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Two more straw vendors admit trafficking charges

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TWO MORE straw vendors pleaded guilty to charges of trafficking in counterfeit goods and were sentenced to time served, yesterday. They were ordered to leave the country immediately.

Attorney Elliot Sagor, who was hired by the Bahamas government to assist the vendors, said Judy Duncombe and Margaret Pierre should return home in the next 48 hours. Their court appointed attorneys Jennifer Colyer and Richard Lind could not be reached for comment.

The presiding judges in each case, Judge Thomas Griesa and Judge Castel respectively, were presented with “a strong letter written by Consul General Carl Smith on the part of the Bahamian government expressing support for a time served disposition,” said Mr Sagor.

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Ingraham to stick to guns in China

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HUBERT INGRAHAM

construction company from the first time we saw them more than a year ago that it was not possible to have that number of foreign workers on a job site and have the Bahamian content being so low. Nothing has changed. We have been telling them that for more than a year. It appears that some people don't take us seri-

During a walkabout of the multi-million dollar luxury Albany resort, Prime Minister Ingraham said that his message will not be new when he sits down with the government of China.

“We told the China state

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Govt acted 'honourably' on ZNS layoffs

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HAVING paid them more money than they were legally entitled to, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham reminded the now terminated ZNS workers that “is not a good thing for people to have.”

Fielding questions from the media yesterday, Prime Minister Ingraham said that the government had to find \$4 million to fund the 80 separation packages at the Broadcasting Corporation of the Bahamas (BCB), and an additional \$4.2 million to actually run the

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UP IN FLAMES: 50 JOBLESS AFTER BUSINESS DESTROYED



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FREEPORT – A major service and landscaping business was destroyed by fire Monday evening, leaving the owner Ted Russell devastated and some 50 employees out of work.

When firemen arrived at the scene shortly before 6pm, the Care Maintenance/DAPL Farms and Garden Centre on Grand Bahama Highway was fully engulfed in flames.

Russell and his family

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BLAZE DRAMA: Flames light up the sky as the fire tears through the service and landscaping business.

MURDER VICTIM'S SISTER TELLS OF HEARING GUNSHOT

THE sister of the country's latest murder victim told of hearing a gunshot moments before running outside their family-run convenience store to find her brother dying.

Police confirmed yesterday that the victim of Sunday's shooting was Joseph John Tynes, 39, of Fire Trial Road.

Mr Tynes, the owner of the Morning Star Convenience Store, was shot in the head by an armed robber as he sat outside his shop on Fire Trail Road, making him the 73rd murder victim

this year. Police said that Mr Tynes was sitting outside his store with another man when the gunman approached. The robber stole cash and jewellery from the pair before he shot Mr Tynes in the head and fled on foot.

His sister Agnes Tynes said yesterday that she was in the store when she heard a gunshot, and rushed outside, only to witness her brother

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BLOOD APPEAL

FAMILY and friends of Laura Albury are appealing to the public to donate blood at the Princess Margaret Hospital for a much-needed surgery.

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MINISTERIAL TOUR OF ALBANY

Ingraham sings Albany's praises



TOUR OF INSPECTION: Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham is pictured above touring the site of the new Albany development with his cabinet in tow.

CABINET ministers were given a tour of the multi-million dollar Albany project yesterday and presented with a progress report on the development.

Leading the delegation was Prime Minister Hubert Ingra-

ham, who informed the media that he is "very impressed" with Albany and what they have accomplished.

"I am obviously very impressed. Joe Lewis has done those things he promised to do. He has been in the Bahamas for quite some time. He and his partners bought the New Providence Development Company some years ago and subsequently bought this property and put forward a development plan while the previous government was in office.

completed in phases, and Mr Ingraham pointed out that it is "quite different" from the proposed Cable Beach Baha Mar development in this and other respects.

"Albany is a well funded project with deep pockets. It doesn't need to have lenders impose upon it conditions which are onerous and or burdensome, and it is able to operate and function at a time when others find it difficult to borrow money from the bank.

"So Mr Joe Lewis and those are wonderful for the Bahamas and they are doing it in digestible portions.

"It is very important for the Bahamas not to develop indigestion on any project. You must be capable of consuming it and digesting it so that it doesn't make you ill - it doesn't affect your health for the future. And this is a good example of a project that is done in a very digestible way, and it provides employment and benefits for the people of the Bahamas, the economy, and the public treasury, and we are very pleased with it," he said.

Concluded

"It was concluded since we came to office. They have provided substantial numbers of jobs, good wages, good spin-off benefits, and they will be a continuing substantial contributor to the public purse. They have facilities here that rent for as much as \$6,000 a night and we get our eight per-cent (tax) of that. So we are very impressed and very pleased with what they are doing," he said.

The Albany project is being



PRESENTATION: Albany managing partner Christopher Anand makes his presentation to Cabinet Ministers yesterday during their tour of the resort property.



PLUM REAL ESTATE: One of the main buildings in the multi-million dollar Albany project.

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PRESTON FERGUSON INQUEST

Coroner says road accident is only apparent cause of death

But magistrate adds alternative information submitted would be reviewed

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AN INQUEST into Preston Ferguson's death opened in Exuma yesterday with the coroner naming a road traffic accident as the only apparent cause of death.

However, Magistrate William Campbell said any alternative information submitted to the court would be reviewed and assessed if relevant to the 38-year-old's sudden death in August last year.

Mr Ferguson was found dead in his company truck on the Queen's Highway just south of The Forest in Great Exuma on August 2 last year.

Although police ruled the death a road traffic accident, Mr Ferguson's family believe there are gaps in the investigation.

Addressing the inquest, attorney Raphael Moxey, representing the family, said: "We believe there are some contradictions in the police file which cannot be explained. Logically, it doesn't make sense."

"Conclusions based on the circumstances surrounding it do not seem possible," he said.

Attorney Lessiah Rolle appeared before the court on behalf of "Mr and Mrs Humes", who he said are mentioned as suspects in one of the police reports.

Mr Rolle told the inquest there is "absolutely no evidence" to support this suggestion.

The coroner said that at this point in the case, judging from the police file, he could not recognise the Humes as interested parties because the evidence suggests there is only one interested party, and that is the deceased.

He said: "As I am reading the file right now it says



TRAGIC DEATH: Preston Ferguson.

the cause of death is a road traffic accident.

"I see no other persons, based on the information in the file, who may be affected in law by the verdict.

"I'm talking about credible facts that point in a certain direction, not otherwise. "This is a court of law; not a court of rumour, or whatever.

"You must come to the court with credible information, and that's no information that can identify any other interested party."

File

The Ferguson's lawyer told the court he had not seen the police file, and the family told *The Tribune* this was because they did not have sufficient time to prepare, as they only learned about the inquest by word of mouth two weeks ago.

They indicated outside court yesterday that they would submit information to the coroner for him to consider prior to the next hearing, as Mr Campbell had said: "If a member of the family or Mr Moxey has information that may throw

more light on the cause of death it should be sent to the coroner."

The Fergusons have also requested that the inquest be heard in Nassau because of the close-knit nature of the Exuma community. Five of the 14 jurors summoned to the George Town Magistrate's Court yesterday were excused from their duties as they indicated they had an interest in the case, because they have friends or relatives in the Ferguson family, the local police force, or some other connection to the case.

At the opening of the inquest, Mr Campbell told the court that the purpose of the inquest was primarily to inquire into the cause of Mr Ferguson's death.

As it is not a criminal trial, there is no accused, no defendant, and no way a jury or a coroner can pronounce guilt, the coroner said.

"In some instances, after an inquiry, we might find that someone is responsible for causing the death of the deceased, and there is enough evidence to put that person on trial," he told the court.

"It is not saying that person is guilty; it's simply saying there is sufficient evidence to put that person on trial."

Siblings

Preston Ferguson is survived by his 11 siblings and his son, Preston Ferguson Junior, 11, who now lives in Nassau with his paternal aunt and uncle, Captain and Mrs Frederick Gray.

His brother Robin Ferguson, 42, was the closest in age to the deceased and is the only sibling to have lived in Exuma with his brother.

"It has been extremely depressing for him to pick up the pieces," the family said.

"This has been the most traumatic thing to try to heal from, but we try."

The case will resume on November 22. Mr Campbell expects the venue to have been decided by the end of the month, and interested parties will be notified.

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Shock over father's suicide attempt

FAMILY and friends expressed disbelief following the suicide attempt of a 46-year-old father-of-five in the Rock Crusher Road area yesterday, although they admitted that it was not his first attempt.

According to family members, William Riley, a self-employed mechanic, was said to have been overwhelmed by his financial obligations, citing his mounting medical expenses as a diabetic.

It was also revealed that Mr Riley was separated from his wife and family.

Those interviewed at the scene said although Mr Riley often spoke of his intentions to end his life, no one believed he would do so.

That was until yesterday morning, when his friends broke into his house and found him hanging from a rope in a home at Rock Crusher Road, off Farrington Road.

The men were able to revive Mr Riley and he was taken to hospital by Emergency Medical Services for further observation.

Police investigations into the matter are continuing.

Plea for public help over police station break-in

POLICE are urging members of a Family Island community to come forward with information regarding last week's break-in at a police station in Great Exuma.

The brazen robbers smashed through the front door of the George Town police station and made off with more than \$10,000 some time between midnight and 9am last Wednesday, it has been reported.

Police have launched an intense investigation into the incident, which marks the fifth

attack on a government building in less than five months.

However, senior officers say they are without leads at this time.

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Cybersecurity may win despite UK's cuts

LONDON — Britain unveils a package of spending cuts this week — the harshest since World War II — but counterterrorism and cyber attack prevention were among areas expected to get funding boosts.

Terrorism and cyber warfare have been identified as the two most serious threats facing Britain, and a higher priority than preparing for another international military conflict, according to Britain's national security strategy — a detailed plan that spelled out the country's security priorities Monday.

The announcement came just days after the head of Britain's eavesdropping agency, GCHQ, warned of the threat that cyber attacks pose to the country's computer infrastructure. Iain Lobban said 20,000 malicious e-mails had been detected on government networks each month, and significant disruption had already been caused by electronic worms. Preventing another attack like the 2005 suicide bombings that killed 52 London commuters was also a top priority. U.S. and British intelligence officials say a credible European terror plot is still active and being monitored.

"While military spending on big ticket items like jets and tanks will probably be decreased, it is true that we will likely see spending hikes in cyber attack and terror prevention," said a British government official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was familiar with the spending cuts but was not authorised to speak to the media. Monday's strategy set the scene for Tuesday's Strategic Defence and Security Review, which will detail areas to be sacrificed to achieve the 7 per cent to 8 per cent savings demanded by Britain's treasury.

Overall spending cuts will be announced Wednesday where government ministries are likely to see their budgets reduced by up to 25 per cent over four years — far more than any other British administration since World War II has attempted, even under former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Prime Minister David Cameron said he spoke by telephone to President Barack Obama on Monday, assuring him that Britain remains committed to meeting its responsibilities in NATO. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton expressed concern last week about the impact of British budget cuts on NATO, amid fears that reduced military spending would affect London's relationship with Washington. Cameron told Obama the U.K. would remain a "first rate military power and a robust ally of the United States," his office said.

Home Office Secretary Theresa May said Monday efficiencies were possible without sacrificing security.

Another British official who was also aware of the cuts but spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of his job, said staff reorganisation had already provided some savings.

Britain's cuts have raised questions of how it will be seen on the world stage, and more

specifically what it means to its participation in the NATO-led military operations in such places as Afghanistan.

Funding was also expected to be increased for mobile military units that have intelligence gathering capabilities and units within Britain where surveillance techniques have thwarted past terror plots.

"We have every reason to believe that ... that there might actually be an increase in funding for cyber protection and all of the necessary anti-terrorism resources," said Louis Susman, U.S. ambassador to Britain.

Cameron and Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg — in a joint introduction to the strategy — said Britain needed a "radical transformation" in its organisation of national security.

"This strategy is about gearing Britain up for this new age of uncertainty — weighing up the threats we face and preparing to deal with them," they said.

Treasury chief George Osborne will announce details of more than £80 billion (\$128 billion) in cuts he says are necessary to rein in Britain's £156-billion deficit and reduce its huge debt. Daniel Benjamin, the U.S. counterterrorism coordinator, said such cuts were the reality of the times. "We're all living in a period of great austerity — my own department at home is faced with the threat of significant budget cuts," Benjamin said.

"But we have great understanding of what all of our partners are going through in order to get our financial houses in order, and we have a high degree of confidence that we have learned a lot and that our cooperation — as the military would say — is a 'force multiplier' and that there are efficiencies that can be found."

Other major threats listed by the review included a large scale accident or natural hazard such as pandemic flu and an international military crisis that could involve the U.K. and its allies. Lesser possible threats included the threat another state will use weapons of mass destruction or that there would be a severe disruption to information received or transmitted by satellites. A conventional military attack on the UK is rated only as a "tier three" priority.

Other risks include an attack on a NATO or European Union member or an overseas territory. The disruption of food or mineral supplies is also listed as a risk.

Britain's Foreign Secretary William Hague said Sunday the country would remain a formidable player within the NATO alliance, maintaining an independent nuclear deterrent, strong intelligence agencies and deployable military forces.

"We will make sure this country is properly defended, that we continue to have an independent nuclear deterrent, formidable intelligence agencies, highly deployable armed forces so we will remain a global player," Hague told Sky News.

(This article was written by Paisley Dodds, Associated Press Writer).

Greed has no class or colour

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I am relieved that the Prime Minister has finally addressed, even though very little, about the possibility of smuggling and other irregular activities at Potters Cay.

The slackness that exists everywhere else, including many docks has been happening since time immemorial.

But we all know that Mr Ingraham is only scratching the surface.

The biggest joke is that there is public opinion that many illegal things to be concerned about walk right through the airport, while Custom's Officers watch.

Now I would love to mention what has been a suspicion for decades.

While I am positive this does not apply to all residents, there are several gat-

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ed communities that have canals, where residents can bring their boats right up to their backdoors. We are all "nincompoops" if we believe that illegal activities are not happening behind the gates of some of these communities.

The rational is that drugs still flow like water and every young man on the streets of Nassau has a gun. We all know that the police are either afraid of the backlash or do not have the will to go behind these gates and investigate.

I daresay, the people who we think are so honest and so much above board are just people, just like all of us.

The strange thing about illegal activities is that not everyone can keep the secrets.

Pillow talk can cause the rest of information to spill.

I strongly suggest that the police direct their energies and attention to these gated neighbourhoods and maybe there is some luck there.

A demented mind is not unique only to the regular native Bahamian.

Highly profitable illegal activities are attractive to all. There are countless examples where the most sophisticated have run afoul of the law.

Greed has no class or colour.

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Nassau,
October 12, 2010.

All Government workers need to be held accountable for their actions

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Today, Wednesday, October 13, 2010, I watched ZNS Evening News and the staff at BCB covered their own affairs like nothing I have seen covered by ZNS before. I wonder if the reporting staff had given this much coverage to other important stories going on in the country, would they be in this predicament?

I also saw that the Union was up front and centre (representing) the people. What has happened to the dues collected from the BCB staff over the years, if government's severance package is not good enough, why does the Union not compensate their members with that money collected?

Surely they have collected more than enough funds to do so. The Union even went to the extreme of causing staff to break the law regarding their contracts by allowing the staff to leave their jobs and march downtown to the Cabinet Office to see Tommy Turnquest.

The staff at ZNS has more training than a college can offer and the staff should use the experience gained to get together to open their own production companies to produce commercials, programmes, etc.

But the staff knows exactly who they work with, so that won't happen.

The people of the Bahamas have been far too long suffering from the numerous Government workers who just show up to work to get paid instead of doing the jobs they are hired to do. All Government workers need to be held accountable for their actions instead of treating Bahamians like they are doing the general public a favour for when it comes to the service they provide.

We, the Bahamian Public, will always have this burden to carry as long as the Ministers in charge of the Government departments refuse to make their staff accountable for their actions and ensure that the public gets value for their money.

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LOCAL NEWS

Boat captain fined \$50,000 over fisheries law violations

Eduardo Diaz and 28 crew members admit offences

By NATARIO McKENZIE
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A DOMINICAN boat captain was fined \$50,000 after he and 28 crew members pleaded guilty to fisheries law violations.

Eduardo Diaz, 50, and his 28 crew members were arraigned before Deputy Chief Magistrate Carolita Bethel yesterday, charged with engaging in foreign fishing, two counts of possession of prohibited apparatus, possession of undersized crawfish and possession of undersized grouper.

According to court dockets, on Monday October 11 the men were found fishing in Bahamian waters onboard the vessel "Adrian I."

The vessel was intercepted by a United States Coast Guard Cutter in the Columbus Bank, east of Ragged island.

The men were reportedly found in possession of nine air compressors, nine spear guns, a quantity of undersized crawfish as well as a 1,600 pounds of grouper weighing less than three pounds each.

The men, who were aided by an interpreter, all pleaded guilty to the charges.

Magistrate Bethel took into consideration the fact that they had not wasted the court's time.

Diaz was ordered to pay the fine or serve a year in prison, and ordered that his crew members be deported.

The magistrate also ordered that the vessel as well as the fish and apparatus be confiscated.



A DEFENCE FORCE OFFICER pictured with fishermen after the arrests.



INSPECTING the prohibited fishing gear.

Scripture Thought

LUKE 18:18-23

Jesus Consels The Rich Young Ruler

18 Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

19 So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.

20 You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'"[a]

21 And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth."

22 So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

23 But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich.

Bahamas National Pride Association Launches its 1st Annual Community Paint – a – thon Drive

Bahamas National Pride officials and Paint Company owners along with community volunteers teamed up to launch its 1st annual paint – a – thon .

One of BNPA's mandates is preserving and beautifying the physical environment, and they have decided to collaborate with various community organizers and volunteers to paint and restore homes in and around the community.

The paint companies that have donated are: Sun Burst Paints & Coatings Ltd, Paint Suppliers Ltd, The Paint Depot, The Paint Place, J B R Building Supplies, Kelly's Home Centre Ltd., and Bahamas Welding & Fire.



From left to right:

First row: Mr. Olvin Rees Chairman Bahamas National Pride Association, Mr. Nelson Cates GM Paint Suppliers, Ms. Rita Thompson Kemp Road Community, Mr. Alpheus Ramsey Board Member BNPA, Ms. Judy Williams Board Member BNPA, Ms. Joanne Johnson Executive Coordinator BNPA, Mr. Anthony Capron Board Member BNPA.

Second row: Mr. Donavon Sears The Paint Depot, Ms. Christine King GM The Paint Place, Dr. Bridgette Rolle Board Member BNPA, Ms. Denise Bethel Gambier Community, Mr. Anthony Newbold Board Member BNPA.

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The Four-WAY Test



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CANONIZED: The tapestry of Saint Mary of the Cross McKillop, of Australia, is displayed on the on the facade of St. Peter's Basilica.

By NICOLE WINFIELD
 Associated Press Writer
 VATICAN CITY

Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed Australia's first saint, canonizing a 19th-century nun and also declaring five other saints in an open-air Mass attended by tens of thousands.

Chants of "Aussie Aussie Aussie! Oi Oi Oi!" echoed throughout St. Peter's Square on Sunday as a raucous crowd of flag-and-balloon-carrying Australians used a traditional sports cheer to celebrate the honour bestowed on their late native, Mary MacKillop. In Sydney, huge images of the nun were projected onto the sandstone pylons of the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge.

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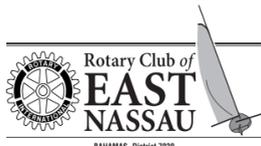
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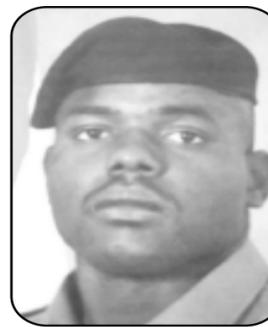
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of Haven Subdivision, Soldier Road and formerly of Port Howe, Cat Island will be held **Thursday, October 21st, 11am at Transfiguration Baptist Church, Market and Vesey Streets.** Officiating will be Rev'd Dr Stephen Thompson assisted by Rev'd Prince O Bodie.

Left to cherish his memories and carry on his dreams are his **mother**, Miriam Patricia Storr; **grandmother**, Elmeda Storr; **adopted father**, Donnie Newbold; **4 brothers**, Ricardo Ferguson, Antonio Storr, Marine Seaman Dwight Storr and Dwayne Storr; **aunts**, Coinette Bonaby, Kim McPhee, Jacqueline McPhee, Melverne Pratt, Julia Storr, Karen Storr and Yvonne Storr, Stephanie Young, Jasmine Storr and Tasha Taylor; **uncles**, Hoyte Young, Michael, Nathaniel and Gladstone Storr, Floyd McPhee and Steven Bonaby, Spencer Mackey and Yule Hoyte; **grandaunts**, Geleta Lightfoot, Dorothy Bowe, Hazel Bullard, Hortence Bowe, Bernadette Young; **granduncle**, Clinton Bowe; **nieces**, Dwanique Storr and Antonique Storr; **nephews**, Ricardo Ferguson Jr, Dwayne Storr Jr and Dwight Storr Jr; **one god daughter**, Devondra Sands; **other relatives and friends**, Doreane Cartwright, Shantor Bowe (adopted sister), Sharell and Jamall Bonaby, Pedro, Kirk, Shanique, Anthony and Shanell Young, Maxine Livingston, Adrea Williams, Serenity McPhee, Cherenzo Smith and Dremeco Dean, Godfrey, Rodney, Melissa, Collette and Lucinda Pratt, Mikella, Perez and Michelle Storr, Victoria McPhee, Allie Storr, Charles Storr and Thorian Major, Ethric Bowe, Christine Bowe-Fernander, Eardley Bowe, Inez Sturup, Cleo Bowe, Earnicus Bowe, Deone Alleyne, Alinda Bowe, Delarease Bowe, Leana Ingraham, Jason and Giana Fernander, Ruel and Neil Bowe, Marco Sweeting, Paul Rolle Jr, Jada Rolle, Kingman C Ingraham, Korynth and Korath Bowe, Skyy Bowe, Kingman R Ingraham and ASP Clayton Fernander, Drew and Rose, Barbaralynn Bullard, Joycelynn Smith, Turkessa Adderley, Philip Knowles, Julian Storr, Wellington Brown, Rev'd Garnet King and family, Rev'd Harrison King and family, Rev'd Helen McPhee and family, Dorothy Gilbert and family, Able Seaman Devon Sands, Davidson Thompson, Able Seaman David Pople, Gayland Williams, Mrs Eva Hunter and family, Christopher King and family, Rebecca Bain and family, Rev'd Henry Pratt and family, Cordell Hunter and family, James Sweeting and family, the Right Honorable Brave Davis and family, Alice Jones, Selena Lampkin, Charlene Miller, Latisha Stirrup, Christine Rolle, Leandra Cartwright, Vanessa Rolle, Renee Dean, Fredericka Rolle, George and Regina Sands, the Gilbert family of New Bight, Cat Island, the entire Royal Bahamas Defense Force family especially the Airwing Department, the entire Port Howe, Zoncile Hill and Bain Town communities of Cat Island. May his soul rest in peace.

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LOCAL NEWS

First Australian saint canonized

FROM page six

Speaking in Latin on the steps of St. Peter's Basilica, Benedict solemnly read out the names of each of the six new saints, declaring each one worthy of veneration in all the Catholic Church. Among them was Brother Andre Bessette, a Canadian brother known as a "miracle worker" and revered by millions of Canadians and Americans for healing thousands of sick who came to him.

"Let us be drawn by these shining examples, let us be guided by their teachings," Benedict said in his homily, delivered in English, French, Italian, Polish and Spanish to reflect the languages spoken by the church's newest saints.

A cheer had broken out in the crowd when MacKillop's name was announced earlier in the Mass, evidence of the significant turnout of Australians celebrating the humble nun who was excommunicated for a few months in part because her religious order exposed a paedophile priest.

Even more MacKillop admirers — an estimated 10,000 — converged Sunday at the Sydney chapel where she is buried and at Sydney's Catholic cathedral, where a wooden cross made from floorboards taken from the first school that MacKillop established was placed on the steps.

Thousands of other Australians spent Sunday evening watching live broadcasts of the Vatican ceremony on television at home or on large outdoor screens in Sydney, in Melbourne where she was born, as



(AP Photo/Pier Paolo Cito)

MEET AND GREET: Nuns greet Pope Benedict XVI at the end of a Canonization Mass in St. Peter's square at the Vatican, Oct. 17, 2010.

well as in Penola, where MacKillop established her first school. Born in 1842, MacKillop grew up in poverty as the first of eight children of Scottish immigrants. She moved to the sleepy farming town of Penola in southern Australia to become a teacher, inviting the poor and local Aborigines to attend free classes in a six-room stable.

She co-founded her order, the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, with the goal of serving the poor, the sick and the disadvantaged, particularly through education.

"She supported Aboriginal people because she believed in supporting people who were disadvantaged," said Melissa Brickell, a pilgrim from Mel-

bourne who was in St. Peter's Square for the ceremony. "She is a friend of Aboriginal people from the early days."

As a young nun in 1871, MacKillop and 47 other nuns from her order were briefly dismissed from the Roman Catholic Church in a clash with high clergy. In addition to bitter rivalries among priests, one of the catalysts for the move was that her order had exposed a paedophile priest.

Five months later, the bishop revoked his ruling from his deathbed, restoring MacKillop to her order and paving the way for her decades of work educating the poor across Australia and New Zealand.

In his homily, Benedict praised MacKillop for her "courageous and saintly example of zeal, perseverance and prayer."

"She dedicated herself as a young woman to the education of the poor in the difficult and demanding terrain of rural Australia, inspiring other women to join her in the first women's community of religious sisters of that country," Benedict said in English. MacKillop became eligible for sainthood after the Vatican approved a second miracle attributed to her intercession, that of Kathleen Evans, who was cured of lung and brain cancer in 1993.

In a statement Sunday, Evans said she was humbled by MacKillop's example, grateful for her healing and overjoyed that MacKillop will now be more widely known.

"I think she would be delighted to see so many people looking at their own lives and considering how they can live better and care more," said Evans, who brought relics of MacKillop up to the altar during the canonization Mass.

Veronica Hopson, 72, was MacKillop's first miracle, cured of leukemia in 1961. She broke half a century of silence about her case, telling Australia's Channel Seven's Sunday Night programme: "How does a miracle feel? I feel very fortunate that I was given the opportunity to live my life, have a family, have grandchildren, so that's a miracle."



COMING TOGETHER: Faithful gather in St. Peter's square at the Vatican during a Canonization Mass led by Pope Benedict XVI, on Sunday. Tens of thousands of people have packed St. Peter's Square for the canonization of Australia's first saint and five other people from different countries.

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Happy Birthday!
Love Kyla

PM: No U-turn on Baha Mar

FROM page one

ously, or alternatively think we are so desperate that we will do whatever we are asked to do. But our strength is not weakened.” Mr Ingraham added that his government was very pleased that the Import-Export Bank of China is willing to invest \$2.6 billion in the Bahamas, but stressed that the government is concerned about making sure that the maximum benefits are derived by Bahamians and the economy of the Bahamas.

Stressing this point, Mr Ingraham said that the Baha Mar project must be done in a fashion that will not threaten current projects, such as Atlantis. “We have Atlantis now. We don't want to be like the dog with a bone in its mouth, who sees its shadow in the water, and lets it go in order to pick that shadow up. We want to make sure that that next bone is capable of being developed, and operated in a way whereby they can both be successful in the context of the Bahamas. That's our interest in these projects.”

Resolute

In fact, Mr Ingraham appeared so resolute in his position that when he was asked what would happen to the Baha Mar project if the People's Republic of China likewise was unwilling to give any ground on their demands, Mr Ingraham laughed and said, “You figure that out.”

“When we are ready we will talk to Baha Mar. Baha Mar seems to be talking to us through the newspaper. Mostly through The Tribune's Business page. I saw them this morning. I watched them on Wendall Jones' show. I heard them. At one point we will talk to them,” he laughed.

Yesterday, Baha Mar announced by a press release that it had signed a letter of intent to have Hyatt Hotels Corporation to operate and manage the planned 700-room Grand Hyatt to be included as part the destination resort metropolis, Baha Mar Resort. When asked if this announcement had shifted his opinion of the resort, Mr Ingraham emphatically pronounced “not at all.”

“If you recall, when the Baha Mar deal was announced it was supposed to be a partnership with Harrahs – a major hotel casino company. Harrahs was going to put in over \$200 million in cash as its equity. All that I have read in the newspapers thus far talks about people who are going to manage a hotel.

“It is critical for there to be equity partners, owners, in the project who are in the hotel business, and who are major players in the hotel business. Not managers. Managers come a dime a dozen. We see them all the time. They are the easiest thing to pick up in the world. Managers, because they have nothing in it other than collecting their money off the top,” he said.

MURDER VICTIM'S SISTER TELLS OF HEARING SHOT FROM page one

take his last breath. “He was a very good father and a good brother. He had his moods, he had his ways, but basically he was a very likable person. He was Joe. I don't know of a soul who met him who didn't like him. He didn't talk much, he didn't keep company.

“There were very few people he let into his inner circle,” she said.

Mr Tynes leaves behind two children, ages 10 and three. The investigation into the shooting continues, but police have not reported any major leads.



COMPLETION OF THE NEW PROVIDENCE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



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Please be advised that from Tuesday October 19th 2010, Road Works will be implemented on sections of Market Street.

WHAT IS THIS PHASE OF THE PROJECT ABOUT?

Road improvements will be carried out on the new one way couplet system on Market Street, starting from Wulff Road to Robinson Road. The works include Milling of existing pavement, installation of new drainage facilities, utilities, asphalt pavement, sidewalks, street lighting, traffic signs and road markings.

WHAT TO EXPECT IN A FEW WEEKS?

The public should expect partial lane closures on the eastern side of Market Street. Motorists are encouraged to follow the temporary traffic diversion signs in place. While works are ongoing access will be granted to residents, motorist & pedestrians travelling through the following lateral Streets:

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Construction works will be carried out in different stages as the works progress towards Duke Street. Updates will be posted and announced through the media.

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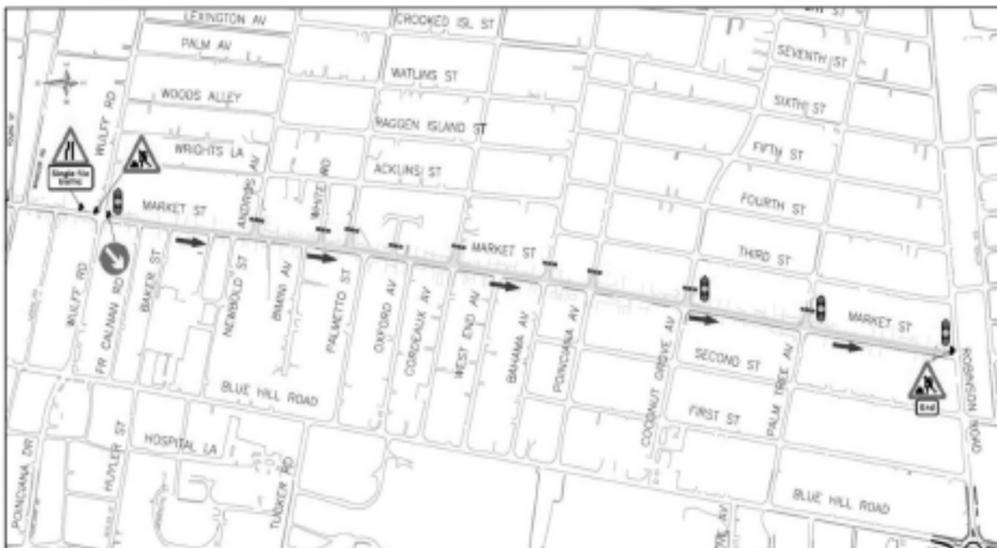
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Funeral Service For

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of Sea Breeze Estates, New Providence, The Bahamas who died at The Princess Margaret Hospital, Nassau, The Bahamas on 13th October, 2010 will be held at The Chapel of Love, Kemp's Funeral Home Limited, Palmdale Avenue and Bradley Street, Nassau on Thursday, 21st October, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

Pastor Gary Sweeting will officiate.

Mr. Baxter was pre-deceased by his wife, Mrs. Carolyn L. Baxter née Russell; his brother, Hugh Baxter; his son, Johnny Saunders and his daughter-in-law, Mary Saunders.

He is survived by his son, Alexander Grant Baxter, Jr.; his daughters, Samantha Finch and Ellen Weindorf; grandsons, Alexander Grant Baxter III; Jeffrey Alexander Finch and Richard and Brandon Weindorf; granddaughter, Nicole Carolyn Finch; sister, Nora Helen duPlessis; sons-in-law, Jeff Finch and Richard Weindorf; daughter-in-law, Jean Baxter; brothers-in-law, Gregory Russell, Daryl Collins, Douglas Robb and William Russell; sisters-in-law, Patsy Collins, Jackie Robb and Pamela Russell; nephews, Matthew Carey and his wife, Wanda and William Russell, Jr.; nieces, Nicola Butler and Louise duPlessis and other relatives and friends, including Debbie and Ross Pinder, Kitty Matheson, Myrna and Cornell Collins, Jerome and Rachel Pinder, Herschel and Nancy Albury, Margaret and Billy Lowe, Tony and Sarahann Lowe, Troy Lowe, Sandra and Llewellyn Burrows, Florence Thompson, Nkrumah Johnson and Yolande Hebrst.

The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the wonderful team of doctors and nurses at The Princess Margaret Hospital, Nassau who took the greatest care of Alex, until he went on to Glory.

Instead of flowers, donations may be made to the Cancer Society of The Bahamas, P.O.Box SS6539, Nassau or the Bahamas Humane Society, P.O.Box N.242, Nassau in Memory of Mr. Alexander G. Baxter, Sr.

LOCAL NEWS

Government acted 'honourably' on ZNS layoffs

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BCB this year. In addition to these monies, Mr Ingraham said that the government of the Bahamas has to invest between \$1.5 to \$2 million to upgrade the facilities at the BCB to bring it into the digital age, and the only way to do so was by having the downsizing exercises.

"The government feels that it acted most honourably and most fair and quite frankly we were very disappointed at the attitude of some people in terms of what we offered because we offered far more than we were legally or contractually obliged to do. We sat down with the unions and they agreed a deal as to how much you pay if you make somebody redundant.

"We have honoured that in full. "We have paid on top of that additionally, we had to pay for health insurance for all the disengaged workers for the next 12 months.

"We would have paid more than \$700,000 more than we were legally, or contractually obliged to pay in respect of

80 persons. And I really believe that ingratitude is not a good thing for people to have," he said.

As to the actions of the Board of ZNS, Mr Ingraham said that he was very pleased with their handling of the terminations – despite the many criticisms to the contrary. "I am very pleased that the Board of ZNS did their job the way they did, notwithstanding the lie told on the Minister that the Minister promised other public sector jobs to workers who may be disengaged from ZNS. The Minister did no such thing, he could not do any such thing, because all the money comes out of one pocket.

"It is all the government money. So if I have money to pay you by putting you on the payroll over here I might as well keep you over there. So that made so sense. But people keep saying it, and saying it. So I would like to put the lie to bed once and for all."

Mr Ingraham added that at some point in the future there will be announcements on the "structure" of the Bahamas Information Services as well.

RELIEF AS STAFF RESTRUCTURING ENDS

REMAINING ZNS employees can breathe a sigh of relief, despite a few "loose ends" at the Northern Service station, now that the staff restructuring exercise at ZNS has been completed.

Eleven workers in Grand Bahama, including five managers, received severance packages yesterday and the fate of the final three staff members scheduled for layoff will be decided tomorrow, BCB Chairman Michael Moss confirmed. Among those receiving severance packages were veteran managers, Louise Minnis, Human Resources, and Liz Grant, Sales.

Though the process at the northern station was admittedly smoother, Bernard Evans, president of the Bahamas Communications and Public Managers Union (BCPOU), confirmed it was still a "somber day" for all. In New Providence, the downsizing exercise — which was described as "indiscriminate and unjust" by union executives — reportedly left 71 employees out of work last Friday.

Both the BCPOU and the Bahamas Communications and Public Managers Union (BCPMU) were said to be analysing individual cases for possible legal action where applicable.

During yesterday's exercise, Mr Moss admitted there will be major restructuring to job functions across the board at ZNS, specifically in Grand Bahama, where he said the overall leadership position had been reduced.

In the wake of the mass layoffs, employees, union officials, and the wider public are awaiting further information from the BCB about the new look planned for ZNS.

Major business goes up in flames

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watched as his business went up in flames. The company provided several services, including landscaping, farming/gardening supplies, and janitorial service.

"I am devastated," said Mr Russell.

"We don't know what happened."

When The Tribune arrived at the scene, a crowd of onlookers were gathered in the area.

Thick black smoke drifted into the evening sky and small explosions could be heard going off as the fire and heat intensified.

Closed

Supt Macktavius Daniel, officer in charge of Central Division, reported that the business had already closed for the day and no one was at the business or on the property when the fire started.

"At about 5.40pm smoke was



FLAMES OF FURY: The business is destroyed.

seen emanating from the building and the fire department was alerted," he told The Tribune.

Two fire trucks responded to the scene. Firemen from the Grand Bahama Airport Company also assisted.

"When firemen arrived the building was fully engulfed with

flames and the owners arrived shortly afterwards and attempted to extinguish the fire, but it appears the fire was already out of control," said Supt Daniels.

"Nobody was inside because the business closed at 4pm," Mr Russell said the business employed 50 persons.

Two straw vendors admit trafficking charges

FROM page one

"I suspect within the next two weeks more of the defendants will come before the court," he said.

When the vendors were arrested by airport officials in New York last month, they faced the possibility of being indicted for conspiracy to defraud the United States for being in possession of illegal counterfeit items.

To date, no indictments have been filed by Christopher Fry, the Southern District of New York prosecutor, according to Mr Sagor.

Last week, straw vendor Tracy Davis was the first of the nine vendors to be sentenced. She also pleaded guilty and was sentenced to time served. In the case of Mrs Davis, New York Judge Richard Sullivan said he was quite moved by the letters of support for Mrs Davis.

Attorney Howard Jacobs, representing Roshanda Rolle said he was also working to negotiate a disposition of the case for his client. He said normally the government would have already gone to the grand jury for an indictment.

Mr Jacobs said he and the prosecutor have been attempting to connect unsuccessfully, but he planned to make another effort yesterday.

Concerned

Member of Parliament Fred Mitchell said the Progressive Liberal Party remains concerned about the fate of the vendors "who appear to be pawns in a state-to-state battle over intellectual property." He said he got the impression from attorneys representing the women that they were "frustrated that matters are not moving forward."

"The US is a country that works on mobilising public opinion. If the FNM administration properly organised the Bahamian diaspora in New York they would bring pressure to bear on the situation. They would be able to get to their congressmen, senators and try to get it addressed," said Mr Mitchell.

"I want to make it clear that from the opposition's point of view the responsibility is raising public opinion," he said.

Mr Mitchell said he planned to send a note to the New York Times seeking to interest the paper in the case.

If there is no action by midweek, he said other options would be explored, including organizing a demonstration by the Bahamian community in New York and seeking the intervention of the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP).

"The point must be made that with all of the past and existing cooperation that The Bahamas has given and gives to the United States on criminal matters, the response of the U.S. government to these vendors and their alleged offences is disproportionate to the scale of the alleged offences," said Mr Mitchell.

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By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Bank of the Bahamas International exceeded its internal net income projections for its 2010 fiscal year by about \$1.5 million, Tribune Business was told yesterday, its managing director adding that the BISX-listed financial institution had enough capital "to support the bank for the next five years."

Unveiling net income of \$7.7 million for the year to June 30, 2010, Paul McWeeney said the 13.1 per cent growth achieved in its \$629 million loan portfolio helped to counteract the more than-\$7 million rise in gross

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Shop breaking sees 4% decline

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There was a 4 per cent decrease in the first ten months of 2010 in the number of shop-breaking cases reported to police compared to 2009, the Minister of National Security said yesterday.

This amounted to 972 episodes of shop breaking between New Year's Day and October 13, 2010, compared with 1,016 in 2009. "That's a reduction but it's still too high," said Tommy Turnquest, speaking at the 2010 Visionary Business

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'Hundreds of jobs' via biodiesel plant

■ Ex-Cabinet Minister's investor group to know by Spring 2011 if facility at Bacardi's Clifton property viable

■ 'Hundreds of thousands of dollars' tied up in Clifton property purchase option, with joint venture with Brazil's second top biodiesel manufacturer being eyed

■ Biodiesel export being assessed, with 50-70 million gallons a year production target

■ Film and television studio at main former Bacardi plant, and machine and welding shop, also planned



TENNYSON WELLS

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Former MP and Cabinet Minister, Tennyson Wells, yesterday confirmed his investor group is hunting for financing to move forward with the purchase of Bacardi's Clifton Pier facility, with plans to develop it into a major biodiesel production plant that would service the Bahamas and the Caribbean.

Mr Wells said the project

could potentially create "hundreds of spin-off jobs" in the farming of plant material from which the biofuel could be derived, adding that it would be a majority Bahamian-owned joint venture, possibly with Bioverde, the second largest biodiesel manufacturer in Brazil.

He added that it was "difficult to say" at this stage whether the investment will go

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AML Foods 'on target' despite 70% profit fall

* Sales down 7.8% for first half, but improve in Q3 on track to beat 2009 comparatives in final quarter

* Two franchise offers rejected because 'not right fit'

* Still on target to pay year-end dividend if profitability holds

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Despite a 70 per cent year-over-year reduction in profits for its fiscal 2011 half-year, AML Foods is trending in line with business plan projections that will result in a fourth quarter sales rise, its chief executive telling Tribune Business yesterday that third quarter top-line figures had reversed trend to consistently come in either flat or above 2009 levels.

Gavin Watchorn, the BISX-listed food group's chief executive and president, said that despite net income for the six months to July 31, 2010, falling from \$2.22 million in 2009 to \$665,000, with a similar 68.3 per cent drop in the second quarter - from

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Customs 'box loads of paper' demand over 12-14,000 sales

* Freeport-based wholesaler seeks damages for 'wrongful detention' and 'refusal to process' imports, filing for Judicial Review of 'bonded goods sales report'

* Government agency alleged to be interfering with 'very lifeblood' of firm's \$3m inventory levels

* Company grows over 10 years from 25 employees and sales of \$2-\$3m, to 100 staff and \$10m sales

By NEIL HARTNELL
Tribune Business Editor

Customs' demand for a 'bonded goods sales report' would force a leading Freeport wholesaler to submit "box loads of paper", given that it conducts an average of 12,000-14,000 such transactions per month, court papers filed against the Government agency have disclosed.

Kelly's (Freeport), in its application for a Judicial Review of Customs' demand for such a report, is also seeking damages for the "wrongful detention and/or conversion" of its imported products, and the "refusal to process" those imports, given that the Department's detention of its eight trailers impacted its \$3 million inventory levels.

The wholesaler and its attorney, Fred Smith QC, the Cal-

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Retail operator forced to shed some 12 sites

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A retail entrepreneur yesterday said two years of recession had forced him to axe 104 jobs and 12 locations across his group had been sacrificed in order to keep the likes of John S George, Quality Business Centre (QBC) and Radio Shack alive in The Bahamas.

Speaking at the 2010 Visionary Business Leaders Entrepreneurs and Awards Conference, held under the theme *Survive*-

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John S George, QBC and Radioshack owner outlines pain of downsizing in recession, letting over 100 employees go

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BISX SYMBOL	CLOSING PRICE	WKLY PRICE CHANGE	VOLUME	YTD PRICE CHANGE
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BBL	\$ 0.18	\$-	0	-71.43%
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BOND MARKET - TRADING STATISTICS

BISX SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION	VOLUME	PAR VALUE
FBB13	FBB Series C Notes Due 2013	0	\$1,000
FBB15	FBB Series D Notes Due 2015	0	\$1,000
FBB17	FBB Series A Notes Due 2017	0	\$1,000
FBB22	FBB Series B Notes Due 2022	0	\$1,000

INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

FOREX Rates	Weekly	% Change
CAD	0.9908	0.17
GBP	1.5987	0.18
EUR	1.3978	0.34

Commodities	Weekly	% Change
Crude Oil	82.70	-1.78
Gold	1,367.50	1.94

International Stock Market Indexes	Weekly	% Change
Index	11,062.78	0.51
DJIA	1,176.19	0.95
S&P 500	2,468.77	2.78
NASDAQ	9,500.25	-0.92
Nikkei		

It was moderate week of trading in the Bahamian stock market. Investors traded in six out of the 24 listed securities, with two decliners and all the other stocks remaining unchanged.

EQUITY MARKET

A total of 35,050 shares changed hands, representing an increase of 30,735 shares compared to last week's trading volume of 4,315 shares.

Focol's Class 'B' Perpetual Preference shares (FCLB) were the volume leader last week, trading 24,000 shares to close unchanged at \$1.

Doctors Hospital Health Systems (DHS) was the big decliner in the week, trading a volume of 2,000 shares to see its stock price close down by \$0.13 at \$1.77.

BOND MARKET

No notes traded in the Bahamian bond market last week.

COMPANY NEWS

Earnings Releases: There were no earnings releases from any of the listed companies last week.

SMART innovator to receive BFSB award

The Bahamas Financial Services Board (BFSB) has selected Pamela L. Klonaris to receive its 2010 Development & Promotion Award due to her development of an innovative SMART Fund Model.

The most recent addition to the Bahamas' SMART Fund product range, SFM006, the 'Side Pocket' SMART, was designed by Mrs Klonaris, of Klonaris & Co, and had its genesis in the immediate aftermath of the financial crisis.

With the hedge fund industry facing a crippling level of investor redemptions, coupled with relative illiquidity in some portfolio assets, redemption restrictions became commonplace. Within this climate, Mrs Klonaris realised the Bahamas' SMART fund provided a facility to offer a tailored, customer-focused alternative.

The Side Pocket SMART is designed to provide fund operators with a simple, inexpensive mechanism to remove illiquid investments from a fund portfolio, while also respecting fully the rights of current investors and creditors.



PAMELA KLONARIS

England and Wales (Gray's Inn) since 1989, Mrs Klonaris began her career with Ansbacher (Bahamas) in October 1989 where she became manager, corporate services and in-house counsel.

In 1994, she moved into private practice with Callenders & Co, and currently as a partner at Klonaris & Co practices principally in the areas of corporate and commercial law, banking and securities. She served as chairperson of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) from 1999 to 2001, and director of the Bahamas Financial Services Board from 2000 to 2004.

The BFSB will present the award to Mrs Klonaris at the upcoming Annual FSI Excellence Awards Dinner on October 22. At that time, BFSB will also announce the 2010 Executive of the Year, Professional of the Year, Achiever of the Year and FSI Student of the Year.

Approval

With 75 per cent approval from the fund's existing shareholders and creditors, the Side Pocket SMART allows the parent fund's operators to transfer up to 30 per cent of the portfolio into a new Side Pocket SMART, to be held without active management or administration for an unlimited period.

Klonaris & Co is a boutique firm established in 2001 with an extensive securities, private client, real estate, trust, banking, corporate and Immigration practice. Its clients include internationally-recognised banks, brokerage firms, advisors, real estate investors and fund administrators, as well as other international and domestic institutional clients and individuals.

Mrs Klonaris attended The University of The West Indies (Jamaica & Barbados), and City University and the London School of Economics, University of London, both in London, England.

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Financial honours nominees unveiled

The Bahamas Financial Services Board (BFSB) has forwarded the nominees for this year's Financial Services Industry Excellence Awards to the Blue Ribbon Panel.

These are:

Achiever of the Year (AOTY):

- * Garnel Leo, controlling and accounting systems specialist, UBS Trustees (Bahamas)
- * Dominique L. Ginton, legal administrator/office manager, Ginton Sweeting O'Brien
- * Shantell Hall, client services officer, FirstCaribbean International Bank
- * Tyrann D. Thompson, personal banking officer, Scotiabank Bahamas

Professional of the Year (POTY):

- * Aldeka D. Thompson, trust relationship manager, Credit

Suisse Trust

- * Alysia Archer-Colebrooke, assistant to the executive director/deputy manager, Securities Commission of the Bahamas

* Mildred L. Johnson, manager compliance/human resources/corporate services, the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC Group)

* Perez W. Donald, trust relationship manager, SG Hambros Bank & Trust

* Sharlyn R. Smith, attorney, Sharon Wilson & Co.

* Valentino S.L. Bethell, head of European desk, private banking unit, Societe Generale Private Banking

* Veronica E. Moncur Sherman, team head, Asia desk, UBS Trustees (Bahamas)

Executive of the Year (EOTY):

- * Cheryl E. Bazard, princi-

pal, Bazard & Co.

* John M. Lawrence, chairman, Windermere Corporate Management Limited/chief executive, Metropolitan Bank (Bahamas) Ltd.

* Miguel Gonzalez, managing director, SYZ & CO Bank & Trust

The Blue Ribbon Panel will make its selections and keep the names secret until the Awards Gala Dinner on October 22. Also to be recognised at the Awards Dinner is the 2010 Recipient of the Development & Promotion Award, Pamela L. Klonaris.

The BFSB is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the awards programme this year, and the event will be held in the Independence Ballroom, Sheraton Nassau Beach Resort.

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For the last two years Dr Sealey and a team of assistants and volunteers have been studying the ecology of Inagua's shoreline. First described in Gilbert Klingel's well known book INAGUA over 60 years ago, little has been done since to study the marine biology and ecology of this remote island's largely unspoiled coast. In recent years the demands of the salt industry and devastation of from Hurricane Ike have made a new survey a priority. We are grateful to have Dr Sealey present her findings based on her investigations during 2009 and 2010, and her many years of research in The Bahamas.

Dr Sealey is a tenured professor at the University of Miami, where she still teaches and supervises research students. She was seconded to the College of The Bahamas for 4 years to assist as Dean of Sciences and establish the Marine and Environmental Science Institute, of which she was the first executive director. She lives in Nassau, and is an adviser to the Department of Marine Resources and a consultant on many recent developments.

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Laundromat chain turn to WiFi growth

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Having stuck diligently to what he considered sound business principles, leading to 2007 becoming a "peak year" for the company, Superwash president Dionisio D'Aguiar is now "racking his brains" on how to stimulate revenue following three years of decline.

Mr D'Aguiar blamed the slump on the economy and more competition entering the laundromat business, revealing that one of the innovative new tactics implemented - free WiFi internet, which has been found to be successful in drawing in customers at the Carmichael branch - will now be rolled out throughout all Superwash loca-

tions in an effort to boost business.

Mr D'Aguiar spoke when he appeared as a panellist at the 2010 Visionary Business Leaders Entrepreneurs and Awards Conference at the British Colonial Hilton yesterday.

During the event, Joan Albury, president of The Counsellors, Silbert Mills, chief executive of the Bahamas Christian Network, and Bahamas Ferries, were presented with awards recognising their achievements in business.

Mr D'Aguiar, along with businessman and former Cabinet Minister, Tennyson Wells; Gus Cartwright, owner and president of Checkers Cafe; and Burton Wallace, president of the Movi Productions, gave their insights into how they

have been able to succeed in their respective sectors and what recommendations they would give to other business operators seeking to "compete in the fast lane with the big boys".

Mr D'Aguiar said he learnt from his father and uncle, who started Superwash, that paying off one's creditors promptly was key, and he himself determined that re-investing money earned in equipment and facility upgrades to "keep things modern and fresh", rather than immediately enjoying the fruits of your labour, was paramount to business growth.

"It took Superwash 20 years to get to \$1.7 million. It takes a long time to grow a business (but) one of the reasons we have been successful is we put

money aside, so when the time comes to replace that equipment the money is there. Too many of us forget that," said Mr D'Aguiar.

Meanwhile, the laundromat giant said that being prepared to make drastic changes to remain competitive - like the "single most important decision ever made" at Superwash, that of "going 24 hours" - is paramount to surviving and prospering in business.

"Sales doubled in our Carmichael location," said the Superwash president of the effect of the move.

And, most critical of all, said Mr D'Aguiar, is "making yourself available" to your customers.

"At Super Wash my cell-phone number is on the wall,

so if (an employee) is giving you the eye like "I don't want to deal with you today" you can simply give me a call. And its amazing how few calls I get because the staff know it's there."

On the other hand, Mr D'Aguiar said he has also "caught alot of people doing funny business...because someone called me from the branch and told me".

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ness Leaders, Entrepreneurs and Awards Conference at the British Colonial Hilton yesterday.

There was also a 3 per cent drop - to 644 - in armed robberies in 2010 compared to 2009 for the year so far. While he did not break down the figures overall, Mr Turnquest noted that as an example of the extent to which businesses are impacted by this crime, January 2010 saw businesses targeted in 26 per cent of all armed robberies.

Mr Turnquest advised business owners and other participants present at the conference that the "business community is counted as a partner with the police in crime fighting.

"Voluntary actions business can take assist in deterring and catching criminals. We recommend business regularly assess those factors that make them vulnerable and invest strategically in overcoming those."

One particular piece of advice given by Mr Turnquest to business owners seeking to protect their assets is to ensure that any security firm they hire is "registered with the Ministry of National Security".

"That way you will know they have been vetted by police. They should all have a

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ing and Thriving: 2010 and beyond, Andrew Wilson said that as far as he was concerned, "the challenge today is surviving".

"I am not optimistic about the ability of businesses to thrive in the near future...I know when I was young man I would've taken suffering for next the 15 years, but there comes a time when reality sets in. There's comes a time when it is best said that the party is over and we need to be realistic in our expectations," said Mr Wilson.

Mr Wilson took over the ownership of John S George shortly before the global recession struck in 2008, investing hundreds of thousands of dollars in refurbishing the chain of stores, including a "total retrofitting of the flagship store in Palmdale".

However, this investment became somewhat of a white elephant for Mr Wilson when sales dropped off heavily in line with the economic downturn.

Yesterday, Mr Wilson con-

Shop breaking sees 4% decline

license booklet to show they're duly licensed. We urge businesses not to engage security firms that are not duly registered, otherwise you will have no assurance they have gone through some vetting process."

Meanwhile, Mr Turnquest suggested that if they have not already, business owners and managers should make contact with the police's Divisional Commander in charge of the area in which their businesses is located.

"Divisional commanders have been urged to get to know business persons so they can respond to their needs," he said.

Business security can be further enhanced, added Mr Turnquest, by the avoidance on the part of business owners and their employees of "predictable schedules" in the way they go about their daily routines, especially those associated with cash.

"Bullet proof partitions, good lighting and alarm systems are highly effective and recommended by police. It is recommend

that security systems be of good quality," he said. Providing figures from the police's Commercial Crimes Unit, Mr Turnquest also revealed that stealing in its various forms was the greatest reported crime impacting businesses in the first six months of 2010, followed by fraud.

Fifteen cases of stealing, 19 cases of stealing by reason of employment, 17 cases of stealing by reason of service and 48 cases of fraud were investigated by police from January to June 2010.

Two attempted frauds, three cases of forgery, 13 cases of possession of forged documents and two cases of bribery were also investigated by police.

The Minister noted that the government is shortly due to put out to tender a "national CCTV (closed-circuit television) project, which will add to the CCTV facilities already in place on Woodes Rodger's Wharf, Paradise Island and that most recently-installed in Cable Beach.

"Then we'll have a unified system. We brought in a detective inspector from the London Metropolitan police force earlier this year, who gave us some advice as to what they've done in London, England. They are one of the most watched cities in the world and they have found that CCTV became an effective tool for them in terms of identifying hot spots and potential criminal activities."

Giving advice to conference participants on doing business in the recession, Mr Wilson said: "The only advice I can give is that you have to make the hard decisions. I don't see that we can expect to do business in same way and survive and prosper."

Retail operator forced to shed some 12 sites

John S George chain alive he has had to reduce his staff from around 170 to 66, and consolidate his group's locations from 20 to eight in just over two years.

"This was not only expensive, as the law in the Bahamas requires generous severance packages for managers, supervisors and all employees based on duration of service ,but emotionally it was very taxing - letting go many persons into a very hostile and not promising business environment," he said.

"I had developed relationships over the years with their entire family But, nevertheless, it was necessary for the survival of the enterprise and my ability to continue to feed my children meant that those hard decisions be made."

Mr Wilson added that he also took the difficult decision to cut out the pension and healthcare provisions that employees of

John S George had received when he took over the company, finding them "one of the biggest burdens" with respect to the viability of the business.

"It is not a lack of love for fellow citizens that required me to abandon the pensions and healthcare plan. It was not sustainable," he explained.

"If it's requiring you to sell a screwdriver for \$5 when your customers can buy it elsewhere for \$2, it doesn't take you long to realise there will be no business if you don't do something about it."

Mr Wilson noted that a major factor in the move to reduce the number of retail outlets was the cost of electricity.

"The cost of electricity in the Bahamas is just too high. It is cheaper to operate a generator to operate your business than it is to purchase utilities from BEC. And there is something that is wrong with that picture," he said.

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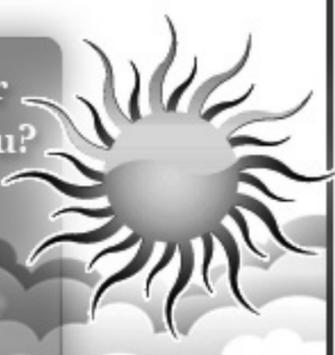
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BUSINESS

Bank beats profit forecast by \$1.5m

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loan loss provisions, enabling Bank of the Bahamas International's total revenues (interest income, plus fees and commissions) to increase by 6.4 per cent year-over-year.

"We were pretty pleased with them," Mr McWeeney said of the financial results. "They exceeded our internal Budget for the year. It exceeded it by, I would think, \$1.5 million on the bottom line."

"I guess the main thing for us is that we did manage to grow the top line, in terms of new loan growth, by 13 per cent. Total loans grew by 13 per cent, and the economy contracted by anywhere up to 3 per cent, so the real growth of the bank was 15-16 per cent in terms of new loans."

"So we were able to get the benefits of increased interest income, and that offset the increase in non-accrual loans that act as a drag on top-line income."

Mr McWeeney added that Bank of the Bahamas International's performance was also aided by tight cost controls that actually reduced operating expenses to their "lowest levels in three years", despite a slight increase in overall staffing levels and continued technology investment - the latter move being in line within the institution's five-year growth strategy.

The fiscal 2010 results, Mr McWeeney, gave Bank of the Bahamas International reason to think that its "competitive strategies are working", as it focuses on improving its capital ratio, insuring the balance sheet against shocks

through conservative loan loss provisioning, and expenses control.

The bank's overall risk-adjusted capital ratio now stood at "almost 25 per cent", Mr McWeeney said, well above the Central Bank of the Bahamas' required 14-17 per cent ratio.

While he did not want the bank to carry this level of capital long-term, due to associated carrying costs, Mr McWeeney said he "preferred" this level given the current economic circumstances, and added: "We now have the capital to support the bank for another five years."

Praising his staff for their role in producing the bank's year-end results, Mr McWeeney said Bank of the Bahamas International's non-accrual loan levels continued to be in line with the industry average of around 10 per cent.

Improvement

An improvement in this situation, though, was heavily dependent on a sustained recovery in the US job market and knock-on effects for Bahamian tourism, and Mr McWeeney indicated this was unlikely to happen any time soon.

"Our stress testing has gone outwards towards the end of next year," he said, "as that is when a turnaround is anticipated, based on the indicators we are seeing." The world economy was in a situation where it was taking "one step forward, two steps back".

Mr McWeeney said the bank anticipated opening its new Carmichael Road branch

in March-April 2011. As for its planned new West Bay Street headquarters building, he added: "We are in active discussions with two potential tenants at this point in time, so we're moving in the right direction."

"I would hope that things will be concluded in the not too distant future to enable us to move forward with it."

Bank of the Bahamas International's relaunched Saturday banking programme, restarted after a hiatus to short out staff employment contracts, had gone "very well" in the three weeks since the Village Road and Tonique Williams-Darling Highway branches had opened at weekends for that purpose.

Mr McWeeney also told Tribune Business that the bank was set to unveil "significant advances" in electronic banking and its payment card products before year-end, adding: "We have some things in the pipeline we hope to roll out before the end of the year, involving a significant level of technology. We hope to unleash those and get them to market by the end of the year."

Bank of the Bahamas International reported total assets of \$778 million, up some \$20 million from the previous year and more than \$200 million from 2006.

Earnings per share stood at \$0.32, up from \$0.28 the year before, and cash reserves with Central Bank were nearly double the required amount, some \$46 million.

Customs 'box loads of paper' demand over 12-14,000 sales

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lenders & Co partner, are seeking Supreme Court declarations that its ability to sell duty-exempt, bonded goods to other Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA) licencees for use solely in their own businesses is not "conditional" on the submission of such monthly reports.

They are also seeking declarations that there was "no lawful basis" for Customs to have either demanded a monthly 'bonded goods sales report' or detain Kelly's (Freeport's) goods in an attempt to force compliance with the same.

And, for good measure, they are seeking an injunction to prevent Customs from detaining or refusing to process imports belonging to GBPA licencees on the grounds that no 'bonded goods sales report' has been received.

Setting out its case in the Judicial Review application, which has been obtained by Tribune Business, Kelly's (Freeport) said it first became aware of the demand for a monthly 'bonded goods sales report' when it received a letter from Customs on August 6, 2010.

"In fact, at no time over the last 20 years has Customs requested an over-the-counter bonded sales report from Kelly's, nor has Kelly's provided, or agreed to provide, such a report," the Freeport wholesaler alleged.

Letters

"The applicant understands that, at about the same time, similar letters were sent to a number of other GBPA licencees. The applicant has been informed by various licencees that some have never submitted, or been asked to submit, a bonded sales report, while others have submitted what they thought was such a report. But, in each case, the type of information submitted to Customs varied from retailer to retailer. It is apparent that there is no consistency in what is sought or from whom."

Alleging that Customs' demand had "no basis in law", and that it could not be 'delinquent' as the government agency had suggested, since it had never been asked to supply a 'bonded goods sales report' before, Kelly's (Freeport) said the request came at "short and unreasonable notice".

"It would involve [us] in considerable effort and expense to create a 'plug in' or 'module' for the software to establish a system for reporting to Customs along the lines outlined in the letter of August 5, 2010, which [we] certainly could not have accomplished in the time demanded," Kelly's (Freeport) alleged.

And the court papers added: "The Applicant [Kelly's] maintains an annual average inventory of \$3 million. In order to manage its inventory and business, the applicant has employed, at considerable cost, expert software computer technicians from abroad who periodically develop inventory and reporting systems and computer programs, which are costly to produce and to change. In addition, they cannot be changed overnight or on short notice."

"The Applicant has a copy of every purchase order presented by a licensee purchasing the duty-exempt goods. Thus the Applicant [Kelly's] is able to produce to Customs a copy of every transaction invoiced to a licensee relating to the purchase of duty-exempt goods."

"By way of example, in an average month, the number of transactions exceeds 12,000 to 14,000. To produce this to Customs would involve the delivery of box loads of paper each month."

Kelly's (Freeport) was described as a business that, over the last 10 years, had grown from a 28,000 square foot store, with 25 employees and gross annual sales of \$2-\$3 million, to a firm with a 115,000 square foot store under roof, featuring 100 staff and \$10 million in gross per annum sales.

Detailing how Customs refused to clear eight trailers imported by Kelly's (Freeport) after the company did not produce the requested report, even after its attorneys approached the government agency on its behalf to offer "to develop a standard reporting process and report that would apply to all licencees conducting similar businesses", the Judicial Review application confirmed that the trailers were finally released after intervention by the Prime Minister and his minister of state for finance, Zhivargo Laing.

Yet Kelly's (Freeport) alleged: "By reason of the wrongful detention and/or conversion of its containers, the Applicant suffered loss and damage. By reason of Customs' unlawful actions, the Applicant lost opportunities to sell the goods in the containers that would have been available had the containers been cleared in the normal course of business in a timely manner."

"Further, as the Applicant had run out of various items of stock due to the detention of the containers, it is highly likely that the Applicant's customers seeking to buy those items would have purchased them from the Applicant's competitors. The Applicant also incurred increased demurrage and warehousing expenses, [and] will seek an Order for damages to be assessed."

Then, Kelly's (Freeport) alleged, despite receiving "very few queries over the years", its duty-paid sales entry for September 2010 was also rejected by Customs, along with \$50,504 in taxes, on the grounds that no 'bonded goods sales report' was received.

Customs allegedly based this rejection on Section 83 of the Customs Management Act, yet Kelly's (Freeport) alleged that this had no relevance to the issue in dispute.

And the urgency of the wholesaler's Judicial Review application appears to lie in its fear that Customs might use its rejection of the September 2010 duty-paid sales report to withhold clearance of its trailer imports.

"The timely importation and clearance of goods in containers is the damages for the "wrongful detention and/or conversion" of its imported products, and the "refusal to process" those imports of the Applicant's business," Kelly's (Freeport) alleged. "Customs is aware that by refusing to clear the Applicant's containers, it will force the Applicant to yield to its arbitrary dictate or risk suffering a fatal stroke."



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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORT TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WAREHOUSE BUILDING FOR X-RAY MACHINE AT BAHAMAS CUSTOMS, THOMPSON BOULEVARD, NASSAU, BAHAMAS

Interested Contractors are invited to tender for the construction of a warehouse building at the Customs Department compound on Thompson Boulevard, Nassau to house their x-ray machine.

The major scopes of works include:-

- Detail construction of a conventional steel and concrete masonry warehouse building of approximate building area of 3,276 square feet.
- Site building works include: excavations, reinforced foundation footing steel columns reinforced concrete columns, 8" external concrete block wall with reinforced concrete belt beams, and concrete floor slab. Roof to be steel truss, and perkins with standing seam metal roof finish.
- Some plumbing and electrical works included.

Tender Documents may be collected 12th October 2010 through 22nd October 2010 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from:

The Architectural Section
Department of Public Works
1st Floor North Wing
Ministry of Public Works & Transport
John F. Kennedy Drive
Nassau, Bahamas

Sealed tender submissions are to be deposited in the Tender Box located at:

Tender's Board
Ministry of Finance
Sir Cecil Wallace Whitfield Building
West Bay Street
Nassau, Bahamas

Tender submissions will be received no later than 10:00 am, Tuesday, 26th October 2010.

All tender bids must include the following:

- Completed Tender Document
- Copy of current Business Licence
- National Insurance Board letter of good standing

Tenderers are invited to attend the opening at 10:00am, Tuesday, 26th October 2010 at the Tenders Board.

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Interested candidates are encouraged to apply

BUSINESS

AML Foods 'on target' despite 70% profit fall

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\$1.177 million to \$373,000 - the company was "pleased to remain in the black and continue putting profits to the bottom line".

Acknowledging that the year-over-comparatives were not what AML Foods or its investors wanted to see, Mr Watchorn said he anticipated that the group, which owns the Solomon's SuperCentre and Cost Right stores in Nassau and Freeport, plus the Domino's Pizza franchise, would remain consistently profitable throughout the remainder of this fiscal year.

This, he indicated, would put the food retail group in a position to pay its shareholders another dividend subsequent to year-end, although this would ultimately be a decision for AML Foods' Board.

For the three months to July 31, 2010, AML Foods' group sales declined by 7.8 per cent year-over-year, impacted by the same trends affecting the Bahamian food retail industry for the past 20 months - increased competition, plus value-driven consumers who were shopping at various grocery stores in a bid to access as many 'specials' and discounts as possible given reduced incomes. This, in turn, had reduced consumer loyalty to particular grocery stores.

Mr Watchorn told Tribune Business that AML Foods' second quarter and half-year results were largely in line with internal forecasts, apart from the top line. "Sales were a little bit lower than we thought," he said. "We expected sales to be down somewhat, but they were down a little more than anticipated."

"We have seen a slow but steady improvement in sales in the third quarter. They were down by between 5-8 per cent on a weekly basis during the first half, but now we're seeing, on a weekly basis, that they're flat or positive year-over-year in some weeks."

"Part of our business plan was that we anticipated sales would level off in the third quarter, and we expect growth in the fourth quarter, so we're on target for that."

Gross margins, a function of sales and other variables, were down by 1.1 per cent year-over-year, and Mr Watchorn said AML Foods was experiencing "deflation in certain products", especially in perishables.

Roadworks in the Blue Hill Road area had also impacted AML Foods' Cost Right store in the Town Centre Mall, in common with other businesses, and Mr Watchorn said Domino's Pizza was also suffering from the same trends affecting the company's food retail operation - increased competition and reduced consumer spending power.

Still, the pizza chain's latest outlet at Coral Harbour had "done quite well", and Mr Watchorn said: "It's exceeded expectations and there's been no cannibalisation of existing stores. Long term, it's going to be a good investment."

"There are a couple more sites for Domino's that we have in mind, and one we're aggressively looking at, but it will probably be six months before it comes to fruition, which suits us. We think we've got at least one, maybe two more, locations we can fill in on New Providence."

Mr Watchorn said AML Foods was still eyeing other potential franchises it wanted to take on, but added they must be "the right fit".

"We've had the offer of two franchises, but declined them because we did not think they were the right fit for us," he told Tribune Business.

AML Foods' selling, general and administrative expenses were flat in absolute terms year-over-year for the first half, but rose as a percentage of sales due to the top-line decline.

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ahead, but he expects that Spring 2011 will deliver the answer.

The former Cabinet Minister said the investor group he heads, the Source River Ltd, has "hundreds of thousands of dollars tied up" in the purchase option it has on the Clifton Pier facility, which includes several large, heavy-duty storage tanks and a jetty/docking facility.

"We intend to move forward with it. Hopefully within the next six months or so. If it doesn't happen by then, well, then we'll probably just lose the option," he told The Tribune during an interview at the British Colonial Hilton yesterday, where he appeared as a panellist at the 2010 Visionary Business Leaders, Entrepreneurs and Awards Conference.

Beyond financing, finding markets for the biodiesel beyond the Bahamas and determining which biodiesel production company the group will partner with in the venture are yet to be determined.

"It's finding financing and getting the equipment and stuff in and creating the market for it (that is the challenge now). Here the market is too small for a facility that size that's capable of doing 50, maybe 60 or 70 million gallons, of fuel a year. So the marketing thing we need to get tied down, to

'Hundreds of jobs' via biodiesel plant

produce it and sell it, even though we have hundreds of thousands tied up in options it would probably be unwise to move forward with it without that," said Mr Wells.

He confirmed that the frontrunner to partner in that majority Bahamian-owned joint venture is Bioverde. According to Internet sources, Bioverde is the second largest biodiesel manufacturer in Brazil, which itself is the second biggest producer in the global biofuel market. Many Brazilians drive "flex" cars which are able to run on a mix of biofuel and gasoline.

Mr Wells said he expects the Bahamian market for biodiesel will develop, but the majority of the fuel would go for export. It is understood that the Caribbean and Latin America are being looked at as markets for the up to 70 million gallons of fuel which could be produced.

"The biodiesel market will develop. It's the future fuel," said Mr Wells, adding that he

expects some of the plants from which the fuel can be derived could be grown in the Bahamas, creating "hundreds of jobs" in that area alone.

Mr Wells and his investor group are not the only people in the Bahamas with biodiesel in mind. Bahamas Waste began testing its own \$750,000 biodiesel production plant on Gladstone Road at the end of last month, and is aiming to convert some 300,000-400,000 gallons of the estimated 500,000 gallons in waste cooking oil generated in this nation per year into one million gallons of "green" fuel.

Bahamas Waste is said to have been inspired by a small-scale biodiesel production project initiated by students at the eco-friendly Cape Eleuthera Institute at the Island School in Eleuthera, where 20,000 gallons of biodiesel is produced annually from waste cooking oil brought in by cruise ships.

Mr Wells' group of around 40 Bahamian investors have already gone through with the purchase of Bacardi's other main property, the ex-rum plant.

Production of "Echo" brand water has been underway there since last year - the only drinking water in the Bahamas to be produced through thermal distillation rather than reverse osmosis - and the group has plans to use some of the remaining space available to begin production of "healthy" juices as well as a commercial bakery within "18 months to two years."

Yesterday, Mr Wells revealed that his company is also looking into the possibility of developing a film and television studio at the site, and re-launching a machine and welding shop. "We're trying to get some Bahamians involved to take that over and market it," said Mr Wells of the shop.

Meanwhile, hundreds of thousands of dollars have already been invested to refurbish the property, resulting in the launch of a "pavillion and entertainment" where weddings and business functions are already taking place on a weekly basis. "Scores of Bahamians are involved in it," said Mr Wells.

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Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 138 (8) of the International Business Companies Act, No. 45 of 2000, the Dissolution of **Prion Investment Fund Ltd. (IBC No. 157559 B)** has been completed, a Certificate of Dissolution has been issued and the Company has therefore been struck off the Register. The date of completion of the dissolution was the 8th day of July, 2010.

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NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claim or demand against the said estate are required to send the same duly certified in writing to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of October, A.D. 2010, after which date the Administrator will proceed to distribute the estate having regard only to the claims of which he shall have had notice.

AND notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are required to make full settlement on or before the date hereinabove mentioned.

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TUESDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2010											
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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	3.88%		
10.75	9.67	Bahamas Property Fund	10.63	10.63	0.00	0.013	0.200	817.7	1.88%		
6.18	4.50	Bank of Bahamas	4.90	4.90	0.00	0.598	0.260	8.2	5.31%		
0.58	0.18	Benchmark	0.18	0.18	0.00	-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%		
3.49	3.15	Bahamas Waste	3.15	3.15	0.00	0.168	0.050	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	10.00	10.00	0.00	1.227	0.310	8.1	3.10%		
2.84	2.50	Colina Holdings	2.50	2.50	0.00	0.781	0.040	3.2	1.60%		
7.00	5.40	Commonwealth Bank (S1)	6.60	6.60	0.00	0.422	0.230	15.6	3.48%		
3.65	1.63	Consolidated Water BDRs	1.97	1.91	-0.06	0.111	0.052	17.2	2.72%		
2.55	1.60	Doctor's Hospital	1.90	1.90	0.00	0.199	0.110	9.5	5.78%		
6.99	5.94	Famguard	6.07	6.07	0.00	0.366	0.170	14.9	3.11%		
10.20	8.50	Finco	8.50	8.50	0.00	0.287	0.520	29.6	6.12%		
11.40	8.77	FirstCaribbean Bank	9.74	9.74	0.00	0.645	0.350	15.1	3.59%		
6.51	3.75	Foocal (S)	4.46	4.46	0.00	0.366	0.170	14.9	3.11%		
1.00	1.00	Foocal Class B Preference	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%		
5.59	5.00	ICD Utilities	5.59	5.59	0.00	0.012	0.240	465.8	4.29%		
10.50	9.92	J. S. Johnson	9.92	9.92	0.00	0.971	0.640	10.2	6.45%		
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.991	0.900	10.1	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	
10.05	5.01	Bahamas Supermarkets	5.01	5.01	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%	6.42%	1.475244	1.452500	31-Jul-10			
2.9265	2.8265	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.9115	0.85%	0.23%	2.926483	2.903205	31-Aug-10			
1.5546	1.4905	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.5555	3.18%	4.30%	1.537403	1.521720	24-Sep-10			
3.2025	2.8522	Royal Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	2.8624	-8.16%	-7.49%			31-Aug-10			
13.0388	13.0484	Royal Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.4286	0.46%	2.40%			31-Aug-10			
109.3929	101.6693	CFAL Global Bond Fund	109.3929	5.20%	7.60%	107.570620	103.987340	30-Jun-10			
105.7795	93.1998	CFAL Global Equity Fund	100.1833	-1.52%	3.56%	105.779543	101.725415	30-Jun-10			
1.1223	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.1272	3.43%	5.28%			31-Aug-10			
1.0917	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.0948	2.51%	6.10%			31-Aug-10			
1.1198	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.1275	3.37%	5.64%			31-Aug-10			
9.5955	9.1005	Royal Fidelity Bah 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%	3.38%			31-Jul-10			
10.0000	9.1708	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 3	9.4372	-5.63%	-5.63%			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											
YIELD - last 12 month dividends divided by closing price											
Bid \$ - Buying price of Colina and Fidelity											
Ask \$ - Selling price of Colina and Fidelity											
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Weekly Vol. - Trading volume of the prior week											
EPS \$ - A company's reported earnings per share for the last 12 mths											
NAV - Net Asset Value											
N/M - Not Meaningful											
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INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Industrial production falls 0.2 percent in September

DANIEL WAGNER, AP Business Writer WASHINGTON

Sluggish spending by businesses and consumers is causing factories to cool their pro-

duction after they helped lift the economy out of recession, according to Associated Press. Companies have slowed their rebuilding of stockpiles and replacement of worn-out equipment. And consumers

are cautiously spending at a time of 9.6 percent unemployment and slow job growth. That combination led to the first decline in output at the nation's mines, factories and utilities since the recession ended in June 2009.

Factory output, the largest element of industrial production, fell 0.2 percent in September, the Federal Reserve said Monday. So did overall industrial production.

In the year after the recession ended, manufacturing surged ahead at an 8.8 percent annual rate. That was the strongest year-over-year gain since the 1983-84 economic recovery. But the growth has been more or less flat over the past two months.

Without consumer demand to take up the slack, industry can't maintain its strong growth.

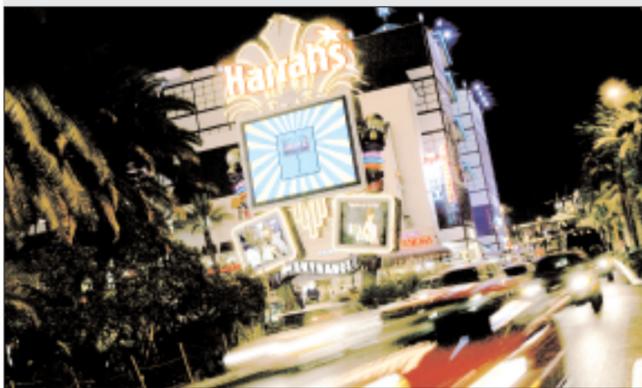
"Those things have naturally run their course, and we're left with a very weak economy," Paul Ashworth, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics. "There's no restocking going on any more, and consumption remains weak."

A separate report Monday showed the nation's homebuilders are pessimistic about the housing market. That's true even though many are seeing a little more foot traffic after the worst summer for home sales in a decade.

The National Association of Home Builders said its monthly index rose slightly to 16. It's the first increase in five months. But the index remains far below 50, the dividing threshold between positive and negative sentiment about the market. The last time the index was above 50 was in April 2006.

Weak sales mean fewer jobs in the construction industry, which normally helps power economic recoveries. Each new home built creates, on average, the equivalent of three jobs for a year and generates about \$90,000 in taxes, according to the builders' trade group.

GOING PUBLIC



CASINO COMPANY: In this Aug. 6, 2007 file photo, cars pass by Harrah's hotel-casino in Las Vegas. Harrah's Entertainment Inc., the world's largest casino company, plans to go public again three years after two buyout firms took it private in a \$30.7 billion deal that pushed the company billions of dollars into debt.

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GLOBAL ECONOMIC NEWS

ASSOCIATED PRESS

A look at economic developments and activity in major stock markets around the world Monday:

French Senate is voting on Wednesday.

SHANGHAI — Rapid flows of capital toward Asia require swift action and cooperation to ensure stability, the head of the International Monetary Fund said, following a conference with central bankers focused on nurturing the global recovery.

The IMF's managing director, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, noted that while the capital flooding into fast-growing China and other Asian countries can spur growth, it could also fuel excessive lending, asset price bubbles and financial instability, according to a text of a speech provided by the IMF.

LUXEMBOURG — Yielding to French pressure, Germany softened its stance on stricter eurozone budget rules, officials said, angering governments that counted on Berlin to force through sanctions for nations living beyond their means.

Ahead of a two-day meeting of EU finance ministers, Germany was an ardent proponent of a proposal by the European Commission, the EU's executive, to impose near-automatic sanctions on nations that breach the bloc's deficit and debt levels.

But at the meeting, Berlin softened its stance under pressure from France and others reluctant to transfer too much power to unelected Brussels bureaucrats.

PARIS — French oil workers defied the government's demand to get back to work and end scattered fuel shortages, stepping up their fight against President Nicolas Sarkozy's plan to raise the retirement age to 62. Strikers have blockaded a dozen French refineries and numerous oil depots in the last week as part of widespread protests over Sarkozy's plan to raise the retirement age to 62, a reform the

LONDON — In Europe, the FTSE 100 index of leading British shares closed up 0.7 percent, Germany's DAX rose 0.4 percent while the CAC-40 in France ended 0.2 percent higher.

TOKYO — Japan's Nikkei 225 stock average ended nearly flat.

Chinese shares fell on massive profit-taking, as caution set in after seven straight days of gains. The benchmark Shanghai Composite Index lost 0.5 percent.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng dropped 1.2 percent. Banking heavyweight HSBC was down more than 2 percent, weighed down by U.S. financial stocks that have been affected by mortgage problems that could cost big banks billions.

MILAN — The luxury sector is rebounding better than expected this year thanks in large part to wealthy Americans replenishing their wardrobes after a year of self-denial and nouveau riche Chinese indulging in a worldwide spending spree, according to a new study.

MADRID — Spain's governing Socialist party said it has secured passage of its austere budget for 2011 following deals with two regional parties.

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Hungarian lawmakers are expected to approve a series of "crisis taxes" aimed at ensuring the government can meet its targets for reducing the budget deficit.

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50 to vie for Miss Swimsuit Int. title

THE Wyndham Hotel and Crystal Palace Casino, Swimsuit International and Elite Productions, Inc. present the "2010 Swimsuit International Model Search". The Model Search will take place November 3-8, 2010 at the event facilities of the beautiful Wyndham Nassau Resort and Crystal Palace Casino in Nassau, Bahamas. 50 gorgeous ladies from all over the world will be competing for the title of Miss Swimsuit International.

The top 5 models will be taking home more than \$30,000 in cash and prizes. The winner will receive more than \$10,000 in cash and prizes and will appear on the Cover of the 2011 Swimsuit International Calendar. All contestants will appear in the 2011 Swimsuit International Calendar, with the top 20 finalists to be featured on their own individual pages. All photos for the calendar will be shot in the Bahamas and a film crew will be on hand to record the week's festivities, behind the scenes action and candid shots and interviews with all 50 models, sponsors and judges for release as an event DVD. Upon release, the DVD is targeted for distribution by select retailers worldwide.

During their stay, all contestants will enjoy a week of rehearsals, photo shoots. It's not just all work and no play, as the models, along with family members, friends, judges and sponsors will have plenty of fun in the sun, shop, experience the Dolphin Encounters and much more. Participants are scheduled to enjoy a day of swimming, snorkeling and a memorable visit to the exclusive Nygard Cay.

Other exciting events taking place at the Wyndham Hotel and Crystal Palace Casino in association with the event include: A "Grey's Anatomy" Party at Senor Frog's on Thursday, November 4 at 8pm, Beach Olympics at 11.30am and a "Casino Royale" Party including a \$10,000 Blackjack Tournament on Friday, November 5 at 5pm. The events culminate with the Swimsuit International Model Search Finals to take place on Saturday, November 6 at 7.30pm in the beautiful Rainforest Theatre.

Afterwards, the celebration continues as the winners and all other contestants will appear for an After Party at "22 Above" located within the Crystal Place Casino where they will enjoy a night of music and dancing! All events are open to the public!!



HONOURED: Shown (l-r) are Deborah Archer, Loretta Parris, Katrina Cartwright, Anita Doherty, Ethlyn Morley, Francis Ledee, Jethlyn Musgrove-Burrows, Antoinette Carroll, Rita Sands-Spriggs, Alice Musgrove-Rolle, and Virginia Hall-Campbell.

Flying High

By **JEFFARAH GIBSON**
 Tribune Features Writer

Past governors of Pilot Club of Nassau honoured at luncheon

At the standing ovation eleven pilots, flanked by committee members of the Pilot Club of Nassau emerged from the back of the ballroom at the Sheraton Nassau Resort on October 3.

What the attendees saw at the mid afternoon luncheon was not just members of an elite organisation, but women with compassion for humanity, women who have helped build communities, and women who have selflessly devoted time and effort to improve the quality of life for many.

The event was not merely an honours luncheon, it was a time for reflection, an opportunity to spread the pilot movement, and as present governor of the Bahamas District Pilot International Da'Shann Clare-Paul said - a time "to give these pilots their flowers." The women not only understood what the pilot movement was all about, they allowed the ethical mandates of the pilot organisation to direct their engagements and shape their lives.

Pilot members felt the past governors deserved special commendation for the work they have done over the years.

"The current district leadership team decided that we would honour the past Governors who have laboured to keep the Pilot movement alive - by inviting their friends, business associates and even family members to join the pilot movement. Because they all served with such excellence and inspire those of us who

follow, we thought it fitting to 'give them their flowers whilst they are still with us'," said Da'Shann Clare-Paul.

The district leadership team of the Pilot Club of Nassau intends to make this honours luncheon an annual event as there are many others who were not Governors but have contributed to the work of the organisation in substantial ways.

The Pilot Organisation holds a special place in the Bahamas as each community can reap the benefits of it's labour.

"The impact is substantial and indelible, as many scholarship recipients attest to the fact that their tertiary level education, in part afforded by the scholarship, opened many doors for them.

"Recipients include persons like Zhivargo Laing and Sharlene Paul who have spoken publicly about the opportunities afforded by the Pilot sponsored scholarship. I recall a presentation of walkers to a group of senior citizens and their excitement to be able to have the support needed to walk about. Pilots have also helped in nation building by sponsoring Anchor Clubs - clubs in schools which help students to understand the impor-

ance of giving to others and on becoming leaders. Personal development is also an important contribution made to each Pilot," Mrs Clare-Paul said.

The Bahamas District Pilot International is a volunteer organisation, with a mandate to make life better for persons in the communities in which pilots live. Pilots serve through humanitarian efforts which are charitable, educational, and research programs in communities throughout the world.

Aside from serving through humanitarian causes, it has always been the vision of the organisation to achieve universal awareness and prevention of brain-related disorders and disabilities.

Over the years the organisation has hosted soup kitchens, visited homes for the aged, the Willimae Pratt Center for Girls, and rang the bell for the Salvation Army.

They have also raised money through signature fund raisers including the annual Thanks for the Memories Ball and (previously) the Ebony Fashion Show. They have participated in the annual Red Cross fair, and given scholarships (via COB - since

1974).

Additionally they furnished a room at the Stapledon Gardens School, given monetary donations to various charities - including REACH, (former) Bahamas Council for the Handicap, The Children's Emergency Hostel. And most recently the Pilot Club of Nassau broke ground for the construction of a pool for persons with disabilities. They have also made a BrainMinder's presentations, which is a skit aimed at teaching children how to protect their brain.

The Pilot Movement began in the Bahamas with chartering of the Pilot Club of Nassau on June 3, 1974. The spreading of the movement was intended from the beginning as founding members ensured that with the October 18, 1921 chartering of the very first club in Macon Georgia allowed for formation of Clubs outside of the USA.

The first ten years of the organisation were quite busy - as the Pilot Club of Freeport was chartered in 1979 prior to which the 1st Anchor Club (youth arm of the organisation) was formed at St Augustine's College. Their most recently chartered club is the Rainbow Pilot Club of Abaco.

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Cancer survivors take part in Komen Race for the Cure

By ALESHA CADET
Features Reporter

NINE excited members of the Surgical Sister, Sister breast cancer support group boarded a plane on Friday where they flew from Nassau to Miami, Florida to participate in the widely promoted and internationally televised Komen Race for the Cure on Bayfront Park.

The race which is said to gather world-wide support, was a symbolic stand for the race against time to find a cure for cancer.

It began and ended at Bayfront Park, started at 8.30am. In this race, cancer survivors and their supporters walked, but some also ran the 5k route.

The Komen Race for the Cure is just one of the highlights of October's Breast Cancer Awareness Month of Activities in which cancer survivors and supporters will be participating.

President of the Sister Sister Group, Andrea Sweeting told Tribune Health before boarding her flight that the Sister Sister Breast Cancer Support Group has been participating in the race for the past three years. "This will make the fourth race we are taking part in," she said.

She explained that the group became aware of the Komen race through the Florida affiliations of the Komen Branch.

"A Bahamian lady in Florida, of the Komen Florida affiliates approached us and ever since then they would come to the Bahamas in January to what we call "a walk in Paradise" and we would exchange and go to Florida in October for the Komen Race," Ms Sweeting said.

There are different age groups for the race, all starting at different times and it all goes down in the entire downtown of the Florida area.

Ms Sweeting said: "It is an awesome feeling, the feeling itself, we would not be able to fully explain but to be in that atmosphere with almost thirty thousand women and knowing more than a half of them are cancer survivors, it gives you a feeling to know



RACE FOR CURE: Shown (l-r) are Andrea Sweeting, Helen Rolle, Andrea Adderley, Shantell Hutchinson, Sandra Rolle, Willamae Butler and Jennymae Knowles on their way to the Susan G Komen Race for the Cure Run/Walk.

"We also have several talk shows lined up for the month of October, it's very extensive."

— Andrea Sweeting

that you are not alone in this and I know that I am not the only person who has walked this road."

While giving background on the Sister Sister Breast Cancer Support Group, she said the group was founded in December 2000 and this year would make their tenth anniversary. "It was founded from the surgical suite number sixty eight Collins

Avenue, surgeons being Dr Locksley Munroe and Charles Digges," she said.

"These compassionate surgeons would cut away our cancer but they could not answer our questions, so that is where the network began," she said.

The nine cancer survivors from the Sister, Sister group traveled to show their solidarity by joining hands, hearts, courage and strength with the over 30,000 women from across the United States and from around the world as well, who were expected to participate in the walk.

The ladies participating in this year's Komen Race included president, Andrea Sweeting, vice president Sandra Ferguson Rolle who is also the Denim Day spokesperson for 2010, the secretary Helen Rolle, and Sister Sister members; Louis

Gibson, Joan Ingraham, Queenie Dawkins, Sarah Gardiner, Shelia Smith and Judy Miller also participated.

There will also be number of seminars throughout Nassau to educate and inform the public about preventative measures, as well as a Health Fair at the Mall at Marathon on October 21 and a Candlelight Vigil in Rawson Square on October 30.

"The Candlelight Vigil is where we come together at the end of the month of October. It involves a small walk from George Street and Elizabeth Avenue, and we would meet at Rawson Square where we do praise and worship, one of the survivors will give their testimony as well," Ms Sweeting said.

"We also have several talk shows lined up for the month of October, it's very extensive," she said.

Heel Pain Syndrome

PLANTAR FASCIITIS

(PLAN-tur Fas-e-I-tis) is the most frequently used term for heel pain. The formation of a spur may be present but does not represent the cause for heel pain. Pain is felt along the bottom (plantar) of the foot from the heel and extending along the arch of the foot. The pain is often worse in the morning and at the end of the day. Persons experiencing this problem often ask, how did I get this problem and what could have caused it? How do I get rid of the pain?



By
BERNADETTE
GIBSON

Overview: The foot has a thick band of tissue called the plantar fascia which runs across the bottom (plantar) of the foot which connects your heel bone (calcaneus) to your toes. The plantar fascia acts like a shock absorbing bowstring supporting the arch in your foot. However, when the tension on the bowstring becomes too great, it can create small tears in the fascia. Repetitive stress and strain can cause the fascia to become irritated and inflamed developing what is referred to as Plantar Fasciitis.

Symptoms:

- Usually develop gradually
- May affect just one foot but eventually occur in both simultaneously.

• A sharp pain in the heel of your foot. (possible spur)
Don't ignore any sign of this condition because it would only get worse and can hinder your regular activities

Contributors to Plantar Fasciitis:

Age - This condition is more often experienced between the ages of 40 and 60. This is around the time when the foot starts to age and requires more support.

Sex - It is more often seen in women than men due to the fact that women wear high heels. High heels worn frequently can cause your achilles tendon which is attached to your heel to contract and shorten.

Sporting activities:

Long distance running, ballet dancing and dance aerobics are some of the activities that can contribute to the onset of plantar fasciitis because they place a fair amount of stress on the heel and the attached tissues.

Obesity: Excess weight normally or during pregnancy can cause plantar fasciitis. The extra pounds put stress on your plantar fascia.

Occupations: If your job requires a lot of walking or standing on hard surfaces you can be at risk of developing plantar fasciitis.

Improper Shoes: Shoes with thin soles and lack arch support or the ability to absorb shock can cause you to develop plantar fasciitis.

Solutions:

If you have been experiencing pain in the heel or arch area of the foot, seek professional help because it can worsen and affect the entire foot, ankle, knees, lower back and even your shoulders. A supportive shoe, combined with proper insert will put your foot in its natural position for walking and standing. Seek help and be properly fitting with arch supports to put your body in balance and relieve the stress and strain on your plantar fascia.

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'Lap Band' procedure could lighten load for insurance companies

DURING a recent Lap Band Luncheon seminar, Allergan Lap Band Area Manager, Pete Kafka and Certified Allergan Lap Band Surgeon, Dr Charles Diggiss illustrated how the Lap Band procedure could bring certain medical conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, hypertension and joint problems under control, and thereby reduce the cost to insurance companies of covering medications for persons with these same illnesses.

The Lap Band "Lunch and Learn seminar for general practitioners, insurance and other medical personnel was hosted by The Mednet Group of Companies for General Practitioners, medical and insurance personnel at the Doctors Hospital Conference Room in the Luden Building on Dowdeswell Street. The seminar was held to educate delegates about the Lap Band System and how it helps a patient lose

weight to achieve a healthier lifestyle.

Dr Diggiss explained how the Lap Band procedure could bring certain medical conditions or co-morbidities such as diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, cancer and joint problems under control, thereby reducing the cost to insurance companies of covering medications for persons with these same illnesses.

Mr Kafka revealed that in patients with the Lap Band System over fifty per cent of surgical weight loss is sustained over a ten year period.

Dr Diggiss then explained how qualified for the Lap Band System, its safety record and adjustability, how it compares to the gastric bypass procedure, as well as how the system impacts diet afterwards.

In November 2008, Dr Diggiss reintroduced the Lap Band Placement for the treatment of morbid



LAP BAND: Pete Kafka (background), Allergan Lap Band area manager for the Bahamas, Florida and Puerto Rico, and Dr Charles Diggiss, chief medical officer at Doctors Hospital and president of the Mednet Group of Companies.

obesity to The Bahamas when he successfully performed two operations at that time assisted then by the Lap Band inventor, Professor Mitiku Belachew. Since then, Dr Diggiss has successfully placed the Lap Band in all patients meeting the criteria at Doctors Hospital.

Mr Kafka, who is the Area Manager for The Bahamas, Florida and Puerto Rico, illustrated via slide presentation, that the cost of obesity and managing diseases caused by obesity was higher to insurance companies versus coverage of surgical weight loss procedures.

He also explained how the Lap Band System could bring certain medical conditions or co-morbidities such as diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, cancer and joint problems under control, and thereby reducing the cost to insurance companies of covering medications for persons with these same illnesses.



SHOWN (l-r) are Pete Kafka and Dr Graham Cates, general practitioner.



THE A TEAM: Shown (l-r) are the newest member of the Mednet team, Dr Brandon Curtis, Bahamian bariatric surgeon, who is currently based in Nebraska, Pete Kafka, Allergan Lap Band patient advocate Samantha Evans and Dr Charles Diggiss.

WOMAN AND HEALTH

Can long distance relationships work?

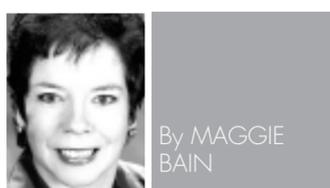
THE ache of the parting starts that morning. Each tender touch and embrace reminds us of the inevitable event. We try to say all the things that need to be said, but occasionally our feelings overwhelm us and we fall silent. In the past, departures have even brought out frustration, and arguments have been contrived in an attempt to end the pain of separation. All efforts remain futile as the realization that this is a real relationship, although it is from a distance.

Long distance relationships have been an age-old reality, and were sustained by the enchantment of love letters -men going off to war, contract workers, and sailors out to sea. Letters passed by hand, messages in a bottle and the beautiful shell art of sailors valentines. Even when words seemed insufficient, love songs and artist brush strokes captured the need to express their love. To witness

this, is not only to be able to share their creative expression, but also to share in the intimacy of their love.

As we live in our world today, we are continuously reminded of the 'warring' between social-network groups. The competitive brainstorming for the missing link, that we did not even realize was absent in our lives. Researching how we make our choices, and trying to out smart their competitors with gimmicks to entice us. Multiple ways to connect and all at speeds that defy logical explanation. A distance of thousands of miles suddenly becomes mere inches.

At times changing a relationship into a long distance one may seem unavoidable. However, due to the 'big wide web' the world appears smaller, and everything seems more possible. For example, online dating provides access and opportunity to meet a greater number of people.



By MAGGIE BAIN

By participating in the great gamble of dating, we increase our odds to find a compatible mate. However, it is probably wise to keep in mind the practical logistics of traveling thousands of miles compared to hundreds.

Attitude

As in any relationship, our attitude towards the present situation can play in your favour, or it can allow our mind to 'run-a-muck'. Insecurities and paranoia can creep in

between even the most solid couple. Anticipating that this may happen, and agreeing to connect frequently throughout the day, will help to alleviate many fears. When inevitable breaks in communication occur, then rapid 'damage control' will be needed to quell the anxiety. The decision to keep each other close works for committed couples, but the same practice can be created for those who want to see how far their interest can go.

Planning trips ahead of time help to create the magic of anticipation. Time alone seems more precious and every minute is accounted for. Understanding the importance of creating new memories carries us through the following weeks, and quenches the appetite for more. Feelings of love can be cultivated quickly under these conditions, and for many these become ideal relationships. Seeing someone at their best

can become much more appealing than day-to-day mundane life.

Bringing up the topic of exclusivity, for any couple, inevitably brings out strong feelings. Once a mutual decision has been agreed upon, then any deviation from the agreement will strain the relationship. Suspicions grow and the sincerity is questioned. The true test of honesty can be seen in long distance relationships. Getting caught out with the naive approach of 'what they don't see won't hurt them' has a way of coming back and biting when least expected.

One of the most important key ingredients to any successful relationship is consistency and a positive attitude. Remembering that no one is perfect allows us to be more gentle and generous towards each other. Channeling our thoughts helps to keep us focused on our mutual happiness.

Breast cancer care continually improves in Connecticut

By CHRISTINA HENNESSY
The News-Times
of Danbury

DANBURY, Conn. (AP) — When Maria Marini thought back to the early days of her 35-year nursing career, she recalled a time when medical professionals had fewer tools than they do now to treat breast cancer.

For many a patient, that meant radical operations that led to the total loss of her breast, the chest wall, surrounding muscles and the lymph nodes located under the arm, which is commonly where breast cancer first spreads. A patient may have gotten past the cancer, but often had to deal with debilitating scars.

But in the ensuing years, Marini, who is the oncology programme director at the Bendheim Cancer Center at Greenwich Hospital, said technical and medical innovations have led to improved

treatments and procedures with more aesthetically pleasing results.

One such innovation is oncoplasty.

The idea behind the procedure is to remove the cancer, but in a way that least compromises the breast.

Sometimes, it is a singular practitioner, one who is as adept at removing the cancerous cells as he or she is at rebuilding the breast by employing techniques that have been available to plastic surgeons for years. Such is the case with Dr Sunny Mitchell, a breast surgeon at the Women's Breast Center at Stamford Hospital.

"It is just in the past five or so years that such procedures have begun to be thoroughly adapted and integrated into the field of breast surgery itself," Mitchell said.

"When a woman opts for or is considered a candidate for breast conservation, medical professionals work to reshape the breast so that it

looks as natural as possible.

"The emphasis used to be purely on removing the cancer. But now, while all modalities associated with cancer, such as radiation and chemotherapy, have been so optimized, we have patients that are living long and healthy lives after breast surgery," Mitchell said. "Now, as a breast surgeon, I am not only responsible to remove the breast cancer, but also, if at all possible, to consider what the cosmesis will be."

Dr Alfred Sofer, a plastic surgeon affiliated with St Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport, has worked with surgeons there to create better outcomes for patients who undergo a lumpectomy (where a portion of the breast is removed) or mastectomy (where all of the breast tissue is removed).

"The design of the scar and how we are going to remove the lump from the breast is taken into consideration from the very beginning," he said.

"The final outcome is that the breast is more natural looking."

Further, by teaming the restorative work with the removal of the cancer, the patient does not have to be doubly stressed by undergoing two separate procedures, said St Vincent's breast surgeon Dr Anthy Demestihias.

Sometimes, improved care is a matter of refining existing treatments.

"Basically, we looked at what was out there and asked can it be done better," said Jason Kosnitsky, president and chief executive officer of Bedford, Mass.-based Orbital Therapy.

His company's radiation therapy table, which it calls ClearVue, allows a woman, or man, to receive radiation treatments while lying on her or his stomach. Traditionally, patients lie on their back while receiving their prescribed doses of radiation.

Greenwich Hospital, where Kosnitsky worked in the 1980s, recently installed one, joining a number of other medical facilities in the area that offer it.

"For most patients, it gives us a better setup for radiation therapy," said Dr Daniel Chamberlain, clinical director of radiation oncology at Greenwich Hospital.

By allowing the breast to fall away from the body, it can mean there is less of a dose of radiation to the heart and the lungs. Chamberlain said it also may prevent certain "hot spots" that can cause scar tissue.

Chamberlain said doctors also are working to shorten the duration of radiation treatment, typically six weeks, as a way to improve the standard of care.

Across the board, medical professionals are working to improve breast cancer treat-

ment through new drugs, new procedures, new prevention techniques and ongoing patient education. Medical facilities also are working to provide screening and other services to the underserved and underinsured populations.

"We have more women who are getting diagnosed early and more and more women who are getting cured," said Dr Richard Zerkowitz, the chief of hematology and oncology at Norwalk Hospital. He also is director of the Smilow Family Breast Health Center.

It is estimated that there are 2.5 million breast cancer survivors living in the US, according to the American Cancer Society.

Lifestyle modifications also have been shown to reduce the risk of developing cancer and remaining healthy after one's breast cancer has successfully been treated, Zerkowitz said.

"There are simple things you can do to improve your prognosis," Zerkowitz said. "If you exercise, you will do better. If you are not obese, you will do better. If you drink less (alcohol), you will do better."

Although there is not a 100 per cent cure rate, the medical innovations, along with early diagnoses, have given doctors more care options.

"I think on all fronts, in the management of breast cancer, and that includes surgery, chemotherapy, medicine and radiation, we have made advancements in the management of breast cancer...that ultimately will do better for the patient," said Dr Mary Pronovost, medical director of Bridgeport Hospital's Norma F Pfrim Breast Care Center.

There has been a shift, too, she said, from a homogenized

to a customized view. It means looking at the stage of cancer, the type of cancer (small or large, slow-moving or aggressive, etc.) and the patient's individual physiology. With this approach, a patient could avoid unnecessary treatment and any of its associated toxic side effects.

"Each breast cancer is unique and individual and treatments are tailored to the unique features it exhibits," Pronovost said.

For instance, such knowledge can help to determine whether someone is better suited for chemotherapy or hormonal therapy, with both therapies ultimately aimed at stopping the growth of additional tumors.

"The idea behind all this is the idea that is now very popular in oncology," said Dr Kenneth Dressler, an oncologist at St Vincent's. "It is the idea of individualized medicine. You are using characteristics of an individual tumor and the individual host (patient) to come up with the treatment strategy."

BREAST CANCER STATISTICS

— The National Cancer Institute, which is part of the US National Institutes of Health, estimates that 207,090 women and 1,970 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. It is estimated that 39,840 women and 390 men will die of the disease.

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— The death rate from breast cancer in women has decreased over the past 20 years. From 1990-2004, the rate decreased by 2.2 per cent annually, according to the cancer society.



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GARDENING

Root crops: one of the major pleasures of home gardening

BAHAMIAN cuisine uses far, far less in the way of root crops than European. Carrots are mostly grated raw and added to cole slaw and turnips for breakfast? I don't think so.

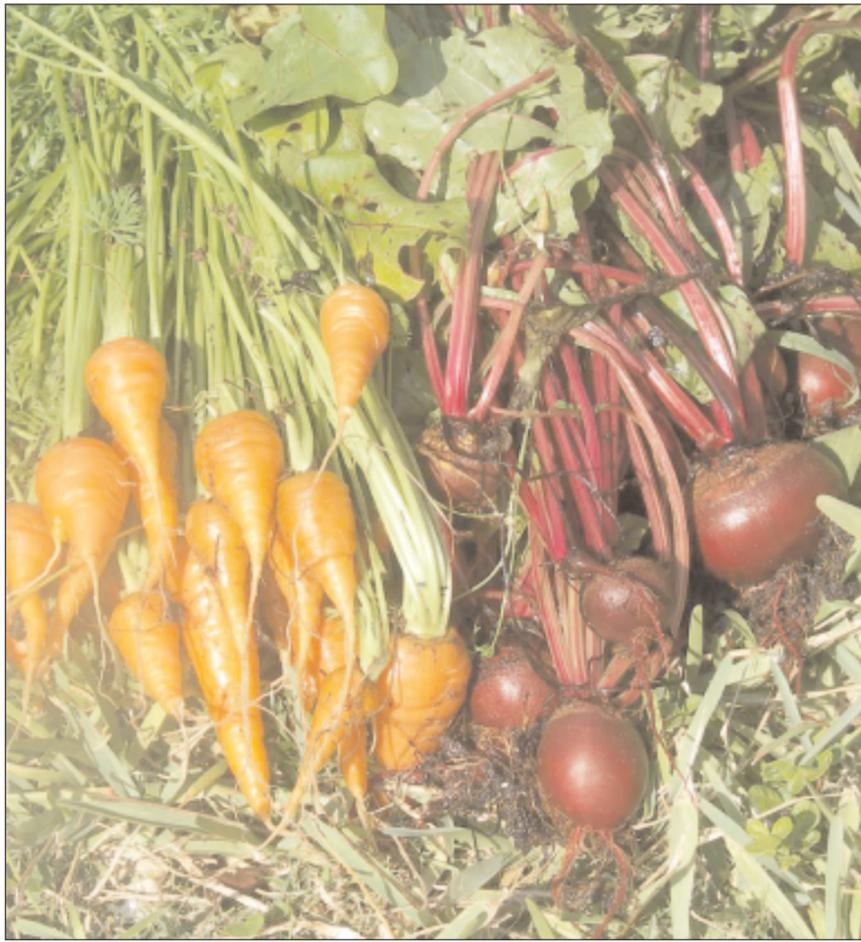
Root crops were a great mainstay for Europeans during the freezing winter months and remain popular to this day. And yes, the French do eat radishes for breakfast.

Radishes are the easiest and fastest of all crops to grow in the backyard garden. If you want to introduce the joy of gardening to a youngster it is best to start with radishes; once planted they will be ready to eat in about 30 days.

If you don't like the pepperyness of radishes, try dropping them into boiling water and cooking them briefly. The pepper taste disappears and they become remarkably like turnips.

Turnips have a distinctive earthy flavour, almost bitter, that takes a little getting used to if you did not grow up with them. They are best eaten simply boiled in salted water and dressed with a knob or two of butter and a grind or two of black pepper. There is roasted vegetable fad doing the rounds and recipes usually include turnips.

Turnips should be pulled young and eaten the same



ROOT CROPS: The pulling of fresh young root crops from the soil is one of the major pleasures of home gardening.

GARDENER JACK

day. If they are left until they reach maximum size they will become bitter and fibrous. The leaves – 'turnip greens' – are delicious and you can buy seeds for turnips that are grown solely for their leaves.

Rutabagas are related to turnips but are much milder in flavour. They are usually peeled, diced and boiled then added to mashed potatoes. A colcannon or bubble and squeak made with a rutabaga/potato base is the boss.

Cooler

Rutabagas are very productive during our cooler months and grow larger than softballs. Like turnips, they are best harvested and used before full maturity.

Beets are very easy to grow and cooked fresh beets are far superior to any out of a can. The seeds are contained within a capsule so you will find two or three seedlings growing where you planted one capsule. Thin them to one seedling.

Like the other root crops, beets should not be allowed to grow too large. They can be pulled when only an inch in diameter and cooked with their leaves, probably the most pleasant tasting of all

leaf vegetables. After cooking, home grown beets are sweet enough to eat without any additions but you may wish to add a favourite dressing, or even a dash of superior vinegar (try fig vinegar) to cut the sweetness.

The most popular variety of carrot is chantenay, medium sized and of good flavour. Carrots do best in sandy soil and should not have compost added to the soil as this will promote side roots; fertiliser is sufficient. If you have heavy soil your best choice is danvers, a carrot with muscular shoulders and a conical shape that can burrow into the toughest of soils. If it is size that matters, grow imperator. Be sure you have at least 18 inches of soil in order to achieve full length.

If you boil carrots, try adding a teaspoonful or two of sugar to the water. This does not sweeten the carrots so much as prevent the loss of natural sugars.

Let me end by reminding you of the vegetable boiling rule: If it grows below ground you can start it in cold water; above ground, you must drop it into boiling water.

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THE WEATHER REPORT

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5-DAY FORECAST

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly sunny with a thunderstorm High: 85° AccuWeather RealFeel: 83°F	Mostly cloudy with a thunderstorm Low: 76° AccuWeather RealFeel: 74°F	Cloudy and sun with a thunderstorm High: 85° Low: 74° AccuWeather RealFeel: 83°-73°F	Mostly sunny High: 84° Low: 71° AccuWeather RealFeel: 83°-53°F	A couple of showers possible High: 84° Low: 70° AccuWeather RealFeel: 81°-53°F	Breezy, some sun, a shower possible High: 85° Low: 70° AccuWeather RealFeel: 83°-53°F

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UV INDEX TODAY

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LOW MODERATE HIGH V. HIGH EXT.

The higher the AccuWeather UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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Statistics are for Nassau through 2 p.m. yesterday

Temperature	High: 84° F/29° C
Low	72° F/22° C
Normal high	86° F/30° C
Normal low	73° F/23° C
Last year's high	82° F/28° C
Last year's low	73° F/23° C

Precipitation:
As of 2 p.m. yesterday: 0.00"
Year to date: 35.88"
Normal year to date: 43.05"

TIDES FOR NASSAU

	High	Hr. (H.)	Low	Hr. (H.)
Today	4:59 a.m.	2.8	11:14 a.m.	0.9
	5:14 p.m.	2.7	11:28 p.m.	0.7
Wednesday	5:39 a.m.	2.9	11:57 a.m.	0.7
	5:53 p.m.	2.7	—	—
Thursday	6:17 a.m.	3.1	12:04 a.m.	0.6
	6:31 p.m.	2.7	12:37 p.m.	0.6
Friday	6:54 a.m.	3.2	12:39 a.m.	0.4
	7:08 p.m.	2.7	1:16 p.m.	0.6
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	3.2	1:13 a.m.	0.3
	7:44 p.m.	2.7	1:05 p.m.	0.4
Sunday	8:06 a.m.	3.3	1:48 a.m.	0.3
	8:22 p.m.	2.6	2:34 p.m.	0.4
Monday	8:46 a.m.	3.3	2:25 a.m.	0.3
	9:01 p.m.	2.5	3:15 p.m.	0.6

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SUN AND MOON

Sunrise: 7:10 a.m. Moonrise: 4:33 p.m.
Sunset: 6:39 p.m. Moonset: 4:10 a.m.

Full Moon: Oct. 22
Last Quarter: Oct. 30
New Moon: Nov. 5
First Quarter: Nov. 13

MARINE FORECAST

ISLAND	WINDS	WAVES	VISIBILITY	WATER TEMPS.
ABACO	Today: SE at 3-6 Knots Wednesday: SE at 3-6 Knots	2-4 Feet	10 Miles	82° F
ANDROS	Today: E at 7-14 Knots Wednesday: NE at 3-6 Knots	1-3 Feet	7 Miles	82° F
CAT ISLAND	Today: E at 3-16 Knots Wednesday: ENE at 3-5 Knots	3-5 Feet	5 Miles	82° F
CROOKED ISLAND	Today: SE at 3-6 Knots Wednesday: SW at 3-6 Knots	2-4 Feet	10 Miles	82° F
ELEUTHERA	Today: E at 7-14 Knots Wednesday: NE at 6-12 Knots	3-5 Feet	6 Miles	82° F
FREEPORT	Today: ESE at 3-6 Knots Wednesday: W at 2-4 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	82° F
GREAT EXUMA	Today: NE at 6-16 Knots Wednesday: NE at 6-8 Knots	0-1 Feet	5 Miles	82° F
GREAT INAGUA	Today: SSE at 2-4 Knots Wednesday: W at 2-4 Knots	2-4 Feet	6 Miles	84° F
LONG ISLAND	Today: E at 4-8 Knots Wednesday: WSW at 3-6 Knots	1-3 Feet	5 Miles	83° F
MAYAGUANA	Today: SE at 7-14 Knots Wednesday: SSW at 4-8 Knots	4-8 Feet	4 Miles	83° F
NASSAU	Today: E at 6-12 Knots Wednesday: NE at 6-12 Knots	1-3 Feet	6 Miles	82° F
SAN SALVADOR	Today: SE at 3-6 Knots Wednesday: SW at 4-8 Knots	1-3 Feet	5 Miles	84° F
RAGGED ISLAND	Today: NE at 6-16 Knots Wednesday: NE at 6-8 Knots	2-4 Feet	5 Miles	83° F

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Soccer: Sandilands girls emerge as new champions

Adelaide boys retain title with victory over Stephen Dillett

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THE New Providence Primary Schools Sports Association completed its first sporting event for the new year with one champion defending its title and a new one crowned.

After playing the regular games last week, the finals were played yesterday at the Bahamas Football Association's National Developmental Center at the Baillou Hills Sporting Complex.

In the girls' division, Sandilands emerged as the new champions with a 3-2 decision over Adelaide, while Columbus secured third place with a 4-3 nipping of Carmichael.

And in the boys' division, Adelaide successfully defended its title with a 2-0 victory over Stephen Dillett. Albury Sayles got third place with a 1-0 blanking of Sandilands.

Adelaide's coach Clara Storr said she was very pleased with her team's performance. "The boys played excellent. It was a good game, but I think our guys wanted it more. I can't complain. Overall, the boys played hard. They didn't lose any games and no teams in the tournament scored on them. They went through undefeated," she said.

Johnson Saint Hurbert and Guapson provided a 1-2 punch to lead Adelaide in defending their title.

As for the girls, Storr said she would have liked to have secured the double victory, but she will settle for runners-up.

"It went down to the wire. We went into overtime and went into the penalty kick and it was do-or-die from there," she pointed out. "They won it on a penalty kick. It was a good game."

Storr said the tournament was a success, but she had hoped that more parents would have shown up to watch their children participate. "We need more support from the outside so that people can see what we are doing," she said.

"But the competition was very keen this year. The Bahamas Football Association was a tremendous support and they provided us with a lot of safety equipment, so it raised the awareness of the children."

Wilson Bain, who represented the BFA, said he was delighted to assist the Primary Schools Association with providing them with referees and equipment and making sure that the field was properly prepared to play on.

"The tournament was interesting in some respect. The skill level needs improvement, but the kids were quite keen," he said.

"That was one good thing about it. They were quite keen about playing. But the time period for the tournament was just too brief. The boys and girls would have only played three days even though they would have played about 3-4 matches each day. Three days is not sufficient for them to get the growth and development in the sport."

Bain said he has suggested to the Primary Schools Sports Association that they allow the BFA to organise a Saturday league where they can encourage the schools to bring their players out so that they can develop their skills.

"The idea is to get them organised for a Saturday league. In that way, they can better develop their skills," he said.

Primary Schools Association's public relations officer Frank Johnson said while this was the first event for the new school year, they welcome any assistance they can get from the BFA.

The next sport on the calendar is basketball, which is expected to get started in November.

Hitmen advance to championship series

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With a pair of weekend wins, the Dorin United Hitmen advanced to the men's championship series in the New Providence Softball Association (NPSA)

Hitmen - 9
Horsemen - 4

A slow start offensively for both teams turned into a slugfest late as a late inning scoring flurry sealed the win and the series for the Hitmen.

After the scoreless first inning, the Hitmen reached the scoreboard first in the bottom half of the second inning when Alcott Forbes crossed home plate on a fielder's choice.

Again, a scoreless third inning from both teams was followed by a shift in the scoreboard.

With a single swing of the bat, the Horsemen took their first lead of the game in the top of the fourth on a two run home run from Alec Rolle which also played Gregory Jones.

The Horsemen responded in the bottom of the fourth with a single run to tie the game.

Ancel Pratt reached base on an error and Everette Neely drove him home two hitters later on an RBI single.

The lead was tied at two headed into the fifth inning when the teams more than doubled their run output for the remainder of the game.

The Horsemen separated themselves in the fifth when they held the Horseman scoreless, and scored five runs of their own.

Edron Knowles, Kieron Munroe, Sherman Ferguson, Alcott Forbes, and Rashad Seymour each crossed the plate to give the Hitmen a commanding 7-2 lead.

They added a pair of insurance runs in the bottom of the sixth by way of William Delancey and Munroe for a 9-2 advantage.

The Horsemen tried to stage a late comeback effort in the seventh, but managed just a pair of runs for the game's final margin.

Kieron Munroe led the field offensively as he went 2-4 with two runs scored and two RBI.

Alcott Forbes was 2-4 with two runs scored and two RBI, Sherman Ferguson was 1-2 with one run scored and one RBI, while Ancel Pratt and Rashad Seymour were both 1-3 with one



INCOMING: Pineapple Air Wildcats' Marvella Miller unwinds.

In women's action, Sharks beat Operators

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IN the women's division of the NPSA, the top ranked team moved through to the championship round, while one series remains hanging in the balance.

Proper Care Pool Sharks - 10
Boomer G Operators - 3

The perennial league pennant winners and top seeds made quick work of the Operators and clinched the series in dominating fashion.

The Operators took the early advantage with two runs in the top half of the opening inning, but the Sharks' Thela Johnson tripled and was brought home on a sacrifice fly.

Proper Care took the lead for good with a dominating second inning - seven of the nine hitters in the lineup crossed home plate as they took a commanding 8-3 lead.

Offensively for the Sharks, Thela Johnson was 2-2, both triples, with two runs scored and three RBI, Cara Curtis was 2-3 with two runs scored, Debbie McClure was 2-3, Keisha Miller was 2-3 with one run scored and one RBI, Shonell Symonette was 1-2 with one run scored and one RBI, and Cleo Symonette was 1-3 with one run scored and one RBI.

For the Operators, Dorothy Marshall was 1-3 with two RBI, Tyrice Curry was 2-2 with one run scored, and Neressa Seymour was 1-2 with a run.

Sigma Brackettes - 11
Pineapple Air Wildcats - 10

IN a complete opposite affair of the men's contest, game three in the women's series was a high scoring matchup as the Brackettes held off the surging Wildcats late.

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run scored respectively.

For the Horsemen, Alec Rolle was 2-3 with one run scored and two RBI and Greg Jones was 1-3 with one run

scored and one RBI.

The Horsemen now await the winner of the Commando Secu-

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Calvary Deliverance stuns Transfiguration, 18-8

CALVARY Deliverance stunned the defending champions Transfiguration 18-8 to take control of the men's division of the Baptist Sports Council's 2010 Rev Dr Anthony Carroll Softball Classic with a perfect 3-0 win-loss record.

The game was a highlight on Saturday as the league continued its regular season in all three divisions at the Baillou Hills Sporting Complex.

In another men's game played, Macedonia Baptist held off Temple Fellowship 7-6 as both teams posted identical records of 1-2.

On the co-ed side, St John's Native Baptist roughed up Temple Fellowship 22-4 to also climb to 3-0 to top that division and Transfiguration stopped Macedonia 12-2.

In the 19-and-under division, Macedonia stopped St John's 12-2 to take the early lead in the standings at 2-0.

Here's a summary of the games played:

Calvary Deliverance 18, Transfiguration 8

Brad Wood Jr went 3-for-4 with two RBI, scoring four times; Danny Stubbs was 2-for-2 with four RBI and a run scored and Donovan Stubbs was also 2-for-2 with two RBI and three runs

Takes control of men's division with perfect 3-0 win-loss record

SOFTBALL

scored. Danny Stubbs got the win over Nelson Farrington.

Geo Willie was 3-for-3 with a RBI and run scored and Corey Burrows was 2-for-3 with a RBI and a run scored for Transfiguration, who remained winless at 0-2.

Macedonia 7, Temple Fellowship 6
Valdez Bodie cracked a two-run home run; Sean Roker was 2-for-3 with a RBI and two runs scored; Gay Knowles was 3-for-3 and Zhavargo Archer was 2-for-3 in the win. Knowles picked up the win over Zach Rahming.

Chris McPhee was 2-for-3 with a RBI and two runs scored; Wayne Bain was 2-for-3 with a RBI and run scored and Joey McDonald had a two-run triple, scoring a run in the loss.

St John's 22, Temple Fellowship 4
Tavia Dorsette had a pair of home runs and Torri Rolle added another with a double to lead St John's to their

third straight co-ed victory.

Chris McPhee had a homer and double and was joined by Deval Storr in a 2-for-2 day for Temple Fellowship, who remained winless at 0-2.

Transfiguration 12, Macedonia 2
Corey Burrows was 3-for-3 with a in-the-parker, driving in four runs and scoring three times and Nelson Farrington was also 3-for-3 with three RBI and two runs scored to account for more than half of their production.

Winner

Farrington was the winning pitcher and Wesley Forbes suffered the loss. Hanna was 2-for-2 and Zhavargo Archer and D'Kyle Rolle scored the two runs in the loss for the winless Macedonia.

Macedonia 12, St. John's 2
Bernard Ferguson had a three-run in-the-parker and Sean Roker and Vaughn Ferguson both went 2-for-3 with a RBI, scoring two runs apiece to lead the undefeated defending 19-and-

under champions. Winton Hanna got the win over Jamal Rolle.

Sherman Williams and Rolle scored the only two runs for the winless St John's.

Due to the Bahamas Softball Federation's annual Austin 'King Snake' Knowles High School Invitational Softball Tournament this weekend, there will be no games in the BSC on Saturday.

BSC action is slated to resume on November 6 because of the Rev Ellerston Smith's Track and Field Classic at Thomas A Robinson Track and Field stadium on Saturday, October 30.

TRACK MEETING

THE Baptist Sports Council's 2010 Rev Ellerston Smith Track and Field Classic is all set for 9am October 30 at Thomas A Robinson Track and Field Stadium. There is an entry fee per athlete and the divisions will include 7-and-under, 9-and-under, 11-and-under, 13-and-under, 15-and-under, 17-and-under and open for both male and female.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

VOLLEYBALL NPVA RESULTS

THE New Providence Volleyball Association continued its regular season action at D W Davis Gymnasium over the weekend.

The Scottsdale Vixens defeated the College of the Bahamas Caribs in three sets and the Scotia Defenders won over the National Fence Intruders in five exciting sets.

On Sunday, the Johnson Lady Truckers took four sets to dispose of the Cougars 25-7, 16-25, 25-14 and 25-12. Kelsie Johnson and Edrica McPhee led the Truckers with 11 and 10 points respectively, while JeNae Saunders was the leading scorer with five points for the Cougars.

And in men's action, the Technicians defeated the Saints in straight sets 25-21, 25-20 and 26-24. Byron Ferguson led all scorers with 11 spikes and five blocks. Chauncey Cooper secured 11 spikes and a block in the loss. NPVA action is slated to continue 7pm Wednesday.

TRACK BAAA MEETING

THE Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations is scheduled to hold its monthly general meeting 7pm October 20 in the VIP room of the Thomas A Robinson stadium. All members are urged to attend.

TRACK DIOCESAN MEET RESULTS

THE Diocesan Youth Department hosted its 5th annual Track and Field Meet Saturday at Thomas A Robinson Track and Field stadium. Here's the unofficial results of the event:

1st Place - Holy Cross - 748; 2nd Place - St Agnes - 737; 3rd Place - Holy Trinity - 729; 4th Place - St Barnabas - 633; 5th Place - Christ Church Cathedral - 527; 6th Place - St Ambrose - 457.50; 7th Place - St Anne's - 414; 8th Place - St George's 394; 9th Place - Holy Spirit - 333; 10th Place - Epiphany - 317; 11th Place - St Gregory's - 241.50; 12th Place - Christ the King - 239; 13th Place - St Margaret's - 126; 14th Place - All Saints - 60.50.

SWIMMING BETTY COLE MEET

THE annual Betty Cole Swim Meet is all set to be held 9am to 1pm Wednesday at Xaviers Lower School. A number of competitors who have trained under Cole are expected to compete.

SOFTBALL EXUMA CHURCH LEAGUE

THE Exuma Churches Sporting and Social Association is slated to start its Church Softball League 5pm Saturday at the George Town Softball Park with the official opening ceremonies. The regular season will follow with these games on tap:
6pm - St Peter's vs Palestine
7pm - Gilead vs Church of God
8pm - St John's vs Ebenezer F.H
9pm - Mt Olive vs St Andrews

LOCAL/INTERNATIONAL SPORTS

'Magic' sells ownership stake in Lakers

By GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Magic Johnson sold his small ownership stake in the Los Angeles Lakers to Dr Patrick Soon-Shiong on Monday, possibly clearing the way for the Hall of Famer to own a bigger portion of another NBA team in the future.

Johnson bought shares representing about 4.5 per cent of the Lakers in June 1994 for a reported \$10 million. Johnson said the sale was strictly a "bittersweet business decision," but the five-time league champion has long been interested in taking a larger ownership role in an NBA franchise.

"I thank Dr (Jerry) Buss from the deepest part of my heart and soul for allowing me such an incredible opportunity," Johnson said in a statement. "I will continue to work alongside Dr Buss, Jeanie Buss and (general manager) Mitch Kupchak in their efforts to continually build and maintain the best NBA franchise in the league."

Johnson spent his entire 13-

year playing career with Los Angeles, including a 32-game comeback in 1996 nearly five years after his retirement. He has been a successful businessman since leaving the sport, excelling in commercial real estate ventures including movie theaters, restaurants and health clubs.

"The sale of Earvin's share of the team is a business decision which will not change our relationship," Buss said. "Our friendship goes well beyond business. Patrick is a longtime and passionate Lakers fan, and we are delighted to have him as a partner."

Johnson, who also briefly coached the Lakers, has been a regular presence around the Lakers in recent years when he isn't working as a broadcaster.

"I want to assure all the wonderful and loyal Lakers fans that my decision will in no way affect my dedication and support for the Los Angeles Lakers," Johnson said.

"I am and will always be a Laker for life."

Yet Johnson has ambitions that go beyond a 4.5 per cent



SOLD STAKE: Former basketball star Earvin "Magic" Johnson speaks during a news conference on World AIDS Day in Los Angeles. The Los Angeles Lakers announced that Johnson has sold his small ownership stake in the Lakers to Dr Patrick Soon-Shiong.

(AP Photo)

stake in a team, and realizing those ambitions would require him to sell his stake in the Lakers.

The Michigan native expressed interest last month in taking a significant role in a group attempting to buy the Detroit Pistons led by Mike Ilitch, who also owns the Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Tigers. Ilitch's group hasn't publicly made any connection with Johnson.

Soon-Shiong is an innovative physician, a businessman, a philanthropist, a UCLA professor and a 25-year Lakers season ticket holder. He founded two lucrative pharmaceutical companies: Abraxis BioScience, which was purchased by Celgene Corp. for \$2.9 billion last week, and American Pharma Partners.

"Our family looks forward to a future filled with the excitement this team brings to the city and the nation," Soon-Shiong said. "Earvin Johnson is a shining example of excellence on and off the court, and it is a privilege to have acquired his ownership position."

Hitmen advance to championship series

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rity Truckers and the YII Shipping New Breed series.

**Dorin United
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Freedom Farm
Horsemen - 0**

Alcott Forbes left his impression all over the sta sheet and willed his team to a shutout win and a decisive lead in the series with their second win of the series Saturday night at the Blue Hills Complex.

Forbes pitched a complete game, and in seven innings struck out 12 hitters and gave up just two hits to give the Hitmen a 2-0 lead in the series.

The Hitmen received all their necessary run support in the first innings when they took a 3-0 lead in the bottom half of the first.

After a pair of routine outs at the top of the inning, Sherman Ferguson blasted a triple faced with a full count to become his team's first base runner.

Forbes reached first on an error which also allowed Ferguson to score the game's opening run. Forbes and Rashad Seymour crossed home plate shortly after for a 3-0 lead. Forbes had at least a single strikeout in every inning of the game beginning with one in the first.

He struck out two of the three hitters he faced in the second inning as the Hitmen added another run when Ferguson scored his second run of the game in the third inning on a pass ball.

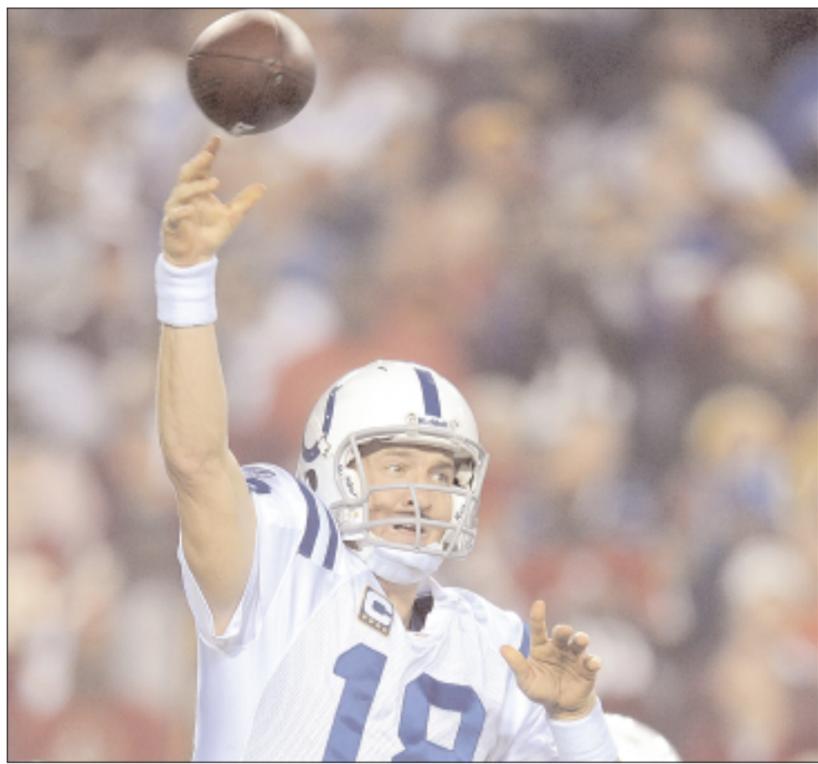
Forbes struck out two of three hitters in the third, two of three in the fourth, two of the four he faced in the fifth inning and closed out the game in the seventh when he struck out the side to seal the win.

Ferguson lead the offensive charge at the plate with a 3-3 night which included two runs.

Seymour was 1-3 with one run, Kasimo and Everette Neely both went 1-2. Godfrey Burnside and Devaughn Wong were the lone hitters to safely hit Forbes as they both finished 1-3.

Leroy Thompson suffered the loss as he gave up seven hits, delivered five strike outs and allowed five runs in a complete game.

Manning, Colts pleased to be 4-2 heading into bye



PLAYMAKER: Colts quarterback Peyton Manning passes during the first half of Sunday's game against the Washington Redskins.

(AP Photo)

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Pro Football Writer

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Maybe this is simply who Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts are in 2010: a mistake-making bunch that manages to get by.

Against the Washington Redskins, Manning threw three passes that should have been intercepted in the first half. Then Manning lost one of the Colts' three fumbles in the second half. With a chance to run out the clock late, Indianapolis went three-and-out — on three incompletions by Manning.

Plus, the defense looked shaky at times, missing tackles in bunches, and kicker Adam Vinatieri missed two field-goal attempts.

Overcoming all of those shortcomings, the Colts edged the Redskins 27-24 Sunday night, thanks mainly to two touchdown passes by Manning and 128 yards on the ground from Joseph Addai before he left with a banged-up shoulder.

The Colts improved to 4-2, tied atop the AFC South — but a far cry from the dominating group that began last season 14-0 en route to the Super Bowl.

"The standards and expecta-

tions of our team are so high," said Colts cornerback Jerraud Powers, whose first-quarter interception of Donovan McNabb set up a score. "that whenever we have a few bumps in the road, people seem to panic: 'The Colts are going to have a bad year.' ... We're working on being more consistent and finding our identity."

Now Indianapolis gets a bye week, which will give it time to do that sort of work, and perhaps heal. In addition to Addai's injury, receiver Pierre Garcon hurt his right ring finger, and starting middle linebacker Gary Brackett missed the game entirely with a groin injury.

Manning completed 25 of 38 passes for 307 yards and two touchdowns, including a 57-yarder to Garcon to make it 7-0. Addai's big day included a 13-yard TD, part of the Colts' season-high rushing output of 170. Garcon also made the play of the day, a spectacular, back-handed, one-handed catch while falling down for a 21-yard gain that set up a 43-yard field goal by Vinatieri in the second quarter.

"Man, it was just really luck, man," Garcon said. "I raised my hand and I tried to grab it and it really stuck to my gloves."

Draw held for South American U20 qualifying

ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP) — Argentina will face Paraguay and host Peru will play Chile in the opening matches of the South American qualifying tournament for the Under-20 World Cup.

The tournament is held January 22 to February 13 with the top four teams qualifying for the World Cup in Colombia next summer. The top two will also earn berths at the 2012 Olympics in London.

The Peruvian city of Arequipa will host both opening matches from Group A as well as the final, with Tacna and Maquegua also receiving games.

Peruvian football federation president Manuel Burga said "the organization is on the right track for a successful tournament."

The tournament unveiled a miner called Minerito as the mascot for the tournament — an homage to the 33 trapped Chilean miners who were rescued last week.

Madrid looks to show credentials vs. Milan

By PAUL LOGOTHETIS
AP Sports Writer

MADRID (AP) — Real Madrid's hopes of winning the Champions League this season will face an early test on Tuesday when Jose Mourinho's side takes on AC Milan in Group G.

Madrid couldn't go into the game at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in better shape. The team is undefeated and sits top of the Spanish league thanks in large part to Cristiano Ronaldo's league-leading six goals.

"It's our first serious game of the season," said goalkeeper Iker Casillas, who will make his record 104th Champions League appearance.

Ronaldo not only scored twice in Saturday's convincing 4-1 win at Malaga, but he also set up both of striker Gonzalo Higuain's goals and leads the league in assists with four.

But Mourinho downplayed the importance of this marquee matchup between two clubs that have a combined 16 victories in the history of the competition.

"We prepare for every game the same. No one opponent is more respected than the other," Mourinho said Monday. "Tomorrow is no game that is out of this world, it's just one more, worth the same points. Life goes on."

Casillas added: "I agree with what the coach said that it's just another game, but it's also a Real Madrid-Milan."

Madrid can certainly leave itself on the verge of reaching the knockout stages with a victory and Mourinho can count on a near full squad after Raul Albiol and Sergio Canales returned from injury. Full-back Sergio Ramos is expected to be available after sitting out Saturday, while only former Milan playmaker Kaka is certain to be absent.

But Milan will take confidence



GOALKEEPER Iker Casillas. (AP)

from a 3-2 win in Madrid last season thanks to a brace from striker Pato.

Madrid, a record nine-time winner of Europe's top club competition, won its first two games against Ajax and Auxerre to lead with six points, while seven-time champion Milan has four.

"We are in tiptop condition physically and mentally right now," Milan coach Massimiliano Allegri said though a translator on Monday. "But tomorrow is essential for our journey in the Champions League."

Two goals from Pato led Milan to a 3-1 win over Genoa at the weekend, while Robinho also scored his first goal for his new club. The Brazil striker returns to face his old club for the first time, having played for Madrid from 2005-2008 before moving to Manchester City.

"I don't go with a desire for revenge," Robinho told Monday's Marca newspaper. "I only go with the desire to win what is a very

important game for our Champions League future."

Robinho, Pato, Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Ronaldinho combined well against Genoa. Ibrahimovic returns to face Mourinho for the first time since he swapped Inter Milan for Barcelona and the Portuguese coach expects the Sweden striker to be at his best on his return to Spain after a Barcelona stint marked by a lack of confidence.

"Spain doesn't know the best Ibrahimovic, but I do," Mourinho said. "You have to show respect when you come up against players of this quality. We'll see who plays."

Allegri also made it clear that beating Mourinho was not his target as he faces the Portuguese coach five months after he led Inter to the Champions League title.

"We're talking about two great champions that are definitely different in terms of characteristics," Allegri said at the Bernabeu. "The best thing we can do is to go forward with what we're doing. To believe we're assured a win is suicide. Technically we must play a perfect match."

In the other Group G match, Ajax is at home to Auxerre.

Ajax beat NAC Breda on Saturday to remain second in the Dutch league, but is still looking for its first Champions League victory of this season.

"With the atmosphere at home, we have to win," said Urby Emmanuelson, who is likely to take the injured Vurnon Anita's place at left back. Ajax also will be missing talented midfielder Siem de Jong, who is recovering from an injury to his right hamstring.

Auxerre, meanwhile, could be without a key number of players to injury while striker Dennis Oliech and center half Jean-Pascal Mignot are both available.

In women's action, Sharks beat Operators

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Tied headed into extra innings, Both teams combined for seven runs in the eighth, with the Brackettes scoring a 4-3 edge to take a 2-1 lead in the series.

The scoring began early and continued throughout when the Brackettes took a 2-1 lead after the first inning. Katerl Dorsette opened with a double, followed by a single from Krystal Delancey. Zella Symonette drove home the first score of the game with an RBI single which scored Dorsette.

Delancey added the team's other run in the inning while Vernie Curry crossed the plate for the Wildcats. After she blasted a triple, Jeanette Hilton scored on a sac fly from Mary Sweeting to tie the game at two in the second inning.

The Brackettes regained the lead with a pair of runs in the fourth inning, scored by Dorsette and Shaquel Smith for a 4-2 lead.

The Brackettes added a pair of runs at the top of the inning to take a commanding 6-2 advantage.

The defending champions responded with the highest scoring inning of the game when Christine Cooper, Edwards, Hilton, Sweeting, and Marvelle Miller each crossed the plate for five runs and the Wildcats took a 7-6 lead, their first lead of the game.

Taylor crossed the plate for the Brackettes to tie the game at seven to set the stage for the decisive eighth inning finale.

The Brackettes scored four runs in the top half of the inning by way of Delancey, Symonette, Taylor and Shaquel Smith, while the Wildcats fell just short with three runs.

Ernestine Stubbs got the win with a complete game, eight innings pitched, while Mary Sweeting was tagged with a loss in the relief effort, four and two thirds innings pitched.

Marvelle Miller began the game with six and one third inning pitched and delivered six strikeouts. Cossie Smith finished 2-3 with four RBI, Krystal Delancey went 2-5 and scored three runs, Shervette Taylor finished 1-4 with three runs scored and one RBI, Zella Symonette was 1-4 with one RBI.

For the Wildcats, Vernie Curry was 1-5 with two RBI and one run scored, Marvelle Miller was 2-4 with one run scored and one RBI, Jeanette Hilton was 2-4 with two runs scored and one RBI and Donette Edwards was 2-4 with a run scored.

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