal high	81° F/28° C
Normal low	69° F/21° C
Last year's high	80° F/27° C
Last year's low	69° F/21° C

AccuWeather.com

UV Index Today

TIDES FOR NASSAU

Time	High	Low
Tuesday	1:00 a.m. 0.8	6:00 a.m. 0.8
Wednesday	1:00 a.m. 0.7	6:00 a.m. 0.7
Thursday	1:00 a.m. 0.7	6:00 a.m. 0.7
Friday	1:00 a.m. 0.7	6:00 a.m. 0.7

Sun and Moon

Phase	Time
Rise	6:58 a.m.
Set	6:58 p.m.

INSURANCE MANAGEMENT TRACKING MAP

Marine Forecast

Island	Wind	Wave	Visibility	Water Temp
Grand Bahama	10-15 knots	2-3 feet	10 miles	80° F
Freeport	10-15 knots	2-3 feet	10 miles	80° F
Nassau	10-15 knots	2-3 feet	10 miles	80° F
San Salvador	10-15 knots	2-3 feet	10 miles	80° F
Long Island	10-15 knots	2-3 feet	10 miles	80° F
Myndanao	10-15 knots	2-3 feet	10 miles	80° F
Great Inagua	10-15 knots	2-3 feet	10 miles	80° F
San Salvador	10-15 knots	2-3 feet	10 miles	80° F
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LOCAL NEWS



A FAMILY of volunteers gets to work during the clean-up.



RECORDING data

international coastal clean-up 25th anniversary

Record number of volunteers participate

A RECORD number of volunteers from all walks of life throughout the Bahamas turned out to participate in the 25th Anniversary of International Coastal Clean-up.

To date, this global initiative has helped remove over 100 million pounds of marine litter from over 170,000 miles of coasts since it began 25 years ago. In New Providence alone, more than 800 volunteers met at the South Beach pools area this year to clear the mangroves and surrounding coastline of an astounding 39 tonnes of trash.

International Coastal Clean-up is the world's largest one-day volunteer event created to prevent and eliminate pollution of the marine environment.

This year, volunteers in New Providence, Abaco, and Grand Bahama turned out to clean-up their respective beaches and wetlands. The event, which began as a local programme in Texas, has gradually expanded to include every major body of water in the world in over 100 countries, including the Bahamas.

"This year was a record for the Bahamas in terms of the numbers of volunteers and the amount of debris we collected – and we are still sorting through the results," said Rinaldo Smith, education supervisor at Dolphin Encounters which is the national coordinator of International Coastal Clean-up in the Bahamas.

"So many volunteers from the local community, corporate and civic organisations, students and concerned neighbours came out in force to help rid our wetlands and beaches of vast amounts of trash.

"In New Providence, we cleaned the South Beach pools area which is home to mangrove systems and sadly has been the site for illegal dumping. We found everything out there from refrigerators, mattresses, car parts, construction materials and so much more. Volunteers also cleaned in Abaco and Grand Bahama. Each volunteer was determined to clean and together we made a huge impact. We also sent the message that we don't want trash to destroy our environment. It took many people working as a unified team to make a real difference and we thank everyone who participated. We hope our efforts will be supported by all by putting trash in its place," he said.

Volunteers in New Providence combed the mangroves and surrounding areas for five hours. Another group of approximately 50 volunteers, organised by Scotiabank Bahamas, took to the shallow waters snorkelling and cleaning any debris found caught in the mangrove roots and water.

The top ten debris items collected in South Beach included construction materials, picnic items (cups, plates, knives, spoons), beverage cans, food wrappers and containers, plastic and glass beverage bottles, caps, lids, paper and plastic bags, cigarettes, shotgun shells and clothing.

A wide array of volunteers came out to participate in New Providence, including Phenton Neymour, MP for the South Beach constituency and Minister of State in the Ministry of the Environment, and Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace, Minister of Tourism and Aviation.

"The South Beach area and its ecosystems have been destroyed for over 50 years," said Mr Neymour.

"The area has been developed and we have lost some of the mangroves. It is important that we now preserve and protect the existing mangroves and minimise any negative effect on them for future generations. We need a continuation of an educational process, particularly with our children, to stress the importance of keeping the environment clean. Exercises such as this cleanup are important and I commend everyone involved."

The Ministry of Tourism, led by Mr Vanderpool-Wallace, came out in large numbers to clean and participate in International Coastal Clean-up.

"The Ministry of Tourism is part of the community and this is a community event," Mr Vanderpool-Wallace said.

"We at the Ministry of Tourism have



VOLUNTEERS hard at work.



VOLUNTEERS sign up in big numbers for the operation.



A COKE and a smile during the operation.



VINCENT VANDERPOOL WALLACE participates in the clean-up.

long believed that what is good for the community is good for tourism. The irresponsible dumping here has gone on for far too long and we hope this effort begins to bring about a resolution. It is our job to restore this beautiful area back to its original state and to input controls that prevent this from ever happening again."

Also participating in the clean-up were volunteers from Dolphin Encounters; the Indaba Project of the Grants Town Community Centre; Miss Earth Bahamas; Miss Teen Bahamas; National Coastal Awareness Committee; Rotary Nassau Sunrise Club, the Bahamas National Trust; Roteract; Scotiabank Bahamas; Workers House Academy, and the Royal Bahamas Police Cadets. Local residents and many other volunteers from all over Nassau also participated in large numbers.

Students from many schools that participated in the Governor-General's Youth Award programme or their environmental clubs also took part.

Coca-Cola is the global sponsor of International Coastal Clean-up and the Caribbean Bottling Company sponsored the event in both Nassau and Grand Bahama.

"Coca-Cola has supported ocean and waterways clean-up efforts for 15 years and we are pleased to see the programme develop further," said Walter Wells, president and CEO of the Caribbean Bottling Company.

"We have committed ourselves to improving the quality of life in the communities where we do business and the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Clean-up is a perfect fit for the Bahamas."

"The International Coastal Clean-up engages people to remove trash and debris from the world's beaches and waterways, to identify the sources of debris, and to change the behaviours that cause pollution," added Linzi Knowles-Belton, education coordinator for Dolphin Encounters.

"The event isn't just about pollution clean-up, it's about pollution prevention. The event focuses on educating and empowering people to become a part of the marine debris solution. We thank each and every volunteer and sponsor that participated – you each made a valuable contribution to our environment. As a coastal community keeping our ocean and waterways clean is vital to our environment and way of life. Together we can preserve our coasts and create a 'sea of change,'" she said.



THE LARGE amounts of debris removed are placed on this truck bed.



PHENTON NEYMOUR and Robert Meister in discussion during the clean-up.