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# Baha Mar on PM's China trip agenda

**Bullet-riddled body found, two men are badly injured**

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BIMINI residents are still trying to make sense of the weekend shooting that critically injured two men at a bar and led to the discovery of a bullet-riddled body in Alice Town.

The man's body, which was said to have been found in a bushy area near the Recession Bar, was clothed

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## Ingraham plans to meet business leaders and government officials

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**KEY TALKS:**  
 Hubert Ingraham

PRIME Minister Hubert Ingraham, in an interview with The Tribune, said he intends to personally discuss aspects of the proposed Baha Mar project, which continues to be of "concern" to his Government, when he meets with the leaders of the China State Construction Company and the China Export Import Bank during his trip to China next week.

Mr Ingraham gave details of this considerably important visit and the issues he hopes to

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## Arawak Homes: We have no 'policy' to demolish illegally built structures

IN its report on the title issues relating to disputed land in Pinewood Gardens, Arawak Homes Ltd claimed that it is not its "policy" to demolish all structures that were illegally built on its property.

If such action were to be taken in the "rare" instance, Arawak Homes said that this

would be done only if the structure was placed in such a position that its continued existence would render it impracticable to provide infrastructure to adjoining lot owners, or if the structure is placed in such a position that

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## BAHAMAS STRIKE GOLD AND SILVER



**MEDAL GLORY:** Shown (left to right) are Trevor Barry, Donald Thomas, and Botswana's Kabelo Kgosiemang with their medals for the men's high jump at the Commonwealth Games in New Delhi, India, on Sunday, October 10. Thomas and Barry won gold and silver respectively.

AP Photo/Anja Niedringhaus

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## 'Sloppy' work at govt-built homes under fire

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SHODDY work at a number of government built homes was criticised yesterday by the former Minister of House Shane Gibson.

Having been heavily criticised in the past for the same practice, Mr Gibson said that he was blown away by the hypocrisy of the current government that claimed that

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**STATE OF DISREPAIR:** Former Minister Shane Gibson points to the above property as an example of sloppy workmanship.

Felipe Major/Tribune staff

## THREE-YEAR-OLD HURT IN SHOOTING

A THREE-year-old is one of four victims of three holiday weekend shootings.

Police are continuing their investigations into these incidents. The first shooting occurred shortly before 6 pm on Friday, October 8.

Police received information of a shooting at Union Village off Wulff Road.

Officers responded and were told that a three-year-old

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LOCAL NEWS

# March FOR Hanging



**PROTESTING:** The Workers Party held a Pro-Hanging march yesterday, starting in Village Road and continuing to the College of the Bahamas before returning.



**CALLING FOR JUSTICE:** The mother of a murder victim holds a photograph of her son.



**PLACARD-WAVING** relatives of murder victims were among those who took to the streets to call for hanging. The march was organised by the Workers Party, which wants capital punishment for those convicted of murder.

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## Mornette Curtis Aims For Excellence.

Mornette Curtis had to grow up at a young age. As the sixth of nine children in her family, she assumed much of the caretaking of her younger siblings after her mother passed away when she was just 13. "My leadership skills were first developed at home," said Curtis. "Although I was not the eldest of my brothers and sisters, they often trusted me with household decisions, including our family finances."

Her leadership abilities and financial prowess came in handy when Curtis needed to find a job after graduating from high school. "I was attending the College of The Bahamas, pursuing a degree in banking and finance, but needed a job to pay for school," she said. "I applied to RBC, took the test and three days later reported to work." Ever since, she has worked for RBC with a passion for serving clients and developing the talent of staff members. In her current role as Manager of Operational Oversight for RBC Caribbean Banking, Curtis is able to provide hands-on coaching to employees across the region, improving their skills and ultimately benefiting the clients they serve.

"RBC offers many opportunities to its employees and has provided me with many experiences," said Curtis. "My motto is to aim for excellence. No matter what you do, put forth your best effort." That motto has yielded great results for Curtis who has traveled extensively for RBC. She also continues to build her skills on the job and in her free time.

Curtis has received banking certifications from the Bahamas Institute of Financial Services and Canadian Institute of Bankers. She is currently pursuing her MBA from the University of Liverpool, which she expects to complete in 2011, as well as her Lean Six Sigma certification from Villanova University in processing and methodology.

When she's not studying, Curtis enjoys cooking, exotic traveling and networking, which complements her involvement in the local People-To-People Programme. "I am constantly looking for new challenges and opportunities," she said. "My career at RBC has afforded me both."

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LOCAL NEWS

# Photograph reveals plane crash horror



Pictured above is the eight-seater GA8 Air Van aircraft flown by FYP Builders Mall president Mark Roberts, which crash landed at Little Whale Cay on Wednesday afternoon last week.

Suffering substantial facial injuries a fractured vertebrae and two broken ankles, Mr Roberts has undergone eye-surgery at Jackson Memorial Hospital and was said to be in "good spirits."

Flying from Fort Lauderdale to Nassau after a short vacation, he and his family - wife, Louise, and parents, Mr and Mrs Larry Roberts - had planned to stop at Little Whale Cay on their way to Nassau. However, they changed their plans about stopping at the small private cay. Mark decided to fly low over the cay to signal that he would not be stopping.

"We were caught in a downdraft," said Mark. "The wind was about 40 miles per hour."

He said he was flying on the edge of a trough, got sucked into a tree and crashed on Little Whale Cay. The plane did not flip over as was earlier reported.

His father, Mr Larry Roberts, of Bahamas Realty, suffered two fractured vertebrae in the accident. He is now in a brace, but was not detained in hospital.



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## In whose camp will the Bahamas be found?

WITH CHINA becoming a big player in the Bahamas's economy, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham leaves for China next month with much on his mind and intent on many discussions.

They are matters, he says, of mutual concern — China is lending money on easy terms to the Bahamas government and with its own labour is building several important projects in New Providence. The Prime Minister will discuss the national stadium, the gateway road corridor, and the "training and transfer of skills connected to the engagement of significant numbers of Chinese construction experts on projects in the Bahamas." In the main this will be the multi-billion dollar Baha Mar project, which although he concedes its importance if handled in stages, will not be a saviour of the Bahamas' economy. In fact if mishandled it could leave the Bahamas with major problems in the future.

Mr Ingraham will meet with the heads of Hong Kong-based Hutchinson Whampoa Ltd, operators of the Container Port in Freeport. He said that while all of Hutchinson's Bahamas operations will be "uppermost" on his agenda, the future of Hutchinson's hotel properties in Grand Bahama are obviously of great concern. Mr Ingraham pointed out that these hotels continue to operate at a loss and are supported by direct funding from Hong Kong.

The obvious concern is that if a Chinese company cannot fill the hotels it now operates on Grand Bahama, how can another group in partnership with BahaMar build and fill another 3,500 rooms in New Providence? Bearing in mind that all New Providence hotels are not filled to capacity, and some are still closed. The concern is that if the market is overloaded, everything will be put in jeopardy — and the end could be far worse than the beginning. This means cost cutting, staff layoffs and everything else that goes with a price war for business.

Asked by a Tribune reporter how important it was for the Bahamas, now that China is emerging as a major world power, to maintain "good ties with that country," Mr Ingraham replied:

"We maintain friendly ties with all peace-loving countries."

We hope that the day of testing for the Bahamas will never come, but down the road we can foresee in international forums

potential for many cliff-hanging, nail-biting sessions for this small country as it has to decide in which camp it belongs.

In this column on Saturday we published an Associated Press commentary from Washington outlining the uneasy friendship between the world's two great leaders — the United States and China. Not only is China upset because President Obama wants China to release its Nobel Peace Prize laureate, but there is great concern in the US over China's exchange rates, with many US lawmakers maintaining that the undervalued Chinese yuan is putting American companies at significant disadvantage and affecting America's economic comeback. There is also the tension between the two giants over Taiwan and Tibet. It has taken China years to elbow Taiwan out of the Caribbean and position itself in the US's traditional sphere of influence. But what do we see today — America surrounded with China at its back door in the Panama Canal and at its front door in Grand Bahama.

In 1904 the United States built the Panama Canal and by a 1903 treaty controlled both the waterway and a large area of surrounding land. It was virtually American territory. Over the years resentment grew, leading to unrest in Panama, resulting in President Jimmy Carter and the Panamanian leader signing treaties in 1977 that gave control in 1999 of the canal and its operations to Panama. Today Hutchinson Whampoa has a long lease for the control of the canal's Atlantic and Pacific Ocean ports of Balboa and Cristobal. It also operates from a large and successful port in Freeport.

Bahamians have always considered themselves an extension of the US, certainly of Florida to which many believe they have entry as of right. For much of our history America has been a generous neighbour, especially since our independence — always ready to come to our assistance. Our vote in the UN as a part of the American bloc has always been taken for granted.

Now China is the "new boy" on the bloc. It is true that "we maintain friendly ties with all peace-loving countries," but when the day comes for a vital UN vote and our two benefactors are in opposing camps, in whose camp will the Bahamas be found?

This must also give Mr Ingraham cause for concern. History shows that gift-givers are often jealous taskmasters.

# Stop public school dances and save our youth tomorrow

EDITOR, The Tribune.

It is said that "we create most of our problems yesterday that we seek to resolve today."

Let me state clearly that I am not against "Fun Days" for Public School students as I do believe in recreation, social interaction and yes, of course, fun times for youths of all ages from Kindergarten to university.

However, what I am saying is that we must be careful what we promote and support that further destroys and breaks down the very moral foundation of our nation's youth and wider society that we are trying hard everyday to build-up through the classroom, positive programmes and other teachings.

I am quite aware that this might not be a popular stand or position that I am taking, but I know that we have enough social dilemmas and immoral situations in our public schools right now that we don't need to further promote any more vulgarity and violence through the music that is played at some of our secondary school dances that occurs during or on their individual school fun or dress-up days.

It is said that "dry-sex", students shaking, feeling and rubbing up on one another closely occurs during many of

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our public school dances. This kind of behaviour does not promote a safe school environment for our nation's youth and the Ministry of Education should ban all public school dances during school hours. Also, parents should not support these kinds of events in the school culture and environment.

After these dances, the school is left with many social issues that guidance counsellors, teachers and administrators have to try to resolve in the best way possible; from "girl/boyfriend" drama, to students being caught on campus in compromising positions and acts and other issues that I wish not to disclose in this article.

Additionally, the mental, emotional and psychological damage that occurs to some students during and after these dances are almost irreparable as the effects of the dance affects some students negatively for a long time afterward, even after they finish high school.

What messages are we sending to our students?

They are confused because we are sending them mixed messages.

## Political candidates do not fit an honest description of compassion

EDITOR, The Tribune.

When you think compassion, who or what do you think about?

The question of compassion often gets bandied about by the political class. This candidate or political party is more compassionate than that standard bearer or organisation.

Groups like the Rotary Clubs of The Bahamas, The Bahamas Association for the Physically Disabled, The Bahamas Crisis Centre, The Cancer Society of The Bahamas, and many of the people involved in them, to name but a few, are compassionate. Political candi-

dates do not fit an honest description of compassion.

As Mr. Lawrence Reed, President of the Foundation for Economic Education (FEE) and president emeritus of the Mackinac Centre for Public Policy tells us:

"True compassion is a bulwark of strong families and communities, of liberty and self-reliance, while the false compassion of the second usage (*government compassion*) is fraught with great danger and dubious results. True compassion is people helping people out of a genuine sense of caring. It is not asking your legislator or congressman to do it for you. True compassion comes from your heart, not from government treasuries. True compassion is a deeply personal thing, not a cheque from a distant bureaucracy." (*Emphasis added*)

In other words, are we really compassionate when we call on the government to help people or simply fobbing the problem off to every taxpayer in the country?

Obviously there are many

(1) One day we are saying to them it is okay to dance one with another and we allow them to rub up and touch each other inappropriately in the dance.

(2) The next day at school we say to them do not touch the opposite sex in a sexual way. Which of the aforementioned do we want them to do?

How do we want our students to behave? Do we want them to display good behaviour and have good morals sometimes or are we going to continue to allow, promote and feed them garbage through music that creates sexual arousal and negative behaviour?

We must decide today.

We must not sacrifice the morality of our students and our nation's youth for a few thousand dollars to finance some programmes, projects or activities of the school. In the long run the moral principles that we are trying to teach and instil in our student, we are slowly destroying through allowing these ungodly, indecent and immoral dances.

I say let's stop all the dances in public schools today and save our youth tomorrow.

LEROY A BURROWS  
Nassau,  
October, 2010.

people in need and we should all do our part, but as Professor Walter Williams said:

"The act of reaching into one's own pockets to help a fellow man in need (*or personally volunteering*) is praiseworthy and laudable. Reaching into someone else's pocket is despicable and worthy of condemnation." (*Emphasis added*).

Before we ask Parliament to do something, should we consider doing something, anything, ourselves?

How or why some people come to the conclusion that the government is the last bastion of all that is good is a mystery. Just look at the evidence!

Anyone can be a hero with the power to take money from the general population under the threat of fines or jail time and hand it to whomever they choose.

It's the morality of it that the taxpayer should consider.

RICK LOWE  
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# Ingraham picked to chair Boards of Governors of IMF, World Bank Group



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OPENING: 2010 Fund/World Bank Annual Meetings: Opening session of the Plenary at Constitution Hall.

**By Khyle Quincy Parker  
Press Attaché  
Embassy of The Bahamas**

WASHINGTON, DC – Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham has been selected to chair the Boards of Governors of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank Group (WBG).

The announcement was made in Washington on Friday at a plenary session of the 2010 annual meetings.

As the chair of the 2011 meetings, Mr. Ingraham will be a primary channel of communication between the executives of the institutions and the shareholder countries.

In addition to chairing the Boards of Governors, Mr. Ingraham will also chair a standing committee known as the Joint Committee on the Remuneration of Executive Directors and their Alternates (JCR). This committee addresses sensitive issues concerning the compensation and benefits of executive directors and their alternates. Mr. Ingraham will also chair the Joint Procedures Committee (JPR), which is responsible for finalizing the preparations for annual meet-

ings, including such matters as setting agenda items and resolutions to be voted on.

The chairmanship of the Boards of Governors (a group made up of the designated representatives of the shareholder countries) has as its primary function the job of chairing the annual meeting of the Fund and Bank Group. This is especially important because the format of these meetings is evolving. For example, this year for the first time, with the use of technology, members could access many of the speeches traditionally given at the plenary online if they wished.

The plan, it is understood, is for the plenary to become a more interactive meeting going forward, and Mr. Ingraham's chairmanship comes at a critical time in the evolution of those meetings.

**About The Post**

The chairmanship of the Board of Governors of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank Group (WBG) rotates among the five main regions – Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, the Middle East and the Western Hemisphere. According to

some of the criteria given weight during the selection process, the new chairman's country should be in good standing with the Fund and the Bank Group in terms of cooperation, participation and financial relations. The chairman's country should also be in good standing in the international community, and the person selected to be chairman is expected to be widely respected among finance and development officials.

**About The Annual Meetings**

The Annual Meetings opened in Washington on Friday with a plenary session featuring remarks by Annual Meetings Chairman Olusegun Olutoyin Aganga (Segun), IMF Managing Director Dominique Strauss-Kahn and World Bank President Robert Zoellick.

The annual meetings bring together central bankers, ministers of finance and development, private sector executives, and academics to discuss issues of global concern, including the world economic outlook, poverty eradication, economic development, and aid effectiveness.

This year, the annual meetings occurred ahead of the meetings of the International Monetary and Financial Committee, the Development Committee, the Group of Ten, the Group of Twenty-Four, and various other groups of members. At the conclusion of their meetings, the International Monetary and Financial Committee and the Development Committee, as well as several other groups, issue communiqués.

At these meetings, the Boards of Governors make decisions on how current international monetary issues should be addressed and approve corresponding resolutions. The annual meetings are chaired by a Governor of the Bank and the Fund, with the chairmanship rotating among the membership each year. Every two years it elects executive directors. Each year any new members are welcomed into the Bank and Fund.



## RADIO DRAMA



## Police probe two daytime robberies

POLICE are investigating two daring daytime robberies that occurred over the holiday weekend.

The first occurred shortly after 3 pm on Friday when police were notified of an armed robbery at Battery and Tyre Specialist, Arundel Street and East Avenue.

Two masked men, one dressed in a khaki shirt and blue trousers, the other in dark clothing, armed with handguns, entered the business and demanded cash.

The culprits robbed the establishment of an undisclosed amount of cash and fled the

area, driving east on Arundel Street in a green four-door Honda Accord L/P 114250.

On Saturday at 9 am police received information of an armed robbery at Fire Trail Road.

Police discovered that a woman walking on Fire Trail Road was approached by two men, one of whom was armed with a handgun.

The culprits robbed her of her handbag containing an undetermined amount of cash, personal effects, and jewellery and fled the area in an unknown direction.

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LOCAL NEWS

**EMPLOYEES RECEIVE CERTIFICATION ON COMPLETING THREE-DAY AVIATION WEATHER TRAINING COURSE**

Employees of the Business Units of Hutchison Port Holdings received certification this week on completing an Aviation Weather Training Course offered by the Grand Bahama Airport Company.

Twenty-four employees from Freeport Container Port and Grand Bahama Airport Company (GBAC) completed the three-day training course that covered all areas of routine meteorological conditions and cases of special updates to current conditions when warranted.

Gary Gilbert, CEO of HPH Business Units expressed the company's wish to ensure the smooth operations of its weather facilities through confidence in the staff during weather conditions.

The course instructor was Godfrey Burnside, Chief Meteorological Officer for The Bahamas, who noted that the course covered both theory and practice and gave participants a hands on approach to understanding weather temperatures, visibility, past/current weather conditions, cloud structure – amount, type, and height,



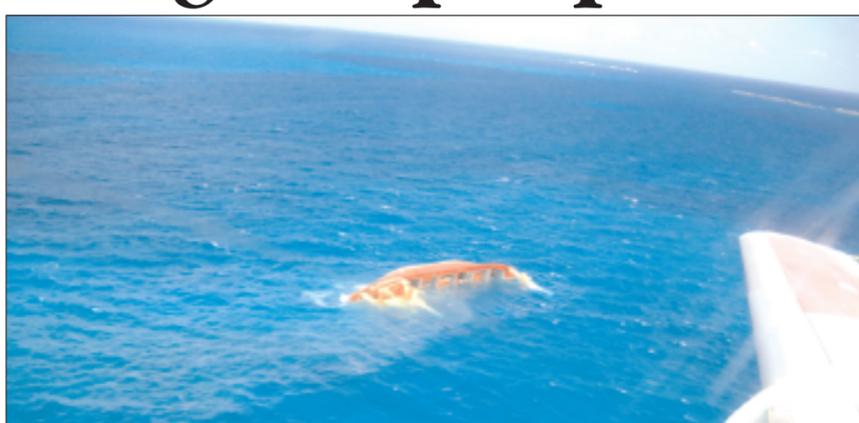
**RECOGNITION:** Gary Gilbert, CEO of Hutchison Port Holdings, presents Bronell Dagama, Air traffic controller with a certificate recognizing her successful completion of the Aviation Weather Training Course offered by the Grand Bahama Airport Company. Pictured left to right are CEO, Gary Gilbert; Ms Dagama; Director Human Resources, Ms. Malvese Capron, and Director, Grand Bahama Airport Company, Phil Carey.

altimetry and other remarks in plain language. It was carried out hourly for the safety of aircraft landings and takeoffs.

GBAC Director, Phil Carey added that the course was a

refresher for the controllers and staff of the tower as they are now better prepared to access weather situations visually in the event there is equipment outage.

**Ten saved after 206ft cargo ship capsizes**



US Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Steve Hirsch  
**IN PIECES:** The motor vessel Mystic capsized by Cay Sal Bank, Bahamas, Thursday.

KEY WEST, Fla. – The Coast Guard saved 10 lives when a 206-foot cargo ship capsized and broke into pieces near Damas Cay in the Cay Sal Bank Thursday morning.

Coast Guard search-and-rescue coordinators in Key West received a mayday call at 2.08 p.m. Wednesday from the motor vessel Mystic, a 206-foot cargo ship with 10 persons aboard. The Mystic passed a position, but no nature of distress was given and the vessel was unable to hear any response from Coast Guard rescue operators.

The Coast Guard responded immediately by diverting the Coast Guard Cutter Nantucket, a 110-foot coastal patrol boat homeported in St. Petersburg, Fla., and a Coast Guard HC-130 Hercules patrolling in the

area that proceeded immediately to the position passed by the Mystic. The HC-130 arrived on scene at 2.19 p.m. and established communications with the vessel, discerning that the Mystic, while transiting from Miami to Haiti, apparently struck a submerged object and was taking on water.

Crew members had been attempting to dewater the vessel using a pump aboard, but were unable to control the rate of flow. The HC-130 successfully dropped another pump to the vessel and they commenced dewatering with the second pump. The dewatering efforts appeared to maintain the rate of flow, but was unable to make headway in overcoming the flooding.

The Nantucket crew arrived with the Mystic at 4.06 p.m. but

was unable to launch their small boat or approach nearer than one nautical mile to the vessel due to the proximity of rocks and weather conditions that included 8 to 10 foot seas and more than 30 mile-per-hour winds.

At approximately 6.23 p.m. the Mystic was able to weigh anchor and shift around to the western side of the cay, where the seas were reported at four feet and Nantucket's crew could be in a better position to respond if needed. The Mystic reported that flow rate appeared to be controlled, and the crew would remain aboard the vessel until no longer safe to do so. The crew of the Nantucket established an hourly communications schedule with the vessel, and the situation appeared to be stabilized.

Coast Guard Sector Key West watchstanders received notification at 3 a.m. that the Mystic was in danger of capsizing, and the 10-member crew of the vessel was making preparations to abandon ship. At 4 a.m. the 10 crew members of the Mystic abandoned ship into two liferafts.

A Coast Guard helicopter aircrew that had pre-staged in Marathon through the night launched and arrived on scene with the Mystic at 4.10 a.m. and Nantucket launched its small boat to effect a coordinated response. At 4.30 a.m. the Nantucket small boat crew recovered four of the individuals in liferafts and the rescue helicopter crew deployed their rescue swimmer who assisted in hoisting the remaining six people and one dog onto the helicopter.

The rescue helicopter airlifted the six people and a dog to Key West International Airport, and the other four to Coast Guard Station Key West.

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# Prayer service honours Cuban teacher killed in road accident

## Wooden cross erected for Alexis Degournay Loynaz

A SPECIAL prayer service was held in honour of Mr. Alexis Degournay Loynaz, the Cuban teacher who died in a vehicle accident in Andros last week. The service was held on Friday, October 8, at the spot that the accident occurred.

In the course of the prayer service, a wooden cross was erected in his honour.

The Rev Father Jude Edomwonyi, Priest-in-Charge of Saint Margaret's Anglican Parish in Nicoll's Town, North Andros, officiated at the service.

During the service, Father Jude Edomwonyi prayed for the repose of the soul of Mr. Alexis Degournay Loynaz.

### Family

A special prayer was also said for the family of Mr. Loynaz in Cuba and for the members of staff and students of North Andros High School. Attending the prayer service was Ms. Terrece Curry, Principal of North Andros High School, teaching staff, non-teaching staff and some students of North Andros High School.

As an integral part of the service a special prayer was said at the home room of Mr. Alexis Loynaz at the North Andros High School.



**BLESSING:** The Rev Father Jude Edomwonyi, Priest-in-Charge of Saint Margaret's Anglican Parish in Nicoll's Town, North Andros blessing the wooden cross erected in honour of Alexis Degournay Loynaz.



**THE CROSS** erected in honour of Alexis Degournay Loynaz.



**PAYING RESPECTS:** The Rev Father Jude Edomwonyi and members of staff of North Andros High School during the prayer service.

### Scripture Thought JAMES 1: 12-18

- 12 Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.
- 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.
- 14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.
- 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.
- 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.
- 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.
- 18 Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

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**PRAYER:** The Rev Father Jude Edomwonyi saying a special prayer in the homeroom of Mr. Alexis Loynaz at North Andros High School.



**THE PRINCIPAL** of North Andros High School, Ms. Terrece Curry, and the Rev Father Jude Edomwonyi, Priest-in-Charge of Saint Margaret's Anglican Parish, North Andros.

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LOCAL NEWS

# Govt presents Bill to amend the Bahamas National Trust Act 2010



(BIS Photo/Gena Gibbs)

**AT PEACE:** This Buddha statue sits peacefully in the Pergola Lawn of the BNT headquarters on Village Road as a visual reminder to visitors of the tranquil but spiritual reverence associated with respecting the environment and natural resources.

Eco-tourism promotion and new conservation legislation will empower the Bahamas National Trust with the necessary resources to sustain the country's natural resources.

On October 6 Environment Minister Earl Deveaux tabled a proposed bill in Parliament to amend the current Bahamas National Trust Act.

"We want to create an awareness of what the Bahamas National Trust does. But also, we want to create an awareness of what these protected areas do and why they are important economically and recreationally," said Minister Deveaux.

"National parks make a huge economic contribution to our country. Every Bahamian who enjoys crabs or conch, associates them with the bush and sea grass. This 'protected bush' yields an abundance of nature. Many, especially fly fishermen, commercial fishermen, and hunters, that appreciate the value of ecotourism, know that The Bahamas and the Bahamian way of life are inextricably linked to the environment."

The new Bill will update the responsibilities of the National Trust and increase its accomplishments over the last 50 years. It will establish at least five new no-take Marine Reserves to the current network that takes up 20 per cent of The Bahamas. These new Reserves will create sustainable fishery resources and will be regulated through the Department of Marine Resources and the Bahamas National Trust.

They will be managed in six different protected area categories such as a Strict Nature Reserve for science research in Union Creek, a Wilderness Area for wilderness protection in Abaco and Andros, a National Park for ecotourism protection and recreation in the Exuma Cays, a Natural Monument for conservation of specific natural



(BIS Photo/ Gena Gibbs)

**SIGN OF PROGRESS:** The Bahamas National Trust Act was established in 1959 and has recently celebrated a half century as a non-governmental, non-profit organisation. It is charged with the development and management of National Parks in The Bahamas. The BNT has played a tremendous role in helping to raise public awareness about the need to preserve local species of flora, fauna, and terrestrial life for future generations

features in Acklins, a Habitat/Species Management Area for conservation through management intervention in Land Crab Park, a Protected Landscape/Seascape area for conservation and recreation, and a Managed Resource Protected Area for the sustainable use of natural ecosystems in Blue Hole Park. "Targets of greatest importance to the national economy, including groundwater resources, beaches, mangroves, spawning aggregations of economically important fish species, and coral reefs, have the greatest threat from exploitation unless they receive legal protection," said Dr. Deveaux.

"Fortunately, in the context of The Bahamas, the majority of these sensitive targets remain in areas that are relatively untouched by development and human impact."

The Bahamas National Trust finalised a list of requested amendments, incorporated in the Bahamas National Trust (Amendment) Act, 2010, which was confirmed by Council Resolution on March 26, 2010. The requested amendments include a subsection in Section 4 that strengthens BNT's overall duties and the organisation's responsibilities to protecting the natural resources. It will also clarify the ambiguous language to confirm BNT as a government and private advisor on development, conservation, and biodiversity issues, as well as their policies.

BNT will add a Section to the Act to allow them to clarify, diversify, and add membership categories to its current register. Another Section will allow annual subscription fees to be applied in flexible yearly payments according to the month of joining the BNT membership register.

Other areas affected by the amendments are the procedures of general meetings and BNT election processes, changes to the establishment of the Council, the appointing of special advisors, the code of conduct for council members, and the execution of contracts for goods and services.

BNT also wants the government to clarify the legal power to appoint the Registered Office of the BNT Council, as well as constabulary, to give wardens and volunteers the power and protection of constables for justice administration.

They seek to apply special privileges to protect BNT lands from encroachment and squatting, loss of heritage, as well as amend tax exemptions to BNT lands. The new Act calls for accounting procedure changes to free auditors from having to put a financial value on public lands that cannot be sold and held in perpetual trust for the Bahamian people.

## PROSPECTUS

### THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS BAHAMAS REGISTERED STOCK 2015, 2017, 2019 AND 2030 ISSUE OF B\$100,000, 000.00

Issued under The Bahamas Registered Stock Act, and authorized by Resolutions of the House of Assembly, 10th June, 2010.

Applications will be received by The Banking Department beginning at 9:30 am on 8th October, 2010 and will close at 3:00pm on 15th October, 2010. Allocations will commence at 9:30 a.m. on 18th October, 2010 and will cease at 3:00p.m. on 19th October, 2010.

If the total subscriptions exceed the sum of B\$100,000,000.00 (Nominal) partial allotment will be made to subscribers, and a proportionate refund will be made as soon as possible after allotment. No interest will be paid on amounts so refunded.

**The date of this Prospectus is October 7, 2010**

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| Rate of Interest       | Name of Stock                 | Amount B\$            | Issue Price B\$ |
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| 1/48% Above Prime Rate | Bahamas Registered Stock 2017 | 20,000,000.00         | 100.00          |
| 1/24% Above Prime Rate | Bahamas Registered Stock 2019 | 20,000,000.00         | 100.00          |
| 5/32% Above Prime Rate | Bahamas Registered Stock 2030 | 30,000,000.00         | 100.00          |
|                        |                               | <b>100,000,000.00</b> |                 |

The Stock shall be repaid on 19th October, in the year appearing in the name of the Stock.

#### INTEREST

The Stock will bear interest from 19th October, 2010, at the rate shown against the name of the Stock as the percent per annum over the Prime Rate (i.e. the prime commercial interest rate from time to time fixed by the Clearing banks carrying on business in the Island of New Providence in The Bahamas. If there shall be any difference between them, then that which is fixed by Royal Bank of Canada). Interest shall be payable half-yearly commencing on 19th April, 2011 and thereafter on 19th October and 19th April in every year until the Stock is repaid.

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The principal monies and interest represented by the Stock are charged upon and payable out of the Consolidated Fund and assets of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

**Issue of Stock** The Stock will be issued by the Registrar (The Central Bank of The Bahamas). Applications will be received by The Banking Department beginning at 9:30 am on 8th October, 2010 and **will close at 3:00 pm on 15th October, 2010**. Allocations will commence at 9:30 a.m. on 18th October 2010 and will cease at 3:00p.m. on 19th October, 2010. All envelopes enclosing applications should be labelled "Application For Bahamas Government Registered Stocks".

**Units** The Stock will be in units of B\$100.00.

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#### PUBLIC DEBT

Provisional estimates from the unaudited accounts as at June 30, 2010 show the Public Debt of The Bahamas to be B\$3,957,307,000.\*

#### GOVERNMENT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

The following information is extracted from the unaudited accounts of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

|   | FY2008/2009**<br>BS | FY2009/2010**<br>BS              | FY2010/2011**<br>BS              |
|---|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Revenue   | 1,324,218,000       | Approved Budget<br>1,400,046,000 | Approved Budget<br>1,517,159,000 |
| Recurrent Expenditure (excluding Repayment of Public Debt)  | 1,422,674,000       | 1,430,454,000                    | 1,467,170,000                    |
| Capital Development Expenditure (excluding loans contributions and advances to public corporations) | 139,777,000         | 208,850,000                      | 227,579,000                      |

\*\* Provisional estimates from the unaudited accounts.

\* The Public Debt amount is inclusive of The Public Corporations contingent liability which as at June 30, 2010 totalled B\$564,465,000.

#### THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS BAHAMAS REGISTERED STOCK 2015, 2017, 2019 AND 2030

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LOCAL NEWS

# Minister lauds the progress of 'Viva Rake'n'Scrape Paris' project

AS the musicians and performers end their week of involving themselves in Rake'n'Scrape on Cat Island this month, Youth, Sports and Culture Minister Charles Maynard applauded the partnership and exchanges of expertise that will culminate with a Paris performance of the Bahamian musical art form.



(Photo: Patrick Rouchon)

**DUMFRIES, CAT ISLAND** – Paris-based Bahamian singer and entertainer Diane Hamilton poses with the award-winning Cat Island rake'n'scrape group Ophie and the Webbsites at the Turning Point, in Dumfries, Cat Island, this month, during rehearsals for the "Viva Rake'n'Scrape Paris Project". The project is a partnership of the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture, the Ministry of Tourism and corporate sponsors, and entails Ms. Hamilton bringing French stakeholders to Cat Island to learn about the "birthplace of rake'n'scrape" and rehearse in anticipation of taking the collaborated groups to Paris for a marquee performance in November.

have been treated and welcomed," she added. "When we were there, in the 'birthplace' of the music, I suddenly realised that that was the best idea that we could possibly come up with."

"I know something about Bahamian music; but I would know more about the singer/songwriters like Phil Stubbs," said French photographer and visual producer Patrick Rouchon. "I was amazed by the energy and the natural aspects of this music."

Ms. Hamilton, whose recent album is entitled "A Bahamian in Paris", also featured a collaboration with Bahamian recording artist Ancient Man, said she could not thank Ms. McKay, the Ministry and other stakeholders enough for the part they played in the project.

"I feel that it is important for people out there to know who we are and that we have a culture and that we have people who have given us a legacy that is worth sharing and protecting," Ms. Hamilton said.

Minister Maynard said that for a festival like the one in Paris, rake'n'scrape is one of the best ways to introduce people to Bahamian musical expression.

"It is very unique ... it is

one of the most natural forms of music that exists in the world, using instruments that are not necessarily musical instruments and creating wonderful music," Minister Maynard said. "I think that that is really going to capture the imagination of the people who attend the festival."

"And, of course, with tourism being our number one industry, what better way to promote The Bahamas than to show how rich our culture is," he said.

"When we take what we are to the rest of the world, it says to them that 'Hey, here is a country that has a unique something to offer,'" Director of Culture Dr. Linda Moxey Brown said. "We are that country that has more than that uniqueness."

"We are proud of who we are as a Bahamian and it is always good to showcase that part of us," she added.

Minister Maynard reiterated his Ministry's support of such exchanges and related the various projects that it assisted over the past three years, carrying Bahamian cultural expressions, such as Junkanoo, rake-'n'-scrape and visual arts to the United Kingdom.

However, Minister Maynard said that this project is

carrying the rake'n' scrape style of music to Paris and, at the same time, is taking the exchanges into "another dimension" by bringing part of it to Cat Island and then back to Europe.

"It makes it even more special," he said. "We are going to highlight some of our cultural giants in Cat Island, as part of this whole exchange."

"This whole idea of cultural exchange, which has been a three-year journey, has, in my opinion, really exploded into a real exchange of cultures in terms of rake-n-scrape being integrally placed in a very prestigious festival in Paris and we know that this is going to bring many opportunities

not only for our artists, but also in terms of the promotion of The Bahamas and Bahamian culture worldwide."

Project Manager for the initiative Ms. McKay said that working on such projects is "living out a dream" for her, being able to take another Bahamian art form to such a vibrant city as Paris and showcase what the Bahamas has to offer the world.

She added that while Ms. Hamilton's team was in Cat Island, they had a chance to immerse themselves in the dances, history and even the rhyming spirituals that are a part of the island's heritage.

"The people of Cat Island

are very receptive to this particular project," Ms. McKay said. "It allows us to really develop our Family Island festivals."

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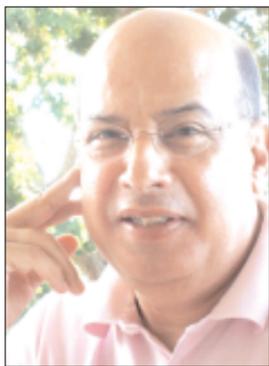
# India proves itself despite prejudices

By SIR RONALD SANDERS

(The writer is a consultant and former Caribbean diplomat)

**E**NFORCED bed rest occasioned by surgery for an inguinal hernia provided me the rare opportunity to watch four continuous days of the BBC's coverage of the Commonwealth Games in India beginning with the enthralling opening ceremony that featured a colourful portrayal of Indian culture.

Just a few days before the opening, Western media – and especially the media in Australia – cast serious doubt on whether the games would be held at all. Every incident, however minor, was headlined as an indication of catastrophe. The Australian media was



SIR RONALD SANDERS

quickly followed in this frenzy by sections of the British and Canadian media, often with the question rather than the answer becoming the headline.

Thus, a negative question put to the Chairman of the

## insight

### WORLD VIEW

Commonwealth Games Federation, Mike Fennell, by a BBC interviewer became the story's headline with no regard for the answer which completely dismissed the question.

Further, after reports that the Athletic Village was uninhabitable and unhygienic, sections of the media again and again asked athletes if they were dissatisfied with conditions. Very positive answers that the conditions were fine and that the athletes were perfectly satisfied did not stop the question from being repeatedly asked.

The Western media were also parsimonious in their acknowledgment of the scale of the spectacle and entertainment success of the opening ceremony.

### Damaged

Rather, they seized upon the news that a section of the track and field circuit had been damaged during the ceremony.

In their view, this meant the cancellation of the track and field events and a complete waste of the years of training that the athletes had invested. No one ate humble pie when, 15 hours later, the Indian organisers had the track ready for the events to be held, although a few reporters did express astonishment at the Indian accomplishment.

Well what accounts for the attitude of the Western media toward these games in India? Janet Street-Porter, a columnist for the British *Independent* on *Sunday* newspaper, reckons that "the stories of doom and gloom in our press and much of the whingeing is just racism under another name."

Mike Hume, who writes for *The Australian*, attributed the media attitude (and, if truth be told, the attitude of many others in the West) to the rise of India, alongside China as two super-power economies well on their way to dwarfing many of the countries from which the unfavourable media coverage came. As he put it: "It is against that background that so many appear to have seized upon the chance offered by the problems in Delhi to tut-tut about the natives once more, recycling old prejudices in the new language of health, safety, anti-terrorism and the environment."

He continued: "There are echoes here of the way many in the West sought to turn China-bashing into a new sport at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. They used those Games as a podium to try to take the world's new economic super-power down a peg or two by lecturing the Chinese over pollution, population, human rights and much else. Now the Western cynics have turned their attention to Delhi 2010."

Hume also points out that: "There seems little doubt that the preparations in Delhi have been marred by a familiar combination of political infighting, incompetence and corruption. This is the sort of thing that tends to accompany the construction of almost all the great white elephants of sporting stadiums.

Even the London 2012 Olympic Games, the facilities

for which are now being held up as an example of how to get things done the right way, have magically trebled in price to well over \$15bn since before construction began. In a developing nation, these problems are always likely to be more exaggerated and exposed."

The Western media has also used the opportunity to question whether the Commonwealth Games are worth anything. As many of them have written-off the Commonwealth as a relic of the British Empire, so too have they attempted to rubbish the Commonwealth Games.

Thankfully, their view is not shared in the Commonwealth, not even by the authorities in their own countries. Hence, the 71 countries and territories of the Commonwealth sent teams of varying sizes to the games, and by all accounts – and their own statements – the athletes are enjoying the games. The only unpleasantness occurred in the women's 100 metre final when a protest by England led to the disqualification of the Australian winner.

Lying in bed, coping with the pain of recent surgery and conscious of my immobility, I developed a deeper respect for the training, sacrifice and hard work of all the athletes who competed in the games – and I knew the Commonwealth Games continue to be very

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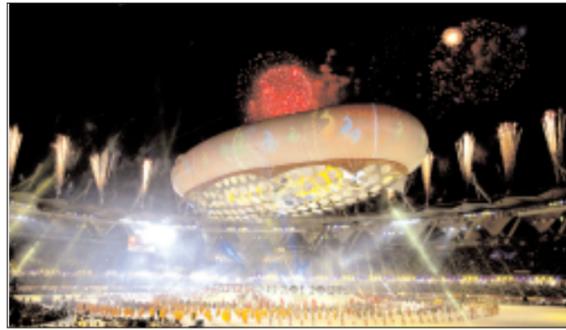
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# India proves itself despite prejudices



**SPECTACULAR:** A general view during the opening ceremony for the 19th Commonwealth Games at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi, India, Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010. (AP Photo/Kevin Frayer)

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valuable. The games have given these young people an opportunity to showcase their skills and to expand their capacity through competition at world standard. They have all tested themselves and are better for it.

**Brilliant**

As I write this commentary immobile in bed with my lap top on my chest, Caribbean countries have won 5 medals, one of them silver by 31-year old, Natasha Mayers, from St Vincent and another a brilliant gold by Lerone Clarke of Jamaica in the 100 metres. Trinidad and Tobago also has won two bronze medals. I am sure there will be more for these small Caribbean contingents who are in India because they place value on the experience and knowledge they gain from the Commonwealth Games.

I am greatly looking forward to the closing ceremony of the games which I suspect will be even more spectacular and vibrant than the opening ceremony.

Those who predicted the demise of the games in India even before the event started have been proven wrong. India may have to inquire into the preparations for the games at the end of it, but it has done a great job. Like China, it will continue to grow and to take a place in the world community that helps to balance at least economic power. That reality will not be affected by the kind or prejudice that has been displayed toward India's hosting of the Commonwealth Games.

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PRIME MINISTER RETURNS



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**BACK HOME:** PRIME Minister Hubert Ingraham and delegation returned to Nassau Saturday after attending the 2010 annual meeting of the IMF and World Bank in Washington, DC. Members of the delegation included State Minister for Finance Zhivago Laing, Ehurd Cunningham, Simon Wilson, director of economic planning; and Nicole Archer, acting FAS. The Prime Minister is pictured being met at the Lynden Pindling International Airport by Commissioner of Police Ellison Greenslade.

'Sloppy' work at gov't-built homes comes under fire

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such "sloppy workmanship" would never happen under its watch.

Visiting a few of the homes over the weekend, The Tribune photographed how workers were busy ripping up the foundation of a home after discovering that they had failed to put steel in the floor, which has resulted in the shifting of the walls. In another home, it was discovered that the contractor had failed to properly install the plumbing, resulting in the septic line having to be run above ground.

In each instance, the former minister said that the difference between his administration and the current one is

that they did not go around broadcasting the repairs that they had to do to homes that were incorrectly being built.

Mr Gibson: "If you check the Ministry of Housing now, there are a lot of homes that are being built that are defective. Now they aren't talking about those; they are talking about the ones we built that they have to repair. They only talk about the ones they repaired that happened on our watch. What makes this one (home pictured) so unique is this one contractor has built 15 houses for them (the government) in that area that are defective."

Mr Gibson said that he feels that the contractor in this instance, despite his poor track record, continues to get work through the Ministry of

Housing because he is allegedly very closely linked to a number of cabinet ministers.

Despite this, Mr Gibson said that he will continue to highlight all of the "nonsense" that the government does.

"And they can continue to attack me personally, I don't care. My name has been dragged through the mud so many times, this is just another instance for them. I will continue to do what I have to do to highlight their sloppy record. These dilapidated homes are being built all over this country," he said.

Repeated attempts to reach the Minister of Housing, Kenneth Russell for comment on this matter were unsuccessful until press time last night.

Arawak Homes: We have no 'policy' to demolish illegally built structures

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it affects Arawak's ability to deliver unencumbered access to other persons to whom Arawak Homes has a contractual obligation.

"This is generally a direct consequence of the structure being erected in breach of the Town Planning Approvals and Regulations.

"Arawak (Homes) implements this policy with flexibility always being guided by the human factor. No completed or occupied residence has been demolished without an order from the Court," the company's report revealed.

With the government having acquired various lots to construct the Cleveland Eneas Primary School, the Sadie Curtis Primary School and the Charles W Saunders Highway between 1995 and 1999, Arawak Homes said that it has yet to be compensated for this land.

"The government in several areas in the Pinewood Gardens Subdivision, utilized the 1926 Nassau Village Plan to pave roads and even in some instances install infrastructure. In each such instance the government took possession of the land which is legally the property of Arawak without formal acquisition.

"These roads are significantly incompatible with the approved Pinewood Gardens plan and have contributed mightily to the erection

of structures without any consistency with Town Planning Control."

The report continued: "Arawak Homes has always, and continues to welcome discussions with all persons impacted by this situation. As stated above, Arawak's policy has been to sell its interest in the land to trespassers below market value to allow them to regularize their title.

"We feel confident we can reach an amicable resolution with anyone who wishes to have one in this matter. Arawak welcomes and prefers that individuals seek independent legal advice from reputable counsel and then work with Arawak to resolve the matter. This is most prudent, in particular as the courts have already determined all of the land belongs to Arawak Homes Ltd.

"Arawak Homes welcomes communications with the government, in an attempt to bring a universal resolution to the above challenges," the report reads.

Last week, The Tribune revealed how scores of Bahamians were left without good title to their homes on a 150-acre tract of land near Pinewood Gardens after an unscrupulous group behind the name Horizon Systems, aided and abetted by unscrupulous attorneys, exploited poor, unsuspecting Bahamians for their own financial gain.

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discuss with several companies and the government of the People's Republic of China.

The Prime Minister will also meet with high level officials from Hutchison Whampoa and the Chinese Government to discuss, among other things, the future of Hutchison's hotel properties in Grand Bahama, the National Stadium and the Gateway Road Corridor.

Mr Ingraham's hectic schedule begins when he leaves the country on October 22. His proposed itinerary reads like a list of some of the most economically vital and controversial issues facing the country today.

It seems almost fitting that it is Mr Ingraham who is sitting at the helm of the nation's business while the government has to deal with the eminent completion of the National Stadium, the construction of the Gateway Road Corridor and the proposed multi-billion dollar Baha Mar project, as it was under his leadership that the Bahamas established diplomatic relations with Beijing in 1997.

The prime minister has publicly expressed concern over what he considers some of the more vexatious aspects of the Baha Mar deal.

He proposes to take advantage of his visit to China to meet with the leadership of the China State Construction Company and the China Export Import Bank to discuss "aspects of the proposed Baha Mar project construction terms which continue to be of concern" to his government.

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*Hubert Ingraham*

# Baha Mar on PM's China trip agenda

Mr Ingraham will also meet with the leaders of Hutchison Whampoa – Deputy Chairman of Hutchison Whampoa Vincent Li and Raymond Chow, head of Hutchison's Hotel Division. While all of Hutchison's operations in The Bahamas will be discussed, uppermost on his agenda will be the future of Hutchison's hotel properties in Grand Bahama.

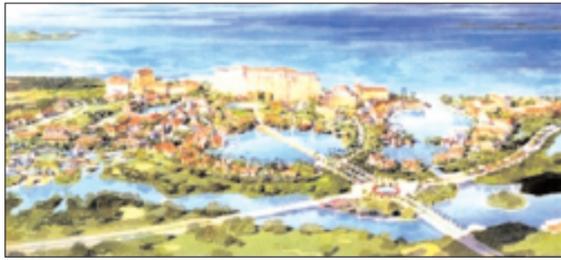
## Hotels

"As you are aware those hotels continue to operate at a loss and to be supported by direct funding from Hong Kong," the prime minister said.

When Mr Ingraham visits Beijing, he is expected to call on a number of senior officials in the Government of the People's Republic of China to discuss matters of mutual interest and concern.

These will include the National Stadium, the Gateway Road Corridor, the Bahamas' interest in training and transfer of skills connected to the engagement of significant numbers of Chinese construction experts on projects in The Bahamas; cooperation on matters arising from climate change and disaster relief initiatives, agriculture, clean energy (solar and wind) and IT, increased tourism flow and other general bilateral relations, including China-CARICOM relations. The prime minister is travelling to China this year at the invitation of the Government of China. It is an invitation that he has had to delay on at least two occasions due to pressing national matters and other scheduling conflicts.

"Originally I had proposed to visit China during the last Olympiad. Subsequently, I signalled my intention to attend the opening ceremonies of the



**AMBITIOUS PLAN:** The original rendering of the Baha Mar project.

Shanghai Expo earlier this year. As it turns out, it will be the closing ceremony of the Expo that I will attend," Mr Ingraham said.

He is also expected to meet with Chinese officials, including Chairman Wu Bangguo and Vice-Premier Hui Liangyu both of whom have visited The Bahamas recently.

On his way to China, Mr Ingraham will spend a full day

in Hong Kong where he will participate in the official opening of a new Bahamas Maritime Authority office and attend a reception, hosted by the BMA for a cross section of potential investors in The Bahamas – maritime, financial services and tourism in particular.

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## Diplomatic

"It was under my party's leadership that The Bahamas ended diplomatic relations with the Republic of China (Taiwan) and in recognition of our support for the One China policy, established diplomatic relations with Beijing in 1997," Mr Ingraham said.

Mr Ingraham acknowledged that China has been a generous friend to The Bahamas whether in response to hurricanes, in offering technical and

language training scholarships to Bahamian nationals, in gifting the National Stadium, or in supporting the Bahamas' recent efforts to overcome the challenges from the OECD regarding the country's financial services sector and the conclusion of TIEAs with OECD and G20 countries.

China has set aside the sum of \$1 billion for soft loans to Caricom countries. Of that sum, some 15 per cent, i.e. \$150 million, has been earmarked for lending to The Bahamas.

Mr Ingraham said that the extent to which the Bahamas might identify other suitable projects that fall within the quota set for The Bahamas, will be determined at a later date. The House of Assembly recently approved a resolution for the government to borrow nearly \$58 million from the China Export-Import Bank to construct a four-lane airport highway. The project will mean the grant of 200 work permits for Chinese labourers, but also a very low interest rate for the loan. "The Bahamas very much appreciates that in an international environment where soft or concessional loans for infrastructure development is increasingly scarce for middle income countries like the Bahamas, the willingness of the Chinese Government to extend such low interest loans to us," the prime minister said.

This will be Mr Ingraham's second visit to the People's Republic of China. Mr Ingraham first visited China in 2000.

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**MRS. JANICE MAUDIE  
MARSHALL née RUSSELL,  
aged, 61**

of Marsh Harbour, Abaco, The Bahamas and formerly of Nassau, The Bahamas, passed away at her home in Marsh Harbour on Friday, 8th October, 2010.



Mrs. Marshall was predeceased by her parents, Pratt and Maudie Russell.

She is survived by her husband, Rowland F. Marshall, II; her daughter, Carmen Roberts; her son, Rowland F. Marshall, III and his wife Claire; grandchildren, Mikayla and Kelsey Marshall and Kaylee and Liam Roberts and many other relatives and friends.

A Funeral Service will be held at Grace Gym, Marsh Harbour on Sunday, 17th October, at 2:00 p.m.

Pastor David Cartwright will officiate and interment will follow in the Marsh Harbour Public Cemetery.

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The NPDP formulary (list of drugs) consists of 165 prescription drugs and medical supplies for eleven chronic conditions only, namely arthritis, asthma, breast cancer, diabetes, glaucoma, high cholesterol, hypertension, ischaemic heart disease, major depression, prostate cancer and psychosis. Ask your doctor if your drug is on the formulary. If the drug you are using is not on the formulary ask your doctor if he or she can prescribe an alternative that is on the formulary. Physicians have been provided with copies of the formulary and the formulary can also be found at [www.nibdrugplan.com](http://www.nibdrugplan.com).

### ✓ All Your Conditions Have Been Certified By A Licensed Physician

Prescriptions will only be filled for conditions that have been certified by a licensed physician. For example, if you have been certified for hypertension but not for glaucoma, the participating NPDP pharmacies can only fill your prescriptions for hypertension medication but not for glaucoma medication. In order to receive medicine for glaucoma you must have your eye doctor fill out a "Change of Information" form. This form can be obtained from NIB offices, clinics, doctors' offices and the Drug Plan's website. Once the form has been filled out the beneficiary must return the form to NIB or the Drug Plan Office at Wulff Road for processing. Within 48 hours the beneficiary should be eligible to have prescriptions filled for the new condition (s). The list of approved physicians who are authorized to prescribe medicine for the National Prescription Drug Plan can also be found at [www.nibdrugplan.com](http://www.nibdrugplan.com).

### ✓ All New Conditions Have Been Certified By A Licensed Physician

If you have been diagnosed with a new condition since you originally registered for the Drug Plan and that condition is covered by the plan you must submit a "Change Of Information" form to NIB or the Drug Plan Office at Wulff Road in Nassau. This form can be obtained from NIB offices, clinics, doctors' offices and the Drug Plan's website. Once the form has been filled out the beneficiary must return the form to NIB or the Drug Plan Office for processing. Within 48 hours the beneficiary should be able eligible to have prescriptions filled for the new condition (s).

### ✓ Your Doctor's Name Is Written Clearly On Your Prescription Or Medication For Refill

The NPDP's computerized system requires a doctor's name in order to process a claim. If your prescription is being issued by a doctor at a public hospital or clinic you must ensure that the doctor has written and stamped his or her name clearly on the prescription as the system will not accept DR, PMH or the name of a clinic. All medications for refill that were previously prescribed by physicians at public hospitals and clinics must also be stamped with the prescribing physician's name.

### ✓ Your Doctor Is Authorized To Prescribe Your Medication

Certain medications can only be prescribed by specialists, for example, medications to treat breast cancer can only be prescribed by an oncologist. A prescription written by a general practitioner or a cardiologist for a drug to treat breast cancer will not be filled.

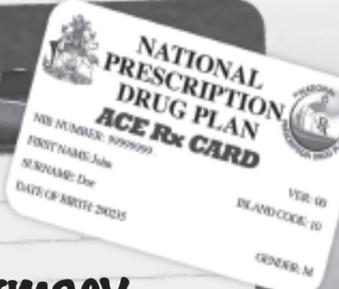
### ✓ You Are Carrying Your Ace Prescription Card With You.

Your Ace Prescription Card identifies you as a beneficiary of the National Prescription Drug Plan and will enable you to access the benefits of the Plan. ACE Prescription Cards can be collected from NIB Headquarters at the Sir Clifford Darling Complex, Blue Hill Rd. and NIB offices in Grand Bahama and The Family Islands Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

OR

### ✓ You Have Authorized A Designated Individual To Collect Medication On Your Behalf.

If you unable to personally collect your own medicine you must fill out a B6 form and return it to NIB or write a letter of authorization that identifies the person designated to collect medication on your behalf. This person should present your card and a valid photo ID when visiting a participating pharmacy to have your prescriptions filled.



## LOCAL NEWS

# Bullet-riddled body found, two men are badly injured

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in black jeans and a white t-shirt. He was pronounced dead by a local doctor.

Police have one man in custody assisting with their investigations. Many persons in the settlement say that not much is known about what happened early Saturday morning.

Gunshots were heard shortly after 2.30 am at the bar in Alice Town, where it was reported two men had been shot as a result of an argument between a group of people.

The two men were airlifted to Nassau where they are in stable condition and receiving treatment for gunshot injuries to the right upper thigh and injuries to the left shoulder and hand.

Police reportedly discovered the man's body after searching the bushes near the bar.

Up to press time yesterday, most residents in the settlement did not have a clear understanding of how many people were injured. However, although not informed, persons interviewed said they were not concerned about their own safety and some voiced disinterest in the matter, which they believed to have been an isolated incident.

One senior Biminite, who claimed to have lived on the island for more than 50 years, suggested the lack of emotional response was due to the large number of conflicting stories surrounding the incident and the belief that the man killed was not native of Bimini.

The Biminite said: "You can't get the full story on that, when there are all these different stories it's very difficult to figure out what is what. One time they say it was over some lobster, next time it was over some guy living in an abandoned hotel, I don't know, and then even if anybody knows anything, it's gonna be tightlipped."

A team of investigators from the Criminal Detective Unit were sent to the island on Saturday to assist with

the investigations.

However, the Biminite expressed his lack of confidence in law enforcement — particularly in the Family Islands.

He said: "I think the whole system is corrupt, I'm not talking about just Bimini but the entire country. Nowadays, money makes wrong right and that covers a big scope of the problem — that's no good for the Bahamas. You got a complaint, it seems like you almost waste your time going through the right methods."

The Biminite added: "When some of these officers put on these uniforms, in particular when some come out of Nassau to the Family Islands, some have girlfriends and they have to support their habits — and wrong becomes right, they need money to take care of their girlfriend."

"This is the second shooting for the year — too much for this little community. We don't really get any heavy

crime, maybe a guy might want to sell you a joint or something like that, but with the way government is imposing all these taxes this is what we are going to have to expect."

This incident is the second shooting this year on the family island, which has a population of just under 2,000 residents.

The first took place in May, when 24-year-old Clive Tomlinson, a Jamaican national, received multiple gunshot wounds to his back in Bailey Town and later died of his injuries at the local clinic.

"Back in the day, I can remember when there was only one police officer and all he had was a searchlight, but even the baddest man would call in and tell him (officer) he would meet him to the police station — not to have him come looking for him," said the Bimini resident.

"One police officer with a searchlight, but today no, that ain't gonna happen."

## THREE-YEAR-OLD HURT IN SHOOTING

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old toddler had been shot in his right leg.

The toddler was taken in a private vehicle to hospital where he was treated and discharged. Up to press time the police were uncertain as to how or why the child was shot.

The second shooting occurred sometime around 4 pm on Sunday.

Police received information of a shooting at Boyd and Farrington Roads. Police responded and discovered that two men got into an argument, resulting in one of them — a 27 year old — being shot in his upper thigh.

The victim was taken to hospital in a private vehicle. He was detained and is in stable condition. No one has been taken into custody. The final shooting occurred sometime around 11 pm on Sunday.

Police received information of a shooting at Lady Slipper Avenue, Gardens Hill No. 2.

Two men who were outside a home on Lady Slipper Avenue were approached by three other men who were armed with handguns. It is reported that the armed men robbed the other two of an undetermined amount of cash then fired shots at them. The two victims were taken to hospital by ambulance.

## Minister lauds the progress of 'Viva Rake'n'Scrape Paris' project

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"It boosts cultural tourism for The Bahamas. It boosts domestic tourism for the people of Cat Island; so it is a win-win situation all around.

"All I am interested in is when people come to The Bahamas, they want to hear more rake-'n'-scrape or rhyming spirituals or want to learn more about icons like Joseph Spence," Ms. Hamilton said. "If that happens, then I would like that is all I would like to do."

Minister Maynard said that his ministry happily supported the initiative, having Ms. McKay, who is also an officer of the ministry, and who has worked all the projects for the past three years, and giving some financial contribution to make it all tangible.

"We find that in these kind of situations that once the ministry or the government is behind it, the corporate community is more willing to support as well; so we are happy to lead the way in that respect," Minister Maynard said.

CEO of Sky Bahamas Airlines Kenneth Romer said that his company was happy to be the major corporate sponsor for the event because it speaks to their corporate mandate.

"When Angelique spoke to us and spoke about assisting in preserving and promoting our own culture, it was a 'no-brainer' for our organisation," Mr. Romer said. "Many Bahamian companies are in it only for the profits; but we believe that in our company there are certain things that we must do to contribute to our national growth and development, to partner and to make as many cultural events happen."

"Thus far, I think that more than any other airline, we have partnered with and sponsored with the many cultural festivals throughout the islands of The Bahamas," Mr. Romer added. "This is just one of the many things that we are doing to support cultural things in The Bahamas. We have done so much in the past and, as a part of who we are, we will continue doing it in the times to come."

Cleophas "Ophie" Webb of the Cat Island Rake-'n'-Scrape band Ophie and Website said that they are very proud of their Cat Island heritage and are happy and honoured to take part in such an international project.

"I would like to take our culture rake-'n'-scrape to the rest of the world," Mr. Webb said. "The opportunity that is afforded me now ... I am so grateful to the Minister and Diane and Ms. McKay who are going to make



PRAISE: Charles Maynard

all this possible.

"I can assure you that the Websites is going to go over there and make The Bahamas proud because we like what we do and we know that our culture is an important part of our heritage and is something that we must be proud of and we must take it to the rest of the world," Mr. Webb added.

"People at the Festival can be assured that they will be getting a taste of something authentically Bahamian," Ms. Hamilton said. "These are skilled Bahamian musicians, musicians who grew up in this music, live this music, and many of the songs are ones that I sang when I was a child and we need Bahamians for this."

"Bahamians have a kind of aura around them and I know what it is. When you see us, you know that there is something about us that is real and that is something I cannot invent."

"As a real music fan, to be with Bahamian musicians on stage is the treat of my life," Mr. Rouchon added.

"I am happy with the decision to take the rehearsals to the 'birthplace of rake'n'scrape' so that they could be fully submerged in the culture of The Bahamas and really see what brings rake'n'scrape to life," Ms. McKay said. "And the fact that their 'studio' was the Turning Point, which is a various famous cultural landmark and venue in Cat Island where many performers were showcased."

"This is going to entice those concert-goers to want to come to The Bahamas and experience firsthand, in its natural environment, what The Bahamas is all about," Minister Maynard said. "I can imagine that Ophie and his crew will not miss the Cat Island Rake-'n'-Scrape Festival next year so that they can see thousands of French persons in Cat Island to see rake'n'scrape in its full context."

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LOCAL NEWS

# Government launches Events Management Systems software

By ERIC ROSE  
Bahamas Information Services



CHARLES MAYNARD

THE Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture, in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance's Bahamas Government on Line Office announced recently the completion of a joint project for the introduction and implementation of an Events Scheduling and Facilities Management Programme.

Charles Maynard, Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture, said the new system is intended to assist the many clients who use the various government facilities falling under the purview of his Ministry for sporting events, cultural events meetings, and recreational activities.

"EMS or Event Management System is "user-friend-

ly" software which allows users to follow simple straightforward instructions in order to electronically reserve the use of the Thomas A. Robinson Stadium, Betty Kelly-Kenning National Swim Complex, Kendal G L Isaacs Gymnasium or the field at the Blue

Hills Sporting Complex," Minister Maynard said.

## Bookings

With the use of Virtual EMS, the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture's customers, patrons, federations,

associations or other authorised users, will now be able to find and simply view facility bookings daily, weekly or monthly; or request and reserve available facilities online with a simple click of the mouse, Minister Maynard added.

"Upon completion of the

request, patrons will receive a detailed confirmation via email," he said.

Minister Maynard added that he is grateful to the Ministry of Finance for having trained a number of his Ministry's staff members in the functioning of the software.

"I am sure that it will go a long way in improving bookings of this ministry's facilities," he said.

"In fact, I am advised that the age-old problem of double bookings of facilities should fall away with the implementation of this new system."

**BEWARE OF RED FLAGS!**



## REAL ESTATE

MIKE LIGHTBOURN

By MIKE LIGHTBOURN

WHEN selling a home, two situations may occur which are red flag indicators of a lengthy sale time. Each requires the property owners' attention in cooperation with their Bahamas Real Estate Association (BREA) sales agent, and involves either the price or condition of the home.

The first involves a home that has been on the market for 60-90 days, but has been shown only once or twice. With prospects continuing to enter the real estate market, homes for sale should be attracting a number of prospects.

When buyers choose not to tour a home, the reason is often the price. Homes that are attractive, but not being shown, are often priced "above" the market. The key to increased showings, then, is to learn the market price of the home (with the help of your BREA agent, then reset the price.

The second "red flag" occurs when a home is being shown often, but neither sells nor attracts offers. The home's condition is often the culprit in this situation. Buyers learn the price, then drive by, making a judgment that it is an attractive home. Once they see the home, however, their interest evaporates.

The solution can be a critical "walk-through" by the seller's agent to identify needed repairs and cosmetic improvements. Until corrected, traffic is likely to remain high, while the chances of selling remain low. Remove these red flags and prepare for a sale!

**Tip of the Week** - Listen to your BREA agent. They will be able to walk through your home with a critical eye and pinpoint any obvious drawbacks.

■ (Mike Lightbourn is president of Coldwell Banker Lightbourn Realty).

## Briton allegedly shoots dead two Haitian men

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic

Dominican police say a British national allegedly killed two men during a dispute over a 22-year-old Haitian woman and then tried to take his own life, according to Associated Press.

Monday's police statement says Robert Hill allegedly shot two Haitian men near the popular beach resort of Punta Cana. Police say Hill then turned the gun on himself but survived.

Hill is being treated at a hospital in the capital. His medical status wasn't immediately available.

Thirty-one-year-old Henry Emmanuel and twenty-seven-year-old Junior Lorraine died of their injuries shortly after the Sunday attack.

British Embassy officials did not return calls, and it was not clear if the 29-year-old Briton has a lawyer. His hometown was not released.

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LOCAL NEWS

POPULAR INTERNATIONAL MAGAZINES ARE SET TO PUBLISH ARTICLES ON 'CELEBRITY-ENDORSED' VACATIONS TO NASSAU/PARADISE ISLAND

FIVE journalists representing OK! Weekly, ForbesLife, Destination Weddings & Honeymoons, Alo Magazine and Paper Magazine recently made a trip to Nassau/Paradise Island to experience the destination's celebrity hot spots. Their intent was to describe for thousands of readers how they could have their very own VIP vacation in The Bahamas, similar to the jet-setting trips of celebrities who frequently visit The Bahamas' tourism mecca.

# Bahamas visitors live like celebrities

After settling into rooms at Royal Towers, Atlantis, the journalists received a tour of the property from a Kerzner representative. Highlights included the aquarium, beautiful Mandara Spa, the Presidential Suite and Cain at The Cove. Excitement mounted when the group dined at Graycliff, received a tour of its amazing wine cellar and cigar rolling operation, then had a celebrity

spotting when actor Anthony Anderson (Law & Order, All About the Andersons, Transformers and The Departed) arrived for dinner.

The remainder of the trip included a visit to the Exuma Cays with High Seas, a dolphin interaction at Dolphin Cay and dinner at Dune at The One & Only Ocean Club. The group's relaxing downtime at the pool

at The Cove, Atlantis brought another celebrity sighting – Chef Bobby Flay.

The journalists' visit was coordinated through the Ministry of Tourism & Aviation's Visiting Journalists Programme, which allows writers and broadcast personalities to encounter The Bahamas and recount the experience for their audiences and readers.



FEEDING TIME: Guest journalists feed iguanas in Exuma and visit dolphins on Paradise Island as part of their celebrity-endorsed Bahamas experience.

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